

Upcoming Events at

PSU

- Dance Marathon: Feb. 21-23, 2003
- PSU Alumni Association Traditional Reunion Weekend: May 29-31, 2003
- 2003 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts: July 9-12, 2003

The Delta Delta



Sigma Nu Fraternity at The Pennsylvania State University — State College, Pa.

December 2002

Alumni Profile

Q+A with William E. Yoder '40

Sleeping among the Leaves and Snow

Small-town boy “Dutch,” as he was dubbed, says his four years with Sigma Nu were an important part of his Penn State education because his Brothers came from all walks of life.

Q. Why did you join Sigma Nu?

A. We only had two weeks to decide which fraternity to go to, and I was a legacy of my uncle. He was a Sigma Nu at Lafayette. Otherwise I probably never would have gotten up there, because we only had two weeks and I was rushed by two other fraternities. But I liked Sigma Nu because it was on the campus and close to the gym.

Q. Tell us about your favorite memory of the fraternity.

A. I remember the dances we used to have, and we had a good band made up of college students and named after the leader — I think his name was Batoff.

Q. What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

A. A great deal of influence. I think my four years at Sigma Nu were almost as important as my four years at Penn State. The other brothers were just great guys. I learned a lot because I came from a small town [Pittstown] and was associated with brothers from all over the state.

Q. With whom do you still stay in contact? Who would you most like to find?

A. Henry Harris '40 who lived in Cape May was a very good friend. I was saddened to hear that Henry died. He and I were both legacies to Sigma Nu.

His father was Tom Harris '13, a very prominent alumnus. Henry was a fraternity brother and very close friend. My other close friend who was a Sigma Nu in my class was Tom Geer '40 from Ingomar, Pa. Most of my other friends have passed on.

Q. Tell us about your family. Have you married? Do you have children?

A. I was married for over 50 years. My wife Jean died on Feb. 9. I have four children, two boys and two girls. Neither boy was in Sigma Nu. One went to Lafayette and Villanova Law School, and the other went to the Naval Academy. One girl went to Penn State and she's about ready to get a Ph.D. at the University of Denver, and my oldest daughter is married to a vice president of Merrill Lynch in Denver. I have 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They're all over the map.

Q. What other activities or organizations were you involved with during college days?

A. I played snare drums in the Blue Band. When I went to Penn State you had to play two years in the ROTC band and then you had to audition for the head of the music department. When I went to Penn State, the Blue Band was made up of just juniors and seniors and only men. I belonged to the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Q. What is your nickname, and how did you get it?

A. They called me Dutch. Coming from Pittstown, we have a Dutch accent, Pennsylvania German, actually.

Q. Did you live in the house? If so, who were your roommates? Tell us about a memorable time with them.

A. Oh, you bet. Living in the house was one of the highlights of my four years. Penn State had a well-furnished fraternity. They had a great big dormitory on the third floor where we all slept. The windows were open all year long ... the leaves blew in, the snow blew in. Every semester I had a new roommate. In my freshman year I roomed with a phys. ed. major who was quite a basketball player from Punxsutawney. I never realized how I studied so much and he didn't.

Q. What do you do for a living?

A. I'm retired now. I was a registered professional civil engineer, had my Pennsylvania EDP degree, and I retired four years ago. I started my own business in '57. We build and repair railroad sidings for industry and the government. We work in six states and my older son, who is a civil engineer and lawyer, he's running the business now. For about 30 years we raised full-bred sheep and Arabian horses. We won many prizes with our horses and sheep at the Farm Show in Harrisburg as well as at other shows.

Q. What affiliations do you currently have and/or public service do you participate in?

A. I'm the past president of the Kutztown Lions Club, and I've served as president of the Kutztown Borough Council. I was also president of the Reading Chapter of the Pennsylvania Professional Engineers and was named

