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Alumni President Report

TAU MEN, NOT THE SHELTER MAKE THE FRATERNITY

by Jim King, Alumni Association President

I carefully considered what topic I should cover in my note to you for this issue. The exciting growth in the chapter and improvements to the Shelter are described elsewhere in the newsletter. And, after waiting three years to have my “annual” New Year’s Day Penn State Bowl party, we know what happened — so on to other subjects ...

Over the past two years, we have had two terrific groups of Tau Delts visit the Shelter during reunions. In 2001, the classes of 1975-78 celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of Alpha Lambda Tau, the local fraternity that worked with Tau alums to bring the Delts back to Penn State. Last year, brothers from the 1960s traveled from across the country to gather for the first time in 40 years for a tremendously successful weekend-long event. I attended each reunion, and was struck by some thoughts I would like to share with you.

Interestingly, the groups all lived in different structures, the first group having lived in Penn State dorms, the second in the house on Garner, while the current undergrads live in today’s Shelter. I spoke with many alums at each event, as did the current undergraduates, and we shared memories of days at Penn State. They were surprisingly similar. We talked of nicknames, the really smart guys and the ones who mostly “partied,” the successes as a chapter and the disappointments, the funny and/or stupid things we did as undergrads, how we managed to get by with little money, the girls we dated, and the parties.

It occurred to me that Tau is not now, and never has been, defined by the location of the Shelter. What makes us Delts is not where we lived, but the collective experiences and values we shared as undergrads. These things form the chapter’s personality. Tau is made up of men with diverse backgrounds, interests and

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Undergraduate Report

BROTHERHOOD IS STRONG AND GROWING

Welcome back Tau Delts to a brand new edition of Tau Tales! We have made much progress from the last edition. Most importantly, we recruited a large fall pledge class and we initiated 15 men. Our brotherhood is more than 35 men strong and growing! The chapter is also focused on scholarship. This fall we maintained a grade point average of 2.92 — which was very close to the all-University average.

As usual, Tau Delts have been active in interfraternity intramural sports. This past fall, we won the championship in volleyball and came in a close second in golf. Currently, Delta Tau Delta is ranked fifth overall in IFC sports, which we hope to change with the success of our racquetball, basketball, and wrestling entries.

Brotherhood events have been keeping the house strong — the best being the ’60s Delt Reunion when we got to meet, greet, exchange stories, and dance with some of our alumni brothers and their wives. The undergraduates hosted a party at the Shelter for a group of 37 Tau alumni, plus their spouses and guests over the weekend of Sept. 20 to 22. The alumni ranged in graduation years from 1961 to 1965. From all reports it was a wonderful event. A number of our alumni had not been back to State College or the Shelter for 40 years.

The Chapter also participated in Greek Sing with Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority during the fall, and though we didn’t win any awards, we still had a great time. Tailgating for football games was as strong as ever with several Delts making the trip to Florida to watch our Lions in the Capital One Bowl Game. There are many more events planned for this semester such as a paintball trip, Spring Break in Florida, and our annual rafting trip in April. All of these events will further strengthen our brotherhood.

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ATTENTION TAU DELTS FROM CLASSES OF 1952 - 1962 (AND ANY OTHERS FROM 50S AND 60S)!

WE ARE ORGANIZING A TAU REUNION IN STATE COLLEGE OVER THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 19 TO 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 AT WORK AT 215-348-0431, EXT. 227 OR AT HOME AT 610-865-9149 OR **preferably** via e-mail at gcampbell@arci.net.

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Tau Delt Reunion—Classes of 1962 to 1966



FRONT, LEFT TO RIGHT: **Larry Campbell, Jim Vandergrift, Tom Kaulfus, John O'Donnell**
BACK, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: **Barry Fetterolf, Art Reynolds, Dr. Gidez, Paul Franklin, George Griffin, Denny Byrne, John Ungar, Robert Dipeczenski, John Veach, Ron Kulbacki, Jerry Rogers, Howard Farrer, Steve Menzel, Stuart Stably, Jim Annand, Ed Craig, Ron Giannini, Tom Miller, John Moore, Art Pangburn, Bob Crist, Marty Eichelberger, Charles Cox, Jim Hilsinger, Tim Rohrer, Tom Hayes, Dave Mills, Rich Kent**
(**Chuck Page, Peter Landman, Steve Mutart not present for photo**)

Thirty-seven Tau Delts from the early and mid 1960s had a wonderful four-day reunion in State College in September. Many attended with their spouses, bringing the total attendees to 65 people including Dr. Richard Gidez, faculty advisor in the '60s. There were five brothers from the Class of 1962, 11 from the Class of 1963, 11 from the Class of 1964, seven from the Class of 1965, and three from the Class of 1966. They came from 16 different states including Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, and Washington — not to mention all parts of Pennsylvania.

