

Upcoming Events at PSU

House Work Weekend
May 10-11, 2003

**PSU Alumni Association
Traditional Reunion
Weekend**
May 29-31, 2003

**2003 Central Pennsylvania
Festival of the Arts
Weekend**
July 9-13, 2003

Sigma Nu Golf Outing
July 12, 2003

Homecoming
PSU vs. Wisconsin
Tailgate at the house
October 4, 2003

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend these upcoming events. We would be extremely grateful for your help during the May 11 House Work Weekend. What a great way to reconnect with your friends and spend some time helping Delta Delta and the Property Association.

The Delta Delta



Sigma Nu Fraternity at The Pennsylvania State University — State College, Pa.
May 2003

Alumni Profile

Q+A with J. Gregory O'Meara '73

Up on the Housemother's Roof

Greg O'Meara '73 carries volumes of great memories of his days with Sigma Nu at Penn State, most of which he doesn't want to see in print. He's also carried friendships with brothers and a clear recall of the Sigma Nu Creed through life.

Why did you join Sigma Nu?

I joined because the Creed of the fraternity was attractive ... to believe in the way of life, to walk in the way of honor and to serve in the light of truth.

Tell us about your favorite memory of the fraternity.

I remember sitting out on the housemother's roof playing poker in the spring of my senior year. A bunch of us were graduating, so we had a pretty good last quarter as far as courses went. We were just kind of finishing it out. It was an idyllic setting. Everyone had their grades together. People were relaxed. Win or lose, it didn't matter in those poker games.

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

It's helped me in business as far as learning very early how to adjust and get along with people. When you live in a fraternity house you have a very mixed group of individuals, and one has to adapt for the common good. Also, service comes into play. **Bob Baessler '71** was house manager, and he set a really good example of what had to be done. There were a lot of people who demonstrated working for the common good. And I've never forgotten the tenets of the Creed.

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

Mike Meehan '72, in Westmont, Pa., and **Fred D'Angelo '71**, Ormond Beach, Fla. — we keep
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Alumni Report

Old and New: Your Help is Always Wanted

By Sam Hodgson '87, Alumni Board President

The past year has been a challenge on the economy, for both the nation and Sigma Nu. The house has stayed strong with the incredible business structure of **Bob Nelson '72**. We have looked at our outstanding debt as well as money owed to us that is delinquent. As a result of this, we have held trials for brothers who have outstanding debt, and a lot of issues have been resolved. Regretfully, we had one brother who was unwilling to work with the board and with a unanimous decision he was striped of his brotherhood in Sigma Nu. We will keep our search for outstanding income that is due but we also need your help.

There are many expenses that go with running a house, and an old house at that. The housing committee would love to start some renovations but we have a fine line of funds coming into the house. We are asking every brother to donate at least \$20 a month to increase the funds for improvements for the next year as well as operating expenses. The board and the house committee will be sitting down to structure a capital gains budget for large house improvements, i.e. the house mother's suite, second- and third-floor bathrooms and the chapter room. Bob Nelson and **Ed Sidwell '58** have been

having contractors come to the house for estimates of jobs that need to be done in the future. This way all brothers will see what is needed and where the money is being spent.

Thanks to the active brothers, the house is back on track to be great. **Andy Hackett** has been a great asset to the house as a past commander, and we look forward to working with **Braddock Stevenson** and the actives to propel the name of Sigma Nu in the future. I believe that we have a strong bunch of actives that make the alumni proud of their Sigma Nu heritage. As what seems to be a consistent, the house had another great showing at homecoming this past year.

We have some activities planned for this upcoming year to get the alumni involved with the actives. There is a house clean up on **May 10-11**, a golf outing during Arts Festival weekend and a tailgate on the front lawn of the house at homecoming. I would really like to see some new and old faces around the house. I know there are family obligations for all of us, but I also miss the family I had at Sigma Nu. I would love to see all of us get involved again, but most of all, I would just like to see my old friends and meet some new ones.

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J. Gregory O'Meara '73 (contd. from page 1)

in touch, mainly by phone calls. Does anybody know where Dave "Max" Maxwell '74 is? That's the question.

Tell us about your family.

I am married to Laura Lee Faulkner, a little sister of Sigma Nu. This year we celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. We have two sons, Jay (19) and Billy (17). Jay is a sophomore and computer animation major at Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia. Billy is a senior at Malvern Prep, probably headed to St. Joseph's College, locally. Both are musicians — Jay on drums, Billy on guitar. Billy has a basement band called BS.

