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Strauss Honored By Alumni and Brothers

The weekend of April 18 and 19 was memorable for the former advisor of Tau Phi Delta. Dr. Charles "Chuck" Strauss was honored at the annual banquet of the Alumni and Friends of the School of Forest Resources as an Outstanding Alumni. He was recognized along with other great alumni of the 1950s, including Dr. Henry "Hank" Gerhold, Dr. Nelson Loftus, and Mr. Lowell Underhill. The award was a surprise to Dr. Chuck because his office oversees the awards, he serves on the selection panel, and he presents them to the recipients each year. The Board of Directors of the Alumni Group conducted a secret ballot and voted unanimously to approve him for the award. His staff managed to keep him in the dark until the other Outstanding Alumni Awards had been presented that evening. Brother Mark Webb, the President of the Alumni Group, then presented Chuck with his award, a framed photograph of the American Elms on the PSU Mall with an inscription recognizing him as an Outstanding Alumni.



Br. Mark Webb presenting Outstanding Alumni Award to Dr. Chuck

Chuck was very deserving of the award. He has served Penn State as an instructor, professor and Director of the School of Forest Resources for 40-plus years. He authored or co-authored more than 140 publications, many of them about the economics of recreation and tourism, short-rotation biomass production for energy, availability of timber supplies, and economics of wood products industries. Dr. Chuck served on the University Senate for twenty years. He was faculty adviser to the Penn State Forestry Society for ten years (1965-75), the Xi Sigma Pi forestry honorary society for ten years (1967-77),

the *Sylvan* yearbook for nine years (1985-94), and the Tau Phi Delta forestry fraternity for thirty years (1968-97).

As the School's interim director in 2001 and as director since 2002, Dr. Chuck's leadership guided the design and helped raise funding for the \$30 million, state-of-the-art Forest Resources Building that was dedicated in 2006. He oversaw the School of Forest Resources Centennial Celebration in 2007.

This is just one of the many awards that Dr. Chuck has received. He received honorary awards from Phi Eta Sigma (freshman), Phi Epsilon Phi (botany), Gamma Sigma Delta (agriculture), Xi Sigma Pi (forestry), Pi Gamma Mu (social science), and Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics). His achievements have been recognized by awards from the Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Society (1982), the Pennsylvania Forestry Association (1992), and by students of the School of Forest Resources as the outstanding faculty member (2001). He received the Pennsylvania Forestry Association's Rothrock Conservationist of the Year Award in 2004 in recognition of his long-term work in forest economics, forest measurements, and forest

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**Don't miss Homecoming at TΦΔ
October 18, 2008**



Dr. Chuck, Carol, and Brothers at the “Dr. Chuck Tree” dedication

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management. In 2007, he was named a Distinguished Fellow of the Mont Alto Campus, Penn State.

Not to be outdone by a photo of some American Elms on the Mall, the Brothers of Tau Phi Delta dedicated a Yellow Poplar that was planted in the front yard of the Fraternity House on April 19, 2008. The tree was presented to Dr. Strauss following the Spring Board of Director’s meeting by

Br. Sean Sweeney (representing the alumni and active Brotherhood). Dr. Strauss’s wife of 50 years, Carol, and Br. Tom Breslin -- one of the Brothers who encouraged Chuck to join our fraternity -- were also in attendance for the presentation. It was dedicated in honor of his 47 years of service as an extension specialist, instructor, researcher, advisor, professor, and director of the Penn State School of Forest Resources. A large contingent of alumni and actives were on hand to witness the dedication of the Yellow Poplar, Dr. Chuck’s favorite tree.

“Dr. Chuck Tree”

Yellow Poplar

Liriodendron tulipifera

In Honor Of

**Brother Charles H. Strauss
for 47 years of service
as extension specialist,
instructor, researcher, advisor,
professor, and director for the
Pennsylvania State University
School of Forest Resources.**



Dedicated By
**Brotherhood of
Tau Phi Delta Fraternity**
April 19, 2008

In July of 2008, Dr. Chuck was again recognized for his service and commitment to Penn State, the School of Forest Resources, and the Tau Phi Delta Fraternity. Patricia Kocjancic and her family committed \$50,000 for a new Trustee Scholarship in honor of Dr. Chuck. Mrs. Kocjancic’s late husband was Brother Edward J. Kocjancic.

In presenting the gift, she stated, “Our family has been connected with the forestry industry for many years, and Chuck Strauss has earned our admiration and respect. We decided to establish this scholarship as a way of honoring him and, at the same time, helping to make sure that students that want to make forestry their career have the means to do so.”

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By **Chris "Zoo" Zamzalow (Spring '95 Alpha)**
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Hello everyone, hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are now excited for the upcoming hunting season. The BOD has been busy again since the spring of this year. Br. Sweeney continues to work with our accountant and has provided them with all the information that they needed to file our 2007 IRS forms. Since this has been accomplished Br. Sweeney is also working with our attorney to get our Foundation set up. Once the Foundation is in place, the BOD and the Endowment Fund will be starting a major fund drive to replace the money we used on the sprinkler system and the new bathrooms. We will also use the money towards future projects to improve the House.

Speaking of the bathrooms they are complete and in excellent working order. During this project we also replaced the sinks and plumbing in both of the utility closets on the first and second floor. I finally got to use the bathroom and showers during the Jim Evans Golf Tournament weekend and I am very pleased with the way they turned out. We now have very modern bathrooms and Mac finally has his urinal. Thanks to everyone involved with this project, I know that this was not an easy one and your time and efforts made this project a success.

The BOD did get together during the Golf Tournament Weekend and we are looking at re-doing the back porch. The cement is cracked in a lot of places and the cement is starting to lift in some of those areas as well. Br. Spinelli will be spearheading this project and I asked him to come up with some numbers so we can take a look at our funds and present this to the Brotherhood during the Fall BOD Meeting.

We had a very unfortunate incident this past summer, involving former Br. Zachery St. Johns. St. Johns was involved in an incident on campus during the Art's Fest weekend and fled to the House after the incident happened. The police came to the House that evening and took him into their custody. He subsequently waived his rights to a preliminary hearing. His actions were deemed very much unbecoming of a Brother, and the BOD, after many emails and phone discussions, acted to disaffiliate Zachery St. Johns. I personally talked to Zachery St. Johns, and he understood the BOD's response to his actions.

I think we all can learn a lesson from this incident, and we are very fortunate that this did not further involve the House. The incident should not reflect on the Actives in the House. We have an outstanding group of young men, and their academics, community service, and campus activities have raised the stature of our fraternity

I look forward to seeing you this Fall at Homecoming, but if you cannot make it and have any comments/questions feel free to contact me at ckamzalow@hotmail.com.

Successful Gun Raffle

Last year's Board of Directors Gun Raffle was a huge success. We again profited over \$5,000 from ticket sales. The lucky winners in the March drawing were: Josh Hassinger, Joshua Perruquet, Joel Bachert, Bruce Bachert, Dave Beresford, Steven Nemetz, Dave Opacic Jr. and Dwight Fulmer. There were only eight winners in March; two of the winning numbers were unsold. These two prizes were raffled off at the Jim Evans Golf Tournament. The lucky ones that day were Dr. Charles Strauss and William Leete.

As Homecoming approaches it is time again to think about this coming year's raffle. I believe we will be having the same format this year: ten guns over ten days, 1,000 tickets to be sold, \$10 a ticket or buy/sell 9 get the 10th free. If anyone has any ideas I am always open for suggestions. Please contact me at the email address below.

If you know any of the March winners please ask them if they have gone to their local Gander Mountain and claimed their prize. If they have not, please have them contact Shawn Cable at (717) 507-1417 or scable@state.pa.us.

Awards `R Us

During the June 2008 Mont Alto Penn State '60s - '70s Alumni Reunion Banquet, Brs. **Gene F. Odat** (Fall '73) and Dr. **William L. Hoover** (Fall '64) were the recent recipients of Mont Alto Campus Fellow Awards. Since Penn State launched this alumni awards program during the Mont Alto Campus Centennial in 2003, a total of 15 Brothers and one Little Sister have received such recognition from the Mont Alto Alumni Society

Gene, with a B.S. in Forest Science ('75), is from Landisburg, Penna. and is the Chief of Rural and Community Forestry for the Penna. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Forestry in the Harrisburg office. Bill is Assistant Head for the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and Professor from Purdue University, in West Lafayette, Indiana. Besides his B.S. ('66) and M.S. ('72), both in Forest Management from Penn State, he earned his Ph.D. in Forest Economics and Statistics from Iowa State ('77).

Other Tau Phis present for the weekend reunion included former campus forestry professor **Robert W. Douglass** from Ohio; **Dave Starner** and **Earl Hower** from Virginia; and **Ken Wolfe** of Maryland; along with a couple of Pennsylvanians, **Rod Jones** and **Martin McGann**. Martin serves on the Mont Alto Alumni Society Board.

Tau Phi Delta Strives for Excellence

By Christopher M. Myers (Spring '94 Beta)
House Advisor

About six years ago Penn State toyed with the idea of creating standards for which organizations would need to adhere. This met with hostile opposition and the idea disappeared for several years. After changing the "packaging", the standards were re-introduced and the 80-plus Greek organizations signed onto the "Greek Pride" initiative – a set of standards recognizing academics, financial planning and community service.

