



# Tau Phi Delta Fraternity

## Spring 2014 House Newsletter

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### Phi's Report: *Br. Colby Mathews*

Dear Brothers,

Greetings! I hope that this newsletter finds you in good health. My name is Colby Mathews, and I was elected as President of the Active Brotherhood this past December. First off, I would like to thank all of the alumni for their continued support of our organization. Your actions, both past and present, set a great example for the actives as we try continue our schooling here at Penn State.

Since the last homecoming, we've been quite busy as ever here at Tau Phi. As a credit to the work of the previous Executive Committee, we received the recognition as a "Chapter in Good Standing" for 2013 with the Interfraternity Council and Penn State. The previous House Execs: Brs. Emminger, Unangst, Cunningham, and Marshall were all influential in this achievement; thank you all for your hard work during this past year. To close out the 2013 year, we welcomed in five new members into the house as new brothers, bringing our total to 22 active Brothers with one recent inactive Brother. We currently have 16 Brothers living in the House, with quite a few more expressing interest in moving in for the fall semester.

As many of you will know, the projects that were discussed at the last BOD meeting will be underway shortly with some of which already finished. The front patio was finished this summer, along with all of the engraved pavers installed. The pledge class from Fall '13 worked diligently to add onto that project by placing a small fire pit, and a small area of pavers around right next to the stairs beside the parking lot to help improve the appearance of the hardscape in the back. I would like to thank their pledge class for all of their hard work. Along with the patio, the lower level windows and doors were all replaced this past summer.

Even with all these positives, new challenges can and will present themselves. As an Active Brotherhood, we will continue to work hard to uphold the traditions and the legacy of Tau Phi Delta. Please, feel free to stop down at the House at any time. If you have any questions, or are just curious about what's going on, feel free to contact me anytime. Please call (724) 584-8379 or email [cjm5725@psu.edu](mailto:cjm5725@psu.edu). Thanks and I hope to see you at Homecoming!

Fraternally,

Br. Colby Mathews

## **Alpha Phi's Report: Br. Jacob Henderson**

Greetings,

As the year 2014 unfolds here at Tau Phi Delta, I am much honored to be writing this letter to you all. First off, I would like to thank the previous House Executive Committee for their efforts for the house and overcoming some obstacles along the way. Br. Kody Unangst was an amazing Alpha Phi and it will be my goal to follow in his footsteps.

Throughout the semester, repairs have been at steady pace. The current actives show a new level of house pride surmounting the years past. We have been working diligently in the extreme cold weather to keep the wood pile full. During the previous summer, as many of you already know, the back patio was remodeled completely. The differences in the patio from past to present are astounding. I would like to thank the alumni for their generous donations to allow this happen. During the previous semester and the current one, we have been keeping up maintenance of the patio such as cleaning and using certain ice melt to preserve the life of the new patio. The pledge class of Fall 2013 redid the portion of the patio that contained the benches and put a new fire pit in. The pledge project is a small yet amazing addition to the already beautiful project.

Recently, our number of active Brothers is 22 members. With these active members, this year should be very productive for the house and allow for maintaining good standing with the IFC, neighbors, and fellow Greeks. On top of this number of members, we snagged a pledge class of 9 for the semester. All 9 of these dedicated pledges show an amazing desire and work ethic for the house. I am very excited for what this unique group of men will bring to the house in the near future.

The newly installed windows in the dining room and doors exterior doors around the house have been an awesome addition to the house. The windows in the dining room no longer cause problems with letting heat escape. However, the windows in the staircases still cause this problem and upon repairing them, the house would save a significant amount of money in heating bills. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to those alumni who helped the brotherhood clinch an exhibitor booth at the recent Great American Outdoor Show in early February. This event was a great experience for all of us and allowed us to get the Tau Phi Delta name to places we never expected.

Finally, if anyone has any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please feel free to email me at [jjh5410@psu.edu](mailto:jjh5410@psu.edu), or call (724) 316-0439. It has become clear that without the strong support from the alumni that Tau Phi Delta has always seen, many of the projects would not be completed and the strength of the house would start to deplete. Finally, I would like to remind all of the alumni that our doors are always open to you and I look forward to talking with most of you at the upcoming spring homecoming.

