

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

# Alumni Association KCDOFT

## Planning for the 2nd Annual Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu Golf Invitational

I would like to thank all members of our great alumni association who volunteered their time and effort, contributed financially and/or took part in any of our scheduled events throughout the past year. Without your continued support, we would not be able to exist as an organization.

One of my major goals during my term as commander was to organize the first annual Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu Golf Invitational. Since this event was considered a huge success by all brothers in attendance, I have begun to organize the 2006 event, with an additional option to help turn this event into a Brothers Weekend rather than just a golf outing. Please see the registration/information insert for more details.

As a reminder, please log onto our Web site at **www.sigmanu-psu.org** to keep abreast of our upcoming events as well as previously submitted articles and alumni updates. As with any organization, the sharing of information is a critical step to achieving success.

I am looking forward to working with the undergraduate chapter as well as the alumni organization to strengthen our chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

LTH,

Doug Kosydar '94

Worthy Commander, Alumni Chapter

# Property Association

By Robert A. "Nellie" Nelson '72, Property Association President

## Your Donations Help to Keep Sigma Nu in Top Shape

As a result of the impending need for significant funds for capital improvements to the chapter house (e.g., a mandatory sprinkler system), the association contracted with Pennington & Company to conduct a strategic assessment. The purpose of the strategic assessment was to objectively evaluate the organization and operations in order to prioritize specific risks, needs and opportunities. Specific assessment elements included the house corporation board structure and management, alumni relations and communications, financial status, property management, risk management and fundraising readiness.

The assessment report was delivered to the association on August 23, 2004. In response to the assessment, the association developed and implemented a Strategic Assessment Action Plan. This plan was distributed in a letter dated October 14, 2004, and was discussed at the annual homecoming meeting in that year. A status report will be presented at the 2005 homecoming meeting.

The strategic assessment included a recommendation to significantly improve our alumni relations program before undertaking a capital campaign. Although alumni relations are the responsibility of the alumni chapter, donations to the alumni chapter were barely sufficient to cover ongoing programs. With the approval of the board of directors, the association contracted with Affinity Connection Inc. to redesign and manage our Web site and conduct a "lost brothers" search. The redesigned Web site (www.sigmanu-psu.org) went active in February 2005, and the "lost brothers" search reduced the number in that category from 201 to 19.

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### Upcoming E-Vents

# **See You at Homecoming:**October 28-29

The brothers of Sigma Nu invite you to return to the house for the weekend of October 29, 2005, to celebrate homecoming.

#### Friday, Oct. 28

8:00 p.m. Alumni reception and open house, following the parade

#### Saturday, Oct. 29

Time TBD Alumni meeting

Time TBD PSU vs. Purdue at Beaver Stadium

6:00 p.m. Alumni dinner and reception

Please RSVP to **Doug Kosydar '94** at **dd1249@gmail.com**, or call **Mike Sweeney '92** at 724-746-6644. ■

# 2nd Annual Golf Invitational: June 10, 2006

The alumni association is organizing the second annual Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu Golf Invitational for all undergraduate brothers and alumni. The event is being planned for **Saturday**, **June 10**, **2006**, and will include brunch, a round of golf at one of the Penn State courses and an events ceremony in the evening. Plans are being made for group accommodations as well.

See the enclosed flier for additional details and registration information.

Also, please visit our Web site at **www.sigmanu-psu.org** to see pictures and a recap from the first annual invitational, which was held on June 18, 2005.

# Sigma Nu Chapter Keport

### Why Should You Support the Another Great Semes-**Annual Fund?** ter Underway

Your support for our alumni chapter's annual fund proves your commitment to the future of the Delta Delta Chapter. Your annual gift is an investment in the fraternity's potential to make a positive impact in the lives of young men, as the fraternity did for you, me and so many of our alumni.

#### Your annual contribution affirms your belief that:

- Sigma Nu still provides the best leadership development and character-building opportunities on campus;
- The spirit of volunteerism that drives our alumni board and other volunteers is vital to the strength of our organization;
- The value of friendships forged at Sigma Nu grows as time passes and should be celebrated with reunions, annual gatherings and other events that bring alumni back to the place they can always call home.

Alumni contributions to the annual fund make possible The Delta Delta newsletter, our alumni Web site (www.sigmanu-psu. org), event invitations and other forms of alumni communication.

