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Tau TALES

Letter from the President

By Jim King '78

Greetings to all alums from the Tau Company House Corporation! We have been working closely with the Chapter and their advisors over the past several months on a number of important projects. To start, the board agreed to hire Brother John Thorsen's construction firm to oversee an engineering study to determine the state of the physical plant. The findings revealed a generally structurally sound facility, yet one that is in need of numerous repairs and improvements. Some of the work is required to ensure the integrity of the shelter, while other work is indicated to address safety, appearance, and functionality for today's students. The most immediate issue is the replacement of the main roof structure. The board has expressed intent to hire Warfel construction (John Thorsen's firm) subject to financing, and hopes to have the project underway by the time you receive this note.

In the spring, the board hosted a number of brothers from various generations who have stepped forward to help with a capital fundraising campaign. In the past, Tau has relied on alumni contributions through dues and occasional alumni appeals for financial support. It is clear that the needs of the chapter and shelter point to a higher level of fundraising activity, and we have worked with the International Fraternity to formulate such a program. More information will be conveyed to you in the coming months, but I am pleased to report that we have already reaped certain benefits from the preparatory process. Many Tau Delts have rekindled their involvement with the chapter, and some have already stepped forward with

financial support. Notably, Tim Phillips personally funded a project to equip the shelter with wireless internet connectivity, while Jack Ryan provided technical guidance. This improvement is a terrific example of alumni working together to provide the chapter with the tools it needs to not only survive, but to thrive in today's college environment.

The board also completed the major purchase of a new refrigerator and freezer, the latter to replace the 50-year old antique in the basement. A special thanks goes to Brother Tom Moore for contributing his advice, and a substantial corporate discount, towards this purchase. We will be leaning heavily on Tom going forward to help redesign the kitchen at the shelter, too.

Finally, a few special thanks. Lewis Watt, Chapter Advisor, continues to be our man on the scene to interact on our behalf with the Chapter, the university, and the international fraternity, and is greatly appreciated. Drew Chappie, undergraduate president, has done an exceptional job under sometimes challenging circumstances. In fact, under his leadership, Tau was voted the #1 fraternity at Penn State by the Interfraternity Council. Of course, that was not news to us, but the other fraternities' acknowledgement is appreciated! Tau Company firmly believes that we are ready for the challenges that lie ahead, and with your help, the Tau Chapter of Delta Tau Delta will flourish. Best wishes to all Tau Delts and their families, and here's hoping for a winning football season!

Fraternally,
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Upcoming Tau Events

Homecoming

Penn State's Homecoming is set for the weekend of October 18 & 19, with Penn State taking on Northwestern at Noon at Beaver Stadium. All Tau alumni are invited to a tailgate party before the game (see details inside Tau Tales) and to the Shelter for the post-game celebration. Join other Tau alumni and friends to celebrate another Penn State victory!

Annual Meeting

As has been the tradition, the Tau Corporation annual meeting will be held at 9 AM on Saturday morning, October 19 at the Shelter. The annual meeting will be followed immediately by a Tau board meeting. These meetings are open to all Tau alumni.

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The end of the spring semester and summer sessions saw Tau take several strides towards the completion of the goals that were set in January. After receiving awards at both the Delta Tau Delta Regional Conference and the annual Greek Oscars at Penn State, the Brothers continued to show that they were truly "Committed to Lives of Excellence." Coming into fall 2002, grades are up once again, athletics are stronger than we've seen in years, and everyone is anticipating the start of one of many major renovation projects at the Shelter.

Early on in the spring semester, Tau sent four Deltas to attend the annual Eastern Division Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. They came away with two awards: one for achieving a GPA higher than the All-University Average at Penn State, and another for excellence in Chapter Presidency. In addition, they returned with invaluable leadership skills and business tactics that will help all of the Brothers both at school and work for years to come. However, the best was yet to come.

