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GRAD
SPOTLIGHT:
STACY HUNT

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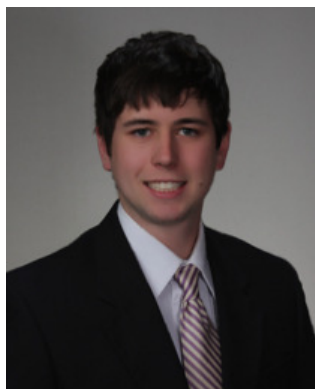


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Graduate Brothers,

As this semester is coming to an end, I would like to thank everyone of you for your continued support of our chapter. This past semester has been huge success in every way for our Phi Gam Chapter. With only a few more games left in intramural softball and golf, Theta Tau is poised to take home the all sports trophy once again! Also, in the last two weeks we have placed first in both Kappa Delta's Shamrock Week and Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash. These back to back wins were huge for the moral of our chapter and showed the other fraternities on TTU's campus that Phi Gam is as strong as ever.

With the end of the Spring Semester also comes our annual Pig Dinner and I hope to see everyone of you there this year! Our Brothers Nathan Brown and Brooks Robinson have been working very hard so that this can be another great and enjoyable time of brotherhood. During Pig Dinner weekend, the campus will be holding their annual Relay for Life event and we invite any of you that are interested in walking or getting more involved in this fight against cancer to join us!

Lastly, I wanted to let you know that this summer the Ekklesia will be held in Phoenix, AZ on July 28th – August 1st. I would love to see some of our chapter graduates try to make the trip and see what our International Fraternity has planned for the next few years. I have been able to attend two Fiji Academy's and see the Phi Gamma Delta on the International perspective. It is truly a humbling experience to see how renowned Theta Tau is amongst the other chapters there.

Thank you all again for your continued support and dedication to this Chap-

ter. Whether it is Time or Money given, everything is greatly appreciated and the Brothers of this Fraternity never take it for granted. I cannot wait to see you all on the 24th at Pig Dinner!

Faternally,

Tad Engle '11
Chapter President

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *President's Letter*
- *Upcoming Pig Dinner Info*
- *Graduate Spotlight—Stacy Hunt '90*
- *Relay for Life*
- *American Red Cross Golf Tournament*
- *Intramural Success*



THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY PIG DINNER

CHENEY CUP CHAMPS

The 29th Anniversary Pig Dinner which will focus on the founding of the chapter to the recent winning of the Cheney cup is just around the corner, and it is sure to be an event you do not want to miss. The festivities kick off on that Friday the 23rd of April at the fraternity house. The nights theme will be an island theme just like during fall rush. It will include all the same fun activities including the ever popular Hawaiian Chicken as well as provide a time to register for the weekend. Be sure you attend this excellent gathering full of brotherhood sure to harken you back to the days of rush.

After Island Night, there will be a special reception for the TFI Donors at the Baymont Inn and Suites Ambassador Suites from 9 pm to around midnight.

The next morning, the 24th, the Phi Gam golf classic will kick off at 8 am. Join us at the Southern Hills

Country Club for the opportunity to meet and play with new brothers and have some old fashion fun. The winner will receive a special trophy sure of inciting envy. After the game, follow the caravan to the house where a lunch of Stroud's will be served and volleyball will be played throughout.

At three, McCarty's meeting will

conclude at five, the Cigar Social will commence. Bring your own cigar or simply come to enjoy everyone's company.

Then join us at the Leslie Towne Centre for the 29th Anniversary Pig Dinner. For the first time ever, the Cheney Cup was won by our chapter, the youngest chapter to ever win it.



To celebrate this victory that every brother contributed to, we will have the Cheney Cup on display at Pig Dinner. You won't want to miss this opportunity to gloat in the fine accomplishments of every brother to pass through the chapter. Speaking this year about the founding of the chapter will be Randy Wilmore ('82), Todd Arrants ('84) and Hal Balthrop ('84). Following the Pig Dinner there will

be held for all brothers to attend. This will feature a special event you will not want to miss out on. After this

be an after party at the Southern Hills Country Club from 9/10 to 2/3.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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Registration is now open Online at www.TTUFIJI.com/PIG

GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

STACY HUNT 1990

Brother Hunt majored in Biology with a minor in psychology while at Tennessee Tech. Now he is a Business Process Consultant—Business Planning. He has worked for DuPont for nearly 16 years now. His role at DuPont is supporting manufacturing planning using SAP-APO.

Brother Hunt, Penny, and JW live in Greenbrier across the field from where he grew up. They love vacationing at Disney. Stacy says that they also “spend way too much time on the computers goofing off.”

What was your best experience as an undergrad?

“Living in the house in general was a great experience. I remember having a 55 gallon fish tank in my room and everyone would come to visit to see the big fish. Sometimes there would be 4-5 brothers and their lady friends and it led to some great brotherhood. I was the social chair most of my time in the fraternity as well as rush chair so the parties and activities kept me busy. The house was where it all happened back then; it was the hub of most of the fraternity experience and I loved being right there.”

