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Welcome to *The Taproot* of TΦΔ Board of Directors Presents New Alumni Newsletter

This is the first of what we hope will be many successful alumni newsletters of the Tau Phi Delta Fraternity. At the spring meeting of the Board of Directors a proposal was presented for the alumni to take a more active role in preparing the newsletters and planning the homecomings of our fraternity.

It was decided that the alumni would produce the fall newsletter, which will concentrate on news about the alumni. The alumni would be responsible for soliciting input for the newsletter, writing and editing the articles, and paying for the printing and mailing.

The actives will continue to support the newsletter by collating and mailing the publication. The active Phi also would contribute an article about the activities of the House. The spring newsletter will still be the responsibility of the actives, but news about alumni will be included as space allows.

The Board of Directors endorsed the proposal for a number of reasons. First, the newsletter provides a forum for our alumni to communicate with their classmates. Second, the shifting of responsibility to the alumni takes the pressure off the actives to prepare a newsletter short-

We hope this newsletter serves much the same function. Although we have all spread in different directions, like the many rootlets of a majestic oak, we remain tied to Tau Phi Delta. The Taproot will help ensure that we stay bonded together under our fraternal ties.

The alumni also will take a more active role in planning homecoming celebrations.

We are starting with this year's Fall Homecoming, which is geared around the alumni that return to Penn State for the day.

We encourage all alumni that attend the football game to come by the House after the game for socializing and a light dinner. We also encourage those alumni within a one or two hour drive of State College to come to the House.

Please consider traveling to State College during the game (the roads are empty) and returning home after the game traffic subsides. More details about Homecoming are included in this issue of *The Taproot*. See you on October 23.

Fraternally,
Br. Jim Stelter
Phi, Board of Directors

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ly after returning to campus.

Probably the most important reason, however, is for the alumni to get more involved in the activities of our fraternity. We have a good start. Tom Yorke agreed to be editor of the alumni newsletter, and he has a long list of volunteer contributors.

After some discussion, the contributors agreed to call the fall newsletter *The Taproot*. All trees have a main root which holds them sturdy in the ground, and it is this root—the taproot—which binds them to life. From the taproot grow numerous rootlets which bring in water and necessary nutrients for the tree's growth.

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Active Phi's Report

After varied summer pursuits, Brothers return to TΦΔ

With summer break fading behind us, the fall semester has once again burdened the brotherhood with readings, homework, papers, and tests. It could be suggested that if it weren't for the companionship of Tau Phi, more than one brother might find himself reluctant to trek back to Happy Valley. This semester, 19 brothers did find their way back to the house, with several boarders rounding out the standard crew.

Over the summer, actives have engaged themselves in a variety of employment opportunities. Br. Kyle Ziegler worked as a surveillance officer for the Warren Country Mosquito Control Commission, complementing his Wildlife and Fisheries Science (WFS) coursework. Br. Greg Shaetzle was employed at a trout hatchery and is returning to complete his WFS degree. Br. Shaun Doran completed forestry work at Fort Indiantown Gap.

Br. Chad Atwood worked as a SCEP student for the U.S. Forestry Service and is returning to work towards his forestry degree. Br. Joe DiGirolamo received practical experience towards his Ag. Science degree working as a farmer over the summer. Br. Jeff Gowen could be spotted around State College implementing landscape designs, supplementing his landscape contracting studies. It is rumored that Br. Eric Fritzinger spent another summer working in forestry for the state.

Some of the Brotherhood were occupied with less typical endeavors. Br. Mark Haffley worked as a bounty hunter fulfilling the pest control needs of northwestern Pennsylvania farmers. Br. Brian Tiegs was spotted giving forklift rides to coeds at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse of State College. I returned to a government nuclear weapons lab in New Mexico.

Contrary to the current rumor mill, I wasn't the one that lost the disks. Finally, Br. Casey Fenton claimed to be writing for the Kerry Campaign. This comes after his stint with the Sierra Club, all in hopes of honing his skills for an English degree back at PSU. Br. Fenton will be happy to field any questions regarding his political views at fall homecoming. Tar and feathers will be provided as a membership committee fundraising event.

Rush is well underway as are the normal fall rush activities. Cookouts, intramural sports, socials, and trap shoots are just a few of the events that ensure new faces appear and replace the voids left by champions of prior semesters. As always, please forward contact information of any incoming students with potential interest in Tau Phi Delta.

This semester's house bill is \$2,400 for brothers and \$2,700 for boarders. Regarding both finances and maintenance, the house is in good condition, with no major repairs being seen in the near future.

Last semester the house achieved an overall GPA of 2.95, placing us 29th out of 52 IFC chapters. The new member class of last semester earned a GPA of 3.05. This was well ahead of previous new member classes, yet more importantly, well above the IFC-required 2.50.

Due to the efforts of Br. Drew Graves, our website, tauphidelta.org, remains a useful forum for commentary, catching up, and connecting with the actives. Please contact me at bms230@psu.edu or (570) 765-0775 with any questions or suggestions.

Rustle up some pledge brothers and make a pilgrimage back to the Tau Phi for Homecoming. I'll be anxious to see you here on October 23.

Sincerely,
Br. Brandon Smith
Active Phi

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Alumni from the Sixties Reunite at TΦΔ

It was a hot and humid, which is typical for central Pennsylvania in August, but the weather did not deter the Tau Phi Delts from having a great time during their reunion in State College. Eighty alums and spouses traveled from as far as western Idaho to join the many alums from State College and other parts of Pennsylvania for a wonderful weekend on August 16-18, 2002. Those attending the reunion did a little golfing, shopping, and touring while catching up on the families, careers, and experiences of their classmates.

The festivities started when the alums began reminiscing over a few beers at the Hospitality Suite on Friday afternoon. Joe Bartnicki also enticed, without much effort, some alums to his room for a Rum and Coke or two or three. This was followed by a reception at the Nittany Lion Inn on Friday night.

Fifty Tau Phi Delts and spouses attended the reception, which included a great selection of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. We then ventured into town for dinner at the Tavern, Allen Street Grill and other local eateries.

Saturday morning and afternoon were devoted to touring the campus or taking a boat ride through Penn's Cave. The campus tour, led by Chuck Strauss, had the biggest crowd. It couldn't be that Chuck promised to buy everyone an ice cream cone at the Creamery during the tour.

The festivities on Saturday night were held at the House. The current actives at that time, Phi Brian McHail, Drew Graves, Sean Sweeney, and Andrew Strassner, did a great job of cleaning the House and preparing it for the Reunion.

Any alums that spent a summer in either the old or new House realized and appreciated the cleanup effort done by Brian, Drew, Sean, and Andrew. Nancy Robinson, the House cook, prepared a wonderful meal for the alums that consisted of Caesar salad, chicken cordon bleu, rosemary potatoes, broccoli and cheese sauce, and cake and fruit for dessert.

Sunday morning found the Tau Phi Delts up and raring to go. We rendezvoused in the Penn State Room of the Nittany Lion Inn for a scrumptious brunch. Everyone was reluctant for the weekend to end. The brunch was the last opportunity for the alumni to reminisce and to snap a few pictures of their 20-year old friends that had suddenly turned sixty.