The agenda was packed with many activities, which caused the event to fly by. The activities included a poolside welcome cocktail party; a seafood banquet at the Alumni Room at the Nittany Lion Inn; Tau Tales at Whiskers Lounge; a serenade of "Oh Honey" to the ladies; a three, foursome golf tournament at Toftrees; fly fishing

in nearby mountain streams; pub crawling at the 'Skellar; a pre-game pep rally at the Bryce Jordan Center where the Blue Band and cheerleaders performed; a Delt block of 60 tickets in the new Club Level section for the football game; a post-game catered tailgate party; and a fitness contest conducted by brother **Dennis Byrne '62**. The Chapter hosted the group Saturday evening for a wonderful party at the Shelter that consisted of a cocktail hour, a buffet dinner, and a dance to tapes of the hot tunes from the 1960s.

One planned event never occurred. It was to have been an AA meeting in the Cave. Unfortunately the Sigma Chi group was tipped off and had the entrance barricaded. Goodbyes were really difficult for many of the attendees some of whom had not seen each other for almost 40 years.

One of the brothers wrote in a follow-up letter when discussing being at Penn State and being a Tau Delt, "we were together at a special place, at a special time of our lives, and with a very special group of people."

Pledge Class of 1950-51 Reunion

The Tau Delt pledge Class of 1950-51 is planning a reunion in conjunction with the 50th reunion of the Class of 1953 from May 29-31, 2003. An initial mailing has been made to the 15 members of the class. Additional information will be forwarded upon receipt of the University's reunion schedule. A luncheon at the shelter is tentatively being planned for Fri., May 30.



If members of the class have any questions or know the whereabouts of **Andy Kearney** or **Fred Brown** (members of the class who left school in 1951 without graduating) please contact **Krebs Myton '53** (407) 333-3609 or **kabo49@heathrowcable.net**.

Renovation Report

BY JIM KING

A primary focus of the Tau alumni, represented by the Housing Corp., is to ensure that a safe, functional physical structure exists at Penn State for our undergraduate chapter. It is now 25 years since the purchase and renovation of the current shelter, and more than 20 years since rebuilding following a disastrous fire. We all know that our own homes require maintenance, repair and improvements over this many years. Imagine the needs of a 23-bedroom building whose purpose is to house hundreds of college-aged men over the same number of years!

This column is the first in an ongoing series to keep you informed about the work that is required on the house, and the progress we are making. I am pleased to report that the major projects announced in the last issue of Tau Tales have been completed. The main roof has been

stripped, repaired, and recovered with 40-year architectural grade shingles, providing a slate roof effect.

All gutters and downspouts have been replaced, flashing was upgraded, and dormers and fascia boards have been covered with maintenance-free aluminum. A new membrane roof now covers the kitchen and is protected from foot traffic by a wood decking system, while a powder-coated railing around the new decked roof area protects our young brothers! Finally, the sprinkler system in the attic space was refitted to allow for proper insulation and venting, an important change to prolong the life of the new roof.

Thanks to all the Tau Delts who contributed to this effort and watch here for updates on future projects that are planned!

Tau Alumni Enjoy Homecoming at the Shelter

Despite a light rain that lingered in the State College area, Happy Valley was happy during the Penn State Homecoming weekend Oct. 21. The Penn State football team asserted itself in a resounding 49-0 victory over Northwestern. Earlier that morning Tau alumni gathered at a tailgate party organized by **Howard Moore '54** and his wife Ann. After the game, more than 40 Tau Delts, family and friends met at the Shelter where the undergraduate chapter presented a delicious buffet dinner and party to celebrate the victory over Northwestern. This is the third year in a row that more than 40 Tau alumni have gathered together during Homecoming.

