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# DELTA DELTA CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

By Michael Sweeney '92 Alumni Commander

n December 21, 1998, Sigma Nu celebrated 90 years of brotherhood at Penn State. From our founding in 1908 out of the University Club grew a fraternity of over 1,300 men.

Over the generations, the house and faces that make up Sigma Nu have changed; the principles of love, truth and honor that our brother-hood was built upon remain the same. Through our chapter, many of us developed the relationships, leadership skills and values that shape our lives as alumni today.

Out of our shared college experiences as brothers grew some of our most enduring and rewarding relationships. Many of our closest and most trusted friends came from Sigma Nu. Some of us even met our wives at fraternity events.

As our fraternity celebrates this great milestone, I would like to thank all the brothers, who through their hard work over the years, have made Delta Delta what it is today. Our house has developed into a great place where college men can develop the social and leadership skills they will need upon graduation. It is also a place where alumni can visit and share stories of their college experience. And most importantly, it is a place where we have forged some of our most valuable and lasting friendships.

# THE CHAPTER BIDS A FOND FAREWELL TO PEARL NESHTERUK

By Chris Handa '92 Alumni Lieutenant Commander

earl has served us homemade bread, stickies, stew and other favorites for 21 years. She made sure that brothers had a cake on their birthdays, and we had plenty of chili right before sorority socials and big parties. (No, that wasn't a coincidence. It was Pearl's own way of letting us know that she loved us.) This past Homecoming, Pearl officially retired.



Andy Schall '95 presents a Sigma Nu house sketch to retiring cook Pearl Neshteruk.

Pearl has also seen us grow up and return to State College, she has attended our weddings. In a few cases, she has even watched our children grow up, too. More than just a cook, Pearl has been a friend and a mother to several generations of Sigma Nus. She always returned to work on Mondays, no matter how bad we left the kitchen or how tired the caterers were after the weekend.

Thank you, Pearl, for being there for 21 years! Thank you, too, for passing your secrets down to your daughter, Penny, who is taking your place as Sigma Nu house cook. Welcome back, Penny!

## Visit our Web Page

Catch up with the Delta Delta chapter of Sigma Nu on the World Wide Web. Our Web site includes a history of Sigma Nu, undergraduate and alumni officer contacts, chapter news, a bulletin board and an electronic version of the Delta Delta newsletter.

http://www.plambert.org/sigmanu/

Also check out our Delta Delta Club at Yahoo.com.

http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/deltadeltahouse

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Penn State Dance Marathon ~ February 19- 21, 1999. NOTE: Penn State Dance Marathon '99 will take place in Rec Hall (not White Building as in the past).

The Penn State Blue/White Game ~ Saturday, April 24, 1999.

The Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts July 7 11, 1999.

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## FALL SEMESTER AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

By James R. Merritt '00, Eminent Commander



he fall semester of 1998 has been quite an experience for me and for the brothers of Sigma Nu. Our accomplishments in rush, dry events, elections and philanthropies have been outstanding.

Our first goal as an undergraduate chapter was to uphold the high standards and numbers we achieved during rush in spring of 1998. Justen Bennett '99 was again elected as the rush chair and did an excellent job in recruiting new candidates to Sigma Nu. At the end of the rush period, 19 bids were extended and nine were accepted. This matched the number of acceptances from spring and sparked the beginning of a promising semester. At this writing, we still have nine of the most impressive bunch of candidates the house has seen in years. These nine men show outstanding leadership traits, work well together and are dedicated to making themselves and Delta Delta reach our full potential. We are confident that they will be effective and hard-working brothers.

Fall 1998 was also an experimental semester for the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and Penn State's Greek community as a whole. In late spring, the IFC unanimously voted for a week of dry rush beginning this fall. This was a new challenge for fraternities and one that complemented the "Dry 2000" clause from Grand Chapter weeks before. We decided to tackle this issue head-on by throwing a university-supported dry party in the grass lot, south of the house. I decided to head up the event and contacted Phi Delta Theta, Fiji and the IFC regarding the party. Phi Delt and Fiji decided to work with us, and together we threw a band party for the entire university. Bluesuedegroove was the main attraction, a local band featuring Delta Delta alumnus Artin Armani '96. The event was a success, leading to a promising rush and positive publicity around the

university and the country. An Associated Press release was sent out regarding Penn State's dry rush and highlighting Sigma Nu's event. A letter was sent from the university to National, and many friendships and opportunities opened for the house. These relations are ones that will help build Sigma Nu into one of the top fraternities in the future.