From left: Chuck Strauss, Jim DeTuerk, John Clickner, Bud Brown, Mike Baker and John Ewell.



Standing, from left: Dennis Molli, Pete Hallock, Pete Alexander, Joe Eichert, Ric Ulrich, Bill Mitchell and Tom Yorke. Seated, from left: George Lewesky, Joe Bartnicki, Bill Healy and Merv Schrecengost.



Standing, from left: Paul Walter, Dane Patterson, Wayne Dunlap, Frank Judd and Jack McCandless. Seated, from left: Matt Thomas, Charlie Torielli, Bill Herb.

Those attending the reunion not shown above included: Richard Ausherman, Jerry Bremer, Jack Byerly, Dan Douthitt, Dave Dries, Dave Frogatt, John and Lee Moyer, Walt Pillar, Greg Schrum, Barry Stauffer, Ron Stroble and Brooke Thomas.

Tournament of Tradition

Tau Phis hit the links in memory of

Once again this year the annual Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament was a true success. This tournament began in 1985 and at that time was just a way to get Tau Phi Delts together on the links for some fun during Arts Festival. Brother Jim Evans was an avid golfer and played in the tournament each year up until his death in 1988.

The year after Jim passed away we decided to name the tournament in his memory. Every year since, we have held the tournament and a portion of the entrance money goes to a scholarship award which is given to the active Brother(s) who most represent the ideals for which Jim stood.

For those who didn't know Jim, he was the consummate Tau Phi Delta Brother. He had a keen interest in the outdoors.

Jim was the arborist for the Borough of State College and always hired many brothers from the House for his summer crew.



After discovering that none of their drives landed anywhere close to the green, Robert Muti, Greg "Champ" Fleming, Kevin "Rick" Walter and Dave "Shoot 'Em Up" Gustafson discuss strategy. Not surprisingly, their plan of attack involved a trip to the cooler.

Courtesy of Jim's Borough tree crew, the House was often the recipient of many large loads of firewood. Jim was also a deputy game protector. Despite work and family obligations, Jim still managed to regularly visit the House and partake in social activities.

Jim is still very missed by many of those who were close to him. Many of us are confident that Jim is up there watching us each summer as we smack the little white ball around Standing Stone.



It can become quite warm on a golf course during a sunny mid-July day, and serious golfers know how to dress appropriately. Sean Sweeney and Shawn Cable are properly prepared for the weather, sporting shorts, cool shirts and a coonskin cap.

Tee Up!

Join in the camaraderie and good times of the Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament. The annual event will be held July 16, 2005, at the Standing Stone Golf Course north of Huntingdon, Pa. Tee time is yet to be determined, but golfers usually make their first drives around 9 a.m.

The four-man scramble format ensures that even those with the worse hook or slice can get a piece of the action, even if they do not know what a hook or slice is. However, in recent years competition has been keen, so choose your partners wisely. All Brothers and their guests are invited. If you are unable to form a complete foursome, the Tournament Chairman will do his best to create one out of the individuals in the same situation.

The entry fee for the fun is \$50 per golfer. This includes greens fee and cart rental, and a barbeque-style dinner and prize drawing after the tournament.

Proceeds benefit the Jim Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is awarded each year to active Brothers who best exemplify the spirit of Tau Phi Delta, outdoorsmanship and academics. Last year nearly 80 golfers raised \$1,300 for the scholarship fund.

Watch your mail this spring for details on next year's Jim Evans Memorial Golf Tournament. Information will also be posted at www.tauphidelta.org. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, or would like to donate prizes for the tournament raffle, contact Tournament Chairman Adam Heggenstaller at (703) 815-7023 or via email at higgins_308@yahoo.com.

2004 Winners

Perhaps because they have so much free time to practice, a much older team than most came away with top honors at this year's tournament. Shooting an 8-under score of 64 were Brs. Jack Byerly, Frank Judd, Lee Moyer and Tom Yorke.

Mont Alto Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The House has had a long relationship with the Mont Alto Campus of Penn State. For decades, the university's forestry undergraduates were required to attend their first few years at this small branch campus nestled in the South Mountains of Franklin County.

This commonwealth campus was the historic site of the Pennsylvania State Forest Academy from 1903 until it merged with the Pennsylvania State College system in 1929. Mont Alto's student body has leapt in size from that first class of 13 foresters in 1903 to an all-time recent high of 1,161 enrolled in variety of major studies, including forest technology.

Many a Tau Phi have thrown an

axe at Field Days, mastered dendrology in the Michaux State Forest, or helped tap a keg on top of Pine Knob.

The Centennial celebration was a three-day event held October 16-19, 2003. A barbeque was held in a tent on the old parade grounds and athletic field Friday evening. The cool and misty weather of Friday yielded to beautiful fall days on Saturday and Sunday. There were plenty of activities to keep the alumni busy, including a

well-attended banquet on Saturday night.

One thing hasn't changed. The Tau Phi Delts managed to close the lounge at the Holiday Inn in Chambersburg on both Friday and Saturday nights.



Tau Phi Delts and spouses visited many of their old haunts at Mont Alto, such as Conklin Hall, during the campus Centennial celebration. Representing our fraternity at the event were Betty and Wayne Dunlap, Rich and Joann Parkinson, Wayne and Judith Kuhn, Tom and Jeannie Yorke, Frank and Mary Judd, Paul and Bonnie Walter, Bill and Georgette Healy, Tim Breneisen, Dennis Brehm, and Bill and Linda Cook. Other Tau Phi Delts who were known to have attended the Centennial included Ed Crow, Earl Hower, Rod Jones, Al Kepich and Roy Siefert. Also present were Mark Hahn, Martin McGann and Ken Wolfe, who also serve on the Mont Alto Alumni Society board of directors.

School of Forest Resources Gets New Building

Construction crews started excavating for the foundation of the new School of Forest Resources building in August. The School expects to occupy the building in August 2006. Many Tau Phi Delts have made contributions for the construction of the new building. Bob and Catherine Bommer's and Chuck and Carol Strauss' contributions have been dedicated for the W. W. Ward Silviculture Laboratory. Ed and Patricia Kojancic's contribution has been dedicated for the Kojancic Forest Soils and Water Teaching Laboratory.

As noted in the recent issues of "Resources," the building will cost more than anticipated and additional contributions will be needed. It would be great if we could combine enough other contributions from Brothers to dedicate a Tau Phi Delta Fraternity laboratory or office. We would need \$25,000 to name an office and \$100,000 to name a laboratory.

Are there 25 or more Tau Phi Delts out there who will consider contributing \$1,000 or more for the new building? The contribution can be pledged and then paid over five years to lessen the impact on family budgets. Please contact Tom Yorke if you have made or will consider making a pledge. He has agreed to coordinate the Tau Phi Delta contribution if there is enough interest. You can contact Tom by email at

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Pure, Bear Success

Tau Phi Delta Bear Hunters have been takin' care of bear for 30 years

For the last three decades, many Brothers have joined together during Pennsylvania's late November bear season to hunt the wily and elusive animal by driving clearcuts and slopes thick with undergrowth. The hunt—full of camaraderie and all the qualities of Brotherhood—has become a standing tradition at Tau Phi Delta.