I couldn't believe when our oldest came home from college and had hair down to his shoulders. When I asked him if he was going to visit the barber, he mentioned that he had seen my college pictures. That was the end of that argument.

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

For me it was all Greek activities. I was rush chairman, '72-'73.

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

My first year roommate was Earl "Duke" Voelzke '72 and after that, John Rostosky '73. I exchange cards with "Ski." Last I heard he was with the Red Cross in Washington, and he was a terrific roommate. It sounds dry, but the stories I could tell you, I don't want to tell you. It was not a Disney movie.

I remember one winter we built a snowman on the lawn, and I was fascinated by Tony Chiumento '73 coming out with a kitchen knife and shaving the snowman until it was an absolute work of art. He also painted a crest in the stairwell of the house that I hope is still there.

What do you do for a living?

I raise private equity for small companies. Right now I'm working on a small biotech.

What affiliations do you currently have and public service do you participate in?

Like a lot of guys, I've done everything from coaching soccer to little league to charitable works for the kids' schools. I've done what everybody else has probably done in the group — lent a hand in the community wherever it's needed.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

I enjoy gardening. I grew up a city boy with cement all around, but I became landscape chairman in my development. It's my job to keep the development as horticultural as it should be. We've developed quite a few initiatives to improve the open space of the area, and I've picked up a lot of information and interest in plants.

I'm also a voracious reader. Right now I'm reading a biography of John Adams by David McCullough. Another book I would recommend is "American Caesar" by William Manchester, which is a biography of Douglas MacArthur. It is so well done, and it explains a lot of what happened during World War II.

What are your goals for the next few years?

To keep on doing what I'm doing.

Brothers may contact Greg O'Meara by e-mail at grgomeara@aol.com. ■

Chapter

Status

By Jon Rudick

A Distinguished Semester of Philanthropic Activities and Scholarship

This past semester, the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu has strived to continue its academic excellence both in the Greek community and within Penn State's colleges. The past fall semester proved the brothers' dedication to class with several being named to the Dean's List and one, **Mark Fetterhoff**, boosting the house GPA with a perfect 4.0.

Although the brothers have been working hard in the classroom, they also have been volunteering in the community. Including blood drives through Penn State, the brothers are proud to help those who need them. During Penn State's Dance Marathon weekend, the brotherhood housed and volunteered at the Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday and Sunday. This decision allowed donors — including Sigma Nu brothers who wanted to give blood and attend 'Thon — more accessibility to both worthy events.

In addition to the selflessness shown by the brothers for the Red Cross, four brothers represented Sigma Nu by dancing

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during the 48 hours of 'Thon. The brothers who danced are **Chris Conboy, Mark McAndrew, Chris Primo, and Craig**

Shylock. With much dedication and humility, the four brothers put themselves through two difficult days to help fight pediatric cancer. Each gained a new outlook on the theme surrounding the event. "It was tiring, but knowing that I was helping kids fight cancer made the whole experience worthwhile," said McAndrew. The active chapter is excited to continue its tradition of participating in 'Thon next year with its host family, the Riveras.

Not only are the brothers making a huge impact on the philanthropic level, but also in the Greek community. Deserving the most recognition this year is former eminent commander, **Andy Hackett**, who was elected executive vice president of the Interfraternity Council in November. After a highly motivated and involved term within the chapter, Hackett has excitedly branched himself to other realms of service. Having a great influence like this deep within the Greek system has made the brotherhood proud of itself, and Andy.

With the preceding brothers as examples, everyone has been working hard to improve the character, image and well-being of the fraternity. Brothers have also been developing a strong interest to physically improve the house. Because of this, Delta Delta Chapter is hosting an alumni work weekend on **May 10-11**. We are asking for as much help as we can get. It is important to us to live in a house we can be proud of, and to see that the alumni are willing to support us as well. ■

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George A. Hay '41

(200 E. Jefferson St., Media, PA 19063) Tens of thousands live in houses, apartments and neighborhoods of my design. I actively continue my architectural practice in Media, Pa., begun in 1949.

Lawrence M. Andres '42

(602 Dove Ter., Greenville, SC 29605-5311) I am now 80 and walk three miles per day. I credit Sigma Nu with bringing me "out of my shell." I was a proud member of the Blue Band for four years.

