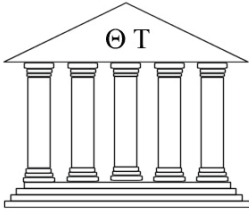


Winter 2009



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- Donation and Fund Status
- Rho Chapter Update

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# Corporation Update

## President's Report

Dear Brothers,

In 2007 we set out to refocus on three goals: maintenance of the lease for 4 Maiden Lane, fundraising, and improving alumni relations. The events of 2008 seriously derailed these efforts but hopefully we have turned the corner. As was reported in the last newsletter, 2009 has been a rebuilding year for the Chapter. Its health is improving and the 2009-2010 Schrader Award is a definite possibility. The Chapter House situation has also been considerably more stable with a full complement of residents since last summer.

Fundraising has improved this year as you will read in our Treasurer's report. We have also made efforts on our website to make it easier to donate and make payments against your promissory note. Of particular note we now offer the opportunity to make recurring online donations.

We are also working in conjunction with the Chapter to reach out to the over 700 living alumni of Rho Chapter. The number of involved alumni has dwindled significantly over the last few years. To that end we need your input and I am hopeful with your feedback we can correct this issue and restore the bond of brotherhood that unites us all as members of Rho Chapter.



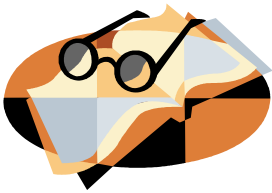
Finally, I am honored to have been able to serve on the Board these last eight years ultimately leading to my current position as President. Regretfully in January I will step down from the Board. I

urge those of you that have not had the chance to become involved. I look forward to the day when I will read of our successes and the establishment of our Chapter's permanent home.

In H&T,

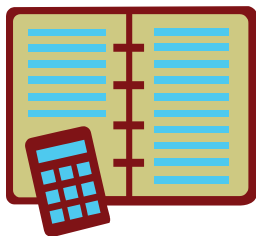
Michael Thompson P1075 ZZ!  
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President and Senior Alumni Adviser



**As of December our assets are approximately \$16,000.**

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## Treasurer’s Report

This past year has been a rebuilding process for the Housing Corporation with new officers and some struggles within the chapter that has required some of our time. That being said, it has been a positive year. We have increased our net worth by around \$3,000 this year and have 9 Brothers currently living in the house.

At the beginning of 2009 we had a little under \$13,000 in total assets and at the end of the year we are approaching \$16,000. With 9 Brothers living in the house, we are generating a surplus of money in the house operating account which is not included in our total assets.

Due to issues with Brothers in the house being expelled and leaving school for various reasons in 2008, a lot of our effort has gone towards securing the current house that we are renting as a place for the chapter to live in and hold events. We feel that if the

chapter were to lose the house, it could be detrimental to the survival of the chapter at this time. We would like for any local Alumni to come out and help either the Housing Corporation or the chapter so that the efforts of the Housing Corporation can be refocused on fundraising to buy a house.



After we sent out an email reminder to alumni the past two years about promissory notes, we did receive some payments but overall they have been very scarce. We would like to see the amount of promissory note payments start

to pick up. We would appreciate it if everyone would check to make sure they are up to date on their promissory note. As a reminder, be assured that no moneys collected from promissory notes will ever be used for the operation or maintenance of 4 Maiden Lane.

We would like to start holding banquets again but in the past they have proven to be expensive and have produced little return. We will revisit this idea and work on ways to improve Alumni relations and involvement.