The Early Years

The Brotherhood organized the first-known bear hunt with a dozen or more anxious Tau Phi nimrods in 1974. Perhaps they were looking for something to do during the break between the fall and winter trimesters. They "camped out" at the farmhouse of Br. John Shotzberger's grandmother, just outside Wellsboro, Tioga County, and hunted the nearby woodlots and farmlands. Along with "Shotz," Brs. Roy "Screamer" Siefert, "Big Al" Lebrun, Rich Lane, Cam Koons and Chris Daum—to name a few—were listed on the House's first-ever bear roster.

The group still-hunted in the morning and then

attempted the first-ever bear drive. Just after lunch they decided to try a silent drive. There were 10-plus drivers, and soon after they started a big snowstorm blew in. The sudden white-out conditions cut visibility down to zero. Several members of the party got lost for what seemed like hours.

The following year, Br. Dwight "Ike" Fulmer offered his family's camp in Barbour, Lycoming County, to host a substantially larger gang. By the second year, 20 Brothers gathered to try their hand at bear hunting the endless beech/maple forests of central Pennsylvania.

Staying as guests at a remote cabin instead of a family farmhouse was an open invitation for some crazy antics. It was a good time that eve of bear season with assorted drinking games providing entertainment. Several played cards all night and did not get any sleep.

In 1976, the first year for a required separate \$5 bear hunting license may have deterred some, as a smaller crew returned to Ike's bear camp looking for at the very least a glimpse of—or better yet a quick shot—at a fleeing bruin.

However, the next two years the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) established a moratorium on hunting bear until further research could be conducted and a management plan established. This dampened spirits, and the future of bear hunting as an established House activity remained uncertain.

Brs. Terry Stemmler and Earl Hower, both successful bears hunters by their own account, reorganized the



After 16 years of hunting bear, Br. Bob Fitterling finally connected with a brute of a bruin last season. The boar tipped the scales at nearly 500 pounds and was the second of two bears to come out of the same drive conducted by the Tau Phi Delta Bear Hunters.



This band of bear hunting Brothers (circa 1975) are credited with starting the tradition at Tau Phi Delta. For the first three years, they hunted each season to no avail, but "a good time was had by all," and the group hunts were destined to continue. Brs. John Shotzberger (back row, far left) and Dwight Fulmer (back row, fourth from left) were the organizers of the early bear hunts.

hunt in 1979. That year the PGC experimented with holding a late-season hunt in mid-December rather than the traditional November, in order to limit the number of pregnant female bears taken by hunters.

About a dozen from the House were shuttled to northern Centre County and along the Clinton County line in a remote area of the Sproul State Forest near the strip-mining hamlet of Orviston. No bear were seen, let alone taken, during this bitter cold day. Someone did return with some frozen bear droppings to proudly display as a trophy at that evening's House meeting.

The following year, skeptics began to doubt whether the efforts of the House to find the elusive black bear were worthwhile. As fate would have it that fall, a few Brothers ran into some overly talkative small-game hunters while hunting turkey in the Seven Mountains area along Route 322. These hunters commented to their new acquaintances on the amount of bear sign seen. During the conversation, they volunteered how they had hunted deer on that mountainside with a large group driving whitetails to each other.

One even commented on the number of bear they drove out of the laurel thickets on the rocky slopes, as well as how they organized and conducted these drives. As they say, the rest was history.

A few weeks later, 18 Brothers hunted that part of Mifflin County, and Br. Karl Imdorf shot and tagged the first of many more bears to end up hanging on the House's meatpole during the next decade.

By the late 1980s, the bear population was growing statewide. The PGC implemented a longer season (three days, rather than one) and increased the bag limit (one bear per hunter per season, instead of one bear per party). More and more bears were found closer to State College, and the annual bear hunt changed locations.

The Home Camp Today

The House continues to host a large squad of hunters during bear season. Though most hunters staying at the "camp" on East Fairmount Avenue are active Brothers or recent graduates, a few veteran alumni return each year for the revelry. Brothers come from all over the state to join in the hunt, and Br. Gregg Horvat even leaves his bachelor pad in Chicago for the chance at getting a crack at a bruin.

The actives welcome the sudden influx of older Brothers, as the Chapter Room, with its grand fireplace, serves as sleeping quarters. Even the Little Sisters prepare pre-hunt breakfasts and sandwiches to be carried on the hunt.

Though the actual hunt doesn't start until the Monday before Thanksgiving, several alumni come back

to the House the weekend prior, arriving Friday night to prepare gear and catch up on old times. The Saturday before bear season is usually spent watching the final regular-season Penn State football game, and other activities revolve around poker games, brews and even the occasional rented hot tub. Most participants will agree that bear season is one of the best times of the year.

On Sunday evening, the raucous group of hunters calms down long enough to devise a strategy for the next three days. A few dedicated Brothers spend several weeks prior to the season intensely scouting for bruin, and their reports shape the plan of action for the season. Hunt captains are named with regards to experience and familiarity with the territory slated for hunting. The gang is divided into two groups, and transportation logistics are figured out. For the new hunters, the basics of conducting a bear drive are outlined, and safety is stressed to all.

As they learned from their predecessors, the entire three-day hunt is a well-orchestrated procedure, with near-full rosters being the norm. Lately, the gang hunting out of the House has focused their efforts on clearcuts in Centre and Huntingdon counties. There are



Having "grown up" and split from the camp based at the House, for 15 years the Golden Bears of Tau Phi Delta have gathered in the Northwoods. During that time, the group has tagged a dozen or more bruin, including these three taken on one drive in 1996.

proven "must-do" drives, but new areas are tried as well. For a few years, the group even returned to the Seven Mountains region.

The Home Camp's hard work and strategies have resulted in much success over the past 10 years, with bruin harvested nearly every season. Those from the Home Camp making a victorious trip to the bear check station in recent years include Brs. Charles "Chop"

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Choplick, Shaun Doran, Adam "Higgins" Heggenstaller, Bob Fitterling, Kevin Horner, Ryan "R.T." Meyers, Kevin "Chief" Oskin, Brian Rice, Kevin "Rick" Walter and Pat Weiss, to name a few.

Golden Bears Formed

After years on hunting from the East Fairmount Avenue bear camp, it became obvious to the older, 30-something Brothers (many from the 1979 hunt) that they needed to grow up, leave the fraternity and go off on their own bear hunts. Also the PGC recodification of game laws prohibited all big-game hunting parties over 25 hunters. So much for the driving the entire Cox's Valley in the Seven Mountains watershed with 49 hunters.

In 1988, Brs. Horner and Hreben did some "recon" work up in "God's Country" on the second and third days of bear season. What they found appeared to be promising! So the next year, the first organized adventure of the newly formed Tau Phi Delta North, or "Golden Bears," ended up in Potter County. The gang was guided under the expert tutelage of Br. Tim Holtz and based their operations out of Br. Roy Siefert's house in the sleepy village of Costello.

Their first attempt in the Northwoods spoiled them as Br. Dan DiCamillo harvested a 450-pound bruin that would have scored 22 inches in the Boone and Crockett Club record books—if it had not been for that unnecessary "coup de grace" bullet to the skull.

