Dear Bones Gate/Delta Tau Delta alumni,

On January 29, 2005, at 4:00 p.m., the Bones Gate alumni board had its first meeting in recent memory. It took place on the first floor, with a very nice turnout. In attendance were Corporation Advisor Billy “Bags” Mitchell ’79, Corporation President Jon “Schleprock” Ettinger ’82, Corporation Treasurer Ben Murtha ’82, with Phil “Flipper” Ferneau ’84 and Hans Morris on the telephone.

Also there were Pat Connoly and John Maloy representing the class of ’01, and Jeremy Ascher ’00. Along with some 20 current brothers, it was a great pleasure to have these BG icons back in the house. Yet, despite their presence, the real guests of honor were the architects and construction engineers who gave a presentation about long-overdue renovations for the house. In a well-prepared speech that included blueprint handouts and a floor-by-floor rundown of intended changes, the architects excited all those present with designs that would fulfill our compliance with the American Disabilities Act, create a bathroom and shower on the first floor, remodel the basement to include more open space, and add three beds on the top two floors. (Stay tuned for more info from Hans and Bags.)

Plans to begin this construction during Sophomore Summer ’05 are underway. For our ’07 class, which has already shown great dedication to house improvement, this means a great many things. Bones Gate is in very good hands with the ’07s, who already occupy the house manager and rush chair positions. Although construction means that they will not have the great privilege of living at The Gate during the summer, they have already voiced their commitment to contributing as much as they can to the renovation process.

Along with the ’07s have come a slew of physical improvements that are making BG a fun place to hang, as well as making the house more attractive to potential new members. The social scene is unrecognizable from years past (which is a good thing). New faces, a clean basement, a fun attitude, and a LOT of lovely young women have created a buzz around the entire campus. Invitation-only cocktail parties bring at least 100 guests to the meetings room, stocked with a full bar, wine, and assorted hors d’oeuvres. Sorority events are equally successful, but the Greek ladies tend not show up in such numbers. The second week of winter term, we had a “Ski Lodge” dance party, with guests decked out in their best winter gear and the house decorated with skis, poles, and snowshoes.

Some other improvements to the house include a very impressive 52” HDTV for the tube room, a fixed-up tea room in the basement furnished with a stereo, television, table, several chairs and a couch. All of these things are very positive for ’08 rush in the fall, when we are expecting a minimum of 20 new members. Interest in the house is very high among the freshmen at the moment, and next fall we intend to fully capitalize on that.

Cheers,
John Gontijo ’06
President, Bones Gate Fraternity
Maintaining The Gate Is A Year-Round Responsibility

The addition of the ‘07 class has enhanced the general house sentiment for getting this place together and making it look as good as possible. Brothers have put in countless hours to get our house ready for parties and other social events. Not only has the house been thoroughly cleaned, but it was also decorated very nicely for the various themes of our parties. Brothers have definitely gone above and beyond the call of duty to get people energized about raging at BG.

Minor projects have been taking place throughout Bones Gate in order to maintain and add to the attractiveness of the house. Patching holes and replacing broken windowpanes are still common chores, but are occurring with less frequency. Each term, someone takes the initiative to re-stain the main staircase, and the upper-floor walls have been painted to give a cleaner look. The back door has been fixed so that it now closes properly, though it has been slated for replacement, along with the door frame, as soon as we have the funds. We are also meeting with independent contractors to try to solve some of the water leak problems throughout the house.

Putting BG days to good use, we were able to accomplish some great things for the house. Redecorating the tea room in the basement resulted in a sweet new hangout room. We also painted the television room and just recently bought a high-definition big-screen TV that is easily the best thing the house has purchased in a while. The coat and social closet were cleaned out and reorganized and we also purchased new housecleaning items such as mops, brooms, and mop buckets. These minor projects, though meaningful, are nothing compared to what BG has planned next.

