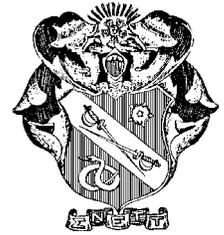


The Delta Delta



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

December 2003

Alumni

Report By Sam Hodgson '87, Alumni Board President

Alumni Support Ensures Success for Sigma Nu

Sigma Nu is boldly going into the 21st century, but can we as alumni keep up? The answer to that question is a resounding "yes."

Thanks to brother **Ken Labofsky '97** and many others, the Sigma Nu house will be wired for high-speed Internet service by the end of the semester. This was a huge undertaking by both the alumni and the active chapter. We will have our own domain and each brother and alumni will receive an e-mail address to maintain correspondence.

Another improvement to the house is the completion of the roof of the house mother's suite. This feat is the result of hard work by Bob Nelson and the house committee. With the completion of this project, we can start looking at phase two, the construction of the actual house mother's suite, in the near future. This past fall, we were able to return the house to the active chapter. The future looks bright and we wish them a strong future.

I know when you receive the newsletter you feel like it is a plea for money. Well, it is. The incredible things that happen to the house occur because of the monies that are brought in by the alumni. The house is going to require a lot of repairs in the near future, including the installation of a new sprinkler system to bring the house up to fire code. I know it is tough to keep giving money without knowing where it is going. I wondered also before I sat in this position. But you should know that the Housing Committee has run a very tight ship over the last year, because donations were not equal to those of past years.

This year I am asking that you please donate at least \$20 a month. It's like skipping a movie or a dinner once a month so we can excel and make the house look better than ever. If this is not in your budget then please send what you can, or send more if it is in your budget. We have big plans but they will not happen without your help.

Thank you. I know you will support what you have loved and admired in the past. ■

Chapter

Report By William J. Carman

Fall Semester Shows Delta Delta Chapter in Top Form

The fall semester has been an active one for the Delta Delta Chapter of the Sigma Nu fraternity. We began the semester by welcoming 10 new brothers into the house. We now have more than 20 brothers living in the house and we continue to work hard to ensure that each and every brother does his part to maintain the cleanliness of the property. We have initiated a points system that intends to motivate brothers to do their share of chores and tasks.

Rush was relatively successful this semester. Unfortunately, retention rates for fraternities across the board have been falling recently, and it has been difficult to recruit large classes of candidates due to this trend. This is reflected in the fact that Delta Delta was only able to draw a class of four candidates. However, the success isn't in the numbers but, rather, the quality. Our four candidates have been doing their part and have impressed many of the brothers. All four have been extremely active in various aspects of the fraternity, and all have shown a great deal of competency, character and morality. We are proud to say that, although there are only four of them, they are four of the best candidates we could find at Penn State. We know they will continue to work hard and we look forward to their future successes both as a class and as individuals.

Homecoming was conducted in partnership with the sisters of Theta Kappa Pi. Both our brothers and their sisters worked extremely hard all week long on a float that was truly a sight to see. Unfortunately, we placed only 10th, although we are attempting to find out why this occurred. Our theme for the float was "Inspector Gadget," and it was far and away one of

the best floats in the competition. However, we were informed that we had points deducted from our score for minor violations that we are presently contesting. The deductions were made without warrant, and we are trying to find out what happened and what can be done to correct the situation. Without the deductions, our float would have placed first. We also placed fourth overall in the "air band" competition and first overall in the banner competition. On Saturday, we had the annual Homecoming meeting after our traditional dinner, and everything went well. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and the day was truly a success.

Our chapter has also enjoyed early success in Dance Marathon. We raised about \$3,000 on our first canning weekend and we hope to earn



Brothers join at the house during the Central Pennsylvania's Festival of the Arts 2003 (submitted by Doug Kosydar '94). See inside for more alumni news.

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Brothers

Thank you to the brothers listed, who have contributed to our 2002-

2003 giving program. Your gifts provide the sole support that enables us to continue our alumni relations program, which includes the publication of this newsletter. If you have not yet sent a contribution for the 2003-2004 giving year, please do so today.