In April, Tau was awarded the Omega Epsilon award for Fraternity Merit. This trophy was the last award of the evening, similar to the "Best Picture Award" at the traditional Oscars, and represented superb achievement in Scholastics, Athletics, and Leadership. Along with the trophy came a \$250 scholarship, which will be added to our ever-growing Academic Program. Delta Tau Delta also received the Omega Epsilon Award for Overall Achievement in Academics.

The completion of the spring semester also saw us introduce four new initiates to the Brotherhood: Steve Frisbee, Elliott Gold, Ghee Kim, and Kevin King. All four have taken proactive roles in the Chapter, starting a new trend of younger leadership for Tau that we hope to continue in years to come. We also received our end of semester grades and were pleased to find that we were now ranked 12th (up from 15th the previous semester) out of 53 Fraternities at Penn State. On top of this, we had 12 Brothers make the Dean's List.

Some may think that the activities of Delta Tau Delta are constricted to the fall and spring semesters here in State College. This is certainly not so. Once again, the Shelter was kept open for the summer, and 10 Brothers were able to contribute to improvements to the external appearance and landscaping of the property.

In August, four Brothers (the most in recent history) and Lewis Watt, our Chapter Advisor, traveled to Los Angeles, California, for the bi-annual Delta Tau Delta Karnea. The conference proved to be both an educational and exciting experience, and provided invaluable skills for those attending.

Another important change to the Chapter was the installation of a professional business class DSL line. Returning Brothers for the fall will find that they no longer need to use a dial-up internet connection, and will now be wirelessly networked to both the worldwide web as well as all

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Can you name the people in these photos? Go to www.psudelts.org and post your answer, or send in your answers, along with an update, using the enclosed form.



Penn State Homecoming 2002

Tailgate

10:00 a.m. at Beaver Stadium, hosted by Howard Moore '54, in parking spaces #3910 & #3911 (near the corner of University Drive and Curtin Road on the stadium side).

LOOK FOR THE DELT FLAG!



Penn State vs. Northwestern ~ 12:10 p.m. at Beaver Stadium

Cocktail Party with Hors D'oeuvres

5:30 p.m. at the Shelter,
429 East Hamilton Avenue

Dinner

6:30 p.m. at the Shelter

Alumni NEWS

Gordon P. Davis '35 (R.R. 3, Box 281, Towanda, PA 18848; gord@epix.net) I enjoy *Tau Tales* and reading about a few old friends that are still with us. Struggling, still living alone and still managing to get out on the golf course occasionally as long as they have carts.

Samuel H. Byers '43 (1051 Third St. S, Apt. 308, Naples, FL 34102) Retired.

Arthur E. Goldschmidt Jr. '59 (1173 Oneida St., State College, PA 16801; axg2@psu.edu) Professor Emeritus of Middle East History at Penn State. I taught three courses on the Fall 2001 voyage of Semester at Sea. We did not go as planned to the Middle East. We did go to Japan, China, Vietnam, Singapore, India, the Seychelles, South Africa, Brazil and Cuba. This meant teaching a lot of history I had never studied before. My wife and I also have visited our son Steve, daughter-in-law and grandson in Santa Rosa, CA.

Richard S. Bullock '60 (3500 N. Lake Shore Dr., Apt.12A, Chicago, IL 60657; Dystart@att.net) Managing Director for Dynamic Strategies & Plans. I had a surprise reunion with **Chris Hunter '61** last October in Disney World. We were both at the annual e-learning convention.

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We agreed we had not seen each other for 41 years! Since our paths crossed at the health club after the day's sessions, we concluded we both knew instantly (which was the case) because we had stayed in shape! Regardless of how true that is or not, we had a great time over dinner that evening getting caught up on the past 40 years and recalling our undergrad exploits!

C. Charles Richardson '60 (94 Ordale Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15228) Retired VP/Treasurer at Union Electric Steel.

David E. Dunn '61 (93 Boot Rd., Newton Square, PA 19073) Retired

James P. Chirieleison '67 (6214 Loch Raven Dr., McLean, VA 22101; jimsundwnr@earthlink.net) I have recently taken a new assignment to introduce and develop the international market for a highly efficient commercial and industrial air conditioning product. By coincidence the market maker for the stack happens to be a '63 Delt from UCSB.

