

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Work Day

April 14
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Blue-White Weekend

April 20-22

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

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PROPERTY ASSOCIATION REPORT

Improvements Continue at Delta Delta

Chapter House Benefits from New Piano, "Greek Eats", and More

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

Improvements continue on the first floor of the Chapter House. After an assessment of the condition of the baby grand piano by a professional restorer, it was determined that the piano was beyond repair. Brother **David A. Miller '86** (ΔΔ1103) contributed a new electric piano (Casio AP620) which is located in the Chapter/Living

Room. Responding to a solicitation from the Collegiate Chapter, Brother Miller also donated a pool table for the library.

Modest improvements to the kitchen were also made. After over a decade, in-house meals returned to the Chapter House in the fall. After looking into several alternatives, the Chapter selected Harrison's Wine Grill and Catering (the restaurant at the Hilton Garden Inn), through its "Greek Eats" program, to provide a catered meal plan serving lunch Monday through Friday and dinner Monday through Thursday. All meals are served buffet style. The Chapter also provides a daily self-serve cold breakfast. The Property Association purchased a new freezer, refrigerator, food warming trays, and additional dining room chairs to support the meal operation. Brotherhood bonding has reported to have increased significantly, largely as a result of this change.

Responding to incidents of squirrels in the attic, the soffit and fascia were inspected



The new pool table in the library.

and found to be in poor condition. A complete replacement was conducted over the summer. This unanticipated repair delayed work on the second and third floor windows. As noted in my last report, many leak (water and air) and none are insulated. I plan to obtain bids and consult with the Board of Directors concerning their

replacement.

The Association's planned activities for the remainder of the year include our annual Budgeting and Planning Meeting with the Collegiate Chapter on January 28, an active-alumni work day at the Chapter House on April 14, and a buffet-style dinner following the Blue/White game on April 21.

On a personal note, I plan to retire from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on April 30, 2012. Becky and I will finish relocating to our new home in The Village at Penn State as soon as our Virginia home is sold. I plan to become more involved with the Chapter as a local resident, providing assistance to **Ed Sidwell '58** (ΔΔ 0879) and undertaking some projects on my own.

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.

ALUMNI NEWS

Delta Delta Brother Named Among Sigma Nu's Alpha Chapter Affiliates

Congratulations to **Mark Mixon Jr. '11** (DD 1446) for being named an Alpha Chapter Affiliate for the current academic year. The Fraternity salutes those rare and uncommon Knights who exemplify eminence in their daily lives as expressed by the creed of Sigma Nu, who demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ideals of the Legion of Honor, and whose pattern of performance on behalf of their Chapter, and the General Fraternity, are a worthy example or model for others to follow.

Mark writes, "Being named an Alpha Affiliate is as much an award for the chapter as

it is for me. My experiences in Sigma Nu have been shaped and inspired by brothers in the house like **Pat Thompson, Zach Tappe** and **Kiki Cohen**, and alumni brothers including **Ed Sidwell, Bob Nelson, Doug Kosydar, Andy Hackett** and **Brandon Peterson**. It is from these Knights that I learned how to believe, to walk, and to serve, and to these Knights that I am forever indebted. Being a member in Sigma Nu has thus far been the greatest experience of my life and continues to influence me every day. The award itself should serve as a sign to the alumni that the chapter

is strong and growing but that it cannot do so without the investment of your time, energy and attention. It should serve as a reminder to the undergraduates that excellence is within reach--but only through diligent dedication to the values of Love, Honor, and Truth that we hold so dear. Thank you for all that you have given to the chapter and given to me. I am truly honored to be a Knight of the Legion of Honor and a member of the Delta Delta Chapter."

You can write to Mark at mim5042@psu.edu.

CHAPTER REPORT

Delta Delta Raises Money for Leukemia Research and THON

We initiated two new brothers in the spring, **George Bonnewell** and **Charles Jelicks**. Although two is a low number, they are both extremely good additions to the house for us. This semester we have a total of 11 candidates. We had hoped for more candidates, but we are going to continue recruiting during the fall semester and hopefully get a larger spring class.

Last semester, we participated in two major philanthropies. The most significant one was Grilled Cheese for Cheese, which raised money to support leukemia research. The philanthropy was started initially since



a Brother **Mike Delo** ($\Delta\Delta$ 1394) died of leukemia, and it keeps him in our hearts while helping cancer research. The other one was

a tug of war philanthropy that supported Agriculture in the Classroom. We did both of these with the Sigma Alpha sorority.

Moving forward, we are going to work on establishing excellence in everything we do. We are participating in most IM sports and are hoping to be competitive in Greek Sing. We have already gone on one canning trip, raising about \$2,500, and we are hoping to raise more on the other three canning trips. We also hope to establish even more connections in the Greek community, while also strengthening the ones that we already have.

HOMECOMING 2011

Proud to Be an American

Homecoming 2011, "Proud to Be an American," was a tremendous success this year in Happy Valley. The Active Chapter brothers partnered with the women of Phi Sigma Rho, and the two groups worked many hours to create an awesome float – 3rd place, mad hatter – 2nd place, and banner that were proudly on display at the Chapter house for everyone to enjoy.

