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# Tau TALES

*From the Tau Company President*

*Please be generous with your time, wisdom  
 and financial resources ...*

By Jim King '78

For over three decades, Fred Taylor '59 contributed his time and skill to both Tau Chapter and the fraternity, much of it as Tau Company president. He guided us in good times and challenging ones, which included the reinstallation of the Chapter, and the purchase and repair of the Shelter. He was honored for his service by membership in the International Fraternity's Distinguished Service Chapter, and was one of the first Tau Hall of Fame inductees. At Homecoming 2001, Fred stepped down and handed the president's gavel to me. On behalf of Tau Company and Tau Chapter, I would like to again thank Fred for his tireless efforts in the past, and his continued service to the fraternity as a member of the Tau board of directors.

Al Robinson '80 completed his tenure as treasurer and has handed the responsibility over to Bob Schimmel '60. All agree that this is the toughest job in the fraternity, though we kept that a secret from Bob until he committed! Thanks to Al for your years of hard work, and to

Bob for taking over this responsibility.

Over the next few years, Tau will evolve to meet the changing needs of today's undergraduates, while continuing to embrace our heritage. We will seek to maintain for them a safe and productive living environment that helps them succeed as individuals and as Tau Delts, both in and out of the classroom. As needs are identified and plans crystallize, we will be seeking contributions of time, wisdom and financial resources. Please be generous with all three.

Finally, I am sad to report the passing of Bill Webb '51 to the Chapter Eternal. Many of us remember Bill as the self-described "old Delt" with never-ending energy and enthusiasm ... the guy who taught us the Delt songs, and drove with us to the diner at 4 a.m. for breakfast. "Weebo" will be missed, but will be remembered and honored as the 2001 inductee into the Tau Hall of Fame.

Please call or stop by the Shelter! The Chapter's working hard to keep Tau on top at Penn State!

## *Fred Taylor Saluted by Tau Company and Chapter*

Former Tau Company President Fred Taylor '59 retired late last year as Chief Counsel of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives after a career that spanned over 35 years. Fred and his wife Joanne live near Harrisburg and they are looking forward to traveling and spending time at their second home

on the Chesapeake. While Fred has resigned as president of Tau Company, he has graciously volunteered to stay with the Tau Board, and we are looking forward to his continued service. For his service to the Chapter, Fred was recognized at the November 3 Tau Company Board meeting with the following resolution:

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## *Blue/White Game and Homecoming 2002*

Keeping with tradition, the Penn State football program will hold the Blue/White spring football game on Saturday, April 20, at Beaver Stadium beginning at Noon. Join over 60,000 other Lion fans and root for your favorite player as the Lions introduce the 2002 squad. The kickoff of the 2002 season is quickly approaching. Mark your calendar for Homecoming in State College on October 19. Penn State will host Indiana in this Big Ten fray and the Chapter will host a buffet dinner and party at the Shelter after the game. Please join us at the Shelter and visit with the undergraduates and other Tau Delts for Homecoming 2002. Last year, more than 50 alumni visited the Shelter after the game and enjoyed a fine dinner and the company of some old friends ... and they made some new friends as well!

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**A**s announced in the fall edition of *Tau Tales*, Tau Company has recently engaged Affinity Connection to provide a Web site for the Chapter. With the popularity and accessibility of the Internet, Tau has invested in a Web site where you'll read news and see pictures your brothers have posted to the Alumni Updates page. Of course, you can also keep the brothers posted on your triumphs, changes and challenges by posting your own updates.

But that's just the start. You'll also:

- Read about upcoming Delt events, and see photos of past events.
- Get the newsletter well before it arrives by mail, and review archived issues.
- Get news and info about PSU.
- See your name on the honor roll of contributors.
- Save time by paying your dues online through our secure credit card service. How much easier can it be to support your Chapter?
- Help us find "lost" brothers.
- Get the latest on the house and the alumni Chapter.
- Recapture some of the PSU spirit!
- Enjoy links to the Penn State, International Fraternity, and other related sites.

**Reconnecting with your brothers is more than just nostalgia.** It's an opportunity to rekindle friendships, plan a small reunion, spark business alliances and be an active part of an organization that's really making a difference in the lives of young men. We're still designing the site, so your feedback and input are essential. And our brothers are eager to hear how you're doing!

We are betting that you'll find this a valuable tool. So please go to the Make Donation page to contribute in support of the always-available friendship maintenance tool. It's fast and secure. We do not store your credit card information, and never share your information with any outside organization. If you don't want to use a credit card, you can download a paper form

from the site and mail in a check.

In order to register, simply go to [www.pseudelts.com](http://www.pseudelts.com) and click the "Contact Us" button and send an e-mail to Affinity Connections that includes your full name and class year. Our friends at Affinity Connection will return your registration code in an e-mail and you can gain access to the site. Once registered, you can update records and gain full access to the member database.

If you have difficulties with registering or have comments and suggestions, please contact Tim Phillips at 724-934-1444 or send him an e-mail at [timphil1@nauticom.net](mailto:timphil1@nauticom.net). Happy posting!