But like nomads following the herds, they based themselves in three different Potter County base camps: first at Br. Siefert's place, then in Denton Hill Ski Area rental cabins and at the Black Forest Conservation Club



The camaraderie surrounding the hunt is what brings Brothers together year after year for bear season. Hunting bruin is at times a chore -- especially when hauling the beasts out of the woods -- but spending a few days afield with fellow Tau Phis makes it all worthwhile. Here, Scott Bradbury (left) and Brs. Shawn Sweeney, Drew Graves, Chris Campbell and Kris Gisi struggle under the weight of the bruin brought down by Br. Bob Fitterling.

meetinghouse. Finally they ended up at Roy's new place in Middlebury Center in Tioga County three years ago. That year, hunting in new country with proven techniques paid off, as Brs. Gene Odato and Steve Warner each took their first bear after 26 years invested.

Again on the move, the group will be relocating back to western Potter County to be hosted by the newly formed Twin Valley Hunting Club—organized by Brs. Jim Binder, Ed "Emho" Crow, John "Ben" Herr, Tim Holtz, Kevin Horner, Billy Johns, Troy Shaw and Steve "Benny" Warner—in Keating Summit.

Tradition Continues

The two groups of Tau Phi Delta Bear Hunters have taken over three-dozen bruin in eight different counties in 30 years. Not too bad. But is it skill, luck or fate?

Consider this: when they first started, the statewide annual harvest during a one-day hunt was about 300 bear. It now it averages nearly 3,000 bruin in a three-day season.

The names on the camp roster may have changed, but the bear hunting techniques have stayed the same. Intense scouting and organized drives still put bruin in Brothers' sights. Tau Phi Delta's legacy of woodsmanship continues each season in the dark rhododendron thickets, thick clearcuts and rocky slopes of Pennsylvania's bear country. Bear season has seen friendships strengthened and our Brotherhood reinforced. All worth the effort!

Hunt with us!

Brothers and guests are always welcome to hunt bear with Tau Phi Delta. For more information on joining the gang hunting out of the House this season, call Br. Casey Fenton at (814) 237-2207 and watch the House Web site, www.tauphidelta.org, for details. If you are interested in hunting with the Golden Bears in the Northwoods, email Br. Kevin Horner at ksh102@psu.edu.

Alumni Updates

Where we've been and what we've done

ERIC ARMUSIK (Fall '92) and his wife Rebekah have been married for seven years. They live in Hamburg, Pa., with their daughter Najija Amelia, who was born in 2002. They are expecting another daughter in October 2004. Eric showed his paintings in Florence Italy in December 2003 in the Biennale Internazionale dell'Arte Contemporanea. He has been invited back to exhibit in a solo show in 2006 at the Gruppo Donatello Society Gallery in Florence, Italy near the homes of Michelangelo and Leonardo Da Vinci. He will be only the second-ever artist from the United States to be invited to show there.

STAN (Fall '63) and Liz ARNER live north of Chicago. Liz is directing a research program in arthritis and inflammation for Pharmacia. Stan retired from the Northeast Station of the U. S. Forest Service after 33 years of service when Liz accepted the position with Pharmacia in 2000. They have a son and daughter living in Washington, D.C., and Denver, Colo., respectively. Their son has two kids so they are proud grandparents. Since retiring, Stan has kept busy fishing, birding and visiting family in Pennsylvania. However, Liz has given him some home remodeling jobs recently.

PHIL ARNOLD (Fall '61) and his wife are living in Greenville, S.C., and he is working for Builder Marts of America, a wholesale lumber trader. He says he never sees a stick of real wood since the selling is done by phone, fax, and email. Phil is also a free-lance writer, and he is a contributing editor for the magazine, "Elvis International."

RICHARD (Fall '66) and Linda AUSHERMAN live in Orrtanna, Pa., and are the owners of Ausherman's Pennsylvania Firewood Company.

After Penn State, Rich spent 3 years in the Army, including 27 months in Vietnam as a photo interpreter. He and Linda have a lot of dogs and cats, and they enjoy traveling during the summer. They are looking forward to retirement and getting on with more fun adventures.

MIKE BAKER (Fall '59) and his wife Carol live in Elverson, Pa. Mike works at PAC Strapping Products. Their son, daughter, and son-in-law are PSU grads. Their grandson, Hunter Thomas, was born on July 10, 2001. Mike plans to work a few more years and then play golf.

BRIAN BALONICK (Fall '95) spent four years studying law at Duquesne University after graduating from Penn State in Forest Science in '99, and is now an attorney at the Pittsburgh office of the New York-based law firm Jackson and Lewis. When he is not preparing for court, Brian enjoys returning to Beaver Stadium to root on the Nittany Lions and chasing deer with his muzzleloader.

ED BALSAVAGE (Fall '85) owns and operates Advantage Engineering, based out of Camp Hill, Pa. Ed and his lovely wife Helen are raising their sons Ethan (age 6) and Jonah (age 4) from their home near Dillsburg. Ed appreciates being able to return to the fraternity house for the bear hunt and Homecomings.

JOE BARTNICKI (Fall '60) did not stray to far from home. He and his wife Pat live in Old Forge, Pa., a few miles from Joe's old stomping grounds. Joe retired from Federal Express after working for them and Flying Tigers since leaving the Coast Guard. He now intends to keep the wildlife in check. Joe and Pat recently celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary.

LARRY BEANS (Fall '59) retired after spending most of his career with Caterpillar. He and Irene have

grown kids and live in the empty nest in Dublin, OH.

BRANDON BEVAN (Sp. '95) is married and lives in Reading, Pa. He has been a log buyer for Weaver, Inc. for six years.

JIM "CATFISH" BINDER (Sp. '77) has worked for the Pennsylvania Game Commission since 1981. He's now the manager of the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area and resides in Kleinfeltersville with his loyal dog, Pete. Fish co-owns a sloop on the Chesapeake Bay with DAVE "SKIPPY" DOMIN (Sp. '81).

ROBERT BOMMER (Fall '53) retired on June 30, 2003. Bob was the founder and President of Bommer-Geesaman & Co. He and CARL GEESAMAN (Fall '69) operated a log yard in Highspire, Pa. Carl and his brother LARRY GEESAMAN (Fall '75) continue to operate the company. Bob and his wife Catherine have four daughters and 7 grandkids. Two daughters, including Little Sister MARY KAY, graduated from PSU. Bob is very proud of being named a Centennial Fellow of Mont Alto along with Fellow Tau Phi Delts ED KOJCANCIC (Fall '51) and MARK WEBB (Fall '71).

BARRY BORGIET (Fall '61) married a woman from Austria, and they have lived in Germany for the past 24 years. When he first got to Germany, Barry was in the Air Force. He retired and then went to work for the U.S. Army as a civilian. He and Helen recently bought a condo on the beach near Melbourne, Fla., and they plan to split their time between Florida and Germany. Their daughter, Nicole, is attending college in Germany.

ANDREW "CURLY" BOYER (Fall '95) married Sigma Alpha sister Melissa Barner in June 2000. The couple resides near Little Marsh in

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Tioga County with their daughter Sarah, son Thad and two large retrievers. Curly teaches agricultural science classes and is the athletic director at Cowanesque Valley High School, while Melissa teaches agricultural science at Wellsboro High School.

