

# CAROLINA CRIER

## Thanks to the Carolinas Region!!!

Carolinas Region,

The advisors, officers, and members of Alpha Epsilon Omicron would like to thank all who attended the Regional Leadership Conference at Trident Technical College the weekend of September 14. Our goal this year was to welcome you all to Charleston and Trident Technical College with open arms, and to provide fun, informative activities and speakers to help you learn more about how to develop skills in leadership that will carry you through the rest of your education and your careers. We have received a great deal of positive feedback, and are ecstatic that so many of you enjoyed yourselves while learning these critical leadership and team-building skills.

We would like to give special thanks to Denmark Technical College and Horry-Georgetown Technical College for their help as co-hosts for the conference. There are also a few individuals we would like to give special recognition to for their extremely hard work in organizing what turned out to be an incredible conference: Lesley Hersom, who was responsible for a great deal of the organization of the event, and collected many of our incredible door prizes, and Kerry and Holton Cutler who arranged for the amazing presentation of the Hunley Mobile Exhibit, secured many of our sponsors, and also collected door prizes and "goodies" for our welcome and goodbye bags.

Once again, thank you so very much for coming

to Charleston and working so hard at this year's conference. We hope you learned a lot, and had fun doing it!

Sincerely,

Heather Dallas

President, Alpha Epsilon Omicron Chapter

President, Carolinas Region



## Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College attends events!

This fall semester Alpha Alpha Delta of Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College has continued with the work and fun of the summer. In preparation for the fall semester, officers attended the Regional Honors Institute hosted by Louisburg College in North Carolina. This event was filled with interesting speakers, contests, and scholarly discussion. Alpha Alpha Delta members contributed to many of the activities over the weekend. Rachel Arrington presented a story of Demeter

and Athena with a creative Phi Theta Kappa twist. Debra Cardell participated on a lively debate on global warming. Inspired by Rachel's story, Tia Hill participated in the costume contest as Demeter. Tia's costume idea was such a winner that she won a free registration to the next conference!

Recently officers and advisors have attended the Leadership conference hosted by Trident Technical College. Now we are prepared to develop our chapter in innovative ways. The

tips on the packets will definitely be helpful, too!

Following this conference, officers have held several meetings to apply the information from the conference. We have also managed to fit in an Operation Green project by participating in a volunteer trash pick up. In the future, we plan to continue with the hard work in order to see a bountiful harvest from our busy fall.



## Carolinas Region Newsletter

### Special points of interest:

- > Fighting to Keep America Beautiful
- > News from Alpha Zeta Sigma
- > Fact or Fiction Debate, Regional Honors Institute
- > Can you figure out if the lines are parallel or slope?

### Inside this issue:

New Advisors	2
A Simple Gift	2
Return of the blog	3
An International Star	3
Leadership Opportunity	4
Horse 'n' around	5
Global Warming: FDF?	10

## Carolina Crier

### Beta Nu Upsilon has new advisors!

The Beta Nu Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Pitt Community College is beginning the new school year with two new advisors.



Edwin Franklin has been em-

ployed in the Developmental Studies Department since August 2004. He has an undergraduate degree in Biology with an English minor from Barton College and a Master's degree in Cell Biology from ECU. He is

very active in his professional organizations NADE, NCADE, and ASV. Edwin may be contacted at [edwin\\_franklin@webmail.pittcc.edu](mailto:edwin_franklin@webmail.pittcc.edu) or (252) 493-7537.



Ann Land has been employed as the Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Health Sciences since August 1982. She is a PCC graduate from the OST department and is active in her professional organizations PCCAEOP,

NCAEOP, and NAEOP. She is currently the NCAEOP District 14 President. Ann may be contacted at [ann\\_land@webmail.pittcc.edu](mailto:ann_land@webmail.pittcc.edu) or (252) 493-7309.

Edwin and Ann replace Sadie Oates and Scott Clinefelter who have served as advisors for the Beta Nu Upsilon Chapter since its inception in March 2005.

