

CAMPUS EVENTS

THON Weekend

February 21-23

Blue-White Weekend

April 11-13

Penn State Traditional Reunion Weekend

June 5-8

GUESS WHO?

Which graduate Brother is still searching for the elusive goat? Find out in our Alumni Updates section on page 2.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

We recently learned of the passing of **Brother James Lewis '41**. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

CORRECTION

Please forgive a typo that appeared in our Fall eletter.

Robert Bullock

actually graduated in the class of '56. Thanks again Brother Bullock for all your support and suggestions!

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www.psudelts.org

Alumni Facebook Page
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TAU TALES

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Letter from the President

GIVING THANKS FOR THE BLESSING OF BROTHERHOOD AND OUR LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO TAU

By John Thorsen '86, President of Tau Chapter of Delta Tau Delta

Greetings fellow Delts from Brother Thorsen! Halloween has come and gone by the time you are receiving this message. The weather is getting colder, and the Penn State win over Michigan was one of the best games I have watched in a while, though the recent loss to Ohio State shows our team has a lot to learn, and is in growth mode.

With Thanksgiving approaching, I thought it would be appropriate to remind us all to give thanks for the things that have blessed all of our lives including the blessing of our brotherhood, the friendships that we have formed during our college years as Delts, and that which we continue to form and nurture as we continue through our adult lives.

Also, I wanted to spotlight and give thanks to a few special brothers who have given their time, talents and financial support to the Shelter, and the Brotherhood. Please join me in thanking Brother **Larry Hixson '81**, a dynamic force this year for the alumni group. Larry dove into his first full year as a member of the Board with great gusto, enthusiasm and effort. Larry's outreach to all to celebrate and create excitement helped to reinvigorate our pride in being Delts, Delt Alumni and Penn Staters. His crowning achievement was the creation, organization and management of the first annual Delt Golf Classic held this fall. A huge undertaking of coordination and he pulled it off with glowing reviews from those

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Events

BROTHERS REUNITE ON THE GREEN

TAU LAUNCHES INAUGURAL DTD GOLF CLASSIC AND AWARDS DINNER

The First Annual Delta Tau Delta Golf Classic was a resounding success! We had fifteen golfers and a total of eighteen Brothers attending the Golf Classic Awards Dinner at Duffy's Tavern. The plus three were Larry Hixson '81, Kendall Quinn (House Manager), and Beau Langdon (Event Coordinator)!

It was a great day to golf! The weather was great and the Penn State Golf Course and staff were super friendly and helpful! Unfortunately, no one bagged any of the Hole-In-One prizes this year, but with practice, you all have another chance at next year's golf outing now planned for August 2014.



By Brother Larry Hixson

Event pictures and scanned event information are now available in our photo album section online at www.psudelts.org.

Bill Fustos '79 was the overall winner shooting a 66, **Jim King '78** with a 69, **Mike Montanino** with a 70, Ben Bobick with a 71, and a tie for fifth place between Chris Gerhardt and Griff Walters at 72!

The food at Duffy's Tavern was fresh and tasty! The awards presentation was lighthearted and generous with two dozen PSU logo golf balls, one dozen additional DTD Golf Classic Balls, four PSU microfiber golf towels (one

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Alumni Updates

Howard R. Moore '54

(23639 Shannondel Drive, Norristown, PA 19403; howmore@aol.com) My wife Ann and I have just moved to Audubon, Pa., a retirement community near Valley Forge. A big decision, but a good move. When I was young, my favorite places were the Townhouse starring the Rudy Black Trio and the Skeller. Rudy Black and the Townhouse are gone, but the Skeller is still going strong! Watching Joe Paterno win his 409th game was the best!

Jim Chirieleison '67

(4495 Carriage Hill Ln, Columbus, OH 43220-3801; cpjcxii@gmail.com) I ran into Mike Beahan in the war, and several times after that, but I wish I had maintained closer contact with the Brothers over the years. I still live in Columbus in semi-retirement working on various start-up or turn-arounds. I still have to deal with the insufferable OSU legions who control the town. I had open heart surgery this year, which seems to have gone well.

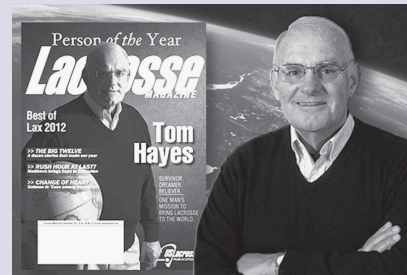
Rob Guentter '82

(1750 Innisbrook Ln, Zanesville, OH 43701; rfgassoc@gmail.com) I have a new job as Director of Workforce and Community Education at Belmont College; I am also engaged to Janelle Peadon, Nursing Professor at Muskingum University. A March 2014 wedding is planned.

