

## UPCOMING EVENT

### Delta Delta Golf Invitational

June 11-12, 2011

The event will be a 2-Man team Scramble with our first tee time being at 12:33pm.

Lunch will be provided in the clubhouse starting at approximately 11:15.

Registration fee will again be \$125 per brother and will include the following:

- Bucket of Balls for the range
- Catered Lunch in the 19th hole
- Greens Fees with Cart
- Prizes
- Dinner at Local Establishment

More details and an official registration form will be included in our spring newsletter, and will also be posted at

[www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org).

Will Team Dynasty be able to win back the cup?

## ON THE WEB

Stay connected with Delta Delta throughout the year!

### Alumni Web Site

[www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org)

If you don't yet have a username and password, use your Member ID above your name and address on this newsletter to follow the first time login instructions

### Facebook

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Search for "Sigma Nu Penn State"

## IN MEMORY

We have recently learned of the passing of the following brothers:

- Robert Blum (ΔΔ378)
- Daniel Triem (ΔΔ 385)
- Roland Young Jr. (ΔΔ 430)
- Paul McBeth Jr. (ΔΔ 559)
- William Ondick (ΔΔ 574)
- John Smidansky (ΔΔ 581)
- Bill Brill (ΔΔ 660)



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## PROPERTY ASSOCIATION REPORT

### The First Floor of the Chapter House has been Transformed!

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

Thanks to the funds that our alumni have donated to the capital campaign, the first floor renovation project is now complete. In our last newsletter, I reported on the installation of the new hardwood floor in the dining room, foyer, and library and the painting of the exterior doors and windows. Thanks to **Mike Virag** (ΔΔ1264), **Brandon Peterson** (ΔΔ1306) and Steve Rodrigo (ΔΔ1160), we now have new chandeliers. Brother Virag supplied the fixtures at cost, Brother Rodrigo made a special donation to support their purchase and Brother Peterson coordinated the selection and installation. In addition, **Jim Shincovich** (ΔΔ860) and his wife Susan donated an antique chandelier that now hangs in the entry. The annual Alumni-Collegiate Chapter work day in April added a fresh coat of paint to the dining room, foyer, and wood trim. As a final touch, we've replaced the front door which adds a fresh look to both the exterior and interior of the house.

Although there are many demands, we have no further plans for improvements at this



*New lighting on the first floor.*

time. Campaign contributions are continuing to lag behind pledge commitments. The difference between scheduled donations and actual receipts is \$30,500 and this difference continues to grow (up from \$22,000 one year ago), likely a consequence of the poor economy. For this reason, we are waiting until we get a better handle on total funds available before committing to any significant discretionary expense.

If you'd like to review our annual report, email me at [nelsonnittany@aol.com](mailto:nelsonnittany@aol.com) or download it at [www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org).

## CHAPTER REPORT

### Delta Delta has Largest and Strongest Pledge Class in Years *Chapter Welcomes 16 Men in Fall Candidate Class*

By Eminent Commander Dan Sullivan (ΔΔ1459)

I was truly honored that the brotherhood chose me to inherit this prestigious position from our last EC, **Blake Bonnewell** (ΔΔ1440). Blake was a terrific Eminent Commander and I still have much to learn for him as I begin my presidency. I will also seek advice from my big brother, **Zach Tappe** (ΔΔ 1412), who served as EC during his time here. Aside from elections, the chapter has been very busy. We missed repeating as Homecoming champions by the slimmest of margins, despite a tremendous effort

put forward by many brothers, especially our Homecoming chair **Tyler Newcombe** (ΔΔ1433). Placing second only makes us more determined to win back the crown next year. Our fall candidate class is 16 men strong, one of our largest and strongest in years. They are coming along very well this semester, and we have all tried our best to emphasize academics, goals for their candidacy, and pride in our values. I am ecstatic about the potential they have shown thus far under the direction of our Marshal **Shane Siburkis** (ΔΔ1447).

