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The Delta Delta



April 2004 ————— Sigma Nu Fraternity at The Pennsylvania State University — State College, Pa.

Alumni Report

Blue-White, Arts Festival Among Upcoming Highlights for Chapter

Spring is upon us once again! The future is looking bright for the new graduates as well as the Sigma Nu house. The new graduates will begin new jobs or maybe enter graduate school. The Sigma Nu house will stand strong like the rock from which it was founded. Challenges will be abundant for the new graduates and the house, but with the enduring support of the Sigma Nu ideals, all will flourish. I invite all Delta Delta actives and alumni to come back to the house to find that feeling of accomplishment and brotherhood.

The calendar of events is exciting, and I am looking forward to seeing all the alumni and active brothers at the house for these events. April 24 brings the Blue-White Game. Stop by the house before or after the game to see all the renovations that have taken place. The spring meeting will be taking place before the game in the chapter room, and all are invited to hear about our goals and ideas. The next event at which I hope to see everyone will be the July 7-11 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts. It's a great time to see the improvements to the house and some of the finest art in the area, and to meet up with some long lost friends.

The Sigma Nu house has some challenges coming up in the near future. The Borough of State College has passed legislation for sprinkler installation for all fraternity houses. This will be a large capital expense for the Housing Association, with costs reaching in excess of \$50,000. Therefore we will need to start looking at fund-raising means as soon as possible. Ed Sidwell and Bob Nelson are following everything going on in State College with regards to this matter. As of now, the sprinkler installation needs to be completed by fall 2008.

The House Mother's Suite is progressing thanks to the diligence of the Housing Committee. It has accepted bids for the completion of the project. As of right now the roof is reinforced and safety stairs and a railing have been installed. Everything that the Housing Committee has been able to accomplish has happened because of the generosity of the alumni.

We need your donations to keep these improvements and ideas progressing. This is another

plea for your donations. Thank you to all who have given their time, resources and money, but there is still a lot to accomplish. This is why I would like everyone to stop by the house to see what we are doing. I hope this will motivate you to dig a little deeper every year to elevate Sigma Nu to where it belongs.

Congratulations to all the active brothers who participated in 'Thon 2004. This year Sigma Nu paired with Phi Sigma Rho to raise \$7,254.30. Way to go! This year's Thon raised \$3,547,715.48 for children. We as alumni appreciate all that you do to make the Sigma Nu name recognized in the community. It is important for all of us that we show our community spirit through giving our time and effort for the important thing in life.

Thank you again to all of those who make Sigma Nu a better place for the actives and the alumni. I know it takes your personal time and dedication and often goes unnoticed, but you are truly appreciated. Again, I invite all of the Sigma Nu brothers to stop by the house to visit and remember the family members we have forgotten and the family members we have lost. I love and respect all my brothers and look forward to seeing you soon.

Samuel C. Hodgson
DD 1146
Alumni President ■

Show Your Spirit at the Blue-White Game

The Blue-White Game is scheduled for April 24, 2004. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. Parking and admission are free. Dinner for actives, alumni officers and directors is scheduled for 7 p.m., April 24 at the Atherton Hotel. We hope to see you all there!



Chapter Highlights

Active Chapter at Its Strongest in 2004

The Delta Delta Active Chapter is becoming stronger than I have ever seen it in my time here. We are beginning to implement more phases of the LEAD program every semester. Currently we are working on bringing phase two into full swing and are moving to encompass all four phases of LEAD by the 2005-2006 school year.

We have a strong brotherhood of 26 men right now and are going to continue to grow stronger with the incoming five candidates this semester. I truly believe that these 31 men are going to lead the chapter into a brighter future.

For the fall 2004 rush, the chapter is going to be putting into practice various new, effective recruitment tools. These tools will be used to add the names of men who not only will proudly claim that they are Sigma Nus but also will make the house prosper.

In closing, I would like to say that I am proud of where the chapter is headed and am honored to be a part of the greatness that is Sigma Nu.

Faternally,
Jonathan Stavinski
President, Delta Delta Active Chapter ■

Chapter Report

Property Association Tackles Renovations, Improves Communications

To keep you up to date on the latest chapter events, we now have two Web sites. Check out the active chapter's site at www.greeks.psu.edu/ifc/sn, and then visit the alumni chapter's site at sigmanu-psu.org. For your convenience, these sites are linked to each other.

In addition to the Web sites, two reports are available from me if you request a copy by phone or e-mail – the Homecoming 2003 Meeting Report and the Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003. Both of these reports are available electronically or in hard copy.

