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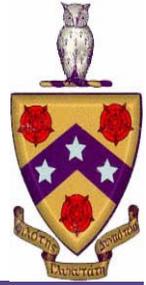
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Graduate Brothers,

I would like to open this Golden Eagle Fiji with a "Thank You" for all of your continued support, involvement, and contributions. As our chapter continues to succeed year after year, it is your support to the undergraduate chapter that aids us in our success. Over the past year we have continued to strive for better graduate relations and I hope that that you have been able to recognize our efforts and have been receiving emails in conjunction with the Golden Eagle Fiji. One of our main things we are focusing on

this next semester is to provide you with better delivery of information, to keep you better informed on the current status of your chapter. If you have not done so, please update your current mailing and email address on the graduate section of the website. This is imperative for us to keep in contact with you.

I would also like to thank each of you who attended this year's Pig Dinner. It was great getting to see all of you again and to have the pleasure of sitting through a wonderful exiles toast from Brent Ellis with all of you who were lucky

enough to be there. I don't think you know how much we as an undergraduate chapter enjoys you coming back and to hear your stories from your undergraduate days.

This past semester we have started off strong and did an outstanding job with our Spring Rush. We had a total of 11 bids returned in January, with 10 of our pledges becoming brothers. The success we are having is unprecedented. We plan to continue this success as our rush chair, Jordan Jozwik, has been working on

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *President's Letter*
- *TFI Update*
- *TFI Leadership Additions*
- *Graduate Spotlight*
- *Chapter Updates*

## TFI UPDATE

Brothers,

First off, I'd like to begin by thanking each and every one of you who contribute to our effort. Keeping this thing running is no small feat, and we truly appreciate all of you. We couldn't do it without you.

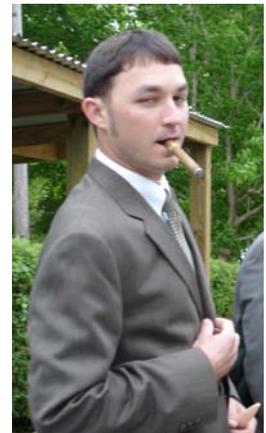
As you all know, the time between Pig Dinner and

the beginning of the Fall Semester is usually a little slow for the chapter, as well as for T.F.I. We use this time to slow down, catch our breath, and begin planning for the upcoming year. This year, however, has been a bit different. As I mentioned at Pig Dinner, we are in the early stages of planning for a new chapter house. We have

spent a considerable amount of time this summer planning and discussing various aspects of this task, and it appears that some truly great things are in the works. I hate to leave you hanging on this one, but there will be more information to follow.

Overall, things are going

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TFI President Matt Leonard

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT CONT

all Rush all semester and throughout the summer. This year in sports we came in a VERY close second in the IFC division by 0.5 points in this years All Sports competition.

As the Fall semester approaches I hope that you will keep in mind Homecoming at Tennessee Tech. This year Homecoming is scheduled for November 8 and the Theme has been chosen as Aloha TTU. Homecoming is a great way to come back and see how much Tech and Theta Tau has changed and stayed the same. As well as provide

you with another way to reconnect with your brothers, both Graduate and undergraduate. We look forward to seeing you this November!

As was stated in your last Edition of the Golden Eagle Fiji, our current Purple Legionnaire Bo Byers, is still looking to fill a few spots in the Board of Chapter Advisors (BCA). These advisors will help the chapter in a specific area to which he is appointed. If you are interested, please contact Bo, we would love to have your help. With

That, I hope this edition finds you well and I, and the chapter, wish you the best and look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,

Jon Vaughn



## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE AND SUCCESS

### 3.0 GOAL REACHED!!

WITH 60% OF BROTHERS AND PLEDGES MAKING 3.0 OR HIGHER!

Scholastic achievement is very important to the brothers of Theta Tau. After all, scholarship is one of our five values. Last year our chapter performed very well academically, even reaching our long time goal of a 3.0 chapter GPA!