Homecoming was another success back-to-back overall champions! Yes, once again our chapter has won PSU Homecoming. Theta Alpha Pi and Sigma Nu reunited to attack Homecoming for the second year in a row. The week was terrific, with the float-building, the competitions and the celebration. We thank all the alumni who returned and helped enjoy the achievements of our house. At the Homecoming dinner, both the undergraduate chapter and the alumni chapter thanked Pearl Neshteruk, our house cook, for her 21 years of dedication; we wished her good luck on her trip to Alabama to visit her family. Pearl has decided to retire and her daughter, Penny, has filled in for her. Thank you, Pearl and Penny!

One of the major changes the undergraduate chapter has made is the changing of officer elections from the spring to the fall. This means that all elections, for both inner circle and semester-long terms, will be held in late November. We based our decision on a strong recommendation from IFC as well as a wish to coordinate with the similar schedule of Panhellenic sororities. With this new change, brothers will be able to run for IFC offices more effectively, since they will not be previously committed to other house offices.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the undergraduate chapter will have

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# DELTA DELTA CHAPTER ELECTIONS OF OCTOBER 17, 1998

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## HOMECOMING AND THE FUTURE

By Kristofer Heineman '00, Lieutenant Commander

he numbers are in, they have been tallied and they say that Sigma Nu and Theta Alpha Pi are the overall champions again. Some might have heard that we didn't even place in the overall competition, but after the tallies were checked again, the IFC realized that they had made some mistakes. So congratulations are in order for everyone who helped bring the trophy back to Sigma Nu. We would like to give a big thanks to the women of Theta Alpha Pi for not only helping with all the hard work but also for making some of it fun! For those who could not make it to Homecoming this year, we believe that it went more smoothly than it has in recent history. The undergraduate chapter took the advice of the alumni and split the role of homecoming chairman between two individuals. I took responsibility for being the overall homecoming chair and Michael Zecca '00 took the role of marshall and was in control of all cleanup. We felt the alumni were right, and that the stress was lessened with the job split. The response from the alumni who attended was completely positive, so we are sure that both undergraduate and alumni brothers will follow a similar plan next year. We also hope that more alumni will return next year to see the improvements.

Grand Chapter was a great experience for Brandon Peterson '99 and me as the two delegates from Delta Delta chapter. It was held in Orlando, Fla., and provided one of the best times I have had as a brother. If you get the chance to be a delegate or just to be at Grand Chapter, I suggest you take advantage of it. You meet a lot of other brothers and alumni

from around the country. We talked about all different types of situations that affect the house today. The biggest, of course, was the *Dry by 2000* issue. As of right now, we are going dry. What happened, as it was explained to me, was that the delegates in San Antonio decided to look into going dry. The High Council can take any motion that passes at Grand Chapter and activate it if they vote in favor of it. The vote consists of the High Council and two delegates from different chapters across the nation. The *Dry by 2000* proposition originated in 1997.

At this Grand Chapter, the brothers attached a clause onto the dry amendment that was called the 75 percent rule. It states that in 2000, if less than 75 percent of the NIC fraternities on your campus are not dry, National will revise the *Dry by 2000* on a campus-by-campus basis. That will mean that if only four of 56 fraternities on campus are going dry, the schedule will be revised so we will not be at a disadvantage on our campus. It seems that chapters from many of the Southern and Western schools support the *Dry by 2000* program.

After the debates, we had fun with the other chapters going here and there. We did things as one entire brotherhood — as Sigma Nu. It was one of those experiences that everyone should have and I urge alumni and undergraduates to get together and get ready for the Grand Chapter Meeting in Phoenix in 2000. I hope this time around we have more participation from alumni, and that more than two undergraduates are able to make the trip. If we come in force, with support from our alumni, there is no reason why all our concerns will not be heard.

## PLANNING AN EVENT?

Are you planning an alumni get-together? Let us help. The Sigma Nu Alumni Association can help plan your event by sending you a free mailing list and/or free address labels for small alumni reunions, golf outings or other get-togethers. If you would like assistance or would just like to tell us about an alumni event you have already had, please contact the Alumni Commander Mike Sweeney at 740-676-8661 or mikesweene@yahoo.com.



