

UPCOMING EVENTS

Homecoming 2009

October 17

vs. Minnesota

Stop by the shelter before and after the game!

For info on where to eat, stay and play while you're in town, visit www.happyvalley.com.

PENN STATE FOOTBALL 2009

Sept. 5: Akron

Sept. 12: Syracuse

Sept. 19: Temple

Sept. 26: Iowa

Oct. 3: at Illinois

Oct. 10: Eastern Illinois

Oct. 17: Minnesota

Oct. 24: at Michigan

Oct. 31: at Northwestern

Nov. 7: Ohio State

Nov. 14: Indiana

Nov. 21: at Michigan State

*Home games are in bold

Featured Quote IN THE WORDS OF OUR ALUMNI...

"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."

- Bill Reilly

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We want to feature more alumni content in future issues of Tau Tales and in our monthly e-Letter! If you have great stories, memories or photos to share, email them to content@affinityconnection.com (mention DTD at PSU) or upload them to our web site.



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Alumni President Report

PAVING THE WAY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF DELT BROTHERS

THIS YEAR, THE SHELTER NEEDS YOU MORE THAN EVER

By John Thorsen '86

Greetings, I hope this newsletter finds you finishing up a great summer! We are looking forward to a successful new school year for Delta Tau Delta. The last 10 months have been full of surprises with the economy, a new president and world events. Let's all hope that the current recession ends soon!

any renovations or upgrades this summer to the shelter for the first time in six years. The resources just were not there, but it looks like change may be coming! Recently, there appears to be signs of renewed vigor in giving and to those of you who have been able to continue to donate to the shelter, we appreciate

your commitment and financial support. Be assured that your contributions are being put to good use and mean more to the chapter than ever before. We want nothing more than to show you how your donations are being spent so that when you visit this fall we can show you proudly the results of your generosity.

I hate to be redundant but to reiterate my comments from the Spring 2009 newsletter, there are several improvements that the



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As we get ready to start a new school year, the shelter is very much in need of your continued support. The Board will be meeting at the end of August with the Active Officers to orientate them for the coming year and help get them started on the right foot with their finances and organization. With funds being tight, we want to do our best to make sure funds are managed well this year. As was noted in the Spring 2009 newsletter, things are tight financially. We have had sufficient funds to maintain the shelter. The house has been thoroughly cleaned this summer and maintenance performed. It is ready for the activities to move in at the end of August.

Unfortunately we were not able to perform

the shelter truly needs and we need your help! Please help us repair and replace the dining room floor, or restore the grand Brother Staircase. The kitchen needs a new exhaust hood and other new equipment as well. If you want to send a donation and specifically earmark it for the dining room floor, we can do that and make sure you get recognized for helping with that item (find more information online at www.psudelts.org). Please help continue the success, pave the way for the future generation of Delts and give what you can. And lastly, visit the house and talk to the brothers. Share your stories and experience with them of being a Delt. Thanks for listening! Go PSU!

Chapter Report

DELTA CHAPTER RANKS 9TH IN DANCE MARATHON FUNDRAISING CHAPTER WELCOMES 27 NEW BROTHERS IN 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

The spring 2009 semester was another step forward in the progression of Tau Chapter. Tau welcomed the semester in with perhaps

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its biggest accomplishment of the year. Paired up with the sisters of Delta Zeta, Tau raised

\$101,600 for Penn State’s IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon to go towards pediatric cancer. This amount was good enough to place them 9th overall in Greek pairings. Nationally, Tau Chapter made strides as well, hosting another excellent Eastern Regional Conference. By recording highs in recruitment and philanthropy, as well as performing a flawless ritual, Tau proved itself to be one of the most prominent chapters in the Eastern Division.

