

Upcoming Events

Penn State Homecoming 2004
October 23

Penn State's homecoming is set for the weekend of October 23, with Penn State taking on Iowa at Beaver Stadium (kickoff time yet to be announced). All Tau alumni are invited to stop by the house and catch up with brothers, both active and alumni.

As has been the tradition, the **Tau Corporation Annual Meeting** will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, October 23, at the Shelter. The annual meeting will be followed immediately by a Tau board meeting. These meetings are open to all Tau alumni.

Schedule:

9:00 a.m.	Annual meetings at the Shelter
TBA	Kickoff against the Iowa Hawkeyes (anticipate noon or 1:00 p.m. kickoff)
Postgame	Cocktails and dinner at the Shelter

Campaign Update

COMMITMENT TO TAU ...
IT'S CATCHING ON

By **Tim Phillips '79**, Campaign Steering Committee Chairman

The *Strengthening the Bond Capital Campaign* has reached a total of \$320,000 in commitments and now counts 145 Tau participants. While still well short of our five-year goal of raising \$1 million, the **chapter now boasts a participation rate of over 20%**. Through the generosity of our alumni, Tau has raised enough funds to begin work on the Shelter. Please see Jim King's Alumni Report on this page for information on the next round of construction work at the Shelter that was approved at the August board meeting.

At homecoming, the chapter will announce the next stage of the campaign that will be focused upon planned giving opportunities. If you haven't already participated in the campaign, log on to our Web site, **www.psudelts.com**, and go to Campaign News. Here you will find a pledge form. Please join your brothers in supporting the chapter and enabling our men to compete for the honor of the best men on campus.



Watch For More ...

CHAPTER ANTICIPATES RECORD-BREAKING
RUSH RESULTS FOR FALL 2004.

Watch the Web, **www.psudelts.org**, and future mailings for more.

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Alumni Report

RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY AT 429 E. HAMILTON

By **Jim King '78**, Tau Company President

PSU quarterback Zack Mills was quoted saying, "This isn't last year," following the Nittany Lion's season-opening loss to Boston College. Let's hope he's right! I used to want just one more great season before JoePa finally retired ... soon I will be satisfied with just one before I retire!

There's a lot to report to you, and it is all good. The board has secured a mortgage with the international fraternity to pay off the roof loan and get a head start on the Shelter renovation that the success of the capital campaign is making a reality. I have called on Brother **John Thorsen '86** to oversee the project as chairman of a renovation committee. Other members of the committee include **Dick Coats '58**, **Ron Krasnansky '90**, **Phil Lucas '82** and myself. Drawings of the existing conditions of the Shelter are being prepared, and we will start seeking bids on elements of the work before year-end. I am certain to have a lot of progress to report to you in the coming months!

Our success to date and in the future is dependent on the strength of the undergraduate chapter and the support of our alums. The chapter continues to thrive with the number of actives proving to be better than we've seen in years, and they are truly excited about the future for Tau. Your board leads a broadening group of alums who are making financial contributions, but also those of time and experience. Please contact any board member to increase your involvement — you'll be glad you did!

A summer board retreat and reception for local alums was held at **Marty Lane's ('60)** lodge was a great success. Thanks for your hospitality, Marty!

Finally, a special recognition for service as a member of the Tau Company board goes to **Wayne Irish '83** whose term has ended. Phil Lucas '82 has accepted an appointment to the board and has already gotten to work. Thanks to both of these men for their dedication to Tau's success.

I hope to see you all at homecoming!



Brothers met at "Swab Cabin" on August 8 for the annual Delt gathering. Standing L-R: "Captain" Jack Aunkst '84, Bob "Ponzie" Penzelik '80, Fred Recchiuti '85, Brian "B" Elliott '82, Albert "Bud" Kortze '83, John Albanese '81, Robin "McDermott" McDowell '83 and Bill "Fuzzy" Matthews '82. Sitting L-R: Bob "Staiyb" Staib '81, Phil Lucas '82, John "JP" Vickers '84, Irwin "HBC" Slotnick '82 and Ben Margerum '82.

