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RE-COLONIZATION UPDATE

With the exception of the Chairman for the Alumni Advisory Board (AAB), the AAB is in place, along with chapter-specific guidance for most positions. Members of the AAB are listed to the left. Many thanks to these alumni for agreeing to advise our new colony.

The spring semester of 2026 will see several actions by the General Fraternity (GF) as it prepares for recruitment beginning in August 2026. These actions include:

- Virtual training for the AAB;
- A site visit to campus;
- Formal announcement of chapter's return to campus;
- Preparation of a candidate prospect list; and
- Assignment of GF expansion and recruitment consultant.

AAB CHAIRMAN NEEDED

To support our fledgling chapter during re-colonization and beyond, we are seeking an alumnus to assume the role of Chairman on the Alumni Advisory Board (AAB).

At a high level, the chair's responsibilities include:

- Coordinating periodic AAB meetings, typically via Zoom.
- Ensuring each board member is mentoring his assigned chapter officer.
- Helping track chapter goals and progress.
- Maintaining contact with Sigma Nu leadership and university partners.

Consistent alumni support, including a devoted AAB, will be key to Sigma Nu's reemerging success at Penn State. If you have any interest in getting involved in any capacity, we want to hear from you.

To inquire, contact Brother **Bob "Nellie" Nelson, ΔΔ916** at nelsonmittany@aol.com.

GREEK RECRUITING RESTRICTIONS CHALLENGED

In a letter to PSU President Bendapudi dated January 16, 2026, the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) called on Penn State to rescind its ban on first-semester students joining Greek organizations because "...the policy improperly restricts students' First Amendment right to freedom of association and fails to meaningfully advance any legitimate university interests." FIRE requested a substantive response by close of business on January 28, 2026.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Evan Leckenby, ΔΔ1611

Evan Leckenby, ΔΔ1611 is a Manager at Cherokee Federal, leading cybersecurity efforts for federal web applications and infrastructure. Brother Leckenby is a cybersecurity professional with extensive Vulnerability Remediation, Web Application Security, and Security Compliance experience in agile DevSecOps environments. Evan's expertise in vulnerability remediation has consistently ensured federal security compliance benchmarks are met for his client's high-volume application deployments.

Brother Leckenby previously worked for Deloitte, where he led vulnerability remediation and security scanning efforts for a suite of high-traffic federal web applications. He is a certified CompTIA Cybersecurity Analyst.

Cherokee Federal (www.cherokee-federal.com), a division of Cherokee Nation Businesses, is a government consulting firm providing national security and intelligence, information technology, health solutions, DoD logistics, and humanitarian relief to state and federal partners.

Brother Leckenby married his spouse, Savannah, in April 2025. They currently reside in Northern Virginia and are looking forward to their life together. Evan is an avid golfer and enjoys sports, grilling, and the outdoors.

HONOR ROLL THANK YOU DONORS!

As of January 31, 2026, the following brothers have donated a total of \$928 to the Re-Colonization Fund since the publication of our fall 2025 *Delta Delta*. The Fund now stands at \$47,854.

Legion of Honor
Carl Schaff, ΔΔ1227
Robert Nelson, ΔΔ916

Knights
Ernest Russum, ΔΔ1014
Richard Saylor, ΔΔ872
Albert Schmitt, ΔΔ1061

Rock Club
Steven Price, ΔΔ996
Daniel Shoffner, ΔΔ1035

Other
Thomas Armstrong, ΔΔ1041

AFTER THE '66 FIRE

Readers of this newsletter know that we've published several articles about this seminal event (February '66 if memory fails you). Photos taken after the fire follow. Thanks to **John Hoyt, ΔΔ854** for providing them and **Rob Nidzyn, ΔΔ1559** for their enhancement.



Scan the QR code to see additional photos on our website (sigma-nu-psi.org) in the Photo Gallery.



Taken from the Library, looking at the front staircase.



Brother Robert Wilen, ΔΔ851 outside his room.

ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING 2025

The joint annual meeting of the Delta Delta Alumni Chapter and the Delta Delta Property Association, required by our bylaws, was held via Zoom on October 19, 2025. Topics included officer and director elections, financial status, plans for the year, and a brief report by Brother **Bob Nelson, ΔΔ916**. Contact Brother Nelson at nelsonnittany@aol.com if you would like a copy of the meeting report.

HOMEcomings 2025

Although the football team suffered a stunning loss to Northwestern, tailgating weather was great. We were visited by Brother **Rich Saylor, ΔΔ872** and his wife and Brother **Dave Mordan, ΔΔ896**. Next fall, we hope to have our new colony in attendance.

WHAT'S HAPPENING? ALUMNI NEWS

Brother **Bob Kellagher, ΔΔ917** reports, "Old age has decreased my enthusiasm for travel, but we will get to Mexico in January and Spain in May to see Felicia's daughter graduate from college. We have a new life as musicians! Felicia plays keys and I learned guitar. We sing. For three years we have been doing open mics at the best open mic in Philly. As a result, we have met many famous and semi-famous performers in Philly. About a year ago, we got good enough so that other performers started asking us to collaborate with them. This is all amazing to us, but we totally love it. There are many amateur and pro musicians in our condo community, and most days at the pool turn into a singalong. We also have coordinated monthly music jams, which have gotten a great reception."

