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Full details to arrive in early September.

Tau TALES

New Video Features Penn State Delt Faces and Many Memories

LEADERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP AND LIFELONG BONDS ...

The videotape that should soon arrive in your mailbox is designed to bring back memories and may include some familiar faces. Even if you don't recognize any of the men, the video will remind you of what's great about our brotherhood and our time spent at Penn State.



Archival photos in the 10-minute documentary take us back as far as 1915, and you'll hear interviews with several brothers, from the class of '54 through the class of 2003. **We recapture some memories and look forward to the**

future as we begin the campaign to renovate the Shelter.

"Strengthening the Bond" is a campaign about great friends and great times. We want to invest in the future and pass along to the next generation the opportunities we enjoyed, thus preserving our reunion place at Penn State. Having lived through the painful loss of our house in 1968, we want to make sure that never happens again.

The lessons you learned, the relationships you forged and the experiences you had no doubt made an impact on your life. No matter what you decide to give in support of the Strengthening the Bond campaign, you will enjoy this video.

Tau Delts from the Classes of 1957-62: Make Plans for Reunion

Attention: All Tau Delts from the classes of 1957-62!

We are organizing a Tau reunion in State College during the weekend of **September 19-21, 2003**. A full agenda of activities is planned from Friday through Sunday morning, and, of course, wives and dates are invited to join in the festivities.

Please contact **George "Milt" Campbell '60** at work at **215-538-8610**, or at home at **610-865-9149**, or preferably via e-mail at gcampbell@arci.net.

Penn State Homecoming 2003 – October 4

Penn State's Homecoming is set for the weekend of October 4, with Penn State taking on Wisconsin at noon at Beaver Stadium. All Tau alumni are invited to a tailgate party before the game and to the Shelter for the post-game celebration. Join other Tau alumni and friends to celebrate another Penn State victory!

As has been the tradition, the Tau Corporation Annual Meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, October 4, at the Shelter. The annual meeting will be followed immediately by a Tau Board Meeting. These meetings are open to all Tau alumni.

Schedule:

- **Pre-Game Tailgate** ~ 10:00 a.m. at Beaver Stadium, hosted by Howard Moore '54, in parking spaces #3910 & #3911 (near the corner of University Drive and Curtin Road on the stadium side). **Look for the Delt Flag!**
- **Penn State vs. Wisconsin** ~ 12:00 p.m. at Beaver Stadium
- **Cocktail Party with Hors D'oeuvres** 5:30 p.m. at the Shelter, 429 East Hamilton Ave.
- **Dinner** 6:30 p.m. at the Shelter



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UPDATE FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER

A Strong Fall Semester Planned

By Joe Wilusz '04, Chapter President

Recruitment and public image are the focus of this fall's undergraduate activities. Of course, these two areas are major topics every year, but this year the undergraduates are going all out. From community service to philanthropy, from football games to parties, the brothers are kickin' it up a notch to make sure the PSU and State College communities know who the Delts are and what we stand for.

These Delts are finally able to put their entire focus on these two areas thanks to all the Delts before them who left the Shelter strong and organized. Having recruited 18 new members last year and said goodbye to only six at graduation, the undergraduates have all the numbers they need to top last year's recruitment. They also possess the morale, having enjoyed a great rafting trip in the spring, house repairs over the summer and personal revitalization from being away all summer.

Their community service efforts are shaping up, with several brothers participating in the local Adopt-A-School and all vowing to complete at least five hours during the semester. Also look for coverage of Delts in the Centre Daily Times, as they will likely get some press from a chapter-wide day of service. Their philanthropy efforts will give them another shot at news coverage as they host a Home Run Derby.

Simultaneously, Delts will be spreading the word during rush thanks to our new rush shirts and organization. The brothers will be having a retreat at the beginning of the semester to prepare for the fall rush and all the activities in the works, such as poker nights, bowling trips, football games, tournaments and, of course, parties. All this is to not only help the brothers meet potential new members but also to maintain the already-high morale.

Nothing makes morale higher, though, than our alumni events. These are always outstanding opportunities for the undergraduates to see how far the Delt roots go and how strong the bonds are between us even with decades of separation. Plus, it's always great to hear some stories such as pranks played and roommates' hygiene habits (or lack thereof).

So, the undergraduates look forward to seeing each and every one of you whenever you get the chance. If you can't make it out to the Shelter for an event or a weekend visit, be sure to keep an eye on us in The Daily Collegian or Centre Daily Times. With the plans we have in place for this semester, you can be sure that the Delt brotherhood, the Shelter and our image will only grow stronger.