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Alumni Report

Property Association Report

As a result of a series of events that began late in the Spring semester of 2001, we had no residents in the Chapter House for the 2001 – 2002 academic year. Consequently, the Property Association's income was extremely limited. Alumni donations allowed us to cover critical costs until February 2002, when we obtained a mortgage loan. A portion of the funds from this loan was used to cover operating expenses until the Active Chapter moved back into the house in August. The events in the Spring of 2001 also led the alumni to place the operation of the Chapter under an Alumni Board of Advisers. Alumni Chapter Commander **Sam Hodgson '87** and I serve as co-chairs for the board. I am encouraged by the progress we've made since last year. The Active Chapter leadership is strongly committed and energetic. We appear to have a solid foundation upon which to grow. We have a lot of work planned for the remainder of this year and your continued support of Delta Delta is needed. A detailed annual report for the 2001–2002 fiscal year, as well as a Homecoming update, is available upon request. If you want a copy, please e-mail your request to me at nelsonnittany@aol.com. If you'd prefer to speak to me directly, please call me any evening at (703) 751-3035.

Bob (Nellie) Nelson '72
President

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Alumni Profile: William E. Yoder (continued from page 1)

Outstanding Civil Engineer at Penn State in 1989. I'm also a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kutztown. I'm a retired captain in the Civil Engineering Corps and served five years in World War II and two years in the Korean War.

Q. What hobbies do you enjoy?

A. I played golf for many years, and I Bass fish up in the Poconos. My golf handicap was 13.

Q. What are your goals for the next few years?

A. I built a home in St. Croix, and because my wife died and was in a nursing home for three years, I haven't gone down there. We rent it out by the year, and I'm hoping to go down there some time soon. It's beautiful down there, and they have three beautiful golf courses.

Chapter Status

The Active Chapter has made significant strides:

- Ranked sixth academically last semester
- Had a strong Fall rush with eight pledges
- Under strong fiscal management
- Involved in the community and pursuing community service projects

Business

- A design concept for the House Mother's Suite was approved.
- The Alumni Board of Advisers approved a house residency policy that requires all undergraduate brothers to live in the house with stated exceptions (e.g., married; student teaching; living at home).
- The Alumni association approved a motion to create a new alumni officer, Marshall, to assist the Chapter with LEAD & pledge instruction.

Alumni Officers:

Alumni Chapter Commander:
Sam Hodgson '87
Alumni Chapter Lt. Commander:
Kevin Smith '02
Chapter Advisor:
John Thompson '89
Treasurer:
Jim Molchan '93
Recorder:
Bob Seuffert '96
Marshall (new position):
Joel Gladfelter '01

House Corporation Officers:

President:
Bob Nelson '72
Vice-President:
Ed Sidwell '58
Treasurer:
Steve Wesolowski '76
Recorder:
Bob Seuffert '96
House Corporation Director:
Don Bain '65 (three-year term)
House Corporation Director:
John O'Donnell '67 (three-year term)
House Corporation Director:
Ernie Russom '79 (three-year term)

New Officers for the Active Chapter (Elected November 3, 2002)

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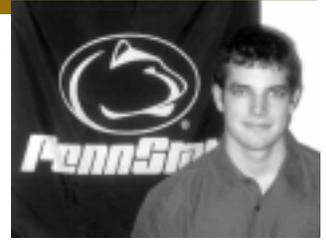
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New Eminent Commander Sees Promise in Candidate Class

I, **Braddock Stevenson DD1362**, have been elected to the office of Eminent Commander, to follow a successful term by **Andrew Hackett DD 1361**.

I am a junior majoring in history with law school aspirations. I'm from Titusville, Pa., and I spend my summers at Whitewater in West Virginia as a rafting guide and rock climbing instructor. During my five semesters in the house, I have fulfilled the roles of IFC Delegate, Risk Reduction Officer, LEAD Chairman, and Chaplain.

On Nov. 3, the Brotherhood held elections for the coming year of the Delta Delta chapter of Sigma Nu. See listing on Page 1 for details.

This new group of officers is working closely with their predecessors and we are all extremely excited and look forward to building a better Delta Delta Chapter.

With a house average GPA of 3.14, we currently rank 6 out of 51

fraternities academically and our previous Candidate class ranked third with a 3.58 GPA.

Our efforts to improve alumni/collegiate relations have been coming along, resulting in alumni becoming more active in our chapter. At the end of last spring we had a house improvement weekend where alumni and collegiates worked together to do minor improvements to the house.