# DAVID COTTERILL '60 HONORED BY PENN STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

By Michael Sweeney '92 Alumni Commander

avid Cotterill '60 was honored this past October as an Alumni Fellow by the Penn State Alumni Association. The Alumni Fellow Award, the most prestigious award given by the Penn State Alumni Association, is presented to select alumni who, as leaders in their professional fields, are nominated by an academic college, and accept an invitation from the president of the university to return to campus to share their expertise with students, faculty and administrators. David was nominated by the College of Education and was one of only 15 recipients of the award in 1998.

During his visit to Penn State, David and his wife Joan, whom he met during a mixer by the back door of the fraternity's library, visited the Sigma Nu house for dinner. David and Joan were able to meet with the brothers and share experiences about the house and David's career.

David retired in January of 1994 after a very distinguished career as executive vice president of Wachovia Corporation and president of Wachovia Trust Services based in Winston-Salem, N.C.

## Top Ten Things To Do When Sigma Nu Alumni Visit Penn State

By Chris Handa '92

- 10. **Visit the Nittany Lion Shrine:** Right at the top of North Burrowes and just up the street from the chapter house!
- 9. **Get grilled stickies at the Diner:** Ye Olde College Diner hasn't changed. It is still open 24/7 and has almost the same menu. Chili Mac rules!
- 8. Visit "Shooter" at The Brewery: Alumnus Scott Richard Sheader '92 tends bar most busy weekends at The Brewery, located between the McAllister Street Parking Garage and Beaver Avenue. Even on big weekends, it seems as if Sigma Nu has taken over the place.
- 7. **Buy a gift at The Apple Tree:** Alumnus Earl Harner '73 owns this neat little shop on College Avenue. Check out the posters, lava lamps, and other strange little goodies in the stare
- 6. **Golf on the Blue Course:** The pro shop is still right behind Sigma Nu in Rec Hall. The course is just across Atherton Street!
- 5. **Get ice cream at The Creamery:** Take a walk on campus to The Creamery. Ice cream is still fresh, cheap and sinful. They're open for breakfast, too!
- 4. **Go to The Gaff**: The Shandygaff Saloon on Calder Way still plays the same records you danced to during your Penn State days. Alumnus Stan Stroup '79 still comes into Happy Valley each weekend just to play Oldies at The Gaff. Stop in, make a request, and say "Hi!"
- 3. Check out the new stuff: Penn State is ALWAYS growing. Currently, The Hetzel Union Building (HUB) is being remodeled and expanded. New athletic fields and buildings have also recently been added to campus.
- 2. Take an undergraduate to lunch/dinner: Give an undergraduate brother a treat. Take him on your own tour of campus to your favorite spots and share your Sigma Nu experience.
- 1. Stop by the house and say hello: 340 North Burrowes Road, a place most of us called home during our Penn State years!



Sigma Nu and Theta Alpha Pi's winning float woos the crowd during Homecoming 1998.

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# ALUMNI ACTIVITIES ABOUND IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AREA

By Bob (Nellie) Nelson '72

he metropolitan Washington, D.C. area offers many opportunities for alumni interaction, thanks to two highly active alumni organizations.

The Sigma Nu Alumni Association of Washington, D.C. offers social, professional networking and alumni support opportunities for Sigma Nus who reside in the area. The association's inaugural event was a congressional reception hosted by Senator Trent Lott, which was attended by several hundred area alumni. Other events have included an annual golf outing, barbecues, an annual formal and periodic professional networking luncheons. In addition, area alumni are informed of and encouraged to support local chapter events. For example, I recently attended Delta Pi chapter's (George Washington University) end of rush dinner at the end of which bids were extended. I was joined by an alumnus from Louisiana Tech and a representative of Sigma Nu national. I thoroughly

enjoyed learning about Delta Pi and talking to the prospective pledges about Sigma Nu. For more information on this organization, please call me at (W) 301-415-7298, (H) 703-751-3035 or send an e-mail to me at RAN@NRC.GOV.