*Taylor Salute... Cont.*

*"May it be known that the Tau Company Board and undergraduate Chapter wish to recognize and acknowledge Fred Taylor for 33 years of service to Tau Chapter. From the loss of the Chapter in the late 1960's; to managing the Shelter through the 1970's; to the reorganization and initiation of the Chapter in 1978; to the purchase of the new house on East Hamilton Avenue; to the fire in 1980; and the many phone calls, police reports and other challenges; the Board recognizes Fred for his long-term service to the fraternity, his leadership and perseverance, and most importantly his friendship. The Board looks forward to Fred's continuing service as a board member"*

In addition to the resolution, new Tau Company President Jim King '78 has written a letter to Fred thanking him for his service, and the undergraduate Chapter recognized Fred with a plaque. Fred is already a member of the Tau Chapter Hall of Fame, so there are not many other ways to recognize him in a formal sense, except perhaps to say again, "Thank you, Fred and Joanne!"

# Undergraduates Rising as Leaders

By Drew Chappie '02, Undergraduate President

**W**e welcome you back for this spring 2002 edition of *Tau Tales*. The Chapter has undergone many changes with the new year, but many of the old traditions still remain. In December, we sent off two long-time brothers, Thomas Ho and last year's president, Ryan Betters, to find their life's work. However, we gained seven new members who are already assuming leadership positions within the brotherhood. These men accumulated a grade point average higher than the overall Chapter average during their pledge period. The Chapter now has over 40 undergraduate brothers.

The advent of a new semester brings several new statistics regarding Tau's place among fraternities at Penn State. I am pleased to announce that once again we have achieved a GPA higher than the all-fraternity and all-university averages, and currently rank 14<sup>th</sup> of 55. Also important to note are our 12 brothers who earned a place on the dean's list with a GPA above 3.50, nearly double the number from last semester.

On February 22, The Interfraternity Council/Panhellenic Dance Marathon raised \$3,613,178 for the Four Diamonds Fund, topping last year's record of \$3,609,830 by almost \$3,500. This year, Delta Tau Delta and Chi Omega landed a whale of a sponsor with Tommy Hilfiger. In addition to donating money, they also provided our dancers with clothing for Dance Marathon weekend. As of February 7, we collected close to \$60,000. **Our final total was \$72,694, surpassing our high of \$72,000 from last year!** Dancing this



Chi Tsui '04 and Amit Patel '02 (operations captain) at THON.

Delta Tau Delta and Chi Omega joined forces this year to raise \$72,694. Delt dancers, from left to right, are Drew Chappie '02, Zac Gilbert '02, Chi Tsui '04, Owen Salerno '02. The children sponsored were Craig (on left) who is now in remission, and Aric (who we just adopted last year)!

year from the brotherhood were be THON chair Owen Salerno '02, Zac Gilbert '02, Chi Tsui '04, and me. Amit Patel '02 was operations captain.

Another exciting improvement soon to be added to the Shelter is a broadband Internet connection. Gone will be the days of tying up phone lines and waiting on dial-up connections. Thanks to the work of Tau Housing Corporation, we will be installing our own high-speed LAN network within the house, allowing all brothers to share their notes, music, movies or whatever they please with everyone else. Speaking of technology, our fall pledge class recently completed an amazing pledge project. Having always had the problem of having to set up a stereo, speakers, amp, etc., whenever we had a social event, they were able to wire several speakers throughout the Shelter, both in the basement and on the ground floor. These are then all connected to a new 5-CD disk changer and receiver in a locked cabinet they installed behind our main bar.

We are all looking forward to seeing as many alumni as possible within the next few months. There is a newfound respect for the house, and with the transfer of Alex Reich from the Illinois Institute of Technology, our Ritual and ceremonies have been resurrected, with all new equipment and robes. We hope this will all come together to make Tau Chapter the dynamic group of men it once was. If you don't believe us, come out and see for yourself. We will prove to you that we are quickly rising as leaders on campus, within the community, within the Interfraternity Council, and most importantly, with you, our alumni.



## Craig and Aric Motivate Deltas and Chi Omega to Raise Money for THON

**T**his year, just like other years, Tau Chapter participated in the Penn State Dance Marathon with Chi Omega sorority. Every year we raise money for the Four Diamonds Fund at the Hershey Medical Center and our THON children. This year we have two THON children, Craig and Aric.

Craig has been with us for a long time, and he is now 13 years old. He gives us the best motivation for raising money for children with cancer. Craig's just a fun, cool kid who had the bad luck to get leukemia, and we're all better for knowing him. The happy news is that he's in remission now and has to go to the medical center only a few times a year.

With Craig doing so well, we have been assigned another THON child named Aric. Aric is only five years old, and he's just a little bundle of joy and fun. Aric and his parents came up on a weekend in late January. We had the good fortune to have a nice day to go outside and play with this carefree ball of energy who wanted nothing more than to play catch and baseball.

We raised over \$60,000 through February 7, and our final total was \$72,694. Some of the brothers will be visiting with Craig and Aric periodically when they are at the Hershey Medical Center for treatments. Craig and Aric inspire us; we are looking forward to helping them in any way we can.