Fraternally,

Br. Jacob J. Henderson

## **Tau's Report: Br. Anthony Kashiwsky**

Greeting Brothers,

The spring semester has started off with a bang! The House started the semester with 22 Active Brothers. We currently have 16 Brothers living in and 6 Brothers outside. The one boarder we had during the fall semester is currently pledging this spring semester. In terms of repairs, this semester started off fairly mild, knock on wood, without many very serious repairs. We still have a fairly conservative approach with spending and the budget has remained stable. This semester house bills and dues have increased because of the amount of people that moved out last fall. This semester is \$4,200 for a brother living in the House. The six brothers living outside of the House have a \$600 house bill, and were given the option to purchase a meal plan.

The House has been financially running smooth throughout the spring semester. As long as we remain conservative with spending through the remainder of the semester, things should flow through the summer months. The pledge project of the Fall `13 class bettered the house with a beautiful stone patio and fireplace to go along with the new patio that was put in this past summer. This semester, we have ten pledges and all have a great work ethic and character that reflects the importance of this house. Should you need it, my contact information is (724) 302-7550 or [ask5266@psu.edu](mailto:ask5266@psu.edu).

Fraternally,

Br. Anthony S. Kashiwsky

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## **Membership Report: Brs. Richard King and Julian Maza**

Greetings Brothers,

Our past semester of Fall 2013 has given us a great group of five new Brothers. This group consists of Br. Jake Glotzbach, Dylan Wisner, Kevin Stough, Mike Kockjancic, and Jake Hoover. They have proven to be a great asset to the house and are very active in the meetings along with other brotherly activities. Along with these new Brothers we have nine new pledges this semester (Spring 214), including Aaron Hollenbach, Nate Lieb, Adam Veydt, Austin Noguera, Dan Hartig, Tom Ladson, John Sickafuse, Ben Barcasky, and Sean Jordan. We did have ten, but one, Dan Jacobs, had to drop out of the program due to medical complications and may not even be returning to finish his scholastic semester. We certainly wish him the best as a Brotherhood and as fellow outdoorsmen. They all look forward to talking to all of you throughout this semester as well as the BOD Meeting. They all truly have been excelling through the pledge process.

This semester has been rough on recruitment with the Spring 2014 semester not being able to do the involvement fairs or other past "pledge-attaining" events. We, as a House, did however attend (quite successfully) the Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg where we worked a booth and gave out information on the Tau Phi Delta as well as intermingle with the outdoor sports' greatest and most recent professionals. One Tau Phi, Br. Jake Henderson, even got

interviewed by the NRA! With that said, however, the Brothers that we now have in the House are doing everything in their power to keep the House full of good guys with the same interests as us. A few of the many activities that we have participated in to gain the membership of new guys were things such as bowling, cookouts, clay bird shooting, LaserTag, and our annual Super Bowl party. These events have drawn in new crowds to the House including not only Forestry, Wildlife, and Wood Products majors but many new Engineering, Health, and Business majors.

The outlook for our next semester should prove quite successful with this large group of pledges knowing that many more potential rushes that could want to become Brothers. We have found that it is paramount that you get the name out there and with that being evident, alluding to all the new guys in the house as well as us investing in the time to go to the Expo, hopes are extremely high. For this I would like to thank not only the active Brothers who have passed out countless numbers of cards and talked to students in their classes but also the Tau Phi Delta alumni. I have heard from a few different guys that received information from Alumni and have since decided to pledge our House. That is what keeps this House going and I would like to thank you all for that.

To go along with membership like every year we will be hosting our membership raffle once again over the Spring Homecoming weekend in April. Like in the previous years, the raffle will hold all different sorts of prizes such as guns, and hunting and fishing accessories. The donations that we get from this raffle helps to fund the events that we bring rushes to. So any support is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions or ideas I am open to just about anything and would love to hear from you. I could be reached at either [crk5220@psu.edu](mailto:crk5220@psu.edu) or the House phone at (814) 237-2207. (Also Julian Maza's email: [jim5504@psu.edu](mailto:jim5504@psu.edu))

Fraternally,

Brs. Richie King and Julian Maza

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## **Alumni Report: *Br. Travis Cunningham***

Greetings Alumni,

This year's annual spring homecoming and BOD meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am. Once completed we will be having our usual cookout and the Blue and White scrimmage football game will follow later in the afternoon (kick-off is at 1:30 pm) with the annual BBQ in the evening. As always, there will be a multitude of Tau Phi Delta apparel and stickers that will be made available so that you are able to stock up on your Tau Phi Delta gear.