Robert Blum 1938	William Hibler 1959	Michael Green 1975
George Hay 1941	George Weinschenk 1959	John Frankola 1976
Howard Smith 1942	William Cave 1960	Stuart Fine 1977
Harvey Bateson 1943	William Corbin 1960	Lyle Potash 1978
Emile Roy 1945	David Cotterill 1960	Thomas Armstrong 1979
James Etters 1949	Kevin Crowe 1960	Ernest Russom 1979
William Brinker 1950	Robert Federoff 1960	David Wittmann 1979
William Eggert 1950	Wayne Mason 1960	Richard Letrent 1981
Effin Graham 1950	Kenneth Jones 1961	Norman Growden 1982
David Hughes 1950	Wayne Morrison 1961	Jeffrey York 1982
Richard McConaghy 1950	Whitten Richman 1961	Eric Ashman 1983
Richard Crawford 1951	Gomer Horne 1962	John Chilleri 1983
Robert Free 1951	James Burke 1963	J. Stober 1983
Thomas Lukas 1951	Robert Davis 1963	Thomas Waigand 1985
William Ondick 1951	Gerald Horvath 1963	David Miller 1986
Chester Reed 1951	William Schwartz 1963	Thomas Reilly 1987
John Smidansky 1951	Joseph Boyd 1964	Scott Swaney 1988
Kendall Wagner 1951	Coulston Henry 1964	Terrance Coleman 1989
James Barr 1952	Donald Bain 1965	Lane Kintigh 1989
Frederick Bigony 1952	Theodore Ehrlich 1966	Steven Barber 1990
Leo Lemley 1952	Sidney Hirshberg 1966	Michael Poe 1990
Robert Leyburn 1952	Edward Kmit 1966	Carl Schaaf 1990
Grant Breining 1953	William Reilly 1966	Johnathan Thompson 1990
William Anderson 1954	John Brokenshire 1967	Kevin Wetzel 1990
John Maher 1954	Henry Garfield 1967	Robert Cross 1992
Steve Melmeck 1954	John Hoyt 1967	Michael Sweeney 1992
Walter Hough 1955	John O'Donnell 1967	Eric Hennenhoefler 1993
Arthur Crum 1956	Michael Rizzo 1967	George Earl 1994
Richard Meek 1956	Richard Saylor 1968	Douglass Kosydar 1994
Willard Snell 1956	Vincent Cordisco 1969	Gary Gleason 1995
David Barney 1957	Thomas Schwartz 1969	Justin Wolfe 1995
Charles Haugh 1957	David Mordan 1971	Gerald Miletics 1997
Philip Howes 1957	W. Hildebrant 1972	Nathaniel Bashkirew 1999
Daniel Land 1957	Michael Meehan 1972	Dodd Pfeffer 1999
Thomas Law 1957	Robert Nelson 1972	Bryan Schmid 1999
John Miller 1957	William Hoffman 1973	Jason Winey 1999
Ray Myers 1957	John Rostosky 1973	Joshua Humphries 2000
Kenneth Baily 1958	Jerrold Bigony 1974	Joel Gladfelter 2001
Niels Buessem 1958	Anthony DeCecco 1974	Kevin Smith 2002
Lerue Stellfox 1958	Jerry Heath 1974	
Robert Comfort 1959	Stanley Zawko 1974	

Report

even more on future canning trips. This year, we are partnered with the sisters of Phi Sigma Rho for Thon. We have a good history and solid relationship with this sorority, and we know that we can do much better than we have in recent years as long as we stay committed and optimistic.

The semester is more than halfway finished, and we are looking forward to moving into the spring and fulfilling the various goals we have set for ourselves for this academic year. We hope that our alumni come out and witness first-hand what happens at our chapter, and we encourage any and all alumni to contact us for information on the latest successes of Delta Delta Chapter. ■

Alumni

UpDates

Howard W. Smith '42

(706 Willow Valley, Lakes Drive, Willow Street, PA 17584; bhsmith@supernet.com) Howard is in healthcare and probably will stay there. He is in the dementia wing (probably not Alzheimer's), but his doctors think it is vascular. We are very glad we chose to come to Willow Valley, as Howard is getting wonderful care. (Written by wife Bobbie K. Smith.)

Harvey W. Bateson '43

(82 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801-1208; harvwho@stny.rr.com) I have received e-mail from **Richard Esser Yoder '47**, who lives in Naples, Fla., and U.S. mail from **John Zubler '47**, who lives in Sebring, Fla. John plays the trumpet in an American Legion Band and also in a "big band"-style band. Nothing is new with me.

Ted H. Wiedenman '50

(107 Sweetbriar Rd., Washington, NC 27889) I sold my business in Minneapolis 10 years ago. Now I am living near the eastern coast of North Carolina and am completely retired. My roommate in college was **William Eggert '50**, a great guy. I lived in the frat house with **Don Roy '50, Hank Gebert '50, Bud Mundy '51** and my twin brother, **Jack Wiedenman '50**, who was called home on Dec. 15, 1998.

