

# TAU TALES



PI KAPPA PHI FRATERNITY TAU CHAPTER  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Archon's Letter

Last year was a great year for the Tau Chapter here at NC State. We received the National Award for Most Improved Chapter Operations and Master Chapter Awards in Recruitment Success and Living the Ritual. Additionally, we were awarded President's Cup for the first time since the 2003-04 school year. The President's Cup is awarded to the best Fraternity in Intramural Sports.

This year we have even



more to be proud of as a chapter. We are currently one of only five Fraternity's nominated for the Caldwell Cup. The Caldwell Cup is the most prestigious award given by the University which recognizes the best overall Fraternity on campus.

This year to raise money for PUSH America we will be having a 48 hour scaffold sit in the brickyard from 11/09/09-11/11/09. Also through Pi Kappa Phi National's Circle of Giving we were able to give \$498.00 to our chapter's local

Home. You can find more about this great nonprofit at [www.hilltophome.org](http://www.hilltophome.org).

We have big plans in the future for the Tau Chapter. If you recall our Chapter's founding date, then you already know Tau will celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010! The new construction of NC State's Greek Village has put alumni member Bob Lamphier (T-710, [ablamphier@aol.com](mailto:ablamphier@aol.com)) to work as he has graciously started reaching out to alumni in order to raise interest and financial pledges for a new chapter house. Please let him know if

you have any questions regarding this fundraising.

If you have any questions about the current status of the chapter please contact me at [tjashach@ncsu.edu](mailto:tjashach@ncsu.edu). If you're interested in getting involved with the Alumni Board please go to our Alumni Website, located at [www.pkpalumni.org](http://www.pkpalumni.org). Thanks for picking up the latest issue of Tau Tales, another one will be delivered this Spring.

**-Brother TJ Ashachik  
Archon, T-1265**

## Greek Life Awards

On October 12, 2009, the Tau Chapter received many honors from the Department of Greek Life at NC State based on performance during the 2008-09 school year. We are proud of our accomplishments over this past year.

First, T.J. Ashachik (T-1265) was nominated for "Chapter President of the Year."

Second, Justin I. Rogers (T-1277) received the award for "Fraternity Man of the Year." The award honors Greek members who have made significant contributions to their chapters, the Greek community, and the overall campus. Currently serving as Secretary on the Executive Council, Justin has completed the History Honors Program and Alternative Spring Break, along with participating in several other clubs and societies on campus.

Finally, the Department of Greek Life recognized Tau as a "Caldwell Chapter." During halftime at the Homecoming the homecoming football game on November 7, one of five chapters will receive the Caldwell Cup.

Because this is the first time Tau has received a nomination in this category since 2003, we are excited that our hard work has been recognized. We look forward to the results on November 7.

Congratulations to T.J., Justin, and the entire chapter.

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## Alumni Golf Tournament

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The 2009 Spring Alumni Golf Tournament wound up being a great success both for Tau Chapter and for PUSH America. Held on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, under clear skies, the tournament featured almost 50 participants – with 30 alumni taking part along with 8 current Brothers and 11 friends and family of fraternity members. Most importantly, \$663.91 was raised from the tournament itself along with an additional \$230.00 in personal donations for a grand total of **\$893.91** donated to PUSH. Fraternity Alumni gathered later that evening in Raleigh and on Saturday at the Red and White game to catch up, swap stories and enjoy a weekend back “home” at N.C. State.



*Brothers Jeff Kimball, Jay Kohler and Chris Boyd at the turn*

But we don't want to stop there! The annual tournament will once again be held this Spring on the Friday before the Red and White game – make sure to check the N.C. State Athletics page in order to determine the exact date. This Spring, we hope to have an even larger alumni presence out on the course and we want to donate over \$1,000 to PUSH. Will you join your fellow brothers in playing a round of golf for a good cause? Information will be updated at the alumni website – [www.pkpalumni.org](http://www.pkpalumni.org) – when the date of the Red and White game has been established, a course has been selected and player/team donations have been set. Even if you can't make the golf tournament, you can make an impact by sponsoring a hole on the course or simply mailing in a donation.

Thank you to everyone who took part this Spring or sent in a donation for PUSH. If you missed it this year, then circle April on your calendars for this Spring – with your help, it will be the best golf tournament yet!