Also that morning, Tau Corp., held its annual meeting to elect officers for the coming years. The full board is listed in this edition of Tau Tales. Here is a partial list of Homecoming visitors:

T. Scot Brown '57, Bob Keck '61, Krebs Myton '53, Pat Lozaw '53, Richard Olson '55, Fred Taylor '59, Roger Kent '60, Richard Bullock '60 and Bob Schimmel '60. Also attending were **Dr. Arthur Goldschmidt** (academic adviser), **Dave Beighley '80, Bob Penzelik '80, John Erwin '79, Tom Foster '84, Irwin Slotnick '82 and Jim King '78. Jim Ahern '78, Wayne Irish '83, Mark Ryan '79, Tim Phillips '79, Tom Thorn '82, Guy Shirey '82, Alan Hubbell '86, Ryan Betters '00** and many others also joined us for Homecoming.

Many thanks to the wives, children and friends of our alumni and the undergraduate chapter that helped make Homecoming 2002 a success. A fellow Delt from Northwestern even dropped by with some of his friends to add his congratulations and to share in the evening. Please join us to celebrate Penn State Homecoming 2003!

Alumni NEWS

Kenneth R. Miller '51

(9682 SE Highborne Way, Hobe Sound, FL 33455-6828; krma@adelphia.net) Have recently completed design and construction on a house for my wife and me in Hobe Sound, Fla. The plan included a detached studio, which now accommodates my ongoing architectural practice, which is going

strong. (Web Page: www.kenmillerarchitects.com). Took Bobbe to dinner in Bermuda for her birthday in January. Our three married daughters have collectively produced five grandchildren with one more scheduled in May 2003. Would like to hear from any Delt Brother from classes '50, '51, '52.

Gary F. Lewis '53

(677 S. Reeve Road, Dataw Island, SC 29920; nsl677@islc.net) I sold my ad agency there and

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Tau Society...

Cash Is Not the Only Answer

Delta Tau Delta has received \$11,109 so far this year for the annual fund (since 9/1/02). This success has been a result of your generosity. However, are you aware that we accept gifts other than cash gifts?

Delta Tau Delta is always appreciative of your annual contributions, but you can also make a larger gift that will pave the way for future brothers through our planned giving opportunities. Some of these contributions, if made through our headquarters, have tax advantages and may be earmarked for our chapter. Yet, these donations may also be made directly to the chapter's alumni association

Bequests may specify that a particular amount of money, percentage of your estate, or your entire estate be left to the fraternity. While it is not common for alumni to bequest their entire estate to the fraternity, it is very common to see brothers donate a percentage or a specified amount. One chapter at Penn State University has more than 15 brothers who have remembered their chapter in their will. Another chapter at a small private college received a \$300,000 bequest several years ago.

Tau Chapter is excited to announce that we have established the Tau Society for you to remember the chapter through a bequest. As an alumnus, you do not need to notify the alumni association on the size of the gift you plan to make, but we would like to add your name to the list. All alumni who join the Tau Society will be honored in all of our newsletters. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Tau Society, please contact Tim Phillips at (724) 934-1444 or tep@nauticom.net.

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abilities. Tau Deltas are athletic, but not the jock house; academically strong, but not the nerd house; we maintain a strong social standing but don't lose sight of why we are at Penn State; and we have an independent streak. We have strength in our unity that we would not have individually, and our bond is not diminished by the passage of time. This is the Tau Delt personality of today as it was 20 years ago and 40 years ago.

Krebs Myton '53 is organizing a reunion of the pledge classes of 1950 and 1951 to be held in May, and I'll be surprised if they don't agree with these observations. Tau is doing well, and in the areas that are really important, things are much the same as you remember. Stop by when you are in town, I think you'll be glad you did.

Undergrad Report

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The housing corporation has recently started improvements on the Shelter, which is adding greatly to house morale. In early January, repairs to the roof were completed, including a new wooden deck with rails on the kitchen's roof. The undergraduates, who for the first time are participating in the Adopt-A-School program as a chapter, are also making improvements in the chapter. This program will allow Tau Delt brothers to visit with school students in various grades to share their life experiences and help wherever possible.

As usual, Deltas at PSU are continuing to excel in every aspect from Shelter quality to brotherhood morale. In mid-February, four of our undergraduates will be attending the Eastern Division Conference where they hope to bring back some awards in recognition for all that the chapter has accomplished. We look forward to a great semester and hope to see you all soon! If you are in the State College area, please stop by the Shelter and visit with the chapter.