During the winter term, a meeting between current brothers, alumni, and contractors took place at Bones Gate. Renovation plans to bring our house into compliance with the Fuller audit, as well as add a couple of new rooms were presented by the contractors and our house advisor William (Bill) Mitchell ’79. The plans include adding new bedroom upstairs, a new kitchen and storage area, as well as adding new fire escape exits. The addition of a lift and walkway leading to the door are also part of these plans. The project will cost nearly $500,000 dollars and will take place this upcoming summer. The ‘07s are more than willing to give up their chance to live in the house during their sophomore summer in order for the house to get renovated. The brothers and alumni all seemed pleased with the plans and excited for construction to get under way. In order to fund this project, Bones Gate will be relying on alumni donations as well as taking out a loan. William Mitchell has already begun fundraising with the alums, and the current brothers are willing to do any manual work necessary to get this plan in action.

Brandon Carballo ’07

Bones Gate Service Is Well On Its Way

First, let me introduce myself as Bones Gate’s newly appointed Vice President. My name is Erik and, as the new Vice President, I am ready and willing to uphold Bones Gate’s standards of excellence in community service and leadership. On that note, the brothers of Bones Gate are very excited to see a “fresh” new face appointed to this position for the new term. As the members of the class of 2005 are getting ready to depart, the members of the classes of 2006 and 2007 are stepping up to the plate to continue to help build a stronger relationship between the fraternity and the college. Things are looking bright for Bones Gate, and we’ve already held several important events and causes.

In light of the tsunami tragedy that struck South Asia at the end of 2004, Bones Gate brothers returned to campus from Christmas break ready to take part in the relief effort. We decided to raise money for the Tsunami Relief Fund, but were unsure on how we would maximize fundraising. Collectively, we decided that an event with a live band would attract the greatest number of students. Luckily for Bones Gate, two of our brothers are currently in a band named Rightly Guided Thieves. We held the event the first Friday of the term and it turned out to be a major success. Not only were there hundreds of students rocking out to great, live music, but we also collected a significant pile of cash. All the proceeds went towards the Tsunami Relief Fund, and the

Erik Marquez ’06
Hello fellow Bones Gates, my name is Billy Accomando and I’m proud to say that I am a second term brother at Bones Gate. I’m one of the many members of the class of 2007 and I can honestly say that we have the best group of ’07 members of any fraternity on campus. I currently share social chair responsibilities with Mallory Paine, and enjoy the strong bond of brotherhood in the house. I also play the bass for two campus bands, Rightly Guided Thieves and Reaction Speaks. Take a look at the band’s website at www.rightlyguidedthieves.com to learn more about the group. Listen to the mp3s we have posted there, they’re awesome! Another brother here, Patrick Handler, plays the keyboard for the Thieves and he and I have been writing numerous original songs with the band. We’re really shaping a new style of music. It blends world music, like reggae and bossa, with funky riffs and jazzy chords. Plus, we love to jam like Phish and the Grateful Dead. We had the pleasure of playing a show at the Gate earlier this term and packed the house at arguably the best party of the year. People were dancing and singing along even after we ran out of beer.

Let me tell you about some of the other fantastic social events we’ve had this term. Since it was winter time and the weather was cold and snowy, we decided to have a Hip Hop dance party themed, “Aspen Party: In da Ski Lodge.” All the brothers, myself included, dressed in outlandish ski outfits, and partygoers were encouraged to do the same. Obviously, none of their costumes rivaled those of the brothers. We enjoyed cocktails beforehand with Sigma Delt Sorority to loosen up for the dance floor. Of course, beer was strictly served only to people 21 years of age and older, yet we still ran out of all four kegs by 2:30 a.m., indicating that many people showed up to hang out with the brothers here and get down on the dance floor.

