

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Chapter Work Day**  
**April 12**

**2008 Blue-White Weekend/  
Snakes in the Sand**

**April 18-19**

*\*Register online!*

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sigma Nu Delta  
Delta Invitational**

**June 14**

*See page 3 for a registration form.*

**Arts Fest**  
**July 10-13**

**Homecoming/Centennial  
Celebration**

**October 17-19**

*\*Register online!*

*\*Visit [www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org)  
for more details on these great  
upcoming events!*

## 2008 CHAPTER OFFICERS

**Zach Tappe**

Eminent Commander  
New Castle, PA

**Dan Puckett**

Lieutenant Commander  
Mount Airy, MD

**Brent Potter**

Chaplain  
North East, PA

**Pat Thompson**

Marshal  
Newtown Square, PA

**Rob Szot**

Recorder  
Blairstown, NJ

**Steve Wesolowski**

Orange, CT



March 2008 Sigma Nu Fraternity at The Pennsylvania State University — State College, Pa.

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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

### Though Campaign Falls Short of Goal, Much Can Be Said for the Active Chapter's Support

#### *Undergraduate Members Pledge More Than \$37,000 to House Renovation Efforts*

*By Robert A. (Nellie) Nelson '72, Property Association President*

Our formal capital campaign, *Building a New Legacy*, ended on January 31. However, we are still in the process of contacting some alumni and accepting pledges. To date, our pledge total is \$295,653, and \$95,595 has been collected as a result of these pledges.

Although we did not achieve our goal, we have received sufficient pledges to pay off our long-term debt, which includes the loan for the sprinkler system and payment of all of our campaign expenses. We also will have funds remaining for selected capital improvements. Because we did not achieve our goal, we need to re-evaluate our renovation plans and adjust our priorities. I will be working with our Building Committee and the Board of Directors over the next few months to develop such a revised capital improvement plan.

To ensure that our capital investments

are maintained, we have initiated weekly walk-through inspections by a contractor to identify needed repairs and breakage. Security deposits are debited, if appropriate.

We had tremendous support from the active chapter throughout the campaign. Their pledges totaled \$37,700 (approximately 13% of total pledges received). The active members conducted three phone-a-thons and were able to reach and connect with many of you. Without these efforts, many of our alumni would never have been contacted. Our Eminent Commander wrote a truly inspiring letter concerning why men join Delta Delta, which you should have received last fall.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 703-751-3035 or [nelsonnittany@aol.com](mailto:nelsonnittany@aol.com).

## HOMEcoming 2008

### A Celebration Through the Years

#### *Homecoming Display to Feature Memorabilia from our First 100 Years*

*By Jonathan Stavinski '06, Homecoming Committee Chairman*

As a way to help celebrate the fraternity's centennial, the Homecoming Committee in conjunction with the active chapter are preparing some special events/displays to commemorate this historic time.

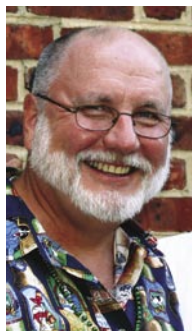
At the forefront, we have a glimpse at the rich history of our house with the Generational Room Tour. This display will convey tiny nuggets of what it was like to be in Sigma Nu during various decades. The room tour will be available to view at various times throughout the weekend. As

a side note, no history is complete without the contributions from all of our brothers. Please send any insight you may have to a certain period in the house's history to [ddcentennial@gmail.com](mailto:ddcentennial@gmail.com).

Other weekend activities include a pre-game tailgate, a viewing of the game on our newly-purchased HDTV and the annual active/alumni dinner and meeting Saturday evening. Stay tuned to [www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org) for more details on the weekend festivities.

## “The House Belongs to All of Us”

Property Association President **Bob Nelson '72** shares the successes and challenges of the *Building a New Legacy* campaign and why we should all be supporting the house preservation efforts.