JERRY BREMER (Fall '59) recently retired from the Forest Service in Wisconsin. He and Diane moved to State College, PA to be near their children.

BUD BROWN (Fall '59) is our energizer bunny. He kept coming back until he graduated from PSU with a BS in Marketing in 1972. Since then he has been in the "bug" business (exterminating) mostly in Georgia, Florida, Virginia and North Carolina with Orkin. For the past few years, he has been with TruGreen/ChemLawn in Raleigh, N.C. He is planning to set up his own landscaping company with his former wife, Alice, in the near future. Bud has a son, Clark, who graduated from NSU College in Oklahoma.

JACK BYERLY (Fall '65) and Sandi Novinger live in the Harrisburg area. Jack is in the Land Management Division of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

CHRIS CAMPBELL (Spring '98) works as a field service engineer for Eaton Corporation. He and wife Gina were married in July, and the couple resides in Pittsburgh. Chris thoroughly enjoys hunting with a flintlock, despite having missed a doe last year at a mere 10 feet.

BILL (Fall '62) and Linda CHERKO have been married for 36 years. She was an Army Nurse when they met in Korea. She is charge nurse at a nursing home. Bill has been in the lawn and garden business; first with Agway and now with Home Depot. They have twin daughters that are 32 years old. Kim graduated from WPI and obtained a Masters Degree from Stanford in

What have you been up to?

We of Tau Phi Delta have done or are doing a little bit of everything. Let your fellow Brothers know what is going on in your world by submitting a brief update about your job, family

or even latest hunting trip for the next issue of *The Taproot*.

Send your story to "Alumni Updates" in care of Tom Yorke, 5384 Antioch Ridge Dr., Haymarket, VA,

20169-3195. Or email them to TomYorke@RegencyDV.com.

You may also want to consider posting an update on the discussion board found at www.tauphidelta.org.

mechanical engineering. Sandi graduated from Southern Connecticut University and has obtained a teaching certificate from the University of Hartford. Bill was diagnosed with prostate cancer a few years ago. They caught it early because of a routine checkup and PSA test. He wanted everyone to know so they would get a PSA test. The early diagnosis from the PSA tests also resulted in successful surgeries to remove cancer from JOE EICHERT and TOM YORKE.

The mountains and hunting in Colorado have attracted RICK CLAGGETT (Fall '66) since 1976. He has worked for EPA since graduation. He and Lois sell antiques, and they plan to use the extra income to supplement's Rick pension when he retires. Their kids, Chris and Cindy, graduated from Colorado State. Rick enjoys deer and elk hunting with fellow Tau Phi Delts DON YOUNG, TOM WOLF, MIKE McNAMARA, ERIC WACHSMUTH, and JOE ARMSTRONG.

JOHN CLICKNER (Fall '59) and wife, Patricia, live near Huntingdon, Pa. John retired from United Airlines in 1999. Patricia is still working at Real Estate, and John says he really likes that. They have two sons: John is Chef at Wegman's and Stephen is Chef at Bleu in Greenwich, Conn. They enjoy mountain biking and hunting for wild mushrooms. John

recently put a library in the house to catch up on all the reading he missed while flying.

Having graduated from Penn State with a bachelor's degree in '87 and a master's degree in '96, TIM "CLONE" COPELAND (Spring '85) is currently finishing up his doctorate degree from Virginia Tech. He working as a research biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game where he studies wild salmon runs. Clone married his wife Sylvia in October 2002 during a "countrified wedding with a square dance and bluegrass band at our house in the holler."

ED "EMHO" CROW (Fall '78) resides in Thurmont, Md. He works for the Maryland Dept. of Agriculture and is involved with Pesticide Licensing and Certification. Eddie wants to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his recent hospitalization and says he's now fully recovered. One of his latest claims to fame is his catch of an 11-pound Smooth Puffer (also known as a Rabbitfish) from the Chesapeake in the summer of 2002. His trophy was at one time the IGFA world record.

JIM (Fall '58) and Suzanne DeTuerk live in State College, Pa. Jim retired several years ago as Professor of Landscape Architecture at PSU. He continues to do some domestic and international consulting.

DAVE DRIES (Fall '63) spent 23 years in the Navy as a helicopter pilot after leaving TΦΔ and PSU. For the last 8 years he has worked in management and organization development. Currently he is the Vice President for a national child and adolescent mental health provider. He and Beverly live in Arbutis, Pa. Their daughter and son are PSU grads. They have 3 grandsons.

WAYNE DUNLAP (Fall '62) retired from the Department of Defense in 1996. His wife, Betty, retired from the World Bank in the same year. Wayne continues to operate Dunlap Woodcrafts, which is a supplier of fancy figured woods for gun stocks, musical instruments, furniture, and custom floors. Their son, Enrique, is in college. Semi-retirement has enabled them to travel more in recent years. They have been to most of western Europe, Mexico, Japan and China.

LEE (Fall '62) and Chris EBELING live in Great Falls, Mont. Lee has a consulting structural engineering firm. Chris is a genetic researcher. They have four children that attended universities in Montana. Lee is the President of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Celebration for the Great Falls area.

JOE (Fall '60) and Lee EICHERT both retired in 2001 and continue to live in Orofino, Idaho. Joe was the Clearwater Area Supervisor for Idaho Department of Lands. He plays a lot of golf in Orofino and Lewiston, fishes year round, and hunts elk, deer and birds with Molly, his Springer Spaniel. Lee retired after 31 years of teaching elementary school in Orofino. She keeps busy reading, golfing and keeping in touch with friends and family through email. Their son, Tom, graduated from the University of Idaho and works for a pharmaceutical company. Their daughter, Katie, is an architect working in Boise, Idaho. Katie and her husband have two grandsons, who give Lee and Joe much joy!

JOHN EWELL (Fall '59) retired in 1997 as the Chief of the

Photogrammetry and Surveys Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Barbara is working for a family physician. John says that volunteer work takes up most of his time. He has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America for nearly 50 years. They have two children, John and Jill, and one granddaughter, Haley, who live near them in the Harrisburg area.

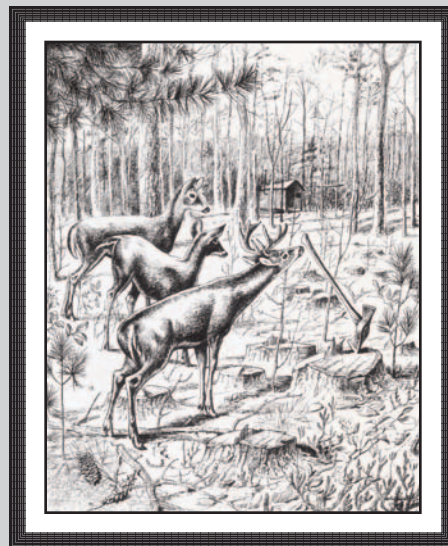
TODD FERENCE (Fall '92) is a forester for Trumco in western Pennsylvania. He has been with Trumco for five years. His wife Lindy

is a real estate agent for ReMax Real Estate Consultants. They have two kids; Abby is four and Zack is two. Life gets pretty routine and stays crazy when you have a job, a spouse who has a job, two kids to chase around and run places, and a house and yard to take care of.