### Fall 2007

Chapter GPA: 2.829

Pledge GPA: 2.826

There were 34 brothers and pledges that made a 3.0 or higher out of 85 men, with 7 people making a 4.0. (Six Clicks!).

### Spring 2008

Chapter GPA: **3.012**

Pledge GPA: **3.270**

For the Spring semester there were 49 brothers and pledges that made a 3.0 or higher out of 81 men, that's 60%! There were also 5 people making a 4.0!

Six Clicks! To the chapter for reaching this long running goal! The Spring GPA is the highest our chapter has received in at least 9 years possibly longer!

Compared to the other fraternities, in the Fall we finished second to Sigma Phi Epsilon who obtained a 2.975. In the Spring we finished first overall. Our chapter did better than both the all Greek average and the all male average in both semesters. Theta Tau will continue to push to stay above our goal of 3.0 as we move into this new year. We will continue to raise the bar, and strive to attain our goals!

## TFI UPDATE CONT

very well for T.F.I. We recently added a few more board members, and these guys have really stepped up. Each and every one of them hit the ground running, and they have proven themselves to be tremendous assets to the board. Also, relations between T.F.I. and the undergraduate chapter have never been better. We have a great group of guys (as usual), and they have been a pleasure to work with.

It was great to see everyone at Pig Dinner this year, but why should we all get together only once a year? I'd

really like to see more of you guys at Homecoming this year. Graduate attendance was waned a bit at this event, and we want to reverse the trend. Get off your butts and come out! It's safe - Brent Ellis won't be making a speech or anything. The date escapes me at the moment, but you can find it on the chapter's website ([www.ttufiji.com](http://www.ttufiji.com)). I hope to see you all there.

In closing, we're looking forward to another great year. Things have never been better, and we've got nowhere to go but up. Thanks

again for all of your support – especially my fellow board members. You guys are the heart and soul of this team, and I'm thankful to have each and every one of you on my side.

As always, any and all questions, comments, and suggestions are welcome and appreciated. I can be contacted at [ttufiji@hotmail.com](mailto:ttufiji@hotmail.com).

Fraternally,  
Matt Leonard '01  
Perge!

### TFI Board/Committee Members

*President:* Matt Leonard

*Treasurer:* Tom Caldwell

*VP Information Management:*  
George Titsworth

*Webmaster:*  
Justin Givens

*VP of Expansion:*  
Justin Cumby

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Brent Ellis

*Online Donations Coordinator:*  
John Solis

*VP of Grad Relations:*  
Bill Scott

*Councilor:* Lee Wray

*Councilor:* Brian Douglas

## 27TH ANNIVERSARY PIG DINNER

Thank you to all the Graduates who attended our 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Frank Norris Pig Dinner and helped make it a giant success! If you didn't get a chance to make it this year, make plans to attend next year at the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pig Dinner, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2009! What did you miss this year? See this year's Pig Dinner events outlined below!

### Friday:

- *Cookout* – Graduates reunited with old friends and reminisced about their illustrious times as an undergrad while enjoying dinner provided by the chapter.

### Saturday:

- *Annual Golf Scramble* – This year's scramble was won by the undergrad team of Paul Swift, Alan Pippin, Tyler Ubelhor, and James Bennett. Barely edging out perennial grad favorites Mark Redferrin and Troy Fairley!

- *TFI / BCA Informational Meeting* – On Saturday afternoon TFI President, Matt Leonard, discussed the successes, challenges, and future plans of the house corporation. Next, the BCA, led by our Purple Legionnaire Bo Byers, discussed their experience over the last semester and started making plans for

the upcoming Fall semester.

- *Pig Dinner 2008* – Chapter President Jon Vaughn gave an inspiring address about the success and status of the chapter over the last year. Guest Speaker Orsen Paxton, a current Archon Councilor,

### Golf Tournament Winners:

Paul Swift

Alan Pippin

Tyler Ubelhor

James Bennett



Pig Dinner is always a chance for "Families" to come together.

