



# The TAPROOT

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## Changes on Ag Hill

The last three years has seen a lot of changes on Ag Hill. First Brother Chuck Strauss retired as Director of the School of Forest Resources and was replaced by Mike Messina, an SFR graduate who was an associate unit leader at Texas A&M. Then long-term Dean Bob Steele stepped down and was replaced by Bruce McPheron, Associate Dean for Research in the College of Agricultural Sciences. These changes were just the beginning of a triple whammy to Ag Hill because of severe budget limitations and directives from Old Main. The College faced significant economic challenges from eroding state appropriations that have not kept pace with increasing costs such as health care and skyrocketing state pension obligations. A downsizing within the College in 2010 resulted in ten people losing their jobs and dozens of additional positions being eliminated through attrition (including two within the School). The downsizing was across the college's education, research and cooperative-extension missions, but it virtually eliminated the opportunity for Director Messina to hire any new

faculty and otherwise put his personal stamp on the faculty and School.

The next hit was a directive from Old Main to restructure the college by reducing the number of academic units from 12 to "six or so." To address the economic challenges and Old Main's directive, the College worked through an AG Futures process to identify areas of strategic innovation and growth. The intent was to challenge assumptions about "what we do" and "how we do it" to determine the best application of scarce resources to achieve the College's vision. This process utilized six teams, consisting largely of college faculty, to address the consolidation of academic units. The six teams were charged with reviewing the existing academic units and making recommendations for academic restructuring.

The School of Forest Resources fared reasonably well in this process. All six teams recommended that Forest Science and Wildlife and Fisheries Science stay together. The teams also recommended that the Environmental Resources Management undergraduate program be in the same school or department. Most of the teams recommended that the Wood Products major be an option under Forest Science because it did not have an adequate enrollment to sustain it as an undergraduate major. The six names proposed for the School were Ecosystems and Natural Resources; Environment, Natural Resources and Ecosystems Sciences; Natural

## We Are Family Revisited

Since the "We Are Family" article first appeared in the Fall 2006 issue of *The Taproot* (actually called Winter 2007 issue as found online at: [www.tauphidelta.org](http://www.tauphidelta.org)), several other family connections have been recently added to the Brotherhood.

While a few more of those usual and to be expected "Brother married Little Sister" connections since we last reported, there were even more unique family connections within our fraternity's membership.

For example, Joshua Gallaher (Spring '05) has a "brother by the same mother." He and his younger biological brother, Aaron (Fall '07), were just one more of several such additions. One interesting side note: Both Gallaher brothers' ability to be effective leaders helped get them elected to the House executive committee as both have served as an "Honorable Phi."

Two Philly boys, Derrick "Spooky" Nahill (Fall '05) and his kid brother, Colin, a.k.a. "Lil' Spooky" (Fall '09), made up just another similar family combo.

While the Yoder boys, Alex and Neal (Fall '08 and Fall '09 – respectively), are biological brothers as well. We must be doing something right that their mama let her boys join Tree House?

Most recent "legacy" addition to our fraternity's membership roles and just like the Yoders, was Joshua Hassinger's (Fall '07) little brother, Kody, who pledged as part of the recent Spring 2011 class.

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## New House Advisor

By John R. Murdoch (Fall '06)

I am very honored to be writing this House Advisor update. I proudly accepted the position of House Advisor during the spring Homecoming meeting in which former House Advisor Chris Myers officially retired. I would like to thank him personally for his help to me in this transition time and for his years of service to Tau Phi Delta.

I pledged Tau Phi Delta in the Fall of 2006, I was also elected Phi and served the year of 2008. To say the decision to pledge was the most important to date in my life would be an understatement. I can thank our fraternity for my career, many many friends and countless memories. I am glad I have an opportunity to give back. Because of my recent status as an active member I relate very well as to what the actives are trying to accomplish, their rush strategies, the complexities of working with the Borough, University and Inter-Fraternity Council. I view my role as a go-between between the actives, and the board of directors. It is my strategy to give actives gentle reminders along the way as to our traditions and responsibilities to be sure our fraternity continues to grow and be successful.

With the semester starting the actives face many challenges. These include getting geared up for a new semester, addressing improvements and repairs to the house and working to find good qualified young men to join the house.



**Actives with Tau Phi family connections include, (left to right) Brothers Corey Martier, Travis Cunningham, Neal Yoder, Colin Nahill, Kody Hassinger, and Josh Hickey.**

Brother McGann and I have discussed how we can best help the brothers to work towards these goals. We have certain ideas that we will be implementing with the help of the executive board in the near future. Currently, as was mentioned at Spring Homecoming, we will be concentrating on recruiting at the Altoona, Berks and Mont Alto campuses. We would like to hear from any alumni who live close to these campuses especially if you have an occupation, interest or hobby that might be interesting or educational to share with college students.

I very much look forward to a long career as the House Advisor for Tau Phi Delta and working closely with Co-Advisor Martin McGann. I want to give Dr. Chuck a run for his money. If any Brothers have any questions or concerns please feel free to give a call at (570) 439-0307 or shoot me an e-mail at JMurdock5081@gmail.com.

### “Family” from page 1

However the fall 2010 pledge class had an unusually higher number, with three of five of its members as “legacies.” They included: Corey Martier is a blood brother of Brother Chad Martier (Fall '08). Travis Cunningham is the son of Barry (Spring '82). Lastly, Joshua Hickey is the son of John (Fall '83) and Little Sister Margaret (Cowen) and nephew of Kent (Spring '84) and Little Sister Barb (Kuns).

In less than five years, these new Brothers were added to the bloodline of our fraternity — thanks in part to their own family connection.

# The **Taproot**

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## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Mike Prinkey (Spring '96)  
Phi

Hello Brothers and Little Sisters. I hope all of you are doing well. A few recent cool mornings reminds me that fall is coming along with hunting season, football season, and fall semester at Tau Phi Delta. The actives moved in this past week and are gearing up for another academic year.

