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A Wise Man

Tau Brother Lives For The Future, Not The Past





Bob Bullock
'56, is an
Alumnus of the
Tau Brotherhood,
which he joined
in his third
semester of
college at Penn
State. Since
then, life has
taken him

through the Navy, into a defense contract, and out the other side for a long career at Prudential Financial Group.

He retired at 60, but was lured out of retirement when a client that he had worked with at Prudential had contacted him about a business venture, working as Chief Financial Officer.

Penn State is a tradition for Bullock, which his children have continued to honor. "My father graduated in the 20s. I graduated in the 50s, and my daughter continued on the tradition by graduating in the 80s from Penn State."

Bob also admits that his children and grandchildren are his biggest successes in life. Between his five children and twelve grandchildren, they have attended several prestigious universities including Robert Morris, Penn University, and the University of Central Florida. He shares their successes with them and he could not be more proud.

As a Delta Tau Delta Brother, he pursued lacrosse in addition to his academics, and it paid off. He was named an honorable All-American Defensemen and played in the North-South All-Star Game his senior year.

And he believes Alums and other donors should continue to donate to the Shelter. "They should donate because they've been contributing to an enhanced or enlightened experience on campus. I'm not a philosopher. I might be 83 years old, but I'm still living for the future, not for the past. You are a wise man if you have learned not to worry about the things in life you can't control, and one of the things you can't control is the past."

Alumni Board

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Reminder: DTD Golf Classic

Tau Chapter will hold its fifthannual Golf Classic Saturday, September 23 at 10:30 AM on the Penn State White Course. Watch for your formal postcard invitation in the mail in August!



Tau Advisor Stepping Down – Thank You Todd!



Tau Chapter asks that all Brothers thank **Todd Lewis** for his service and unwavering dedication to our Chapter. We would like to share the following message from Todd and

wish him luck as he moves on!

"Last November I asked Allen Wente, our Director of Volunteer Services, to start a search for an advisor to assist us with the intention that this individual would eventually take my place in about a year. In January of this year, I followed that up with a personal meeting with Bentley Anderson, Director of Volunteer Recruitment, at the Eastern Division Conference in Rhode Island. To date they have not been successful but are diligently working on it. I have reached the decision that I will be stepping down as Tau's advisor on August 15 of this year. Jack Kreman, our Chief Operating Officer, has been informed of this decision.

My job started in June of 2010 when I was recruited to be the Chapter Advisor to Tau. I told them it certainly would be preferable to have someone local but they asked me if I would at least consider it. All I could guarantee was I would try my best to get up there once a month while school was in session and take the time necessary online and on the phone to help the house. I added that anytime they were not satisfied with my performance they could end the relationship with no hard feelings. They said they would accept that. So here we are seven years later.

It has been a wonderful journey and experience. I have truly enjoyed all seven years thanks to the many outstanding Tau Brothers who it has been my pleasure to know and work with. An especially large and heartfelt thank you goes out to all the other Advisors and the House Corporation for your incredible support. Without your help, we would never have overcome some of the tough times we went through and achieved the success we did. The house is now larger, more financially sound, and the

GPAs are higher than they were in 2010 when I began my tenure.

I will continue to perform my duties as Chapter Advisor until August 15, 2017 and will also continue as a member of the Membership Review Committee for our National.

Thank you again to everyone for your tremendous support. You are a great team and you make me proud to be a Tau Delt." *Todd*

Alumni Board Needs Two Volunteers NOW!

YOU should volunteer for Tau Company, please email or call John Thorsen at **jthorsen@aol.com** or 484.638.1055 with the following:

> Your Mailing Address City, State, and Zip Code Phone Number

Financial Report

It's up to YOU to Help the Shelter Remain Competitive for Future Tau Delts!



In the fall 2016 issue of Tau Tales, I highlighted how Tau Delt Alumni can donate via regular monthly donations using your electronic banking. I highly recommend this

approach, as it takes only a few minutes to set up, requires no additional action, and benefits Tau with regular, steady donations. Please consider a gift of \$10-\$25 a month if you're able. If interested, you should set up payment to:

Penn State Delta Tau Delta PO Box 7007 Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007 Account # 514AF0101 800-795-6699

Financially, this past year has been a challenging one, as Tau Corp had some large repairs to complete in the summer of 2016. Since August 2016, we have spent more than \$34,000 on major repairs, including a new dining room sub-floor and flooring, a new retaining wall at the rear, outdoor basement steps, and new carpeting throughout the

Shelter. All of this is in addition to typical and ongoing maintenance and upkeep of over \$40,000. The Shelter is showing its age! Therefore, we've been operating on a very "skinny" budget this past year as we closely manage our expenses and our wish list of upgrades against our affordability. Please consider donating now to help ensure the Shelter is safe, well-maintained, and competitive to attract future Tau Delts.

Thank you for your generosity,

Alan Hubbell '86 Treasurer - Tau Corporation

Active Chapter Report

State of The Fraternity



By Trevor Jones '19 -Tau Chapter President At the end of the spring 2017 semester, I looked back with pride on the accomplishments of Tau

Chapter: we finished the year with a few accolades to add to the Chapter's long, illustrious history. Delts finished as intramural

football champions for the second year in a row, however, the hockey team lost a heartbreaker in their intramural championship game. Philanthropically, we managed to raise more than \$76,000 with our Thon partner the Delta Zeta Sorority this year for Max and Dylan, our THON children – a large increase from our 2016 total!

