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Alumni Report

BROTHERHOOD DOES NOT STOP AT GRADUATION

STOP BY THE SHELTER TO SHARE YOUR "TAU TALES" WITH ACTIVE BROTHERS

By John Thorsen '86

As I sit here writing this, I am watching the PSU/Illinois football game and another PSU win. What a great football season it has been so far. I heard that the stadium for the Illinois game was so loud that you couldn't hear the Blue Band play. Unfortunately, my wife and I watched the game in high definition splendor at home.

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With the weather now starting to get colder, it brings to memory the fall semesters at the Delt house, gatherings before the football games, tailgating, hayrides with sororities, and many other stories each of us could insert here. It also brings to mind a Delt Homecoming. Remember working on building the float for the parade? Last year's Homecoming pre-game festivities were a lot of fun. The front yard was full of people, brothers, friends and campers. It was a great sight to see. I saw brothers from years past that I had not seen in probably 20 years. Some had not been back to the house in at least 10

years. What I enjoyed the most was giving tours of the house to various brothers and their wives, showing off what work has been done to update the house in the last five years.

Which brings me to ask, why haven't you returned or visited the Shelter yet? Brother **Wayne Irish '84** recently visited the house with his stepson. Wayne shared in an email to the Chapter "...after meeting a few Brothers in the front yard they seemed to know my name and my graduation year. They even went to get other brothers (up from a nap?) to visit with me. Thank you, I very much appreciate the effort. It did make me feel special for a few moments." It was great to hear that Wayne enjoyed his visit to the Shelter.

For those of you who are enjoying the hectic and unpredictable nature of raising a family, we understand how hard it is to get away. For those who may have had an unfavorable experience in the past, give us a chance this year to make it up to you. Drop by and say hi to the current group of guys. **Mike Doran** is the current president and is doing a great job. These guys love hearing about the history and tales of living in the house. Share your experiences with them! Brotherhood does not stop at graduation.

On The Web

ARE YOU REGISTERED ON OUR ALUMNI WEB SITE?



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Undergraduate Report

MORE THAN 100 ASSOCIATES, A 3.04 GPA AND THE NUMBER ONE DELT PHILANTHROPY IN THE NATION

By Mike Doran

The undergraduate chapter continues to be the number one Delt chapter in the nation in philanthropy. THON is quickly approaching, and donations from alumni are very much appreciated. If you're interested in supporting this great cause, please mail a donation to the Shelter.

Delt Rock Band 08 was a great success, raising more than \$1,000 each for St. Jude's and Bleed Purple. We held this event with the sisters of Tri Delt.

We're having a successful academic year, with a chapter GPA of 3.04, which ranks us 17th out of 48 IFC fraternities. Nineteen brothers were named to the Dean's list for spring 2008.

We are the top recruiting chapter in the northeast and currently have over 100 associates. Twenty-five bids were extended for fall rush 2008. Twenty-one were accepted, including one by legacy **Brad Ahern**.

We recently had the director of Greek

Life, Dr. Baker, and State College Borough Council President, Elizabeth Goreham, attend our chapter meeting.

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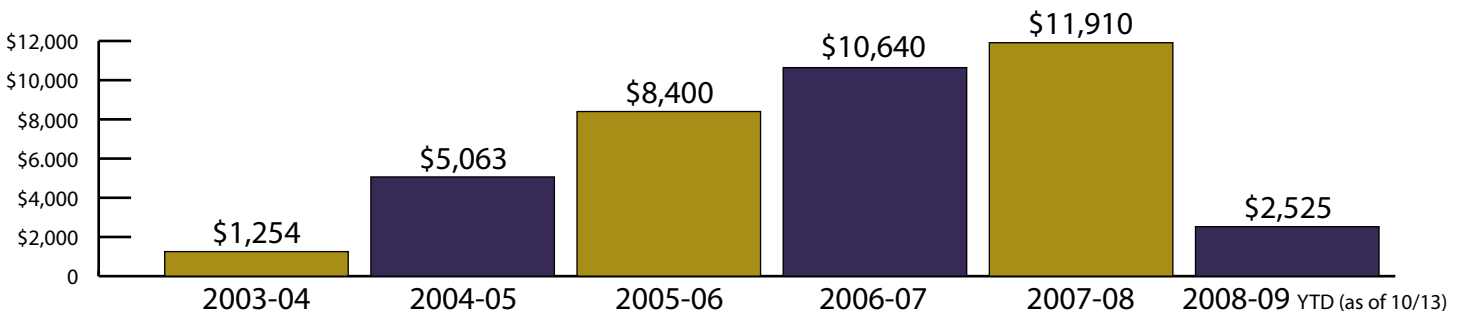
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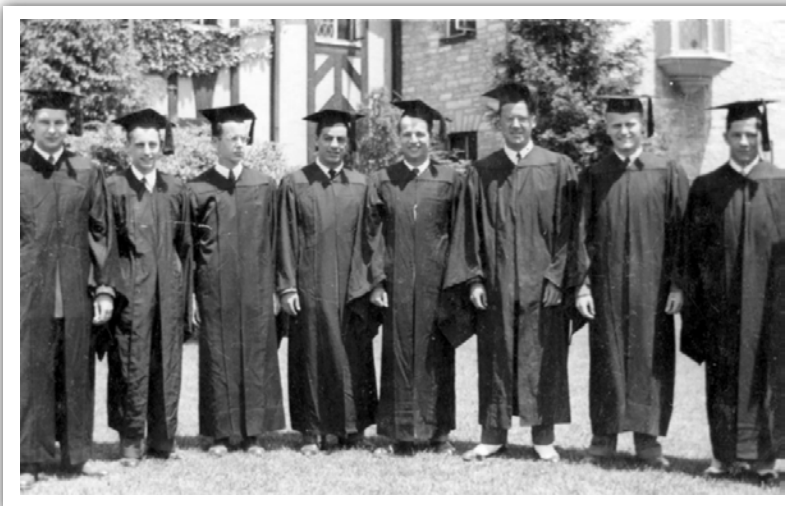
Thanks to our alumni donors, we finished the 2007-08 giving year with our highest annual fundraising total ever of \$11,910! We are also already off to a great start to the 2008-09 giving year, which began