## NEWS & NOTES

### **Active Chapter Has been Named a "Chapter of Excellence"**

Sigma Nu is one of five fraternities that have been recognized by the University for their outstanding achievements in the areas of leadership, academic achievement, brotherhood, and community and University relations.

Find a link to the full *Collegian* article at [www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org).

Great Job Active Chapter Brothers and Advisors!

### **Volunteer Needed for Marketing**

Our Alumni Chapter is in need of a volunteer to lead our Marketing Program.

The main duties will include working with our Account Rep with Affinity Connection to manage and administer our website and produce our bi-annual newsletters.

This is a great chance to get involved with

our organization. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet and work with our Alumni Brothers while reconnecting them to our Chapter of the Legion of Honor.

Time commitment is roughly 2 hours a month.

Please contact **Doug Kosydar (ΔΔ1249)** at [DD1249@gmail.com](mailto:DD1249@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out or if you have any questions about this opportunity.

## ALUMNI REUNION

### **Class of 1960 Celebrates 50th Reunion in State College**

The Traditional Reunion weekend in early June provided an opportunity for brothers **Bill Cave (ΔΔ 732)**, **David Cotterill (ΔΔ 739)**, **Gary Pauline (ΔΔ 748)**, **Chick Rolling (ΔΔ 738)** and their wives to reconnect after 50 years. Sharing a luncheon at Toftrees, the group reminisced and re-told stories of the 'good old days', as well as bringing each other up to date on family, classmates and current activities. Part of a close-knit brotherhood in the 1960 era, we were reminded of some great times together with only a few of the forgettable variety.

The central link to these memories is Delta Delta of Sigma Nu. For us that time together was special and we retain only the best of that experience, as the luncheon proved--a good time was had by all!!



*Sigma Nu Brothers and their wives from left to right: Bill/Elaine Cave, David/Joan Cotterill, Gary/Jane Pauline and Chick/Joan Rolling.*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### **Love Old Photos?**

So do we! That's why we need your help to build our online photo archives.

Send the best pictures from your era to us at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention Sigma Nu PSU) or mail them to the return address on this newsletter. We'll feature the best submissions in upcoming editions of our monthly eLetter.

**In this photo:** Sigma Nu morale boosters were essential in surviving all 48 hours of the IFC Dance Marathon. *From the 1987 LaVie.*



## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Stewart M. Hickey (ΔΔ 1050)

(R.R. #006, Box 226, Bedford, PA 15522-9204; SHickey@hyndmanhealth.org) I retired from the Marine Corps in 1999 and started at the hospital in 2000 and been in health care ever since. I have three sons in the Marine Corps now, live on my family farm in Bedford and see **Norm Growden (ΔΔ1053)** often as he lives about three miles from me. Take care and keep in touch.

### Anthony Italiano (ΔΔ 1256)

(2 Candlewood Court, Millstone Township, NJ 08510; anthonyitaliano@optonline.net) I'm pleased to announce that my wife, Colleen, has given birth to our second child on 3/28/2010. Evan Jack Italiano weighed in at 7 lbs 11 oz and is enjoying his time at home with his proud parents and his big brother, Matthew.

### Justen Bennett (ΔΔ 1308)

(3170 Overlook Drive, Emmaus, PA 18049; justenbennett@hotmail.com) After graduation, I moved to Albany, NY, and took a job as the manager of a branch office for Labor Ready, Inc, a nationwide temporary labor firm. In early 2001, I decided to leave Labor Ready, and join the US Army, in part for their college loan repayment program. I graduated from Basic Training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma in July, and reported for duty in Bamberg, Germany in August. Within weeks of arriving, the events of 9/11 transpired, and I spent most of the next 4 years deployed around the globe. I spent time in 8 different Countries over that span, either for training or for a mission, including a 7-month deployment to Macedonia/Kosovo and a year-long deployment to Iraq.

