

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Blue-White Weekend 2015 April 17-19

Make plans now to join us on Saturday, April 18, for a buffet dinner following the annual Blue-White game.

Be sure to watch for our monthly eLetters, our spring printed newsletter and our website, [www.sigmanupennstate.org](http://www.sigmanupennstate.org), for more details as Blue-White Weekend 2015 takes shape.

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# The Delta Delta



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## ALUMNI REPORT

### Life Is Short, and Time Is Precious

#### Make the Most of Your Delta Delta Relationships

By Doug Kosydar ΔΔ1249, Outgoing Worthy Commander



On behalf of the Alumni Association, I would like to thank Brothers **Bob Nelson ΔΔ916** and **Ed Sidwell ΔΔ879** for their tireless work in volunteering their time to manage our property and keep our organization strong.

It gave me great pleasure to see that Brother Nelson was given the honor of being recognized by Sigma Nu National as Sigma Nu's House Corporation Officer of the Year. Brother Sidwell also received this honor in 2008. Please join me in congratulating them for their actions of going above and beyond what is expected of them.

I would also like to thank Brother **Jim Wyland ΔΔ1273** for taking on the responsibility of serving as chairman of our Alumni Advisory Board. Since moving back to State College, Jim has been very active working with the active chapter and attends a lot of events at the house on behalf of the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association has continued to work with Affinity Connection as our communications group; we were able to increase our donations by approximately \$3,000 dollars over the prior giving year. Thanks to the number of brothers who donated, which rose to 82 from 56 the previous year. We should be on track to realize a small net income.

Over the past decade, while serving as the alumni worthy commander, I have grown in various ways and have created numerous bonds with brothers from the 1940s through the current active chapter. I will forever hold this

dear. However, since moving to New Orleans last summer, I have become less active within our organization, and this is something that I truly miss.

Thus, it has come time for me to step down as the alumni worthy commander of our organization. Please join me in welcoming Brother **Tyler Newcombe ΔΔ1433**, our new worthy commander. I am confident that Tyler will serve in the light of truth, lead by example and continue to strengthen our chapter with the help of his fellow alumni. Read more about Tyler on page 3.

Over the past couple of years, we have lost multiple brothers whom I had learned from and had grown close to; they will truly be missed by their families and our brotherhood. That being said, I would challenge each of you to reach out to a brother from a previous decade, a brother that joined after you and a member of the active chapter. Make a connection. You never know where that bond may lead you. Remember: life is short, time is precious and these relationships are priceless.

I will continue to stay active with our Alumni Association as the lieutenant commander. Thank you again for giving me this opportunity to grow and give back to our organization over the past decade. I love and respect all of my brothers.

### Want to Give Us a Piece of Your Mind?

Are there times when you wish someone would ask you what you think? Well, now is your chance. We are conducting a survey so you can tell us what you want as a fraternity man from Sigma Nu Penn State. To take the survey, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KWX7MJL>.

## PROPERTY ASSOCIATION UPDATE

### A Few House Updates from Sigma Nu's House Corp. Officer of the Year

By Robert A. (Nellie) Nelson, ΔΔ916, President, Delta Delta Property Association

I'm very pleased to report the installation of a stained glass transom window above the front door. The window was donated by the Class of 1959 in memory of Brothers **Rox Carl ΔΔ712**, **John Sterrett ΔΔ718**, **John Solomon ΔΔ719**, **John Dunn ΔΔ720** and **Richard Rost ΔΔ722**, all of whom have entered the Chapter Eternal. We are planning to install a plaque in the foyer to honor individual memorial donations. If you'd like more information on how to make a memorial gift, please contact me at [nelsonnittany@aol.com](mailto:nelsonnittany@aol.com).

The association's plans for this year include the removal of our two large remaining elm trees and several smaller ones (all are diseased), encasing the currently exposed basement sprinkler system piping and selected masonry repairs. During the early fall, we removed the old and inoperable walk-in cooler from the pantry, thereby significantly increasing the storage space in that room.

Finally, I thank the collegiate chapter for nominating me as Sigma Nu's House Corporation Officer of the Year. I received the

award in July at the Grand Chapter Honors Lunch in Nashville. It is a great honor to receive this award and to join 2008 award winner Brother **Ed Sidwell ΔΔ879** as a recipient.

