

# TAU CHAPTER NEWS LETTER

TO AND FOR OUR KAPPA SIGMA BROTHERS IN THE  
ARMED FORCES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



LETTER # 4

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This NEWS LETTER is the fourth of a series to keep you informed on what our Tau Chapter brothers are doing and the Editor and active members really appreciate the response from the older brothers. If you are enjoying your copy, please drop us a line so we can pass the news on and keep the NEWS LETTER alive. The Editor wishes he could answer each letter personally, but as most of you probably know, he just ain't that smart. No remarks - Erwin.

## HERE'S THE DOPE ON YOUR CHAPTER

Initiated: John N. Wheelock, Corsicana, Texas.

Pledged: Dick Whittington, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Tau Chapter is still winning intramural sports as usual. We have played only one football game this season against the Lambda Chi Alphas, beating them 39-0, and the prospects are good for a successful season. Two Kappa Sigma tennis doubles teams are playing against each other for the All-University Championship. We were eliminated in water polo by the S.A.E.'s by a 2-1 loss in an extra period. However, we are still over 300 points ahead of the second highest fraternity in intramurals. This will be the fifth time we have won this award, the previous record being three times.

Our Chapter has turned out en masse for all the University football games in which Texas has been unscored upon in collegiate play. On October 13, sixty members and pledges and their dates made a pilgrimage to Dallas for the O. U. game, the week-end being highlighted by several open houses and a resounding party at the Plantation Saturday night.

Our social calendar has been somewhat blank recently due to final exams coming the last of October. However, several private picnics have been held recently, and these have proved entertaining.

Unfortunately, we are losing ten members at the end of the semester in about two weeks, but we have eighteen pledges due for initiation soon and plan to get several new pledges the coming rush week.

Dudley Lowrey, G. S.

## NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Capt. Homer B. Jester's mother and sister advise they believe that he is enroute overseas, if not already there.

Lt. Col. B. L. Sanders, Jr., made a hurried trip back to the States with General Davidson, C.O. 10th Air Force, and had only a three-day visit with his parents and wife before having to wing back to India. Lynn looks rather drawn and illfed. He said the glass of milk he got when he landed in New York was the first milk he had had since he left the States some 18 months ago. If a man can't get good chow being on the General's Staff, it must be pretty tough for the rest of the boys in the Army in India!

Capt. Bill Randolph, '42, writes from France that he is getting the NEWS LETTER and really enjoys reading about the old gang as well as the new. Says that he has seen H.L. Simpson and David Belew and that Paris is a hard place to beat and would sure like to be there in peacetime. His address is Capt. William Randolph, O-855811, 22nd Depot Repair Sqdn., 86th Air Depot 6P, APO 149, C/O Postmaster, New York, N. Y.



Have a card from Jim Rockwell of Houston saying that Henry "Foots" Rockwell, Lt. USNR, is home after 18 months in the South Pacific.

Lt. Earl "Bubba" Waterworth is back on the island of Oahu after a short stay on Makin Atoll where he got in a few bombing missions. He is now rationed a case of beer a day and a bottle of whiskey a week. That's not enough for Bubba. He is also still sending the fraternity \$10 a month to buy beer with. His address is 2nd Lt. E. J. Waterworth, A.C., 0-761644, 41st Bomb. Gp., 820th Bomb. Sqdn., APO 959, C/O Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

A letter from Wm. M. Alexander, D.G.M. of Dallas says that Com. Hudson has seen service in the Pacific and has returned home to Dallas to marry and is now at New Port, R.I., also that Pledge Sam Dougherty is flying a Thunderbolt on the Western Front. At the last account he had a dozen missions and a train to his credit.

Have a very interesting and newsy letter from Betty Tomfordey Duson. Her's is the sort of letter that makes this job easy. She reports that Crad Duson is in Medical School at Tulane and that husband Pharr Duson is in the cavalry battling the red bugs in Ala. Jack Powell and Dixon Crain are still in Houston with the Navy Petroleum Inspection Dept. Stribling and Goodhue Smith are now Quartermaster Lts. at Camp Lee, Va. Joe Fraser (father of two future Kappa Sigs) is a Cavalry Major at Ft. Riley. Billy Pierce is expecting to win his wings in the near future and is somewhere in Wisconsin and that Jack Williams is an Ensign and somewhere in the Pacific. Thanks for the news Betty Jo.