We also had a very successful formal this term. Almost every brother brought a beautiful date and dressed in fine suits on that snowy evening. I myself wore a pin-striped number that Mal loaned me, as he had acquired a new one at a thrift store for 10 bucks. We enjoyed cocktails at a massive off-campus house where many Bones Gates currently live, and it was a very classy affair. Then, everyone loaded into a big yellow school bus bound for the Dowd County Inn. If you’ve never been there before, I highly recommend checking it out if you’re ever in the Lyme, New Hampshire area (which is about 20 minutes from Hanover). The ambience is wonderful. It’s an old country-style inn with big windows looking over rolling New Hampshire hills. I loved the food. After enduring Dartmouth dining service for too many weeks it was really nice to enjoy seared salmon that melts in your mouth, juicy steak with tasty herbs, salad with crisp lettuce and fresh vegetables smothered in homemade vinaigrette dressing and rich crème brule for dessert. My mouth is watering again just thinking about it. We hired an ’08 DJ named Connor Shepard to set the mood as we mingled with our dates and danced the night away. Afterwards, we all continued to enjoy each other’s company at the house until the wee hours of the morning.

All-in-all, the Bones Gate social scene is really on the up and up; and I, as your social chair, will continue to see to it that the prettiest girls and coolest dudes continue to rage at the Gate.

Billy Accomando ’07

Here’s a great shot of our Winter Carnival party. The Rightly Guided Thieves rocked out to a full room for four hours. Brother Billy Accomando can be seen here playing bass, with brother and Rush Chair Patrick Handler on the keyboards.
RALPH K. SMITH ’48 writes, “I’m still commuting five days a week to make a noise like a lawyer. I received very nice tributes upon my retirement, as chairman of the awards committee of the Hundred Year Association of New York and for my completion of 40 years as trustee of Seamen’s Church Institute. My son, Russell, is in his 17th year with the Office of the District Attorney for Westchester County. He beat me at golf on my 79th birthday—but only because I taught him all he knows!” Keep in touch with “Smitty” at P.O. Box 150, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

JOSEPH S.W. PARKER ’53 has a new address: 27 Orchard St., Marblehead, MA 01945.

THOMAS H. ROULSTON II ’55 has moved to 5150 Three Village Dr., #2G, Lyndhurst, OH 44124.

ROBERT E. TIBOLT ’76 writes, “It’s status quo for me. I’m still married to Suzy. We have two boys, Sam (19), a sophomore at Vanderbilt, and Kevin (16), a junior in high school. I see some Bones Gaters, all ’77s: NORTON, CALLAWAY, FRATER, KENWORTHY, GUMBLE, SINSHEIMER, and SILVER. I communicate with LEE WHITE ’77. I also see some non-BG alums: Eric Copenhauer ’76 and Brad Fletcher ’76. I would love to see or hear from any BGer, especially: McNUTT, MORTIMER, “Smitty,” any ’76. And where are BATTY, TED PERRY, “Froggie,” McKENNA and STANDISH?!” Write to Bob at 9860 SW Lumberland Ln., Tualatin, OR 97062; keep in touch by e-mail at ritbolt@sterling.net.

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JAMES M. NOVO ’80 writes, “In August 2004, the third edition of my first book, Drilling Down: Turning Consumer Data into Profits, hit the bookshelves. It was a bit ahead of its time when it first came out in 2000, but now everybody seems interested in using consumer data to increase business profitability. In February 2005, I participated in the founding of the Web Analytics Association. The core curriculum of the web analytics course offered by the WAA is based on my second book, The Marketer’s Common Sense Guide to E-Metrics, which I co-authored with Bryan Eisenberg.” Keep in touch with James at 1224 24th Ave. N., Saint Petersburg, FL 33704; e-mail to jim@jimnovo.com.

JEFFREY D. GIVEN ’82 has a new address: 3452 Shangri La Rd., LaFayette, CA 94549. Send e-mail to jeff.given@comcast.net.

BRADFORD T. BROWN ’82 writes, “I’m living in the Boston area, working mainly in New York. This makes it easy to see BG alums: ‘Tinker Bell’, Liam, and JACK BOYLES ’76 in Beantown; ‘Grubs’, ‘Hans’, and ‘Rims’ in New York City; and ‘Deli’ on the shuttle. I’m looking forward to the annual BG ski trip.” Reach Brad at 140 Nagog Hill Rd., Acton, MA 01720; send e-mail to brownbrad@aol.com.

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DECEASED
We regret to report the death of:
ROY A. ADAMS ’36 on January 7, 2005