In the spring, we raised close to \$1,000 for

our national philanthropy, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Tau Chapter also hosted two philanthropy events which included our annual Parents' Weekend 50/50 and a Master's putt-putt tournament with Alpha Phi. We are all looking forward to continuing our proud traditions when we return to the Shelter this fall!

Help us Showcase our Illustrious History!



Tau Alumni are gathering composite photos for our historical collection. Visit **www.psudelts.org** to see composites for the years 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1977-78, and 2003. Equally important are the last 14 years of composites we are missing. Going forward, we will be receiving an annual composite from Tau Chapter.

Thanks to Brother **John M. Behne '59** of Niantic, CT, who provided us with a 1956 composite. Tau Alumni also thank Brother **Harry G. McMahon '50** of Savannah, GA, who provided us with composites from 1947, 1948, and 1949. He is also sending us a 1950 Penn

State Swim Team photo, comprised of mostly Delt Brothers. Stay tuned for these historical photos in upcoming eLetters and issues of Tau Tales!

Send your composite(s) by taking a high-quality digital photo or scan and email to Larry Hixson at larry.hixson@gmail.com or if you would prefer to snail mail your composites or pictures, send them to Larry Hixson, PO Box 1080, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-1080. Our goal is to see every year of Tau Chapter represented!

Delta Tau Delta National

A Message from Jim Russell, DTD Executive Vice President

Fraternities and sororities provide affordable housing for more than 370,000 college students across the U.S. On many campuses, this housing provides a home away from home for members, fostering brotherhood, community, and academic development. Unfortunately, your donations made locally or nationally for Delta Tau Delta housing are generally not tax-deductible except for very specific educational purposes as monitored by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA) would allow for charitable funds to be given to existing foundations. Those donations could be earmarked for housing and facility purposes to allow for safer, more modern and affordable fraternity and sorority housing. Originally introduced more than 10 years ago, CHIA has enjoyed a strong history of bipartisan

support because it would make higher education more affordable with a minimal cost to taxpayers by offering a less expensive housing alternative.

The 115th Congress is beginning to consider comprehensive tax reform. We want to ensure CHIA (H.R. 1200/S. 736) is included in that conversation. We need your help!

Contact your representatives and senators at www.nicindy.org to ask them to co-sponsor CHIA and support its inclusion in the tax code. Our web tools will quickly, in five minutes or less, enable you to make this outreach.

The best way to move CHIA forward is to encourage lawmakers through grassroots efforts. Please share our page at www.nicindy. org on your social media channels and encourage your Delt brothers to contact their legislators.

Thank you for your quick action and support of our efforts. We are at a critical time for CHIA and tax reform as the work of the new Congress takes shape. Your outreach can make a real difference in our opportunity for success.

For more information on the North-American Interfraternity Conference's legislative priorities, visit www.nicindy.org or if you have any questions about our government relations efforts, reach out to NIC Chief Legislative Officer Julie Burkhard at julie.burkhard@nicindy.org



Fraternally,

Jim Russell

Executive Vice President

Delta Tau Delta

Help Us Find Our "Lost" Tau Brothers

Get Re-Connected if You are Lost or Help us Re-Connect Others Who are Lost!

Our website at **www.psudelts.org** contains two lists that you want to review to help us. We're always looking for new ways to ensure our Fraternity's sustainable future.

One of the most valuable ways to do that is to keep our Alumni base informed, engaged, and most importantly, connected. We provide several FUNdraising activities for Tau Alumni and we don't want you to miss out!

We have 391 Brothers with lost email addresses and 126 with lost mailing addresses. Visit our alumni website, **www.psudelts. org** to view their names.

If you see the name of a Brother that you know the contact info for, email our editor at alumninews@affinityconnection.com or call 800.598.4050 and let us know, so that we can update our

Chapter Eternal

Our Thoughts are With the Families and Friends of our Tau Brothers

The following Brothers have passed on since our last issue of Tau Tales in January 2017. Our thoughts are with the families and friends of our Tau Brothers.

Walter B. Hinkel '38

W.A. Sherman '38

Thomas J. Powers III '57

Thomas Spitznas '57

Leo Stankavage '57

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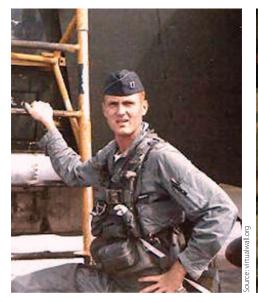
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Honoring the Fallen

"Virtual Wall" Provides Names of Those Lost in Vietnam

Remembering our Veterans and their sacrifice is a part of being an American, which we all take very seriously. Our Tau Brother, Captain Richard "Red" Whitteker '61 is an example. Now, we can honor Red, and all those who paid the ultimate price in Vietnam, by visiting

his link at http://www.virtualwall.org/dw/WhittekerRL01a.htm and www.virtualwall.org home page. Go to the website today and click on a State you would like to view, scroll down to the city, and the names of those lost from that area will appear. Thank you, Veterans!









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Check out more Alumni news updates, events, and profiles online at www.psudelts.org.