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Alumni Q & A with David Mooney '61

WRITING A CHECK IS THE EASY PART

In life, there are very few times when you can say, "100%." **David Mooney '61** can. As a class agent for the *Strengthening the Bond Capital Campaign*, Mooney is proud that 100% of the brothers on his calling list responded with a pledge to the campaign. "The easiest thing someone can do to support our chapter is to write a check," admitted Mooney. "Many others have the more difficult jobs — people like **Jim King '78**, **Tim Phillips '79** and the other board members who are hard at work managing these projects. I want to congratulate them for doing such a fantastic job and to encourage my brothers to make a pledge if you have not already done so."

Why did you join Delta Tau Delta at PSU?

My older brother and I were the first from our family to go to college. While in my freshman year at Penn State, I met brothers like **R.L. Whittaker** and **Gene Raiford '61**. We were all on the same dorm floor. One of them made a connection at Delt, and the three of us were rushed together. R.L. was later killed in Vietnam.

Tell us about your favorite memory of the fraternity.

We had some pretty fantastic parties. And we used to dress up for dinner with a tie and sports coat. It was there that I learned social graces that put me in good standing as I went on in life. I remember that one of our pledge brothers, **David Erwin '61**, was referred to as a crustacean for putting his elbows on the table.

What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

I was the president of DTD while I was there. This was one of the first experiences I ever had in leadership, managing a budget and basically worrying about things other than myself. It was a fantastic experience that doesn't often happen to young people. I learned how to deal with people.

With whom do you still stay in contact?

I stay in touch with **David Dunn '61**, **Dave Erwin** and **Jim Thompson '62**. And as a class agent, I am in contact with others regarding fraternity business — brothers like **Bob Schimmel '60**, **Tim Phillips**, **Jim King** and others.

Tell us about your family life.

I have two daughters. One daughter is an attorney in Las Vegas. The other owns her own business in Connecticut. There are seven children between the two of them. My wife, Linda, and I are both retired. We spend a lot of time at our home in Maine. It is there where I enjoy bird hunting, fly-fishing and golf.

Did you have a nickname?

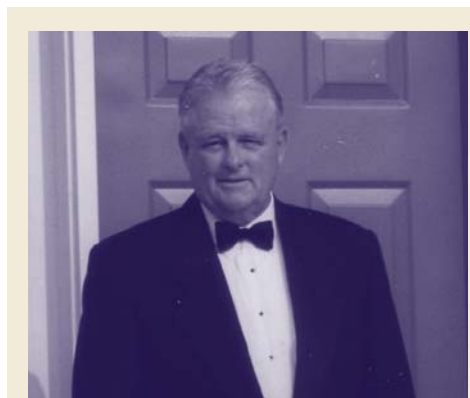
Moon, of course!

Did you live in the house?

I lived in the house my last three years. While I was president, I had my own room. I do remember that **Thur Young '59** was one of my roommates.

What do you do for a living?

After graduating with an undergraduate degree in geology and my M.B.A., I spent 35 years with DuPont in positions ranging from sales to management. For example, I was in product



David Mooney '61

and marketing management for Teflon products. I ended up as a director in the automotive products group. I have traveled a lot ... to almost every country in the world. In fact, I lived in Geneva, Switzerland, for three years running the plastics groups there.

What are your goals for the next few years?

I am an avid PSU football fan — a season ticket holder — so we will continue to keep our involvement with the university. Other than that, we just want to keep enjoying ourselves.

Brothers can reach David Mooney at moonpsu@aol.com.

Chapter Report

LEADERSHIP, RUSH AND HOMECOMING TOP TAU AGENDA

Tau Chapter is excited to be back at Penn State for the 2004 fall semester. With 39 brothers currently living in the Shelter, and an active brotherhood of 44, the chapter is stronger than it has been for almost a decade. The live-in population of the house is overwhelmingly juniors and sophomores, and with such a strong base of young men, the energy and enthusiasm throughout Tau Chapter is unprecedented.

