

Upcoming Events

**Housing Corp. Meeting
Homecoming Weekend
October 18, 2008**
10:00 a.m.

On the Web

Please visit our website, www.psudelts.org, for information on Future Giving Letters and how you can make a different type of donation to the Capital Campaign.

Tau Hall of Fame

On October 13, 2007, Tau Company unanimously voted to induct **Robert Schimmel '60** to the Tau Hall of Fame. Bob has dedicated countless years to the well-being of the Chapter, also serving as Tau Company treasurer for five years. We thank him for his service to the Fraternity.

Awards and Recognitions

At the annual Eastern Division Conference, Tau Chapter was able to bring home several awards:

- ☞ **Lewis Watt '62**, Chapter Advisor of the Year
- ☞ Exceeding the All-Male/ All-Fraternity Average GPA
- ☞ Exceptional Recruitment (28 new members in 2007)
- ☞ Best Philanthropy (most money raised in the division)



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Alumni Report

REDISCOVER YOUR DELT ROOTS! NEW ALUMNI PRESIDENT REMINISCES ABOUT THE IMPACT OF DELT ON HIS LIFE

Welcome everyone to this edition of *Tau Tales*! Since this is my first report, let me introduce myself. I became a Delt in 1983, graduated in 1986 (Architectural Engineering), married in June 1986 and have three children (Vicki, 18, Katie, 16, and John, 22 months).

Whew! How did I get here? Well, back in early 2002 I received a call from **Tom Foster '84**, asking me if I would become a campaign captain and help with the planned renovations for the Shelter. Being in the construction business, he thought I could provide some insight and experience to the renovation plan.

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As busy as I was in my personal and professional life, I still felt that it was important for me to give back to the fraternity. I met my wife at Penn State and we enjoyed the numerous formals, parties and informal activities that being a Delt brought with it. I pinned her on the “Brother’s Steps,” while the brotherhood sang the Delt Sweetheart song to her. Later, brothers sang to my wife at our wedding, and my pledge brother, **Tom Crowell '86**, was my best man.

As I began to think about the experience of being a Delt, I became overwhelmed with the emotions and memories that came from my days of being an active and what it meant to my wife and me. So, I got involved and haven’t looked back.

Being a Delt was a highlight of my college experience and brought me so many wonderful experiences, friendships and memories. Boy, do I have stories to tell! Pledging with **Alan Hubbell '86**, **Evan Whittle '87**, **Tom Crowell**, **Gary Hennis '84**, **Tim McGraine**, **Rich Murphy '86** and **Bill Landis '86** was exciting,

challenging, exhausting! We learned the value of brotherhood, responsibility, caring for the Shelter and the importance of tradition.

This brings me back to now. I ask all of you the same question: What does being a Delt mean to you? As I start my first year as alumni president, I challenge each of you to rediscover your Delt roots and how important your experience was to who you are today, both personally and professionally. We have done some wonderful things to improve the condition of the Shelter over the last six years, but there is much more to do and we need your help. If you have not visited in the last two years, you are truly missing out. The current brothers and pledges are demonstrating an enthusiastic love for the Shelter and are rediscovering Delt traditions.

Getting back to the roots of why we all joined is the theme of this year. I invite each and every one of you to revisit your Delt roots and give back to the Shelter in any way you can. We are always looking for volunteers on the Board and, of course, your financial support is very important to the continued success of Tau Company. Thanks for listening, and I hope I can give you a personal tour of the chapter renovations soon! Go Penn State!

New Board Members Needed

On April 22nd, 2008, Tau Company regretfully accepted the resignation of Bud Kohlhaas from the Board. We would like to take this time to thank him for his many years of service to Tau Chapter. Tau Company is now searching for a replacement for Bud’s position on the board. Please email any suggestions or nominations to **John Thorsen** or **Drew Chappie**.

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Undergraduate Report

UNDERGRADUATE CHAPTER EXCELS AT EVERYTHING THEY TACKLE! GRADES, RECRUITING, SPORTS—WHATEVER THEY DO, THEY MAKE US PROUD

ALUMNI DINNER PLANNED FOR NEXT FALL TO SHOW OFF THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Tau undergraduates are moving to the top of fraternity life at Penn State and doing it fast. With the initiation of our newest members on April 27, 2008, Tau chapter will be at one hundred members for the first time in decades, if not ever. Thankfully, we have been able to keep our brotherhood bond as close as ever despite getting so large.

The number of brothers is not the only growing number. The fraternity's grade point average (GPA) has increased from 3.06 to 3.08 over the last semester, positioning us at 15th out of 49 at Penn State.

The brotherhood has excelled not only in academics, but also in almost every other area. As most of you are aware, we are the defending 06-07 Bischoff Trophy Winners, and currently are on top of the leader board for the 07-08 season with championships in softball, football and wrestling.

The Deltas raised just over \$69,000 for THON 2008 with our partners, the sisters of

Delta Zeta. For those of you who receive The Rainbow, you can see in the most recent edition that we are the #1 chapter in the nation for philanthropy by almost 10 times over.



