

## HOMECOMING

### Sigma Nu Results

<b>Overall:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Place: Sigma Nu & Phi Sigma Rho
<b>Float:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
<b>Madhatter:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
<b>T-Shirt:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
<b>Talent Show:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place, 5 <sup>th</sup> Overall

## SOCIAL NETWORK

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Just search "Sigma Nu Delta Delta." Don't hesitate to upload pictures or leave comments about your days as an undergraduate member of Sigma Nu.



## ON THE WEB

Stay connected with Delta Delta throughout the year via our chapter web site! Bookmark [www.sigmanupennstate.org](http://www.sigmanupennstate.org) to stay informed on the latest chapter news, events and activities.

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

We recently learned of the passing of the following brothers:

**John Smidansky '51**  
**Dr. Richard Crawford '51**  
**William Schwartz Jr. '63**  
**John Sunder '90**

As well as the loss of Elaine Bain, wife of **Don Bain '66**, who was instrumental in the chapter for many years.

Our sympathies go out to their families and friends.

# The Delta Delta



November 2012 Sigma Nu Fraternity at The Pennsylvania State University — State College, Pa.

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## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### Renovation Realities Hit Home...In a Good Way!

By Robert A. "Nellie" Nelson '72, ΔΔ 916, President

Thanks to alumni donations to the *Building a New Legacy* capital campaign, we've made some substantial improvements to the Chapter house in the past year.

First, we replaced the tile floor in the basement from the door to the north party room south through the south party room. This project included removing tile containing asbestos, repairing the underlying concrete floor, and installing new tile and baseboard.

In July 2012, the Board of Directors approved the replacement of the windows on the second and third floors, including 44 windows, at a total cost of approximately \$29,000. The window installation started on September 24 and was completed in about two weeks. The new windows are vinyl and double-hung.

The Board also approved a new kitchen stove at a cost of approximately \$4,500. The stove has also been installed with six burners, two ovens, and a 24-inch griddle. Other kitchen improvements included a new upright freezer, refrigerator, toaster, microwave oven, and three food-warming trays. In addition, **Brother Sidwell** found a commercial double-door used refrigerator from the defunct Phi-Delt house for \$500. (We couldn't pass on that deal.)

The Hobart dishwasher installed when the house was rebuilt needs some extensive repairs, but because the brothers have chosen to return to meals in the dorm, we have decided not to repair or replace it at this time. With this exception, the kitchen has been fully refurbished. We plan to take advantage of these kitchen improvements by holding dinners for local brothers, including alums.

Other substantive repairs this year, funded by our operating

budget, included:

- roof and gutters
- south library door
- grout in the third floor shower
- living room furnishings
- ventilation fans in the main bathrooms

The Association's planned activities for the remainder of the year include our annual Budgeting and Planning Meeting with the Collegiate Chapter on January 26, an active-alumni work day at the Chapter House on April 13, and a buffet-style dinner following the Blue-White game on April 20.

On a personal note, I retired from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on April 30. We closed on the sale of our Virginia home on May 8, and moved the same day to our new home in The Village at Penn State. I've become more involved with the Chapter as a local resident, providing assistance to **Ed Sidwell** and undertaking some projects on my own. Hopefully, as a local, I can provide more timely assistance to the Chapter and assist Ed with Chapter house improvements.

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](mailto:nelsonnittany@aol.com). The annual report is also available on our web site,

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



## ACTIVE CHAPTER REPORT

### **Delta Delta's New Attitude: Excellence: Earn It! Risk Reduction, Recruitment, and THON are Top Priorities**

*By Jonathon Vinas, Eminent Commander, Delta Delta of Sigma Nu*

Over the past few months, I have had the privilege of serving as the Eminent Commander for the Delta Delta chapter. The Active Chapter (AC) has been working diligently in numerous areas to ensure the continued success and growth of our chapter. The main areas of focus have been risk reduction, recruitment, and THON.

The executive board has become much more efficient after working together with Alumni and National to revise and improve our risk reduction policy. Each officer in the house has become much more active in their position that the house now runs itself rather

than just a small group of brothers.

In the area of recruitment, the AC members all stepped up in a full-on push to recruit high-caliber men. There is no room for mediocrity, and the brothers made sure of that during this fall's recruitment efforts.

THON has taken a much larger role this year with our new THON family, the Noltzes. Canning is in full force as well as brotherhood involvement. I look forward to closing out my term in November with the house operating at its highest level. This year is all about our new vision statement: Excellence: Earn It.



*THON canning efforts to have greater emphasis this year.*

## RUSH REPORT

### **Strong Recruitment Skills Leads to Record-Breaking Results 28 New Associates Have Joined the Ranks of Top Penn State Fraternity**

*By Michael Paradise, vice president of recruitment*



From the summer through the fall, our recruitment process went much more smoothly. Our brothers made every effort to schedule rushes during both the events themselves as well as on days without rush events. We also practiced our "closing" skills.

We did a wonderful job on sitting down

with candidates throughout the small period of time in between bid extension and bid acceptance. Overall, our whole brotherhood participated to make this year's rush a success. We were very excited and honored to have assembled the biggest pledge class in Sigma Nu history at Penn State.

## COMMANDER'S UPDATE

### **Hopes for the Future**

*By Doug Kosydar, Alumni Worthy Commander*

CHANGE. A lot of this has occurred over the past several months in Happy Valley. People have rushed to judge and most outside the Penn State family, and some inside, have lost faith in the institution that is The Pennsylvania State University. Dramatic changes like these often cause one to pause and reevaluate how we are living our own lives. It made me stop and think, "Am I doing the right things in life? Am I living by the Creed of our fraternity as well

as by the values that my family taught me?"

As an organization, these changes have caused us to review our internal policies and procedures as well as our current Risk Reduction Implementation Plan to make sure that we are able to help the Active Chapter make the right choices and represent our Chapter of Sigma Nu. We as alumni need to educate and lead our Active Chapter Brothers to choose to do the honorable and right things in all aspects of life.

The words of Joe Paterno, from November 9, 2011, "With the benefit of hindsight, I wish I would have done more" will forever stay with me. I hope that none of us ever find ourselves in a position to say the same thing.

I encourage each of you to volunteer some of your time to reconnect to our Chapter, and if this is not possible please consider giving back financially so that we can continue to help our Chapter stay connected.