Many of you are interested in the progress we have made in renovating the House Mother's Suite. To date, we've installed a new roof and an iron safety railing. During the next phase of the renovation, we plan to have a professional design prepared and to replace the windows and exterior door. These activities will likely consume the remainder of the funds raised by Brother Leyburn. Therefore, final interior work will be delayed until additional funds are available.

The alumni chapter has provided funds for networking the PCs owned by the active brothers. The Property Association has funded several repairs, including the replacement of shower fixtures in both bathrooms, repairs to the dining room floor and the refurbishment of the dining room tables.

Last year, the Borough of State College passed an ordinance mandating that sprinkler systems be installed in all fraternity houses no later than Sept. 30, 2008. We estimate that such a system will cost us at least \$50,000. Although we have funds remaining from the mortgage we executed in 2002, these funds are insufficient to cover the full cost of the system. In addition, other significant capital improvements are needed. For example, additional funds are needed to complete the renovation of the House Mother's Suite, the dining room floor needs to be replaced and additional upgrades are needed in both bathrooms. Therefore, we plan to conduct a fund-raising campaign in the near future. We are currently meeting with several fund-raising organizations to develop a plan. Additional information will be provided in future newsletters.

If you have any questions regarding alumni activities, please feel free to contact me. If I don't hear from you beforehand, I hope to see you on Blue-White Weekend for another edition of Snakes in the Sand.

Robert A. (Nellie) Nelson, 916
President, Delta Delta Property Association
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Five Rushes Highlight Successful Sigma Nu Spring

The Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu has had numerous outstanding accomplishments thus far this semester. Along with our 'Thon 2004 partner sorority, Phi Sigma Rho, we managed to raise about \$10,000 for kids with cancer. We would like to congratulate Braddock Stevenson 1362, William Carman 1377, Jonathan Stavinski 1382 and John Callahan 1384 for representing the chapter in 'Thon 2004.

Improving relationships with other sororities and fraternities here at Penn State has been a goal within the chapter, and one that we have met with great success. These improved relations have helped us in many ways throughout the house, including our reputation among other Greeks, our bond with the local and student communities and, most importantly, the prestige of our rush.

This is our first semester where we

seem to have successfully implemented a rolling rush program, where we continue to attract committed young men to the house. We currently have a pledge class of five undergraduates, which happens to be one of the largest classes on campus this spring. In addition to these five gentlemen, we have many others who have expressed a desire to pledge Sigma Nu this coming fall. ■

George A. Hay '41

(200 E. Jefferson St., Media, PA 19063) I'm continuing the practice of George Hay, Architect, in Media, Pa., which I began in 1949.

Howard W. Smith '42

(706 Willow Valley, Lakes Drive, Willow Street, PA 17584; bhsmith@supernet.com) From Bobbie (Mrs. Howard) Smith: There has been no change in the news about Howard. He is still in the health care facility and is, if anything, getting weaker.

Frederick A. Leser '47

(3983 Chantilly Pl., Marietta, GA 30068-2615; leserjr@aol.com) I'm retired and a full-time golfer!

William H. Ondick '51

(952 Wyndfall Dr., Sunset Beach, NC 28468) I have been living in Sunset Beach, N.C., for a year and enjoy the weather (no snow), which allows me to golf about twice a week. We are enjoying our new home and our daughter's family (two grandsons), who live in Shallotte, N.C. (about 30 minutes away, near Holden Beach, N.C.). My cancer is in remission.

John F. Maher '54

(404 Skyline Dr., Trophy Club, TX 76262-5627; JFM404@aol.com) Lou Ann and I are retired and live in Trophy Club, Texas, a Dallas/Fort Worth suburb and a golf community. I play a lot of golf and always seem to be busy. We spend March in Florida. If any of you get to Texas give us a holler.

George C. Saunders '58

(P. O. Box 305, Angel Fire, NM 87110; george@afweb.com) I am retired after 40 years of teaching and research.

Raymond Rod '62

(3705 Fairfield Way, Southport, NC 28461) If you're wondering who "Raymond Rod" is, my classmates knew me by my surname of Rodriguez. In February 2003 I stepped down from the presidency of a subsidiary of Esselte (office products) in New

Jersey and moved to North Carolina. While I still consult for my former company, I have plenty of time to enjoy my new semi-retired life. I'm playing lots of tennis and my team of 60-year-old men's doubles won the state championship and now goes to the national USTA layoffs. With three golf courses here on-site where we live, Cathie and I promised ourselves to take this game up in earnest. We have two grown boys, both CPAs, living in Dallas. I have been in touch with **Gomer Horne '62** while up north but would love to hear from **Bill Schwartz '63** and **Dick Hobbs '63**.