The annual Zeta Spikes was held at the Shelter again this year.

This is just a taste of some of our recent accomplishments; we also have excellent marks in recruitment, community service, and social activities. The Shelter hosted both the THON morale teams and ZTA Spikes philanthropy, and the brothers recently held their own philanthropy with the sisters of Delta Delta Delta, raising nearly \$1,100. We also have been closely involved with youth programs for the township, having brothers coach both baseball and basketball for the local recreation league.

Next fall we plan on having an alumni dinner, other than Homecoming, in either September or November to allow you to better acquaint yourselves with the new members of our Chapter and to show you, in person, some of the strides our Brotherhood has taken.



Delt brothers and Delta Delta Delta sisters joined together for the Delt Rockband Philanthropy.

What's New With You?

Your submissions are needed for future issues of *Tau Tales* and our website at www.psudelts.org.

Do you know of a brother that would be a great candidate for a profile in our next newsletter? Do you have exciting news to share with the brotherhood? Please e-mail all profile nominations and alumni updates to content@affinityconnection.com.

Alumni updates can include any of the

following:

- Recent events in your personal life (engagements, weddings, babies, etc).
- Recent promotions or accomplishments at work.
- What you have been doing since college.
- Are there any brothers with which you were recently reunited or would like to reconnect?

Alumni Profile

THE SHELTER FIRE OF 1980 SHOWCASED BOND OF BROTHERHOOD, REMAINS FAVORITE MEMORY FOR ALUMNUS MIKE “HECK” HECKENBERGER ’80

HECK RECONNECTS WITH FRATERNITY AFTER BROTHER’S DEATH “WOKE” HIM UP

Mike “Heck” Heckenberger openly shares stories of his time at the Shelter. He recounts how he became a Delt, how it influenced his life, what happened in “Heck’s room,” and what he has been doing since leaving Happy Valley 28 years ago.

Mike was well known for his love of music

while at the Shelter. He worked as a disc jockey at a Penn State radio station, decorated his room with band posters, and his extensive record collection buoyed many a party. Later, he even named his daughter after a Fleetwood Mac song.

Since then, Mike has been working in various capacities for the U.S. Air Force and

Joint Systems Integration Command. He volunteers at his church, reads and practices magic in his spare time. Anticipating retirement, he hopes to perform magic or shuttle people to the entrance of Busch Gardens.

Go to our website at www.psudelts.org to read Mike’s story in its entirety!

Alumni NEWS

Dick Coats ’58

(2018 Laurel Oak Ln., Palm City, FL 34990-8022; racatelier@aol.com) I see **Dick Bullock ’56** and **Ken Miller ’51** now and then for seafood and golf, between new body parts. On the boat more than home, visiting kids, and designing a house or two are keeping me busy. Anyone looking for a golf game near Palm Beach, if we’re home... a Pete Dye 9th is our backyard. Bring a lot of balls.

Arthur Goldschmidt Jr. ’59

(1173 Oneida Street, State College, PA

16801-938; axg2@psu.edu) Newly published, “Brief History of Egypt” (New York: Facts on File, 2007). I was invited to Kuwait to participate in the Golden Jubilee celebration for the Arabic literary magazine, al-Arabi January 14-16, 2008.

Vincent E. Sly Jr. ’68

(2117 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville, PA 19525-9621) Visited before the Iowa game with another Tan, and thoroughly enjoyed the brothers—friendly, interesting and interested.

Evan Whittle ’87

(1300 Brightwaters Blvd., N.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33704-3808; eewhittle1@yahoo.com) Diana, Tyler and I still live in St. Petersburg, Florida. After the private investment firm in which I was a shareholder was sold to a large Canadian company, I took some time off to hang out with Tyler, fish and work on

my golf game. I then joined Raymond James & Associates. Raymond James is one of the premier financial services firms in the country and is based right here in St. Petersburg. I am the branch manager for the downtown St. Petersburg branch. I love my job because it allows me to work closely with some of the finest financial advisors around and maintain a select group of clients. I help my clients navigate the complexities of their investment and legacy planning needs.

Both Diana and I are active in many charities and organizations in town and absolutely love St. Petersburg.

I get up to the house about every other year, usually with **Alan Hubbell ’86**, and the RV and always parked on the front yard. Alan and I have talked about a mid- to late-’80s reunion on an off-football weekend, early enough to play golf. Any interest?

Renovation Report

REJUVENATION OF SHELTER IS DIRECT RESULT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE FURTHER, MUCH-NEEDED UPDATES

By **Bob Schimmel ’60**

The Board of Directors of Tau Company greatly appreciates the contributions that many Tau Deltas have made and/or pledged for physical improvements to the Shelter. Much has been done over the past three years:

- The Shelter has a new roof.
- The men’s and women’s bathrooms on the ground floor have been gutted and rebuilt.
- The bathrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors were gutted and rebuilt.
- The entryway has been extensively re-crafted.
- The attic has been cleared of accumulated debris.
- A full set of pull-down stairs has been added for attic access.