Later in the semester Tau chapter continued its passion for philanthropy by hosting and participating in Zeta Tau Alpha

Sorority’s “Zeta Spikes” volleyball tournament. This marks the 6th consecutive year Tau chapter and Zeta Tau Alpha have come together to support the Susan G. Komen Fund. In addition, Tau chapter hosted a very successful Parents Weekend in the Spring. This Parents Weekend was one of the largest in Tau history due to the addition of 27 new brothers between the Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 pledge classes. Tau chapter will leave the Spring 2009 semester as a better and larger fraternity in all aspects.

On the Web

GIVE THE GIFT OF EMAIL

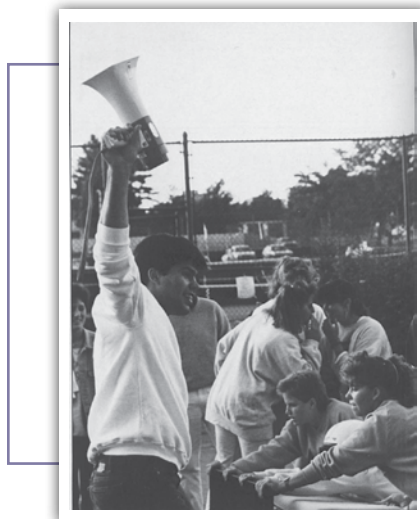
In a day and age where paper and printing is increasingly replaced with emails and “Tweets”, and the cost of a postage stamp seems to be always on the rise, we’d like to remind you that your email address is just as important to us as your financial contribution.

Go to www.psudelts.org and update your email address so we can communicate with you more effectively and more affordably. Every penny we save on postage can go toward something more worthwhile, like an alumni tailgate. We pledge to never sell or give away your email address, ever.

We take your personal information very seriously, which is why we require a username and password for certain sections of our web site (you’ll need this to update your info). If you’ve never yet registered on our site, find

your Member ID above your name and address on the mailing panel of this newsletter, and use it to follow the First Time Login instructions.

We are currently missing email addresses for 55% of our alumni. While you’re on the site, check out the Lost Email List and send in the emails for any brothers you’re in contact with electronically.



From the Archives

DELTS ROLL TO RAISE MONEY BACK IN 1988...

The Delts participated in several philanthropies. The largest was hopping into bed with the Tri-Delts for the annual Delt Bed Roll. The Delts and the Tri-Delts rolled a bed 100 miles from the Hershey Medical Center to State College to raise money for the American Heart Association. Fraternities and sororities raced against hospital gurneys on Pollock Road. The Philanthropy raised nearly \$4,000. “It was our biggest Bedroll ever, as far as participation,” added Bob Lanza.

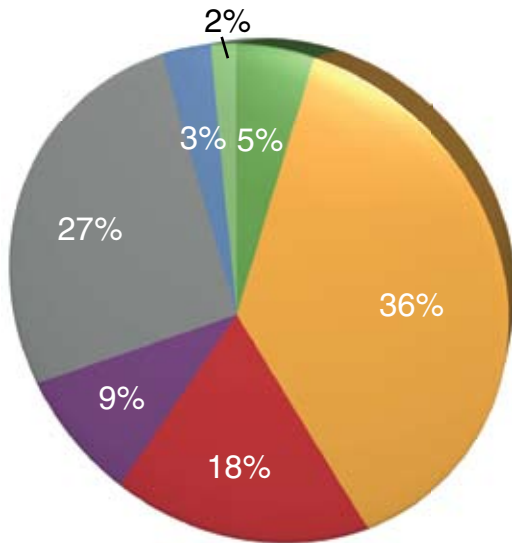
Fundraising

SUPPORT YOUR CLASS – AND THE ANNUAL FUND – AS WE KICK OFF A NEW YEAR!

Thank you to our alumni donors, we raised \$11,915 in the 2008-09 giving year (data collected as of August 17). Those gifts were contributed by 66 donors, or 8% of our 816 living alumni. Tau Company relies solely on alumni contributions to keep you connected with your Delt brothers through publication of Tau Tales and other communications. We need more participation from our alumni base to keep our alumni relations program strong!

The chart to the left represents the percentage of alumni from each decade (by graduation year) that make up our donor base.

