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Looking to Our Future and Our Potential

Dear Brothers:

Effective November 6, 1999, John Meyers '89 has voluntarily resigned his position as alumni association president. The Board of Directors has selected me to be the new president. John will still serve the alumni association as a director. In addition, John Schoenenberger '85 was elected to the Board during the 1999 annual homecoming meeting.

I personally pursued the position of president because I have a strong desire to become actively involved with the undergraduates and the alumni association. Most of you are aware that the house is having significant financial difficulties due to a broad range of problems. My position is not to dwell upon the past and place arbitrary blame on anything or anyone. That would be futile and counterproductive. I will step into this position looking to the future and working to help the undergraduates realize the full potential of the chapter, the fraternity and themselves. My goal is to develop mutual respect and a strong feeling of brotherhood between the alumni and undergraduates. Only with a team effort can we achieve the level of success that I know is within our reach.

My priorities over the next few weeks are to review closely all aspects of the alumni association affairs and house operations. I will then call a meeting with the Board of Directors to implement our strategy to resolve our most immediate issues. I intend to provide frequent updates of key issues involving the corporation and the chapter through our ListServ and with select mailings throughout the year to all corporation members.

I encourage all alumni with Internet access to sign up for the Kappa Sigma ListServ. It is an excellent way to easily disseminate and receive information. More details on the ListServ are included on Page 3.

I want to stress that the board and I represent the members at large. We are here to ensure that the affairs of the association are run properly and efficiently.

We thank John Meyers for his many years of service, and I look forward to working with him in the future. We also welcome John Schoenenberger to the Board. John has displayed much interest in the chapter; I am confident he will be a real asset.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Again, thank you for your support, and we hope to see you back home at our house in the near future.

A.E.K.D.B.

Edward D. Gorkes '79, President
Pennsylvania Alpha-Delta Association

Thank You for Your Support!

By Doug Byler '90, Alumni Association Treasurer

I recently had the opportunity to sit down with some of the people who make this newsletter possible, the people of our alumni service. They report that our group is to be congratulated on our outstanding record. One of the things that stands out is the tremendous support our alumni give to our chapter. Last year, Kappa Sigma finished second only to Beta Theta Pi in regular alumni donations. Our percentage of alumni who respond to our newsletter is also quite respectable! And if you are reading this, you are probably a part of those alumni who have helped us achieve this success. To all of you I say **THANKS!**

Naturally, my goal for the 2000 giving year is to be the number one fraternity in alumni contributions, and we are certainly within striking distance of the Betas. Besides, how cool would it be for us to beat the "almighty" Betas! So keep those donations coming; they are both needed and very much appreciated.

This past year has brought many challenges. However, with the newly elected Executive Committee and a younger bunch of guys, things are beginning to look brighter. The number of in-house brothers this spring has exceeded what was expected and budgeted for, so we are going in the right direction! Rush, of course, continues to be the key element. If you know of any young men who are attending or planning to attend Penn State, please make sure they are referred to the rush chairman — and that you encourage them to visit the house several times.

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House Cleanliness Improving as Well as a Sense of Pride

By Doug Byler '90, Alumni Association Treasurer

Many of you who had the opportunity to return to the house this past homecoming noticed the marked improvement in the cleanliness of the house. It is no secret that over the past several years the upkeep of the house has slipped away. As with anything, this shortfall has happened little by little over the past several years. This year the Board made this a number one priority — “Get the House Clean!” Ed Gorkes and I were in almost daily contact with the undergraduates. Ed offered to pay for cleaning supplies, and John Hannah (the property manager from Continental Real Estate Management) also contributed \$200 toward the improvements. The undergraduates and pledges provided the elbow grease. Although the house was probably not at the level of tidiness and shine as when you or I were pledging or living in the house, it was a drastic improvement over the past several years.