## 27TH ANNIVERSARY PIG DINNER CONT

talked about the future plans of the international fraternity and strategic goals set by the Archons. Those in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the dinner and opportunity to fellowship with their brothers again!

- *Party at Vinnie T's* – The weekend concluded with the Brothers “kicking it old school” and enjoying a long night of fraternal fellowship!

### **This year's attendance:**

**Graduates: 62 Brothers**

**Total: 150 Brothers/Pledges**

### **Key Note Speaker:**

Orsen E. Paxton III (Texas at Arlington '71), Archon Councilor

**Exiles Toast:** J. Brent Ellis '99 (via Video)

**New Online Donation Sign-up: 8 Brothers**

**This was a 26% Increase!!**

**Total Online Donation Club Members: 39 Brothers**



### **2008 Cabinet pictured with our guest speaker:**

(L to R) Jon Vaughn (Pres.), Bo Byers (PL), Mitchell Davis (Rec. Sec.), Orsen Paxton (Archon Councilor), Brian Douglas (Section Chief), Allen Mullis (Tres.), Kyle Bush (Hist.), and Alex Barbeau (Corr. Sec.)

**WE ARE  
ALREADY  
LOOKING  
FORWARD TO A  
GREAT 28<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
PIG DINNER,  
APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>  
2009!**

## GRADUATES MAKING A DIFFERENCE



### Thanks to Our Current BCA Members for Volunteering Their Time!

- *Bo Byers '06, PL, Chairman of the Board*
- *JR Gillette '05, Finance*
- *Mitch Robinson '05, Grad Relations*
- *Paul Cronin '07, Grad Events*
- *...your name here*

### The Board of Chapter Advisors Revitalized with Success!

In last issue of the GE Fiji you read about how Graduates *can* make a difference but in this issue you will read how Graduates *are* making a difference. Last Fall's semester brought us the installation of a new Purple Legionnaire, Bo Byers, and the hopeful revitalization of a Board of Chapter Advisors (BCA).

After the announcement that Bo was recruiting members, three graduates quickly answered the call saying they wanted to volunteer their time to aid our chapter. JR Gillette, Mitch Robinson, and Paul Cronin each realized their experiences and knowledge could help provide some continuity and leadership for the undergraduate chapter. After their appointment to the BCA they assumed responsibilities assisting key chapter committees in setting goals, developing action plans to achieve goals, following-up to see that the action plans are being followed, and ensuring the successful completion of the action plans resulting in the accomplishment of the chapter's goals.

The undergraduate chapter has certainly benefited from having these graduate leaders available to ask questions, make suggestions, and keep some of our committees on track. From the beginning of their appointment our BCA members have set out to truly be a Board of Chapter *Advisors* by being productively involved with the chapter and assisting the Purple Legionnaire. They've done an exceptional job of assisting our brothers, allowing them to think for their selves, offering advice but always letting the committees make the final decisions. The BCA members look forward to continuing this great working relationship with the chapter in future!

#### What can you, as a Graduate, give back to the Fraternity?

- Advice
- Continuity
- Improved public relations
- Moral support
- Rush recommendations
- Career counseling and networking
- Financial support

#### What should you expect to receive for giving back?

- Remain young in outlook and spirit
- Maintain ties with old friends
- Continue a meaningful part of their life
- live the motto "Not for College Days Alone!"

#### How Do I Get Involved?

Each member of the Board of Chapter Advisors is assigned to one of the primary areas of chapter operations such as: Graduate Relations; Graduate Events; Pledge Education; Recruitment; Community Service, Risk Management; Fundraising; and Scholarship.

The Purple Legionnaire shall appoint graduate members to serve as a Board of Chapter Advisors. Such appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Undergraduate Chapter and Executive Director.

Each advisor shall be appointed for a term of one year and may be reappointed.

We are continuing to recruit Graduates to fill positions now!