More Alumni NEWS

moved south. We are now living on Dataw Island, S.C....golf, travel, etc. I plan to attend the 50th reunion of the '53 class brothers in State College in May.

Richard O. Olson '55

(418 CALLE DE ARBOLES, REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277-6607; SWEDE0111@AOL.COM) I AM STILL ACTIVE AS AN INSURANCE BROKER. MET WITH **Joe Malone '56** this week and attended a University of California at Santa Barbara Lady Gauchos basketball game. We are trying to get in a fair amount of traveling this year and will start with a ski trip to Mammoth Mountain. This will be followed by biking the Oregon coast. We then will head east and hope to be able to complete the New York Marathon before driving down to Florida. Enjoyed the 2002 Homecoming and visiting with **Howard Moore '54, Pat Lozaw '53, Bob Metz '53, Scotty Brown '57, Dave Pine '54**, Krebs and the current crop of Deltas.

Thomas J. Spitznas '57

(34 Parkway W., Mount Vernon, NY 10552-1141; tjspitznas@aol.com) Still doing economic consulting in the NYC area — can't afford to retire. Our youngest daughter, Laura, was married last October and is living in Encino, Calif. We will soon visit our oldest daughter, Catherine, and son-in-law and grandson (our first) in Charlotte, N.C. Keep in touch by phone and e-mail with Hank Ford, **Pat Lozaw '53, Swede Olson '55, Joe Malone '56, Krebs Myton '53, Jim Quinn '57, Scotty Brown '57**, and **Fred Taylor '59**. Swede paid a visit two summers ago and Malone wandered into my area last summer. Hadn't seen either since graduation.

Harry L. Barton '59

(115 S. Portage St., Westfield, NY 14787-1429) I'm mostly retired from Welch Foods. Last unmarried daughter just got engaged — wedding is in October — she is a second year resident at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y. Going to travel to Seattle, Wash., to visit youngest daughter who works for Amazon.com and see her husband and their new house. Eldest son lives in Delaware, Ohio, and is looking for work. Just had a lengthy communication from **Bob Schimmel '60**, who brought me up to date on many of the brothers who were in the house with me.

Stephen A March '66

(4899 Pine Dr., Spring Grove, PA 17362-9786; samarch@netrax.net) I continue to work as an artist and am presently showing at 55 Mercer in SoHo. Brothers **Robert Depczenski '66** and **Ken Delahunty '63** attended the opening on Jan. 25. I also do residential design and construction as well as teach at York Country Day School. I have lived on my family's summer farm for the past 27 years. My wife, Molly, continues to work for Wellspring Health as a cardiac nurse. I have three sons. Chris, 36, is in York and has an 11-year-old daughter. Kevin, 34, is in Brooklyn. Peter, the 22-year-old is hoping to attend the University of Pennsylvania vet school in the fall. He graduated from Wesleyan University in Connecticut in May.

Joseph J. Melchiorre '85

(12316 Bronson Way, Orlando, FL 32824-5701; jmelchiorre@cfl.rr.com) Hello, all. I am lead software engineer with FLIR Systems Inc. I recently celebrated my 10-year anniversary with my wife, Johnna. We are living in Orlando with our daughter Maria, 5, and our triplet sons Vincent, Dominic, and Joseph, 3. I used to see **Eric Jarvis '85** periodically, and although we keep moving to try and lose him, **Bill Eichner '85** manages to find us once or twice a year. We encourage anybody that is in the area to give us a call.

John M. Thorsen '86

(3489 Coronet Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601-1164; jthorsen@aol.com) I am vice president at Warfel Construction Co. My company recently completed the roof and attic renovations on the Shelter. I live in Lancaster with my wife, Tracie, and daughters Vicki, 13, and Katie, 10. Just turned 40!

Michael D. Faust '90

(314 Tyler Ave., Washington, PA 15301-3839; faust@pulsenet.com) Stephanie and I are expecting our third baby in July. Hopefully our house will be built by then.

Chapter Eternal

We regret to inform you of the deaths of

S. Burry Hicks '36 (4/8/02)
Carl L. Miller '36 (6/28/02)
Delta Tau Delta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.