This has been a year of change for the house, with many roles changing hands. Back in the spring at the BOD meeting, elections were held for board members. Br. Sean Sweeney and Br. Josh Shafer were re-elected and Br. Chris Campbell and Br. Mitch Vowler were elected as new members. Congratulations to each of you. Br. Chris Kamzalow stepped down from the board after serving for the past 12 years with the last 5 as Phi. A huge thank you goes out to Zoo for his years of outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to Tau Phi Delta. Br. Sean Sweeney stepped down from the Tau position, but remains on the board. Sean has done a wonderful job getting our organization's financial and legal matters in order, and we look forward to his continued involvement as an advisory role on the board. Br. Shawn Cable has been elected by the board to the Tau's position, and I have been elected to the Phi's position. I look forward to serving Tau Phi Delta and working with this great group of volunteers on the board. The following are the goals I have while serving as Phi:

- Improve Tau Phi Delta's relationship with the university and the community
- Promote brotherhood between actives and alumni with additional activities or events
- Complete the next two capital projects at the house
- Support the BOT's fundraising efforts to fund the needed project and increase the current endowment balance.
- Amend the Bylaws to current standards.

In addition to the changeover on the board, Co-House Advisor Br. Chris Myers stepped down in the spring. Chris has been an invaluable asset in this role to Tau Phi Delta over the years. Thank you for your service Chris. Br. JR Murdock has volunteered and been appointed to fill the vacated position, with Br. Martin McGann remaining as the other Co-House Advisor.

Corbin Rinehart has replaced Drew Graves as the webmaster. Updates or suggestions can be sent to Corbin at [cjr5109@gmail.com](mailto:cjr5109@gmail.com).

The Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament was held on July 16<sup>th</sup> at Freestone Golf Course with a follow-up dinner at the house. The event was well attended and a nice size scholarship should go to a few of the actives this school year. Thanks go to those who attended and also thanks to Br. Mark Haffley and Br. Phil Brumbaugh for all they do organizing this event. According to the weekly email I get from the course, congratulations goes out to Br. Toby

Spigelmyer who shot a 95-yard hole-in-one on Hole 4 from the Limestone tee. Great job Toby!

For the second time in recent years, Tau Phi Delta received national recognition for its role supporting youth in outdoor sports. A video was filmed at the house by the NRA during spring homecoming. The focus was on the hunting and shooting traditions of our house and how it has been passed down over the years. The video was used as part of NRA President Ron Schmeits' speech, and we have received wonderful feedback from Brothers and non-brothers alike. We plan have the video available at Fall Homecoming for those who haven't seen it.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Homecoming. 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.

## Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament

By Mark Haffley

The 2011 Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament found another warm and sunny day in State College. There were 52 golfers braving the hills and woods of Freestone Golf course this year to make the tournament a continued success. Thanks again to all that participated and also to Joel Bachert for his help with the meal and Phil Brumbaugh for his help coordinating the teams. This year at the tournament something happened that has never happened before. No, it was not a professional caliber round shot by a completely unprofessional Tau Phi, but rather a hole-in-one! A gentleman golfing with Jim Cowen's team scored the hole in one on hole number 4, the 95-yard par 3.

The winners of the three skills holes were Joe Sirak with closest to the pin, Corey Martier with longest drive, and Jeff MacElrath with the longest putt. The winners of the tournament, with an incredible 9 under par score of 63, were James Stelter, Mark Brunermer, Jeff MacElrath and Ed Balsavage.

If you were unable to golf this year but want to golf next year you can pencil in the beginning of July for next year and start practicing your divot replacement.



## Phi's Message

By **Caleb Hoffman**  
(Fall '08)

Once again I sit here contemplating about what to relay to the alumni because a lot of great things have happened since the spring newsletter. All of the actives that I pledged with in the Fall 08', have now graduated except one so we have two brothers from a pledge class of nine. Brothers come and go all the time, but the memories always will stay for a lifetime. Just yesterday a few recent alumni came back to the House for the football game, and we reminisced about the good times spent here. It's hard to describe the feelings in words, but I know all the alumni know this feeling. The actives and I are grateful of the traditions instilled in us by the House and its tight-knit brotherhood.

With the official start of dove season, we have been going out to get an evening snack and some of the guys are trapping turtles to make a stew. The actives are looking forward to bear season, the hunting season this fraternity is most known for. Just last spring the NRA interviewed actives and alumni of the House about bear hunting and made a nice little video.

All the rooms are currently full at the House with one being doubled. We currently have twenty-two actives, three of which live out of the house, and four boarders, most of which are interested in pledging this fall. House bills are \$3500 for brothers and \$3800 for boarders. If we succeed in a good semester of recruitment we hope to lower the house bills. Our recruitment chairmen are doing a good job thus far with 27 names on a listserv receiving e-mails about our recruitment events. I stress to them that we are only looking for the highest quality individuals because that's what Tau Phi Delta is about. The boarders and potential pledges

are beginning to learn of our high standards about everything we do and believe in. Even though the house has a lot of young guys we are still operating at full efficiency because the young guys are a quick-learning, responsible group. They impressed the more elderly brothers already this fall with a smooth running house cleanup, recruitment at club gatherings, and philanthropic functions. They realize that one day they will be on the executive committee leading the house and the current executives are instilling the qualities in them they will need to be successful.

Some things that you all may find interesting, and I believe I mentioned in the spring newsletter, is the benefit dinner we did last fall. We raised \$600 for a family in Perry County that lost their house and eight of their nine children. Also, last spring we explored recruiting at other campuses so when students transfer to the main campus they are already familiar with Tau Phi Delta. We plan to continue to broaden our search for potential pledges.

