

The Golden Eagle Fiji

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19th Annual Norris Pig Dinner
April 14th and 15th

From the Desk of the President

Brothers,

Hello once again from Cookeville! In this issue, I wanted to take a little time and outline the Chapter's goals for this next year. Hopefully, the Chapter's goals and aspirations will fire you up for the upcoming Pig Dinner. When you walk back into the chapter house this April, you will be returning to a proud and upcoming Chapter in our Fraternity.

In the short term, we are looking into improving our social lives, our scholastic lives, and our community involvement. Scholastically, our chapter is striving to achieve a 3.0 GPA. This is a very reachable goal! After leading the campus in grades this last year, there is no reason why we shouldn't further distance ourselves from everyone else. In the community, we are looking into service events that will raise into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. These are just a few of the improvements that the Chapter is looking into making. Theta Tau is finally beginning to think on an international level. We have a lot to be excited about!

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Pig Dinner – Chad Crocker

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In the long term, we are looking into reviving the BCA. The undergraduates are truly interested in increasing graduate support. Our new PL, Brian Douglas, is working hard with us on this subject. Furthermore, the graduate relations chairman for the year, Fred Polacek, really has a drive to give all of our graduates the recognition and services that they have earned. Both of these men can be great resources to you, and I encourage you all to make good use of them. Any and all ideas on these matters are appreciated. I hope that you all would feel free to give your input.

Furthermore, we are looking into building a new house in as little as ten years. We are in the process of making this a realized dream. I promise that you will hear more about this soon.

Your Undergraduate Chapter is really at an exciting place. I've been working on the Cups Reports for the last two weeks, and I realize that we are not far from being a Cheney Cup award-winning chapter. I hope that you will all chose to join us at this exciting time. Also, I really look forward to seeing all of you at Pig Dinner on April 15th.

Fraternally,

Jimmy Nelson
Chapter President '00



The Treasurer's Pen

So far this semester, the cabinet and I have been working close together meeting on a weekly basis. We cover all issues dealing with fundraising, finances, etc. As always, chapter finances are a big issue, and an enormous obstacle that we have overcome this semester is the dramatic \$3,000 increase in the chapter's insurance rates. Unfortunately, I had to raise dues \$100 per year to cover this. However it is for the betterment of the chapter, and we got that \$10,000 bill paid on time! Despite the increase in some of our bills, the chapter is doing well and is in good standing with IHQ and Tennessee Tech. The only aspect that we are slow on is social events and that is hard being a social fraternity, but we are working on that.

An area, which the entire cabinet would like to see improve, is our graduate involvement. Whether it is a visit to the house, some kind words of wisdom, or donations to the chapter, it would be great to have more graduates coming around, especially at Pig Dinner! We would like to graciously thank Graduate Brother William Scott for his donation last semester. If there is anything that the chapter or I can do for you, contact us and we will do our best.

Fraternally,

Brian Long '02
Chapter Treasurer

Graduate Spotlight

Our Graduate spotlight is focusing on our new Purple Legionnaire, Brian Douglas. He is also known as "General." Brian began as our PL in January. As a graduate of the class of 1998, he currently lives in Hermitage, Tennessee and works at Bridgestone.

Since Brian became our Purple Legionnaire, he has been seen at the house many times. We know that we can count on him for advice or anything else that we need him. He has shown that his Phi Gam Pride has not died. Thanks.

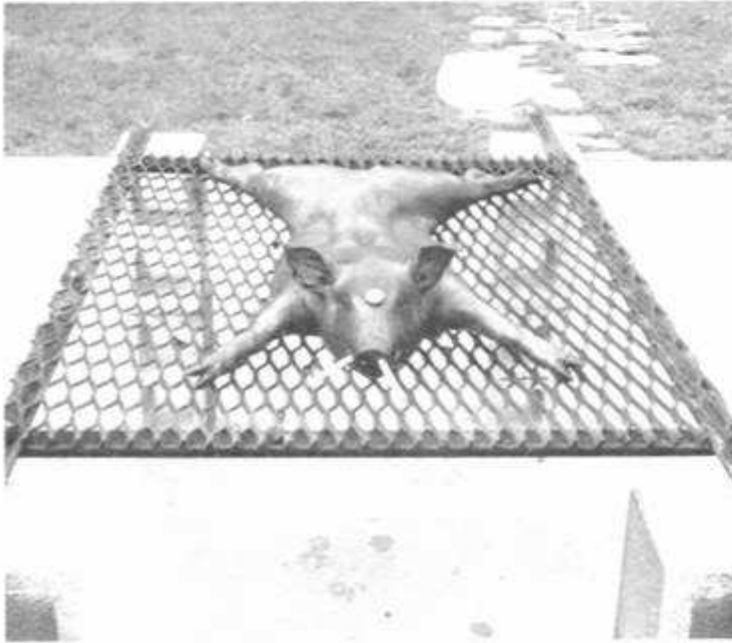


Graduate News

Congratulations to John, Shanna, and DJ Rector
Expecting their Second Child in Early July

Congratulations to Oliver Rick who recently
married.