Tau Phi Delta has, for the three years the "Minimum and Reasonable Expectations" has been around, met and exceeded the standards. Application for the standards includes keeping track of community service and philanthropy hours, active and prospective member grades, any awards received, any violations and the overall financial status of the actives. By meeting (and exceeding) these standards our actives are continuing to keep Tau Phi Delta in good standing with both the University and State College borough.

As of this writing the fall semester has just begun. We are currently laying out some overall goals for the semester, which include improving upon the 2.96 GPA the actives had last spring. The actives also participated in THON last spring and raised over \$17,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund. They are also looking to continue to be first among Greek organizations in community service hours and having the opportunity to reclaim the "Blood Cup".

There will be more to report on at Fall Homecoming. If prior to Homecoming you have the opportunity to stop by the House, please do so. If you are ever in the State College area you can contact me at (814) 867-7052 or forestree96@yahoo.com.

Endowment Fund Report

By Robert C. McColly (Fall '70)

As of July 31, the Endowment Fund had a balance of \$97,471.94. This included \$15,867.78 in the savings account, \$55,401.93 in an 11-month CD, and \$26,202.23 in our checking account. The fund had been drawn down to help finance the recent improvements in the House. Also, receipts over the last year have been minimal.

We will be starting a new campaign to build up the Endowment Fund in the near future. The Board is still working with the accountants to determine if we can claim non-profit status and whether contributions to the fund will

qualify for a Federal tax deduction. This has been a slow process, but we hope it will be completed in the near future.

The new campaign will provide contribution options for all our Brothers and Little Sisters whether they are recent graduates or those with well-established careers and businesses. Until the new campaign begins, I would like to ask all our alums and friends to remember the **TΦΔ** Endowment Fund as they plan their estates.

I hope to see you all at homecoming.

Supporting *The Taproot*

The Taproot is a newsletter for and about the alumni of Tau Phi Delta. It is part of the alumni commitment to get more involved in the House. We got off to a great start with the first four issues of *The Taproot*. We had many updates about our alums and numerous articles about Mont Alto, Tau Phis in the Great Outdoors, Forest Service connections, the new School of Forest Resources building, and House traditions such as black bear hunts and our philanthropic work and community service efforts. This issue has a very special article on the Tau Phi Delta veterans of World War II.

We also had good financial support so the alumni newsletter was not a financial burden on the actives. Brothers Ed Balsavage, Mark Brunermer, and Chuck Strauss previously made significant contributions to pay for the printing and mailing in the first three years. We also received \$500 in donations during the Centennial and Reunion in 2007. This year the following alumni donated \$10 to \$100 to help print and mail *The Taproot* to all the Brothers and Little Sisters of Tau Phi Delta.

Phil Arnold	Don Berger
Tom Breslin	Joel Dennis
Gordon Cruickshanks	Joe Eichert
Richard Ely	Howard Fedden
Dave Froggatt	Porter Gearhart
Steven Gehringer	Willard Grubb
Joseph Kears	Rosalie Maglione-Allgood
Norm Martin	Marv Miller
Michael Obercash	Greg Schrum
Kathryn Senft	Sid Slocum
Valorie Taylor	Ric Ulrich
Howard Wurzbacher	Tom Yorke

If you have not sent us an update about yourself in recent years, please take a few minutes to complete the insert sheet and send it back to us. Your Brothers and Little Sisters want to know what you have been up to since you left Penn State.

Alumni Updates

ROSALIE "ROSE" MAGLIONE ALLIGOOD (Little Sister '71-72) recently retired after 35 years of service with the Internal Revenue Service. Her hobbies include traveling, reading, quilting and music. She and Paul live in McLean, VA. They have two kids, Nancy (19) and John (16). Rosalie is interested in getting in touch with Brothers and Little Sisters that lived in the House in the early 1970s, particularly those living in the Washington DC area. Her email address is rma8891@verizon.net.

We are saddened to announce the passing of 1952 Forestry graduate **DONALD J. AMIG** (Winter '50) this past April 12th. Bro. Amig, a resident of Camp Hill, Pa., had worked in the West Shore School District as a middle school and high school algebra teacher until his retirement. Surviving are his wife, Zola; a son and three daughters, including Lee who's married to Br. **MARTIN MCGANN** (Fall '73) of State College; five grandchildren; and a his brother, Br. **ALDEN AMIG** (Fall '49), of New Cumberland.

PHIL ARNOLD (Fall '61) graduated with a B. S. in Wood Technology in 1964. He and Beverly live in Greer, SC. They have a son Philip and daughter Cary and twin grandsons, Mason and Brandon. Phil was in the wholesale lumber business for many years. He is now retired and enjoys gardening, record collecting, and writing. Phil writes a blog about Elvis Presley (www.elvisblog.net), which is read by 3,500 people per week.
philarnold@charter.net

Enjoying the "good life" in retirement, **MIKE BAKER** (Fall '59) reports that he spends his time golfing and fishing (when the water's

up). He informed us that **BOB FORNEY** (Fall '57) also lives in Wyboo. meb2cab@ftc-i.net

DONALD "DON" BERGER, JR. (Fall '62) graduated with a B.S. in Horticulture in 1965. He has been the owner of Springbank Farm Nurseries in Quarkertown, PA for 40+ years, and the foreman and salesman for Oaklynn Nurseries for the past 27 years. Don and Deborah have 8 children. He says that he has sat down to write a dozen times, but as he took up the pen, a kid had to be taken to band practice or a customer needed an azalea. He finally found time and here is his story:

"I enjoy the Taproot issues as they give me a recollection of carefree times at **TΦΔ** and Penn State. I sit back and remember Mrs. Snow and her Hudson that sometimes wouldn't start, or game dinners, or apple pies from apples we picked late at night from university orchards where I had picked for the packing house during the day; or maybe reading a short story to a creative writing class that sat several rows back because I was wearing a Bermuda onion and unwashed burlap underwear. Fun times, so I forget to write bills or answer the phone for a little while."

"Soon after leaving school I enlisted in the 28th Division, PA National Guard, where I served 6 years mostly at home in Sellersville and was discharged as a Tech. Sergeant in Supply. Luckily we were never called to Vietnam, and the only time I carried a loaded rifle was prison guard duty at Ft. Jackson and in Sellersville in 1968 when I guarded company perimeter and was told to shoot my neighbors if they climbed the fence and were sabotaging the motor pool."

"Things happened fast back then: married, 2 children, and a business. Now I have been married twice with 7 children ages 42 down to 13. Still in the same business with one son helping. I think of retiring at 65 and buying lot # 65 overlooking Hewlett, WY, next to the golf course and lot #64 with the rattlesnakes, but I probably will stay in good Ole Bucks County."

"I've hunted antelope, mule deer, whitetails, turkeys, geese, pheasants, copperheads, quail, and wild dogs. I like squirrels the best as they sit still long enough for me to hit them. I have trapped since I was 11 years old and still enjoy it. Some catches are sold to taxidermists or collectors, but I skin and sell most to a local fur dealer. I keep foxes and raccoons down on the farm. I own a farm, woodland, and the nursery here in Bucks County. The farm is permanently preserved for open space, and I am working to do the same for the woodland. We have gone from rural to suburban here so I dream of getting further out like Eukalacka, MT or Newfoundland where I have visited."

"Travel has been to most of the lower 48 and Canada, where we once took 5 small kids in a conversion van to Red Bay, Labrador as far north as a car can go on the east coast. Most trips are a pilgrimage; Clear Lake, IA (Buddy Holly's last concert), Chadron, NE (National Trapper Museum), etc. I hope the next 20 years give me more time for travel and a chance to catch the state record pickerel. I hope this a partial catchup on past times and hope to write again on recollections of Mont Alto, which is more vivid in my memory than some of the children's real names." Telephone: 215-536-8402.

Editors Note: Thanks for the catchup; we look forward to your recollections of Mont Alto.

THOMAS "TAB" A. BRESLIN (Fall '54) and his wife Lucy live in Berwick, PA. They have two sons, a

daughter, and 6 grandkids. Tom retired from the New York Office of Parks and Recreation in 1992. He enjoys woodworking and gardening and is a volunteer driver for the Cancer Society. Tom and a former colleague have a website, Letchworthparkhistory.com. In addition he has co-authored a book titled, Letchworth State Park, with three others. Anyone interested can do a search for the title at Barnes & Noble.com. Tom and Lucy volunteer as clerks in the Berwick Hospital gift shop and they are regular attendees of the Annual Alumni and Friends Banquet of the School of Forest Resources. tomb71@msn.com

GORDON "GORDIE"

CRUICKSHANKS (Fall '84) received a B. S. degree in Environmental Resources Management. He has two daughters, Amanda (11) and Jenna (8). Gordon is Operations Manager for the Borough of Waynesboro, PA. He enjoys fishing, hunting, camping and skiing. wba-gordon@supernet.com

JOEL C. DENNIS (Spring '70) received his B. S. degree in Recreation and Park Administration in 1972. He lives in Tobyhanna and is Director of Facility Operations of A Pocono Country Place. His fiancée is Cheryl Ryan. Joel has 3 children and 3 grandchildren. His hobbies are amateur radio, photography, hiking, outdoors activities, travel, and the Civil War. He says, "Life is very good." Ks3f@hotmail.com

Soon to be deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom to Forward Operating Base - Kulsa, which is located 20 miles southwest of Bagdad, Iraq is Capt. **DAN H. "DEKE" DICAMILLO** (Fall '85). He graduated with a Forest Science degree in 1987 and upon the completion of Penn State's ROTC program, received his officer's commission. As were so many during this time period, his military

status went "inactive reserve." Years later, in 2002 he joined the Penna. Army National Guard where he rose to the rank of Captain and Company Commander of an Infantry Company. In January 2008, he transferred to the U.S. Army Reserves 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion based in Syracuse, New York. The 403rd completed its training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and deployed overseas in early October. As a Civil Affairs Team Leader, Dan will manage construction and reconstruction projects in his area of operations.