In Search of a Few Good Men

Can you help with rush prospects? The undergraduate members of Tau Chapter need your help to ensure the future and quality of our fraternity at Penn State. We meet as many people as possible during rush, but we may miss some excellent prospective members having the potential to become contributing brothers of our chapter.

Please take the time to send us the names (and home addresses if you have them) of any

young men you may know who you feel are good Delt material and who may be enrolling at Penn State in the fall or are currently enrolled.

We appreciate any help you can provide in this crucial area. Contact Rush Chair Gregory Wyrick '05 at gcw115@psu.edu or mail to 429 E. Hamilton Ave., State College, PA 16801. Thank you!

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS DEDICATION HONORS

ALBERT J. "BUD" MURPHY, TAU '38

In July, the Leadership Training Center was dedicated at the newly opened Delta Tau Delta National Headquarters building in Indianapolis, Ind. The training center was a gift of Mrs. John Fisher in honor of her husband and three other men, including Albert J. "Bud" Murphy, who were among the first traveling field officers who served the fraternity from 1938 to 1940.

The rendering of the picture on the plaque is from the Lexington Kentucky Karnea in 1986, the last Karnea they all attended together. Brother Murphy was a loyal Tau Delt who served as human resource director for the Manhattan Project during World War II and in other similar senior human resource management positions during his career. He passed to the Chapter Eternal on July 12, 2001, and is survived by his wife, Betty, and two children.



As Much Fun as Landing a Jet on a Carrier

SHADE RECALLS HAPPY TIMES AT TAU CHAPTER

What could be as memorable as landing a Navy jet on the deck of an aircraft carrier? According to Dave Espenshade '60, the answer is being a brother at the Tau Chapter.

"It was just a wonderful experience," said Dave. "Probably the two happiest times of my life were at Penn State at Delta Tau Delta, and in the Navy flying on the carriers. I did 486 landings."

At the Tau Chapter, where some brothers called him "Shade," he got his first leadership opportunity — serving as president of the chapter. The skills learned there served him well during six years in the Navy, and then a career at Rohm and Haas, from which he retired 18 months ago.

His fraternity adventure started with a few friends. "I met a couple of guys in the dorm, and they had mutual friends at Delta Tau Delta," he said. "I joined them in some visits, and I liked everything that I saw. I had a couple of other houses that rushed me, and I liked Delta Tau Delta better. All of the members were just wonderful individuals that I really liked. It was a broad cross section of different types of fellows. They were all studying different things. There were some athletes and some really bright students."

"We used to have wonderful parties and lots of fun, and my class was exceptionally close," he said. "I still remain friendly with a couple of guys that don't live too far away." Dave stays in touch with **George Campbell, J. Roger Kent** and **Bob Schimmel**, all from the class of 1960. He would like to hear from **James J. Greeves**, a Delt brother who left Penn State early.

Dave travels from his home in Philadelphia to Happy Valley from time to time. He said he's eager to see how the big renovation project at the Shelter comes out.

He wedded Joanne McGee in 1961 and will celebrate 42 years of marriage this November. They have three adult children, one grandchild and another one on the way. Although retired, he's still quite active as an officer of his country club where he plays golf two or three times each week. He enjoys reading and said his 75-year-old house "requires constant work."

Brothers may contact Dave at 215-242-5512 or espenshaded@aol.com.



Class of '53 Celebrates Reunion

By Krebs Myton '53

A luncheon was held at the Shelter on May 31 to honor the Tau Chapter graduates of the class of 1953 who had come to Penn State for their 50th Pioneer Reunion. Attendees were **Gary Lewis, Pat Lozaw, Bob Metz, Krebs Myton, Dave Murphy, Dave Odiorne, Jim Rugh, Jim Taylor** and their wives and guests.



Rear (left to right) - Pat Lozaw, Krebs Myton, Gary Lewis, Jim Rugh, Bob Metz, Dave Murphy, Dave Odiorne, Jim Taylor

Jim King '78, president of Tau Company, and **Joe Wilusz '03**, president of Tau Chapter, received a memento of the occasion, conceived and presented by **Gary Lewis**: a framed copy of a 1984 Rainbow article chronicling the formation of Tau Chapter in 1872 and substantiating the claim of "first fraternity at Penn State." A representation of the plaque to the chapter is planned for homecoming weekend.

Did you know ...