Classes began on August 31, and the brothers are ready for a great year. As the total brotherhood continues to increase, the chapter is confident that this fall's rush will be even more successful than in past years. With nearly three weeks until bid extension, we are hoping that our fall

pledge class will surpass the 16 of fall '03.

On September 12, the brotherhood held its annual fall retreat, where a new executive board was elected. The new president, **Steve Reiter '05**, will now be leading Tau in its benchmark year with a fresh new executive committee supporting him. This year's elections were highly competitive and many personalities vied for responsibility within the house. The elections certainly yielded some fine leaders.

Another exciting event coming up in mid-October is homecoming. For the first time in the past few years, Tau will pair with a sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma, in this age-old Penn State tradition. We invite any alumni in the area to come to

the Shelter for cocktails and dinner after the football game.

The Karnea in Denver this July was a great experience for two lucky Tau Deltas, **Drew Conly '06** and **Kevin King '05**, the former president and vice president, gained invaluable leadership skills from interacting with other Delt chapters across the nation and by attending the seminars provided by the arch chapter. They continue to be leaders within the chapter and have brought back many new ideas to improve the inner workings of the Penn State Delt house.

Tau is prepared to continue in the right direction and will strive this semester to excel in every facet of fraternity life.

Chapter Eternal

George R. McCray '36

Richard P. Ramsey '41

Dick Ramsey entered the Chapter Eternal on February 12, 2004.

Samuel H. Byers '43

Samuel Byers entered the Chapter Eternal on November 20, 2003.

Paul E. Kortwich Jr. '50

Paul Kortwich entered the Chapter Eternal on October 15, 2003, in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Eugene L. Danser '55

Eugene L. Danser, 70, of Derry, Pa., entered the Chapter Eternal on Thursday, March 4, 2004, in Latrobe, Pa. One of Joe Paterno's first recruits, Gene lettered in football at Penn State, thus becoming a member of the Penn State Football Letterman's Club. He went on to receive his master's degree from Westminster College. Prior to his retirement, Gene was a coach, teacher, assistant principal and administrator for the Franklin Regional School District in Murrysville, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Dolores "Dee" Todd Danser, a son, two stepsons and several other family members.

William F. Hammell '69

Frank C. Layng Jr.

Frank C. Layng Jr., a State College dentist and former Tau Chapter advisor from 1978 to 1992, died Monday, July 12, 2004, at his residence. Dr. Layng served Tau during the reinstallation of the chapter in 1978 through the difficult years following the 1980 fire that virtually destroyed the Shelter but not the Tau spirit. He was a 1957 graduate of

Meadville High School and a 1961 graduate of DePauw University where he was a member of the Beta Beta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta. He furthered his education with a graduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in 1965.

Dr. Layng served two years of active duty in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps and four years of active reserve that included tours of duty in Vietnam, the Philadelphia Naval Hospital and in Newport, R.I. He was awarded a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars as well as a Presidential Citation during his service. From 1969 until his death, he was the founding partner and dentist at Layng, Senior and Associates, in State College.

In addition to his volunteer work with Tau Chapter, Dr. Layng was very generous with community services, and he enjoyed sailing, skiing, creative writing, music, travel and his professional continuing education activities. He is survived by two sons, Kenneth M. Layng of Boalsburg and Robert C. Layng of Zambia, Africa. Tau Chapter is very grateful for Dr. Layng's service to our fraternity.

Don Hoak Jr. '82

Don Hoak Jr. has passed on to the Chapter Eternal and will be missed by his Tau Delt brothers. Don's son, Matt '06, was recently initiated as a Tau Delt also, making his dad the proud father of a Delt legacy. Our condolences go to Matt, Don's wife, Vicki, and their family.