If you have not been back to the House lately, I highly encourage you to make the trip to State College this April and take part in the Brotherhood and other festivities throughout the weekend. Take the opportunity to see what the actives have been up to and meet up with some old friends.

If you have any questions about homecoming or anything else please feel free to call me at (814) 706-7474 or email me at [tac5226@psu.edu](mailto:tac5226@psu.edu). Thanks, and hope to see you at homecoming!

Fraternally,

Br. Travis Cunningham

PS Penn State's Fall Homecoming date has been set for the weekend of September 27, 2014 – Northwestern's Wildcats will face the Nittany Lions on the gridiron. More House events are in the works and to be announced at a later date. So mark your calendar!

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## **B.O.D. Report: Br. Mike Prinkey**

Greetings Brothers,

As winter continues to hang around, I am looking forward to some spring days in the outdoors, and I am sure many of you are too. The spring semester at Penn State is clipping along and it will be Spring Homecoming before we know it.

I recently attended a local alumni dinner at the House, and I am pleased to report that things were looking good. A wonderful group of 9 young men are currently pledging, and I had the pleasure talking with most of these future Tau Phi's after dinner. In recent years the actives have had nice sized fall classes, but usually smaller spring classes. Hopefully this spring class will be the boost that helps change that trend. Great job actives, this is the kind of membership effort that makes our whole organization proud.

At the BOD Meeting this Spring Homecoming, there will also be elections for a total of five individuals whose terms will have expired plus a vacancy. Brs. Shawn Cable (Tau), Chad Hartzell, Michael Prinkey (Phi), Nick Spinelli, and Charles Strauss will all be up for re-election this year. Chris Campbell has informed the board that he is stepping down, so that vacancy must be also filled. If you are interested or have a suggestion for someone that would make a good board member, please let me know. I encourage all of you to attend the meeting and take part in the elections.

The annual gun raffle wrapped up recently. Thanks to all of you that sold tickets and purchased them. Thanks also to Br. Chris Campbell for pulling this together. He reports that nearly all of the tickets sold, and the fundraiser netted a sum of over \$4000 that will be put toward house improvements.

The Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament will be held this summer on the Saturday concurrent with Arts Fest, which is July 12<sup>th</sup>. Br. Mark Haffley has been running this event for the past several years, and has recently informed me that he is stepping down. We are looking for a new volunteer to fill this role, so please form an orderly line so that no one gets hurt in the rush, or just send me an email. Thank you for your efforts over the years Mark.

I look forward to seeing many of you at South Seas. If you can't make then, but are in the area, make an effort to stop by the house and see the actives. Share a memory or some wisdom with them and in doing so you'll help pass along the traditions of our fine organization.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [mip103@gmail.com](mailto:mip103@gmail.com) or call me at (814) 280-7888.

Fraternally,

Br. Mike Prinkey, Phi, Board of Directors (Spring 1996)

## **House Advisor's Corner: *Brs. Shaun Doran and Martin McGann***

Greetings Brothers,

The spring of 2014 will mark one year since I volunteered for the role of co-advisor of Tau Phi Delta. My tenure officially began in the fall, with the return of the active Brothers to Penn State, and the start of yet another academic year. Over the past school year, I've had the pleasure of watching Brothers from all walks of life interact with each other, and work together as a Brotherhood to solve problems and address issues that our great organization has faced.

As the Brothers brought me up to speed this fall on requirements that the University, the IFC, and the Borough of State College demand of fraternities, I was amazed at just how much things have changed in what seems like a short time since I went off into the world and joined the ranks of Alumni. To say that it is a challenge to keep an organization like ours afloat through the changing times would be an understatement, but I can assure my fellow alumni that the current brothers, and future generations of Tau Phis that they are recruiting, have the house pride, maturity, and determination that it takes to do just that, and that we, as alumni, can rest assured that our organization will be thriving for generations to come.

Faced with a turnover of graduating seniors, and the threat of dwindling membership as a result, the brothers have done an outstanding job of recruiting caliber young men to perpetuate our organization for yet another generation. The Fall 2013 class saw five new brothers join the ranks of Tau Phi Delta, after completing a landscaping project and fire pit installation that should complement the new patio very nicely. Be sure to take a few moments to appreciate this new addition to the property and congratulate the new Brothers at this spring's homecoming. The spring class has started 9 young men on the path to brotherhood. Coming from a time when a class of 5 or 6 new pledges was considered a big class, even when our numbers were low, and being one of three brothers from the class of Fall 2003, brotherized just over 10 years ago, I would say that recruiting has been commendable.