Jeffrey S. Greaser '78 (1116 Winterwind Pl., Raleigh, NC 27615) Regional Controller for Certainteed Corporation.

Reconnect on the Tau Web site!

Have you registered at the Tau web site yet? If so, we hope you are enjoying and that you return often. Please "Play it Forward" – talk with a Brother who you haven't spoken with in 10, 20, 30 years! Schedule a golf tee time, luncheon or better yet – agree to meet a friend at the Shelter during our Homecoming festivities on October 19. All contact information is available at your fingertips with a click of the mouse. There is no time like today to reconnect with a friend.

Go to www.pseudelts.org to register. And if you have already registered, leave an update on your family, career or contact with other Brothers.

Undergraduate... Cont.

of the other computers in the house, with download speeds nearly 50 times faster than before. Last but not least, the summer gave an opportunity for much needed improvements to the main roof and the black roof over the kitchen. Once completed, the Brothers will be able to safely walk out onto the black roof without fear of damage to the internal structure of the kitchen ceiling.

The fall semester should prove to be another large stepping stone for Tau. We are anxiously awaiting a large fall Pledge Class, an excellent football season (there's not much room for disappointment after last year), and an exciting and well-attended Homecoming event. All of the Brothers are extremely excited by the coming renovations to the House, and are looking to impress the Alumni more than ever with their recent accomplishments and those to come.

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We regret to inform you
of the death of

Robert A. Johnston '41 (2/28/02)

Warren S. Myers '49 (9/28/01)

William E. Winter '50 (5/1/02)

Delta Tau Delta mourns their
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to their families and friends.

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Glenn R. Zuraw '85 (35-21 79th St., Apt. 6N,
Jackson Heights, NY 11372; grz999@aol.com) I
left the corporate world of stress and sleepless
nights! I am now a bartending for some local
clubs and upscale catering companies – having a
blast! I just traveled to Miami, Hawaii and S.
California – all as a “guest bartender” for clubs
in those areas. I will be starting my own business
in a few weeks, and am psyched not to have a
boss. Working in Fire Island last summer was
the best thing I ever did!

John M. Thorsen '86 (3489 Coronet Ave.,
Lancaster, PA 17601; jthorsen@aol.com) I was
promoted to Vice President of Warfel Con-
struction Co. located in Lancaster. My wife
Tracie, two daughters, Vicki, 12, and Katie, 9,
and I welcome any Delts to the area. **Scott
Gibble '95** (Chipso) and his wife Laurie are
enjoying their daughter Melissa.

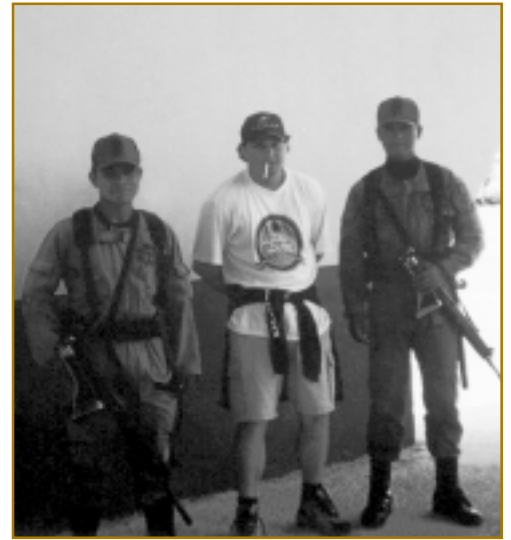
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for Sunoco, Inc., and regularly see **Scott Fazio
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lives near me and I had dinner with Dave and
John Esbenshade '91.

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Hytek Wireless, Inc. and working in the
Wilmington area of Delaware. I just got
back from the Dominican Republic and
sent a picture to show how good a time I
had. Some things never change!



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