Your annual support is crucial to the success of our chapter and our alumni relations program. You can make a gift now

- Filling out and returning the enclosed form.
- Visiting our Web site at www.sigmanu-psu.org and clicking on "Make a Donation."
- Calling our toll-free donation hotline at 800-975-6699. ■

### Thank You!

Thanks to our loyal donors, Sigma Nu raised over \$13,000 during the 2004-05 giving year, a 61-percent increase over 2003-04!

The Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity is once again starting a great semester at Penn State University. The chapter has a strong core of officers determined to make huge strides in recruitment, philanthropy, university and community relations, LEAD and academics. The house has also seen many structural improvements, thanks to the help of a number of alumni and their family members.

Last semester Delta Delta received the Program Award from the Interfraternity Council for the LEAD program that was conducted throughout the spring of 2005. Our hope is to continue with this great program to strengthen our brotherhood and also persuade new members to join the nation's first honor fraternity.

Over the summer, our recruitment chair, Ed Tracy, was hard at work making plans for the rush period at Penn State. Now that the semester has begun, he is continually gathering up brothers to eat dinner with potential new members in the residence halls, and he has constructed a calendar full of events that has yielded extreme interest from incoming freshmen in our house. Ed is tireless in his desire to increase membership here.

Recruitment would be a hardship if it were not for the beautiful house in which we live and study. The work weekend this past April really increased the beauty. Along with landscaping the front yard, alumni and undergraduates alike repainted the first floor and renovated the first-floor bathroom. The second and third floors have been repainted as well.

With all that the chapter is trying to do each semester, it is important to note that alumni involvement significantly accelerates our efforts. Our chapter adviser, Adam Krugh, is a constant resource, as is Doug Kosydar '94, our alumni worthy commander and our point of contact for alumni relations. Other contributors are **Bob Nelson** '72, the housing corporation president, and Ed Sidwell '58, the housing corporation vice president who makes frequent stops at the house and is very involved with our relationships with the university, the Fraternity Purchasing Association (FPA), Borough of State College and the Interfraternity Council (IFC). A tremendous thanks is due to each of these brothers.

### **Property Association Report**

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The association produced a variety of plans and procedures to improve the operation and management of the chapter house, including a Capital Improvement Plan and Risk Management Policy and Procedures.

Brother Ed Sidwell '58 was elected as vice president of the Penn State Greek Alumni Advisory Council and served as our liaison with the university's Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Funds from our annual operating budget were used for the following: repairing the dishwasher, purchasing a new refrigerator, replacing the two windows on the east side of the north basement, redesigning the egress system for the front door to include a quick-opening mechanism to allow for greater occupancy, conducting minor code-inspection-related repairs, purchasing and installing two dehumidifiers for the basement, funding an undergraduate/alumni work day that included painting the dining room, and replacing the toilet and sink in the kitchen powder room and purchasing ceramic tile for the floor. In addition, the association purchased two couches and a settee for the library and purchased supplies for the work day.

Brother Adam Jaroh, the house manager, completed replacing a portion of the brick wall on the rear patio. Brother Jaroh also installed the ceramic tile for the floor of the kitchen powder room. Brother Brandon Peterson '00 led a group effort to refurbish the inside of the front entrance, including a new ceramic tile floor. Those who contributed to this effort are commemorated on a brass plague at the entrance to the foyer. Additionally, brother Ken Labofsky '97 completed his project to install a PC network.

If you'd like more information on these and other property association activities, please contact me for a copy of the full annual report including financial statements. I can be reached at nelsonnittany@aol.com.

### Alumni **Updates**

#### George A. Hay '41

(200 E. Jefferson St., Media, PA 19063) I have been practicing architecture in Media, Pa., since 1949.

#### Harvey W. Bateson '43

(82 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801-1208; harvwho@stny.rr.com) Thanks for the e-letters. Keep up the good work. I met a few Sigma Nus at the Philadelphia Zoo and lunched with them. Their names are not nearby at the moment. I was given a couple of Lions paws but both have either blown off my car or been stolen.

#### William J. Ondick '51

(952 Wyndfall Dr., Sunset Beach, NC 28468) I'm back playing golf after six months off. We appreciate the newsletter and seeing the news and names of former brothers. Great job being done by Doug Kosydar '94, worthy commander. Hope to meet you one day at Sigma Nu.