One of the things I found most interesting was something one of the undergraduate brothers said to me. He said “You know, when you guys (the Board) came here complaining about cleaning and how it was *sooo* important we scrub the house, I thought you guys didn't have a clue.” Then he said “... but you know, I see now why it is so important. The brothers really pulled together to clean for those two and a half weeks; we were really tight as a brotherhood, and now morale is up, and guys have a sense of pride in the house I have never seen since I was here... it is really cool.”

I think over the years, a lot of stuff has gotten “lost in the translation” so to speak. Many alumni return to a house that is dirty or untidy, and complain and leave. Sometimes we have to remember that the current undergrads were never taught many of the things we were, and over the years the standard became lower and lower. These guys, for example, were shocked to learn that at one time waxing the floors was a regular occurrence, and not a semi-annual event — seriously.

This past year, an alumni work weekend was organized. Several alumni spent a few days at the house, painting and helping the undergraduates pull the physical plant together. I hope we can have more of those. Now it is more important than ever for alumni from different eras to return to the house, help re-educate the undergraduates and help them gain a sense of pride about the house and themselves!



State of the Chapter

By Jeff Coffey '01, Fall 1999 Grand Master

The past few semesters have been a little turbulent for all of the undergraduates here at Alpha-Delta. With numbers low last spring, brothers were wondering how this semester would turn out. This fall 24 brothers came back to the house ready to increase our numbers.

Rush was satisfactory, but too often the “maybe’s” became “no’s” by bid acceptance. I am happy to announce though that this pledge class has five men who are dedicated to both scholastics and brotherhood. Being an engineer, I am also happy to say that the house is being diversified, as more and more engineering, engineering science and computer science majors are being mixed in with the business logistics and accounting majors.

With the election of Ed Gorkes '79 as our new alumni board president and John “Fish” Schoenenberger '85 as a new board member, Alpha-Delta is ready to move forward into the next millennium. The chapter's executive committee has established goals with Ed and the rest of the board and the five of us are ready to work with them to get the house back on the right track. We have already established our rush committee for next semester and have begun brainstorming for next semester. We have also been meeting men this semester whom we hope to bring into our house.

We are hoping to ride the great success of Homecoming '99 into next semester with a successful rush and more alumni involvement and support. I have had a great time this semester, living with my friends and having fun with them when time permits. In addition, I am really proud to say that the undergraduate/alumni brother relations are the best since I have been here. I have had a blast meeting new alumni each weekend and having fun with the ones I already know. The brothers and alumni all care about this house, and we thank all of you for your generous support.

For anyone who may have missed Homecoming or any of the football weekends and would like to get involved, you can send me an e-mail at jvc116@psu.edu or give me a call at 814-867-7763. Thanks to all, and here's to the success of Alpha-Delta.



Homecoming '99: Stepping into the Future

By Gianni Incontro '01, Grand Procurator

Homecoming once again has passed at the Alpha-Delta chapter, and once again we can declare it a success.

For the third consecutive year, the brothers of Kappa Sigma entertained the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta for a week of good times and hard work. Our theme for this year's Homecoming revolved around *The Planet of the Apes*. After a hectic week of preparation, everything came together Friday morning. Our float depicted the final scene of *The Planet of the Apes*, which showed the Statue of Liberty buried in sand on the beach amidst palm trees. A PSU rocket was then built crashing into the side of the Statue. We also created a Mad Hatter, which was an ape wearing a

PSU sweater. Later that night, many undergraduates and alumni watched as all of Penn State showed its pride at the annual Homecoming Parade.

Many undergraduates and alumni went to bed late Friday night and arose early Saturday for the pre-game tailgate, which was a success. It is too bad I can't say the same for the game — Penn State lost a heart-breaker to Minnesota, 24 to 23, but that didn't put a damper on the evening's dinner or party afterward.

During dinner two awards were presented: Jeff Rebernak '99 was recognized as Brother of the Year, and Ed Gorkes '79 was named Alumnus of the Year. Also announced at dinner was the appointment of Ed Gorkes

'79 as alumni board president. John Schoenenberger '85 was appointed to the alumni board, and Clint Burkes was appointed as alumni adviser. Also during dinner, the announcement of Mary Ellen Nichols' 10-year anniversary brought many smiles to the faces of undergraduates and alumni alike.