Harvey W. Bateson '43

(82 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801-1208; harvwho@stny.rr.com) I hear from **Claire Eisenhart '43** (York, Pa., and Florida) by e-mail, get letters from **John Zubler '47** (Florida) and exchange Christmas cards with **Larry Andres '42**, **Howard W. Smith '42** and **Bob Stockdale '44**. I published some newsletters in 1943-45 and one in 1983 to Delta Delta brothers I knew.

William R. Eggert '50

(381 Bridle Ln., Media, PA 19063-1930) I am still helping people establish their own home-based consulting and training business as I have been doing for 32 years. I will probably die with my boots on, although I have reduced my work week to 20 hours (for more golf time). This activity is too enjoyable to quit completely. I do miss two deceased brothers — **Hank Gebert '50** and **Bud Mundy '51** — who were long-term close friends.

Robert Leyburn '52

(Lime Spring Farm, 115 Maple Ave., Asbury, NJ 08802; bleyburn@carnegiecomm.com) My career has consisted of one year at the *Norristown Times Herald*, 26 years with McGraw-Hill, Inc., and 23 years with Landon Associates/Private Colleges & Universities, Inc. My advice to young men: Never work for a family-owned company unless you are a member of that family.

James T. Wharton '52

(116 Terrapin Ln., Cove Creek Club, Stevensville, MD 21666) I am the proud progenitor of 16 grandchildren, the last two of whom are twin boys. Still practicing law. Thankful for the contributions of Sigma Nu and Penn State to my life.

Samuel O. Lemon '53

(405 Heather Ridge Ct., San Ramon, CA 94565) Plan to attend the 50th graduation reunion. Our 45th wedding anniversary is this summer.

Robert E. Donohue '56

(2009 Wilson Ridge Ln., Chesterfield, MO 63005; janilaree@aol.com) I am semi-retired

from my specialty steel distribution business, and Jeni is retired from teaching the primary grades. We like to travel and are scheduled to go on a Penn State alumni trip to Ireland in mid-May. Hope some of the other alumni will be going also. It would be fun to meet up with some people from Penn State or Sigma Nu. Would love to hear from my mid-'50s brothers.

Richard C. Meek '56

(6416 Meadowcrest Ln., Flower Mound, TX 75022-6339; DickM123@aol.com) I have stayed in touch with **Steve Haky '56**, **Bunky Miller '56** and **Bob Donahue '56**. We have talked about a 50-year PSU reunion in 2006. Any other 1956 Sigma Nus interested?

Daniel W. Land '57

(P.O. Box 8309, Jackson Hole, WY 83002; dland0827@aol.com) I am in regular touch with **Bob Schrader '57** who is living in Dallas and working in Houston. We get together at least once a year to play golf. I had dinner with **Ken Jones '61** last summer at a mutual PSU friend's house who I work out with, Bill James. I have recently taken up tennis and also play a fair amount of golf, fly fish and cross-country ski. Life is good.

Niels C. Buessem '58

(1717 Mitchell Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17110; nbuessem@andoverpub.com) Just relocated back to Central Pa., after 40 years in New York and New England. It's good to be "home" again.

George G. Weinschenk '59

(249 N. Country Club Dr., Atlantis, FL 33462-1113; weinsc5@aol.com) I have been in contact with **Niels "Nick" Buessem '58** on the Internet a few times in the last few months. Nick has moved near Philadelphia last summer, so he is not too far from State College and Delta Delta. Helen and I visited the campus last summer, and as we were leaving the Nittany Lion Inn, we ran into Joe Paterno who was on his daily walk around campus. He was very gracious and chatted for a few minutes before resuming his walk. Fortunately, Helen had our camera with her, and we asked a couple of people who walked up to take our picture. It turned out very well — it looks like it was posed in a studio. We still miss Brother **Dick Rost '59** who also lived here in Florida. He was a brother, friend and golf companion. His ashes were spread on the ninth hole of our golf course that abuts our back yard. His Nittany Lion statue that was in his backyard now faces the golf course from our yard.

Robert I. Federoff '60

(520 Starfire Pl., Las Vegas, NV 89107-4362; bob_kayf@hotmail.com) Living the good life

in Vegas. Still teaching ESL part-time. We have an extra bedroom. Stop in and see us.

Richard A. Anderson '61

(836 Amelia Ct. N.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33702; ragabry@aol.com) Retired after 27 years in the Navy in the Underwater Demolition/SEAL Team program. Now working as a military analyst in Tampa. Never did take up golf.