### A Simple Gift

The Technical College of the Lowcountry's Alpha Lambda Beta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society has combined two of their chapter's service projects (Operation Green, Books for Africa), the regional service project (Carolinas Four Clover Challenge) and the society's four hall-

marks (Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship) into a single event—a book drive!

nurturing the importance of individual and community awareness and responsibility through action.

Operation Green and the Carolinas Four Clover Challenge both focus on maintaining and improving our environment through education, recycling, and beautification, along with

Books for Africa ships textbooks to twenty-eight countries in Africa and has supplied over 15 million textbooks in the past nineteen years to educate children of all ages.

### Simple gift, con't.

By collecting over twenty cases of textbooks from students and instructors at the college along with duplicate and old editions from the school's library, the chapter was able to recycle the knowledge contained in over 700 books. Over two hundred-sixty books were salvaged from the school's library and donated to a local library which was in need of the books, and over 440 textbooks and internet links were collected for Books for Africa.

There is no better way to recycle a book than to make the information contained within available to the minds of others! The simple act of putting the knowledge contained in these textbooks into the hands of those who would not have them otherwise demonstrates how the service of a simple act of kindness can spread scholarship, while instilling the knowledge and leadership abilities required to build strong societies, care for and nurture individuals and communities, and

finally through the fellowship of man maintain this beautiful planet we call "Earth!"

*"Operation Green and the Carolinas Four Clover Challenge both focus on maintaining and improving our environment through education."*



## Run for cover, the blog is back!

Alpha Tau Beta chapter at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst, North Carolina is once again inviting all interested chapters to participate in our "virtual" regional event. Due to the positive response from our first try last year, our chapter decided to repeat the idea.

The basic premise is to give as many chapters as possible a chance to participate in a regional event without having to spend a lot of money to get there! Of particular importance this year as well, it also helps to protect the environment by doing our part to reduce exhaust fumes that are released into the air we breathe. The center of the idea is again that each chapter plan a movie night and then as a group - or as individuals - participate in the online blog discussing topics the movie presents. The movie we are using this year is Al Gore's documentary "An Inconvenient

Truth".

"An Inconvenient Truth" has grossed over \$20 million dollars, making it the fourth highest grossing documentary of all time according to Paramount Classics. It also fits very nicely within the Honors Topic of Gold, Gods and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power - what powers do energy companies possess, what does politics have to do with the type of energy we use, who controls the purse strings behind new energy innovation and so on. The documentary also falls within the confines of the Service Project - Operation Green. It all sounds like a perfect fit for Phi Theta Kappa chapters that are looking for projects that hit many different areas at one time!

We are planning to "host" this regional event in December, so if your chapter is interested in joining us you still have plenty of time to plan your own movie night.

You can visit the blog site - [alpha-tau-beta.blogspot.com](http://alpha-tau-beta.blogspot.com) anytime as we will be posting supporting information for the movie and the event as the time gets closer. Also if you want to actually be able to post comments you will need to email our chapter at [ptk\\_scc@yahoo.com](mailto:ptk_scc@yahoo.com) to be added to the blog roll.

We hope that through our leadership of this event, your chapter can join us in our scholarly study of the serious topics this subject brings to light - and perhaps even new service activities it creates (trash pickup, tree planting, etc.). Of course, our chapter is also looking forward to the new kind of fellowship that online blogs can provide - we are Carolina Region Phi Theta Kappans after all!



## Fighting to Keep America Beautiful

Traveling among the States throughout the past few years, my partner and I have been to beautiful places. We have seen breathtaking scenery, met interesting people and taken in their cultures. Unfortunately, a recurring theme during these visits has been litter. However, litter is an issue even within our own community and city. This is evident as you drive the roads of Asheville and see trash thrown beside them.

As part of the International Service Projects, Phi Theta Kappans around the world are battling this problem. Several members of my own chapter have met on Saturday mornings with trash bags

and gloves to pick up the litter on our campus's main streets and grounds. Like most cities, Asheville strives to make a difference by having work crews from the Detention Center do road cleanup on the interstates.