Matt Nicosia '10

(441 Shady Avenue, Apt. 31, Pittsburgh, PA 15206-4818; mcn5013@gmail.com) I'm currently going on three years of living in Pittsburgh, having moved here after graduating in December 2010. I now work at a software company called Ariba. Recently, we were acquired by SAP, so there are a lot of changes going on, which is exciting. I'm also in the second year of getting my MBA at the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University, focusing in Operations Research, Strategy and Marketing. Lastly, I am still searching for that goat. He is an elusive one.

TOM HAYES '63 A MAN WHO STICKS TO HIS GUNS



Last year, Brother **Tom Hayes** was honored to be named *Lacrosse Magazine's* Person of the Year. Described as the “galvanizing force for the global lacrosse community,” Tom has been a long-time champion for the worldwide growth of the sport of Lacrosse. As the Federation of International Lacrosse’s director of development and a National Hall of Famer, Brother Hayes has taken on numerous leadership roles and is responsible for directing efforts that successfully resulted in the sport’s admission into SportAccord, a prerequisite for Olympic status. There’s no doubt that, under Hayes leadership, Lacrosse will one day become an Olympic sport. A six-page feature story on Tom Hayes as Person of the Year appears in the December issue of Lacrosse Magazine.

Check out more alumni updates and profiles online at www.psudelts.org.

Letter from the President

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who were able to attend. Kudos to Larry and we are thankful to have him our team.

Equally important is Brother **Ron Krasnansky '90** who continues to be the local alumnus who received mail from the Township, and the calls late at night from the fire alarm monitoring service. We appreciate his willingness to interrupt his sleep for the good of the brotherhood, and continue to show his love for the Shelter.

Lastly, a personal thanks to **Alan Hubbell '86** for keeping us solvent and managing a tight budget. I appreciate his level of detail, his friendship, input, opinions and continued willingness to give his time.

If you haven't been in touch for a while, let me get you caught up on what we have been up to this fall. The Shelter was closed over the summer, so during the summer we cleaned up the house, performed maintenance including repairing, routine maintenance, new hallway carpeting for the second and third floors and painting.

During the board meeting on October 12, we talked a lot about the Shelter, Shelter maintenance and its future. The house is showing its age and badly needs your support. Our budget for maintenance is the lowest it has been in 5 years, and the house is more needy as it continues to age. There are so many other items that the Shelter needs, and we are hoping that as the economy continues to show signs of recovery, so will our fundraising efforts.

The actives announced that they will be performing two projects

to enhance the Shelter. The intent is to improve the physical condition of the house, gather the actives together to bond as Brothers and hopefully enhance their appreciation and love for the Shelter. The Brothers decided to perform a “deep cleaning” of the kitchen areas, and painted the main fire stair tower. We were pleased to hear of this announcement, and I know I look forward to seeing the results, and hearing about their experience.

Thank you to those individuals whose recent donations continue to allow us to pay our bills and maintain the Shelter. 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 we can show you proudly the specific results of your generosity.

Ah yes, here is the “giving part” of Thanksgiving! There are several improvements that the shelter truly needs and we need your help! Please help us restore the grand Brother Staircase. The kitchen needs a new exhaust hood and badly needs to be renovated; this has been a need for two years. If you want to send a donation and specifically earmark it for the kitchen or staircase, we can do that and make sure you get recognized for helping with that item. 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. Go PSU!

TAU'S ALUMNI WEBSITE GETS A MAKEOVER

Have you checked out our new online alumni community? The revamped design gives us a sleeker, cleaner look as we work to strengthen our alumni base.

The new site includes a number of improved features and functionality. Some of these include:

- A streamlined directory that makes searching for Brothers simple and quick
- User-friendly alumni profile, update, and photo sections where you can check out what's new with Brothers and look back on your college years
- Top of the line security that ensures safe and protected online giving

- Event management software so that reunion events can be announced and registration tracked, allowing Brothers to see who has signed up to what and when
- Complete social networking integration with Facebook and LinkedIn, allowing you to have a one-stop browsing experience if desired

If you haven't yet received your username and password for the new site, send your name, graduation year and email address to websupport@affinityconnection.com and you'll be set up with full access.

ARE YOU MISSING OUR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS?



44% of alumni brothers aren't receiving our email communications. Are you one of them?

According to our records, 44% of our alumni brothers are.

