

The Delta Delta



March 2005 — Sigma Nu Fraternity at The Pennsylvania State University — State College, Pa.

Upcoming Events

- April 9** Alumni and Active Chapter Workday (Come pitch in to complete home improvement projects around the house.)
- April 10-17** Greek Week
- April 23** Blue & White Game
- June 18** Sigma Nu Delta Delta Golf Invitational
- July 13-17** Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts
- September 24** Fire Era Alumni Reunion
- October 29** Homecoming 2005, PSU vs. Purdue
(See <http://homecoming.psu.edu>.)

President's Report

Looking Forward to Giving Back

On behalf of the alumni association I would like to welcome back all of our "lost" brothers who have not been receiving our newsletter, as well as those of you whom we have been in touch with over the years. We have been working with Affinity Connection Inc. to help us reconnect you with the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu.

Over the past 15 years, I have been fortunate enough to be able to build lasting friendships with brothers who graduated in the '70s, '80s, '90s and 2000s. I am looking forward to personally meeting many more brothers who previously graduated as well as those men who will graduate in the future.

As I wrote this article, I came to realize just how much the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu has positively influenced my life. I am sure most of you can relate to some of the following influences I have taken from being a member of Sigma Nu: how to love and respect both people and property, leadership skills, financial responsibility, the desire to participate in philanthropic events, finding the right person to spend the rest of your life with, teamwork, goal setting, decision making and, most of all, how to interact with other people in various types of situations.

I am enthusiastic about giving back to our chapter, and I would like to personally thank those of you who have previously served on either the alumni association or the property association, as well as those of you who have continued to show your support through various donations over the years.

The alumni association has begun to plan various events for the coming year, and I hope you will choose to take part in as many of these as possible. One of our main goals is to coordinate an event per month starting in April and running through September. I am inviting you to recommit yourself to the association so that it will be available for many years to come.

If you have any suggestions, comments or stories you would like to share, please send them to me via e-mail at DD1249@Gmail.com, using "Sigma Nu" in the subject line of your message. I am looking forward to serving the association and seeing all of you soon.

Fraternally,

Doug Kosydar '94
Worthy Commander, Alumni Chapter ■

New Web Site Has Member Directory, Bulletin Board, Photos, News and More

Who were your best buddies in college? Probably Sigma Nu brothers, right? Over the years, you've thought of them, but where are they now?

You can find one of your buddies in seconds with a new online member directory. If we have an e-mail address for your friend, you can instantly send him a note.

Our new Web site is crucial to keeping us all connected. It's so important we have taken a leap of faith by having it built, and we're relying on you to vote with your credit card or checkbook to say you want this brotherhood reconnection tool. It costs much less than a printed directory, and stays current as we update our information online.

You can also read news and view pictures your brothers have posted to the Alumni Updates page and Photo Gallery. On our Bulletin Board, you can post your own messages, view messages from other brothers and arrange to meet classmates

at games or other events.

You will also be able to ...

- Read about upcoming Sigma Nu events and see photos of past events.
- Get news and information about Penn State.
- See your name on the Honor Roll of contributors.
- Save time by making your contributions online through our secure credit card service. (Remember, you're voting to support this reconnection device!)
- Help us find "lost" brothers.
- Get the latest on the house and the alumni chapter.
- Recapture some of the Penn State spirit!

Reconnecting with your brothers is more than just nostalgia: It's an opportunity to rekindle friendships, plan small reunions, spark business alliances and be an active part of an organization that's really making a difference in the lives of young men.

We're still honing the site, and your feedback and input are essential. We are betting you'll find the site to be a valuable tool. Go to <http://sigmanu-psu.org> and get started in four easy steps:

1. Click "Register," then enter your last name and graduation year. Click "Next."
2. Confirm your name and enter the ID number from the enclosed news form. Click "Next."
3. Create a username, type in your e-mail address, click "Register." Then check your e-mail for your password.
4. Enter your username and password on the home page, and click "Sign In." (You may change your password to something easy to remember.)

Your brothers are eager to hear how you're doing! ■

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Chapter Report

By **Jonathan Kamide '06**, Eminent Commander

Life in the Chapter Is a Great Learning Experience for Us

The fall semester of 2004 revealed many changes within the Sigma Nu house. The structure of the house has been beautifully improved, as well as the ideals of who we are as Sigma Nu brothers.

With the help of **Brandon Peterson '00** and **Adam Jaroh** — as well as that of alumni contributions — a new tile floor with our letters was laid in the vestibule. The library has been redone to accommodate two new couches and a settee, which look very nice with the newly painted walls. I am confident that even more will be accomplished prior to and on the chapter workday on April 9. This will be a great time for alumni to come together with the undergraduate brotherhood and improve the house.

Interest in Sigma Nu was very noticeable in potential recruits this past fall. Our recruitment chair, **John Callahan**, did a fantastic job in finding men of honor to represent our fraternity. Events such as Monday night football and nacho night, and the simple day-to-day interactions among brothers and recruits really got a lot of men involved with the house.