Although these efforts are not wasted, they are only temporary fixes. After a Saturday of road cleanup, it is disheartening to drive back to school on Monday and find the roads cluttered again with trash. Even with the work crews cleaning, this relays to the citizens that littering is someone else's problem. So, how can we make a permanent change? The answer may not be with the International Service Pro-

ject, but, with the Honor Study Topic.

Currently, the Honor Study Topic is Gold, Gods, and Glory: The Global Dynamics of Power. Through this Honor Study Topic, chapters are discussing how to gain power and keep it. However, maybe we should discuss how to give power and teach pride. By empowering the people in our communities and teaching them to take pride not only in their work but in their space, we can really win the fight of Keeping America Beautiful.

**"By empowering the people in our communities... we can win the fight of Keeping America Beautiful!"**



## Our Internationally Distinguished Member

Phyllis Williams, one of the members of Alpha Omega Nu at Edgecombe Community College who is extraordinarily active, recently won a 2007 Distinguished Member Award at the international level.

So, who is this person? Phyllis admirably represents the growing number of non-traditional students who are choosing to come to community colleges. She enrolled when she was 65 years old. From the time she was a teenager, she dreamed of going to college, but work and family kept her from reaching that dream for a long time. Like many other senior citizens, she is taking advantage of North Carolina regulations which allow any state

resident 65 or over to take courses at community colleges for free.

At first, she had doubts about whether she belonged in school again or not and whether she could handle the workload or not. She began as a part-time student. Before long, she was gaining confidence and broadening her horizons at school. Presently, she is working towards a college transfer degree. As a person, she exemplifies many of the qualities of a Phi Theta Kappan, such as intellectual curiosity, dependability, and personal responsibility.

She was inducted into our chapter in July of 2006. Since that

time, she has been a constant presence in almost all of our activities, including meetings, fundraisers, service projects, and regional events. This year, she has increased her involvement in our group and assumed the duties of a chapter officer. She has also come up with and implemented unusual ideas to improve our group's visibility on campus. Many of you will recognize her as the person who has frequently been in costume at regional conferences. Thanks to her homemade outfits, our Carolinas Region gatherings have been visited by such characters as a leprechaun and Uncle(Aunt) Sam.



## Carolina Crier

### Bringing the Community Together



Beta Nu Upsilon just held its second semi-annual Community Yard-Sale for this year on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. We help to bring the community together to recycle old goods by reselling them or in some cases giving them to others. This is a great way to get the community together to think about reuse, recycle, and keeping unnecessary waste from entering the landfills. We brought together 16 vendors (people selling their stuff) and well in excess of 100 buyers with this event. This has

become a Phi Theta Kappa tradition on our campus. It is both a fund-raiser and a community improvement project. We spoke with the vendors many times about our causes and asked if they wanted to do another Community Yard Sale in the spring of 2008? All said yes and enjoyed the morning fellowshiping with their buyer and casual on-lookers.

Also, Beta Nu Upsilon is in the process of setting up a year round collection box for Better World Books and teaming up with the SGA of Pitt Commu-

nity College to share the duties of this year round fund-raiser & recycling program. The SGA said that they will donate their part of the proceeds to a charity or on-campus organization when needed. This is a great way to get other on-campus groups interested in the values of Phi Theta Kappa and campus awareness that we care about recycling and our community. This is to be implemented before the end of this semester to take advantage of the Campus Bookstore buy-back program.

### Regional Officer Opportunity

**“Serving as a leader to this incredible group of outstanding scholars is a phenomenal experience.”**

One of the most awesome opportunities that you’ll ever be given in the Carolinas Region is the chance to serve as a Regional Officer. The Carolinas Region consists of 75 chapters within North and South Carolina and serving as a leader to this incredible group of outstanding scholars is a phenomenal experience. Personally, I love every minute of my term, but I will admit that it can be a little scary at times.

