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The Delta Delta



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Homecoming 2008 October 17-18

October 17:
Homecoming Parade

October 18:
11 a.m. – Annual meeting of Alumni and Property Associations with elections

12 p.m. – Clem's BBQ lunch, chapter house

4:30 p.m. – Kickoff vs. Michigan (if you don't have tickets, join us at the house to watch the game on the new widescreen TV)

8 p.m. – BYOB Cocktail Reception, chapter house

8:30 p.m. – Informal dinner, chapter house

Centennial Celebration/ 5th Annual Delta Delta Invitational June 12-14, 2009

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Significantly Improving Delta Delta's Financial Management

Capital Improvement Plan and "Bursar Billing" Implemented to Complete House Repairs and to Improve Cash Flow, Reduce Accounting Costs

By Robert A. (Nellie) Nelson, '72, ΔΔ916, President

Our "Building a New Legacy" campaign concluded on January 31, 2008. We received a total of 170 pledges with a total amount pledged of \$299,403. A total of \$111,124 has been donated to date. A special thanks is extended to the following alumni who participated extensively in the capital campaign: **Andy Hackett '05, Don Bain '66, Hank Garfield '67, Joel Gladfelter '01, Leigh Gunn '90, Bill Hoffman '73, Anthony Italiano '94, Lane Kintigh '89, Bill Kirschner '66, Doug Kosydar '94, Adam Krugh, Derek Lehman '95, Bob Leyburn '52, James MacLaughlin '59, Dave Parker '91, Brandon Peterson '00, Steve Rodrigo '87, Ernest Russom '79, Dan Seitz '04, Bob Seuffert '96, James Shincovich '67, Dan Spada, Mike Sweeney '92, and Mike Virag '95.** Because the campaign fell well short of its goal of \$600,000, the Association is developing a revised Capital Improvement Plan consistent with the expected campaign proceeds. This revised plan will be presented at the annual Homecoming meeting.

Association funds were used for the following activities related to the chapter house: minor code inspection-related repairs; weekly walk-through inspections; numerous miscellaneous repairs including a variety of electrical, heating, structural, and plumbing repairs; purchase and installation of a television and home theater system in the Chapter/Living Room; purchase of new Dining Room chairs; replacement of the hot water heater heat exchanger; installation of cipher locks on the second and third floor fire escape exit doors; and painting of the second and third floor sprinkler piping.

In what we expect to be a significant

improvement in our financial management, we implemented "bursar billing" for the first time for the fall 2008 semester. Under this system, the university will bill the brothers for house bills, security deposits, and out-of-house fees at no direct cost to the Association or the active chapter. We expect improved cash flow, reduction/elimination of delinquent accounts, and reduced accounting costs as a result of this initiative.

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For the upcoming academic year, the Association held a kickoff meeting with the active chapter on Sunday, August 31. In addition, we plan to conduct our annual Homecoming meeting on October 18 (beginning at 11:00 a.m.), a budgeting and planning meeting with the active chapter on January 31 in conjunction with a retreat, and a short meeting with the active chapter on Saturday of Blue/White weekend. The Association plans to host a buffet-style dinner following the Blue/White game in April 2009 and a cookout on Saturday of Arts Fest in July.

If you have any questions regarding the Property Association or if you would like a copy of our annual report, please send an e-mail to nelsonnittany@aol.com.

CENTENNIAL UPDATE

100 Brothers for 100 Years

Join Us for One (or Both!) of our Centennial Celebrations

By Andy Hackett '05

We have now begun the 2008-09 academic year which marks the 100th year for our great chapter. With well over 1400 brothers in our ranks, we have a storied history and are looking forward to celebrating it with you. On behalf of the centennial celebration committee I'd like to invite you back this year to your home at Penn State.

As you know, our first Centennial event, Homecoming, is just around the corner



Sigma Nu yesterday...

on October 17-18 and we hope to see you there. A special thanks to Brother **Jon Stavinski** for leading the work on making this first major event for the centennial celebration come together in great fashion.