September 1, by raising \$2,525 in the first six weeks. Help us to reach our goal of \$14,500 by making a donation. You can do so online at www.psudelts.org or by calling 800-975-6699.

Annual Fundraising (9/1 – 8/31)



Old Photo Album



We need your help to build our online photo archives! If you have great pictures from your days in DTD or of a more recent reunion, please share them in the online albums at www.psudelts.org. Your submissions may appear in an upcoming issue of *Tau Tales* or in our monthly e-Letter.

In this photo: Delt graduates in 1941.

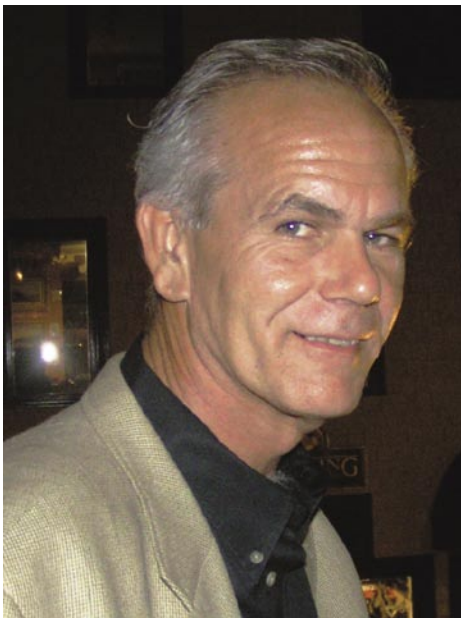
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Alumni Profile

FROM FOUNDING FATHER TO LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER, JIM KING '78 PASSES THE TORCH TO A NEW GENERATION OF TAU CORPORATION ALUMNI

As one of the founding fathers of the local fraternity that brought Delta Tau Delta back to Penn State in the 1970s, **Jim King '78** says he stayed involved with Tau Chapter to see what would become of something that he helped to start. In the process he's managed to help many undergrads and make a lot of great friends.

"I've stayed involved in the fraternity since graduation, selfishly to see that what we helped to build would be maintained," Jim says. "But also because it seems to me that all of us who have benefited from being Tau Deltas should do what we can so that future generations can have the same benefits as undergrads and alums."



Brother Jim King

Up until last year, Jim served as the Tau Corporation President, and has been a director since he graduated in 1978. In 2006 he was recognized on the national level and received initiation into the Order of Atlantis, which is given to men who have provided distinguished service to the Division and to the Chapter.

"I never really lived in the Delt house because we bought it the month I graduated, but I hung around and slept on Fus' (**Bill**

Fustos '79) floor for a couple weeks," he recalls.

Jim arrived at Penn State in the fall of 1975 and moved into temporary housing - the study lounge in a campus dorm. His first night there he met a few guys from the dorm and he was thankful that they were so friendly.

So friendly, in fact, that they volunteered to use Jim's "room" for a party that night. Before he knew it his things were moved to various dorm rooms, the walls were covered with psychedelic posters, and black lights were plugged in. By the end of the night the place was filled with loud music and couples dancing.

From that moment on Jim knew there was something special about this dorm, which was known as Allentown House. Over the next two years Allentown House thrived and the guys who lived there formed a new local fraternity.

"We were a diverse group for sure, some great students, some great athletes, more than our share of skilled partiers, and at least one guy who never went to Penn State. Mostly though we were average guys who worked well as a team," Jim recalls.

Their goal initially was to beat the university's room assignment system, but this turned into much more when they formed the fraternity. They then wanted to buy a house and create a means for brothers to stay connected after graduation.