The thought of running for office never even crossed my mind until Papa’s call went out and my advisor called me and said, “You should do this!” Once I began thinking of all the reasons I couldn’t serve, I began to think about the reasons that I could, so I thought, “Why not?” I found that the same qualifications needed to serve as a chapter officer would be the same requirements needed to serve in a regional capacity: A strong sense of Leadership, a true love of people, and a love of Phi Theta Kappa ideals, and a willingness to help make a difference. I mean after all, that’s why we became officers in our chapter in the first place!

The Leadership skills that you obtain while serving in your chapter are allowed to expand as a Regional Officer. You’ll have the opportunity to meet great folks from all over the region, and are often times asked to assist the chapters in your area with their Inductions, Orientations and such. This has been a great experience for me personally. You have the chance to meet new people and make life-long friendships throughout the Carolinas, and if that alone isn’t enough, you get snazzy shirts, real-life business cards, and a handy-dandy medal to wear. I promise that if you’re like me, you’ll stop sleeping with your medal after a couple weeks!!!

Seriously the idea of running can be a little scary, and you won’t always know what to expect, but it’s a great ride.

You’ll have the experience of helping to develop Regional Programming, assisting your fellow Phi Theta Kappans, learning about new and exciting implementations of projects and events, and you will build a stronger public speaking foundation.

You may ask yourself, “How can I possibly find the time and energy to serve as a Regional Officer?” Let me tell you that I had the same thoughts and concerns. As my chapter’s president, I worried that one position would have to suffer because of the other, but the truth is that serving as a Regional Officer has enhanced my position as a chapter president. I’ve had the opportunity to cultivate relationships with other chapter members and learn from them. I’ve had the opportunity to assist in Inductions, and the opportunity to help an area community college in deciding to start a new chapter within our region.

When the opportunity arises for you to have the chance to run for Regional Office, I sincerely hope that you will consider the chance to serve in the best region in the Society----- the Carolinas

Region!!!

## Upsilon Chi is Horse 'n' Around!

There is power in numbers and when people join forces for a common cause, it can have dramatic effects. One such cause is the ongoing fight against cancer, and the power in numbers can be found in events hosted by Relay For Life Teams.

Teams of families, friends, co-workers, and student groups, etc... participate in Relay For Life sponsored events to **CELEBRATE** the lives of those who have battled cancer, **REMEMBER** those lost, and **FIGHT BACK** against a disease that takes away too much.

Upsilon Chi, Phi Theta Kappa's chapter at Wayne Community College, has "ponyed-up" with a local Relay For Life Team, Horse 'N'Around For A Cure, to assist with fundraising events for the American Cancer Society/

Relay For Life of Wayne County. Upsilon Chi has assisted Horse'N'Around For A Cure since its conception in 2005 with various fundraising activities.

On Saturday, August 4, 2007, Upsilon Chi once again assisted Horse'N'Around For A Cure with its second annual 5-K Run, which was held at the Village of Walnut Creek in Goldsboro, NC. The day began at 7:00 a.m. with registration for the runners; and the 5-K began at 8:30 a.m. with 60 participants who hailed from Carteret, Craven, Cumberland, Durham, Greene, Hertford, Johnston, Lenoir, Mecklenburg, Nash, Onslow, Pitt, Randolph, Wake, Wayne, and Wilson.

The power in numbers  
- Horse'N'Around For A Cure,

Upsilon Chi, sponsors, and runners - raised approximately \$1500.00. These are funds that will remain here in the Wayne County area for cancer research, advocacy, and education.

Relay For Life, Relay For Life Teams, and those who volunteer to assist represent the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. Are you ready to get involved? It is easy! You can put together a team or join an existing team. Relay For Life is about power in numbers. By participating, you have the power to continue the fight and the American Cancer Society's progress toward a future where cancer does not take the lives of our friends and family.



## News From Alpha Zeta Sigma

The Alpha Zeta Sigma chapter from Greenville Technical College has been busy this summer. The chapter members were able to collect, pack, and ship 47 boxes of books to Books for Africa, and they would like to thank Kirk Adams for his help with getting the boxes ready

for shipment!