After graduation, Dan worked as a self-employed consulting forester before going to work for Penna. DCNR Bureau of Forestry in 2002. He's a forester for the District 16 - Tioga State Forest and is living in Mansfield, Penna. with his wife, Stephanie, and three children Christopher (12), Dana (9 ½), and Nathaniel (7). daniel.h.dicamillo@us.army.mil

JOE EICHERT (Fall '60) lives in Orofino, ID with his wife Lee. Their daughter, Katie, lives in Boise, ID, and their son, Tom, lives in Seattle. Joe has been hosting Br. **CHUCK STRAUSS** for elk and mule deer hunting for many years. In recent years, Br. **JOE BARTNICKI** has joined them. This fall the hunting camp will include the two Joes, Chuck, Brs. **BOB MCCOLLY** and **TOM YORKE**. Stan Pennypacker, another PSU forester, also will be in camp.

RICHARD "DICK" K. ELY (Spring '48) lives in Wickenburg, AZ with his wife Frances. They have 3 daughters, 4 grandkids, and 3 great grandkids. Dick retired earlier than planned after 25 years of service as a forester with the Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. His position was transferred to the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood, CO, and he took an early retirement. During his last 12 years of employment, he had staff responsibility for wildfires, timber

trespass, and forest insects and diseases on Indian lands in the continental U.S. and Alaska. Telephone: 928-684-7310

HOWARD "BUSHWACKER" W.

FEDDEN (Fall '73) lives in Sheridan, WY with his wife Maria. Their family includes Carrey Ann, Kyle, and granddaughter Ella. He is retired from Federal Service and operates a small business. His hobbies include sawmilling, caring for horses and mules, hunting, fishing, wilderness treks, and too many more to mention. He says, "TØΔ was a great support system for my college years. I have gained valuable friendships and wonderful memories to last a lifetime. Telephone: 307-674-7382 or 307-752-8634.

BRUCE FEINBERG (Winter '74) was the only pledge in his class. He married Little Sister Karen Bourassa, and their sons Jason and Matthew are PSU graduates. Bruce is Senior Director Worldwide for Restaurant Quality for McDonalds Corporation. He enjoys travel, which he has to if he has worldwide responsibilities for McDonalds. Bruce was impressed with the actives in the House last year; he sent them a \$500 check. Bfeinberg2701@comcast.net

MARC A. "FLICK" FLICKER (Spring '83) graduated in 1986. Upon the completion of Penn State's ROTC program, he was commissioned an officer into the U.S. Army and had been traveling the world ever since. He since retired at the rank of Lt. Col. in November 2006 after 21 years, spending 18 of those years in Special Forces. He served in multiple conflicts including four recent tours in Iraq. In between conflicts, Mark attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. earning a Masters degree in National Security Affairs and attended Kings College of London College, University of London earning a second Masters in Defense Studies. He works for

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Our Own Band Of Brothers

“ We few, we happy few, we band of brothers. For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother...”

They fought by air, land and sea! We are talking about those men from what has become known as our “greatest generation.” Those ΤΦΔ Brothers, and there were many, who sacrificed both abroad and stateside for our country’s freedom during World War II.

Much of this account was developed after digging through articles and military records, looking at newsletters and yearbooks, and collecting photos. Information was also obtained by conducting interviews and through other personal contacts made with surviving Brothers and family members of lost Brothers who served or lived in the House immediately before, during and after the war.

With age catching up, America is losing more than a thousand World War II veterans a day. Most are well into their 80s, with some in their early 90s. When we started this project, there were about 75 such Brothers still surviving. Sadly, we are now down to less than 40.

A few of these recently deceased Brothers include: **CARL J. BORN** (’42) of Etlan, Va.; **DAVID JENKINS** (’40) of Lansing, Mich.; **ERNEST F. KOCHER** (’41) of Mifflinburg, Penna.; **ROBERT R. REESE** (’51) of Oakland, Calif.; **HENRY A. DOTTER** (’47) of Coquille, Ore.; and **JOHN A. MATTOON** (’42) of Falls Church, Va.; **Henry Boccella** (’49) of Des Moines, Iowa; and **David Levan** (’41) of Reading, Pa. – All were World War II veterans.

Other Brothers from the same era have simply vanished from both the fraternity’s and the alumni association’s radar screen, and are presumed to be also gone.

Before The War

In the mid-1930s “Tau Phi Delta was ready to celebrate its 10th Anniversary with notable festivities.”

However, we were amidst the Great Depression. Most Brothers “were lucky to have parents who kept their jobs and homes when so many weren’t so lucky.” Realizing the economics of the time, our fraternity’s landlord, B. F. Heckert of nearby Millheim, reduced the \$125 per month rent to \$100 for the remainder of the lease.

During this decade, and as part of our national recovery, career opportunities increased as forestry and its associated jobs in game management, forest pest research and wood utilization expanded.

President Herbert Hoover said he would do it; however, it was Franklin D. Roosevelt who had to do it! The National Recovery Act, Migratory Bird Hunting Act, Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson) and Civilian Conservation Corps

brightened the hopes for those Brothers wishing to start their careers in the forests. "Uncle Sam's \$75 jobs found plenty of supporters" with Tau Phis wishing to launch a career in forestry and other natural resources.

In 1938, the outgoing House Phi, **JAMES MCCRACKEN** ('37), reported that "one of the major house projects of this era was the interaction with the Washington and Minnesota Chapters, including academic achievement rivalries, nationwide job searches for Brothers, and constant communications with *The CONES*."

The Pennsylvania State College's Mont Alto Undergraduate Center continued to play an important role in the Brotherhood's membership expansion, as a pool of freshmen studying forestry was an easy source of potential new pledges.

As the '30s progressed, so did the economy, bringing about a breath of fresh air with celebrations in order. House parties with Jerry McHale's Orchestra from Scranton, and local talent Eddi Purdue and his Bellefonte Orchestra were common elements, as they "caught the swing of things and shagged on down!"

A young, up-and-coming college silviculture instructor and new Honorary Brother, **MAURICE K. "GRAMPS" GODDARD**, committed himself to the causes of TΦΔ, as well as the forestry profession, when he became our newest House advisor.

All of these were factors in our fraternity's challenges and eventual thriving successes during our first years of existence. Penn State's TΦΔ had no problem filling 30 beds, at times with pledge classes of 18.

With these signs of prosperity ahead, the House even began to make capital asset purchases. One such item acquired was "a new radio-phonograph machine. It's a wonderful piece of machinery. We had one before, but the wheels fell off!"

Life was more tremulous elsewhere. Worldwide, the depression lingered longer.

Totalitarianism for world domination was growing. Imperial Japan was spreading its ruthless control throughout the Pacific and mainland Asia. Fascist Germany's war machine was effectively grabbing European territories in the name of the Third Reich. Yet many Americans "were firmly isolationists in the years before America entered" the war. Hopes ran strong among many Americans that the last war, "The War To End All Wars" (1914-1919), would be the last. And if not, that we would stay out of this one.

The 1940s began with promise to the House's future, the forestry field and our country. But this was not the case for rest of the world!

"The 1941 hunting season found 'lady luck' favoring our young nimrods with a bountiful supply, much to the joy of the rest of us who anticipated with intense pleasure our annual game dinner."

In those days, a trip to the fraternity's cabin (better known as "our shack") in the Detweiler Run area of Logan State Forest (now Rothrock), in northern Huntington County, meant a 10-mile trip, at times by foot with full gear, guns and provisions for a long weekend's hunt.

Imagine the anticipation of those Brothers who set out to the house cabin on Friday, December 5th. One can only wonder about their reaction upon returning two days later to the news of the Pearl Harbor attack.

War Is Declared

What happened on "December 7 changed the thinking of many. Instead of trying any longer to keep America uninvolved, we ... set out to demolish Hitler, Mussolini, and Tojo" permanently!

Our nation was now on the move, refitting industries, recycling scrap metal, rationing items such as gasoline, rubber tires and sugar, and recruiting soldiers and sailors. War bonds sales, air-raid drills and

local draft boards brought the war that much closer to home.

Even successful Pennsylvanian hunters now turned in deer hides and tallow, and trappers donated the fat from caught furbearers—all for the war effort. No doubt, many a Tau Phi outdoorsman was quick to oblige!

The war brought great changes to the Alpha Chapter at 238 East Fairmount. "At the end of the spring semester in June, 1943, all Brothers of the active chapter of Penn State Alpha but two had entered the military service or joined one of the armed forces reserve programs. This brought to a close the active operation of the Chapter House and the active chapter."

HAROLD GEIGER ('44) was one of the two active Brothers who were unable to serve. Both he and **ROBERT SCHRACK** ('44) tried to enlist but were classified as 4F; denied for medical reasons due to perforated eardrums. Together these two closed the house during the war.

Later Br. Geiger would serve on our Board of Trustees and as Grand National Treasurer, while working most of his career with Glatfelter Paper Company. His fondest memories of TΦΔ were the "camaraderie, fellowship, and bond among the foresters" especially before and during the war years.