Our other major event is a little further away to give you plenty of time to make arrangements to join us, and I promise you will not be disappointed! The weekend of June

12 – 14, 2009 is being planned as an affair for the whole family. Friday night will be some brotherhood bonding, perhaps at a State College Spikes game if they schedule a home game that evening. Saturday starts off strong with a round of golf for those many golfers in our ranks and some shopping opportunities for those interested in that. Saturday



...and today!

afternoon will bring us to Sunset Park for food, fun, games, and entertainment. Finally, the evening will culminate our centennial celebration with a banquet at the Days Inn to honor our history, prize the present, and chart the future. It is an event every brother should aim to attend and we hope you will be with us. Our goal is 100 brothers for 100 years. Will you be one of them?

CHAPTER REPORT

A 3.09 GPA, a Rush Event that Yields 150 Recruits and Getting Back in the Swing with Greek Sing

High GPA Ranks Delta Delta among Top 15 Percent of Sigma Nu Chapters

By Zach Tappe

As the fall semester gets into full swing, the active chapter is involved and has many new highlights to share, including participation in the new Interfraternity Council (IFC) recruitment system.

The new recruitment system calls for more alcohol-free recruiting events. Recruitment Chair **Noah Karn** has met this goal by implementing Values Based Recruiting strategies provided by the national fraternity. On September 8, we had over 150 recruits pass through the house. These men were entertained by a live band playing on the front porch, the Monday Night Football broadcast being shown on a projection screen on the front lawn and continuous house tours provided by several different brothers.

Our current Homecoming Chair **Mike Cline** has us preparing for what should be another successful showing in the Homecoming Competition. We are once again partnered with the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). Our theme of Peter Pan has the house excited, as we are already beginning to design this year's float.

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The active chapter will also be participating in Greek Sing for the first time in recent memory this semester. The show

is on November 2. We will be performing a medley of *Mama Mia* with our partners Sigma Alpha and Phi Kappa Psi. The lead male roles will be performed by brothers **Jason Adams** and **Mark Mixon**, and we will also have participation, from background singing to set designing, from a wide range of brothers.

Academically, we finished the spring semester with a 3.09 GPA. This ranked us above the all IFC average of 3.04, the all fraternity average of 3.03, the independent male average of 3.08 and the all male average of 3.07. Our 3.09 house GPA also ranks us among the top 15% of Sigma Nu chapters nationally.

We hope to see you at the centennial events taking place this year.

ALUMNI UPDATES

50s

Robert Free '51

(1016 Magnolia Ln., Lincoln Hills, CA 95648-8426; rwfrees@aol.com) My son Tim, 47, got married for the second time in August in Key West, FL. Now the total grandchildren count will be 10. I live in Lincoln Hills, CA, near Sacramento, in Del Webb, an active senior living place.

Daniel Land '57

(PO Box 1767, Wilson, WY 83014-1767; dland0827@bresnan.net) I spent my entire working career with Bethlehem Steel, with most of that time in the field sales organization, moving numerous times and holding a variety of sales and sales management positions. I returned to the Home Office in Bethlehem in 1984 for a job in HR and wound up with my career as General Manager of Customer Service. I retired in 1993. I flunked retirement and went back to work for a non-profit community agency in Bethlehem and worked there for two years. In January of 2002, we moved to our beloved Wyoming, where we reside in Jackson Hole.

I have been active in the Episcopal Church having served as a Deputy to four General Conventions, two from Bethlehem and two from Wyoming. I have had two hip replacements and a back operation, which may have to be redone. Other than that, my wife and I, who have three children, are

doing well, she much better than I. I'd love to see any of the brothers if they come this way. I have been in regular touch with **Bob Schrader '57** and have spent a little time with **Roy Sinclair '59** a couple of years back when we visited Palm Desert.

60s

Robert Chaney '64

(2900 Chiselford Drive, Sinking Spring, PA 19608-9698; chaneyr@aol.com) After my wife passed away seven years ago, I remarried and now have an extended family of five children and six grandchildren. Since retiring from UGI four years ago, I spend half the year in Naples, FL, and summers and early fall in Reading, PA. We attend many of the PSU football games with Sigma Nu brother **Jay May '63**.