Alpha Zeta Sigma chapter members attended the Carolinas Region Honors Institute over the July 13-15 weekend, and a great time was had by all. Chapter President and Carolinas Region South Carolina Vice

President, Traci Trouton-Burr, gave a presentation entitled, "The Power of Color: What Does Your Color Code Say About You?" The presentation was so engaging, that Traci has been asked by numerous chapters to present at their college.

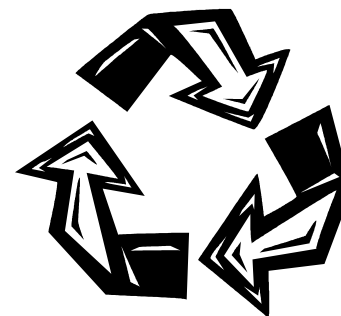
**"Our chapter has worked very hard to ensure that recycling is a priority on campus, and this is a dream come true for us."**

The Alpha Zeta Sigma chapter is so excited to announce that due to the involvement with the Phi Theta Kappa International Service Program, "Operation Green: Improving our Communities," Greenville Technical College has created the "GTC Recycling Coalition" and has made arrangements to purchase plastic recycling bins to be placed on all four campuses. Lauren Rogers, Chapter Vice President of Hallmarks,

stated, "This is the epitome of the Hallmarks of Phi Theta Kappa in action. For the college to be willing to develop this type of program around our Service Program is incredible. Our chapter has worked very hard to ensure that recycling is a priority on campus, and this is a dream come true for us."

In conjunction with the creation of the Recycling Coalition, chapter members will be hosting nu-

merous educational forums at the college. The first of these is planned for September 27, 2007, and titled, "Recycling and Litter Prevention." The members are thrilled to have coordinators from Keep America Beautiful, Greenville City Recycles, and Adopt A Highway on hand for the workshops.



**What does Phi Theta Kappa mean to me?  
(And what it can mean to you, too!)**

Submitted by: Clarissa Parizeau, Alpha Nu Sigma Chapter President

When I first received the letter inviting me to join the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, I had never heard of it. I told my mother and she said that I definitely had to join because it would look good on my resume and would be good if I wanted to go on to a four-year college. She also said that if I did nothing else with the group that much would be beneficial. In her words, "but knowing you, you won't be satisfied with that! You will have lots of opportunities to grow and become more self-confident. Make sure you respond to that letter!!!" Of course, I did. My first event was a Carolinas Region Honors Institute and I learned so much! We had so much fun and I realized that in order to learn something it does not need to be boring or just meetings. I got to ride up with John Sharpe and the rest of the gang.

Some things happened in my life and I did not get to follow through with my educational goals (to be a teacher - I was going to get the basic courses at Horry-Georgetown Technical College and then transfer to a Coastal Carolina University to earn my Bachelor's in Early Childhood Special Education). But, the experience of that one conference stayed with me and inspired me.

When I started working at the place I am now employed (a little over a year) they suggested I take a few courses to help me out with my responsibilities in the office. There was an announcement on the school's Web site stating that Alpha Nu Sigma (Horry-Georgetown Technical College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa) was having a Family Fun Day. I jumped at the opportunity to help and contacted Beth Carraway, the Advisor. I mentioned that I had been inducted several years ago and that John may or may not remember me. She left it as a surprise for him and did not tell him until he showed up the day of the event. It was like old home week! I felt welcomed back in and it felt like I had never left!!! (which to me is more important).

I have gone to the Carolinas Regional Leadership Conference and learned a lot. The biggest thing that I learned is that as Phi Theta Kappa members we are all perfectionists - that is why we get the grades that we get. We beat ourselves up if we receive a "B" on a test!! (Be honest, you know you do!) The biggest thing I learned is that we DON'T have to be perfect.

The activities and projects at this event helped us learn so much about ourselves as individuals and as a group of "over-achievers". Even though many (if not most) of us feel we need to be the best that we can be - which is usually a higher standard than we would put on somebody-else, our best is determined not by perfection, but by trying our hardest. We will never be perfect because we are human and error is built in to our very being. We just need to accept what it really means.