Overall, we had an excellent time becoming acquainted with one another. Alumni rented rooms for the weekend and were very pleased with all the hard work the brotherhood put into this event. Alumni were especially pleased with the cleanliness of the house and the newly painted stairwell. Every year Homecoming just gets better and better!

Executive Committee

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Biology

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Jeff Coffey '01
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Chemical Engineering

Fill out and return the enclosed form — be sure to include your e-mail address so that we can continue to build our on-line directory of brothers.

Pledge Update

Chris Peck '02, GMC Fall 1999

On October 3, 1999, Alpha-Delta pledged five quality men. The brotherhood development period is going well due to their diligence and commitment. They are all devoted and extremely motivated to become brothers in our noble order. They are as follows:

DANIEL J. CZECK '02, Mocanaqua, Pa., Electrical Engineering

SCOTT A. DUNCAN '02, Bethel Park, Pa., Mechanical Engineering

ROBERT A. McCLUNE '02, Beaver, Pa., Telecommunications

JASON J. MILLER '02, Bethel Park, Pa., Engineering

SAMIR P. SINGH '02, Bethel Park, Pa., Chemical Engineering

On another note, Alpha-Delta is slowly but surely increasing ritual proficiency. At the end of last semester, Chris Peck '02 became GMC proficient. This semester six members have been studying with Byron Cotter '00 to become GMC proficient. Our goals are to maintain at least 70 percent proficiency and to have new brothers strive to become at least proficient within one year of initiation.

We are looking forward to next semester and hope to have a strong pledge class of approximately 10 members.

Spring 1999 Dean's List

Jeffrey Kobelak '04
Jeffrey Rebernak '99

Scott Thomas '99
Kevin Tray

Join the Kappa Sigma ListServ

The Kappa Sig ListServ has now been in operation for over a year and is adding new alumni each day. For those alumni with Internet access that are not aware of this excellent service, we highly encourage you to sign up.

The ListServ provides a quick and easy way to receive and send information to Alpha-Delta alumni. General discussion messages are simply sent to your e-mail address and you can read them at your leisure. In addition, there are many more features available with the ListServ that will be more fully explained when you sign up.

Joining is easy! Just send your name, graduation or initiation year and e-mail address to:

Jeff Montgomery at jeff_montgomery@hotmail.com

After your information is validated, you will receive the necessary instructions to quickly get up and running on the ListServ!

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Alumni News and Updates

Robert L. Walker '35 (103 Donlon Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168) is retired from the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. He has had an interesting life that included 10 trips to Europe, six to Canada, five to Mexico, three to Egypt, three to Australia and New Zealand, and one around the world.

A favorite memory for **Joseph T. Simone '53** (637 Custis Rd., Glenside, PA 19038) is of roommate **Henry Lozar '52** keeping his beverages cold in the rain gutter outside their bedroom window.

"My wife, Cathy, and I are still chasing the little white ball around the golf courses here in the 'Golf Capital of the World,'" reports **Harry D. Corll '54** (3775 Sweetgum St., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577; skip@say.net), president of Dimensional Marketing Inc. He was looking forward to getting together with **George Jason '53** and **Wayne Pihl '56** in Fort Myers, Fla., in December 1999. "Skip" sends best wishes to all his Kappa Sigma brothers.

William J. Duiker '54, who is retired from Penn State, was planning to move in October 1999 to 10 Kingfisher Trl., Southern Shores, NC 27949. His electronic address is wduiker@aol.com. After 30 years in Happy Valley, "Dutch" was looking forward to becoming a beachcomber. "The welcome mat is out for any fraternity brother heading for the Outer Banks."

Wayne Croushore '55 (136 Pheasant Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235) would like to hear from Alpha-Delta alumni interested in a golf outing. You can give him a call at 412-242-8506.