#### George T. Richards '54

(11 Buttonwood Dr., Simsbury, CT 06070) I was recently in Lexington, Va., and stopped by our national headquarters. I arrived while a "large meeting" was in progress but was told "someone would be out to see me." To my surprise, Andy Hackett '05 enthusiastically appeared and insisted on leaving the meeting to give me a tour, bring me up to date and present me with a 50-year pin.

#### Ray E. Myers '57

(6732 Congressional Ter., Fayetteville, PA 17222-9404) Living the life of a retiree!

#### John F. Donahue '58

(81 Harrison Ave., Roseland, NJ 07068)
Very active with my construction management firm, Castlebar Associates, where I'm able to combine a 40-year construction career with a background in engineering, architecture, accounting and finance, to focus on representing owners and investors in large construction projects. Still get up to PSU for some football games and at least one gym meet each year. I'm in excellent health, and every three to four months I go out on a beer night with Bob Anderson '61.

#### Kenneth A. Jones '61

(P.O. Box 6010, 43 Gov. Wentworth Rd., Amherst, NH 03031-6010; kjones1@ ix.netcom.com) Skied a day in December '04 with Bill Cave '60. Bill is building a house in New Hampshire's White Mountains, and we've skied at Wildcat when he's come up to visit his project over the past few years. Also a regular in New Hamp-

shire is **Bob Anderson** '61. Bob comes up twice a year. In January '05 we skied for a week all over the White Mountains areas. Bob's other visit is for an annual hike in the Whites. For more than 15 years, a gang of us has been going up to the Lakes of the Clouds hut, 1,000 feet below the summit of Mount Washington, for the hut's closing weekend in mid-September. The hut actually sleeps 75 souls in bunks and is manned by a crew ("croo" up there) of young people who serve all-you-can-eat meals. We usually hike to the Mount Washington Observatory (I'm board chairman there) on the summit on Saturday, then have a rowdy party on Saturday night — the closing night. Same gang... same jokes... same

#### David J. Grabelski '72

(184 Maple Park St., Windber, PA 15963; gangsski@aol.com) I retired from the LAPD as a homicide detective in 1993. The past 12 years I worked for the Department of Justice, National Drug Intelligence Center, as an analyst and trainer in Johnstown, Pa. I am currently a professor at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa., teaching enforcement intelligence courses.

#### Robert A. Nelson '72

(5201 Taney Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304-2015; nelsonnittany@aol.com) Becky and I recently made a down payment on a new home to be constructed in The Village at Penn State. The Village is a planned residential community being built near Toftrees off Fox Hollow Road (near the 322 bypass). We'll be in one of the 85 homes in the Tradition Point subdivision, the first of several subdivisions in this community. Construction won't begin for a few months, so we probably won't close on the house until January 2006. Until I retire (circa 2012), we'll use the home as a second residence for our numerous trips to Happy Valley. We visit eight or ten times each year. The money we'll save on hotel rooms won't pay the mortgage, but it will certainly lessen the impact. Our house warming is tentatively planned for Blue/ White Weekend 2006. If you're interested in more information on The Village, visit the Web site at www.villageatpsu.com.

#### Hugh P. Carbine '77

(428 Keswick Ave., Glenside, PA 19038; carbinhp@mindspring.com) Hi, all. Time flies. Now I have three kids (two boys and one girl). Joey (almost 21) is at PSU, where he's a Lion Ambassador and in the Honors College. He's been dating a very nice girl

there who (it turns out) is the daughter of Theresa Stabley, a little sister of Sigma Nu around 1977. It's a very small world. Andrew is the musician of the family and is in Millersville this fall. He's really into '70s music. Pink Floyd is what got him hooked at first. Andy has much better taste in music than I ever had. I took Andy to the Poconos Blues Festival last year. Now he also likes blues as much as I do. He plays rhythm guitar and the drums. We're going to miss the racket this fall! Megan's goal is to beat her brother Joey in everything. She been able to beat her brothers in basketball. She's 15 and plays for Abington High School.

I'd love to hear from Tim Dailey '76, Kevin Hand '76 and everyone else, especially others in our large fall candidate class of 1974. I hope everyone is well. My home phone is 215-576-5233 and my work number is 215-884-6142.

I've been employed by Cohesive Technologies, a small high-tech firm in the Boston area, for about five years. They specialize in productivity advancements for chemistry. Their intellectual property involves the use of turbulent flow in liquid chromatography. It's been exciting. I always remember the brothers in chemical engineering being frustrated with fluid dynamics. Now I know what you went through. I had to learn the same material.