After war was declared, colleges nationwide were staging grounds for a quick turnaround of graduates to potential young officers—factories preparing for the production of second lieutenants and ensigns—as part of specialized military training programs on campus.

The Pennsylvania State College was not any different. This "accelerated program was an all-college war measure designed to speed up the educational process by which it was possible for an undergraduate to meet the requirements for his degree in two and two-thirds years." A high percentage of the college's foresters

were enrolled in advanced Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) beyond the lower classmen's mandatory requirements and "in large numbers [were] members of the military honor societies of Scabbard and Blade and the Pershing Rifles." In addition, foresters were frequently "picked as distinguished military students, who may be offered commissions in the regular service."

Years later, the numbers of those in the military did not go unnoticed by Penn State officials. In a tribute to the college's then President Ralph D. Hetzel: "A magnificent record of service on part of the men who have been associated both as staff members and as students with the Department of Forestry."



Required of all freshman and sophomores, Br. MACLAIN SMITH on his way to ROTC class in 1943.

The impact of the war upon the American way of life "fell heavily upon the social and professional-social organizations which are a part of our higher-educational system and which strengthen and perpetuate the friendships and associations formed during collegiate years. Tau Phi Delta Fraternity was also hard hit by the conditions brought on by the War. Soon after our nation's active entry into the world conflict, the acute manpower shortage had drawn so heavily upon the student bodies of the schools where our active chapters are located that those chapters were forced to go on an inactive status."

Fraternity newsletters were published periodically, and general correspondence between Brothers, particularly those in the armed forces, was maintained, while the college sent more frequent newsletters to all forestry alumni. Eventually more than 600 Penn State foresters would end up in the military, soon to be dispersed worldwide.

On The Home Front

Even with two years of required college ROTC training, **DONALD F. YERKES** ('38) was stateside working for the DuPont Chemical Company for what was considered obviously essential to the war cause. This former Phi ('37-'38) lives today in Seaford, Del. and is one of, if not the, oldest surviving Tau Phis at age 93.

As seniors before the war, **THOMAS H. OLSON** ('40) tried to join a campus recruitment drive for the U.S. Air Corps along with **JUSTIN J. HOWER** ('40). Br. Olson's military flight school physical placed him 4-F for "lacking muscular coordination in both eyes" (now known as dyslexia).

Though Br. Olson had hoped for a career in forestry, he landed a machine-shop job with the Philadelphia-based J.G. Brill Company close to his new bride's family. With the war on, he was promoted to management but his machinist salary was frozen at \$35 a week and would stay that way for the next three years. Brill employees worked around the clock, 364 days a year, getting off only for Christmas.

According to this 91-year-old Brother, "During the war, Brill made munitions for the military. I worked on developing the swivel mechanism for a 75 mm pack howitzer. It was the only time I really had to use my college calculus, and I had the use of a computer—a huge room-sized unit—to do some of the calculations. Brill also manufactured aircraft carrier bulkheads and delivered them largely intact to the local Philly Naval Yard."

With added engineering training at nearby Drexel College and a high-level FBI security clearance, Br. Olson later traveled across the country to other wartime plants to examine many government documents and blueprints as an inspector and estimator. He also conducted night classes in blueprint reading and shop math to war plant laborers, possibly to a few female "Rosie the Riveters."

WALTER J. QUICK JR. ('24) went on leave from the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks to serve in Washington, D.C., in the Lumber and Lumber Products Division of the War Production Board. **CHARLES H. HUTT** ('28) became a Project Forester for the same Federal government agency in rural Virginia.

These are just a few of the many essential contributions that some made stateside to the war effort.

Overseas

"A large percentage of Brothers of Penn State Alpha served in our country's armed forces. A total of 119 [alumni, active and future] Brothers saw service with eighty-seven serving in the Army, twenty-five in the Navy, and seven in the Marines. Approximately one-half of those in uniform served as officers.

The heroic and noble work of those Brothers has greatly honored Tau Phi Delta. From North Africa to Sicily, to D-Day in Normandy and Southern France, to the Bulge and on to Berlin and VE-Day; from Guadalcanal to Bougainville, to Okinawa, to the Philippines, and to Tokyo and VJ-Day they fought, cussed, sweat, and bled. Their courage and deeds will forever echo through the halls of Tau Phi Delta.

It is a great asset to the fraternity that such loyalty and courage have characterized its membership!!"

Some entered before the war was declared. In the summer of 1941, fresh out of ROTC as a cadet officer, **HOWARD DREHER KINNEY**

JR. ('41), last known in Atlanta, Ga., "took up active duty as a Second Lieutenant in the infantry branch of the U.S. Army upon graduation."

Another early bird in the war was Lt. **HENRY H. CHISMAN** ('32). This former forestry instructor at State went through pre-war advanced schooling at the Naval Training Center in Miami, Fla., and later fought in earlier campaigns in North Africa and then Sicily.

H. ROBERT "BOB" KREAR ('48) was in the last pledge class, Spring '43, before the closing of the House. He was a member of the Penn State Ski Team, and he later served as a Staff Sergeant in the American Alpine Troops (86th Mountain Infantry) of the 10th Mountain Division. His unit played a significant role in breaking the Axis line in the Apennines of northern Italy and later crossing the Po Valley, trapping the retreating Germans' northbound trek through the southern Alps. He was decorated with the Bronze Star.

Br. Krear later returned and graduated with his first of several degrees and went on to live a very interesting and varied career. Dr. Krear was an Associate Professor of Biology and taught at four universities. As an arctic ecology specialist, he participated in four arctic and sub-arctic research expeditions. One of his published works was his real-life adventures, *The Journal of a U.S. Army Mountain Trooper in WWII*.

Another must-read book with real war stories was published by the late Dr. **LAURENCE C. "LARRY" WALKER** ('48). *Excelsior: Memoir of a Forester* has an extensive wartime chapter. "Through the Schwartzwald to Berchtesgarden" captures in great detail his episodes from eastern France to the Black Forest, onto the German army's surrender and the capture of Hitler's Austrian mountain retreat. As a T/5 communications specialist, he experienced the Bulge, battle for the

Rhineland and the liberation of Dachau concentration camp.

Like many others, his older brother died in the war, as the Army pilot's plane went down flying the China-Burma route. Years later when he returned from Europe after the war, as he approached his mother's front door, he recalled how "the light of a street lamp reflecting the gold star in the window told me this would not be a happy homecoming."

Br. Walker eventually became the first Dean of the College of Forestry at the Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Another PhD, **ALFRED D. FOLWEILER** ('25), who earned his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in 1943, was quickly swept up and given an advanced promotion as Captain in the Army Specialists Section.

Fresh out of advanced ROTC at Penn State, **WILLARD H. CARMEAN** ('43) joined the 14th Armored Infantry. He went to Officer Candidate School (OCS) with **JEAN F. CHOVET** ('43) at Fort Knox, Ky. Lts. **JOHN E. HARNEY JR.** and **ROBERT D. CHEESMAN** (both '43) would have been at Fort Knox for OCS about the same time.

A Lieutenant and eventual Bronze Star recipient, Br. Carmean arrived in France and went onto Germany in early spring of 1945. He recalled passing endless lines of battered German soldiers marching home unarmed and in defeat. Though scheduled to go to the Pacific, "after the bomb was dropped I returned to the U.S.A." Today a retired Lakehead University professor, Br. Carmean resides in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.

NORMAN M. "NORM" MARTIN ('50) of Erie was best known as Phi in 1949-50 and later as a long-serving Tau for the Board of Trustees who was instrumental in our purchase of 427 East Fairmount Avenue. He joined the fraternity after the war, during which he was a sergeant assigned to the 4th Marine

Air Wing in the Pacific, more specifically the Marianna Islands. Norm's USMC unit conducted many air strikes into and eventually out of Iwo Jima; thus his eventual fraternity nickname of "Iwo." Even to this day he laments that it was "a bloody battle. The best were left there!"

RICHARD C. COOK ('47) recalls "helping local apple farmers due to the labor shortage while at Mont Alto." After joining the House in 1943 just before the closing, his number was called by his hometown draft board. He ended up a decorated staff sergeant in the 451st Bomber Group, 15th Air Force. His missions in B-24 bombers left southern Italian airbases, dodging Nazi anti-craft guns on top of the Alps, and attacking targets in northern Italy and southern Germany. To this day, he's remorseful for losing a good friend during a mission over Bolzano. Now he's a "snowbird" as he splits his time at his summer home in Cape May, N.J., and flies south to Stuart, Fla., in the winter.

Another Brother with wings was Naval aviator **EDWIN C. STOUT JR.** ('48), Eugene, Ore. He enlisted after the Pearl Harbor attack, but it took the Navy until 1943 to call him up, at which time he left Penn State. After pre-flight school he was again delayed getting his wings. So he went to midshipmen's school to become an officer (called "90-Day Wonders") while waiting for an opening in flight school. He eventually went, but as an Ensign and not a mere cadet. It wasn't until he earned aircraft carrier qualifications that he could finally fly his TBM-Avenger torpedo bomber, but this was after VJ-Day. Soon after his promotion to Lieutenant Junior Grade came his honorable discharge and he was back to Happy Valley—this time as a pledge at our fraternity.