BOB FORNEY (Fall '57) and his wife Ruthann have built a retirement home on Lake Marion in South Carolina. June 2002 marked their 43rd wedding anniversary and Bob's retirement from a 42-year

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For Your Den



There are few copies of the Grand National's "Caution At The Clearcut" art print still available for sale. The clearance price of \$75 now includes shipping/handling, plus a nice shipping box (constructed from domestic-made, corrugated forest products). This box can be used to store the print under your bed for your heirs to someday discover it, or to transport it to your local frame shop.

For more information about this signed and numbered, limited-edition litho print by nationally known wildlife artist Doug Pifer, call Roy Siefert at (570) 376-2159.

Or send your \$75 check payable to Tau Phi Delta Grand National to:

Roy Siefert
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Middlebury Center, PA 16935

Copies will be available for sale at fall Homecoming, too!

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forestry career, almost entirely with private industry. During his career he traveled throughout the US and to Russia, Siberia and Canada. They have a son and three daughters and eight grandchildren. Bob plans to find out if it is possible to truly get bored with golf, fishing, and hunting.

DAVE (Fall '62) and Carolyn FROGGATT live in Prince George, Va. Dave is retired from the U.S. Army Reserve and from Continental Can Company. He is currently a forestry consultant and manages 250,000 acres of investment-grade timberland in Virginia. He is active in a number of forestry organizations. He and Carolyn have three sons and six grandchildren.

STEVE GEHRINGER (Fall '66) graduated from PSU in 1969 and went back to get a Masters degree in Wildlife Management in 1980. Steve has worked for the Pennsylvania Game Commission for 22 years as a conservation officer in Tioga County and seven years as a land manager in Potter and Tioga Counties. His wife, Linda, is a 1970 graduate of PSU, and she is currently employed as a dietitian for the WIC program. They have a son and daughter.

CARL "FROG" GRIFFIN (Fall '63) retired from IBM after 31 years in marketing and marketing management. He is doing some consulting with IBM customers. He and Christine have been married for 14 years. She is President of the Community College of Denver. She is still working so he can afford to hunt pheasants, fish and play golf. Frog says his most memorable experience at Tau Phi Delta was playing bride until 2 a.m. during finals.

DAVE "SHOOT 'EM UP" GUSTAFSON (Fall '96) graduated in '99 with a degree in Forest Science and now serves as a forester with the Pennsylvania Game Commission in its Northwest Region. He is engaged to be married to Little Sister CHRISSEY READINGER in April.

PETE HALLOCK (Fall '61) recently had his first novel published. *Duped* is a fictional story about a conspiracy to change the nation's monetary system. The novel was published by Xlibris and is available at any major book store. He had been trading commodity futures for the previous 11 years. Before that he ran a logging business that he sold in 1993. Pete's wife Donnie is an RN Assessment Coordinator at a long-term care facility in Chambersburg, Pa. They have been married 39 years. Their son, Pete Jr., lives in Slidell, La., and works for the U.S. Customs Service. Mandy lives in Mercersburg, Pa., and works at a local hospital. Pete and Donnie have three grandsons and a granddaughter.

BILL HEALY (Fall '61) retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 2000 after 33 years. Georgette retired a few years earlier as the Coordinator of the Science Enrichment Program at the University of Massachusetts. They settled on a 200-acre farm in the rolling hill country of Ritchie County, W.V., about 40 miles from the Ohio River and Parkersburg. Their two sons are married. Sean and Jean have four children and live in Spring City, Pa. Brian and Jeanette live in Bloomsburg, N.Y.

ADAM "HIGGINS" HEGGENSTALLER (Fall '95) graduated with a degree in Journalism in '01 and serves as senior communications specialist with the National Rifle Association. He lives in Centreville, Va., and still enjoys returning to the State College area in pursuit of game and fish with pals from the House.

BILL (Fall '65) and Marion HERB live in Bel Air, Md. Bill has been with the U. S. Geological Survey since his military service with the Army. He has held technical and management positions in College Park and Baltimore, Md., Harrisburg, Pa., Fort Worth, Texas, and St. Paul, Minn. He currently is on a long-term detail to the U.S. Army at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Marion

is a special education teacher in Hartford County, Md. They have two sons.

JOEL HOCKINSON (Fall '57) retired in 1994 after two years in the Army and 32 years with the U.S. Forest Service. He was stationed on the Monongahela, Chippewa, R-9, Alleghany and White Mountain National Forests. He and Linda have been married for 44 years, and they have two sons, a daughter and two grandsons.

After PSU, GORDON HOFFMAN (Fall '63) went to the SUNY College of Forestry in Syracuse, N.Y., and earned his MS and PhD in Wood Chemistry. He is currently the Vice President of Sensient Technical Colors, a supplier of dyes and chemicals to the paper industry. He and his wife Elaine were married in 1980. They built a house in a heavily wooded subdivision and enjoyed the outdoors until Hurricane Hugo in 1989 knocked over more than 100 trees. Their twin sons, Nicholas and Travis, are attending UNC and PSU, respectively. Gordon also has two children from his first marriage, Holly and Scott.

KEVIN HORNER (Fall '84) has worked for The Penn State Institutes of the Environment since graduation. He's also doing contract work for the U.S. Geological Survey. He lives in Pleasant Gap with his wife Lori Beth and children Sarah (age 8) and Samuel (age 3). Kevin still hunts as much as he can and especially likes spring gobbler and archery hunting. He notes that he's been out of the House for nearly 20 years and most of his buddies continue to be friends he made while at the House. Kevin also reports that the Twin Valley Hunting Club was incorporated in the summer of 2003 by himself and seven other Tau Phi Delta alums—JIM BINDER, ED CROW, JOHN HERR, TIM HOLTZ, BILLY JOHNS, TROY SHAW and STEVE WARNER. It's located near Keating Summit in Potter County, Pa. Most

of the camp's construction should be completed by the fall of 2004 and the place should be ready for the '04 bear and deer seasons. If you're interested in the "TΦΔ North" 2004 bear hunt or would like more info, please contact Kevin at ksh102@psu.edu.

After graduating in 2002, GREGG HORVAT (Sp. '98) moved to Chicago to work as an architect for the firm of Skidmore, Owens and Merrill LLP. While Gregg loves the life in the Windy City, for him nothing beats returning to the House for the annual Bear Drives.

EARL HOWER (Fall '77) and his wife Susan are alive and living in Leesburg, Va. Earl, currently employed with the Izaak Walton League of America, was recently elected chairman of his town's tree commission and has launched a long-term effort to protect and reforest the community's urban forest. Susan is a teacher at a nearby private Loudoun Country Day School. The couple has two college-aged sons, Jeremiah and Michael, and a lab named Magnum.

FRANK JUDD (Fall '64) spent two years in the Army, including a year in Vietnam in Army Intelligence. He returned to PSU for graduate studies in Wood Technology. He moved to Lancaster County in 1972 and has lived there since. His career has been in wood products sales and marketing. Frank and Mary have been married for 14 years. She recently retired from St. Joes Hospital in Lancaster. Two children, Stuart and Carrie, are both juniors at PSU. Frank has been active in the House for many years, and he is currently coordinating the Endowment Fund for Tau Phi Delta.