I enjoyed my time at TΦΔ and serving as Phi. With this being the last time I write to you as an active, I would like to thank you for your help and support. Being Phi can be tough at times but it makes it easier when you are the president of such a great group of guys that have the support of their alumni. When my time is up and I am an alumnus, I look forward to coming back to the house frequently and giving back when possible, whether it be by making a donation or coming back for a house cleanup. I know you all live busy lives with families, but I look forward to seeing alumni I know and meeting new ones during homecoming on October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions feel free to contact me via e-mail at [clh5255@psu.edu](mailto:clh5255@psu.edu) or call me at (814) 380-0390.

## Supporting *The Taproot*

*The Taproot* continues to provide news about the Actives and Alumni of Tau Phi Delta because of the support of our alumni. The "Alumni Update" section of this issue includes 39 entries provided to us through emails or the return of the insert from last year's issue. Each year individuals or groups of Brothers and Little Sisters have provided financial contributions so the printing and mailing of *The Taproot* is not a financial burden on the actives or the Alpha Chapter. This year is no exception. The following Brothers and a spouse have donated \$10 to \$75 toward the cost of printing and mailing *The Taproot*.

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We thank you for your continued support of *The Taproot*, but we can use some more help. The average cost of printing and mailing *The Taproot* in 2009 and 2010 was \$880. Since the 2010 issue of *The Taproot* was mailed, we have received \$560.

Please take a few take a few minutes to complete the alumni update sheet on the last page of this issue and send it back to us. Sending a check to support The Taproot would also help.

You also can send an update by emailing Tom Yorke, Editor, at [tjyorke@mindspring.com](mailto:tjyorke@mindspring.com).

# Alumni Updates

**Brian “Shank” Aldridge** (Fall '92) graduated with a BS degree in Soils Science. He also graduated from Duquesne University with an MBA and MS in Information Systems Management in 2009. He is married to Sigma Alpha Jennifer Franks, and they live in Crafton, Penna. He and Jennifer have two children -- Joshua Mateo and Gabrel Arturo. The kids keep him out of the woods and away from the streams, but he expects that to change as they get older. They are looking to find other Tau Phis with kids in the Pittsburgh metro (west) so they can link up and go adventuring together. Brian is Technical Team Lead at Paragon Asset Recovery Services, a firm he has been with for 11 years. He enjoys brewing beer, hunting, fishing and gaming.

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**Ben Armusik** (Fall '69) wrote to inform of us of their move from Pennsylvania to Florida in January 2011. They moved to be near two of their three children since his wife's and former Little Sister, **Christine (Cabalik)**, MS condition has worsened. Ben was an active in the House when we moved from 238 to 427 E. Fairmount Ave, and he has not been back to State College since the mortgage burning.

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**Stanford “Stan” Arner** (Fall '64) graduated from PSU with a BS in Forest Science in 1966 and an MS in 1970. He and Liz have a son and daughter and four grandkids. Stan retired from the Northeast Forest Experiment Station's inventory program. He enjoys fishing, travel and playing the guitar. 610-777-2303  
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**Donald Berger** (Fall '62) of Quakertown, passed away on March 7 in his home surrounded by family after a gallant battle with cancer. He was the husband of Deborah Gleockler. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last August. He owned and operated Springbank Farm Nurseries in Quakertown since the age of 24. A steward of the land he was instrumental in preserving the family homestead and other family owned acreage as open space. Don had been a frequent contributor to *The Taproot* with his recollections of his year at Mont Alto.

**Barry Borgiet** (Fall '61), **George Leavesley** (Fall '61), **Bob Shrum** (Fall '62) and **Tom Yorke** (Fall '61) had a mini-reunion with their wives during an extended lunch in Orlando, Florida, this past February. Barry and Helen's permanent residence is Indiatlantic, Florida, but they spend about half the year in Germany where their daughter is completing her medical residency. George and RoseAnn live in Littleton, Colo., and they visit his mom in Sarasota each winter. Bob and Judy Shrum split their time between Bob's family farm in Ligonier, Penna., and their second home at The Villages in northcentral Florida. Tom and Jeannie live in Haymarket, Virginia, but they usually spend 6-10 winter weeks in Naples, Florida. Barry and Helen and Tom and Jeannie have gotten together for lunch or dinner for the past five years. Bob and Judy joined them last year, and George and RoseAnn joined them this year. They tried to coordinate the lunch with **Parky and Joann Parkinson** (Fall '62) this year, but they were traveling in Europe at the time. We'll probably do it again next year so if you plan to be in Florida in February, send one of us an email or give us a call.



**L to R, Helen and Barry Borgiet, RoseAnn and George Leavesley, Tom and Jeannie Yorke, and Bob and Judy Shrum,**

**Tom Breslin** (Fall '54) reports that a group from the class of 1957 has been meeting near Selinsgrove. They would like to hear from more classmates. He and his wife Lucy are regular attendees at the annual Alumni and Friends Banquet of the School of Forest Resources.

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**Bud Brown** (Fall '59) sent a Feliz Navidad card from Ira'muco, Mexico. He says that "Bethlehem must have been much like Ira'muco, where I spent my first six months here in Mexico, on Lake Cuitzeo, the second largest lake in the country. From my farm house about a half mile up the mountain, I look down on the pueblo. There are cows, mules, pigs and fowl on our farm. Our neighbor and his dogs drove his 18 goats by each morning.

Bud also provide the following update on **Brooke Thomas** (Fall '59): "Brooke studied in Peru and Mexico for many years after receiving his PhD in Anthropology from Penn State. He also worked and studied in Mexico, where he lived at the beautiful archeological site in Tulum. We met near there on March 18th., when he was visiting to give a presentation about the Maya civilization, which he has studied since the 1990's, at the Third

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## WHAT IS THE TAU PHI DELTA FOUNDATION?

The Brothers of Tau Phi Delta convened a Grand National Convention on April 25, 2009, to approve the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Tau Phi Delta Foundation. The Foundation is a Non-Profit Corporation formed under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including for the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation is specifically structured to provide and enhance educational opportunities for active student members and alumni of Tau Phi Delta affiliated with the Tau Phi Delta Grand National Chapter, a section 501(c)(7) organization.

The Foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees elected from the fraternal alumni members of Tau Phi Delta. The Trustees work diligently to develop plans for accepting contributions and managing revenues to support the purposes of the Foundation.



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The Foundation grows and manages "Funds"—or endowments—that will help support the activities of Tau Phi Delta active and alumni members into the future. Pending an expected favorable decision from the Internal Revenue Service, the Foundation will qualify as a tax-exempt corporation. Contributions to which are tax deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Currently, the Foundation includes three Funds.



**TAU PHI DELTA  
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The purpose of this fund shall be for the intention to enhance and/or provide for the continuing support of educational opportunities of Tau Phi Delta active members; specifically in regard to tuition assistance for facilities of higher learning or similar trade-specific schools.



**TAU PHI DELTA  
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The Continuing Education Fund will be administered on a basis of creating and supporting outreach programming for both Tau Phi Delta alumni and others who demonstrate

equivalent professional standing, either on an individual or an organizational level.



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The Tau Phi Delta Forever Fund namely shall be a charitable fund established to preserve and maintain the foundation of ideals of Tau Phi Delta, Tau Phi Delta Grand National and similar institutions of education and charitable service. To further endow with, and foster, the tools and facility of an educational environment from which beneficiaries may enrich their educational pursuits, the Forever Fund will be intended as progressive management investment to further this interest.



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Tau Phi Delta Continuing Education Fund  
Tau Phi Delta Forever Fund

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Resources & Ecosystem Science & Management; Ecosystems Science, Conservation and Management; Department of Natural Resources; and Forest Ecosystems. Unfortunately, only one team recognized the importance of forestry at the "University of Penn's Woods."

The third whammy was the proposed cut to Penn State in 2012 by Governor Corbett. His original proposal was a 52.4 percent cut; the final appropriation resulted in a 19.6 percent cut. This cut required the Dean to offer an early retirement package to 120 faculty, staff and extension agents. Eighty employees accepted the package. The School's WFS major was especially hit by the cuts. Three of the seven WFS faculty accepted the package (Tzilkowski, Yahner, San Julian) and another accepted a position at another university (Carrick), leaving three faculty members to support the WFS major (Brittingham, Ferreri, Stauffer). The water option within the Forest Science major also suffered when only one of the three faculty members retiring in the past four years was replaced. Wood Products will be an option of Forest Science, however, two Wood Products faculty members have opted to move to the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering.

The Dean's final proposal to Old Main and the Board of Trustees is to reduce the number of academic units from 12 to 9. Forest Science, Wildlife and Fisheries, and Crop and Soil Science are to be merged into a new Ecosystem Science and Management department. This name was recommended by the faculty, not the alumni and friends of the School. Poultry and Dairy are to be merged into Animal Science, and the remainder of Crop and Soils, plus Horticulture are to be combined as a Plant Science department. The rest of the original units are pretty much intact even though a merger of Plant Pathology and Entomology was on the table for a few years and recommended by the faculty teams. Is this a surprise, given that the Dean is an Entomologist?

The bottom line is that the past two years have been a complete disaster for the School of Forest Resources. After 100+ years, the School lost its name, and has either lost or will lose sixteen vital faculty responsible to key majors and options. These faculty will not be replaced in the foreseeable future.

## Alumni updates from page 5

International Congress de la Culture Maya, -- in Spanish, of course. Brooke took me on a personal tour of Tulum, and he and Shirley and I had a nice Mexican dinner with some of his anthropology associates.

Bud has since returned to the States and is living in East Quogue, N. Y., and he started classes at Empire College in May.

**Jack Byerly** (Fall '65) reports that he was fortunate to run into **Ed Kadel** (Fall '67) and his wife Linda at this year's Pennsylvania Forestry Association's banquet in Williamsport. Ed was wearing his pin on his coat jacket and was an "easy mark". Ed wishes to have his name and address "out there", so that other brothers could get in touch with him when time permits.  
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**Peter E. Dress** (Fall '55) died on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at his home in Athens, Georgia. Pete was born in Abington, Pa., on October 10, 1935, and he graduated from Canton High School, Canton, Ohio, he received his B.S. in Forest Science and M.S. in Biometrics from Pennsylvania State University. After earning his Ph.D. from Purdue University, he returned to Penn State as a member of the faculty. In 1972, he moved to Athens to join the faculty of the University of Georgia, where he

taught and served for 24 years, retiring in 1997. His research at the University focused on developing decision models for natural resource management planning, particularly for the National Forest System. He taught courses in statistical sampling, biometrics, resource management, and data structure and computer algorithms. He was an outstanding and honored faculty member. He was named both Xi Sigma Pi Professor of the Year and the UGA Outstanding Researcher in the Agriculture Experiment Station. He was named a University of Georgia Senior Teaching Fellow in 1989-1990. He served on numerous Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resource and University of Georgia committees, and chaired the Executive Committee of the University Council from 1990 - 1992. He was instrumental in enhancing the Warnell instructional programs when he was appointed the first Associate Dean of Instruction in the Warnell School in 1992. Pete enjoyed many hobbies, including golf and woodworking. With help from his grandson, Michael, he built a full-sized woodworking shop in his backyard, which housed his substantial tool collection, finally making room for a second car in the garage. He was a skilled sailor and watched the winds carefully for opportunities to take friends or grandchildren for a day on his sailboat at Lake Hartwell. He was also an avid reader, often reading several books at a time, both fiction and non-fiction. This reading habit facilitated another of Peter's favorite pastimes: the art of good and thoughtful conversation on virtually any subject.

**Richard "Dick" Cook** (Fall '45) has been retired from the pharmaceutical industry for 23 years and widowed for 16 years. He is a part-time archaeologist in New Jersey with numerous finds and articles. He has three daughters and three grandchildren. He says, "it is a thrill to work with Tau Phi Delta again." 772-283-2731



Family and relationships are a high priority for **Eric “MacGyver” Eberly** (Spring '90). He and Kathy were married in 1994, and they have sons Cody and Dylan born in 1996 and 1999, respectively, and daughter Julia born in 2002. Their children keep them busy with sports and scouts. He says, “I love watching my sons play baseball and my daughter play soccer.” He is continuing the Tau Phi tradition of planting and caring for trees in our yard and community.