Mid'm. John Kultgen is in midshipman school at Cornell and that Tom Caldwell and Joe Browder are also there. John's mother writes that David is in Boston and expects to sail momentarily. His address is Ens. David B. Kultgen, USNR, D.M. 27, C/O Fleet Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Lt. Tom B. Moore, '43, is stationed in India and writes that he enjoys the NEWS LETTER very much. Tom's letter was V-Mail and the address was blurred. Let us hear from you again Tom, and I'll pass your address along.

Ens. John Peyton Dewey, USNR, '44, was assigned to the Cruiser San Francisco last month after graduating from Midshipman's School at Northwestern University. His father writes that Pete's address is John Peyton Dewey, Ens. USNR, U.S.S. San Francisco, C/O Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

Jack Curlin, '42, Waxahachie, is in San Juan, Puerto Rico where he has been for more than two years. Jack says he's been down there so long he's about to turn to one. When Jack was pledge master of the great '38 pledge class, we pledges figured he'd end up somewhere down below. His address is J.V.Curlin, 508 Banco Popular, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Capt. Lawson Magruder, '40, Mississippi, writes from a hospital in England. Lawson hit the beach on D-Day and lasted about five days before he was hit. He was evacuated back to England and returned to France on July 15th. This time he lasted until August 1 when he ran into a machine gun and was hit in the stomach and leg. Lawson has seen Joe Flack and Nash Phillips in England and hears from Arch Owens quite often. Arch is a Lt.(j.g.) and is stationed up in the Aleutians. Lawson's address is Capt. L.W.Magruder, Jr., Co. "G" 22nd Inf., APO 4, C/O Postmaster, New York, N. Y. Also have a letter from Mary Ann giving me Lawson's address. She reports that Bill Darden married Eleanor Langree of Philadelphia on Sept. 27 and that Bill is a Lt. Commander in the Navy now. Also Bob Rain is back from the Pacific on a month's leave after being in a hospital on the West Coast for about three weeks. Mary Ann and Lawson also have two little daughters age four and one.

Capt. Walter S. Benson, Austin, is in the 8th Air Force and is a Communications Officer stationed somewhere in England. Mrs. Benson writes that Walter has been across over a year and during the summer had the pleasure of playing golf at St. Andrews, Scotland. His address is Capt. Walter S. Benson, 324th Sqdn., 91st Heavy Bomb. group, APO 557, C/O Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Have a card from Maud and Knottie Bivins. They are in Colorado where Knottie is stationed. Their address is 1003 Berkley, Pueblo, Colo. Also Bette Jean and Jack Skipper are in Colorado. Their address is 2019 N.Corona, Colorado Springs, Colo. Send me some news about all you newly weds.

Lt. Northrop Peck, USMCR, '43, Houston, is in Pensacola where he is taking a fighter refresher course. Northrop has been instructing since he got his wings in '42. Expects to go overseas pretty soon. His address is Lt. C. N. Peck, USMCR, I. I. S. N.A.S., Pensacola, Florida.

Capt. Graham "Gyp" Stewart, '39, Graham, is Commanding Officer of a little air field in the middle of nowhere, Arizona. Just as he was leaving for overseas he managed to crack up one of the tax payers planes and didn't get to go. So he married a girl from Baltimore and now has a little daughter. Sounds like he hasn't changed a bit. Reports that his brother Ed is back in the States after 50 missions on a B-24 in Italy and that Bill Loving is still out in Graham where at last report was setting up a still to combat the grave whiskey shortage. Gyp also thinks about the round table at the Tavern. His address is Capt. G. R. Stewart, 0-424149, Yucca Army Air Field, Yucca, Arizona.