William H. Ondick '51

(952 Wyndfall Dr., Sunset Beach, NC 28468) In January we moved to Sunset Beach, N.C., the golf capital of the state. We are getting situated in our new home near our daughter and her family. I am still doctoring for lymphoma, but it is pretty much under control. I hope you have a good year.

Norman W. Hickey '54

(905 Valencia Dr., South Daytona, FL 32019-2548) I am the Peace Corps county director for the Republic of Georgia (on the Black Sea) and will be there for one or two years. It is my second time in Georgia. In 1996, I was the dean of the Georgia American School of Government. Many of the students from 1996 have top government positions now and have been a great help to me. I love my work.

Richard C. Meek '56

(6416 Meadowcrest Ln., Flower Mound, TX 75022-6339; DickM123@aol.com) I am spending time in both Arizona and Texas, and I am finally retiring from the Mexican baby diaper business that I have been involved in for the last 10 years. I am probably going to try to get my golf handicap within 10 strokes of **Bunky Miller '57** and **Steve Haky '56**, who keep sending me e-mails proclaiming their great prowess on the courses in South Carolina and Hawaii. I also stay in touch with **Bob Donahue**, who is in the St. Louis area.

Daniel W. Land '57

(PO Box 8309, Jackson Hole, WY 83002; dland0827@aol.com) I still manage to see **Bob Schrader '57** somewhat regularly. He came to Jackson Hole and we played in a golf tournament, where neither of us played well. At least the weather was good. I was supposed to get together with Bob and **Roy Sinclair '57** at our 50th high school reunion (Haverford High '53), but I was unable to get there because of Hurricane Isabel. Bob and Roy made it, and judging from the pictures they sent it looks like everyone had a good time. I also heard from a friend in Bethlehem who says he ran into **Woddy Griffiths '58** and **Eddie Palmer '58** at an Episcopal Academy reunion. Things here are good. It's been

snowing for about a week now and that bodes well for the skiers.

Benjamin F. Williams '58

(1635 Wildhorse Parkway Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63005-4276) I keep busy with our 11 grandchildren and traveling. I am glad to hear the chapter is in such good hands.

Wilbert F. Hobbs '59

(948 Los Lovatos Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87501; will.hobbs@worldnet.att.net) Annette and I have moved back to Santa Fe. She is still working with her special event coordination service, which services corporate groups coming to the area. The only brother contact I have is with my blood brother, **Richard '63**, who lives in Highland Park, Ill. Perhaps I'll see some of you when you decide to discover how magnificent the West, especially Santa Fe, really is.

Kenneth A. Jones '61

(43 Governor, Wentworth Road, Amherst, NH 03031-3009; kjones1@ix.netcom.com) Sue and I are dividing our time between our home in Amherst, N.H., and our lake house and skiing base on Lake Winnisquam in New Hampshire. I'm still running my high-tech rep firm, Wilson/Reilly Associates, in Nashua, N.H. I have two grown "kids": Betsy, a real estate agent in Cambridge, Mass.; and Ken Jr. "Casey," a partner in an ad agency, who lives and works in Newburyport, Mass. Casey is also the author of a book, "Lyrical Life," an illustrated comic novel told entirely in song lyrics. I see **Bob Anderson** at least twice a year, for hiking and skiing, and am in touch with **Dave Cotterill '60**, **Gary Pauline '60**, **Bob Welch '60**, **Bill Schwartz '63**, **Dick White '61** and occasionally a few others. We always welcome visits from brothers.

Donald B. Bain '65

(45414 Moonlight Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170-3612; dbain@comcast.net) In August of 2002 I retired from Ford Motor Company after 31 years. I did a lot of traveling, cooking, golfing and working out. In October my daughter and I competed in the Portland, Ore., marathon, followed a week later by a

10K race across the bridge at the mouth of the Columbia River in Astoria, Ore. I went back to work last February as a consultant to Ford, responsible for setting up Visteon with a set of computer systems similar to those used by Ford. I have been married to Elaine for 36 1/2 years. If you get out Michigan way, give us a call.

Richard W. Saylor '68

(11887 Waterford Rd., Eden Prairie, MN 55347-2019; rsaylor@mn.rr.com) I retired as vice-president of Information Systems and Project Management at United Sugars Corporation in April. My current professional pursuits are information systems, business process improvement, financial analysis and project management. I consult through my own firm, Windward Consulting Services. My wife Andi, who has a relocation consulting service, National Real Estate Consultants, and I are spending increasing time at our condo in Islamorada on the beautiful Florida Keys.