Recruitment yielded three dedicated candidates who have already become involved in the Interfraternity Council and as chairmen within Sigma Nu. The ideals instilled into these three men were a preliminary step to the values-based recruitment currently in place.

Excitement within the chapter could not be more abundant.

The past fall was a learning experience for me and many other undergraduate brothers. As a new brother, I witnessed remarkable leadership and dedication that I had only seen glimpses of prior to joining Sigma Nu. Building our homecoming float with the Society of Women Engineers was a great success. We received first place overall for homecoming and took first place for the float as well. I was very proud to be part of that and hope the next homecoming will be just as successful. It was great seeing alumni for the homecoming dinner and at the football game!

New officers were appointed in late November and are a mix of fresh faces and those returning to serve as leaders once again. We have already made strides to further Sigma Nu's success at philanthropy efforts, brotherhood unity and university relations. This spring we had four dancers for Thon, and money raised for this fulfilling event was possible because of our dedicated Thon chairman and lieutenant commander, **Anthony Roberts**, as well as all the brothers who took the time to help him.

I am happy to announce that the Greek Pride Initiative is underway and that our chapter will be excelling with honor in our efforts to continue great relations with the university! ■

In the Beginning...

By **Mike Sweeney '92**, Sigma Nu Alumni Association Recorder

Still Seeking Our History

In 2008 the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu will be celebrating 100 years at Penn State University.

In the fall 2004 issue of *The Delta Delta*, I made a request for stories, pictures or documents that we could use to develop a house history presentation for our 100-year celebration. To date, I have been sent postcards of our first chapter house, as well as stories of the Sigma Nu Skate-a-Thon and hot-tubbing in the basement.

I also received a very important document of our

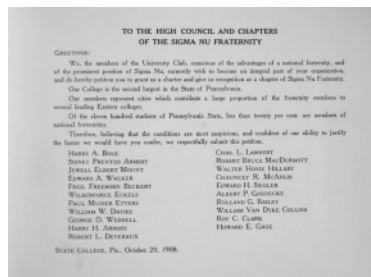
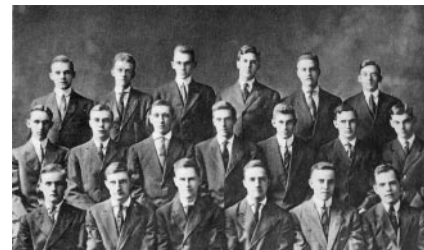
house history: a petition from the University Club to Sigma Nu to start a chapter at Penn State.

The petition was sent to the alumni association by **Dave**

Bischoff '52, who served as commander in 1951-52. Dave received the petition from his father, who, as a young professor, lived at the University Club in 1909. Dave has entrusted the petition to us to display at the 100-year celebration and has requested that we then donate it to the PSU Library Archives. The alumni chapter thanks brother Bischoff for entrusting this document to the Sigma Nu alumni association.

The alumni association is still looking for stories, pictures, old issues of newsletters, newspaper clippings, etc... These will be collected and shared during our celebration in 2008.

If you have anything you would like to share about your experiences with Sigma Nu over the years, please contact me at **329 Bridlewood Court, Canonsburg, PA 15317; mikesweene@yahoo.com; or 724-746-6644.** ■



Property Association Updates

Regarding the BYO policy, Sigma Nu's Risk Management Policy and Guidelines require that, "No alcoholic beverages are purchased through the chapter treasury nor is the purchase of same for members or guests undertaken by any member or candidate in the name of or on behalf of the chapter." In simple terms, this means "bring your own (BYO)."

Our liability insurance is based upon compliance with this policy. Therefore, if you plan to visit the chapter house and expect to consume an alcoholic beverage, you must bring your own. Please do not expect to be served by the chapter. This requirement applies to all social activities sponsored by the chapter including homecoming and Blue/White Weekend. We appreciate in advance your compliance with this requirement.

In other news, brother **Ed Sidwell '58** has continued his involvement with the Greek Alumni Council. The council had an organizational meeting at Beta Theta Pi on January 15; Ed represented our chapter. The council is currently focused on risk reduction procedures/policies and solidifying a relationship with the university's Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Ed and the Greek Alumni Council were also involved with public hearings before the borough council regarding a new ordinance that directly impacts fraternity houses. Under the new ordinance, effective in January 2005, fraternities are assessed points for borough

code violations. After a sufficient number of points are assessed, the borough can revoke a fraternity's rental housing permit, effectively shutting down that fraternity. The undergraduate chapter was briefed on the provisions of this ordinance by a borough official.

During the fall semester, we completed several projects. We purchased two new couches and a settee for the library. The couches that had been in the library have been returned to the chapter/living room. The faulty installation of the new housemother's suite roof was corrected at the contractor's expense. A quick-opening mechanism has been added to the front door in response to borough concerns over egress during an emergency.