Trey Newby is soon to be married as well



Pig Dinner Info.

Date: April 14th and 15th
Place: Cookeville Country Club
Time: 7:00 P.M.

Other events:

Reception at the Chapter House	6:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Friday
Golf Scramble	8:00 – 11:00 am	Saturday
Special Graduate Activity	2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Saturday
19 th Annual Pig Dinner	6:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Saturday

Theta Tau Graduates,

It is an honor for me to be the contact for the Theta Tau Chapter to its graduates. This semester we as a chapter have many plans to improve the house, brotherhood, service, and scholarship. All of these things can be made better with Graduate Brother's being involved with us.

There are many opportunities for the graduate brothers to be involved. These include but are not limited to visiting, helping with house projects, coming to functions such as Pig Dinner, Summer Party, and Homecoming, serving on TFI or BCA (when it is started up again), or just giving encouragement to fellow brothers.

I would like to recognize some of the graduates for services that they have done for the Chapter recently.

- Lee Wray-TFI treasurer and constant support with visits and wisdom
- Chad Smith-many years of coaching FIJI basketball
- Brian "General" Douglas-our new PL and his constant visits to help out the chapter
- Brent Ellis-Serving on TFI

As always, the rest of the Chapter and I are willing to help you all with anything that you might need.

Fraternally,
Fred Polacek
Grad Relations Chair

We hope that all of the Graduate Brothers of the Theta Tau Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta are as excited about Pig Dinner as all of the Undergraduate Brothers. We hope that you all can join us in an exciting time to remember old times, chat with old friends, and make new friends with the undergraduates.

Remember to get in touch with Chad Crocker (wcc4261@tntech.edu), or Fred Polacek (fep2438@tntech.edu) to register for Pig Dinner. The cost is \$30 for the dinner and \$18 for golf at the country club. The more graduates that come, the better time that we all will have.

Graduates to Expect at Pig Dinner

Scott Patrick
Tony Ussery
Bill Scott
Hal Balthrop
Greg Hamrick
Brian Douglas
Chris Rogers
Ben Clark
John Rector
Mark York
Jay Banasiak
Jason Holiway

Lee Wray
Paul Polpanich
Mark Redferrin
Joey Czarneski
Todd Stapleton
Troy Fairley
Todd Fairley
Chaz Worsham
Tom Caldwell
Scott Stapleton
Richard Holt