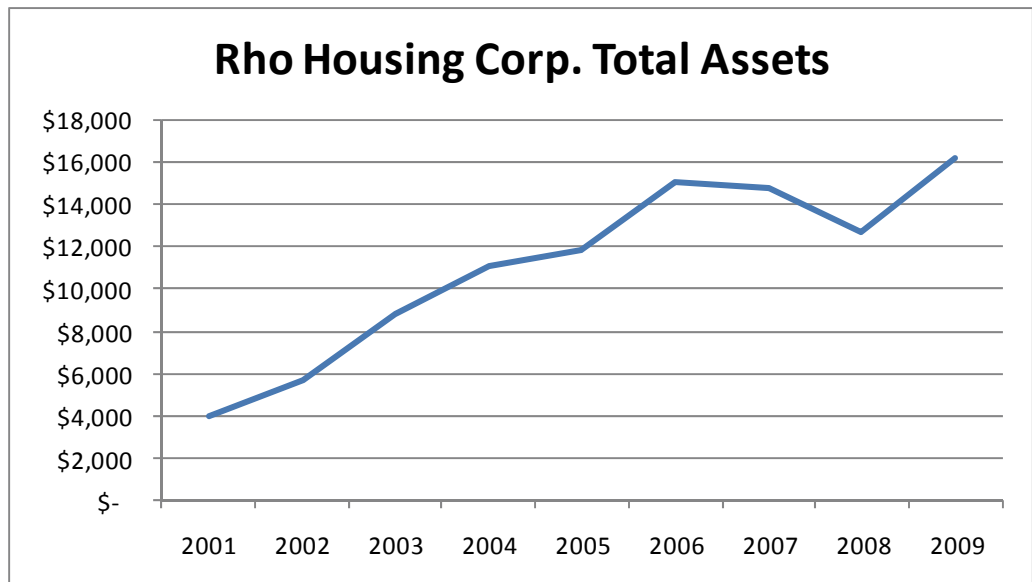
I hope that this newsletter finds everyone in good health and good spirit. We hope to see you or hear from each of you soon.

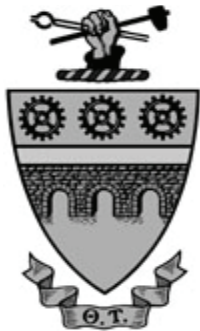
In H&T,

Scott Brame P1101

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Treasurer





*“...please consider how you might give back to Rho Chapter through the Housing Corporation this coming year—even if only by your suggestions for improvement.”*



## Secretary's Report

Having recently returned to Raleigh after 3 years in Wilmington, I was eager to work again with the Housing Corporation towards our mutual goals as Brothers of Rho Chapter. Brother Chris Ginger served as Corporation Secretary for the first half of the year and has now re-centered his energies and creativity on our primary quest to rejuvenate fundraising, allowing me to resume a seat on the Board. I wish to thank Chris for his energy as Secretary and his continued interest in the success of the Housing Corporation.

I have been very impressed at the efforts of the Corporation leadership during my absence. Through some very challenging circumstances within the Chapter and with relatively little aid from the majority of Chapter alumni, the Housing Corporation has not only managed to maintain its focus on its inherited role of landlord for the current Chapter

house at 4 Maiden Lane, but has also pushed ahead with efforts to improve alumni involvement and have maintained the upward (albeit slow) trend of increased assets.



On a personal note, I wish to strongly encourage you to reach out to the Corporation in whatever way you can in the next year. The Corporation has been meeting 2+ hours each month continuously since 2000 (not to mention devoting countless hours between meetings) in the pursuit of purchase of a permanent Chapter

House. While those who have served have done so without qualm or any expectation of recognition, the limited involvement of our very deep and talented alumni base has begun to take a toll on the spirits of these volunteers. I implore you to offer whatever time, talents, experience, or donations you can. I know we are continuously asked for similar from many worthy causes, but please consider how you might give back to Rho Chapter through the Housing Corporation this coming year—even if only by your suggestions for improvement. We need your continued support to continue our positive momentum and to reach our goal.

In H&T,

Steve Thomas, P1050

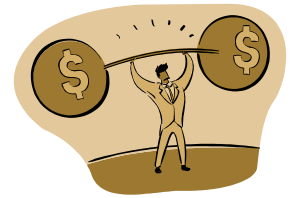
YY! Past President & Current Corporation Secretary

## Alumni News

- CSM Mark Thompson P777 retired August 5th, 2009 after over 39 years continuous service in the Army, Reserve, and National Guard. He is currently nominated for a second Legion of Merit.
- Jose Martinez, III P1045 is President of M-III Engineering, located in Fuquay Varina, NC
- Steve Thomas P1050 is now Civil Department Manager at Clark Nexsen, located in Raleigh, NC.
- Tommy Faulkner P1060 is now CEO of Falcon Engineering, located in Raleigh, NC.
- Stephen Reuschle P1086 was married to Amanda Butler on November 1, 2008.
- Russell Broadwell P1094 was married to Jennifer Peters on July 11, 2009.
- Scott Brame P1101 was married to Jessica Railey on June 21, 2008.
- Kenneth Ritchie P1108 was married to Michelle Powell on August 30, 2009.
- David Sheehan P1093 was married to Meredith Bivens on April 25, 2009.
- Trey Cutrer P1098 was married to Katie Dail on February 21, 2009.