Bob Nelson '72

### **Why did you get involved as a chair with the Building a New Legacy capital campaign?**

We had to install a sprinkler system to comply with Borough requirements, and we didn't have the funds to pay for it. Estimates at the time

were as high as \$100,000. An additional mortgage loan would have required significantly higher house bills in a very competitive fraternity environment. As the strongest proponent of a capital campaign and president of the housing corporation, I felt a strong obligation to lead the campaign. In addition, I was confident that I had the leadership and management skills needed. The only question in my mind was the level of potential alumni support

### **Why would you encourage other alumni to get involved with Sigma Nu in their adult years?**

First, the house belongs to all of us. Each of us is a “stockholder” and has a stake in the chapter's success. I am extremely proud to be a Delta Delta and I love to show off our home. I have many memories of my undergrad years at PSU, and Sigma Nu is a large part of those. Absent the nostalgia, I enjoy working with the undergrads and helping (albeit in a small way) to mold them as leaders and allow them the opportunity to have the experiences that will lead to fond memories, similar to mine.

### **What has been the most rewarding part of your volunteer experience? Why?**

Helping to salvage the chapter from its “near-death experience” of 2000 to 2001

when the entire active chapter moved out of the house for the entire academic year. Had individuals such as **Ed Sidwell '58**, **Doug Kosydar '94**, **Mike Sweeney '92** and me not stepped forward, the chapter would have folded.

### **What has been the most challenging? Why?**

My most difficult challenge has trying to convince alumni to support the campaign both as volunteers and as financial contributors. This was a much “harder sell” than I anticipated and I'm a terrible salesman. That's one of the reasons I work for the government. We were trying to bridge several generations with vastly different memories, customs, traditions, and cultures. I suspect that all fraternity fund raisers face similar challenges but for us, it was significant.

### **What are some of the things you've been involved in as chairman of the campaign and the steering committee?**

I've been involved in essentially every aspect of the campaign beginning with the strategic assessment conducted by Pennington and Company in 2004, the feasibility study conducted by Affinity Connection in 2006, and the campaign itself from 2006 to 2008. I negotiated the contract with Affinity Connection and its extension. I developed our frequently asked questions resource document, the first draft of the campaign case statement, the house history contained in the brochure, and the capital improvement plan. I managed the contract with Affinity Connection and served as the official point of contact with the firm's campaign manager and lead gift officer. I obtained the loan from Nittany Bank to pay for the sprinkler system and fund the campaign. I contacted or attempted to contact more than 80 alumni to solicit pledges. I chaired our weekly telephone conferences. I reported on progress in my corporate annual report and I prepared an assessment after the close of the official campaign. I am continuing with follow-up activities.

Because we did not achieve our goal, a major next step is to revise our capital improvement plan to be consistent with our anticipated resources.

### **What is your favorite Sigma Nu memory?**

If I don't say that it is meeting my wife, a former Sigma Nu Little Sister, I'd be in big trouble. However, another fond memory is beating the brothers in our end of Hell Week brothers-pledges tackle football game followed by body surfing in the party room.

### **“I am extremely proud to be a Delta Delta and I love to show off our home.”**

### **What is your advice for future undergraduates of Delta Delta?**

The same basic advice that I gave my son when he left for college – study hard and “play” hard, in that order of priority. I succeeded in both of those areas. My four years at PSU were the four most memorable years of my life and I hope that others can share that assessment.

### **Why should alumni attend one (or more!) of the many great upcoming events that the Alumni Association has planned?**

To relive and share memories, generate new ones, reconnect with your contemporaries, and share your experiences past and present with our undergraduate brothers while enjoying the beauty of Happy Valley and the glory of Penn State.

### **Is there anything else you'd like to ask of the alumni brotherhood?**

The campaign fell well short of its goal. Therefore, planned projects must be delayed or dropped. For those who have not pledged, I ask that they thoughtfully reassess their position and make a pledge. For those who have pledged, I ask for your continued support, and if your financial circumstances allow, to increase your pledge.