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## PKP Wins the President's Cup

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For the first time in several years, the President's Cup will return to its rightful place in the Tau chapter trophy case. The President's Cup is awarded by N.C. State's Campus Recreation department to the fraternity that accumulates the most points in intramural sports for the academic year.

The year started off extremely well with the 7-on-7 flag football team finishing in second place in the fraternity division (behind four-time defending champion Pi Kappa Alpha). To close out the fall semester, the Tau chapter won championships in Wiffleball as well as in table tennis.

After Christmas break the chapter picked up right where it had left off. The basketball team advanced farther than it had in four years, eventually being ousted in the Final Four. With the warm weather of spring came continued success for the men of the Tau chapter. The 4-on-4 flag football team placed third and the softball team completed an undefeated season by beating Sigma Chi 3-1 in the fraternity championship.

Almost every member of the chapter played at least one intramural event, which makes this award truly a “team effort”. At Spring Formal, T.J. Ashachick was named Athlete of the Year by the brotherhood. With the fall sports already underway, the Tau chapter has gotten off to a great start in their effort to retain the title of President's Cup Champion.

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## Alumni Website

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Have you visited [www.pkpalumni.org](http://www.pkpalumni.org) yet? Tau Chapter Alumni recently decided that they needed a central location online for information written by and for the alumni of Tau chapter. The site, which launched in February of 2009, is focused on user-driven content and providing announcements to our Tau Brothers in between meetings and alumni newsletters. Besides giving detailed information on alumni events, the site is also building a Google-map of all Tau alumni, providing a way for Brothers to meet up at Wolfpack tailgates and trying to locate Brothers whose information has been lost.

If you haven't done so, please take a look. If you have any news you'd like to share with your fellow alumni, simply write the current webmaster and alumni – Jay Kohler (T-1177) – at [jaypkohler@yahoo.com](mailto:jaypkohler@yahoo.com).

## Tau Turns 90

2010 isn't just any old year for the Tau Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi – it's the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Tau Chapter at N.C. State. Along with the annual Alumni Golf Tournament in the Spring of 2010, the current brothers have been in touch with those who helped to plan the 80th anniversary party in 2000. If you're interested in helping, please reach out to the current Chapter Advisor, Chris Boyd, at [cbpack51@yahoo.com](mailto:cbpack51@yahoo.com).

## Tau Alumni Updates

**Brother Bob Cunningham, T-753**, is in the process of moving back to Raleigh, NC from Columbus, Ohio and will be working with the John Deere Company in Cary.

**Brother Commander Greg Harris, USN, T-762**, retired from the Navy this September and returned home with his family to Jacksonville, Florida. Greg had almost 21 years of Active Duty service and spent the last four years serving with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in The Netherlands and Afghanistan.

**Brother Edward Woods, T-513**, recently started a new job with SourceLink in Greenville, SC and is in the process of moving there from Massachusetts.



**Brother Charles Groves II, T-1158**, and his wife, Kristie, welcomed their first child on August 18<sup>th</sup> – Charles Groves III (Trey). At birth, he was 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 20 3/4" long.



**Brother Trevor McDaniel, T-1190**, and Lucy Hall (UNC) were married on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The two are currently making their home in Chapel Hill.



**Brother Brett Parker, T-1168**, and Jennifer McLeod (App. State) were married this past October 24<sup>th</sup>. The happy couple is living in Charlotte, NC.



**Brother Matt Garrett, T-1138**, and his wife Kristy welcomed their first child, Asher Franklin Garrett, on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was 7 lbs., 8 oz. and 20½" long at birth.



**Brothers Douglas Longhini (T-465), Pat Eddins (T-474), Willis Flynn (T-492) and Gurney Wike (T-481)** (L to R) at their annual gathering, this year held in Statesville. Not pictured is **Brother Jim Johnson (T-493)**. The five call themselves "The Alpacas" after Jim's collection of alpaca sweaters from the 60s. As all good Pi Kapps do, they reminisce about the good times they shared while attending NCSU and living at the house. The weekend is usually filled with non-stop laughter at some brother's expense. The wives attend too and join in on the fun and the memories. A good time was had by all!





Brothers at Roseball - Fall 2000

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*Remember When...*

*The Brothers in 1978 pose outside the house for a group picture.*



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