Since leaving PSU, Eric earned a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering from RPI. His career has blossomed with positions at Pratt & Whitney Engines, GE Energy and now at NASA.

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**Eric D. Erdman** (Spring '07) recently graduated with honors from the 28<sup>th</sup> class of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Ross Leffler School of Conservation and has been assigned as a Wildlife Conservation Officer in Clearfield County. Eric received the “Torch Award for Leadership” for his leadership qualities and is TΦΔ's youngest veteran who fought with his Pennsylvania National Guard unit in the War on Terror in Afghanistan prior to his attending Penn State and joining our fraternity.

“This is our 31<sup>st</sup> year of living in northern Wyoming,” reports **Howard “Bushwacker” Fedden** (Fall '73). “We love the west, however, we miss the beauty and nature of Pennsylvania, and we manage to return every year or two. I especially enjoyed attending Homecoming last spring and was very surprised when I got lost in Rothrock State Forest near Stone Valley. This is an area that I know quite well when I worked for the Penna. Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry back in 1974 and 1975. We always enjoy

hearing from or having visits from Tau Phi Deltas.”

307-674-7382 (home)  
307-752-8634 (cell)

Little Sister **Donna Fontana** (Fall '75) is the Forensic Anthropologist for the New Jersey State Police, and has been doing this for the state for 30 years now. And she says, “Would love to hear from you?”  
donnafontana@verizon.net

**Roger P. Friedrich** (Fall '57) has a new address in San Francisco: 1390 Market Street, #2119, San Francisco, CA, 94102-5314.  
415-509-9903  
hilltoproger@hotmail.com

**Dave and Chrissy (Reddinger) Gustafson** (Fall '96 / Spring '96) announced the birth of their first child, daughter Rebekah Leigh (8 lbs. 15 oz.) on June 28, 2011.

**Andrew H. Hetrick** (Winter '78) lives in Johnstown, Penna., and he is a Regional Forester at the Penna. Game Commission's SW Office in Ligonier.  
724-238-9524  
Andypam97@atlanticbb.net

**James F. Hoffman, Jr.** (Fall 1982) graduated in 1985 with a BS in Horticulture). He married Kathleen Mary Rotuna (1992, 1998 Slippery Rock) on March 19, 2011. Brother Hoffman is President of Outstanding Seed Company, LLC. He and Kathleen are parishioners at Saints Peter and Paul, Beaver, PA.  
Outstanding Seed Company LLC  
354 Center Grange Rd.  
Monaca, PA 15061  
Toll Free 800-385-9254  
www.outstandingseed.com

**Gregg “Widget” Horvat** (Spring '98) is still living in the Windy City. He reports that “thankfully, he does not have a wife or kids.” His bachelor pad is open for any TΦΔ visitors.  
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**Al Kepich** (Fall '81) wrote the following note to **Phil McGrath**, and then forwarded it to a few other Brothers that knew his late brother Dan Kepich. “I am forwarding you this note to Phil, in letting out a message, that you just never know, and to not take this time we have on this planet for granted, keep battling; memories of the good times will always help in dealing with the unfortunate and unexpected obstacles life throws at you. Strong as an Oak!

I feel bad for my lack of correspondence with my all fraternity Brothers the past couple of years. It's always nice to hear from you. On a very solemn note, I wanted to let you know, and to pass the word to whomever you would think, maybe **[Dave] Messics, Kory [Enck], “Bundy” [Michael Thomas], [Mike] Konz, [Mark] Brunermer, or Chris Wiley**. I'll forward this onto **Earl Hower** and hope for a memorial note in the next issue of *The Taproot*. My brother, Dan, and good friend to many Tau Phis, lost his year and a half battle with brain cancer. He passed onto those grand elk hunting fields and a more pain-free life late last Saturday night. He fought hard as expected and kept as positive as one could never losing hope.

I feel he enjoyed visiting our House and did approve of Tau Phi Delta, he represented Tau Phi material; I remember he crashed at the House a couple times when the PNA Conference was going on, took care of the beer tab one night at Toftrees, turned out to be a wild night. He liked stopping by the House when he was in town and hired a few Tau Phis along the way, **Phil McGrath, Mike Konz, and Bob Zelly** (father of Tau Phi, **Robert Zelly, Jr.**), maybe a few I don't know about. He also crossed paths with a number of Brothers within the region's landscaping industry, as well as those in the hunting and archery circles.

He did make a name for himself and the Kepich & Associates Landscaping Company. He was one of challenging and creative landscape design emulating Philadelphia's suburban area. He had been the main exhibitor at the Philadelphia Flower Show since 1986. He had designed and installed several major accomplished jobs and renovations of some pristine properties especially in Bucks County. Yes, within his trade he has deserved more recognition for his accomplishments. And many Tau Phis helped him get there.

Of course we have our memories as faithful employees, but when you needed his help he did give it and rescue us a couple times despite how annoyed he was. The memories of our hunting together, working together, and childhood memories will endure. He was just being Dan. I miss my brother. Take care brother, you are in a better place."

Little Sister **Deborah Saltman Kirlin** ('75) provided the following update: Dear Brothers and Sisters of Tau Phi Delta, What a delight to receive a copy of *The Taproot* after many, many years of silence! How on earth did you find me?

Looking at the photo of the spring 70's reunion, familiar faces brought back a flood of memories. Even if I had known about the reunion, living and teaching in Qatar in the Middle East did not make for an easy "drive" to the event. The journey to the Middle East and back was simply the result of good and bad choices. It's been an incredible ride, but the sweetness of the here and now is that I am deeply loved and respected by my children and family, and I've gotten rid of a lot of useless stuff.