- An engraved community board listing displays officers of Tau Company and Tau Chapter, along with our most distinguished current and future donors, now hangs in the entryway.
- The pipes from the Shelter to the sewage lines were replaced.
- New exterior landscaping and the removal of overgrown shrubbery was completed.
- New Chapter doors have been installed.
- New ceiling grid and tiles for the entire first floor have been installed.
- New fryer and gas griddle in the kitchen were installed.
- New solid-wood tables and chairs for the dining room were furnished.

However extensive this list may seem, there is still much more work to be done. We still would like to restore the original beamwork across the entire ground floor, reposition the sprinklers and lighting throughout, and hang new curtains. Additionally, the furnace is antiquated and could use work, the basement needs to be updated to accommodate a 21st-century living environment, and additional kitchen equipment and furniture is needed.

Any new or additional contributions you could make to the Capital Campaign would go towards helping Tau Chapter make these renovations. If you ever are in the area, feel free to stop in to see firsthand how the money you have all graciously donated has been spent.

Honor Roll

Thank you to the following brothers who have already donated to the 2007-08 annual fund as of April 21, 2008. To get your name on the honor roll, you can donate by:

1. Visiting our website, www.psudelts.org;
2. Calling our toll-free hotline at 800-975-6699; or
3. Sending your check to:
Delta Tau Delta
at Penn State
Alumni Relations
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Tau Society (\$500- \$999.99)

James D. King 1978

Chapter Associates (\$250-\$499.99)

Robert V. Freebairn Jr. 1951
Paul B. Pritchard 1958
David B. Mooney 1961
Dennis B. Byrne 1962
Timothy E. Phillips 1979
Michael J. Heckenberger 1980
Lance S. Roberts 1981
Ron K. Krasnansky 1990

1872 Founding Society (\$187.20 - \$249.99)

A. Clark Daugherty 1944
Robert W. Moore 1948

President's Club (\$100-\$187.19)

Robert Morrow 1942
William E. Fortmann 1948
Ralph A. Fritts 1949
Ralph W. Brenner 1950
Harry G. McMahan 1950

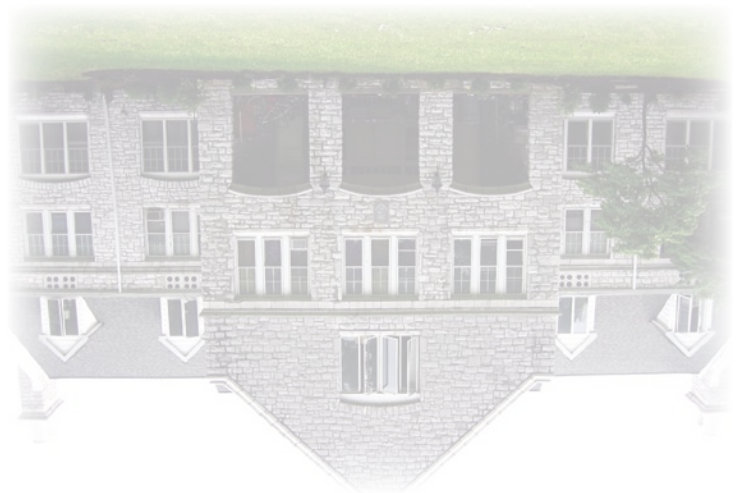
John C. Wallace 1950
Richard R. Evans 1951
William F. Snyder III 1951
Robert F. Metz 1953
James A. Rugh Jr. 1953
Howard R. Moore 1954
James N. Quinn 1957
Dick A. Coats 1958
George W. Mabey 1958
William Reilly 1958
David T. Espenshade 1960
Frank B. McGowan Jr. 1960
C. Charles Richardson 1960
Richard L. Tuve II 1962
David G. Mills 1963
James B. Vandergrift 1964
Eric B. Roemer 1967
Terry L. Morris 1977
Thomas F. Roche III 1978
Dave R. St. Aubin 1980
Henry J. Cacciamani 1981
Thomas E. Hughsted 1982
Philip J. Lucas 1982
Jack P. Aunkst 1984
David H. Barr 1987
Douglas K. Gehret 1992
Kenneth J. Lloyd 1996

Contributors (\$50-\$99.99)

Krebs Myton 1953
James G. Guerdon 1954
Richard T. Pearson 1954
Richard S. Bullock 1960
John A. Good 1968
John P. Ryan 1977
Jeffrey S. Greaser 1978
Erik C. Christiansen 1979
David L. Beecher Jr. 1980
Richard D. Smith 1980
Brian E. Matulewicz 1981
Robert F. Guentter Jr. 1982
Ben R. Margerum 1982
John C. Ramsey 1985
Mitchell T. Brown 1990
Michael D. Faust 1990
Drew H. Chapman 1998
Paul Touhey 2001

Other (Up to \$49.99)

Thomas E. Bradley 1948
Daniel L. Dunn 1951
Vincent E. Sly Jr. 1968
Timothy G. Woods 1968
James J. Ahern Jr. 1978
Louis T. Minutello Jr. 1980



**Want to know more about the new alumni president's
Delt experience? See page 1!**

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