The metro D.C. area is also home to Penn State's largest alumni organization outside the state of Pennsylvania. A variety of activities occur throughout the year including football viewing parties, a homecoming bus trip, monthly happy hours, a White House holiday tour, a formal to benefit the Four Diamonds Fund, night golf, river tubing trips, professional networking meetings and group trips to local concerts and sports events. More information on this organization can be obtained from its Web site: www.psuwashdc.org; or from its chapter hotline: 202-298-8900. If you live in the metro D.C. area, I encourage you to join these organizations and renew your ties to Sigma Nu and Penn State.

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held its second annual cookie baking philanthropy. During the fall of 1997, Dan Roberts '97 and I coordinated Sigma Nu's first philanthropic effort, and now the undergrads are looking to bake once again. The undergraduates will come together and spend a weekend baking cookies and packaging gift bags for a local retirement home. Last year was a great accomplishment and we all felt good about helping others to have a happier holiday season. Looking to make this an annual event, we will deliver the baked goods to the residents ourselves once again.

The semester has gone well and the house is shaping up. We thank the alumni for all their help and support, and encourage you to visit the house. If you have any comments or questions, feel free to reach me at jrm230@psu.edu. LTH!



At his 70th reunion this past June, **Llewellyn W. Fisher '28** (309 Bridgeboro Rd., Apt. 1346, Moorestown, NJ 08057) had a good time with "the other young folks."

Richard A. Livermore '38 (9800 San Cir., Beverly Hills, CA 90210) is active in the Westwood Village Rotary, Navy League and 33 Club. He also enjoys lawn bowling.

Ending a broadcast career that spanned more than half a century, **Robert L. Wilson '40** (19 Grand Pky., Lewistown, PA 17044) has sold his radio station, WKVA, and retired as president of the Central Pennsylvania Broadcasting Co.

As president of Dynamic Development Associates, **William R. Eggert '50** (381 Bridle Ln., Media, PA 19063) helps others establish their own home-based consulting businesses. He's been doing this for 29 years. Bill occasionally sees Jim Brewer '49, Harold Gebert '50, Don Myers '49 and Bud Mundy '51. Once a year, Bill and Flos visit Bill Brinker '50 in Pinehurst, N.C.

Frederick Bigony '52 is co-chairman of the board at Harvey Industries. For recreation, he enjoys boating, travel and golf. Fred is building a home at Admirals Cove on the Intercostal Waterway. His new address is 103 Water's Edge Dr., Jupiter, FL 33477.

Golf, travel and biking keep Betsy and **David F. Girard III '54** (416 Hickory Ln., Berwyn, PA 19312) busy these days. Dave also works with a few clients on financial planning.

**Norman W. Hickey '54** (905 Valencia Dr., South Daytona, FL 32019) is retired from city management.

Now that he has sold his company, Vitex Packaging Inc., **George T. Richards '54** (11 Buttonwood Dr., Simsbury, CT 06070) is looking forward to traveling with wife Ann, spending more time with his seven grandchildren and enjoying leisure activities.

Stephen R. Haky Jr. '56 (113 Misty Meadow Ln., Uniontown, PA 15401), a retired funeral director, spends much of the year in Honolulu. He invites anyone visiting Hawaii to look him up in the Waikiki phone book. He can also be contacted on the Internet at shaky@aol.com or steve.jane@juno.com.

In his retirement, **Ray E. Myers '57** (20 W. Wind Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845) spends time hunting, fishing and playing golf. He would like to hear from **Andy Hibler '57**. Ray's phone is 607-739-3296.

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Architect **John F. Donahue '58** (81 Harrison Ave., Roseland, NJ 07068) gets together with **Bob Anderson '61** for Friday "happy hours." The two reminisce about old times.

In October, **John F. Solomon Jr. '59** (22021 Kelley Park Rd., Rock Hall, MD 21661) retired as an attorney and moved to the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay. At his new home, he enjoys fishing, crabbing and boating.

While in San Antonio this year, Elaine and **Donald B. Bain Jr.** '65 (45414 Moonlight Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170) visited Rita and **Bud Hirshberg** '66. Now that their daughter is working in Austin, the Bains plan to make more trips to Texas.

**Joseph V. Ulans '78** (6903 Evanston, Lubbock, TX 79424) received a master's degree in computer science from Texas Tech University in May 1998.