Kevin C. Heckman '77

(7504 Braun Way, Arvada, CO 80005; kevin_heckman@med3000.com) I am director of operations for the Denver office of MED3000, a healthcare technology and management company based in Pittsburgh. I have been married to Shelly for 18 years, and we have three daughters: Emily, 11; Holly, 13; and Hannah, 15. My wife is an elementary school teacher in our school district.

Richard J. Letrent '81

(123 Lehigh Ave., Hamilton, NJ 08619; rjl52@aol.com) I live in Hamilton, N.J., infamous for the anthrax scare. I'm still head of electronic prepress at Trenton Printing in beautiful Trenton, N. J. I continue to travel a lot. I visited Ireland in 2002; Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen and Cologne this past July; and headed to London and Stonehenge in December. I passed through State College, Pa., once during the summer while heading to the Boalsburg Arts Festival with my parents, and was amazed at the amount of construction. I hope to make it to Homecoming 2004. It would be great to hear from any of my candidate brothers. **Bill Henry '79**, where are you?

UpDates ... continued

S. Joseph O'Keeffe '84

(105 Ingram Ave., Apt. 2, Pittsburgh, PA 15205; joe_okeeffe@yahoo.com) I currently living in Pittsburgh and work as an information developer for Highmark (formerly Blue Cross Blue Shield) downtown. When I'm not working, I keep myself busy with a number of activities, including some Toastmasters International Clubs (I'm the president of the Federal Building Club), the Society of Technical Communication and the Pittsburgh Regional Champions.

Thomas W. Waigand '85

(119 Scenery Cir., McMurray, PA 15317-2739; twaigan@alleghenyenergy.com) **Brian Wood '83, Gary Wirth '82, Robert Blackmore '81, Jeff Naugle '83, James Karcher '85, James Carmody '85** and I helped celebrate **Norm Growden's '82** 45th birthday in June with a day of golf, poker and wiring. I would still like to hear from **Dave Miller '86**.

Scott Lee McMullen '90

(11633 Riley, Overland Park, KS 66210; smcmullen@jsakc.com) Sarah and I have two children: Connor, 6; and Sophia, 3, and we are expecting our third child in May 2004. I am in my third year with Jantsch+Slaggie Architects as project manager. I stay in touch with **Rick Kumpon '89**. I enjoy working on never-ending home improvement projects and spending time with my family.

Kevin J.P. Wetzel '90

(1206 Ohioview Dr., Industry, PA 15052-1208) I am currently deployed in Kuwait as the patient evacuation officer, Forward Headquarters, 1st Marine Division, where I am preparing 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: LT Kevin J. P. Wetzel, USN DASC/PET-FHD MASS-3 UIC 41058 FPO-AP 96614-1058.

Christopher P. Race '99

(708 Casper Lane, Newport News, VA 23602; psurace99@aol.com) Our son Jacob is now 18 months old – hard to believe. My brother (and a brother to all of us), **Nicholas Race '01**, has been serving in Iraq since last spring. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Hopefully he'll be home soon. He's also engaged to be married when he and his fiancée return from Iraq.

Brandon J. Peterson '00

(5530 Moreland Ct., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-5443; bpeterson@gfnet.com) I'm designing highways for Gannett Fleming and my wife Kelly is a sales manager for a hotel and convention center. We just took a fun trip to Disney World. I just wanted to say that if you haven't been back to State College, Pa., to visit campus or the house in a few years, you should. You'll be shocked at the changes. The good thing

is Yuengling Lager is still the same. I keep in contact with a bunch of guys and enjoy hearing what everyone is up to. So who's getting married next? Drop me an e-mail. Please keep in mind that our house needs our support with time and/or money. Our actives and alumni officers appreciate all we can do to chip in.

Kevin Wayne Smith '02

(109 Williams St., Muncy, PA 17756; ksmith@bourasind.com) I am living back home in the Hughesville, Pa., area with my fiancée Shelley, who I met at the house. We are set to get married June 5, 2004. I am enjoying life back home and am looking for a house in the area. I am currently employed at The New Columbia Joist Company in New Columbia, Pa., as a staff designer, and am planning to attend graduate school at Bucknell University part time in January. I am in regular contact with many brothers and make it back to the house on a semi-regular basis. ■

In Memory

We regret to inform you of the deaths of

William C. Short Jr. '29 (1/19/03)
John B. Yeneral '42 (5/2/03)
William A. Atchison '49 (3/18/03)
James T. Wharton '52 (4/4/03)

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

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