For a full report of the Property Association's activities last year, please look for the link in this article which is posted on our website, [www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org). Or go to [https://sigmanu-psu.2stayconnected.com/pdf/annualreport\\_1314.pdf](https://sigmanu-psu.2stayconnected.com/pdf/annualreport_1314.pdf).

## CHAPTER UPDATE

### Actives Are Busy Making It Great Again

*From Academics to Rush and Beyond, Our Undergraduates Have Good News to Share*

Our undergraduates began the fall 2014 semester on the heels of the 65th Annual Grand Chapter which was held in Nashville, Tenn., over the weekend of July 16-20. During this week, our undergraduate brothers were recognized by national with two awards: 2014 Manpower Award (given to chapters who have achieved a manpower of above 80 men) and the 2014 25% Increase in Manpower Award (given to the chapters who have achieved a 25% increase in manpower from the previous year).



Undergraduate officers Cary Koenig, Matt Barnes and Ronak Patel enjoy their award-winning week at Grand Chapter this summer.

And the trend continues through the chapter's focus on scholarship, recruitment, philanthropy and campus participation.

#### Academic Standing

Congratulations to Delta Delta for being recognized as a chapter in "Good Academic Standard" based on guidelines issued during Grand Chapter. The chapter currently holds a 3.14 chapter GPA. Go to our website, [www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org), for a letter outlining Sigma Nu's national policy on academic performance.

#### THON 2015

During the weekend of October 18-19, our Delta Delta brothers were participating in their first canning weekend for THON 2015. This year's theme is "Empower the Dreamers," and the chapter will be dancing for THON child, Garrett Shover. Watch for future communications on how you can make a contribution to the largest student-run philanthropy in the nation.

#### Greek Sing

The chapter, along with Phi Mu and Phi Kappa Sigma, are getting an early start on preparations for the December 4 Greek Sing. In recent years, our actives have looked great in this annual show that provides great entertainment by very talented students. This year's



Chapters prepare for December's Greek Sing competition.

Sigma Nu Greek Sing chairmen are Cam Sabatini and Ryan Kramer, and the theme is "Cinderella." The show begins at 7:00 p.m. at Eisenhower Auditorium.

#### Fall Rush

Following a successful Zone Day and fall recruitment season, our undergraduates welcomed 17 new candidates into the chapter. Look for more information on this candidate class in our coming communications.



Chapter welcomes 17-member fall candidate class.

## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Ever Wondered Who's Behind All Those Heinz Products? Here's Your Guy!

#### Meet New Worthy Commander, Tyler Newcombe ΔΔ1433

A 2011 food science graduate and product developer from Glendora, Calif., Brother **Tyler Newcombe ΔΔ1433** is now head of our Alumni Association as worthy commander. As he embarks on this new responsibility, he does so with one theme in mind — a quote passed on to him from another Sigma Nu brother: “Leave the house better than when it found you.” We caught up with Tyler to learn a little bit more about him, his career and his goals for the brotherhood.



success. As I graduated and assumed my role at Heinz, I realized my time as LEAD chairman helped me understand how to speak to different groups of people to achieve a common goal.

#### **Who were your best friends during your time at the house? Do you stay in touch?**

Best friends is hard; we were a family. I lived with **Michael Cline ΔΔ1434** my first year in house, and we've been close ever since. I had the pleasure of being one of his groomsmen two years ago. **Jon Vinas ΔΔ1473** and **Chris Allunario ΔΔ1470** are two other brothers I have kept in close contact with. Both are off to a great start in their postgrad careers.

#### **Working for a highly respected company like H. J. Heinz must be fascinating work. Tell us about your job. How did Sigma Nu prepare you for this?**

While in school I had two internships with H. J. Heinz, divided by a study abroad program. Here, I work in the Research and Development group, creating new products for the marketplace. Throughout my time here, I have had several great opportunities. I developed frozen soups for back-of-house applications. I moved to Santa Monica, Calif., to develop condiments and sauces for our major national accounts. I currently work with our frozen CP snacks team and am the lead developer for our Bagel Bites and Nancy's products. Sigma Nu helped me to manage several tasks at one time. We were always planning events like Homecoming while working with new candidate classes and preparing for classes.

Time management became a key aspect of life, and the house helped hone my skills.

