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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.....

Hello from Cookeville! Things are really looking up for Theta Tau. The cabinet and I are currently working on IFC and International Awards Reports. I am ecstatic to see, on paper, the things that we as a chapter accomplished in 1998. Numerous Greek Philanthropy event victories, 1st place finish overall in the homecoming week activities while working with the sorority of Kappa Delta, largest spring and fall pledge classes, 3rd in grades for spring and 1st in grades for the fall, and implementing Alcohol Free Housing are all impressive things that we have recorded. Don't get me wrong, all of the above mentioned items were great and took a strong brotherhood to accomplish, but it's time to progress to new levels. The willingness to involve ourselves in community service projects, build public and Greek relations, have more brothers in leadership roles on campus, obtain financial stability, and expand graduate relations and interaction are all examples of areas that I want to see improve this year. I feel that all these key programs need is extra work from their chairman, better planning as well as implementation, a precise goal for each year, and above all, a high intensity approach from our members. This all starts here, in the undergraduate chapter, but filters to our graduates.

Furthermore, I feel that 1999 will prove to be a great year for improvement in our chapter. Your thoughts, advice, and support are readily accepted and greatly appreciated. As "your" president, I will strive to be the leader that our chapter needs to continue stepping upward and moving into a new millennium.

See you at Pig Dinner!

John W. Parker Jr. (Jay)
Chapter President '99

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Roughin' it at Fiji Island:



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Cover Photo shows the Kazoo band in the Homecoming parade

From the Treasurer's Desk.

Brothers, I would like to give you a brief report on the financial status of Theta Tau. This year with 63 active brothers, we will bring in more money than Theta Tau has ever seen. Due to an increase in insurance, we will also be distributing more money than Theta Tau has ever distributed. With the Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta exceeding over 3,800,000 dollars in claims, Theta Tau's insurance payment has increased 90%. This left us no option but to find better fundraising opportunities. This semester we are going to sell "discount cards" with discounts from various businesses of Cookeville. Each card will cost \$5 with 100% profit, and a percentage of the money raised will go to the National MS Society. Even with 63 brothers, this fiscal year will be challenging for Theta Tau, but we will preserve.

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Ryan Fulkerson.

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Island Week

The 5th Annual Fiji Island Week held September 8-10, 1998, raised \$1,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Four Sororities and two Fraternities participated in the week of activities. Events included bed sheet art, sandcastles, tug of war, Island Skit, limbo, cheer contest, volleyball, and of course the Miss Fiji Island Pageant. Miss Kami Smith of Kappa Delta is this year's Miss Fiji Island. Alpha Delta Pi Sorority was the overall winner for the week.

The money raised will go to benefit Multiple Sclerosis research and patients from the Middle Tennessee area. Thanks to Dustin Brothers for a job well done!

Redefining Formal Rush

Rush this year can be summed up in only one word – phenomenal! Even though the Theta Tau Chapter is now a dry house, crowds attended all our rush events while other fraternities had a minimal turnout. At the end of Fall Rush, we pledged 34 outstanding men! The largest pledge class in the history of our chapter? From the Fall Pledge Class, twenty-eight earned the necessary grade point average and 2 depledged. To top it all off, Spring Rush gave us 14 men. This puts our overall number to seventy-seven and makes us the largest fraternity on campus. In the words of 1998 Corresponding Secretary Brad Jenkins, "The intensity has reached a level that I have never seen before in our Chapter. Hopefully other chapters will see that alcohol-free housing is not a problem to face, but a privilege to run with!"



Homecoming Victory 1998

After the TTU-MTSU Homecoming game on October 3, 1998, the Raiders walked away with the prized trophy, Shiny Ninny. Yet even though the Tech football team left the game empty handed, Phi Gamma Delta and Kappa Delta walked away with the first place overall trophy for Homecoming Week.

This makes the second year in a row that we have won Homecoming. Last year we overtook the rest of the Greeks alongside Alpha Delta Pi. This year we succeeded once again.



Our banner we created for the circus theme, won for us the 2nd place award.



After a weeks worth of pumping, chicken wire, and glue, winning first in float felt great!