Brother **Brandon Peterson '00** led an alumni/undergraduate project to replace the tile floor inside the front door. The labor was supplied at no cost, and the materials were purchased with special donations. Brother **Adam Jaroh** led an undergraduate chapter effort to rebuild the brick wall that borders the south end of the patio at the rear of the House.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the property association, please send me an e-mail at nelsonnittany@aol.com.

Fraternally,

Bob "Nellie" Nelson '72
Property Association President ■

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Chapter

Happenings

By **Doug Kosydar '94**, Alumni Worthy Commander

2005 Sigma Nu Retreat Was Beneficial for All Who Attended

The Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu held a retreat during the weekend of February 5-6 at the Hartman Center in Milroy, Pa. The focus of the retreat was on goal setting, visionary leadership and living our values. Goal setting is part of the



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All-Chapter LEAD, and visionary leadership and living our values are part of Phase II of Sigma Nu's LEAD program. (For more information on LEAD, please go to www.sigmanu.org/lead.)

I consider myself very fortunate to have been able to attend this event in that I was able to see LEAD in action and take part in the various team building exercises that were involved. I was also able to learn a lot from my brothers over the course of the event.

I would like to thank brother **Andy Hackett** for being the facilitator of the event as well as the overall coordinator.

Both the undergraduate chapter and the alumni association can benefit immensely from making this retreat an annual event for many generations to come. I hope to see many of you at the next Delta Delta Chapter retreat. More information will follow. ■

Alumni UpDates

Robert B. Blum '38

(225 Commodore Dr., Jupiter, FL 33477) Having survived three hurricanes last year, I lost all my beautiful palm trees and half my roof but, like all good Sigma Nus, we are still going strong. **John Lotz '38** passed away recently. There are not many left in my class. However, I still play 18 holes of golf and a little tennis.

Lawrence M. Andres '42

(P.O. Box 1255, Stowe, VT 05672-1255) I just loaf and watch PSU football. Recently I moved to the chilly regions of northern Vermont.

Ted H. Wiedenman '50

(107 Sweetbriar Rd., Washington, NC 27889) In the early 1990s I sold my business in Minneapolis. I am totally retired and live fulltime in North Carolina. On July 16, 2005, I will be 80 years old. I'm in reasonably good health and live entirely on Social Security. During my lifetime I raised six children — four girls and two boys. My oldest is 50, and my youngest is 35.

John M. O'Donnell '67

(148 William Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108-3428; jodonnell@littler.com) I just started a new job with Littler Mendelson in Pittsburgh. We now have two grandchildren, Joey (3) and Ian (6 months). I must be getting old, but that still beats the alternative!

William J. Conn '70

(174 Scarboro Dr., York, PA 17403-3844) I was appointed township manager on

January 6, 2004. My wife, Deb, and I are enjoying our first grandchild, Jacob Carpenter, who turned 1 year old in July 2004. Our son, Matt, owns a real estate business on Hilton Head, S.C. Our daughter, Tracey, is a commercial office designer in northern Virginia. Deb and I are involved in the Central Pennsylvania Porsche Club and will host for the 50th anniversary national club event in Hershey.

John P. Rostosky '73

(14415 Oakbrook Dr., Urbandale, IA 50323; pennstblue@aol.com) I moved to the Des Moines, Iowa, area in June 2004. I am manager of preparedness and response for the American Red Cross, coordinating Red Cross disaster response in nine Midwestern states.

Eric N. Raphael '85

(7121 Roslyn Ave., Derwood, MD 20855; eraphael@us.ibm.com) My wife, Lois, and

I, along with the dogs, cats and rabbits, relocated to the Washington, D.C., area. I started a new job with IBM doing consulting work with the federal government. Brothers in the area, please call to say hello. My cell phone is 412-841-5250. ■

Sigma Nu Golf Invitational

When: Saturday, June 18, 2005

Where: Penn State's White or Blue Course (depending upon the number of entries), State College, Pa.

Format: Two-man team better ball

Spots are still available. For information, contact **Doug Kosydar '94** at 412-487-6319 or by e-mail at DD1249@Gmail.com.

* Entries must be received by April 1, 2005.

Fire Era Alumni Reunion in Sept.

On September 24, 2005, alumni from the years of about 1962-70 are invited to gather for a reunion 40 years after one of the most tragic events in the history of the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu. (Everyone else is welcome, too.) Brothers who were living in the house on the morning of the fire that devastated the structure in 1966 have memories of the event.

But we also have memories of the times shared in the house before the fire, of another generation living in another world from the one we know today. We remember running bells before dinner, candidates doing wake-up calls, spaghetti dinners on Friday nights and singing into the evening after those dinners. Those who were there for the reconstruction and afterward have memories of living in substitute housing and sometimes struggling to keep body and soul, and fraternity, together.

For all of us, there are memories of the brotherhood of Sigma Nu. Please save the date and plan on coming to Penn State for a celebration of brotherhood. Details are being put together by **John O'Donnell '67** and **Don Bain '65**, and will be forthcoming in the near future. In the meantime, you may contact John at jodonnell@littler.com or Don at dbain@wowway.com. ■

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