

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR—2006!

Tau Company Meeting

The next Tau Company meeting is scheduled at the Shelter in State College on April 8, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. All alumni are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to **Drew Chappie '03** at dchappie@verizon.net.

Parents Weekend

All Tau alumni are invited to attend our annual get-together for Parents Weekend at the Shelter on April 8, 2006. Please RSVP to the following undergraduate brothers:

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Penn State Greek Oscars

April 9, 2006

Greek Week

April 17-23, 2006

Brickyard Karnea

Indianapolis, Ind.

August 2-6, 2006

Homecoming

vs. Illinois

October 20-23, 2006

For more information about these or other upcoming events, please visit our Web site www.psudelts.org



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Alumni President's Report

RENOVATIONS MAKING SHELTER WORTHY OF DELT NAME

By **Jim King '78**, Tau Company President

Welcome to the spring edition of *Tau Tales*! This newsletter and our Web site at www.psudelts.org offer alumni a chance to keep track of each other, and share news and reminisce, while learning of the successes of our undergraduate brothers.

In particular we like to keep you apprised of the changes and challenges of Tau Company, the alumni housing corporation. Remember, all living Tau Deltas are equal owners of the Delt Shelter at Penn State (and of the related responsibilities of Tau Company!).

Board membership changed at homecoming last year, as **Tom Foster '84** and **Tim Phillips '79** chose to step down to focus on other responsibilities, and we welcomed new Tau

Company directors **Dave Mooney '61** and **Alan Hubbell '86**.

The dedication of board members and other active alumni is always appreciated, but I especially want to acknowledge the extraordinary contributions Tim has made

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over the years. He has donated airline tickets to the Chapter so brothers could attend Delt meetings, personally purchased the equipment to provide wireless Internet service

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Capital Campaign Update

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES RENOVATIONS HAPPEN

Since the introduction of the Strengthening the Bond capital campaign in summer 2003, 175 Tau alumni have pledged close to \$350,000 in total cash donations to the Chapter. We are pleased to report that, as of the end of the year, close to \$210,000 in payments toward pledges have been received. Our numbers of late for missing pledge payments is about three percent of the total outstanding — which is very good, according to the staff at Affinity Connection. **Still, if you are behind on your commitment, please catch up as soon as possible. We are counting on your support.**

In addition to the cash pledges, over \$100,000 in pledges have been made in planned-giving commitments. So, in total, the campaign has raised over \$450,000 for the Chapter. With these funds in hand, along with a mortgage from the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation, the Tau Company has been investing in the Shelter.

As noted in the alumni president's update, great progress has been made in refurbishing the second- and third-floor bathrooms, hallways and doors. The Tau Company is now turning its attention to the first floor of the Shelter, which is very tired and has an “institutional” look and feel. Our plans are to make some changes to better use the floor space and to give the area a warmer look and feel as we refurbish the first floor. This area has not been updated since the reconstruction from the fire in 1980.

As the Strengthening the Bond campaign continues, there is still the opportunity for an individual or class to name the Chapter room or dining room in return for an especially significant contribution. If you are interested in discussing a naming opportunity or in organizing a class gift with naming rights, please contact **Jim King '78** or **Tim Phillips '79** by phone or e-mail.

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Annual Fund Update

ARE YOU ONE OF THESE PEOPLE?

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Tau Tales*. **This newsletter, along with our other alumni communications and our Web site, are funded solely by the contributions of our readers.** If you are one of the brothers who has donated so far this year, please accept our appreciation. It is because of you that all our brothers can keep up to date on the latest news!

However, if you have not donated, please

consider making a gift to Delta Tau Delta so we can ensure that publication of our Chapter's news continues. **You can make a donation through our secure Web site at www.psudelts.org.** The success of Delta Tau Delta depends on YOU!

This chart shows the progress of the Tau Chapter's annual giving so far this year.

Thank you to the following donors who have supported our annual fund so far this year!

Tau Company would like to note that the Capital Campaign is separate from the Annual Fund. We recognize the generosity of those who have contributed to either fund.