Additionally, we are initiating Phase II of LEAD and hope to have All Chapter LEAD initiated by the end of the semester. Since last January we have totaled more than 150 hours of community service and are very active in Penn State's Dance Marathon, which raises money for children with cancer. We also have very close ties with the Red Cross and will be holding a blood drive at the house during dance marathon weekend. We are proud that we are able to give back to our community in numerous ways.

Also, we are undefeated in intramural football and are on our way to the playoffs; we are also undefeated in volleyball and are looking to continue excelling in athletics.

We currently have eight candidates, all of them have respectable and hard-working traits. We can already see aspiring leaders in these gentlemen. Our Marshall Chris Convooy is doing a remarkable job and hopes to continue teaching these men the values of Love, Truth and Honor.

As you can see, everything here is going well and we are in pursuit of excellence. Though we are on receivership, we do plan to be off by the Blue and White meeting next spring. We would like to invite our alumni to come by the house whenever they are in town so they can see with their own eyes the strong and unified Brotherhood we have here at the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu.

Thank You 2002-03 Annual Fund Contributors to Date!

Our apologies to those donors who were unintentionally omitted from our most recent honor roll. Please check to make sure your name appears here if you made a contribution on or after July 1, 2002.

Robert B. Blum 1938	Ray E. Myers 1957	Michael L. Rizzo 1967	J. Clay Stober 1983
Charles L. Van Inwagen 1942	Kenneth C. Baily 1958	Richard W. Saylor 1968	Thomas W. Waigand 1985
Emile P. Roy Jr. 1945	Robert W. Comfort 1959	Vincent B. Cordisco 1969	David A. Miller 1986
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James F. Barr 1952	James M. Suplizio 1960	Jerrold W. Bigony 1974	George H. Earl III 1994
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Richard C. Meek 1956	Coulston S. Henry 1964	Norman F. Growden 1982	Christopher P. Race 1999
Willard H. Snell Jr. 1956	Donald B. Bain Jr. 1965	Jeffrey E. York 1982	Jason G. Winey 1999
David J. Barney 1957	Edward W. Kmit 1966	Eric J. Ashman 1983	Brandon J. Peterson 2000
Charles G. Haugh 1957	Henry G. Garfield 1967	Robert T. Brunner 1983	Kevin Wayne Smith
Andrew B. Hibler 1957	John M. O'Donnell 1967	John R. Chilleri 1983	

Robert W. Free '51 (1016 Magnolia Ln., Lincoln, CA 95648-8426; rwfrees@aol.com) Sara and I enjoy our lifestyle in Lincoln, northeast of Sacramento. The five grandchildren are growing up. We still square dance, play bridge, a little golf and are active in our RV club here. We went to the Bahamas in March, Calgary in July, and October will find us on a river cruise in France.

William H. Ondick '51 (20 Beth Dr., Richboro, PA 18954) Wife Dona Mae and I enjoy traveling, spending our winters at Holden Beach, N.C., near our grandchildren and family, and playing golf.

Robert Leyburn '52 (Lime Spring Farm, 115 Maple Ave., Asbury, NJ 08802; bleyburn@carnegiecomm.com) Still working full time. Retirement is for old people and I'm 72 going on 38.

Walter A. Hough '55 (122 Gander Way, Hendersonville, NC 28792) Traveled to Windsor, Vt., in August 2001 for our daughter's wedding. Plan to visit her and new son-in-law in Providence, R.I. in May. Frances and I also plan to go to Kane, Pa., for a celebration at the Kane Experimental Forest where the USDA, Forest Service, will be honoring my father, A.F. Hough, for his work in establishing research studies 70 years ago.

Wilbert F. Hobbs '59 (3422 Lakeview Cir., Longmont, CO 80503-1626; will.hobbs@worldnet.att.net) Yes, Annette and I have moved again. Got a gypsy spirit. Including our move from State College in 1979, we've moved our household goods 13 times. Bought, renovated, and sold homes along the way. We always have a good bed for any of you who come to visit. Barber-shop harmony (chorus and quartet) is what keeps me energized and young (at heart).

David F. Arrowsmith '59 (165 Sharwood Dr., Naples, FL 34110; sarrowsmith@earthlink.net) I was chosen to paint an alligator in the fund raiser, Gators Galore, for the Art Center where I paint. My sponsor was Cantor Fitzgerald, who lost 700 employees in the 9/11 attack. I keep busy with painting, gardening, golf and tennis.