I returned to the US in 2007, after almost 6 years abroad. Shortly after my return, I met and began dating my wife, Heather, and I was hired by Dun & Bradstreet to sell Risk Management and Marketing Solutions to small businesses. In 2009, I left D&B to join my wife at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, as a Financial Advisor. We are expecting our first child in July, and we purchased our first home last April in Emmaus, PA. I'm an active member of the Penn State Alumni Society and the Kiwanis Club of Emmaus.

Read more updates and submit your own at [www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org)!

## HOMECOMING 2010

### Recapping the Excitement of Homecoming Celebrations

By Tyler Newcombe (ΔΔ1433)

Homecoming has been an amazing experience for me over the years. Starting out with just building the float freshman year, to pomping and being in airbands for sophomore and junior year, and finally as a senior I was able to be the homecoming chair for our house. I jumped on the chance to lead our house through one of the most fun events of the year because of everything that homecoming means to me and the house as a whole.

Homecoming has become a time of stress, fun, and relationship building. Stress has been put in there because no good things come easy. We, as a whole, put a lot of time and energy into the floats, madhatters, and airbands that we design. The hard work seems to be paying off for us in the end, in the four years I have been here I have seen amazing things come out of our house and the judges are agreeing with me. Homecoming is a great deal of fun for all of us too. Even though there were some extra stressful

days throughout the week we made sure to have fun as well. The events leading up to Homecoming week gave us a chance to meet our partners and discuss what we wanted to do in the upcoming events. The evenings throughout the week gave us time to watch our theme movie (UP) and joke around and relax a bit after a hard day of building, and finally the social aspect of homecoming is

almost unparalleled. Which leads into the relationship side of Homecoming. Over the past two years we have worked with the lovely ladies of Gamma Sigma Sigma, and it is safe to say that we have a great connection with them. Homecoming allowed us to work together for a variety of events. We shared the struggles and the successes throughout the whole process and came together as a result. Having the

alumni brothers and sweethearts return for this event is one of the active brothers favorite parts of fall semester. We get a chance to show all of the hard work we have been doing and we get to meet the people who walked in our shoes before we ever imagined we would.

Being the homecoming chair of Sigma Nu introduced me to so many great people and really showed me what hard work can produce. If I had the chance, I would go back and do it all over again. I wouldn't trade my experiences for the world.





# WORTHY COMMANDER REPORT

## Wanted: Graduate Volunteers to Keep Our Alumni Program Going Strong

By Alumni Worthy Commander Doug Kosydar (ΔΔ 1249)

Our Active Chapter is continuing to grow with their most recent candidate class being 16 members strong. Due to this positive growth in numbers, the recently created Alumni Advisory Board has also continued to recruit new members so as to be able to help our younger Brothers with their studies as well as provide them with the needed leadership qualities and skills to be successful in life following graduation.

The Property Association, which is led by President **Bob “Nellie” Nelson** (ΔΔ916) and Vice President **Ed Sidwell** (ΔΔ879), is continuing to do an outstanding job in managing and protecting our chapter house as we continue to renovate our property with the funds raised from our recent *Building a*

*New Legacy Capital Campaign*. If you have not been back to State College within the past year, I assure you that you will be pleasantly surprised with the look and feel of the first floor of our house when you make your next visit.

Over the past seven years as the Alumni Worthy Commander, I have had the opportunity to meet and observe over 100 young men as they developed and spent time within our Active Chapter. I have also had the pleasure in creating relationships with a great number of our fellow Alumni for which I consider myself to be extremely fortunate and I hope to continue to nurture and expand these connections as time goes on.

It has come to a point in my life where I need to step down as Alumni Commander and hand this opportunity for personal growth off to another Alumni Brother who is looking to continue the positive momentum of our organization. The experiences, memories, and knowledge that I have gained during my time in this position will last with me forever, and I am looking forward to playing an active role within our Alumni Association by continuing to serve on the Alumni Advisory Board and as a Director for the Property Association.

I am hoping that one of you will rise to the challenge and contact me, at 412-303-5620, about this opportunity to lead our Alumni Chapter of The Legion of Honor.

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