In conclusion, Phi Theta Kappa is a group of friends that encourage you to be you and help you to be who you can be. You and I are part of a family that cares deeply for each other.

**Beta Eta Delta Conducts First Annual Campus Cleanup**

**In support of *Operation Green***

Beta Eta Delta of Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory, NC, conducted its first annual Campus Cleanup in October of 2007. The event was held in support of the Phi Theta Kappa International Service Project, *Operation Green*. The event is the brainchild of chapter president Joshua Carter, who, after walking to class one day and seeing a scattering of cigarette butts along his route, decided to contact the college's president about conducting an annual campus-wide cleanup event for the campus called "Campus Cleanup—Make a Difference Day." During this event, students, faculty, and staff would volunteer to help collect trash on the campus grounds as a beautification project.

After obtaining approval by the appropriate administrators at the college, Beta Eta Delta began planning and publicizing the event on campus through emails, posters, flyers, and word-of-mouth. The event was held in October of 2007 and was a huge success. Over five pickup truck loads of trash were collected and over 70 faculty, staff, and students participated in approximately 150 hours of community service through this event. Because of its success, the event will be held annually in October.

Beta Eta Delta is proud of its success with the "Campus Cleanup-Make a Difference Day" and challenges other chapters to hold an annual campus-wide cleanup event on their campuses!

~Submitted by Kristy Wooten, M.A., lead advisor for Beta Eta Delta~

## Trash to Treasure

Omega Chi found a way this past year to truly show that one man's trash is another man's treasure. We aided a small, fledgling, private school in desperate need of furnishings and a playground. The entire project was done by refurbishing old panel doors, wooden spools for cable wire, and some rusted playground equipment. The doors were sanded, painted, and the panels filled with objects and sand, then covered with plexi-glass. The end result was table space for twenty children. By magnetizing the contents of the panels and tying magnets to strings affixed beneath the door, hand-eye coordination manipulatives were created for the preschool children. The spools were sanded and painted by our members and the children giving seating for twenty.

A defunct Head Start program in Calhoun Falls, had abandoned their facility and merged with the neighboring program in Abbeville. This left their playground equipment to rot and rust on the premises. After remaining empty and unused for over a year, the building was scheduled for sale, the equipment placed in the landfill, deemed unusable. We arranged for donation of the playground equipment to the school. Parents and volunteers excavated, and relocated it to their facility. We came in and sanded and painted. The children now have viable play equipment that will aid in the utilization of gross and fine motor skills.

By looking around at what some would see as eye-sores in our community, we saw treasure in the rough. There is treasure everywhere if you can see past the rust, dust, and worn appearance. Something is only trash if no one is willing to apply a little elbow grease, and realize the potential use. We at Omega Chi are happy to trade other's trash for tomorrow's treasure.



## **A Rewarding Year for the Alpha Tau Rho Chapter**

The Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Tau Rho chapter at Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville, North Carolina, began the school's 2007 summer semester by electing all new officers. There was an immediate bond formed among the officers and with the advisors. Superior leadership skills and a committed partnership resulted in success for some very rewarding events.

In July, the chapter hosted the annual beach sweep in conjunction with Keep Onslow Beautiful in support of Phi Theta Kappa's International Service Program: Operation Green. Chapter members made an effort to focus public attention on the problem of trash in our coastal and inland waterways. This focus on the environment inspired volunteers to join and conduct a sweep for trash at North Topsail Beach. Guest speakers from Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium and Keep Onslow Beautiful were on hand to address the group after the sweep concluded as a reward for the volunteers' participation and hard work. A great lunch was served. With support from members and Onslow County volunteers, this event opened up new lines of communication for the chapter throughout the community and enabled the chapter to fulfill their Phi Theta Kappa service obligation by challenging their community to engage in meaningful action and taking personal responsibility for the world around them.

The chapter began preparations for hosting the 2007 Honors Satellite Seminars very early. Officers extended invitations to exceptional guest speakers and each presentation offered an opportunity for students to participate in the discussion and answer period. The chapter's hard efforts to get the word out across campus resulted in high student attendance.