70s

James Barden '71

(7940 Ortega Bluff Parkway, Jacksonville, FL 32244-6266; searstaylor@earthlink.net) We have been transferred to Valdosta, GA, where I now run the Terminix branch. We are right off I-75 for anyone traveling through to south Florida. Give a call at 229-200-3448.

80s

James Bogart '86

(386 Glen Rock Rd, Glen Rock, PA 17327-8306; bogart@nfdc.net) After finishing my master's at Penn State, I worked in Lancaster for 2-1/2 years for a neat little company

making specialized cooling systems for high-powered electronics. During that time I was married to a beautiful redheaded girl I met at Mr. C's during my last year at PSU. Soon thereafter we moved to northern Alabama to work for a company that provides specialized copper tubes for the air-conditioning industry.

I finally returned to Pennsylvania in 1999 to work for York International air-conditioning. I now am the Global R&D Manager for GEA PHE Systems in York, which is a division of the GEA conglomerate based in Germany. I've published several refereed articles in engineering journals, have been granted two US patents and have a third on the way.

In my spare time I have fun with my three sons, serve on the governing board of a local parochial school as the primary financial person, been a soccer coach for kids in the five to 10 age range, and also serve as a baseball coach.

Lastly, I'm an Adjunct Professor of Mechanical Engineering at York College of PA. No wonder I've lost most of my hair and what's left is mostly white...

Steven Rodrigo '87

(8674 Nagle Street, Manassas, VA 20110-7002; steven.rodrigo@gmail.com) I joined the Navy after college and wound up in Naval Intelligence and currently work for a defense contractor in northern Virginia performing Computer Security/Information Assurance related work in support of the government.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Can you believe it's been 25 years?

*Check out these
Delta Delta brothers
in 1983. Think they
still look this good
today?*

*We want to see great
photos from all eras of our
chapter's 100-year history!
Upload the best pictures
from your fraternity days at
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ALUMNI REPORT

Celebrating 100 Years at Penn State and Proud to be Brothers of Sigma Nu

By Doug Kosydar ΔΔ1249

Greetings from the Delta Delta Chapter Alumni Association of Sigma Nu.

I want to thank each of you that have volunteered your time and energy, as well as those that have also supported our organization financially throughout the year. Your generous support continues to strengthen our organization. I am proud to be a brother of Sigma Nu, and hope that each of you reading this newsletter takes a moment to think about the good times that you had as an active brother as well as visualize yourself in the company of some of the brothers that you have not seen for a while. In doing so, I hope it brings a smile to your face and makes you want to get in contact with some of the people that played a significant role in your life at one point or another.

Five years ago I was approached to run for the office of Alumni Commander,

a position that I never imagined I would hold, and looking back in time I can honestly say that it was one of those life changing moments. It has brought me closer to some very special people and has ultimately extended my family. I have been able to not only learn some valuable skills, but have made friendships with people whom I never would have gotten to know. The great part about our organization is that it will continue to grow, and with your help we have the opportunity to shape the direction of today's active chapter. If possible, I would strongly encourage you to become involved in our organization.

The main event sponsored by our Association was our fourth annual golf outing which was held on the Penn State Blue Course this year with eight brothers sharing another beautiful weekend in State College. The tournament was won by Stan

Stroup and myself, firing a one over par 73, with the team of Dave Wittman and Keith Twigger battling right up to the last putt on 18. Brothers made the trip back from as far away as Florida to enjoy the event and were treated to a special night of camaraderie at The Tavern following another perfect day on the golf course. A thank you goes out to Brother Jim MacLaughlin for donating the prizes for the various skill competitions.

This year is also a very special year in our chapter's history. One hundred years as a fraternity at The Pennsylvania State University is a very special accomplishment, and we are planning on celebrating in style with two very special events. I would like to personally invite each of you to attend at least one of these events in State College. More information on these events is included in this edition of the Delta Delta.

It may just seem like yesterday, but it's been over two decades since these guys graduated. Find out when this photo was taken on page 2 inside!



Celebrating Delta Deltas 100th Year at Penn State!

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