David L. Cotterill '60 (1147 Riverbend Dr., Advance, NC 27006) Thanks for giving the chapter the leadership it needs.

Richard A. Anderson '61 (836 Amelia Ct. N.E., Saint Petersburg, FL 33702; ragabry@aol.com) Retired from the Navy, and working as a military analyst in Tampa.

Donald B. Bain '65 (45414 Moonlight Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170-3612; dbain@comcast.net) Retired from Ford Motor Co. after 31 years. I am taking a few months off before starting on a second career. Kids are all grown and out pursuing their careers. Wife Elaine is still teaching middle school here in Plymouth, while we enjoy the 'empty nester' lifestyle. Best wishes to the active chapter for a vigorous recovery.

Edward W. Kmit '66 (3877 Peabody Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-4035; dkmit@aol.com) Son, Edward Jr., married Suzanne Quinlan on Sept. 22, 2001. Our daughter, Kelly, married Mike Halsig on June 8, 2002.

Michael L. Rizzo '67 (737 NE 74th Street, Boca Raton, FL 33487) After a 3-year assignment in Belgium, my wife and I relocated to Southern Florida in 2001. Before that we lived in California for 13 years. It's nice to be back on the East Coast, close to family and old friends. Our son, **Matthew '96**, married Kerry Lester in June 2001 in Richmond, Va.

James S. Barden '71 (3012 Crystal Cir., Taylor, TX 76574-5157) Retired from Sears, bought a Sears dealer store. I run the store with the help of my oldest daughter, Christy. I enjoy spending as much time as possible with my granddaughter Brittany, 6. I would like to hear from **Clyde Braun '70** and **Dave Gabelsh '72**.

William Hoffman '73 (17 Maryland Place, Jeannette, PA 15644-2824) Linda and I have three children, Will, a Pitt grad; Rob, at junior at PSU; and Amy, a future Penn Stater. I would like to hear from **Rick Nichols '75** and **Churchill Cooke '73**.

Jerry L. Heath '74 (14351 S. Gallery Street, Olathe, KS 66062-8836; jheath4857@aol.com) Promoted to product manager for the Industrial Fumigant Co., which provides pest management products and services to the grain, milling and food industry nationwide.

Jeffrey E. York '82 (905 Grover Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789-5641; jyork@cfl.rr.com) Daughter Katherine celebrated her first birthday on March 10.

Thomas W. Waigand '85 (119 Scenery Cir., McMurray, PA 15317-2739; twaigan@alleghenypower.com) I keep in touch with numerous brothers from the early '80s. I'd like to hear from old fishing buddies, **Todd Lindberg '86** and **Chris Daniels '86**.

Todd J. Lindberg '86 (3883 New Rd., Youngstown, OH 44515-4625; byham@prodigy.net) Began a new job as project engineer for Boltech, Inc., on Feb. 25.

Lane D. Kintigh '89 (823 S. East Ave., Oak Park, IL 60304; LDKintigh@aol.com) Carrie and **Rick Coffee '95** and their new daughter, Nora, visited for dinner in May.

Scott Lee McMullen '90 (11633 Riley, Overland Park, KS 66210) Sarah and I married in 1992. Son, Connor, born in 1996, and daughter, Sophia, born in 2000. Dog, Bunk (who lived in the Sigma Nu house) celebrated his 14th year in April and is still kicking!

Richard Wayne Turney '92 (254 Inglewood Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15228; rturney@adelphia.net) Laura and I had a son, Jason Nicholas, on May 2, 2002.

Richard Philip Coffee '95 (2050 W. Byron Street, 3rd Fl., Chicago, IL 60618-3934; richard.coffee@ogilvy.com) Our daughter, Nora Elizabeth, was born on March 8, 2002.

Christopher P. Race '99 (519 Waters Edge Dr., Apt. J, Newport News, VA 23606-4111; psurace99@aol.com) Christina and I welcomed our first child, Jacob Dante, on May 15, 2002.

Brandon J. Peterson '00 (5530 Moreland Ct., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-5443; bpeterson@GFNET.com) Got married on June 29, 2002, in Portland, Maine. Best of luck to the active brothers this fall.

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

Henry M. Harris '40 (4/7/02).

Sigma Nu mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.