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**Richard T. Pearson '54** (703 Mount Vernon Ct., Marlton, NJ 08053; ricmpear@home.com) In my mind's "eye" I can still see "Weebo" enjoying the parties and being a friend to all and **Ted Halkedis '54** playing his violin beautifully when we serenaded the girls' dorms with "You're My Delta Queen." I have no doubt they will be sorely missed by their friends and family.

**David T. Espenshade '60** (2E Sunset Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118; espenshaded@aol.com) I have retired from Rohm and Haas Co. after 36 years. I plan to stay in Philadelphia and enjoy life and my family.

**Jeffrey S. Greaser '78** (1116 Winterwind Pl., Raleigh, NC 27615) Regional controller at Certainteed Corp.

**Steven M. Johnson '80** (130 Shoreline Dr., Honey Brook, PA 19344; stejohnson@state.pa.us) The Delt Web site is a great idea. The family and I will be in Happy Valley in late March to see daughter Sarah (12) swim in the YMCA State Swimming Championships. If anyone will be in and around town, please let me know.

**Randy W. Millar '83** (6404 N. Windmont Ave., Parker, CO 80134; themillarpack@aol.com) Mary and I have moved to Colorado. Mary is still with Time Warner. I am a stay-at-home dad for one more year, then Mary hopes to retire and I will go back to work. Till then, I will continue to explore the Rockies, fly fish and hunt. Please contact us if you will be coming this way, we're always glad to give tours, have company, etc. Best regards to all.

**Roger J. Peelor '83** (1065 Meadowbrook Dr., Canonsburg, PA 15017; zrjp01@yahoo.com) I am now relocating back to Alabama where I started my career after graduating in 1983. A quick "hi" to Bonds, Beener, JB and Oddball. Hope all is well with you guys.

**Timothy E. Phillips '83** (191 Guckert Ln., Wexford, PA 15090; timphil1@nauticom.net) I'm still working with Mellon in Pittsburgh — going on 23 years now. Son Matt received his acceptance letter to PSU — looks like he will be there next fall. Wife Susan, son Jon (15) and daughter Katie (13) are enjoying life in Wexford, Pa. The ALT/DTD reunion this past summer was very much enjoyed — just didn't last long enough.

**John C. Ramsey '85** (1787 Pearce Cir., Salem, OH 44460; johnramsey1@neo.rr.com) It was

nice to read all the updates on the Web, even the ones about the '80s guys pushing 40!! Laura and I are living about an hour outside of Pittsburgh, in Salem, Ohio. We have three children — Gordon (10), Elizabeth (7) and Olivia (4). I just took over as president of International Advisors Network Ltd. last fall. We are a Bermuda company with offices in Pittsburgh, Pa. We spent time this past Thanksgiving with **Eric Jarvis '85** and his wife, Mary Beth, along with Eric's parents. If you are ever in Pittsburgh, give me a ring!

**Alan C. Hubbell '86** (209 Palomino Dr., Bethel Park, PA 15102; sofiakirby@prodigy.net) Accounts manager at DuPont. After 10 years living in Memphis, my company transferred my family to Pittsburgh in May 2001. I'm now living in Bethel Park with my wife, Kem, my 12-year-old son, Marko, and my 5-year-old daughter, Lillie. I see **Bob Martin '87** at each home football game — we have great seats.

**Donald W. White '86** (1724 Adams Ave., Dunmore, PA 18519) I always enjoy reading the alumni news and about the success of all my contemporaries. All those names from the early '80s can't really be pushing 40, can they? I returned to the Scranton area, married my first date from high school in 1990, completed an MBA program at the University of Scranton, and am now raising three kids, Chris (9), Sarah (7) and Jordan (3). I've worked as the CIO for a local healthcare system for the previous five years. Toss an e-mail to donwhite@epix.net.

**John M. Hill '89** (1605 Woodland Dr., Grafton, WI 53024) I changed jobs in August of 2001. I now work for Wilsonart Flooring and am the Great Lakes district sales manager. My new e-mail address is hilljohnm@hotmail.com.

**Edward W. Minnock '97** (1320 York Ave., Apt. 16H, New York, NY 10021; eminnock@hotmail.com) Brothers **Chris Lee '99**, **Pete Ford '97**, **Phil Skeath '98** and I were at the Shelter over Homecoming weekend 2000.

## Chapter Eternal

We regret to inform you of the death of **William M. Hughes Jr. '36** (7/3/01), **Henry K. Owens '43** (10/9/01) and **John E. Ritchey '47** (8/18/01). Delta Tau Delta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST PLEDGES

Mike Cerretani '05 ~ Binghamton, NY  
Rob Dettelbach '05 ~ Manalapan, NJ  
Karan Kaul '03 ~ New Delhi, India  
Setve Reiter '05 ~ Manalapan, NJ  
Dan Resseguiue '05 ~ Manalapan, NJ  
Craig Shaumburg '05 ~ Erie, PA  
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