They coerced Doc G to be their advisor and connected with other Deltas to re-colonize Delta Tau Delta at Penn State and then worked with Tau alumni to buy today's chapter house.

"We were far from typical fraternity guys. I was the very last of the group to sign on as a founding father, but I've often thought how lucky I was to be placed on that dorm floor," Jim says.

Through weddings, reunions and an annual golf outing, the brothers manage to keep in touch. While Jim notes there are some extra pounds and less hair, the guys and the

relationships are much the same as they were back then.

Jim's roommates over the years included, **Jeff Hinch '79**, **Bill Fustos** and **John Russell '77**. He still keeps in close touch with many of his brothers. So much so that Bill was in Jim's wedding and is the godfather of his son. **Terry Morris '77** was also in Jim's wedding, and they currently work together.

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Jim credits Terry with getting him started in his profession by helping him get his first job out of college with a brokerage firm. Today, Jim is the President and Chief Investment Officer at National Penn Investors Trust Company, a \$2.5 billion subsidiary of National Penn Bank. He works with Terry every day since Terry is the Senior Equity Manager at his company.

In addition to his work with the fraternity, Jim continues his community service by serving on the board of the Inter-Faith Housing Alliance, a charitable organization that fights to overcome and prevent homelessness among the working poor in suburban Philadelphia.

Jim met his wife, Trisha, through a Penn State friend. They have two children, Dan (21) who is a student at Drexel University, and Kelley (18), a freshman at Penn State. His hobbies include travel, carpentry, and playing golf, by his own description, "poorly."

His goals for the next few years include getting his kids through college, continuing to grow his business and eventually spending a lot of time traveling. Jim calls on brothers from all generations to stay involved with the chapter in whatever way they can.

"I've gotten a lot more out of being a Tau Delt than I can give back, and a lot of you are missing out," Jim says.

DO YOU KNOW OF A DELT ALUM WHO WOULD MAKE A GOOD PROFILE SUBJECT? IF SO, CONTACT OUR EDITORS AT CONTENT@AFFINITYCONNECTION.COM (MENTION *TAU TALES* IN THE SUBJECT LINE).

Alumni NEWS

Daniel Dunn '51

(10126 Reseda Blvd., #101, Northridge, CA 91324-1455; ddunnme@yahoo.com) I'm a retired systems engineer having worked primarily in the worldwide energy field, coal and nuclear power generation, oil refineries, etc. I have three children and five grandchildren.

Michael Baker '86

(121 Grove Avenue, Belle Vernon, PA 15012-2215; baker.mike@verizon.net) After nearly 13 years at Mellon Bank, I took a new position with CONSOL Energy Inc. in January in Pittsburgh and enjoy it. I'm single with two great dogs, no kids. I haven't been to the Shelter in years but would like to make it back for a game or two sometime. I still play guitar but haven't woken any pledges lately. I'd love to reconnect with any Delts from my era! Anyone up for a control party? I'll post some photos on the PSU Delts site sometime soon if you guys promise not to litigate. Look me up!

Why Do You Support the Annual Fund?

Several alumni recently shared their reasons for financially supporting the annual fund of Tau Company of Delta Tau Delta. Here's what they had to say:

"Some of my best memories were from the brotherhood of DTD. I currently live in State College and pass the Shelter a few times each week. It really needs some help right now! Many fraternities nearby are getting worked on. I know the guys need some help and that's why I give."

- **Ron Krasnansky '90**

"I have supported Delt at Penn State and the Educational Fund nationally for several reasons. Partially in memory of my father and uncle who were both Delts in the '20s and '30s. I feel that during my college years I received a lot more from the fraternity and my associations that I could ever return at the time. Finally, contributing to the education of future collegians is a legacy I am proud to be a part of."

- **Daniel L. Dunn '51**

"The Delt house was a very nice place when I was there and I now know that alumni made contributions to make the Shelter a wonderful home away from home. I feel that I owe the same support to those who follow me."

- **William Reilly '58**

"I hope that the current Delts have the same opportunity for friendships and leadership that I had as an undergraduate."

- **Rob Guentter '82**

"The men at Tau were/are examples of a pure brotherhood. I transferred here as a junior from another chapter that was very different, and still is. The men accepted me with open arms and gave me a place to stay without really knowing me beforehand. The only thing they knew was that I was a Delt. I eventually affiliated here as I wanted to give back to them and run for an office. I held several posts, from Exec Member at Large, to Rush Chair, to Steward and feel that it is a lifelong choice to be a Delt. I still go to conferences. Donating my time and my money is a privilege and a duty to help the current men."

- **Tom Hughsted '82**

Go to www.psudelts.org to see the full year-to-date Honor Roll of donors and to add your name to the list by making a donation.

We love to see great old photos from our chapter archives! Help us add to our memorabilia collection by submitting the best pictures from your era. See page 2 for instructions.



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