For more information about the specific responsibilities of each position and how you can help, please contact the Purple Legionnaire! (byersbo@gmail.com)

# GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

## BRENT YOUNG '02

I graduated from TTU in May of 2002. I was the 'weird guy', choosing to pursue and obtain a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Communications. Immediately after graduation, I went to work in sales for Verizon Wireless. In just four years, I moved from sales representative to senior sales representative to operational supervisor to assistant manager and ultimately, to active store manager. I learned some life lessons from that job experience. It taught me that money isn't everything and that people deserve to be treated with respect, no matter their walk in life. My present opportunity has moved me back into the retail field in Lebanon, TN, as the Customer Relations Manager at Prime Outlets. I absolutely love my job and the people I work with. I look forward to working my way up the management ladder.

I currently still reside in Cookeville, TN. I built a house from the ground up in 2004 and have lived there ever since. I still have my passion for animals. I belong to a number of national animal rights associations.

My first and fondest memory of Phi Gam is before I became a brother. A first-time TTU student, I had loaded all of my clothes, furniture, and a fish tank in the back of my two-door hatchback, teal green Geo Storm sports car. The broth-

ers of Phi Gam (specifically Bro. Irwin) helped me carry all of my belongings to the top floor of my dorm. I also remember the pride of being my pledge class president and pledging with some of the best guys on this planet. My best friends in the world became Eric May, Scott DeMoss, Jimmy McGee...just to name a few. It was *our* moment and **we** proved it! I remember being scared to death in KY. I was scared out of my mind. I thought I was at a rally. Thanks to Paul and Nease, my big brother, I held my own and got it together immediately. When it came time for me to serve as a big brother, I was so excited to get my first little brother David Whiteaker (DT). Wow! I lucked up on him. What a genuine, great guy to call your little brother. I loved all of my little brothers from Matt Hayes (yes, Clark, he's mine) to Kyle Sircy and Jesse Stout. They all are great guys and very proud to be apart of Phi Gamma Delta.

I have some great memories of some of the social events and philanthropies, like Mark Morgan and I getting Nate Yant ready for his Erykah Badu performance for the DG Anchor Splash pageant...*"You Better Call Tyrone"*... (smile) and yes, Nate won! And who will ever forget the "Sexual Chocolate" performance? Brian Long, Brandon

Hetrick, Eric May, just to name a few brothers, helped me with our Eddie Murphy/ James Brown performance for All-Sing. What a blast!

I remember one of the first FIJI side houses, at the B.E.D.S., better known to the regular public as the crib of Brent, Eric, DT, and Scott. Memories of the non-sobering hide -n- go seek and the random birthday parties that we would seem to have almost every weekend will stay with me forever.

I looked forward to every homecoming for the challenging events. I have that competitive streak in me that says 'win, win, and win'. And you know what? That's what we did almost every homecoming when I was in school at Tech. I recall seeking advice from Lee Wray on past homecom-



## GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT CONT

ings. And I remember Tony Marable always taking pictures of our events. And I can't fathom why I was always in charge of the prep rally...I just don't know (wink).

I enjoyed serving FIJI as the pledge president, pledge educator, social chair, homecoming director. I valued those roles, and they have helped me become the individual

that I am today.

I thank Phi Gamma Delta for helping me become a strong, independent gentleman at home and in the work place. In November of 2007, my oldest brother of 43 years of age passed away of cancer. I knew, at that moment, what brotherhood really meant. To have brothers show their support for me dur-

ing a time that was so emotional for me and my family, words just can't express my gratitude to Fiji.

I will continue being a proud brother and active alumni of such a great family.

## INFORMATION FROM IHQ

### Strategic priorities.

To remain healthy and vibrant, every organization must identify its priorities and develop a plan to address them. That is one of the most important responsibilities of the Archons as the Board of Directors of the Fraternity.