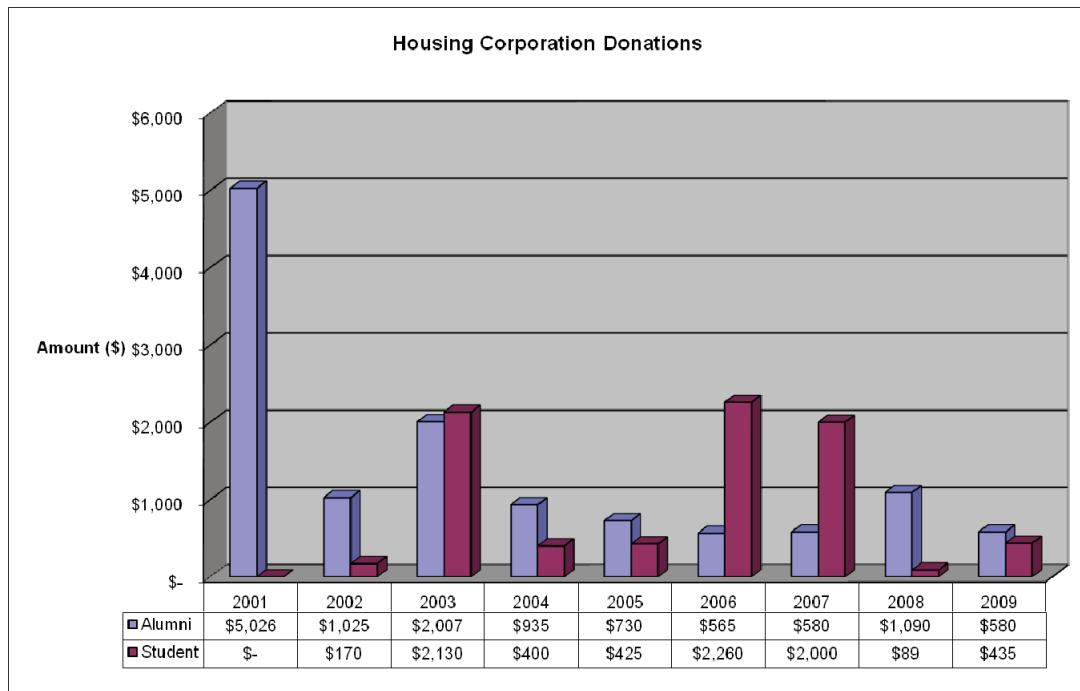
## Recent Donations

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**Total donations in 2009 were the lowest in recorded history of the Corporation at \$1,015.**

## Donations To Date



*Thank you for your support!*



**Rho Chapter has now spent Eleven Years at Maiden Lane in our third occupation since 1947.**

## Chapter Update

The Brothers are quite active this semester. Everyone is thinking of new and innovative ways to solve problems that have been arising throughout the semester. We have one pledge Christian Lilley, who is Electrical Engineering. He is very motivated and has a good memory for dates. He even got a 1904 and 1924 penny for the back of his gear. We are doing more philanthropy events this semester. We did one Adopt-a-highway and have already scheduled another, we participated in Shack-a-thon with SWE and Scholars, and we helped plant trees with the City of Raleigh in urban areas. Brother Friedman's father came down from Maryland to put on an extremely helpful resume and interview workshop before the career fair. Our Halloween party this year was a black-light and cobweb theme, which turned out quite well.

### Greg Bennett –Regent

This semester has been one of the best financial semesters for the chapter in recent memory, including significant fundraising efforts. We held another computer smash the first weekend of December. Brother Cowan was kind enough to find the chapter large office size copiers for this event which was a great success. We plan to start making this an annual or semi-annual event for the chapter as well as combining it with a week long t-shirt sale of the "Don't Be a Dick" shirts and "Fight Song" shirts.

### Steven Friedman—Treasurer

The Professional Development (PD) committee held several events this semester, such as a resume building workshop and an interview workshop. At the resume building workshop, a guest speaker gave tips on how to properly write a resume. At the interview workshop, a guest speaker explained good practices for preparing for an interview, how to behave during an interview, and how to follow up after an interview. The speaker also conducted mock interviews. The PD committee plans on having a speaker from NASA talk about professional development next semester.

The College of Engineering committee maintained a healthy relationship with academic advisors by volunteering to help promote and work events held by the College of Engineering. Brothers posted fliers to promote the Order of the Engineer ceremony. Brothers performed crowd control duties during open house while future engineering students learned about North Carolina State's engineering programs. Brothers plan to volunteer to act as judges during the E101, design day competitions. Brothers will judge competitions such as Rube Goldberg, concrete canoe, and others.