DON KLINGER (Sp. '89) runs Advantage Forestry and lives in Reynoldsville, Pa., with his wife Suzanne. Don is a former Phi and is probably the first brother to legally harvest a Pennsylvania bull elk as he took a 5x6 bull in the fall of 2002.

After grad school at PSU, WAYNE KUHN (Fall '62) spent two years in the Army Corps of Engineers, one in Washington, D.C., and one in

Vietnam as an Army Diving Officer. Upon returning to the States, he worked for the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the Environmental Protection Agency in Philadelphia. He then moved to Albuquerque and worked for the Bureau of Land Management. He retired as Associate District Manager in Medford, Ore., after 26 years, and he and his wife Judith moved to Hanford, Calif. Wayne also was a general contractor and built eight homes in Oregon, and he is now a licensed contractor in California. He is doing some finish carpentry and minor remodeling jobs at a leisurely pace. Wayne and Judith have one daughter and a 6-year-old grandson living near them in Hanford.

GEORGE (Fall '61) and RoseAnn LEAVESLEY live in Littleton, Colo. George is a researcher with the U.S. Geological Survey, and he is the principal developer of a watershed modeling system that is used in many countries. He earned his PhD at Colorado State University after spending several years in the Air Force. George gets to Germany at least once a year and usually spends some time with BARRY BORGIET. RoseAnn retired in 2001 after working many years as a high school English teacher in Colorado. Their son Brian recently graduated from Colorado State University.

GORDIE (Fall '59) and Elizabeth LEHMAN are enjoying retirement in Tucson, Ariz. He was in the Watershed Management Department at the University of Arizona.

RON MAJERONI (Fall '65) is a pastoral counselor, which is a pastor trained in psychotherapy. He and Barbara live in Williamsville, N.Y. She is a family physician, and she also teaches and supervises residents at the University of Buffalo Medical School. They have three children. Heather is a dentist in State College, Keith is an electronics technician, and Tim recently retired from the Marine Corps.

JACK MCCANDLESS (Fall '65) lives in Beaver, Pa., and has worked for Michael Baker, Jr. Engineering for

the past 33 years. He and Kathie have two children, Julie and Jeff, and one granddaughter. Jack has a full range of hunting, fishing and camping activities. He also has gotten into black powder guns and reenacting living history of the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War periods.

BRIAN MCHAIL (Fall '99) obtained his degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Penn State in 2003 and now works as an assistant biologist at Mt. Parnell Fisheries, Inc. raising ornamental goldfish and koi. He was recently engaged to be married to his girlfriend Jodi.

DAVE MESSICS (Fall '84) serves as the Northeast Regional Vice President for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Dave married Susan Kelly in September 1998, and the couple has two children, Patrick and Megan. The family currently resides in Julian, Pa., but is planning to build a house in Jarrettsville, Md., in the near future.

BILL MITCHELL (Fall '60) has retired a couple of times in the recent years. He retired as a foreign service officer from the U.S. Information Agency in 1993 after 17 years overseas on various assignments. He and Karen then moved to LaGrange, Ga., where he served as the Asst. Director of the Troup-Harris-Coweta Public library system. They have since moved to their retirement home on a lake in Seneca, S.C. Karen is working part-time as a librarian at Clemson University. They have two girls, Sarah and Erin. Sarah and her husband live in Atlanta. Erin lives in Phoenix.

DENNIS MOLLI (Fall '60) joined the ranks of the retirees in 2002 after 36 years with National Imagery Mapping Agency (former Defense Mapping Agency). He and Janet live near St. Louis, Mo. They have been married 39 years. They have four children and seven grandchildren. They have been doing quite a bit of travel since retiring. When at home,

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Denny says he splits his time between household chores, helping daughter Mary Beth with her triplets, and a little hunting and fishing. Crappie and ducks are his favorite pursuits.

After graduating from Penn State in '01 with a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science, ANTHONY MORRIS (Fall '98) went on to obtain his teaching certification from Millersville University. Anthony married Betsy Funk in January 2003, and the couple both started new teaching jobs at Crestwood High School, near Mountain Top, Pa., this fall. Anthony teaches technology education while Betsy teaches English.

JOHN (Fall '62) and Linda MOYER live in Fruitvale, Idaho. John had a forest services company and planted trees throughout the western states. John and Linda have a beautiful little daughter named Lilly, who John takes care of while Linda continues to work. They return to Pennsylvania each year for a family reunion and lots of golf with brothers Lee and Dale.

JIM NELSON (Fall '49) has been with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry since graduating in 1952. He has been the State Forester since 1989. This past spring he was honored as an Outstanding Alumnus of the School of Forest Resources.

WADE NUTTER (Fall '57) retired from the University of Georgia seven years ago, but he has an environmental consulting firm that keeps him busy. He and Marilyn live in Athens, Ga. They have six children: three in Atlanta, one in Athens, one in Cincinnati, and one in Concord, Mass. They also have four grandchildren. He and Marilyn enjoy sailing.

RICH (Fall '62) and Joann PARKINSON are retired and living the good life in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and on the road in their fifth wheeler. Rich was a pilot with Eastern Airlines, and then opened a full

service Chevron station and convenience store. He said he only had to work half as much and the pay was much better. Joann retired as a nurse at a pediatric hospital. Their daughter is a pharmacist and their son is a pilot.

DAVE PATTERSON (Fall '63) is a Research Professor in the School of Forest Resources at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. He and Gerry have three kids: Suzanne, Rozane, and Sean. Gerry has been a Youth Minister for a number of years. Suzanne is a pre-school teacher, Roxane is a Youth Pastor, and Sean is a student at ITT Tech in computer drafting and design. Dave traveled to Russia and Guinea in recent years to consult on wood technology.

WALT (Fall '59) and Gail PILLAR live in New Hartford, N.Y., near Syracuse. He will soon retire from Lockheed-Martin. They plan to move to Cooperstown, N.Y. They have five children, four grandchildren, and another one on the way.

RAY (Fall '59) and Margaret PLOTTS live in Muncy, Pa. Ray didn't get too far from home. They have four kids and six grandchildren living in Washington, D.C., and Dallas and a couple of places in between. Ray retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and he is now a minister.

BOB "MERV" SCHRECENGOST (Fall '60) is a consulting forester in northwestern Pennsylvania. He and Libby live in Sheffield, Pa. Libby has a senior management position in a local hospital. They have two kids. Gary is a teacher and a Capt. in the Pennsylvania National Guard. Amy is a dietician in Williamstown, N.J. Merv and Libby have two grandchildren, Morgan and Emily.

After a tour in Vietnam, GREG SCHRUM (Fall '64) returned to Pennsylvania to work for the Bureau of State Parks. He currently is Chief of the Division of Resource Management and Planning, and he is responsible for directing the man-

agement of the natural resources and facility development in the 116 state parks. He also is active in his church and the Lions Club. He and Judy have been married for 28 years. Judy recently retired as an operating room nurse at the PSU Medical Center in Hershey. They have two sons and a granddaughter.

LANCE SCHUL (Fall '91) serves as the Northern Colorado Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He lives in Littleton, Colo., with his wife Ann and sons Trevor and Zachary.