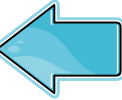
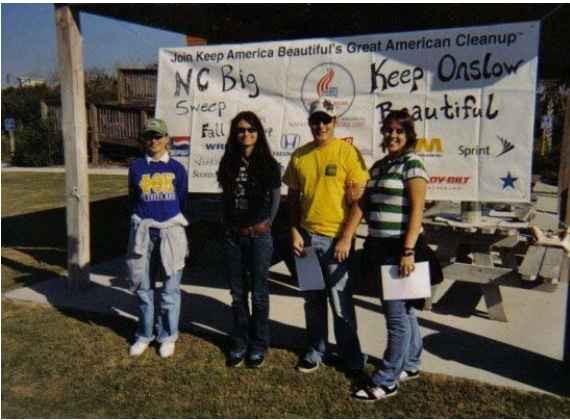
After kick starting the seminar series, the chapter immediately voted to become involved in their next exciting community service event by sponsoring a fellow officer in a local mountain bike race to benefit the Hope for the Warriors organization. Alpha Tau Rho chapter Vice President of Public Relations, Rene' Rixmann, entered the female solo class category to race against solo male competitors and mixed teams in the "12 Hours in the Pit" mountain bike race at the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina. The adrenaline race allowed teams of four riders or solo class racers to enter a competition to ride as many laps as possible in 12 hours on the Piranha Pit mountain bike trail in support of Hope for the Warriors. From 9 AM to 9 PM on Sunday, October 20th, racers competed by riding as fast as possible to try and achieve the most laps through the trail within the 12 hour time limit. The chapter sponsorship donation of \$150 aided the wounded warrior barracks located on Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville that house the wounded service members, along with their families, during their healing process. The Alpha Tau Rho chapter was very proud to take part in providing support to some of their own local heroes.

The next event was the chapter coat drive. A donation box was available outside the Phi Theta Kappa office door in the Student Center. Due to the large number of coats and sweaters the staff and students were donating, the drive was extended to January 30, 2008. The chapter plans to give all the items received to the Onslow Christian Ministries in Jacksonville to benefit local citizens in the community.

In December, the chapter created an additional community service project in cooperation with the Hope for the Warriors organization by hosting a fund drive to provide support to local heroes in need and show appreciation for their service to our country. Chapter advisors and officers organized a raffle and fund drive. Gift baskets were created as prizes consisting of donated items from the Coastal Carolina college book store and a gift coupon from the Coastal Café. Jacksonville's local Bike Shop owner, Kathy Kane, also donated a thermal sleeve water bottle as a raffle prize. Everyone committed their time to supervise the raffle ticket table during the month. Robin Kelleher, President of Hope for the Warriors organization, received all of the donations. Monetary donations received for the raffle tickets were used to provide the families with gas cards to assist them with traveling to doctor appointments. Items were also used to assist the organization with providing Christmas presents for the children visiting their wounded warriors. The chapter effectively provided a way to show our local Marines how much their community supports them. Our efforts helped them to see how much we appreciate their service to our country. Once again, the Alpha Tau Rho chapter banded together to ensure this community service project was accomplished.

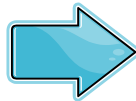
Wrapping up the month of December, members gathered to complete the chapter's Better World Books Drive by unpacking dozens of boxes containing books donated since October. Volunteers repacked books into Better World Books boxes and prepared them for shipping. The group united to complete the three-month project and everyone agreed that Phi Theta Kappa in 2007 proved to be an extraordinary learning experience. Advisors and officers would like to thank chapter members and the loyal community volunteers who participated in each event to ensure the year's valuable achievements were a success.

## Alpha Tau Rho is Hard at Work!!!



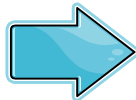
2007 Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Tau Rho chapter Beach Sweep at North Topsail Beach in conjunction with Keep Onslow Beautiful. In photo left to right, Chapter VP of Public Relations – L. Rene' Rixmann, Keep Onslow Beautiful Program Director – Lisa Grant, Volunteers – Chris Sims and Ericka Delueter .