Following the Homecoming victory over Purdue at Beaver Stadium, a pre-dinner reception was very well attended by Active Chapter brothers, members of the Phi Sigma Rho Sorority and Alumni. This was the perfect opportunity to talk with the Active Chapter as well as meet some of our new



Candidates in a relaxed social atmosphere. This group of Brothers and Candidates are very impressive and they have a lot to offer our Chapter.

The following Brothers each significantly contributed to this year's event in helping to plan and coordinate the activities: Active Chapter Commander **Chris O'Sullivan** ($\Delta\Delta$ 1464), Homecoming Chairman **Denzel Middleton** ($\Delta\Delta$ 1486), Alumni Relations Officer **Juan Vargas** ($\Delta\Delta$ 1444), Caterer **Adam Petriella** ($\Delta\Delta$ 1463), Alumni Homecoming Chairman **Jon Stavinski '06** ($\Delta\Delta$ 1382) and Alumni Photographer **Ed Sidwell '58** ($\Delta\Delta$ 879).

Be sure to log into our website at www.sigmanu-psu.org to view the photos from this year's celebration as well as to find additional information regarding our Chapter.

HOUSE NEWS

New Home for Pandora

A bit of history happened at Sigma Nu this May regarding our mascot. Thanks to the hard work of Active Chapter Brother **Juan Vargas** (ΔΔ1444), Pandora, our Albino Burmese Python, has departed for a perfect new home with Marty Bowan, owner of Serpents and Claws in Lewistown, Pa.

Marty and Pandora immediately took to one another, and Marty was impressed at how well Pandora had been cared for. For those who have discussed Pandora's sex, she definitely is female.

In our most recent update from Marty

he sent the following message: "I kept her and am currently doing demos with her and possible breeding in the fall/winter if all goes well. My kids absolutely fell in love with her and so did I! So she will be with me for a long time to come."

It is great to see that Pandora has found a caring home to live out her remaining years on this earth.

To contact Marty for additional updates please feel free to visit his website at www.serpentsandclaws.com.



IN THE WORDS OF OUR BROTHERS

What is Your Fondest Sigma Nu Memory?

"Being part of the history that changed the face of the fraternity."

- **William Gezik '90**

"Being part of something bigger than myself and making a difference on campus. The close ties that I formed with my brothers and always feeling like I have a home on campus."

- **Kevin Smith '02**

"Camaraderie and brotherhood. I was there during the fire, and will always remember how the chapter worked together."

- **Sidney Hirshberg '66**

"Meeting my wife."

- **Russell Wright '67**

"Social bonding with my classmates."

- **John Bott '59**

"The friendship and camaraderie. I still am in at least weekly contact with 5-6 of my classmate brothers 40+ years after graduation."

- **William Knepper '70**

Share YOUR fondest memories on the message board at www.sigmanu-psu.org.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

We love coming across great old photos from our chapter's history! See many more archived Delta Delta photos online at www.sigmanu-psu.org. You can also upload photos to your personal album on our site, or email your submissions to our editor at content@affinityconnection.com.

In this photo: Sigma Nu brothers in 1957, with Mrs. Steelman. *From the La Vie.*



ALUMNI WORTHY COMMANDER REPORT

When Was Your Last Trip to the House?

Calling Alumni to Come Back and Influence Our Leaders of Tomorrow

By Doug Kosydar '94 (ΔΔ1249), Alumni Worthy Commander

It was great to be "Back Home" in State College for Homecoming as I had not been back to the chapter house since our annual Blue White weekend event in April of this year. That was only six months ago, but it felt longer than that. Can you remember the last time you were at the chapter house for one of our scheduled events?

If you are having a hard time recalling the last event you attended or if it has been longer than five years, what has prevented you from making the trip back to the place that gave you so much? I know a lot of Brothers have relocated out of state and have started families, but we have such an awesome property in State College that this destination should be on all of our lists to visit at least once every couple of years.

When I meet an Alumni Brother who hasn't been back for an extended period of time, I usually ask them why that is. A common statement is "Well, things have changed so much with the Chapter since I was an Active Brother".

It can be intimidating going back to a place where you once lived and ruled the world for four years, and now other young men are doing the same during their time living in the chapter house. Heck, I still get butterflies when I visit the house and I have been making the trip back from Pittsburgh at least five times a year for the past fifteen years.

This Homecoming visit felt extra special to me. Maybe it was the fact that the chapter house was very clean and the first floor has been renovated. Or was it the fact that the

Active Chapter made a sincere effort to look their best and talk with Alumni? I think the thing that had the biggest effect was that I realized that as an Alumni Member we have the ability to positively influence the young men of our Active Chapter. We can teach accountability and facilitate their growth as leaders of tomorrow.

We have a very smart and diverse group of young men living in our chapter house, as per their incredible overall GPA of 3.27 which ranks them 8th out of 46 IFC chapters. They do not discriminate when it comes to race or ethnicity but simply want the best men to join our ranks in the Legion of Honor. Our Brothers are working on holding each other accountable and it shows by their pride when you talk to them.

Sigma Nu's 2011 Homecoming float. Read the article on page 2 to find out how we placed this year!



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