BARRY (Fall '62) and Brenda SEIPLE live in Lancaster, Pa. They returned to Lancaster from Atlanta, Ga., about 10 years ago. Barry's career ranged from forester for Bethlehem Steel, to urban forester and sales for Bartlett Tree Experts, to the Superintendent of Grounds of the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Barry and Brenda have three sons, two daughters, and 11 grandchildren. He says they now spend much of their time at their home on Pocohontas Lake in the Poconos hoping the kids and grandkids do not find them.

PAUL SHAFFER (Fall '85) lives in Manheim, Pa., with his wife Liz and sons Noah (age 10) and Zach (age 7). He works for Antietam Forestry with JOHN "LIPS" LATSCHAR (Fall '85).

NICK (Fall '62) and Ricia SHEMA live on the Big Island of Hawaii near the active Volcano Kilauea. Nick works for the U.S. Geological Survey's Biological Resources Division. He is involved in the inventory of native and invasive flora and fauna. Jeannie and TOM YORKE spent a day touring petroglyphs on the slopes of Kilauea with Nick and Ricia a few years ago.

MICHAEL (Fall '66) and Karen SHOULDIS' careers have moved them from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh to Cincinnati and back to central Pennsylvania. They currently reside in Tipton near Delgrosso's

Amusement Park. Mike is the Product Manager for Safety for New Pig Corporation, which supplies absorbents for industrial and environmental cleanup of oil spills and other hazardous materials. Karen is the Office Manager for Gardners Candies in Tyrone.

BARRY (Fall '61) and Maggie STAUFFER live in Alexandria, Va. Barry is President of Corbett Technologies, a computer security firm. He is looking forward to selling the firm and retiring in a few years.

DON STONER (Fall '62) is twice retired. He flew Hueys with the 1088th Medical Detachment of the Army National Guard until he retired in 1988. He logged 3,450 hours in helicopters and 1,400 hours in fixed-wing aircraft during his career. He was a presale forester during his second career with the U.S. Forest Service in Sundance, Wyo. He retired in 1996 after 22 years. Don is active in Sundance community organizations including the Methodist Church, County Historical Society, Museum Foundation, Senior Citizen Center, and the VFW. Don has a daughter, two step children, and four grandchildren living nearby.

The Director of the Penn State School of Forest Resources is our own CHUCK STRAUSS (Fall '55). After a lengthy career as Professor of Forest Economics, Chuck was appointed Interim Director in 2001 and Director in 2002. Chuck also served as the House Advisor from the 1960s to the 1990s. He and Carol live in State College. Carol is manager of the gift shop at Centre County Hospital. They have three grown children. One is a faculty member at PSU. Another son is with National Geographic in Washington, D.C., and their daughter and her family live in Chicago.

RON STROBLE (Fall '61) is another one of those central Pennsylvania guys that did not stray too far; he lives in his hometown of Montoursville, Pa. Ron had a career with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

BROOKE (Fall '58) and Shirley THOMAS live in Leverett, Mass. Brooke obtained a PhD in Anthropology from PSU. He is a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts. He and Shirley have two sons.

CHARLIE TORNIELLI (Fall '61) and Valerie Buller live in Bernville, Pa. Charlie is the circulation manager of the Reading Eagle newspaper. Charlie has a son and daughter. Joseph graduated from PSU, and Lisa, graduated from Alvernia College. Charlie's interests include hunting, fishing, landscaping and traveling.

RIC ULRICH (Fall '61) retired from MetEd in 1996 after 31 years, 27 years as corporate forester. He and Audrey were pinned and he was tied to the flagpole at the old House. He says he almost froze to death after being doused with water at the flagpole (Rick, maybe you should have pinned Audrey in the spring.) They have three children that attended PSU. Two graduated from PSU and the third graduated from Temple and was awarded a Masters degree from Tulane. Ric has operated a Christmas tree farm since 1970 and has been selling retail since 1980. He says he is also trying to retire from the tree business.

KEVIN "RICK" WALTER (Fall '92) graduated in 1996 with a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science and now works for the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., performing aquaculture on zebra fish used in genetic and cancer research. He lives in Burke, Va., with his girlfriend Stacie Tjoumas.

PAT WEISS (Sp. '95) married Little Sister KAREN ALBACKER in June 2003. After residing in Bucks County for what Pat is quick to say was "way too long," the couple returned to Centre County and now lives in Centre Hall. Instead of fighting traffic every day, Pat now does battle with the trout of Spring and Penns Creeks.

BILL (Fall '63) and Sue WILCOX are both retired. Bill retired from

the Colorado State Forestry Service in 2000, and Sue retired from the City of Fort Collins, Colo., in 2002. They have a son and daughter and a 3-year-old granddaughter.

TOM WISNIOWSKI (Fall '96) works for Holt and Bugbee, a wholesaler of hardwood lumber and mouldings, in Mt. Braddock, Pa. He married Kelly Naylor in April 2001, and the couple resides in Acme, Pa. Tom obtained a German shorthair pointer this spring and is in the process of training it to work birds.

KEVIN YONTOSH (Spring '00) graduated from Penn State in 2002 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and currently works for government contractor Battelle. Kevin says that most of his work involves chemical and biological defense engineering for the Department of Defense. He lives in Bel Air, Md.

TOM (Fall '61) and Jeannie YORKE are both semi-retired. Tom retired in 2001 as the Chief of the Office of Surface Water for the U.S. Geological Survey after 36 years. Jeannie retired as a teacher in the Gifted and Talented Program of Fairfax County about six months later. They are both doing some consulting as long as it doesn't interfere with travel, archery, golf and hunting. Their daughter Barbara is a partner in the consulting firm, Accenture. Christa is a stay-at-home mom after a career in Human Resources Management. Jeannie and Tom have three grandchildren.

Whaddya Think?

This is our first attempt at an alumni newsletter, and we'd like to hear your thoughts. What would you like to see in the next issue? Would you prefer that the newsletter had a different name? Want to write an article? Send your comments to Tom Yorke, editor, at the addresses listed on page 10.

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See You at Homecoming!

Tau Phi Delta will again host a traditional Homecoming on October 22 and 23. The House will open its doors on Friday evening and all day Saturday. The annual homecoming parade in downtown State College will begin at 6 p.m. Friday. If you are in town, please stop by and visit with the actives, pledges and returning alumni. Friday night's reunion social will be casual.

The fall Board of Directors meeting will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. As always, all alumni are welcome. A light lunch will be served immediately following the Board meeting.

After the Nittany Lions defeat the Iowa Hawkeyes (kick-off time to be determined), the House will host a social for all returning alumni. For possible football tickets, call toll-free (800) 863-3336 or locally (814) 865-5555.

The social will start at 3:30 p.m. and dinner



will be served at 5:30 p.m. (or one-half hour after conclusion of game). If you attend the game, please stop by afterwards and visit with your returning Brothers. If you do not have tickets for the football game, please consider driving up to the House anyway. The roads are empty during the game, and the traffic will be light in the early evening if you stay for dinner.

Hope to see many of you at Homecoming!

Mark your calendar for the School of Forest Resources Centennial Celebration scheduled for April 27-29, 2007. Tau Phi Delta will have a reunion sometime during the Centennial Celebration. More details to come.