Ernest W. Russom III '79 (7921 Westview Ave., Highland Park, Upper Darby, PA 19082) is now a program manager at Tokai Financial Services Inc. He is married to Lynn Ann and has two children. In his free time, Ernie is active in sailing and volunteer work.

With his new job as general manager at Babcor Packaging, J. Howard Holmes '85 (3506 Kellman Dr., Murrysville, PA 15668; jhholmes@aol.com) relocated with his wife, Ellen, and two children to the Pittsburgh area. He hopes to see more of the brothers in "The Burgh." Howard sends congratulations to Patty and George Albert '87 on their marriage in 1998.

Thomas W. Waigand '85 (119 Scenery Cir., McMurray, PA 15317; twaigan@ alleghenypower.com) updates us on two brothers. Bill Snyder '85 lives with his wife and daughter in South Carolina, has started a business called LNI Development Group and is active in youth ministry. Shawn Kelly '83 resides in New

Jersey, has two children and enjoys car racing. Tom would like to hear from **Chris Daniels '87**.

Bruce E. Francois '88 has a new job and address. He is a programming consultant at Pfizer Inc. and has moved to 88 Feronia Way, Apt. 1B, Rutherford, NJ 07070. E-mail for him can be sent to brucefrancois@yahoo.com. From undergraduate days, Bruce fondly recalls the political and philosophical bull sessions with senior Delta Deltas.

"I sure miss those football games," notes A. Robert Hoffman '88 (451 N. Church St., Butler, PA 16001). He has been in touch with Lane Kintigh '89, Kirk Fisher '92, Chris Handa '91 and Mike Sweeney '92. He would like news of Harry Delmar '88, Mark Templeton '89, Mike Siggins '89 and Brian Kerchak '89.

Mark E. Templeton '90 (4333 Lovers Ln., #7, Trappe, MD 21673), a math teacher at Mace's Lane Middle School, is in frequent contact with Harry Delmar '88 and Mike Siggins '89. Mark, too, would like to get in touch with Brian Kerchak '89.

James T. Carr '91 (133 W. Walnut St., North Wales, PA 19454; mjcarr2820@ aol.com), a social studies teacher in the Colonial School District, sends greetings to all. He and his wife, Megan, were hoping to visit the house.

**Tracy F. Onest '91** (547 Smithson Ave., Erie, PA 16511) was planning to move to the New Orleans area in December 1998 to begin a new job with the Department of Defense. When settled, he'll send us his new address.

As manager of Chili's Grill & Bar, **Timothy W. Beale '92** (1823 Bayfield Ct., State College, PA 16801) invites brothers coming to town to stop by the restaurant to visit or eat. He reports that his cancer is in remission and he is feeling great. We wish him the best.

In the summer of 1998, Nicholas D. Hollick '92 (337 Stormfield Dr., Harleysville, PA 19438) traveled with David Gilberto '91 and Mike Poe '90 to Europe. During their 15-day trip, the three journeyed to Germany, France, Switzerland and Austria. Nick notes, "It was great that we could make the trip together. The friendships and bonds we make while undergraduate members of Sigma Nu can last a lifetime!"

When Christopher J. Muller '92 (4748 Frantz Ct., Apt. 3, Winter Park, FL 32792; bytor@ao.net) and Anne Raemaekers married in July, Michael Sweeney '92, Don Chittick '92 and Ken McCallum '93 were in attendance.

Charles J. Marangoni '96 (1120 Fox Hill Dr., Apt. 121, Monroeville, PA 15146) was planning to wed Melissa Cerminara in October 1998 and had asked Robert Seuffert '96, Andrew Schall '95 and Daniel Stelljes '96 to serve in the wedding party. Chuck notes that Rachel and Paul Lambert '95 married in August.

In a new job, **Daniel A. Stelljes '96** (261 Avon Rd., Apt. I431, Devon, PA 19333) is a supervisor at Independence Blue Cross. He reports that Linda and **Joe Loeper** married in May 1998.

**David B. Stead '98** (15225 N. 100 St., Unit 2206, Scottsdale, AZ 85260), an assistant golf professional, has become a member of the Professional Golfer's Association of America and been elected to the Southwest Section of the PGA's Assistants Association Board.



We regret to inform you of the death of **Roger S. Findley Jr. '41** (7/18/98) and **Alfred B. Taylor '42** (4/17/98).

Sigma Nu mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

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