Mindful of that responsibility and eager to assure that their two years guiding Phi Gamma Delta would have a positive and lasting impact, the Archons met on September 28-30, 2006, on the campus of Washington and Jefferson College, just eight miles from Canonsburg and the former site of old Jefferson College. Their purpose was two-fold: to set their priorities for the next two years, and, even more important, to set a direction for Phi Gamma Delta that will guide the Fraternity into our 170th year in 2018.

### Two Priorities

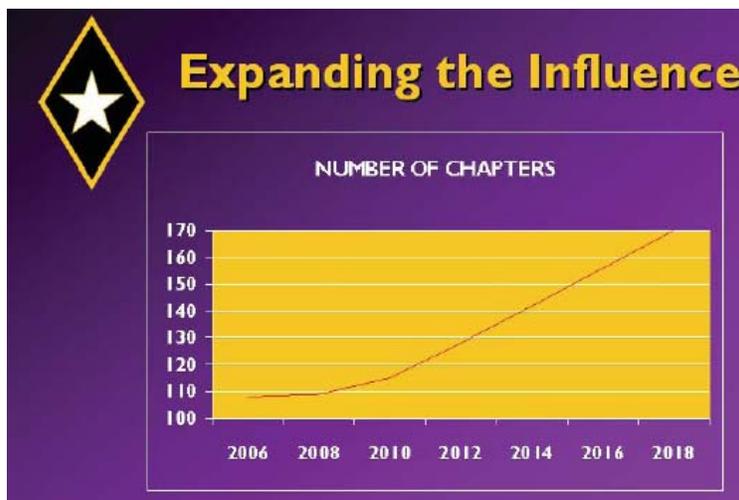
The board recognized that one key in strategic planning is focus, that having too many initiatives, though all may seem important, can impede success. They therefore resisted the temptation to build a long list of initiatives. Instead they identified two vital areas of focus that will have broadest impact on the of the Fraternity:

1. **Graduate Involvement**, with the aim of developing brothers who are **LOYAL FOR LIFE**

#### GRADUATE INVOLVEMENT: What can you do?

- Reach out to your pledge brothers or chapter contemporaries. (Get their information from the Headquarters.)
- Attend or plan a reunion of graduate brothers.
- Participate in a graduate chapter or help start one in your city.
- Attend a Pig Dinner, and encourage other brothers to attend.
- Stop by the chapter house when you are on campus.
- Send an update to your chapter to include in the next graduate newsletter.
- Inform the Headquarters when you move or your contact information changes.
- Share your talents with a chapter as a Purple Legionnaire, BCA or House Corporation member.
- Respond when the Fraternity requests graduate dues (\$20 per year).
- Donate to the Educational Foundation to support its educational grants and scholarships.
- Say "I AM a Phi Gam."

2. **Growth** in number and size of undergraduate chapters, to **EXPAND THE INFLUENCE** of Phi Gamma Delta. (Goal 170 chapters by 2018)



## SPRING RECRUITMENT 2008

The Theta Tau chapter started off Spring 2008 with a bang. The chapter held rush during the second week of class hosting Mardi Gras Night, Sports Night, and Gentlemen's night. We were privileged enough to have Brother Jeff Henry come to Gentlemen's Night to speak to us and the potentials about his experience as a Phi Gam. When all was said and done, the Beta Omicron pledge class was comprised of 11 outstanding men. The other 9 fraternities on campus were only able to recruit a total of 27 men. This just goes to show Theta Tau's continual recruitment of outstanding men to become part of the chapter.

At the conclusion of the semester 10 of the original 11 men met the standards set forth by the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta. This group brings new energy and many ideas to the fraternity.

Plans for the fall are also in full swing, with events planned much like the past (The South Patio Party, Slip and Slide, mixers, summer cookouts, etc.), but there will also be some new additional to rush. I will do my best to keep you filled in on the plans for the fall so we can have your suggestions and have some of you in attendance at the events to show these new brothers and potentials the Phi Gam is not for college days alone! Please contact me Jordan Jozwik

([JJJozwik21@tntech.edu](mailto:JJJozwik21@tntech.edu)) if you'd like to know more about the plans for this summer and fall.