Tau Associates (\$300+)

A. Clark Daugherty 1944
Daniel L. Dunn 1951
Martin G. Lane 1960
John E. Glise (in memoriam) 1965
Michael J. Heckenberger 1980

Chapter Associates (\$150-\$299)

Robert W. Moore 1948
Jack J. Trexler 1952
Timothy E. Phillips 1979
Lance S. Roberts DO 1981

President's Associates (\$75-\$149)

Arthur T. Moyer 1958
Richard F. Kent 1964
David W. Schusler 1969
Michael M. Ballinger 1978
James D. King 1978
Erik C. Christiansen 1979
Thomas E. Hughsted 1982
Garry D. Hennis 1984

Contributors (Up to \$74)

Rob R. Mac Gregor 1940
Ralph W. Brenner 1950
William C. Gourley Jr. 1952
Howard R. Moore 1954
George R. Campbell 1960
Thomas F. Roche III 1978
Henry J. Cacciamani 1981

The Honor Roll recognizes contributions in addition to Capital Campaign contributions.

Moving? New Street Address, Phone Number or E-mail Address?

Update your personal information by simply clicking on the Edit My Profile button at our Web site: www.psudelts.org. Email Tau Company directors and other brothers by searching for their name, then clicking the envelope icon. You can also send any news updates you may have to **Drew Chappie '03** at dchappie@verizon.net.

Please don't forget to also update your information with DTD International and the PSU Alumni Association:

DTD International, 1-800-335-8795
PSU Alumni Association, 1-800-546-5466



From Left to right: Tau Delt brothers Paul Brandt, "Red", Chet Lark, Sam Spence and Andy Kaelin pose for a photo in 1929!

Undergraduate Report

RECENT SUCCESS IN RECRUITMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDES 16 NEW MEMBERS AND SOLID 6TH GPA RANKING

The fall semester went well for the Tau Chapter. **Sixteen new men were initiated, all of whom bring new energy and goals to the fraternity.** These young men helped lead the Chapter to a second-place finish in this year's Greek Sing competition. They worked for months with the women of Delta Zeta to perform "The Wiz." Several undergraduates also put their musical skills to use and formed our very own pit orchestra. We were among the few organizations at the event to use only live music.

Fall was very successful academically as well. **The Chapter received a cumulative grade point average of 3.23, ranking them sixth in the Interfraternity Council.** We were 0.2 points above the university's all-male average of 3.03.



The undergraduate brothers and the sisters of Delta Zeta before their Greek Sing performance.



Tailgating at the Shelter prior to a home football game are **Anthony LoCascio '07, Brad Fitzpatrick '07, Anthony Conforti '07, Geoff Eobstel '07, Andrew Connor '07 and Matt Hoak '06.**

Former treasurer **Kyle Brady '07** had the highest GPA of the Chapter, with 3.85.

Undergraduate president **Brad Fitzpatrick '07** was elected to the Interfraternity Council Executive Board in December. He will be serving as Vice President of Communications through December 2006 and is looking forward to sharing his experiences from the house with the rest of the Greek community.

"Handling being undergraduate Tau president to the end of the semester and VP of communications is a lot of work, but I like the pressure," Brad says.

The third-floor bathroom and hallway are simply amazing. The undergraduates would like to express their gratitude for all

the hard work Tau Company put into making our living conditions among the nicest of all Penn State fraternities. Friends who visit from other fraternities comment on how great it looks and how lucky we are to have such a dedicated group of alumni looking out for our well-being.

As of this writing, Thon is just around the corner, and everyone is stepping up their efforts. We have two more fundraising trips to go, and then it's time for the big event. This year **Tom Graham '07, Bobby Bianchini '09, Matt Resnick '07 and Mike Logue '06** will be dancing for us.

Tom and Matt are members of the spring 2004 pledge class and have both made significant contributions to the house. Tom has covered asking's chair, rush chair, social chair and homecoming coordinator, all within the first year of being a brother. Matt was the pledge educator for the spring 2005 pledge class.

Mike is a member of the fall 2002 pledge class and has been a rush chair, community service chair and recycling chair. Bobby is the youngest member of the group, having just completed the pledge process in December. Dancing in his first Thon will truly be a memorable experience.

Visit our Web site www.psudelts.org for an update on Dance Marathon!

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at the Shelter, and made very significant current and planned-giving monetary commitments.

But most meaningful has been Tim's service as the catalyst to make the capital campaign a reality and his persistence in keeping our momentum strong as we earn your growing support. Tim continues to serve as chairman of the Tau Educational Foundation and is working to transition the campaign leadership to **Phil Lucas '82.**

Renovations to the upper two levels of the house are finished and look terrific! Most recently the third-floor bath and hallway were completely rebuilt with top-quality materials, and complement the

bedrooms of which the undergraduates are quite proud. We have heard more than once that the living quarters of the Delt house are now arguably the best of all the fraternities at PSU.