#### **What are your goals as the new worthy commander? Any words to alumni about what you want to accomplish?**

In the role of worthy commander, my goal is to strengthen the relationship between actives and alumni. I enjoy networking with people, and I think we can create a strong network within our brotherhood. We have people all over the world ... we just need to work on making ourselves known to one another. I want actives to welcome alumni back to the house like I once did, and I want alumni to plan trips to come back to house. Something that was such a large part of our lives shouldn't just vanish after graduation. Both actives and alum can learn from one another, and I want to foster that relationship.

#### **What was the determining factor in deciding to pledge Sigma Nu?**

It was an eclectic group of guys. I knew I would be able to learn a lot from the brothers. They were welcoming and honest with me from the start. I knew I wanted to be Greek like my father, but I had to find my own niche ... Sigma Nu wasn't just an activity for me; it was my family.

#### **You indicated that you were LEAD chairman during your time at the house? Tell us about that and how that prepared you for life after graduation.**

During my time in the house I held many positions. Initially, I was asked to be LEAD chairman. In this capacity, I was challenged to educate both the new candidate classes and the active brothers. I gained much of my confidence from this role; public speaking and proper planning of events were crucial to my

#### **You mentioned that you have a few words for Outgoing Worthy Commander Doug Kosydar ΔΔ1249.**

First off, thank you, Doug, for approaching me about this role. I'm extremely honored and excited to be in a position to influence both the active chapter and the alumni chapter. By putting our heads together, I think we will be able to revive a relationship and become a strong support structure for the actives and alumni alike. You were one of the first alums that I met — all the way back when I was a candidate, and we have been working together ever since. Your love for the house and the brotherhood is clearly seen by all those who know you or who have even heard of you. I am excited to continue to work with you and have always been proud to call you my brother. Thank you.

### What's Your Story?

It happens to all of us. We get so close to our own lives that we don't really see what others might find interesting. Whether you ran a marathon this last year, welcomed your first child (or grandchild), traveled the world or met up with a few brothers for a PSU football game, we want to know it. Now is your chance tell us your story! Or let us tell it for you. Email our alumni relations partners at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com). Be sure to reference Sigma Nu at Penn State. Let's start making our own headlines! And don't forget to update your contact information so we can be sure you are getting our emails and printed publications. Email us at [updatedemyinfo@affinityconnection.com](mailto:updatedemyinfo@affinityconnection.com) with your current mailing and email addresses.



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## **HOMECOMING 2014**

### **Game Outcome Does Not Squelch Delta Delta Celebration**

It was a hard-fought battle by the Nittany Lions on Saturday, Sept. 27. And while the Northwestern Wildcats stole Penn State's Homecoming football victory, our Delta Delta brothers were not about to let a loss spoil the opportunity to return to the chapter house and reconnect with fellow brothers.

Bringing brothers back to house along with their families has always been an important aspect of brotherhood. And in keeping with this year's PSU Homecoming theme, "Honor the Purpose, Carry the Pride," alumni and their families returned to the house following the

game for a BYOB cocktail hour and dinner. Our brotherhood dinner was served by the house chef. Many actives commented how much they enjoyed having a house chef to bring them together for meals.

Following the dinner, 20 Alumni joined with several actives for our annual homecoming meeting during which new officers were elected and numerous chapter and alumni agenda items were discussed. (See Bob Nelson's report on page 3 for more details.)

We also congratulate our actives for

their participation in the largest student-run homecoming in the nation.



*Actives pomping the float before Friday's parade.*

### **Can You Put a Price Tag on Belonging?**

Do you remember those commercials done by Visa which pointed out things in life that are priceless? Our version would go something like this: Four-year degree at Penn State: \$50,000. Cost of living at Sigma Nu: \$300/month. Value of having one of my fraternity brothers introduce me to my wife and the mother of my three children: priceless.

How can you ever replicate the experiences and environment of Delta Delta? There are things that have happened at 340 N. Burrowes that could not have happened anywhere else. Belonging to Sigma Nu at Penn State means being related

to something that is beyond other relationships or affiliations.

Help us financially support our ability to keep the house running and our alumni returning for Homecoming and other events. We have set a goal of 100 donors for our 2014-15 Annual Fund giving year. Currently, our Honor Roll shows 29 donors. Thank you to those brothers who have made a gift. To make your gift and ensure you name ap-

pears on our Honor Roll, go to [www.sigmanu-psu.org](http://www.sigmanu-psu.org) and click "Donate" in the upper right-hand corner.