*In memory of
Don Hoak Jr. '82*

Alumni NEWS

James F. Sloan '59

(P.O. Box 4910, Emerald City, NC 28859; jfranklin6@aol.com) I am currently living (and dodging hurricanes) on the beach in North Carolina while building house in Williamsburg, Va. I have just finished a seven-year consulting job with P&G in China. I am looking forward to spending time with our grandchildren in Virginia Beach and doing some leisure traveling and serious saltwater fishing. I have been in touch with **George "Milt" Campbell '60** who is relocating to Wilmington, N.C., which is about two hours away. I occasionally hear from **Bill Meyer '59** who is living in Brandon, Miss.

Robert L. Bridge '60

(16659 Purcival Ct., Dumfries, VA 22026-3100; bridgepsu@aol.com) My wife, Jackie (WVU), and I celebrated 40 years of marriage last November. Our son, Rob, teaches in Syracuse, N.Y.; daughter, Samantha, married a local Virginia boy and lives about 40 minutes from us. Each have produced two children, which gives us a total of three grandsons and one granddaughter. We recently bought a second home on the

water off the Chesapeake Bay. I'm looking forward to retirement next year and spending a lot more time boating and fishing. We much enjoyed the Tau Delt reunion at State last fall. Despite rumors to the contrary, my old "roomie," **George Campbell '60**, did not jump off any balconies during the weekend.

Kevin J. Kelly '80

(13413 Peachwood Ct., Fairfax, VA 22033; kellyk@usa.redcross.org) I had a chance to have dinner with **Tim Phillips '79** (a.k.a. "SchoolDaze") last weekend, while I was passing through Pittsburgh. Always great to see him and his family. Thanks for the hospitality! We both mentioned how we haven't seen **Dave Beighley '80** ("Meat Science") lately. "Beaks" is living in New Jersey, we believe. Hope he's doing well!

Salvatore Frenda '83

(319 Huntington Drive, Enterprise, AL 36330; sfrenda@hotmail.com) A quick hello to my long-lost fraternity brothers. Well, you guys weren't long lost; I was. That's what happens when you join the Army. Well, I'm still in the Army but finally am settling down in Sweet Home Alabama. Yes, I've gone over to the dark side. Something about this area that grows on you after a while, kinda like the mildew under the

eaves. Hope you are all well, and I look forward to hearing from most of you. Just kidding. I hope to hear from all of you. A big thanks to **Tom Foster '84** for sending me the link.

Joseph J. Melchiorre '85

(134 Derwent Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237; j_melchiorre@yahoo.com) Hi all. In the fall of 2003, we finally had enough of the Florida weather, and we moved back to Pennsylvania. We now live in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, fairly close to **Bill Eichner '85**. We would like to invite anybody in the area to give us a call.



Joseph Melchiorre '85 with wife, Johnna, and children — Maria, Vincent, Dominic and Joseph.

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Memorabilia

CHAPTER REQUESTS COMPOSITES AND OTHER MEMORABILIA

As part of the board's alumni outreach efforts, the chapter is attempting to recover composites from each graduation class. We currently are in need of recovering all composites prior to 1979. Please mail your composites to Drew Chappie, 1010 S. Pugh St., Apt. 32, State College, PA 16801. Or, if they are already in digital form, they can be e-mailed to dchappie@verizon.net.

Drew will have the composites scanned and placed on the Tau home page, www.psudelts.org. In addition, a hard copy will be printed and placed in the Chapter Room. Please include your return address, and Drew will return the composite once it is scanned.

Please help us recover our past and ensure your pictures will remain in the Shelter and on the Tau home page. In addition, other pictures and other memorabilia would be welcomed. Pictures can also be scanned and returned if desired. A number of images have already been received and are available for viewing on the Web site. Thanks for your participation!



PSU Football 2004 Schedule

Come cheer our Nittany Lions on to a winning Big Ten season!

10/23 Iowa (homecoming)
10/30 at Ohio State
11/6 Northwestern
11/13 at Indiana
11/20 Michigan State

Home games in bold • All times are TBA