IN MEMORIAM

Colin Nesbitt Dougald, ΔΔ647 of Naples, Fla., Aston Gardens—formerly of Chesterfield, Mo.—passed away on March 10, 2025, at home with family and friends. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on April 17, 1933. He graduated from Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, Pa., on June 1, 1951. He graduated in 1955 with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering. He served in the Army from 1956-58, earning an honorable discharge. He married Peggy Marie Moore on October 5, 1957, in Baltimore, Md. He went on to develop a career with Monsanto in EnviroChem. He had a passion for Penn State football, never missing a game.

Fred Clayton Thompson, ΔΔ582 of State College, Pa., passed away on January 15, 2025. Fred was born on February 26, 1928, in Snow Shoe, Pa. Fred married his beloved wife, Ms. Joanne Bender of State College, whom he met at a dance. They had celebrated 64 years of marriage when Joanne passed away on December 8, 2016.

Brother Thompson graduated from Bellefonte High School in 1946. He graduated from Penn State in 1950 with a bachelor of science in electrical engineering, and in 1958 with a master of science in electrical engineering. As an undergraduate, he was elected to Eta Kappa Nu,

the Electrical Engineering Honor Society, which is recognized around the globe as the one honor society that represents the highest values of the profession. He was also elected to Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society.

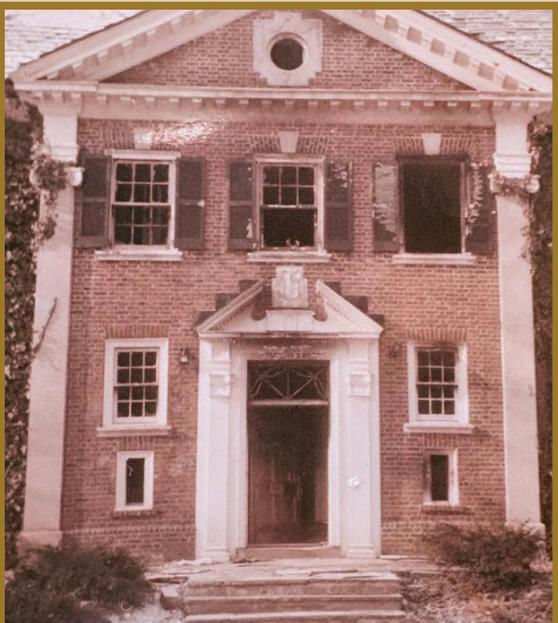
Fred served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict from 1950-52. In 1954, Fred and Joanne moved to State College, where Fred was employed by Haller, Raymond and Brown (HRB-Singer). He served in various positions there, including Director of Systems Group. In 1968, Fred co-founded Locus Inc., a defense electronics firm located in State College and Alexandria, Va., and was president of Locus when the company was acquired by Kaman Corp. in 1986. He retired from Kaman-Locus in 1988.

Fred stayed active with Penn State University's College of Engineering in a number of positions. In 1986, he received the Outstanding Engineering Alumni Award. Fred established a Graduate Fellowship for the Electrical Engineering Department.

John R. Ruland, ΔΔ843, adventurer, entrepreneur, and family man, peacefully passed away on August 25, 2025, at his home in Hackettstown, N.J. He was 82. John is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Audrey. John

was born May 7, 1943, in Manhattan, N.Y., but spent his youth living in Dalton, Pa. He attended Lackawanna Trail High School, where he was Student Council president. During this time, he also earned the rank of Eagle Scout. At Penn State, he was a cadet in the ROTC program. In 1965, he graduated with a degree in mathematics and joined the U.S. Navy, where he served proudly as a First Lieutenant aboard the USS Kepler. John then settled in Glastonbury, Conn., where he started his family and career with IBM. John eventually became an entrepreneur, creating his own legal IT company. Together, John and Audrey created a life worth remembering, traveling the world, making new friends, and watching their family grow. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and grandfather.

James W. DeLancey, ΔΔ1270, 55, of Vandergrift, Pa., formerly of New Kensington, Pa., passed away on December 21, 2025, in his home. He was born on December 7, 1970, in New Kensington to the late Bonnie Robinson DeLancey. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, William and Delores Robinson, and paternal grandparents, Moran and Violet DeLancey. James is survived by his wife, Kimberly Romito DeLancey; father, Wilbur DeLancey; sisters, Jayme (Michael) Polena and Jenny Alexander; and several nieces and nephews.



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FROM THE '66
FIRE INSIDE!**



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DELTA DELTA NEEDS ALUMNI SUPPORT

Delta Delta's future is bright thanks to the dedication and generosity of our alumni and friends. Join the team working toward Sigma Nu's return by donating today! Scan the QR code to visit our comprehensive giving portal at snpsu.causevox.com.



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