Lodging in Cookeville

Comfort Suites
1035 Interstate Dr.
372-1881

Executive Inn
897 S. Jefferson Ave.
526-9521

Country Inn and Suites
1131 S. Jefferson Ave.
520-3800

Holiday Inn
970 S. Jefferson Ave.
526-7125

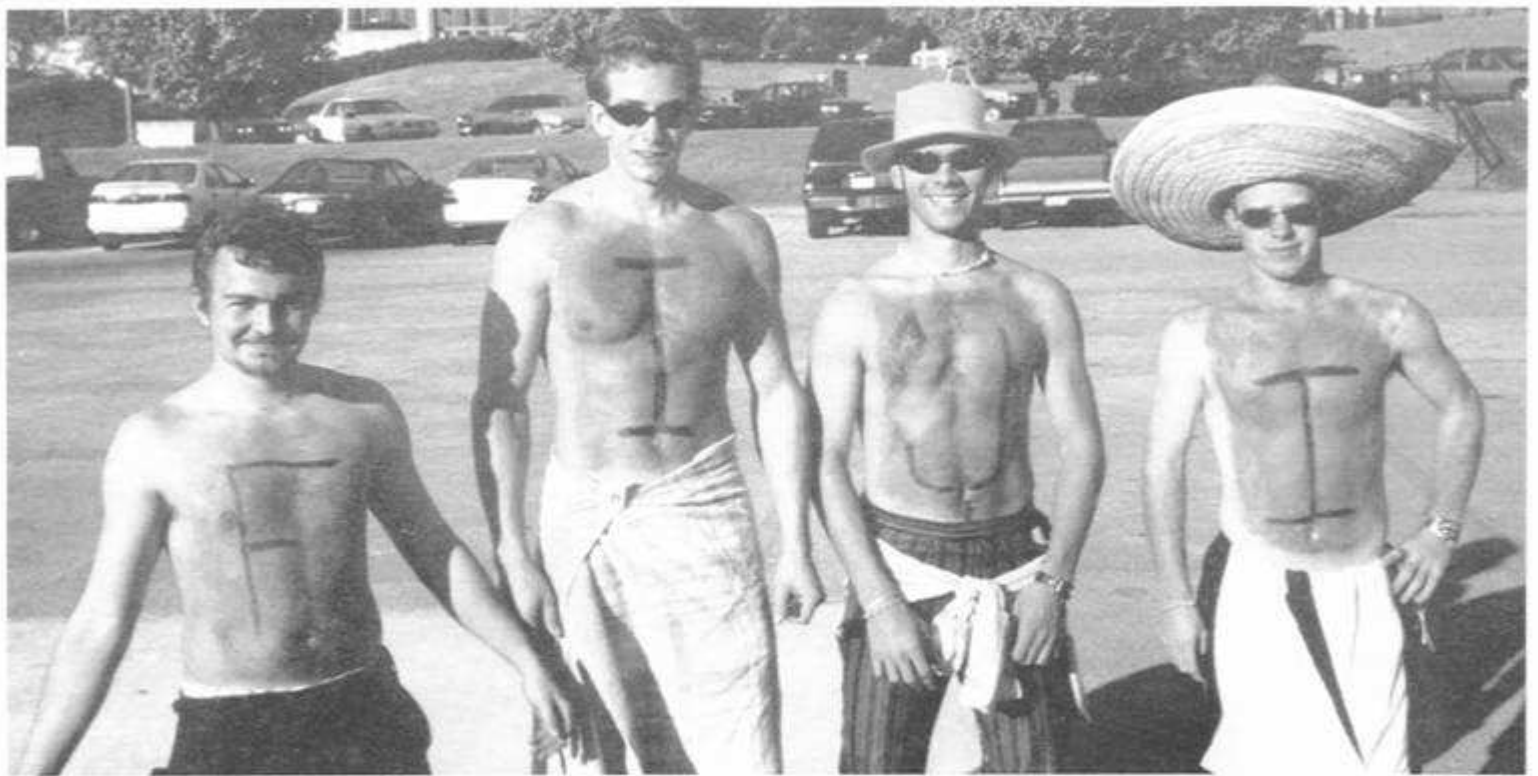
Key West Inn
663 S. Willow Ave.
525-1110

Alpine Lodge and Suites
2021 E. Spring St.
526-3333

Ramada Limited Suites
1045 Interstate Dr.
372-0086

Hampton Inn
1025 Interstate Dr.
520-1117

Eastwood Inn
1646 E. Spring
526-6158



Theta Tau Activities

Phi Delta Theta All-Sing

Kappa Alpha Old South 1st Place Overall

1st in Grades for 1999!!!

Service Projects

- Tutoring Children
- Assisting with M.S. walk
- Much, much more



Lot's and Lots
of Service
Hours

Basketball

Wrestling

As a social fraternity, we enjoy participating in all of the events on campus. We have participated in most of the philanthropic events this semester and done well in all of them.

At all of the IFC sporting events, there is always a large crowd of Phi Gam's to cheer on their winning brothers. We have participated in basketball and did well despite getting a late start practicing. Wrestling was next and we had a great turnout there winning many matches! There are still two sports coming up that Phi Gam can win. Soccer and golf both are coming up soon, so stop by and cheer on your undergraduate brothers.

Service Report

Brothers and Graduates,

Theta Tau has entered the new millenium with a variety of new service projects that are really making a difference. The bothers have become involved in numerous projects including a weekly tutoring program for elementary-aged children living in at-risk housing communities. Another project kept the brothers busy for three weeks in order to distribute 100 brochures advertising the upcoming Multiple Sclerosis Walk to over 300 businesses in Cookeville. Currently, the chapter is working with the Putnam County United Way to plan a major fundraising event for the fall. This event aims to raise thousands of dollars for much local philanthropy. As you can see, Phi Gamma Delta at Tennessee Tech is looking to the future and always strives to push the envelope on campus and internationally.



Fraternally,
Clark Denson
Service Chairman

Spring 2000 Theta Tau Pledges

Brandon Black
Corey Fitzpatrick
Chris Gill
Chad Marshall
Van Oldham
Kyle Sircy
Jimmy Smith
Matt Spencer
Jesse Stout
Jon Thomas

McMinnville TN
Lafayette, TN
College Grove, TN
Lafayette, TN
Westmoreland, TN
Lafayette, TN
Franklin, TN
Kingsport, TN
Greenfield, TN
Cookeville, TN

Graduate Relations Chairman
Phi Gamma Delta
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Cookeville, TN 38501

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Cookeville, TN

Brian Douglas
1032 Hickory Hill Lane
Hermitage, TN 37076

Things To Look Forward To

19th Annual Pig Dinner

Fraternity of The Year ???

Pig Dinner April 14th-15th

The Next Golden Eagle FIJI (June 1)

Pig Dinner

Ekklesia (June 30th-Aug 3rd)
In San Antonio, TX

House Improvements