The Alpha Tau Rho chapter Hope for the Warriors Organization fund drive and raffle ticket table. Left to right: VP of P.R. - L. Rene' Rixmann, Member - Monica Madden, and Chapter President - Ali Kirby.

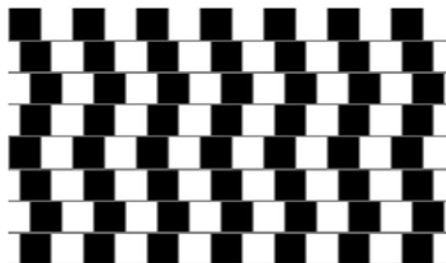


The Alpha Tau Rho chapter sponsors VP of Public Relations L. Rene' Rixmann in the "12 Hours in the Pit" mountain bike challenge in support of the Hope for the Warriors Organization.

The Alpha Tau Rho chapter completes the Better World Books drive. Left to right: VP of P.R. – L. Rene' Rixmann, Chapter President – Ali Kirby, VP of Service – Laura Bradley, and VP of Records – Tiffany Albert, and Phi Theta Kappa member – Walter Justice.



**We're on the web!**  
[www.carolinasregion.org](http://www.carolinasregion.org)



Are the horizontal lines parallel or do they slope?

*"The Purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence."*

To have an article included in the Carolina Crier, please send articles to the Carolinas Region Secretary, Kristie Yutzy, at [kristie\\_yutzy@yahoo.com](mailto:kristie_yutzy@yahoo.com) and John Sharpe at [john.sharpe@hgtc.edu](mailto:john.sharpe@hgtc.edu)

**Carolinas Region  
 Phi Theta Kappa**

Phi Theta Kappa is the International Honor Society of the Two Year College



Kristie Yutzy  
 Carolinas Region Secretary  
[kristie\\_yutzy@yahoo.com](mailto:kristie_yutzy@yahoo.com)  
 828-652-7770

Many Thanks to all who submitted an entry to this newsletter! It couldn't have been done without you!!!

**GLOBAL WARMING: FACT OR FICTION?**

At Regional Honors Institute this year a debate on Global Warming was held. The teams consisted of four members each. Members of the debate were not informed of which side they would be on until the night before the event was to be held, requiring each member to prepare for either view. The panel members were: Phyllis Williams, Crystal Booth, April Chandler, Debra Cardell, Rachel Arrington, Jeff Livingston, Steve Offenbach as the "Fact" team captain, and Kirk Adams as the "Fiction" team captain. Teams alternated turns at presenting their information with the "Fact" team making the first presentation.

Facts presented included recordings over the last several years of high levels of CO<sub>2</sub>, increase in temperature, polar ice melts, etc, fueled by Al Gore's movie "An Inconvenient Truth." While these

facts sound believable, they were all disputed by the "Fiction" team. Studies have proven that carbon dioxide levels lag behind temperature rise by 800 years which makes one question what was the climate like 800 years ago. Unadulterated scientific facts have shown that, since 2005, Greenland's ice mass has been growing, not shrinking. Sun spot and solar radiation activity almost exactly parallel temperature change on the earth. From the 1940's until the 1980's the earth experienced a significant cooling period, despite the fact that industrial production and release of CO<sub>2</sub> vastly accelerated during this time. For each piece of information offered from the "Fact" team the "Fiction" team had evidence to disprove it.

The debate produced some very lively responses from the audience as well as some good ques-

tions. After the discussions ended, both teams agreed that money was most likely behind this issue. However, we also admit that we are responsible for taking care of our environment and if we continue to dump pollutants into the atmosphere, in our waterways, and on the land around us this world as we know it will not last. We must take care of what we have if we want it to be there in the future and we must take an active part in protecting our environment.

The question is: Are you willing to help make a change?

By: Kirk Adams  
 Alpha Alpha Iota  
 York Technical College



**Team Fiction**



**Team Fact**