Our initial focus had to be on the functional and structural issues — roof and bathrooms — but it's finally time for the icing on the cake. We have turned our attention to the common areas and, as you read this, the first-floor men's bathroom is being enlarged and totally renovated. Then, we have plans to renovate the foyer, Chapter room and dining room this summer by removing the dropped ceilings. Restoring the original coffered-beam ceilings and elegant wood trim promise to make the Shelter the showcase it should be.

Your board continues to be a good

steward of the Shelter and of your contributions, but accelerating the progress of the capital campaign would sure help. All alumni: Please consider strengthening your pledge, and those brothers who have the resources to finance a project either alone or with classmates, please contact a member of the board to discuss it. We would be proud to have a dedication of the "Brother John Smith Chapter Room" or the "Class of 19__ Dining Room."

In 2008 it will be three decades since the East Hamilton Avenue house became the Shelter and, with your help, it will finally be worthy of carrying the Delt name and legacy of its members.

I hope to see you at the house!

Alumni NEWS

Gary Lewis '53

(6515 Newcastle Way, Cumming, GA 30040-7083) We moved to the Polo Fields, north of Atlanta, to be closer to our family.

Anthony V. Nacci '85

(12002 Walnut Haven Dr., Boyds, MD 20871; anthony.nacci@marriott.com) It's been a long time! I have been living in the Washington, D.C., area since graduation and am approaching my 20th anniversary with Marriott. See what being the house steward did to me? I haven't seen some of you guys since my nightclub management days. **Joseph Melchiorre '85** used to be a regular, and **John Thorsen '86** would stop by occasionally. Well, times have changed. I have been married for 10 years (believe it or not) and have two beautiful children, Joseph (8) and Gianna (7). My daughter is God's way of getting even with me! I was recently promoted to a director's

level for Marriott's North American properties. My main function is sales and marketing. I would love to hear from you guys. Big bro Andy and little bro Doug: Are you out there? If you are ever in the area, look me up. I always have room for a Delt in my home!

Phillip M. Skeath '98

(520 W. 5th St., Apt. 411, Charlotte, NC 28202; psumagi@hotmail.com) I moved to Charlotte about a year ago. I'm living downtown and working for Bank of America.

Kevin Quinn '00

(4410 Township Line Rd., Apt. M2A, Drexel Hill, PA 19026; kmq102@hotmail.com) I got married on October 1. **Blair Stoehr '01**, **Brett Johnston '01** and **J.C. Kostyak '01** all joined in the celebration. On January 27 my wife Hillary and I closed on our first home in Warminster, Pa.

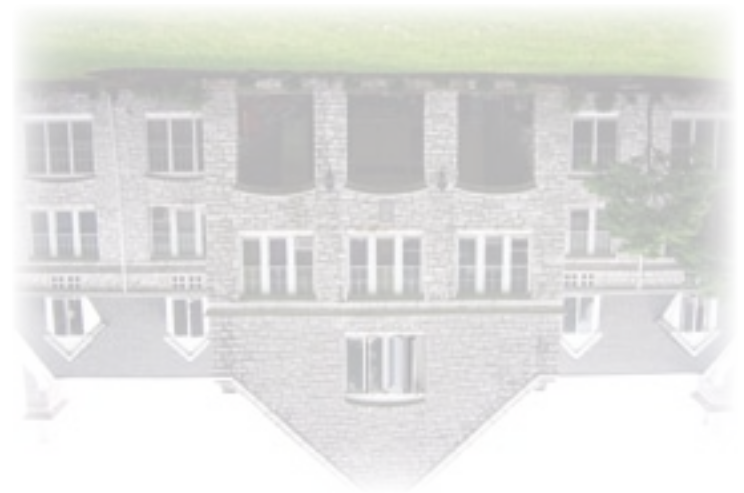
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Tau Company Financial Update

As of December 31, 2005, Tau Company had \$180,080 in cash on hand. Subtracting the current repair expense of \$65,000 and the amount due to DTD International in 2006 (\$39,600, or \$3,300 per month over 12 months) leaves us with an estimated 2006 working capital of \$75,480.

The \$65,000 in repairs covers the work done in reconstructing the third-floor bathroom and renovating the third-floor hallway, which included new ceiling tiles, wainscoting and carpeting.

Work is underway on the first-floor men's bathroom, and we are looking forward to finally beginning renovations on the ceilings in the foyer and Chapter room later this year.



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