Richard D. Wertz '64 (205 Wexford Ct., Columbia, SC 29212) was elected a national education commissioner for Kappa Sigma and planned to attend the conclave in Phoenix this past August.

You can write to **Vincent D. Diloreto '65** at a new address: 9812 Big View Dr., Austin, TX 78730; vdiloreto@tracor.com. He is vice president and general manager of Marconi Avionics. As part of a corporate restructuring, the company moved from Atlanta, Ga., to the Lone Star State in 1999.

Robert L. Berk '76 (6890 Crestview Rd., Erie, IL 61250) has worked for the Army for 23 years. He is vice president of the local school board and treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce. With his wife of 20 years, Carol, he has three sons. Robert sends greetings to all, especially his pledge brothers.

"Homecoming was a blast — even though we lost," notes **Lawrence F. Carretta '77** (1110 E. End Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15218). He is the owner and president of Holt Ramsey Pump Co.

Edward D. Gorkes '79 (1200 New Church Ct., Ambler, PA 19002; egorkes@aol.com) announces the birth of triplets Nick, Marisa and Madison in May 1999. The infants were born at 29 weeks and spent their first seven weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit. When he wrote in July, Ed reported that the three were at home and doing fine. Earlier in the year, Ed saw classmate **Lee Thaete** for the first time in many years. Lee was in Philadelphia for a conference and surprised Ed at work. They had a great visit.

J. David Payne '81 (c/o Unocal Vietnam, 14141 S.W. Freeway, Sugar Land, TX 77478) has transferred to Vietnam and is living in

Ho Chi Minh City. He travels often to Bangkok where his pledge brother, **Jim France '82**, is now living. David writes, "Anyone interested in a somewhat different road trip can e-mail me at dpayne@unocal.com."

James H. France '82 (68/8 Soi Langsuan, Ploenchit Rd., Bangkok 10330, Thailand; jfrance@mozart.inet.co.th) has set up a financial advisory company, France & Hughes Ltd., in Bangkok. He and **Dave Payne '81** play golf on occasion when Dave is in the city on business.

Surgeon **David Martini '84** (527 Deery St., Shelbyville, TN 37160) has opened a new office and surgery center where he specializes in cosmetic surgery, nasal surgery, sinus and allergy, and skin and oral cancer. He and his wife, Tracy, have a young son, David.

Michael Denapoli '86 (2239 Queensberry Rd., Pasadena, CA 91104; drdenap@earthlink.net) is having fun "turning the power on" in his chiropractic office. He has a daughter and is enjoying fatherhood.

Richard A. Barron '87, a senior systems analyst at Merck & Co., wrote to us last summer. He and his wife, Kelly, were relocating to 14316 Colonial Grand Blvd., #3113, Orlando, FL 32837. You can contact Rich on the Internet at barronr@worldnet.att.net.

In 1999, **Jeffrey T. Geddes '88** (383 Watters Rd., New Park, PA 17352; geddes4@mindspring.com) marked two years as the owner and president of Classic Custom Builders. He expected to settle more than 30 homeowners last year. "Ged" was looking forward to visiting **Jim Mack '87** in South Dakota this past August.

Michael S. Saul '89 (15 Hansom Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920; michael_s_saul@ml.com), a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, is the father of triplets. The youngsters will celebrate their third birthdays in March. "All is well, but busy," Michael notes.

Attorney **Jeffrey L. Phillips '90** graduated from Catholic University Law School in May 1999 and was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Army Jag Corps. He will be spending 2000 in Seoul, South Korea, as an assistant trial counsel. Brothers can drop him a line at P.O. Box 451, Shady Side, MD 20764; jag99jlp@yahoo.com.



Michael L. Reinert '97 (601 S. 19th St., Apt. A304, Reading, PA 19606) was planning to be married this past October.

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

George S. Evans '36 (11/21/98)
Walter R. Sapp '49 (5/22/99)
Ronald P. Stout '74 (4/25/99)

Kappa Sigma mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.