What is the best way to get involved as a graduate?

“Pig Dinner is obviously my choice for linking back to the chapter and the 1848 club is a great way to support it. Most grads aren't going to have a great deal of time to give so I think its important to give your financial support back to the chapter.”

What advice would you have for a grad, undergrad, and/or pledge?

“Grads need to come back for Pig Dinner and the local graduate chapter meetings. Undergrads need to realize that this is the best time of their lives, even with all they HAVE to do most will never have more of a chance to shape themselves than in college. Pledges need to give the fraternity their all while a pledge, the investment as a pledge results in a brother that is always more involved and therefore more rewarded for the rest of their lives.”

How has Phi Gamma Delta influenced your life most?

“University study gives most of us a defined set of academic tools. Phi Gamma Delta gave



me the tools I need in everyday business relations. The social interactions learned in Phi Gamma Delta will serve you a lifetime. “

What is a memorable story from your undergrad days?

“I loved the stories we had on each other but most are best told live. Be it Rector "escaping" from the house library, people playing I Spy during summer, Gamma Gossip or the 700th time someone was referred to as "SHARP" during rush week; I loved every bit of FIJI - even the arguments about chapter finances. **Always proud to be a FIJI.**”

RELAY FOR LIFE

The efforts of the Theta Tau chapter of Phi Gamma Delta in the task of raising money for cancer research through Relay for Life have been nothing less than excellent. Last year we raised \$3200 for this great event, and this year our goal is to shatter last year's total with a total amount of \$4000 to fight cancer. The brothers of Phi Gamma Delta understand the gravity of this dangerous and mysterious disease and its many forms. The fight against cancer unfortunately has become something very personal due to the battle that those whom we love have to face. It is because of those whom are close to us and the thousands elsewhere who must face this struggle that the brothers care so

dearly about Relay for Life.

This year's Relay for Life begins April 23 at 6pm and will last until April 24 at 6pm. The event will be held on the Intramural Fields across Willow Avenue from campus. The theme this year for the teams is board games. Phi Gamma Delta will be setting up a tent based on Jumanji. Our tent is always a focal point because of the hard work that the dedicated brothers of this Fraternity put in.

In reaching our goal, we need help. Please consider donating to this great cause. How? Go to the website below and enter the team name "Fiji" and

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=22291

follow the steps. You could also donate by check. The check must be payable to Relay for Life and can be sent to Travis Dailey, 421 N Walnut Ave, Cookeville, TN 38501. Please help us be EXCELLENT in the fight against cancer!



A.R.C. CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

This summer, Theta Tau will be holding a golf tournament to benefit the American Red Cross. The tournament will be held at Southern Hills Golf Course here in Cookeville, the same location as our Pig Dinner Golf tournament. Dates are tentative, but will most likely be at the end of July. It will be a four man scramble, with entry fees being \$200 per team. This includes 18 holes of golf, a

Tournament golf towel, and a cart rental. Lunch will also be provided for those participating. We will also have competitions such as straightest drive and hole-in-one, with details to be provided later. This tournament is open to the public, however it would be great to see some of our Theta Tau graduates come out and see some familiar faces. There will be prizes for the top 3 teams, along

with our other competitions going on that day at the course. If you have any questions feel free to contact Tyler Ubelhor at (615) 686-7860 or Travis Owens at (615) 828-7701.



INTRAMURAL SUCCESS

Yet another spectacular semester for Phi Gam Athletics! For the third year in a row, the Fiji basketball team conquered all competition for the number one spot. Theta Tau wrestling team rose to the challenge as well, placing first or second in 8 weight classes.



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Ted Faust	125	1st place
Travis Dailey	141	2nd place
Chris Hulsey	149	2nd place
Matt Brocato	165	1st place
Donovan Degrie	174	2nd place
Brad Weakley	184	1st place
Jim Weakley	197	1st place
Luke Laforlette	227	2nd place

This Theta Tau chapter is defined by excellence and hard work. This is apparent through our intramural sports, where we work hard to overcome the competition and be the best team we can be. We show everyone that Fiji is the best fraternity!

YOUR THOUGHTS...

Please provide any feedback on the Golden Eagle Fiji and Graduate Relations you might have. Also, if there is anything you would like to see in future issues or if you would like to be the Graduate Spotlight, please let us know.

Quality of the articles?

- ☐ Good
☐ Fair
☐ Poor

Graduate Communication?

- ☐ Good
☐ Fair
☐ Poor

Topics covered?

- ☐ Good
☐ Fair
☐ Poor

Would you like to be featured as a Graduate Spotlight?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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If you have any comments or suggestions about the Golden Eagle Fiji or would like to be featured in an upcoming issue please contact:

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IMPORTANT DATES:

29th Anniversary Pig Dinner:
April 24th, 2010

Western Kentucky Colony Chartering
May 1st, 2010

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