Another Navy aviator was the late **JOHN A. MATTOON** ('42). Just prior to being called up for active duty, he was Penn State's Phi at the time of the House closing. He too was

“aircraft carrier qualified” and flew many missions as a dive-bomber pilot on the USS Yorktown. He was credited with single-handedly sinking a Japanese battleship during one of the many battles in the Pacific. Recently deceased, his funeral with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery will be October 15.

HENRY “HANK” WESSEL ('47) is a retired attorney living in Gwynedd, Pa. His education was also interrupted in 1943, when he opted to join the Army. While in the European Theater of Operation, he was a corporal with special anti-tank gunnery training who experienced combat in the 69th Infantry Division starting with his first days in January of 1945. He recalls the day in May when they met up with our allies from the Soviet Union and embraced some Russian foot soldiers on the Elbe River in Germany

Details of others are a bit more sketchy, such as **KARL K. KELLER** ('50), who served as a young Navy crewman on combat amphibious landing craft in the South Pacific. **ALDEN P. AMIG** and **HOWARD M. LANE** (both '50) were both in the Army Air Force. **CHARLES A. KEELEY** ('48) saw action as a foot soldier in France and Germany, and **RICHARD CLARK** ('49) was in Italy. **LELAND F. MEYERS** ('38) was awarded a Bronze Star by the Army for heroic acts somewhere in Europe.

Some rose well up into the higher officer ranks and would leave after the war, including Lt. Colonel **THOMAS M. GRAY** ('28). He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action with the Army Engineers in France, for saving the lives of many soldiers from a blazing truck loaded with mines and dynamite, “just prior to the detonation of the blazing explosives.”

Other officers made a career of the military, including **GERALD E. NOBLE** ('40), who rose to the rank of Colonel. At one point he was post-war mayor of a German village under Allied Forces' martial law decree.

Another “full bird” Colonel was the **ROBERT W. TROST** ('43) was a replacement platoon leader with the 82nd Airborne after Operation Market Garden in Holland. Later that winter on a defensive position north of Bastogne, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge, they “fought Germans and the weather; they were not equipped for cold weather.” The Allies “counterattacked in early January and with a few breaks kept on going until the end of the war.” Br. Trost later returned to Penn State to complete his graduate studies in 1948. Then was called up to Korea and stayed through in Vietnam for a distinguished 36-year career.



Young and dapper Lt. Trost in 1944.

DAVID LEVAN ('41) also rode out three wars and retired an Air Force Lt. Col. In the late 1970s.

HENRY J. “HANK” BOCCELLA ('49) was a Pearl Harbor survivor, came to Penn State on the G.I. Bill and later returned to military duty reaching the rank of Major in the Iowa National Guard in Des Moines.

After serving in North Africa, Sardinia and Corsica, **LAWRENCE C. SMACK** ('31) became a major in 1945 and spent more time overseas years after the war in Italy.

Not to slight the Navy, **CURTIS C. TRUVER** ('49) retired a Commander. Both from the class of '48, **GEORGE**

F. WHITE JR. and **DELBERT L. PERRY**, who today lives in Piqua, Ohio, were also Navy officers. Lt. Jg. Perry's ship transported the “Flag of Iwo Jima” photographer. He toured the devastation of Hiroshima after the war. As a PT Boat officer,

G. I. Letters—TΦΔ Style

Probably in a Combat Engineering unit, T/3 **CARL J. BORN** ('42) wrote in October 25, 1944, “here in North Africa; quite a few foresters in our outfit...but trees are as scarce as hen's teeth.”

“Finally got my own crash boat ... They keep us pretty busy picking up ‘airedales’ when they decide to see if their planes can swim,” wrote Ensign **GEORGE F. WHITE, JR.** ('48)

While in training at Camp Bowie, Texas, Lt. **JOHN E. “JACK” HARNEY JR.** ('43) wrote on August 8, 1944, “I got a ride with a trucker hauling cedar logs for fence post material. Where had he traveled from? Colorado! Nary a wood hick have I seen, at least of Penn State vintage...keeping my fingers crossed 'n eyes open.” Later on February 7, 1945, “Now in France, eating well, sleeping well, trying to keep our ears above the mud...”

On March 11, 1945, Pvt. **JOSEPH T. FROMME** ('44) wrote from Italy, “Living in a sanger (a sandbagged, blacked out foxhole)... had frankfurters and beans for breakfast.”

U.S. Army Air Corps Sgt. **ROBERT S. FRANKENBURGER** ('42) noted from the Overseas Replacement Depot, in early 1944, “About due for a ride on a banana boat any time now!”

Convalescing in an Army field aid station on October 26, 1944, forward artillery observer PFC **EDWIN “ED” YOUNGBLOOD** ('48) wrote, “They nailed me again ... Boy those Krauts sure have it in for me and their aim is getting better, but again I was lucky. Though they did manage to put six or seven holes in me...’ Heard the one about the Lord being on your side? Well during the last one we were even standing hand in hand!”



ALLEN J. VOHDEN ('48) of Danville, Vt., served in the South Pacific and later the Philippines. The late **ROBERT R. REESE** ('51) was another Navy man.

From the class of '52, **WAYNE K. "MURPH" MURPHEY** served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps from 1945 to 1948. Later as forest products professor, he served as our House advisor in the early 1970s. **RICHARD J. BELL** ('50) was in the Navy too at the tail end of the war and served for a few years after the war. As did **RICHARD "DICK" WHITE** ('51), but in the Army. Br. White returned to Penn State prior to a different new war—The Cold War. He would return to the military as quite a few World War II veterans did, but to spend some time in Asia on the Korean peninsula.

Even one of our house advisors, **MAURICE K. GODDARD**, joined the Army and was quickly made an officer, eventually becoming a Lt. Colonel. He served in England and later on the European continent as part of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force's staff for General Dwight D. Eisenhower. He was decorated with the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit medals.

Upon his return he became director of Mont Alto's forestry program, later a forestry professor at the main campus and then the forestry school director. He left academia to become Secretary of the then Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, eventually serving for five different governors.

So fondly admired by TΦΔ, that prior to leaving State College for the war, he was given a gift of a handful of silver dollars. He carried one as a good luck charm throughout the war, then beyond into his career and into retirement from public service.

Also in the war from the college's forestry department faculty was the newly-hired lumbering instructor **RONALD A. BARTOO** ('46). He was "one of eight members of staff on leaves of absence for varying periods." His wife, Mary, joined the

WACs and was stationed stateside in Army Air Force bases while Sgt. Bartoo was with the 3rd Army's Combat Engineers in the "mud and blood of Europe in 1944-45." He had been a Mont Alto Ranger (2-year graduate in '37) and later returned to continue his schooling on the GI Bill. He continued on staff and served as our House advisor in the 1960s.

Some Brothers, most of who are now deceased, were bestowed the Order of the Purple Heart before returning to TΦΔ. **CONRAD R. "CONNIE" LICKEL** ('48) took part of the Allied Forces invasion during D-Day in Normandy and suffered severe shrapnel wounds to the abdomen, ending his active duty in the Army. The late **EDWIN YOUNGBLOOD** ('48) took part in D-Day and would fight the entire war mostly in France and return home to complete his college education with *three* Purple Hearts.

Best known for his good looks, class name, Irish wit, and "unforgettable personality," **FRANCIS XAVIER KENNEDY** ('49) was Phi of the House from 1948-1949. He, too, was in the 10th Mountain Division and was wounded during a battle in Italy. He recalled that he was so close to the German who shot him in the lower leg, severing his tendons, that he "could clearly hear the Kraut work the bolt action of his Mauser rifle." Even with a required leg brace, Br. Kennedy could outrace anyone on a deer drive or when cruising timber.

Also wounded in action in Europe were the late **LAURENCE C. WALKER** ('48) and **ROBERT W. TROST** ('43) who lives today in Asheville, N.C.

After The War

During the war years, the fraternity house was managed by two remaining undergraduate Brothers, but it was subleased to various groups, such as the Army Specialization Training Program and the Penn State football program's Quarterback Club. House affairs

were also looked after by wood technology professor and House Advisor **DR. WALLACE E. WHITE** ("serving in 'Gramps' Goddard's place") in cooperation with alumni **WALTER J. QUICK** ('24) and **FRANKLIN J. MOYER** ('36) of the Board of Trustees.

"The leasing of the Chapter House during the War period was extremely fortunate, for the income from this rental enabled the Chapter to complete this period without great debt and at the same time maintain the House." Also "considerable repair work was done to the House including papering, general repairs to the kitchen, and other work on the furniture and building."

On June 7, 1946, the final purchase of the property was negotiated for \$18,000, and for the first time the fraternity owned its chapter house. Immediately after the return of the House and its purchase in the summer of 1946, Brothers, "all war veterans taking summer courses, moved in and operated it until the opening of the fall semester. At this time the House was filled with 26 Brothers and pledges, and formal operations of the Chapter were begun. Since that time the House and Chapter have operated successfully—both financially and socially."

After the war, Penn State "faced a challenge: how to make room for thousands of veterans taking advantage of the G.I. Bill." In 1946, more than half of the 10,200 students were war vets. These students were older and more mature. Many were battle-tested and unlike the "just-out-of-high-school students... had no taste for traditional college hijinks." This formula made for some great new Brothers. Perhaps many found pledging a snap compared to rigors of boot camp and fighting in combat.

Oddly the new House bill was \$65 a month; the exact monthly room and board allowance offered to veterans returning to college on the G.I. Bill.