Make sure that you're among the first in the loop on the latest news, activities and event details from our active and alumni chapters. You can update your email address by logging in to www.psuodelts.org or by sending it to our alumni relations office at feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention DTD at Penn State).

Our email database is used solely for Tau communications, and will never be traded or sold.

Annual Fund Update

EACH AND EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

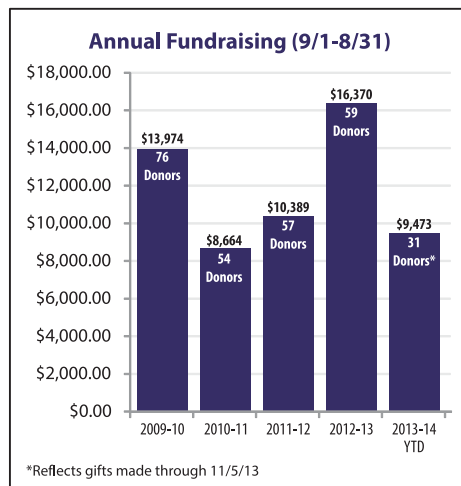
WHILE ANNUAL GIVING IS ON THE RISE, DONOR PARTICIPATION STALLS AT RECORD LOW LEVELS

It's no secret that our alumni communications program is fueled solely by contributions we receive from our Brothers. We'd like to thank the 39 Brothers listed here who have contributed so far in 2013-14 to help keep our program going for another year.

In addition to funding communications, the annual fund helps support projects to keep Tau an attractive option for new recruits at Penn State. Contributions this year will help us to support our alumni programs, special events, active chapter activities, and in particular, much needed improvements to the Shelter (see John's letter for more details).

Your gift is critical to our fundraising success. As you can see from the chart, our annual giving has been slow and steady over the last three years. Unfortunately, donor participation has remained stagnant, but is near an all-time low point. By comparison, we had 76 donors participate in 2009-10. We count on each and every gift to continue communications, maintain our network, and provide crucial support to our active chapter and the Shelter.

Please join the 39 Brothers already listed on our 2013-14 Honor Roll by making your gift today.



2013-14 Honor Roll of Donors*

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David T. Espenshade 1960
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Michael Davis 1987
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Roy N. Rumbaugh 1980
William G. Landis Jr. 1986

*Reflects gifts made through 11/5/13

Golf Classic

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person in each foursome won one), a few gag gifts, key chains, chap stick (sun/wind protection while golfing next time), and two PSU putting mats. The third putting mat was given to Chris White for the Chapter Room for Brother's entertainment with a sleeve of DTD Golf Classic golf balls.

Everyone had a great time! I'm also proud of the alumni who graciously donated their spots to undergraduates and the other alumni sponsors.

Undergraduates who golfed thanks to these alumni:

- * Chris Gerhardt - sponsored by **Todd Lewis**
- * Sal Liberto - sponsored by **Bill Fustos**
- * Mike Montanino - sponsored by **Jim King**
- * Reid Peterson - sponsored by **Larry Hixson**
- * Grif Walters - sponsored by **Jack Aunkst '84**
- * Chris White - sponsored by **Guy Shirey '82**

Special thanks goes out to Beau Langdon for all his help making this event so successful!

Alumni Q&A

DICK COATS ON THE ART OF OLIVE-SUCKING QUIRKINESS

JUST GOES TO SHOW THERE'S A TIME FOR SERIOUSNESS AND A TIME FOR PLAY

We'd like to extend a big thank you to **Dick A. Coats '58** for participating in this semester's alumni Q&A.

What was your favorite hotspot when you were a young undergrad?

My favorite spot on College Avenue was The Skeller, where I witnessed an incredibly interesting bar fight.

What did your time at the House teach you?

At the House, I will be forever grateful in being taught how to use dining utensils. And always to eat the olives offered to you by a brother—no matter what shape they are in.

How did your time as an undergrad member of Tau Chapter impact your life?

My most influential character/Brother was **Robert Bullock**, who taught me that cleanliness was overrated.

In what way was Delt different from other fraternities at Penn State?

The Delt House was absolutely unique in that fun and quirkiness were paramount! There would be plenty of time later for seriousness.

Dick still resides in Palm City, Fla. You can reconnect with him at racatelier@aol.com.

We had a number of other brothers participate in our Alumni Q&As. Their responses will soon be featured online at www.psudelts.org.

Do you want to participate? Send your answers to these questions to our alumni relations firm at content@affinityconnection.com. Don't forget to mention DTD at Penn State.

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