## CHAPTER REPORT

### Sigma Nu Raises \$15,075.12 for THON; Active Brothers Donate More Than \$37,000 to Capital Campaign

By Zach Tappe, Eminent Commander

This year, the active chapter had its best THON participation in recent years. After a few years of lackluster participation, we



Brent Potter and Pat Thompson at the 2008 Dance Marathon. Sigma Nu raised \$15,075.12 for this year's event.

alone raised \$15,075.12 to the 2008 dance marathon. The overall THON total this year was \$6,615,318.04, which set a new record. Proceeds benefit the Four Diamonds Fund, an organization that supports families of kids with cancer.

The active chapter organized our Super Bowl party to be viewed on our new 52-inch Samsung LCD TV, which was purchased by the Property Association for the house in appreciation of the active chapter's help with the capital campaign. Our undergraduate brothers pledged more than \$37,000 to the effort, and also held several phone-a-thons this year to help reconnect our alumni brotherhood. The Property Association also purchased 30 new chairs for multi-purpose use.

A big thank you goes to Brother **Ed Sidwell '58** for his work to find the best deals in town.

Academically, we are doing well this year. Our current GPA is 3.01. Seven brothers were named to the Dean's list last semester: **Rob Beal, Mike Cline, Ed Pushkarewicz, Jim Sekel, Tim Settles** and **Pat Thompson**.

There are currently three legacies in the house. **Jeff Reed** is the son of **Chester Reed '51**; **Stephen Frankola** is the son of **John Frankola '76** (PSU alum); and **Michael Scruggs** is the grandson of George Thomas (University of Missouri alumnus).

We hope to see you at one (or more!) of the upcoming events this spring and summer.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sigma Nu Delta Delta Invitational

**When:** Saturday, June 14, 2008 at the Penn State Blue Course

**Where:** Penn State Blue Course

**Format:** Two-Man Team – Better Ball Format (both players must use one-shot-per-hole as per the infamous “Sweeney Rule”)

**Cost:** \$150 per Brother, which includes a polo shirt, prizes, lunch, dinner and greens fees.

A block of rooms will be reserved at the Days Inn for 6/13/08 and 6/14/08 until May 15. The room price for this year is \$82-per night. To reserve your room, call the days in at 800-258-3297 and use the following group code: CGSINU.

Many more details are online at [www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org)!

### 2008 Sigma Nu Delta Delta Golf Invitational RSVP Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pair me with: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If you do not have a partner, we will try our best to team you up with a brother from your graduating era.*

Shirt Size:     S     M     L     XL     XXL (Please indicate size)

**Please make your \$150 check payable to Delta Delta Alumni Chapter of Sigma Nu. RSVP deadline is April 30, 2008!**

**Mail to:** Doug Kosydar, 134 Danube Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15209

## ALUMNI COMMANDER REPORT

### Celebrating our Centennial!

#### *As Delta Delta Turns 100, We Continue to Preserve our House for the Next Century*

*By Doug Kosydar '94*

It has been an honor to serve our chapter as Alumni Commander over the past several years. I have been privileged to build relationships with many alumni and their families, which will last a lifetime. I want to personally thank those brothers who have volunteered their time as officers and active chapter advisors. Their dedication continues to inspire me and their efforts continue to show great returns.

The Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu is continuing to move in a very positive direction. Led by a very strong group of officers, the chapter has done an outstanding job in recruitment using quality-based values, and their overall grade point average (GPA) for fall semester 2007 was a 3.01. It is imperative that we continue to work together, both the alumni

and active chapter, as one organization for our success to continue.

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The alumni chapter has also accomplished something very special in that a small group of dedicated volunteers was able to reach out to our brothers and raise \$300,000 for our capital campaign (please visit our website to see the list). These funds will be used to payoff our

new sprinkler system as well as several other much needed improvements to our chapter house. If you have yet to pledge, or would like additional information, please contact me at [DD1249@gmail.com](mailto:DD1249@gmail.com) as it would be great to see all brothers make a contribution.

Our chapter will be celebrating 100 years at The Pennsylvania State University this year, and we are planning two outstanding celebrations. I hope that each of you will be able to attend them, as well as our other many events, as we continue to reconnect our brotherhood.

Please stay tuned to our web site at [www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org) for news and events surrounding our chapter.



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