It was duly noted by one alumnus that there were “lots of beer parties after the war, when most of us were over 21! Not sure how we made it through?” There were certainly plenty of good reasons to celebrate!

The Washington Alpha Chapter would struggle for the next two decades, really never recovered and closed in the late 1960s. The Minnesota Beta Chapter would never reorganize after closing down in 1943. But the Penn State Alpha Chapter returned to stability and a positive outlook.

The housing construction boom and the demand for lumber created greater career outlooks for ΤΦΔ graduates, and pretty coeds, adorning ponytails, sweater sets and flared skirts returned to visit a tested and matured Brotherhood in the “Halls of Dear Old Tau Phi Delt.”

DEAN N. QUINNEY ('50), himself a vet, was on a “shipping list bound for the occupation of Japan when at the last minute his unit was ordered to report to Bolling Air Force Base to join the headquarters staff a newly established Strategic Air Command. Dean notes that during his Fall '47 pledge period, of the 26 live-in actives and pledges, at least four, maybe six in the House had been decorated with Purple Hearts. This did not count those graduated alumni who were wounded, those married and living locally, or the seven Brothers whose families received their medals posthumously.

These Purple Hearts are not attributed to the degree of bad luck for so many Brothers to be wounded in the line of duty, but in large part serves as a testimonial to the types of units in which they ended up. Many were in specialized units that included the Airborne, Rangers and Mountain Division. Others were pilots and air crewmen and junior officers who lead squads or platoons of other men into the field of fire.

In Remembrance

College honor roll records show that “377 Penn State graduates were

killed” during the war. It should be noted that there once was on display in the Ferguson Building hallway a bronze honor roll plaque for the college’s foresters lost in the both World Wars. There were 46 who had perished from 1941 to 1945. One-eighth of all Penn Staters who perished in World War II were forestry students.

Br. Quinney was a co-chair of the fraternity’s committee to develop an honor roll plaque of our fraternity chapter’s war dead. When they queried other fraternities on campus, they discovered that the most members any other local fraternity lost were two, perhaps three. Our ΤΦΔ chapter had lost seven!

The first issue of *The CONES* printed by the Grand National Chapter after the war was rightfully dedicated to “the memory of our Brothers who fell in conflict. It is with deep regret and reverence that we here name those who gave their all for country and fellow man. No greater fraternal spirit among men is possible. Words, printed or spoken, cannot convey to their families and loved ones the sympathies that their Brothers of Tau Phi Delta will forever hold.”

The names of those fallen Honorable Brothers, all 14 from three chapters nationwide, are still remembered today. The Penn State Chapter lost **ROBERT ANGELO, ARTHUR CAMERON, JEAN CHOVET, JUSTIN HOWER, MIKE KYAK, TED PHILLIPS** and **FRANCIS WALLACE**. From the Washington Alpha Chapter, **ALEXANDER ALUTIN, STEWART BLANCHARD, ALLEN COX, LAURENCE KOPLIN, MAX SMITH** and **WALTER SUTHERLAND** were all killed in action. Further, the Minnesota Beta Chapter lost **EVERELL KNOSPE**.

*Thus those who shed their
blood for us shall always be
our Brothers!*

“Our Own Band Of Brothers”

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**And to the Brothers who preceded us
 who served in uniform or at home
 and for their sacrifice at time of war!**

Our Seven Honorable Brothers

For many Tau Phi Delta Brothers they are only names etched on a black marble plaque located in the fraternity house foyer. For others, they were a quiz question on a weekly pledge test.

But these were young men who had sacrificed more than most. These men, most had volunteered, were taken in their prime of life — leaving behind their families, sweethearts, and, yes, fraternity brothers.

For these seven Brothers, our Honorable Brothers, we owe them our most sincere debt of gratitude.



ROBERT A. ANGELO was from Second Avenue in York, Penna. and is recognized as a member of the class of 1939 though he never completed college.

About a month after Pearl Harbor he joined the Army at Fort Meade, Maryland on February 17, 1942.

Later shipped out to the Pacific Theater of Operations, Private First Class Angelo, age 26, U.S. Army 186th Infantry, 41st Division, was listed on June 14, 1944 as killed in action (KIA). Actually he died of his wounds he received previously on the Biak Island off of New Guinea on June 7.

Earlier "fierce fighting occurred on this island. After the turn of events in the rest of New Guinea, the Japanese began fortifying the island unbeknownst to the American Army units, primarily the 41st Infantry Division on May 27, 1944."

His remains are buried at the U.S. National Cemetery at Fort McKinley in Manila, Philippines (Location: plot F, row 15, grave 73).



ARTHUR BOYER CAMERON, JR., a freshman at Mont Alto in 1941, was from Elkton, Maryland. He would have been a member of the Class '44.

He was only 21 and the youngest of our Brothers when he killed in action in Harbourg, France on November 19, 1944. Very little is known about his plight. It could have happened during fencerow to fencerow combat, or a house to house fight in a French village?

Final status is unknown for U.S. Army First Lieutenant Cameron, but most likely his remains are somewhere in the one of many lost gravesites scattered across France.



Br. Chovet's medals on display



JEAN F. CHOVEL, JR. was also a Mont Alto freshman in fall 1941, and later a co-captain of the Penn State varsity swim team.

At age 22, is probably one of the two highest decorated Tau Phis. He's long been part of House history as his posthumous Silver Star and Purple Heart medals, donated by his "gold star" mother, today reside on permanent display at 427 East Fairmount Avenue.

For his heroic actions his citation from the 84th Infantry Division (aka The Railsplitters) reads:

"For gallantry in action against the enemy in Belgium on 3 January 1945. Though seriously wounded in the head while leading a platoon on an attack, 2 Lt. Chovet, with complete disregard for his own safety, refused medical treatment and continued to direct the attack until the objective had been attained before submitting to evacuation ..."

This was after allied forces reversed and turned back the German offensive of the winter of '44 - '45, then called Belgium-Luxembourg Bulge (now referred to as the Battle of the Bulge).

It has been said that he recovered from these wounds, returned to his frontline unit and later died on February 28 in Valdnie, Germany while trying to save a disabled American tank crew that was under attack by German .88 artillery fire.

It is assumed that at one point U.S. Army 2nd Lt Jean Chovet, Jr. was laid to rest in the American Cemetery in Normandy, France, but his remains were later exhumed by his family and returned to home in Bergenfield, New Jersey.



JUSTIN JEREMIAH HOWER was a 2nd Lt. U.S. Army Air Corps who joined the military pre-war campus recruitment drive for pilots in the early part of 1940 prior to his graduation. At that time, he was one of the first Brothers to enter military service and the first war casualty for Tau Phi Delta.

His family nickname was "Midget" but he was best known as by his Brothers as "Toddy."

Family legend tells us he loved to fly airplanes and flew them since he was 15, growing up in Danielsville, Penna. Known to occasionally cut classes at Penn State, he worked at the nearby airstrip in exchange for some free flying time on the owner's bi-plane.

One account has him at age 25 listed as missing in action (MIA) then KIA in Java on March 1, 1942.

Another Hower family source tells a more detailed, grizzly tale. He died on an airstrip along with other pilots still in their cockpits as their planes were stacked up ready for take off during an enemy air attack. He never got to fly a single combat mission.

This is possible as historical accounts mention a band of gathered pilots from the BDAA allied air forces (British- Dutch-American-Australian) were outnumbered and overwhelmed by massive Japanese land, naval and air assaults on various allied posts, airfields and other defensive positions during the battle of Java Straight on March 1st. Any bodies would have either burned beyond recognition, laid where they died, or been placed in unmarked mass graves by the enslaved natives or allied POWs.

There is a marker for him and other war missing at the American Cemetery in Manila, Philippines. In 1948, the Opplinger-Hower American Legion Post #899 located in Walnutport, Penna. was dedicated. It memorializes his name today.

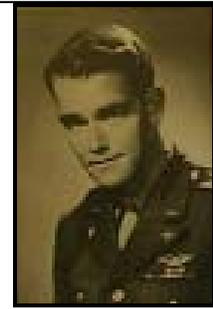


MICHAEL "MIKE" KYAK was from Columbia Avenue in McKeesport, Penna. Part of the class of 1941, he was a scholar and proven athlete in wrestling, football, swimming, basketball, soccer, and softball.

Military records list this 2nd Lt., age 26, from the U.S. Army Air Corps 723rd Bomber Squadron, 450th Bomber Group of the 15th Air Force as MIA in Tunisia. Later listed as KIA, however his body was "unrecovered."

A Penn State forestry alumni newsletter noted, "Mike Kyak has been reported missing in action in the North African-Mediterranean area since January 16 [1944]. It is known that he was in aerial combat in the upper Adriatic Sea; his plane was known to have been hit and parachutes were seen descending from it."

The War Department presumed him dead on September 17, 1945. There is a tablet of the missing for him and others at the American Cemetery in Florence, Italy. He and his crew were additionally all awarded the Army's Air Medal posthumously.



EDWARD IRVING "TED" PHILLIPS, JR. was the House Alpha Phi, Tau Phi's Interfraternity Council representative, and a Penn State wrestling letterman. He grew up near Philly on Woodland Road in Abington, Penna.

He was a 26-year old Captain in the Army Air Corps and flew B-25s. He was listed as missing on January 18, 1945 when his plane was struck near Lake Garda while flying over Verona, Italy. He and his crew were later listed "on 12 March as killed."