#### Jeffrey E. York '82

(905 Grover Ave., Winter Park, FL 32789-5641; jyork@cfl.rr.com) Gail and I have been married for 11 years and have one daughter, Katherine, who is 4 years old. I am in corporate real estate services.

#### John B. Rudisill '88

(307 Gatemere Ct., Katy, TX 77450; j.b.rudisill@exxonmobil.com) Howdy all. Wife Caroline, sons David (5) and Sean (2), and I have moved from the Philadelphia area to Houston, Texas. ExxonMobil transferred me here after relocating my office to New Brunswick, Canada. Anyone in the area, please contact me.

#### **Richard Philip Coffee '95**

(4204 Arthur Ave., Brookfield, IL 60513; richard.coffee@ogilvy.com) New baby! As hard as it is to believe, I am now living with three women. If any of the single, undergraduate brothers have the delusion that this is every guy's fantasy, I invite them to come visit me in Chicago and stay for a few days. You'll have a whole new appreciation for decorative pillows!

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#### Joseph D. Sevick '98

(2406 Leanett Way, Pearland, TX 77584; isevick@houston.rr.com) I've been living in Houston, Texas, ever since graduation, first as an engineer with Exxon, now as a bigsounding "business analyst" with Westlake Chemical Company. Fortunately for me, Exxon paid for my MBA at the University of Houston before I left. I've been married for three years to Lendy, an attorney originally from Mississippi. Last August we had a baby girl named Whitney. I stay in touch with brothers Gerald Miletics '97 and Kevin Lavelle '97, and Ted Sevick '02 because I have to. I keep telling the Penn

State phone solicitors that I won't travel back to PSU until we get a winning football team, but it hasn't been working! If anyone is in the Houston area, give me a call at 713-417-0044 and we'll get some fajitas.

#### Bryan W. Schmid '99

(122 Edgewater Dr., Anderson, SC 29626; bryan\_schmid@hotmail.com) Transferred/ promoted down South. I work in Georgia and live in Anderson, S.C., on a lake. It's a beautiful place to live and very close to Clemson University. My brother, Ryan Schmid, and some family members toured Europe in May 2005.

#### Andrew Steven Gallinaro '02

(4 Valley Ter., South Easton, MA 02375-6201; asg138@yahoo.com) I graduated from Boston College Law School on May 27. I have accepted a job in Philadelphia, clerking for the honorable Denis Cohen in the Court of Common Pleas. I will be moving to Philadelphia shortly to begin preparing for the Pennsylvania Bar exam.

#### Arthur J. Meloy '02

(8501 Guerro Ct., Raleigh, NC 27613; psu\_supa\_pimp@yahoo.com) I'm still in Raleigh, N.C., working for IBM. I'm still doing software testing. Julie and I just bought a home down here. I do a lot of bass fishing and ocean fishing. I'm going down to the Outer Banks soon in search of some stripers.

#### **Edward Paul Sevick '02**

(1560 Moore Dr., Gilbertsville, PA 19525; tedsevick@comcast.net) Sarah and I have moved to our new house. Shoot me an email, and we'll get a beer. ■

### **Wanted! Your Email Address**

Sigma Nu is your strongest link to Penn State and the friends you made there. We're on a mission to gather all the e-mail addresses of our alumni. This will help you stay in touch with old friends and reconnect with others. We'll work to keep the list current too, so you'll always know where you can find a brother's e-mail address.

Only members of the Delta Delta Chapter will have access to this information.

You can update your address by visiting our Web site at www.sigmanu-psu.org or by indicating any changes on the enclosed solicitation form.

### 2005 Penn State Football

South Florida, W 23-13 Sat., Sept. 3 Sat., Sept. 10 Cincinnati, W 42-24 Sat., Sept. 17 Central Michigan, 3:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 24 at Northwestern, TBA

Sat., Oct. 1 Minnesota, TBA Sat., Oct. 8 Ohio State, 7:00 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 15 at Michigan, TBA

Sat., Oct. 22 at Illinois, 7:00 p.m., ESPN2 Sat., Oct. 29 Purdue (Homecoming), TBA

Sat., Nov. 5 Wisconsin, TBA Sat., Nov. 19 at Michigan State, TBA

All times are Eastern and may be subject to change.

travel plans now for Homecoming 2005! Mark your calendars and make your

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