- All living alumni of Tau Chapter are organized as **Tau Company** for the purpose of maintaining a Delta Tau Delta shelter at Penn State?
- **Tau Company** owns the Shelter and rents it each year to the undergraduate chapter, much like a landlord/tenant relationship?
- The undergraduate chapter runs its own budget to pay for food, utilities, cook's salary, minor maintenance and rent to **Tau Company**?
- Rent from the chapter, along with alumni donations, is used by **Tau Company** to pay property tax, insurance and for major maintenance and improvements to the property?
- The board of directors of **Tau Company** is elected at the annual homecoming meeting and serves without any compensation or reimbursement for travel or lodging?
- That you too can get in on this deal by becoming a more active member of **Tau Company**? Simply write or phone any board member to volunteer for duty. The pay is bad, but the rewards are great!



Alumni NEWS

John A. Gwynn '32

(4580 Ridge Dr., Shingle Springs, CA 95682-8425) I lost my dear wife, Florence, in 2001, whom I married when I was in the Navy in 1944. She was a Pennsylvania girl and traveled to Seattle, Wash., where I was stationed at the time. Not long ago I had a great conversation with **Gordon Davis '35** by phone. The class of 1932 is in short supply. I continue to cut grass in Shingle Springs but am moving a lot slower. I will be 93 in September.

Richard A. Coats '58

(71 Wyndover Ln., Stamford, CT 06902; racatelier@aol.com) Graduated in architecture in 1958 and worked the borscht circuit for three years. Met Buddy Hackett and Jerry Lewis. I designed the Jerry Lewis Room (nightclub) at Brown's Hotel. Retired, but still building houses (mostly on beaches), assuring free vacations. Married to Lisa — a tennis player (ranked), sailor, lawyer and all-around good sport. My two children are presently college bound. Lisa and I are traveling and looking for our place in the sun.

Jack W. Crosby '61

(1509 Snughill Ct., Vienna, VA 22182-1724; jack_crosby@cox.net) I have been out of touch with my Tau Delt brothers for years, so here is my condensed life story. After bouncing around for a few years after college, I went back to school, got a Ph.D. in mathematics, joined a computer consulting firm and spent 25 years doing technical

consulting. I am now retired and living in Vienna, Va., just outside Washington, D.C. I teach part time at the University of Maryland. My wife of 33 years is a newly ordained Presbyterian minister. We have two sons (26 and 24). The older son returned from two years in India as a personal bodyguard for a wealthy Indian businessman and is now in law school. The younger son lives in western China where he does translations for Chinese and American moviemakers and works for a Chinese advertising firm. The sons have been our impetus for a couple of very interesting trips to India and China, but we cancelled this year (something to do with SARS). Retirement is great; I heartily recommend it!

Andrew P. Franks '87

(74 Willowleaf Dr., Littleton, CO 80127-4380) I recently moved within the Denver area where I live with my wife, Lesa; son, Aaron (11); and daughter, Amy (9). I took my son to the Michigan State game. His mouth hung open so long when he entered the stadium that I thought a bird would fly in and build a nest! We both enjoyed our visit to the Shelter. I am the senior director of oil and gas services for E3 Consulting, which I joined shortly after the firm started up. We are technical advisers to lenders who are looking to finance large energy projects.

Joshua P. Kilrain '88

(13 Annapolis St., Annapolis, MD 21401; josh@grahamlandarch.com) I'm trying to get in touch with **Dave Redpath '96**. We used to hang out quite a bit when he lived in downtown Philly, but I've lost touch with him since I moved to Maryland. Can anyone out there help with a phone number or e-mail address?

Richard E. Miller '89

(10469 Piedmont Dr., Brighton, MI 48114) My wife, Sheila (Alpha Phi '88), and I recently welcomed our first child, Reed Edward, on 10/25/02. We annually either attend the PSU football game at Michigan in nearby Ann Arbor or host a TV party when the game is at State College. I am the 2001 and 2002 track champion at the Waterford Hills Road Racing Course and was third place in the 2002 Valvone Cup National Points Championship for sports-car racing.

Ron K. Krasnansky '90

(598 Longbarn Rd., State College, PA 16801-1219) My wife, Chrissy, and I recently moved from northern New Jersey to her hometown of State College. It has been a fun change. I bought into a franchise called Home Instead Senior Care and opened an office on the corner of Allen and Beaver streets. When any Delts come to town, I would love to hear from you. Call me at (814) 280-3274.

Geoffrey S. Lavinson '91

(30 Hillside Rd., Claymont, DE 19703; gslhill93@hotmail.com) My wife, Lorie, and I had our first child, Alex Robert, on 3/15/03. We live in Wilmington, Del., and would love to hear from any Delts who may be passing through!

Chapter Eternal

Robert L. George '47 (9/18/02)

Delta Tau Delta mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.

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