### Del- Michael Lawson—Professional Development & College of Engineering Committee Chair

The Standards committee continues its efforts this year to ensure that all of our activities are properly recorded and reported. It has also continued in its efforts to educate the younger members of the fraternity about the proper ways to record events for university. We are planning on having a workshop on both university and Schrader standards this semester. We were among the top five in Schrader points [in the Nation] this past year and are well on our way to achieving the same success this year.

### Matthew Cowan—Standards Committee Chair

As a professional fraternity, Theta Tau is expected to hold both a high standard of both professional and social quality. To achieve this high standard of professional quality, we as Brothers will strive to achieve academic excellence while in school in order to prepare for life after graduation. Our plan to achieve this excellence includes the following two main points:

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## Chapter Update (continued)

- Mandatory, weekly group study hall for Brothers with an average GPA below 3.0 and all new members
- Organized test and note database in both hard copy and online accessible by all Brothers and new members

These two things will allow the members to help each other and themselves to perform to their fullest ability. We also plan to have speakers talk to us about time management, study skills, and stress management. So far, study sessions have been held weekly with overall good turnout of Brothers required to attend. Brothers taking advantage of additional resources at group study sessions seem to appreciate these resources, as much help has been given to these Brothers for classes giving them trouble. We hope as these sessions continue, more people will attend voluntarily, allowing greater success of our group study sessions.

### Andrew Warren Love - Academics Committee Chair

This semester has been very productive for philanthropy. The first event the Chapter participated in was the 2009 Habitat for Humanity Shack-a-Thon which raised money for Habitat. We are continuing to keep our section of Avent Ferry Road clean. We have held two Adopt-A-Highway clean up's this year to that effort. We are scheduled to receive the ten year service award noted on the Adopt-A-Highway sign by the City of Raleigh.

### Brad Bennett - Philanthropy Committee Chair

## Lost Brothers

The following are some of our Brothers listed as lost by the Central Office. A complete list is on our website. If you have any contact information for them please let us know, or have them contact the Corporation directly.

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| • Tucker, Edwin Lee '27       | • Franklin, Louis Octavius '32 |
| • Moody, Elmer Odell '26      | • Barrier, Goerge Lewis '32    |
| • Hipps, Jesse Bennett '29    | • McKenzie, Thomas J. '33      |
| • Smith, Walter Tilford '29   | • Jones, William Jr. '34       |
| • Garibaldi, William T. '30   | • House, Daniel Murray '33     |
| • Gibson, John Melvin '31     | • Rogers, Charles Nicholas '35 |
| • Caldwell, Ralph M., Jr. '31 | • Jordan, George Macon '35     |
| • Pate, Gordon Sanders '32    | • Scarborough, H. Jr. '37      |
| • Richardson, Robert '32      | • Sloan, John Carl, Jr. '39    |

## Comments or Questions

We would love to hear from you and appreciate any feedback you have to offer. Please feel free to send us mail or contact us via email at [housing@rhoncsu.org](mailto:housing@rhoncsu.org) and please sign up to be included in our mailing list at <http://rhoncsu.org/mail>.

Additionally if you have any old pictures or documents related to the Chapter we would greatly appreciate

copies. Stories, officer positions you held, your family tree, and any other information you would like to share will help us fill in the history of our Chapter. In particular little information prior to the late 1960's has survived.

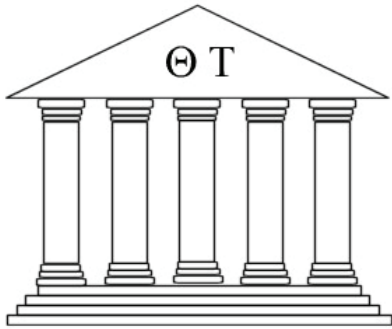
If you would like to help maintain our information and history database online please let us know.

To help you update our records please use our online survey available here:

<http://rhohousing.org/survey/>

View our Chapter Family Tree:

<http://rhoncsu.org/tree/>



## **Mission Statement**

The goal of the Rho of Theta Tau Housing Corporation is to raise capital to purchase and maintain a permanent chapter house for Rho Chapter of Theta Tau. The Corporation has been in continuous operation for almost nine years after being restarted in late 2000. The Corporation has been actively managing our current Chapter House at 4 Maiden Lane since August 2005.

**We're on the Web!**

**[rhohousing.org](http://rhohousing.org)**

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