Robert H. Anderson '61

(128 Lakewood Dr., Denville, NJ 07834; kathyandbobpsu@cs.com) I retired in September 2000 after I hiked the Appalachian Trail. It is amazing what five months in the woods will do to your attitude regarding work. I currently have two part-time assignments that I enjoy. Kathy (Sigma Nu Sweetheart '61) and I are on an extended trip around the southeastern United States during which I hope to be in touch with several brothers. I just spoke with **Richard Anderson '61** on the phone. I will be seeing **Dick White '61** in several weeks. I am in regular contact with **Ken Jones '61**, **Jack Donahue '58** and **Barry Depew '63**. Brothers of Sigma Nu: What a great endeavor you are undertaking. Many thanks for your efforts.

Richard L. Hobbs '63

(290 Barberry Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035-4422; acehigh999@aol.com) After 26 years as a Navy pilot, I have retired. Now I have retired twice more and am still working harder than ever on my own business and a new real estate venture. My second wife, Diana, and I have four children each and 17 grandchildren.

Theodore C. Ehrlich '66

(1742 Sandy Cir., Cape Coral, FL 33904; tedehrlich@earthlink.net) I moved to Florida in November. I came out of retirement after three years and bought a company that specializes in apartment community carpet care and water damage mitigation. My son, Brian, married Sharon Inglis in May 2002, and they are both working and living in Pittsburgh, Pa. Love to hear or see anyone from the '60s. My door is always open, the beer is cold and the pool is warm.

John M. O'Donnell '67

(148 William Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108-3428; jodonnell@stokesmurphy.com) I am alive and well, practicing law in Pittsburgh as a partner in the firm of Stokes & Murphy, P.C. The firm specializes in labor and employment law in hotels. I have been active the past few years with the Penn State School of Hotel, Restaurant and Recreation Management as well as my old school of political science. I have been able to guest lecture, participate in student-

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alumni forums and work with some of the Schreyer Honors College scholars with thesis work; career development meetings with students and more. Of course, I spend most of my fall afternoons at Penn State football games. I have two sons, two daughters and one grandson. While none of them attended PSU, they are all wonderful people. My only "regular" contact is **Don Bain '65** (and Elaine). Other than that, I serve on the Board of Directors of the Delta Delta Property Corp. I always look forward to homecoming, hoping some of our old gang from the pre-fire/post-fire era will show up.

William Hoffman '73

(17 Maryland Pl., Jeannette, PA 15644-2824) Next year we will have two kids at PSU. Our son, Rob, is a junior and our daughter, Amy, will enroll in the fall. Still in the insurance business.

Rick Austin '77

(10091 SW 1st Ct., Coral Springs, FL 33071; richardaustinjr@msn.com) I am living in sunny Florida where I have an insurance agency and play golf as much as possible.

Mark C. Sempf '78

(4291 Candlestick Ct., Montclair, VA 22026-1607; sempf78@hotmail.com) I am currently attending the National War College in Washington, D.C. Still married to Lyn, have three girls and am happy to be back on the East Coast where we are close enough to visit brothers again.

Jeffrey E. York '82

(905 Grover Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789-5641; jyork@cfl.rr.com) My firm, York Property Co., handles corporate real estate services. I have been married for 10 years to a Delta flight attendant, Gail. We have a 2-year-old daughter, Katherine.

William A. Snyder '85

(404 Wild Horse Creek Dr., Simpsonville, SC 29680-6561; topgun63@charter.net) I have a new son, Mason Arthur, born on July 25, 2002. He's a hoss (wearing 12-month clothes at five months). I have a new job as general manager of Best Beef (local Arby's franchise). Would like to hear from **Dennis Farkas '85**, **Mark Anton '85**, **Eric Raphael '85** and **Karl Schwartz '85**.

Thomas W. Waigand '85

(119 Scenery Cir., McMurray, PA 15317-2739; twaigan@allegheypower.com) I wish to report that **Gary Wirth '82**, **James Karcher '85** and I joined **S. Joseph O'Keefe '84** in celebrating his second annual 40th birthday, which included a day at the shooting range with a .44 Magnum.