Sports Night (Top) and Mardi Gras Night (Bottom)

## A YEAR OF HONORS

The past year has been a wonderful year for the brothers of the Theta Tau chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. They have demonstrated once again why they are the best. The brothers have received honors in every aspect of greek life. This includes everything from philanthropies to academics. Some of the awards and honors we have received are:

- Homecoming Champions with Delta Gamma
- 5 Star Fraternity: this is the highest honor in greek life
- 2nd overall in Greekweek
- Most money raised of any organization for Relay for Life
- 1st place in Delta Gamma's philanthropy Anchor Splash
- 2nd place in Kappa Delta's philanthropy Shamrock Project
- 1st in grades with an average of 3.012
- Greek Man of the year Matt Nisbet
- Greek Advisor of the year Jed Young

## PLEDGE EDUCATION UPDATE

Over the past few semesters, Theta Tau has strived to put extra emphasis on the importance of our Pledge Education Program, and we believe it has paid off. After a couple of semesters of poor pledge retention, mostly due to low grades and loss of interest, we decided to step back and truly investigate the good and bad points of our program. We had a solid foundation from past traditions and our pledge education manual, but still had areas that needed improvement. The biggest areas that we modified and focused on were pledge class unity and scholarship.

We stressed pledge class unity and a “succeed together, fail together” mentality from day one, and let them realize they are only as strong as their weakest link. We wanted to get back to brothers being proud of their pledge class and believing that together they could have a positive impact on the chapter. They learned how to

work together throughout the semester, but especially on their pledge class retreat working on a local brother’s family farm. Mending fences, cleaning barns, and landscaping taught them they had to depend on one another to get the job done right. They used the money they raised during the retreat and throughout the semester to improve the house by building a covered bike rack in the fall, and enclosing the trophy case with Plexi-glass in the spring. Both projects turned out well and gave them something to look at and be proud of.

They were also taught the importance of scholarship and what it takes to be a successful college student. We implemented mandatory library study hours and grade sheets that their professors filled out a few times over the semester. We taught them that it is about more than just making the grade, but instead really striving to do your best and taking full advantage of each opportunity you are

given. We hope this has taught them more productive study habits they can continue to use in their college career and help to improve scholarship throughout the chapter. We believe these changes are already paying off and can be seen by last semester’s pledge GPA of 3.270 which brought the fraternity’s GPA above the 3.0 threshold.

Overall we believe these and other changes to the pledge education program are greatly increasing our pledge retention rates. The last three semesters have had greater than 75 percent pledge retention, and peaked last semester with over 90 percent retention. We realize retention isn’t everything, and still continue to release pledges that aren’t Phi Gam material from the program. Our goal however, is to give every worthy pledge the skills they need to succeed in the fraternity, and ensure that they have the opportunity to join us inside the walls of Phi Gamma Delta.

“WE STRESSED  
PLEDGE CLASS  
UNITY AND A  
SUCCEED  
TOGETHER, FAIL  
TOGETHER”  
MENTALITY DAY  
ONE... “



New Brothers at IHQ in Lexington  
from the Fall 2007 Pledge Class

## THETA TAU RECEIVES FRATERNITY AWARDS FOR 2007

The **Cheney Cup** is awarded to the undergraduate chapter which demonstrates the greatest all-around efficiency in scholarship, fraternity relationships, and general collegiate activities.

Third Place: **Theta Tau at Tennessee Tech University**



The **Coon Plaque** is awarded to the undergraduate chapter that has produced the best chapter publication for the preceding academic year. In other words... **The Golden Eagle Fiji!**

Second Place: **Theta Tau at Tennessee Technological University**



The **Brightman Trophy** is presented to the undergraduate chapter which best demonstrates that "Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone" by maintaining and improving relations between the chapter and graduate brothers.