Step up to the challenge and represent your class by making a contribution to kick off the 2009-10 giving year. You can make a donation by calling 800-975-6699 or online at www.psudelts.org.



● 1930s ● 1940s ● 1950s ● 1960s
● 1970s ● 1980s ● 1990s ● 2000s

Blast from the Past

OUR TRIBUTE TO MJ

In honor of the late King of Pop, we wanted to honor his memory the best way we know how: by digging out embarrassing pictures of our members during their fraternity days. Pictured here are Taus in the early '80s singing their rendition of "We are the World."

Find more embarrassing pictures (and post your own) on our Facebook page. Search for "Delta Tau Delta Penn State" on Facebook, or link to our page through www.psudelts.org.



On the Web

WHAT'S MY MEMBER ID?

We take the privacy of our alumni data seriously, which is why you're required to enter a username and password to view certain sections of the site (online directory, alumni updates, etc.).

If you don't yet have a username and password, follow the first-time login instructions at www.psudelts.org. You can find your Member ID for this process above your name and address on this newsletter).

If you have already registered but forgot your username or password, click on the "Forget your username?" or "Reset Password" on the login page.

On the Web

WHICH ERA HAD THE MOST FUN?

You've most likely heard by now that Penn State was ranked the No. 1 party school in the country (by the Princeton Review). We're glad to know that current Penn Staters are having the time of their lives, but we like to think we knew a thing or two about having a good time back in our day, too.

So we want to know...which era had the most fun? Let us be the judge! Share the best stories and memories from your Delt days online at www.psudelts.org. We'll publish the best of the best in upcoming editions of our e-Letter.

We're on a quest to find the absolute best stories, memories and photos from throughout our chapter's history. We really like this party photo from the 1950s. Think you have them beat? Share your story online at www.psudelts.org.



Alumni NEWS

Bob Rauch '54

(3530 Lariat Ln., Rolling Hls. Est., CA 90274; bobrauch@cox.net) My wife and I recently celebrated our 51st wedding anniversary.

Dick Coats '57

(2018 Laurel Oak Lane, Palm City, FL 34990; racatelier@aol.com) I've been commuting to Scotland to design a seaside house next door to Sean Connery. When it is finished I'll have a place to stay near the oldest golf course in the world...if my handicap ever gets low enough to qualify! But at least I'm getting my fill of haggis (an evil concoction of sheep innards and other unknown ingredients) and

single malt scotch.

Doing business in Scotland is a curiously jovial affair, not unlike their debating style at oxford which is laced with humor, (as opposed to our dour style) and almost always adjourned to one of the ubiquitous pubs, with my favorite snack of tiny fried sardines.

Otherwise, other than visits to kids in Japan and other barely reachable places, life is a blur of mediocre golf and endless cocktail parties.

Jim King '78

(1441 E. Lamplighter Ln., North Wales, PA 19454; kingjim@comcast.net) Sincere thanks

for all of the support I received from Tau Deltis during my recent run for a position as a Penn State trustee. It turns out that all three incumbents were reelected, but it was an honor to be nominated, and I may try again in the future. I learned a good deal during the election that should be helpful on a second try. Thanks again for your help!

Thomas Dougherty '87

(1530 Key Blvd Apt 826, Arlington, VA 22209; thomasdougherty@hotmail.com) Well, let's see, I just retired after 21 years in the Marine Corps. I went out as a Lt. Col. and spent the last 16 years flying EA-6B's. Prior to that I was an infantry officer. Currently I am working at Dynamic Analytics and Test in Arlington, Va. I've got two sons in high school and still have that old Mach 1 of mine... restored now. I am now close enough and have time to get up to Penn State. Hope to run into some of you guys.

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

WE WANT TO HEAR THE LATEST AND GREATEST ABOUT YOU TOO! SHARE YOUR UPDATES AND PHOTOS ONLINE AT WWW.PSUDELTS.ORG.

We want to know...which era had the most fun? Let us be the judge! Read page 2 for how you can share your stories and photos!



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