Lt. Orvel Ponton, M.C., Ft. Worth, has been in the army since last July after finishing his internship in Ft. Worth. Expects to go overseas in several months. Orvel writes that Ed Hendrix is a Lt. in the Air Corps overseas. Burford Isaacs is an Ens. in the Navy stationed in Arizona. He's married and has a baby. Gavin Goodrich is married and working in Corpus Christi. Bob Goodrich is flying with the Navy in the South Pacific and that Jack Llewellyn is flying overseas. Orvel's address is Lt. O.R. Ponton, 0-399936 640th Clearing Co., Camp Pickett, Va.

Pvt. 4th Class Bill Finnegan, '49, Houston, is now stationed at Camp Swift and is commuting between Swift and the Kappa Sig House. Says he tried to get the army not to send him so close to Austin but they wouldn't listen. We know--We know! Write Bill in care of the Kappa Sigma House.

S/Sgt. Collin Lockfield, '46, Crockett, is a radio operator on a B-17 in England. His mother writes that he has been in the service since April '42 and that his missions are really coming fast these days. His address is 38476490, 100th Bomb. Gp., 418th Sqdn. APO 559, C/O Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Col. Bob "Slick" Coleman, '42, Galveston, writes from Italy that he has just about lost contact with everyone including the "Top Hat Group". Hasn't even heard from his old roommate, "Father" Dorsey. Bob, John's address is Lt. J. W. Dorsey, 0-864524, 1267th AAF Base Unit, NAFD-ATC, APO 816, C/O Postmaster, New York, N. Y. Bob says that things are going pretty good in Italy but are rather slow and hotly contested. Remember that water fight we had, Slick? Bob's address is Col. R. T. Coleman, Jr., American Field Service, APO 464, C/O Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Lt. Walter "Star" Driver, '43, El Paso, writes from overseas demanding an apology for getting his wife's name wrong. It's Mayfield and not Chase. Walt, if you knew things about me that I know about you, I wouldn't be demanding anything. Walt writes that James ("I'll kill him") Huff has a fine young son who can already whip his daddy with one hand tied behind him. Also he sees that the pledges are from such corny places as Houston and Dallas and what in the hell happened to the men from the heart and soul of Texas, namely El Paso! Kappa Sigma figures its had enough for awhile, Walt. We'll wait for Huff, Jr. Walt's address is 0-869482, APO 16450-B, C/O Postmaster, San Francisco.

Ens. Pat E. Hooks, '44, Itasca, is in the Naval Air Corps and is at present stationed in Miami, Florida. Pat expects to leave for San Diego soon to join a squadron and go to the fleet. Says he is now married and on his way to being an old man. Pat would also like to have news of Chuck Finlayson. So would we, Chuck.

Major Raymond P. Elledge, '42, Houston, reported missing, is a prisoner of war of the German government. The motor of Raymond's Thunderbolt was knocked out near St. Lo, France. Three weeks later his plane was found by Allied troops entering that area. A French family in the neighborhood said they had seen Maj. Elledge taken prisoner as soon as he landed. If they would only let Raymond, Amon Carter, Jr., and Joe Roberts get together.

Lt. (j.g.) Jim Bivins, '41, Longview, has been on the U.S.S. Nicholson about twenty months and is now in the Pacific. Jim is ordered detached soon and is to report in Iowa in November for flight training. He participated in the landings at Sicily and Salerno and while there ran into Jack Skipper in July of '43. Has also seen Boo McLeod in New York and in the Pacific too. Boo is a Communications Officer on another "can". Jim expects to have a change of address soon, so write him at Longview.

Lt. (j.g.) Walter Woodul, '41, Houston, is back in the States after 18 months in the Mediterranean area. Walter is on a 30-day leave and was a recent visitor to Austin. He isn't married yet, but says he believes it's the thing to do. Walter is down to a trim 205 pounds and is thinking about coming back to play football and take up where Pete Layden left off. Everything for Texas!

You keep the news coming and we'll keep it going. Please address correspondence to Howard Dies, Editor, Tau Chapter News Letter, 203 W. 19th Street, Austin 21, Texas.





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