Most likely a squadron leader, his was the lead plane in a bombing mission and was shot down by Axis anti-aircraft fire. His remains were never recovered.



FRANCIS H. WALLACE, JR. of the class of 1942 was an Ensign and a US Navy pilot. At first he was a forestry student, but later transferred to graduate with a degree in commerce and finance from Penn State. He was top-ranking letterman on the Penn State varsity rifle team from New Cumberland, Penna.

He died of his injuries stateside in 1943 and source of his demise and final resting place is unknown.

May God protect and look over their souls for all eternity!

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Lockheed Martin and resides in Colorado Springs, Colo. with his wife of 14 years, Kelly, son Garrett (12) and daughter Madison (10). “I actively hunt elk, deer and bear, principally with archery gear, but also with my rifle and spend as much time as possible fly fishing some of the fine Colorado rivers. I recently found a 10-acre piece of private in holding located in the Pike National Forest, giving me private access to about 1.1 million acres of public lands from our hand-build rustic log cabin.”

Marc says, “I received a copy of the latest *Taproot* and figured it was time to send an alumni update. Hopefully all is well and if I can ever get back to East, I will be sure to stop in at the House. Any Tau Phis coming to Colorado should drop a line.”
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DAVID “DAVE” C. FROGGATT, JR. (Fall '62) and Carolyn live in Prince George, VA. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Dave is owner of Misty Woods, LLC, a real estate and forestry business. He enjoys fishing and traveling.
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PORTER “TRAPPER” H. GEARHART (Fall '50) lives in Warren, PA. He retired as a forester from the U. S. Forest Service. He says that he enjoys trap shooting, gardening, and procrastinating.

Editor’s Note: I recall sitting with Porter at the 75th celebration of **TΦΔ**, and he talked about shooting trap with recently deceased Br. **ROBERT “MERV” SCHRECENGOST**.
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STEVE GEHRINGER (Fall '66) received a B.S. degree in Business Logistics in 1969 and an M. S. degree in Wildlife Management in 1980. He and Linda live in Mansfield, and they have a son and daughter and a 3-year old grandson. Steve worked for the PA Game

Commission for 30 years; 20 years as a wildlife conservation officer and 10 years as a land management group supervisor. He and Linda retired last June, and last fall he had the opportunity to join Brothers **RICK CLAGGETT, MIKE MCNAMARA, TOM WOLF, DON YOUNG, and JOE ARMSTRONG** on their bi-annual deer hunt in Wyoming. He said, “This was my first hunt with them since my job responsibilities in the fall made it impossible to go on the hunt before. We didn’t see many deer, but we had an enjoyable time sitting around the campfire and catching up on the last 30 years and reminiscing about our college years at **TΦΔ**.” Steve enjoys fishing, hunting, and gardening. sdgehr@ptd.net

Unfortunately **AL GILL** (Spring '71), of Rainbow City, Ala., notified us that his wife **SHERRY (HARTMAN) GILL** (TΦΔ Little Sister) passed away on April 28th after her brief battle with liver cancer. They were both 1973 PSU graduates. Al wanted us to share with us that “We both had many great memories from the days back at Tau Phi Delta and the years after graduation with our many friends from Penn State ... Please know that Sherry’s life made a difference in this world.”
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WILLARD L. GRUBB (1948) graduated with a B.S. degree in Forestry in 1951. Willard is a widower (his wife passed away in 2004) living in Clearwater, FL. He has 4 children, including Barry, a 1984 Penn State graduate, and 4 grandchildren. He retired after 40 years working in Contract Utility Line Clearing. He enjoys cooking. Telephone: 727-418-6593

Also soon to be deployed as part of the international war against terror and onto the Fallujah-Taji region of Iraq, is 1Lt. **DAVID J. GUSTAFSON** (Fall '96). He’s Company A Executive Officer and Platoon Leader for the 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division

of the Penna. Army National Guard. He claims he’s “So good I have two jobs! Our mission is to conduct combat patrols to ensure secure environment. Pretty vague, huh?” In civilian life, he’s the Penna. Game Commission’s chief forester in the Harrisburg headquarters. He resides near Loysville in rural Perry County with his wife, **CHRISSEY** (TΦΔ Little Sister), and their two Rhodesian ridgebacks Princess and Capone.
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TIMOTHY J. HLIVIA (Fall '93) is single and lives in Wyoming, PA. He is a Luzerne County Parole and Probation Officer, a Personal Trainer, and a Registered Nurse. He enjoys fishing, hunting, motorcycle riding, and guitar playing.
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Our “Left Coast” Brother **FRANK JUDD** (Fall '64) and his wife Mary are still living in Oakland, CA. Frank has been certifying “green companies”. He returned to PA for the School of Forest Resources Annual Alumni and Friends Banquet on April 18 and the **TΦΔ** Board of Directors meeting on April 19. He also traveled east to participate in the Jim Evan’s Memorial Golf Tournament. His team, which donned “Old Guys Rule” shirts consisted of Brothers **CHUCK STRAUSS, TOM YORKE, and JACK BYERLY**. Their team finished in a



respectable sixth place in the tournament, but they maintained their first place ranking as the oldest team in the tournament. They were a collective 95 years older than the next oldest team of competitors.

JOSEPH "TOM" T. KEARSE (Fall '71) and Little Sister **DEBORAH KOHL KEARSE** (1772-73) live in Reading, PA. They have 3 children; Christa, a PSU graduate, Joseph T. Jr., and Amy Ritter McNett, a Bloomsburg University graduate. He and Deb own and manage Kohl Building Products, a Reading based wholesale distributor of building materials with 9 locations. Their newest branch opened in 2007 between State College and Bellafonte just off Rt. 150 in the Penn Eagle Industrial Park. He says, "Hobbies include reading, hunting, fishing, travel, and Deb has taken up golf so we plan to play together whenever we can. Deb enjoys fishing as well and a 10-ft sailfish hanging on her office wall attests to her fishing prowess. We also enjoy spending time at our cabin in Tioga County. The cabin has become our preferred sanctuary for R&R. Deb and I enjoy returning to State College. Our new branch just north of the Nittany Mall gives us a great excuse to get back fairly often. We have been season ticket holders for many years. With few exceptions, we set up a pre-game tailgate for customers and friends on game days. We are located directly in line with the south end zone scoreboard not far off Curtin Road. Tau Phi Deltas are always welcome." tkearse@kohlbp.com – or – dkearse@kohlbp.com.

NORM "IWO" M. MARTIN (Fall '47) lives in Erie with his wife Charlotte. They have two daughters Rhonda and Kaye. Norm is retired and keeps busy reading, traveling, and doing maintenance around the house. martns@verizon.net

BRYAN MILLER (Fall, '78) and his wife Karen, also a PSU graduate, have been married 28 years and have three children: JC (22), Tom (20), and Hannah (17). The Millers have lived in Colorado since 1982, most of that time in the mountain town of Evergreen. Bryan is president of Bryan Miller Company which builds modular block retaining walls for

commercial and residential projects throughout Colorado. Bryan reports "The last year has been a banner one as far as hunting for me. I got a mountain lion and a mountain goat!" bmiller@bryanmillercompany.com

MARVIN "MARV" D. MILLER (Fall '52) graduated with a B. S. degree in Wood Utilization in 1955. He and his wife Gerry live in Golden, CO. Marv retired from Koppers Company after 38 years. He continues to work as an independent Professional Engineer. He enjoys trapping, hunting, and reloading. citr4gitr@yahoo.com

MIKE "ROCKY" OBERCASH (Spring '75) and Jill live in Newville, PA. They have two daughters, Erin and Alicia. Mike is a chemist for the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection. He enjoys archery hunting, turkey hunting, working out, and following high school wrestling, "especially those State Champion Central Dauphin Rams." He says that he "has lost touch with just about everyone and truly miss them! My advice-stay in touch. Anyone passing through the Newville area is welcome to stop by. We have a small farm and raise horses. I also enjoy watching my daughter Alicia compete on horseback in eventing. mobercash@embarqmail.com.

At age 91, **THOMAS H. OLSON** (Spring '38) lives in Yardley, Penna., and retired quite a few years ago from Columbia Broadcasting System Corporation in New York City. He left his colorful career at CBS as Assistant Vice President of Facilities, where he oversaw the buying, selling and maintaining of CBS North American assets such as the "Black Rock" corporate headquarters on West 57th Avenue in NYC. Also CBS's recording studios and side businesses such as Fender Guitar and the once-owned Yankee Stadium, along with their aerial fleet of corporate jets and helicopters.

After graduating in 1940, Tom worked stateside during the World War II in various capacities for a military equipment manufacturer in Philadelphia (Refer to article in this issue). He recalls "the many great friendships with his Brothers and fond memories of Tau Phi Delta ... including hunting trips to the fraternity's cabin ... formal sit-down dinners featuring loin of deer ... and [as a possible pay back after late night parties] playing 'New World Symphony' on the newly acquired record player at high volume on early Sunday mornings."



Editor's Note: Br. Olson shared with us this photo of him (right) with **GERALD E. NOBLE** ('40) as rushees at the old fraternity house while on their way to a Penn State – Gettysburg football game on October 2, 1937. Penn State coach Bob Higgins' team won 32 – 6 in the New Beaver Field (next to Rec Hall).