This past fall, the best of intentions turned into a potential "public relations catastrophe" for the Brothers when student representatives from THON rejected the Brothers' offer to organize and use a local community big buck contest to raise money for the Four Diamonds Fund. Rather than let their emotions get the best of them when the very foundation of our way of life was shaken, the Brothers of Tau Phi Delta kept their wits about them and maintained a level of professionalism that is hard to come by among many seasoned professionals, much less a group of college students.

But then again, they're not just a group of college students; they are the Brothers of Tau Phi Delta, a great organization that you and I will be proud to say that we are members of for the rest of our days.

Fraternally,

Shaun M. Doran, Co-Advisor (Fall 2003)

Greetings Brothers,

As I sit here writing this update I am hopeful that spring is just around the corner. That is the real spring with warm weather, sunny days, daffodils, etc., not the calendar spring which seems to have passed with no change in season except a bit more cold weather.

As far as I can judge, things at the House are progressing without any major hiccups. The same can't be said for other fraternities as articles in the newspaper will attest. Another one this morning was cited for providing alcohol and sexual assault. Tau Phi Delta seems to still remember the lessons of the last several years and is keeping things in check. From the last correspondence from Roy Baker, PSU Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, the house in 2013 was a Chapter in Good Standing. With 14 more points they could have been a Chapter of Excellence. That is something to aim for next year. The brothers seem to be taking advantage of opportunities for community service which is always good to see, as it improves the image of fraternities in general and the house in particular. In addition to the community outreach, the house GPA was 3.00 last semester. This is a marked improvement from several years ago and due exclusively to the efforts of the brothers to work and study harder.

As to the changes to the Property Management Code which was under discussion for a while now and would increase points for certain code violations, a watered down version was approved in December of last year. Basically the points for certain violations will remain the same with 10 points needed to trigger a rental permit suspension. Furnishing alcohol to minors is now 3 points and is a good reason to avoid that activity.

Lastly, I had an opportunity to visit with the new pledge class the other night before house meeting and was happy to note many freshmen in the class. The actives should be complemented on the effort they went to in recruiting this large class (10 to start, 9 currently). Their academic paths seem to be very varied. I was surprised when I mentioned the word "Taxus" to see so many blank faces. I guess they are studying things other than forestry or horticulture. Hopefully these young men will provide a good backbone and role models for the house as they progress onward for the next several years.

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Martin McGann, Co-Advisor (Fall 73)

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## **Special Tree Planting at Flight 93 National Memorial**

Br. Dave OBarto (Grand National Chapter President) has organized a special volunteer event for Tau Phis on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA. It is welcomed to any Tau Phi Delta Brother and Little Sister, and their friends and families who wish to help. It is part of a larger, continuing effort to reforest the area around the September 11, 2001 crash site. For more information and to get copies of required National Park Service pre-registration and volunteer forms, immediately contact Dave at (412) 310-3291 or [obarto@comcast.net](mailto:obarto@comcast.net).

## **Tau Phi Delta Foundation Report: Br. Kory Enck**

Honorable Phi, Brothers and Little Sisters,

We are at a point in our fundraising and our Patio Paver Project where each paver we sell is now pure profit for the Tau Phi Delta Foundation! That's right, it's paid for and then some! Each paver from this point on will now contribute to our Endowments for the Future of Tau Phi Delta!

This endowment will help pay yearly taxes, insurance and will enable us to hand out scholarships as well as put on educational and recruitment type programs. It will ensure that we are financially sound and help bolster the ranks in our bellowed fraternity.

We have strived for this since 3 years ago and now have the chance to build up our coffers and make our Fraternity more attractive to future Brothers and Little Sisters of Tau Phi Delta

Please place your orders NOW so we can have them ready to install this summer. Next phase will begin after July 1<sup>st</sup>. You can find more details and a patio project contribution/order form is online at [www.tauphidelta.org](http://www.tauphidelta.org).

With your help we can secure Tau Phi Delta for the ages! Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Fraternally,

Kory Enck, Chairman, Tau Phi Delta Foundation (Fall 86)









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### **Annual Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament**

It is time once again for the annual Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament – Saturday, July 12, 2014. This is also the same weekend as the popular Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts (Arts Festival) in State College.

More details to come as to time and location once new chairman has been established!

**Tau Phi Delta's Spring Homecoming will be  
Saturday, April 12, 2014  
Alumni B.O.D. Meeting at 10:00 am.**