As for the details of the journey: B.S. in Bible, minor in French from Grand Canyon College in Phoenix, AZ. marriage, 3 kids, homeschooled for 9 years, divorce, bought a townhouse, started my own business

as a language consultant/Accent Reduction Coach, Master's Degree in TESOL from West Chester University, renovated an 1870's era house, lost everything due to a dishonest contractor, went to Qatar to re-coop finances, got a job teaching English as a Second Language here at Ohio University this past August. Started life here in a campground in Nelsonville, OH with a 16.5 mile bike ride to the university. It ended up being cheaper to rent a lovely 2 bedroom townhouse. My goal is to build a small straw bale house and once again have a bit of land with a woodlot and a big garden living as sustainably as possible while the body holds out. For several years, I split my own firewood for heating the house. While my elbows made some serious complaints, I enjoyed myself immensely.

You guys often came to mind along with details of tree identification gleaned from your studies. Since the wood was the remains of selling off 22 black walnut trees on my property, some choice pieces were saved along with having a large number of planks cut. This Christmas, my kids will each get a black walnut blanket chest handmade by a local craftsman who uses no machines in his work. Wishing you all well.

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The Brotherhood is saddened about yet another older Brother's passing. **Norm Martin** (Fall '47) was a key alumnus to our fraternity, largely due to his long-term service as treasurer to our alumni group and his traditional returns to the House during homecomings and other special events.

According to **Charles "Chuck" Strauss** (Spring '56) "He was a true pillar of strength to our fraternity over these many years. He and his wife, Charlotte, were typically present at many of our social events.

As mentioned in *The Taproot* article, 'Our Own Band of Brothers,' Norm served in WW II as a sergeant, and was assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 fraternity nickname of 'Iwo.' His recollections of the War included the lament that it was 'a bloody battle. The best were left there!'

Norm was one of the vets who returned to Penn State and helped reopen Tau Phi Delta. His 'band of brothers' earned their degrees in forestry and graduated in 1950. Their returns to the House became a tradition, including brothers **Connie Lickel, Ed Kocjancic, Fran Kennedy, Hal Geiger, and Ray Brooks**. Typically, during fall semester, these men would play a round of golf during the day and join the House for evening dinner and conversation. Norm was one of our alumni who spent time with the actives and otherwise encourage our endeavors.

Norm continued with his support to our alumni group and advice to our House during the following decades. He was one of our 'core members' who made the key decision in 1968 to purchase our 'new' property, down the street at 427 Fairmount Avenue. Norm often recalled that we had owned the same building lot earlier and aspired to construct a new house on that property.

We could always rely on his ever-present smile and quiet demeanor and those words of encouragement to our brothers and pledges. And when we celebrated the School of Forest Resources' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2007 at the House, Norm and Charlotte were with us! They were here with their ever-present smiles, and their love for the gathering of fine people known as Tau Phi Delta."

**William "Bill" Mitchell** (Fall '60) sent the following note: We just returned from a couple of days camping at the Chiricahua Nat'l Monument south of Willcox, AZ. A great "island in the sky" place where Cochise and Geronimo hid after being set-up by the US Army and private entrepreneurs. We got out just before the snow showers hit tonight w/ temps at 30. Fantastic hoodoos. Before that, we were recuperating from watching baby Nicklas in Germantown, Maryland for two weeks in late March and early April while his parents did a Caribbean cruise with friends.

We had the **Dennis Molli** (Fall '60) and his wife, **Dave Bauer** (Fall '60) and his wife, and **Chuck Schroth** (Fall '61) and his wife visit in March. Schroths were repositioning an RV from Tucson to Tri-cities, WA. They were fun to talk to over a long lunch. He had some medical issues in the 90s but seems fine now. His wife was a  $\Delta\Delta\Delta$  with Roseann Leavesley. They've been 40+ yrs in Alaska. One son runs a air cargo and guide service out of Gustafavson, Alaska. Chuck has a great blog of their 14-month trip around the US, to New Zealand and Australia. Have you read it? Maybe it should be highlighted in a TPD alumni newsletter. Good writing.



Bill provided the above photo of Tau Phi Deltas on the steps of 237 E. Fairmount. They are dressed for the 1963 "Sailor's Ball" at the Pink Elephant. Pictured in the photo are Brothers **Schrecengost, Leavesley,**

**Bartnicki, Cherko, Molli, Alexander** (front row), **Kuhn, Shrum, Moyer and Thomas** (back row).

**Bob Momich** (Winter '70) lives in Marshall, North Carolina. He reports, "The years I spent at Tau Phi Delta were probably the most formative years of my young life. The brothers there were all people of the highest caliber. The friendships I made there remain to this day. After I graduated from PSU, I became a Park Ranger with the National Park Service working in Shenandoah N. P., Yellowstone N. P. and Everglades N. P. among others.

My wife Pat and I are now firmly settled here on 65 acres in the Smokey Mountains region of western North Carolina where we have adapted to a somewhat self-sustaining life style. Using the knowledge I gained in Forestry School, I am managing our acreage for high-quality veneer grade Poplar, Oak, and Cherry. Life has gotten even better now that our daughter Allison and her husband have moved nearby. We keep life simple by using our spring for water, heating with wood (using the best forestry techniques of course), generating abundant electricity through solar and hydro means (we sell the excess to the power company), and by growing most of the food that we eat. The simple life gives a measure of control over our lives and gives a great feeling of accomplishment."

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Little Sister **Lisa Cairo O'Brien** (Spring '87) provided an updated address, telephone number and email and the following brief note in response to a request for more Little Sister where-abouts. "I guess I should .... Since it will be a surprise to many that I actually settled down and got married. I'll put something together and email it to you; maybe a week or two. Headed to southern cal on business for two weeks.