150TH EKKLESIA 1848-1998 PITTSBURGH, PA

The 150th anniversary meeting of the Ekklesia was held at the Westin William Penn Hotel from August 12th through the 16th. Among the events that took place was a trip to the original log cabin, a trip to the Alpha Chapter, a riverboat cruise on the three rivers and the completion of another successful Project Phi Gam to help the community.

The Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation announced a new incentive program for members who achieve scholastic excellence during their pledge semester. The Foundation has put into place the largest scholarship program of its kind – the Academic Achievement Awards (AAA) for newly initiated members of Phi Gamma Delta who earn a 3.0 GPA or better during their pledging term. It is anticipated that at least 900 scholarships totaling \$225,000 will be awarded in the 1998-1999 academic term.

This Ekklesia saw the installation of a new group of graduate brothers to the Archonate. This new group of leaders was chosen for their ability to communicate with the undergraduates and for their experience in Phi Gamma Delta. Lee Moss, a graduate of UT, was elected as Archon President. He is supported by Bob Whitacre as VP, Marvin Carver as Treasurer, and Jerry Wanek as Secretary. Stu Evey, George Nelson, and Bill Garner also stay on to complete their remaining two years as Archon Councilors. Jay Winlelake was chosen as the new undergraduate Archon Councilor based on his experience as a Chapter President and a strong academic background.

This year, the Theta Tau Chapter continued its tradition of excellence during the awards presentation. The Chapter placed 2nd in the Owen Cup competition and received a certificate of high scholarship in recognition of its improvement in scholarship. For the fifth year, we were recognized with the John T. McCarty Proficiency award for chapter operations. Additionally, Scott Brewer received an honorable mention for the Durance Award for his services as Purple Legionnaire. Best of all, Tony Marable once again received the Crowder Cup for his efforts as Faculty Advisor.

If you are planning ahead, in 2000 we go to San Antonio, Texas for the Ekklesia!



Theta Tau Brothers at the Log Cabin



Gates to Washington & Jefferson College above

Alpha Chapter below



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The Women of Phi Gam

1997-1998 Sweetheart

Amy Garrison

Present Lavaliers

Brent Ellis '99 and Amy Garrison
Jon Nease '98 and Karen Maxwell
Matt Leonard '00 and Anita Baxter
Jamie Velotta '00 and Brandi Burnnet
Ryan Fulkerson '01 and Priscilla
Buckingham

New Arrival

Mark & April Redferrin would like to
announce their newest Fiji lady, Olivia Abigail.
Abbey, right, is 6 months old now and weighs 16
lbs.



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Purple Pride is...

Homecoming

- ◆ 1st Overall
- ◆ Banner - 2nd
- ◆ Canned Food - 1st
- ◆ Plywood Art - 2nd
- ◆ Field Day - 2nd
- ◆ Cheer - 1st
- ◆ Float - 1st

TKE Week

- ◆ 1st Overall

**First in grades among the fraternities
with a 2.677 GPA.**



Happy Birthday Delta Theta Chi!!

In March of 1979, a group of Tennessee Tech men began discussing the possibilities of starting a new fraternity on Tech's campus. On May 3, 1979, Delta Theta Chi local fraternity was officially recognized by the TTU Student Affairs Committee with fifteen men as members. These fifteen men were later to be the founders of a Delta Colony of Phi Gamma Delta.

We would like to recognize the following Delta Theta Chi founders for all their achievements:

Russ Bradley	Travis Cloud
Dan Crunk	Jeff Garr
Corey Garyolis	Matt Graves
Tony Locke	Carl Martin
Bobby Rice	Doug Roberts
Jack Southerland	Mickey Williams
Randy Wilmore	Scott Wolf
Lee Wray	

Pig Dinner

The 18th annual Pig Dinner of the Theta Tau Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has been scheduled for April 17th, 1999, at the Cookeville Country Club. This year's speaker will be Randy Wilmore. Please make arrangements to attend. Last year there were over 80 undergraduates and graduates who attended and we are anticipating that this year will greatly exceed that number. We hope that everyone who receives this publication can attend. If you have any problems or question that we can help with, let us know. See you then!