Third Place: **Theta Tau at Tennessee Technological University**

The **Zerman Trophy** (known as the Archons Trophy prior to 1986) is awarded to the undergraduate chapter which excels in promoting the involvement of brothers in student government, the campus newspaper, and extracurricular activities.

First Place: **Theta Tau at Tennessee Tech University**



The **Jordan Bowl** is awarded to the undergraduate chapter which is judged to have achieved the highest comparative scholarship among the undergraduate chapters for the preceding academic year.

Third Place: **Theta Tau at Tennessee Technological University**



The **Baker Cup** is awarded to the undergraduate chapter which most effectively focuses attention upon religious, ethical, and social service activities in its daily conduct.

Honorable Mention: **Theta Tau at Tennessee Technological University**

The **Crowder Cup** is awarded to the faculty advisor determined to be the most outstanding in the Fraternity based on personality, leadership, rapport with the chapter and assistance to the chapter in its relationship with faculty members and the host institution, as well as encouraging the undergraduate members to realize their full academic potential.

First Place: **Dr. Jed Young (Purdue 1984) - Tennessee Tech University**

The **Coulter Cup** is awarded to the graduate brother who has contributed the most to an undergraduate chapter through service in a capacity other than as a Purple Legionnaire or General Officer.

Third Place: **Robert L. "Lee" Wray (Tennessee Tech 1981)**

The **Durrance Award** is presented to the graduate brother who is judged to be the most outstanding Purple Legionnaire (chapter advisor) in the Fraternity, "judged on the basis of personality, leadership, rapport with chapter, and fraternity service."

First Place: **Bo W. Byers (Tennessee Tech 2006)**

## 2007 FRATERNITY AWARDS CONT.

### Theta Tau Wins Zerman Trophy!

Our Brothers were pleasantly surprised at the 2008 Ekklesia when our chapter's name was called as the first place winner of the Zerman Trophy. This

recognizes the hard work the chapter brothers have put into activities on campus including Homecoming, Intramurals, Philanthropic Events, and participation of brothers in campus organizations. We

are honored to have received such a prestigious award and plan to continue working hard on campus!

(Theta Tau also won Zerman Trophy in 1989)



### 2008 Ekklesia Delegates and Attendees with Zerman Trophy:

(L to R) Front: Jordan Jozwik, Bo Byers, Jon Vaughn, Brian Douglas, Tony Cherry  
 Back: John Solis, Matt Leonard, Tom Caldwell

## HAIL TO THE CHIEFS!

The **Haynes Award** is presented annually to the Section Chief who is determined by a committee as designated by the Archon President to be the most outstanding Section Chief in the International Fraternity based upon leadership, section involvement, and Fraternity service.

For 2007, **Two** Theta Tau

graduates were recognized for their outstanding work as Sections Chiefs! Brian M. Douglas '98, Section Chief XVI, received 2nd Place in Haynes Award and J. Brent Ellis '99, Section Chief XIII, received 3rd place! Both Theta Tau graduates have volunteered many hours to aid the chapters in their sections.

We know that all their chapters greatly appreciate their help and advice. Congratulations to these graduates and keep up the great work!

**SECTION XIII**  
**UNIVERSITY OF**  
**FLORIDA**  
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Edmondson, Keith	1848 Club	Polpanich, Paul	1848 Club
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Fairley, Todd	1848 Club	Redferrin, Mark	1848 Club
Fairley, Troy	1848 Club	Reinhardt, John	1848 Club
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**PLANS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN FOR  
 HOMECOMING 2008  
 THERE WILL BE AN INCREASED EMPHASIS  
 ON GRADUATE ACTIVITIES  
 DATES: NOVEMBER 7-8, 2008  
 WE HOPE YOU MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND**

**YOUR THOUGHTS...**

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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Fall Rush: September 8th – 11th  
Homecoming: November 7th - 8th  
28th Pig Dinner: April 18th, 2009

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