**Editor's Note:** Send us an update, and we'll put it in the 2012 Taproot.  
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**Dave "Fudd" Patterson** (Fall '63) sent the following note: "After graduating from Penn State, I worked for Koppers at their Cincinnati treating plant for seven months. I spent the next four and a half years as a navy pilot; HC-7 where we flew into North Vietnam to rescue downed air crew. Then VRF-31, a ferry squadron, where I was pilot in command of H-2, H-3, H-34, H-46, and H-53 helicopters as well as co-pilot of multi-engine fixed wings such as C-1, E-1, S-2, C-47, C-117, HU-16, C-130 and others. I got to fly all over the USA.

After the Navy, I went to Colorado State for my Masters and worked at the Texas Forest Products lab for 7 years before going to Texas A&M for my PhD. I was then on the faculty at West Virginia University for 14 years before going to the University of Arkansas at Monticello where I have been for the last 14 years.

I have a wife, 3 children, and 4 grandchildren. I enjoy hunting, fishing and wood working. I am refurbishing a fiberglass boat, motor, and trailer that came out of the factory in Cheyenne, Wyo. In March 1958."

Dave was honored by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas on September 10, 2010 for: his strong, consistent publication record, and excellence in extension and teaching programs; and being a leader and molder of progressive thought in his field of wood structure and properties; and having established an international reputation in the understanding of forest stand growth on wood properties; and providing a peer role model of consistent hard work over his long career. The University



conferred upon him emeritus rank effective October 1, 2010, and grants him certain rights and privileges as extended to emeritus faculty by the University of Arkansas at Monticello and the University of Arkansas System.

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**Stan Piorkowski** (Fall '69) wrote, "This is an attempt to let everyone know that Marianne and I communicate via email and to let you know that we have changed accounts. Stan retired from the Penna. DCNR Bureau of Forestry in 2007 and his wife from teaching after 30 years in the public schools of Mifflinburg, Penna. in June 2010.

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**Robert "Bob" Potter** (Fall '49) is now 83. He and his wife Phyllis (PSU '51, Phys. Ed) live in Mocksville, North Carolina. Bob spent many years of work and travel with the US Forest Service and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He worked in many of the developing countries of the World, but has lived in North Carolina for the past 22 years. He and Phyllis are planning to move to an assisted-living facility near Jacksonville, Florida. Their three daughters are married and have children; the youngest grandchild is 21. Phyllis has colon cancer, which is currently stable. After 60 years of jogging, Bob's legs, hips, and lower back are weak, and he uses a cane. Otherwise, all is well. He says, "I have many fond memories of life at Tau Phi Delta and wish you all well."

336-751-2870

**Dean Quinney** (Fall '47) lives in Purcellville, Virginia. He says that "foresters Joe Barnard, Glen Haney, Nelson Loftus, and Dick Shafer are all Forest Service buddies that I worked with on various assignments."

540-668-6153

**Earl Reinsel** (Fall '53) says that he and Anne are fine. Earl had surgery in April and the rehab is progressing well. He says, "With a little luck, I may even chase the "mighty Wapiti" again this Fall. Best wishes to all the brothers and their families.

406-251-3382

**Norwood 'Woody' Robertshaw** (Fall '53) was born on July 18, 1934 in East Penn Township, Penna. After graduating from Penn State University. Woody had a 34-year career with the US Forest Service, working in various states across the country including Oregon, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin, Washington D.C. and California. He retired in 1989 as Director of Lands and Real Estate Management for the Pacific Southwest Region in San Francisco. After retirement, he worked for the Trust for Public Land, and then as a Land and Natural Resources Consultant. He served on the Board of the California Tahoe Conservancy and the Brentwood Agricultural Land Trust.

He was a conservationist and planted an estimated million trees throughout his career. He was responsible for brokering numerous land exchanges with private parties to help preserve pristine wilderness areas for the public domain.

During his career, he dressed up as Smokey the Bear for appearances at grade schools to educate children about the importance of fire prevention; manned a Forest Service lookout tower; fought forest fires throughout the western United States and designed campgrounds. He generously mentored innumerable people throughout his career.

A true renaissance man, he could be asked a question on any topic and provide the answer, in addition to giving a full 360 degree perspective on the topic. Due to an oral family history dating back to 1805, he was known as an engaging storyteller. He

enjoyed gardening, genealogy, history, fishing, snowshoeing, camping, travelling, was fluent in German, and was known for his witty sense of humor.

Activities throughout his adult life included Little Theater, assisting with organizing three Unitarian Churches in Roseburg, OR, Springfield, MO, and Mequon, WI; acting as an advisor to a 4H club; and membership in the following organizations: Penn State Alumni Association, the Pennsylvania German Society, the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees, Society of American Foresters, National Association of Forest Service Retirees and proudly, the Sons of the American Revolution.

**Barry Seiple** (Fall '62) was reported MIA in the last issue of *The Taproot*. He actually is living in Clarksville, Georgia.

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Pat Wilson-Schmid, widow of **George "Groge" Schmid** sent a thank you note for keeping her on *The Taproot* mailing list, and she asked to be kept aware of events that include the classes from the late 1950s.

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Lederach, PA 19450

**Glenn Snyder** (Fall '55) retired from a military flying career in 1997 after 38 years a fixed-wing and helicopter pilot in the US Air Force, Wyoming Air Guard, and Wyoming Army Guard. Glenn is still working full time with the US Forest Service in the Rocky Mountain Region Cooperative Fire Protection Program. He says, "I am married to my wonderful wife Heidi, and we have four daughters – Konnie, Trinie, Stefie, and Korie—and six grandchildren. I keep busy in my spare time with a 105-acre tree farm in Colorado and a 105-acre tree farm in Pennsylvania."



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A charitable group of Tau Phi Delta Brothers from the early 70's [**Bob McColly** (Fall '70) , **Mark Webb** (Fall '71), **Carl Geesaman** (Fall '69) and **John Caldwell** (Spring '71)] did their good deed for senior citizens by taking Good Ole' **Dr. Chuck Strauss** (Fall '56) to Canada for a week's fishing trip. And they even brought the body back to Mrs. Strauss!!