GREGORY "GREG" SCHRUM (Fall '64) and Judy live in Harrisburg. They have two children and 1 grandchild. Greg recently retired from the PA Dept. of Parks. He enjoys hiking, gardening, and fishing. He says, "retirement is great." gms67@paonline.com

SID SLOCUM (Spring '70) graduated with a B. S. in Biology in 1973. He and Tina live in Duncanville, TX, and they have two sons, Matt (26) and Chris (23). Sid is the Regional Water Section Manager for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, and hiking. He says, "2007 Alamo Bowl, Penn State 24, Texas A&M 17; another year of office

SAF CONVENTION

A few Tau Phi Delts showed up at the Penn State reception at the October 2007 Society of American Foresters' National Convention in Portland, Oregon. Some locals from Oregon included **WALT KNAPP** ('59) from Beaverton, **PHIL SIMONSKI** ('59) of Seal Rock, and **JOHN MARKER** ('59) of nearby Parkdale, made a connection with several others in town from University Park, Penna. They included the then Director of the School of Forest Resources, Dr. **CHUCK STRAUSS** ('58), and a few active Brothers, **DERRICK NAHILL** (Fall '05), and **CHRIS LAYAOU** (Spring '06), along with Little Sisters **ASHLEE EARLY** and **ERIN STEWART**.

Both Chris and Erin were members of the championship Penn State Forestry Quiz Bowl Team, who beat 30 other universities for the 2008 National Title. The second time in three years, although they were not eligible to compete in 2006 as Pennsylvania hosted the SAF annual meeting in Pittsburgh that year.

At the time of the Oregon trip, Chris and Erin were the president and secretary respectively of the student SAF chapter, while Derrick currently serves as the chapter president.



SAF members and Brothers (left to right) Walt Knapp, Phil Simonski, John Marker, Chuck Strauss, Derrick Nahill, and Chris Layaou. And (in front) Little Sisters Ashlee Early and Erin Stewart.

bragging rights! Gotta love it.”

Editor's note: You have to send Sid an email and ask him what his nickname was at the House. sslocum@tceq.state.tx.us.

JOHN “SNUFFY” SENFT (Fall '50) died on December 6, 2006. His widow, Kathryn, sent us a note and a donation in John's memory. She has 2 children and 2 grandchildren. John received a PhD from Purdue University. John had been retired, and he had enjoyed woodworking and carving.

Little Sister **CECILE M. “CISSY” (CAVANAUGH) STELTER** (Fall '86) made history as the third female to become a district forester with the Penna. Department of Natural Resources' Bureau of Forestry. Headquartered in North Warren, the Cornplanter State Forest District #14 is named in honor of Chief Cornplanter, a famous Indian Chief of the Seneca tribe. It has forested tracts in Forest, Warren and Crawford counties. Cissy also serves on the board of both the Penn State School of Forest Resources Alumni Group and the Pennsylvania Forestry Association. Her husband **JAMES STELTER** (Spring '89), a former House and Board of Trustees' Phi, works for the Forestry Division of Penelec (Penna. Electric Company) out of Erie. Both have a B.S. in Forest Resources and she has her Masters in Forest Resources from PSU ('90). They reside in Titusville. cstelter@state.pa.us -or- stelt3@aol.com

TERRY “WILLY” STEMMLER (Fall '75) is also another new Penna. DCNR district forester, with the Bureau of Forestry's Gallitzin State Forest District #6 in Ebensburg. This district encompasses Indiana, Cambria, and Blair counties. He notes, “I had the opportunity to be an Assistant District Forester under **ROY “SCREAMER” SIEFERT** (Fall '74) on the Tioga State Forest for 5 years before accepting my current

position.” Himself a letterman wrestler at Penn State-Mont Alto, he continues, “I have enjoyed coaching wrestling for 20 years at the elementary, junior and senior high school levels. I had the opportunity to coach several great athletes that became State Champions ... I do not have the time to coach anymore, but I still continue as a PIAA wrestling official.” He spends his “free” time working on his Westmoreland County homestead and watching his niece and nephew participate in sports. He is proposing a decade reunion for the Brothers and Little Sisters that were in the House from 1970-80 at Spring Homecoming 2010. That should give everyone enough time to clear their calendars.

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Editor's Note: Thanks Terry for volunteering to organize this!

VALERIE WALCH TAYLOR (Little Sister '83) lives in Washington, PA, with Michael and their two daughters. She is a Sales Representative for O. L. Service, Inc. in Pittsburgh. She enjoys fly fishing, sporting clays, and hunting. vawalch@yahoo.com

ERIC “RIC” S. ULRICH (Fall '61) and Audrey live in Leesport, PA. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Ric retired as Corporate Forester for MetEd and Penelec after 31 years. He also retired from growing Christmas trees for 38 years. He enjoys golf, gobblers, a little fishing, and a little bowhunting for deer. He says, “I'm in the process of converting my small Christmas tree farm into an oak dominant tree farm. Only a few hundred fir trees remain, but many oaks from natural volunteer seed are taking over the available growing space. Dominant are black and red oaks, but scarlet, white and chestnut oak are plentiful. Black Walnut, White Ash, and Tulip Poplar have also invaded. I've culled lesser species at were present.”

“Last year I started planting American Chestnut seedlings from the American Chestnut Foundation. This spring I am planting 50 additional nuts from the same source. I would be willing to plant more chestnuts that could be field tested for their American characteristics (singular straight bole with rapid height growth) in direct competition with their historic competitors, the oaks, in a naturally evolving woodland site. Certainly their blight resistance would be challenged by their exposure to various oaks in direct competition with them.”

“One of my most memorable experiences at the old House was when I pinned by wife Audrey at the 1963 Spring Homecoming Party. I was tied to the flag pole in the front yard and thoroughly doused in the typical cold and damp April weather. The memories and brotherhood has endured throughout the years. Tau Phi Delta remains the strongest memory of my Penn State Forestry education.”

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HOWARD “DOKEY” WURZBACHER (Spring '77) is the Northwest Regional Forester for the PA Game Commission. He and Cindy live in Titusville with their two daughters, Ashley and Sarah.
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Retirement has been rewarding for **TOM YORKE** (Fall '61) and his wife Jeannie. Tom retired in January of 2001, and Jeannie followed his lead six months later. Actually, she got tired of watching him read the paper and drink coffee as she gathered her materials for another day of teaching. Since retiring, they have made one or more trips to Europe each year. They particularly enjoy river boat cruises; they just completed their fourth cruise traveling through Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia and Hungary on the Danube River. They live in a golf course community, and the sight of the first

tee from their deck pulls Tom to the tee numerous times each week. Practice apparently helps because Tom won the Club Championship last year.

Retirement also has provided Tom with the opportunity to get more involved with Penn State. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group on 2005 and elected President in 2006. He recently was elected to the Board of Directors of the College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society. Tom thanks all the Brothers and Little Sisters that help him get elected to these positions.

MARTY “ZUK” ZUKOVICH (Fall '75) has found memories of the biggest and best pledge class ever, his and all 16 of them! For 12 years he managed a local ice cream plant in Tamaqua, Pa. and raised approximately 25,000 game birds for sportsmen. Zuk notes, “It was very hard running two businesses. So back in June 2004, I had four open-heart by-passes, so one had to go. (It was the ice cream!) It took almost a year to find ‘affordable’ health care having a pre-existing condition. Now, I raise about 30,000 pheasants, quail, chukars, and huns annually.” Although his hobbies are not far from most all Tau Phis: hunting and fly fishing, he also raises a fine line of English Setter hunting dogs. He competes in grouse and woodcock trials from Minnesota to Maine with his nine English Setters. In 2002, he had the number one and two grouse dogs in the country, with a couple of more big wins since then. Marty welcomes e-mails especially from all the old crusty and crude Brothers ... and also takes order for game birds, too.
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Golf Tournament Raises More Than \$1,000

The Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament continues to be TΦΔ's social event of the summer, bringing together Brothers for good times on and off the fairway. This year's tournament drew 73 Brothers and their guests to Standing Stone Golf Course near Huntingdon, Penna., and raised more than \$1,000 for the Jim Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund. Finishing in the top spot with a tournament-record score of 8 under par were Brs. Drew Carpenter, Jeff Decker, Tyler Gebhardt and Jason Hartline.

The Jim Evans Scholarship Fund is awarded each semester to an Active Brother who demonstrates outstanding merit in Brotherhood and academics. The Fall 2007 recipient was Br. Josh Gallaher, and the Spring 2008 scholarship went to Br. Tyler Gebhardt. Congratulations to both.

Check the Spring 2009 newsletter and the House website, www.tauphidelta.org, for information on the 2009 Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament. Details will also be distributed to past participants via e-mail.

WANTED:

Stories and photos of your log cabins (both homes and retreats) for a future *“Tau Phis in the Great Outdoors”* article.

Send to earlh@iwla.org –or–
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FALL HOMECOMING

October 18, 2008

10:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting/Grand National Elections
12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM	Lunch at the Fraternity (Fall Fest with Pig Roast)
4:30 PM	Kick-off -- PSU vs. Michigan

For more information contact:

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Dear Tau Phi Delts,

Please take a few minutes and tell us about yourself and your family so you can be included in the “Alumni Updates” section of the next issue of *The Taproot*.

Name _____

Nickname _____

Pledge Class _____

Degree/Major/Year _____

Marital Status (Wife’s Name) _____

Family (Children/Grandchildren) _____

Work (Job/Employer) _____

Hobbies _____

Quotable Comments and other information about you and your family (continue on the back of this form)

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My contribution for supporting the Taproot is \$10, \$20 or _____.

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