Any Sigma Nus in the area please give me a call. I would like to hear from those in the 1962-1963 class.

Robert B. Davis '63

(4766 Roland Road, Allison Park, PA 15101-2525; r4929327@earthlink.net) I have retired from IBM. Barb and I have a new granddaughter, Veronica Patrice Cassani, born Aug. 6, 2003. Things are going well for Barb and me. We have been traveling and growing old together.

John B. Hoyt '67

(311 2nd St. #303, Kirkland, WA 98033; jhoyt@picture-source.com) I am still president of Picture Source, a large-scale manufacturing company of framed artwork. I'm single and happy and always have my eye out for a special lady.

Robert L. Anderson '70

(2836 Maryland Hills Dr., Henderson, NV 89052-7700; RMA@lvcm.com) I have relocated to the Las Vegas area; everyone eventually comes to Vegas. Call me. I'm working as an insurance consultant.

Jerry L. Heath '74

(14351 S. Gallery Street, Olathe, KS 66062-8836; jerry@indfumco.com) I'm working in the roles of product manager, staff entomologist and technical support for our business, which specializes in pest management for the grain, milling, food processing and distribution industries. I travel frequently nationwide to customers and events concerned with this industry, make lots of presentations and do quite a bit of writing for trade magazines. I still exchange Christmas cards and updates with a few folks from the mid-'70s.

Randall J. Hylek '76

(4 Ryder Ln., Lexington, MA 02421; rjhylek@aol.com) I just got in touch with **Bill Donahue '75**. Anyone coming to Boston should send me an e-mail and we'll get together.

Thomas O. Armstrong '79

(6329 Stanford Ct., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-5229) My wife, Debra, and I have a son, Julian Armstrong, who is 9 years old.

Jeffrey E. York '82

(905 Grover Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789-5641; jyork@cfl.rr.com) I have been in Winter Park, Fla., since 1984. My wife and I just celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary. We have a 3-year-old daughter, Katherine. I am a

House Mother Suite Renovation Project Needs Architect

An architect is needed to develop the formal design drawings and specifications for the renovation of the House Mother's Suite. If you can volunteer your services or provide your services at a reduced rate, please contact the Property Association's president, Bob Nelson by phone at (703) 751-3035 (home) or (301) 415-7298 (work), or e-mail him at nelsonnittany@aol.com. ■



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scout for Florida Citrus Sports. Obviously, the Lions are not on our radar.

Bruce E. Francois '88

(1220 Cellar Ave., Apt. 14, Clark, NJ 07066-2044; brucefrancois@yahoo.com) I'm living in Central N.J., and still waiting for both the right job and Ms. Right to come along.

Scott B. Swaney '88

(108 N. Allen St., Catskill, NY 12414; snorky@valstar.net) Donna and I have been married for 13 years. No kids, but we want to get another dog. I am a senior technical staff member at IBM, and Donna is a pharmacist at Eckerd. We are still working on covering every inch of the Hudson River on our boat. We did the Champlain Canal last year. This year, who knows? We're not big on planning, just going.

Terrance R. Coleman '89

(12 Trianon Plaza, New Orleans, LA 70125; trcoleman@shellopus.com) This fall I've moved back to New Orleans for the third time. I have relocated six times since leaving State College in '89, which means I've lost track of most of the chapter. If you're ever in New Orleans drop by.

Douglass M. Kosydar '94

(134 Danube Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15209-1045; DD1249@hotmail.com) We as alumni are very fortunate to have a great group of active brothers currently living in the chapter house. I encourage all alumni to stop by the house and introduce yourselves to the active chapter. It was great to see a lot of brothers back at the arts festival this year. It was definitely a success. Just a reminder, dorms have been made available in the past to members of the Penn State Alumni Association for this popular summer weekend in State

College. I am looking forward to the annual Snakes in the Sand Weekend, which is usually held the same weekend as the Blue/White Game at Penn State. I hope to see you there to show your support for the active chapter. I keep in touch with alumni brothers **McCormack, Andrews, Eisenman, Eckelman, Fisher, Albert, Sheader, Toohey, Thompson, Turney, Soloman, Sweeney, Muller, Chittick, Handa, McCallum, Highland, Lambert, Virag, Seuffert, Lebofsky, Armani, Moran, Walthers** and **Schmid** on a regular basis. ■

We regret to inform you of the deaths of

William Henning '42 and
Charles L. Van Ingwagen '42
(Feb. 15, 2003)

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

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