Along their way into the northern reaches of Quebec, they hailed a fine Beaver for some flying time and arrived at their secret location - Little Benny Lake, where the walleyes were plentiful and northern pike were vicious!! Their cabin on the lake had adequate kitchen, sleeping, and "other facilities", though it was just as easy to join the bear in the woods.



Four boats provided easy access to this fine fishing lake.



This productive crew netted 397 fish, 2 squirrels, and 1 mouse. This included everything brought to the boat or brought down by McColly's 6-gauge stick. Notable catches included Geesaman's 33" pike and Dr. Chuck's 22.2" walleye. Plus, we had 5 major meals of fresh walleye during this fun-filled week.



Evening entertainment included guitar music and an assortment of Scotch salutes to the full moon (plus McColly's lecture on the constellations).

**Ron Stroble** (Fall '61) says he is looking forward to the next issue of *The Taproot* and asks us to keep up the good work.

^Sad news about our longtime fraternity cook, **Elizabeth "Betty" Tingle**, of Center Hall Mountain, passed away at age 93 on March 16, 2011, at Centre Crest Nursing Home, Bellefonte, Penna. She had cooked at the following Penn State fraternities: Phi Epsilon Phi, Tau Phi Delta, Sigma Chi Fraternity, retiring in 1992. Betty loved to cook and share her pies with many especially "her boys" at Tau Phi. In 1938, she married John Carl Tingle (best known for his antics with the Little Sisters and homemade hot peppers), whom preceded her in death. Betty is survived by four daughters, two sisters, 22 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 20 great-great

grandchildren, and a Tau Phi Delta Brotherhood in mourning.

**Allen Vohden** (Fall '46) is living in Danville, Vermont, and he says, "I'm still hanging in!"

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**Bob Walley** (Spring '79) "wishes the best for the House." He and Mary have four daughters, Stacey (31), Kiki (23), Marci (21), and Maoi (17). Bob has been with Bridgestone Americas for 17 years and is a production evaluation engineer in commercial tires. His hunting has been limited to deer because of time limitations; however, he plans to start hunting duck and turkey again. He probably will do some fishing also since there are two large bass lakes with 15 minutes of their house near Nashville, Tenn.

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**Thomas R. Witmer** (Fall '82) of Philadelphia sent a check for the Tau Phi Delta Foundation.

**Tom Wolfe** (Spring '66) has been retired from the PDA (Penna. Dept. of Agriculture) for almost 6 years. He say, "It is scary how the time flies. I have enjoyed every minute of retirement. We have taken two long car trips out west and have seen lots of National Parks. There may be a third trip in the future because there is a lot more to see. It's a great country. I just wish both political parties would stop bickering long enough to run it right!" **Editor's Note:** Amen!

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**Howard "Dokey" Wurzbacher** (Spring '77) was elected to a 3-year term on the Board of Directors of the School of Forest Resources Alumni Group. He is a Regional Forester for the Penna. Game Commission's North West Regional Office in Franklin.

## A 60's REUNION

In the last issue of *The Taproot*, we requested suggestions for where to hold the fourth reunion of Brothers that were in the House in the late 50s, 60s, and early 70s. Earlier reunions were in Colorado Springs in 1997, State College in 2002, and State College in 2007. We had 32 brothers and spouses attend the reunion in Colorado Springs; 80 in State College in 2002; and over 125 from all classes attending the reunion held in conjunction with School of Forest Resources Centennial Celebration in 2007.

Well, we got a lot of suggestions for where to hold the reunion, no two the same. Those in the West wanted the reunion held in the Rockies and those in Florida suggested the southeast US. **Nick Shema** (Fall '62), who lives on the Big Island, suggested that we all convene in Hawaii. Great idea Nick, but we think it is a little expensive for the non-islanders.

We settled on another reunion in State College for two reasons. First, we probably have more brothers living in or near Pennsylvania and thus we should get a bigger turnout. Second, we wanted an optional cruise following the reunion, and Baltimore is the most convenient port that is close to State College. (**Editor's Note:** And no, leaving from nearby Port Matilda or even Port Royal, Penna. will not work!)

The reunion will be held mid-week after **Labor Day weekend 2012**. This time does not conflict with the University calendar, including home football games. We will meet in State College for a welcome reception on September 4, have some tours and dinner on September 5, and then depart to Baltimore to meet the Royal Caribbean ship departing for a 9-day cruise to New England and the Canadian Maritime provinces on September 6. The cost of the cruise will depend on how many brothers and spouses sign up. An inside cabin will cost about \$850 and a deluxe ocean-view cabin will cost about \$1,100 per passenger.

This is the only general announcement about the reunion and optional cruise. If you think you might attend the reunion, please complete the form below.

**Only those brothers that complete the form or send an email to Tom Yorke (tjyorke@mindspring.com) will receive subsequent information about the reunion.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pledge Class \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, and Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (home, work or cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate box below. It is for planning purposes only and does not imply a commitment.

- I will not be able to attend the reunion.
- I may be able to attend the reunion and optional cruise.
- I will attend the reunion.
- I will attend the reunion and may go on the cruise.
- I will attend the reunion and go on the cruise.



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 2012 issue of *The Taproot*.

Name and Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge Class \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) (To be printed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify home/work/cell)

Email Address (To be printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Quotable comments and other information about you, your family, your career and interests outside of work (If need be, continue on a separate sheet).

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My contribution for supporting the Taproot is \$10, \$20, \$30, or \$\_\_\_\_ (specify).

Please make your check payable to Tau Phi Delta Fraternity and send this form (detach this page or photocopy) and the check to: Tom Yorke, 5384 Antioch Ridge Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169.

You also can send an alumni update and suggestions for future articles by email to the editor (Tom) at: [tjyorke@mindspring.com](mailto:tjyorke@mindspring.com)

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# **FALL HOMECOMING**

## **October 15, 2011**

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Noon</b>	<b>Kick-off -- PSU vs. Purdue</b>
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Beverages and dinner at the House (\$25 per person or \$45 per couple for lunch and dinner)</b>

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