

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16
Snakes in the Sand/
Blue White Game

June 11-12
Sigma Nu Delta Delta Golf
Invitational

October 15
Homecoming

Find full details at
www.sigmanu-psu.org.

ALUMNI NEWS

Richards Civil War Era Center Succeeds in NEH Challenge Grant

Congratulations to Brother **George Richards ΔΔ625** and his wife Ann for their efforts with the Civil War Era Center as "Penn State's College of the Liberal Arts and the George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center have exceeded an ambitious fundraising goal of \$3 million."

More information on this great accomplishment can be read via the link in the News section at www.sigmanu-psu.org.

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your news and updates at***
[www.sigmanu-psu.org!](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org)

CHAPTER ETERNAL

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

William Yoder (ΔΔ0402)
Kendall Wagner (ΔΔ0571)

Delta Delta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.



March 2011 Sigma Nu Fraternity at The Pennsylvania State University — State College, Pa.

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PROPERTY ASSOCIATION REPORT

An Update on Needed Repairs at the Delta Delta House

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

Although no decisions on future capital projects have been made, we're beginning to scope several long-needed repairs.

The tile floor in the basement is in very bad condition. The existing floor tile contains asbestos causing its removal to be expensive. Our contractor's scoping estimate for this project is \$11,000.

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We had been experiencing significant water leakage through the foundation at the base of the front stairwell. The leak appears to have been caused by the front gutter dumping water on the front walk, mulch bed, and along the foundation. This became evident when we observed a major downpour. We fixed the gutter and have repaired the masonry wall. Time will tell if this repair is permanent. We will ensure that our contractor cleans the gutter several times each year.

The main bathrooms are showing their age. Only minor repairs and upgrades have been made since reconstruction over 40 years ago. Needed renovations include new toilet stalls; new sinks & counters; new mirrors; and improved ventilation and humidity control. Some tile repairs are needed as are new doors. Because of the overall cost, we need to

prioritize these renovations.

Our 40+ year old windows are aging as well. Many leak and none are insulated

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On March 23rd, Brother **Bud Bilanich (ΔΔ926)** will speak to our chapter on "What You Won't Learn About Career and Life Success at Penn State." Bud has spent his entire working life in the people development field – the first 15 years as a trainer for some very large US companies and the last 20 as a success coach, motivational speaker, author and blogger. He's built a million dollar business from scratch. He's written five books on personal success and four on how to run a successful business. He holds an EdD from Harvard, a Master's Degree from the University of Colorado, and a BS from Penn State. You can learn more about Bud at www.budbilanich.com.

If you have any questions regarding the Property Association or if you want a copy of our annual report, please send an e-mail to nelsonnittany@aol.com. The annual report is also available on our web site, www.sigmanu-psu.org.

CHAPTER NEWS

Grilled Cheese for Cheese Sets Record in 2011, Raises \$1,200+

By Adam Gregory Petriella (ΔΔ 1463) and Darren Arthur Crisman (ΔΔ 1475)

Four years ago this spring, the Delta Delta Chapter lost one of its own. **Michael "Cheese" Delo (ΔΔ 1394)** entered chapter eternal on May 29th, 2007, cutting his life, college career and term as Eminent Commander tragically short.

Our brothers have since started an annual philanthropy named "Grilled Cheese for Cheese." Although the event was not held in 2010, we partnered with the ladies of Sigma Alpha Sorority to raise a record total for the

Michael James Delo Memorial Scholarship in 2011.

This year's event took place January 26th at the Sigma Nu house. Grilled cheese and soup were served for \$2 each, with an "all you can eat" special for \$6. Over the course of the day, people from all over campus came in and warmed up with some tomato soup and grilled cheese, and donated to a good cause.

At the end of the day, more than \$1,200 was raised for the Michael James Delo

Scholarship. In the four years that this philanthropy has been run, this is the most money made for Cheese.

The brothers of Sigma Nu would like to thank Sigma Alpha for their extraordinary help in their efforts toward this event. We consider it an honor to help out a fallen brother and are ecstatic that we could still keep this event running.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Delta Delta Loses another American Elm Tree

By Edwin Sidwell (ΔΔ 0879)

Doug Kosydar has previously reported that on December 20th we lost another one of the American Elm trees on our Delta

Delta property. A plant disease clinic report confirmed the presence of dutch elm disease, the disease that has resulted in the removal of many of the old elms we so much enjoyed when walking around campus during our days at Penn State.

Since the tree was in dormant stage, winter was the best time to remove it. If they waited until spring, it could have spread contagion to other nearby elms. At the same time, Penn State removed one in our neighborhood in front of Dike Building. No cure for Dutch Elm Disease has been found yet and it is expected that we will

eventually lose all the elms on campus.

A month later, Penn State brought in a stump grinder and removed the most recent stump, but graciously agreed to remove the two older stumps that were on the border of our parking lot and the road running behind our fraternity. We estimate this will free up a couple more parking spaces and possibly another space on the northwest corner of the lot where the elm was removed for a smaller car. We will need to pave these stump removal areas during the summer. With the elm being on the line between University land and Penn State, there was no cost for the removal. Yes, we have plenty of photos to document this sad event. See more pictures in the photo albums at www.sigmanu-psu.org.



ON THE WEB

Send Us Your Email Address!

By updating your email address with Sigma Nu, you'll get much more than just our monthly eLetter communications.

Other benefits include:

- You'll be reminded when we're about to publish a newsletter, so you can submit your news, photos and stories
- Your email address will be available to other alumni in our (password protected) online directory
- You'll help the alumni association save money on paper, printing and postage (and be utilized for other things!)
- You'll be the first to know of the latest news, updates and event details from the alumni and active chapters

As a reminder, our database is used solely for Delta Delta communications. Update your email address online at www.sigmanu-psu.org, or send it to feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention Sigma Nu at PSU).

ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

Bob Leyburn '52 (ΔΔ 0597)

(Lime Spring Farm, 115 Maple Ave., Asbury, NJ 08802; bob2lint@yahoo.com) I regularly have lunch with Brothers Tom Rice, Ralph DaLucia, Jack Fraser, Dave Girard, Bill Anderson, Bill Humphries. I also see others like Mike Kirshner and Fred Bigony once a year at a "Snakes" reunion on a football weekend.

'60s

Carl Olson '64 (ΔΔ 0852)

(438 Edgewood Dr., Meadville, PA 16335; colson@allegheny.edu) I have many fond memories of the years living in the Sigma Nu house. The one memory that stands out most dramatically is the fire and the lost of life of a lovely person. On the personal front, my 14th book was published by Routledge Publishing

in London entitled RELIGIOUS STUDIES: THE KEY CONCEPTS in the fall. My 15th book has been accepted for publication later this year on the topic of religious themes in rock music.

'70s

David J. Grabelski '72 (ΔΔ 0930)

(3820 Pennsylvania Avenue, Erie, PA 16504; dgrabelski@meryhurst.edu) This is my third career. The first was with the Los Angeles Police Department. I retired in 1993 as a senior detective assigned to Homicide. I now teach law enforcement intelligence and crime analysis.

'90s

Jerry Miletics '97 (ΔΔ 1286)

(2355 Dewey Ave., Northampton, PA 18067; airjer1286@yahoo.com) Hey all! It has been

way too long. I received an email today from Sigma Nu and decided not to delete it like I usually do. I'm glad I checked out the web site, it could be an excellent way to keep it touch. Unfortunately, it looks like people aren't using it as much as they should. *[Editor's Note: So get on it! Log on to the site today to submit your news for the next publication.]* As for me, I now have three kids: Trey, Ava and Grady. They are ages 6, 4, and 2. I still live in the Lehigh Valley with my wife Heather. I am a divisional VP at AXA Advisors with over 1,000 clients. I manage a team of 8 financial planners and I am currently looking to add more. I actually get back to State College frequently as a football season ticket holder and for various other events. I haven't been to the house in quite some time but it seems to be doing well. It has been 13 years since I graduated, but it seems like yesterday. I miss the good times spent at Sigma Nu and would love to hear how everyone else is doing. Drop a line as I plan on checking the site more often in the future.

See You at the 2011 Sigma Nu Delta Delta Golf Invitational

Registration Deadline is May 1, 2011

Where: Penn State White Course

When: June 11, 2011

Cost: \$125 per brother

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

Lunch will be served at the clubhouse at 11:30am and tee times start at 12:30pm

\$125 cost includes greens fees with cart, lunch, prizes, dinner at a local establishment and a small donation to an Active Chapter scholarship fund.

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

Please make your \$125 check payable to **Delta Delta Alumni Chapter of Sigma Nu**.
RSVP deadline is May 1, 2011.

2011 Sigma Nu Delta Delta Golf Invitational RSVP Form

Name: _____ Grad Year: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Pair me with: _____

**Mail this form and your check to:
Doug Kosydar, 134 Danube Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15209**

To book your Room at the Days Inn for \$92 a night (we have 10 rooms reserved), please call 1-800-258-3297 and use the following Group Code: CGSNUG.

The Rooms at the Days Inn will be held until 05/10/2011

ALUMNI REPORT

Thanking Those Who Have Helped Achieve Delta Delta's High Standing

"To believe in the life of love, to walk in the way of honor, to serve in the light of truth – this is the life, the way, and the light of Sigma Nu - - - this is the creed of our Fraternity"

Over the past seven years that I have been serving as the Alumni Worthy Commander for the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Nu, there have been a number of brothers that have lead our chapter to its current high standing with the University and our National organization. These active chapter members and alumni volunteers have chosen to truly live by our Creed and have been a positive influence for our Brotherhood, their families and respective communities.

These brothers, listed in order of initiation number, have truly inspired and motivated me with their actions and desire to see our chapter succeed: **Bob Leyburn (ΔΔ597)**, **Jim MacLaughlin (ΔΔ714)**, **Jim Shincovich (ΔΔ860)**,

John O'Donnell (ΔΔ869), **Ed Sidwell (ΔΔ879)**, **Bob "Nellie" Nelson (ΔΔ916)**, **Ernie Russom (ΔΔ1014)**, **Dan Shoffner (ΔΔ1035)**, **Jon "JT" Thompson (ΔΔ1135)**, **Steve Rodrigo (ΔΔ1160)**, **Mike Sweeney (ΔΔ1220)**, **Brandon Peterson (ΔΔ1306)**, **Andy Hackett (ΔΔ1361)**, **Michael Delo (ΔΔ1394)** and **Mark Mixon (ΔΔ1446)**. Thank you all for your sacrifices and dedication to better our great Fraternity.

As our chapter continues to develop young men into tomorrow's leaders, the Alumni Advisory Board, which is chaired by Brother **Brandon Peterson ΔΔ1306**, is seeking additional Alumni volunteers who would like to become more involved with our chapter. By serving on this Board, you will have the chance to continue to build strong bonds within our Fraternity as well as mentor our younger Brothers to give them the needed edge to be successful in life after graduation.

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To learn more about this opportunity to help our active chapter brothers, please contact Brandon at bizzeb1306@gmail.com or me at DD1249@gmail.com.

I Love and Respect All of My Brothers,

Doug Kosydar (ΔΔ1249)
Alumni Worthy Commander

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