John J. Mutsavage '88

(1013 Ardmore Manor Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15221; mutsavj@ittc.pgh.wec.com) I still work for Westinghouse Electric Co., in Pittsburgh and recently settled down for good and bought myself a house. My girlfriend, Kelly, and daughter, Lauren, live with me along with our dog, Mugwai, and cat, Dewey. I stay in constant touch with **Phil Scalise '88** with whom I graduated from high school. We go to every home Penn State game together and visit the campus often throughout the year. Once in a while, I'll visit **Mike McClaine '88** and throw back a few beers. Keep up the good work and continue to build for the future.

Lane D. Kintigh '89

(823 S. East Ave., Oak Park, IL 60304; LDKintigh@aol.com) After 11 years at Enterprise Rent-A-Car, I have decided to pursue a career with a new company, Recorded Books, LLC. I will be representing their premium line of audio books to the library market. My wife, son (Jack, 5) and I will remain in the Chicago area.

George L. Sullivan '89

(517 Briarfield Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825-4087; gtgsullivan@aol.com) Hello, fellow Sigma Nus! All is going well here in Fort Wayne, Ind. My wife, Tonya, and I have been married for two years, and we are now the proud parents of a baby girl. Grace Elizabeth was born April 22, 2002, and she is doing very well, exploring and playing. I received a promotion at work, and I am now a senior engineer with Dow Corning. Would like to hear from any brothers with whom I hung out at Penn State.

Kevin J.P. Wetzel '90

(1206 Ohioview Dr., Industry, PA 15052-1208) Currently deployed in Kuwait as the patient evacuation officer, Forward Headquarters, 1st Marine Division and getting ready to head north over the border into Iraq. I would like to hear from brothers **Scott Sheader '92**, **Mike Sweeney '92** and **Lane Kintigh '89**. Write to me overseas at: Lt. Kevin J. P. Wetzel, USN DASC/PET-FHD MASS-3 UIC 41058, FPO-AP 96614-1058.

Douglass M. Kosydar '94

(134 Danube Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15209-1045; DD1249@hotmail.com) Things are going great in Pittsburgh for my wife, Natalie, and myself. We recently attended a Penn State Icers game at the Mellon Arena with brothers **Mike Sweeney '92**, **Bryan Schmid '99**, **Hand** and **Turney** along with their wives. We also gathered outside of Gettysburg for our annual Presidents' Day Celebration on Feb. 15, 2003. (Rumor has it that brothers **McCormack**, **Andrews**,

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Eisenman, **Chittick**, **Thompson**, **Albert**, **Riley**, **Doody**, **McCallum**, **Hodgson**, **Sweeney** and **Eckleman** were expected to make a showing at these festivities). Last year we took a trip to the battlefield at Gettysburg to read the historic Gettysburg Address. This year, we celebrated President Eisenhower. More information about these excursions is available at <http://www.liveonce.net> under the "Energy" and "History" sections of the Web site.

Richard Philip Coffee '95



Nora Coffee, 7 months, says "Go Nittany Lions!"

(4204 Arthur Ave., Brookfield, IL 60513; richard.coffee@ogilvy.com) Went to the Brookfield Zoo with **Lane Kintigh '89** and his family to see the Christmas zoo lights. Come see us when you are in Chicago.

Christopher P. Race '99

(708 Casper Ln., Newport News, VA 23602; psurace99@aol.com) Things are well down here in Newport News, Va., for my wife, Christina, and me. Work is great. Just bought our first house last August. We're enjoying our son Jacob who is now 8-1/2 months old. I keep in touch with two brothers often, **Brandon J. Peterson '00** and **Kristofer Von Heineman '99**. Kris and I actually work for the same company, Ferguson Enterprises Inc.

John Calvin Zepp '00

(1735 W. 15th St., Erie, PA 16505-5139; johnzeppiv@hotmail.com) My wife, Rebecca, our daughter, Lauren (3) and I live in Erie. I am a third-year medical student, and my wife is an Edinboro University nursing student in her second year. We've been keeping in touch with **Chris Mann '01** and his fiancée, Jess, along with **Brad Karpinez '02**, **AJ Meloy '02** and **Pat Moran '99**. Chris and Jess are set to marry in June, which we are anxiously anticipating. Thanks for providing this resource to alumni. It's great to keep in touch with other brothers.

We regret to inform you of the death of:

Harry F. Bennett '50 (9/15/01)
Quentin W. Couch '40 (12/31/02)
Harold H. Gerbert '50 (8/23/02)
William C. Masseth '47 (11/29/01)
Donald D. Roy '50

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