



Alpha-Delta News

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Dear Brothers:

I hope this issue of our *Alpha-Delta News* finds all of our alumni doing well and looking forward to the summer months. My first six months as the president of the Association were very informative and busy. I now have a good understanding of house operations and all the key components that go into maintaining the physical plant. To perform this position effectively requires a great deal of time. I will gladly commit the time necessary to improve our order and to continually seek improvements to the house and the brotherhood. Here are some brief updates on key areas.

We currently have a good board of directors who are active and involved. We have already met twice since homecoming and keep in frequent contact through e-mail. Our primary goals at this time are providing support and advice to the undergraduates to improve house operations and to strengthen upcoming rush efforts. The board is currently working on an alumni mentor program and a rush retreat for fall semester. We are also looking for alumni who are interested in becoming board members. Elections are held during our annual homecoming meeting, so please contact me if you have a desire to get involved. We are trying to form a board that has good representation from a broad range of classes, so we are especially encouraging alumni from the '20s through the '60s to get involved.

In addition to the board, we are also privileged to have an Alpha-Delta District Grand Master (Darby Neidig '93) and two alumni advisors (AA). Clint Burks '93 is the primary AA and Steve Heimer '76 is our assistant AA. Steve lives in State College, so he can keep a close eye on the house.

We still have many challenges ahead of us. The chapter is still below break-even numbers which requires the alumni corporation to subsidize the expenses of the house. This has caused our cash reserves to become very low. Your generous donations, especially at this time, are encouraged and appreciated.

The board is keeping a close watch on all house finances and the board, District Grand Master and AAs are working with the undergraduates to develop a strong rush program for fall semester. We have had much communication with the undergraduates concerning the brotherhood and feel they are all ready to come back next fall semester with a renewed desire to get things accomplished.

I want to stress that the board represents the members at large. We are here to ensure that the affairs of the corporation are run properly and efficiently. We welcome all feedback, questions or ideas. Feel free to contact me at any time. We all look forward to seeing you back at the house in the near future.

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Your Support Needed ...

By Doug Byler '90
Alpha-Delta Association Treasurer

With the undergraduates still operating below break-even numbers in the house, our financial resources were strapped once again this past semester.

Our mortgage interest rate is scheduled to adjust in July. Any of you who follow the market know that interest rates are up significantly since last year, so our rate will increase, which of course will raise our payment. I'd like to say a special "Thank You!" to Wes Link. This past year, Wes made a generous contribution toward the principal balance of our mortgage, and at the Blue-White game, he renewed that pledge for another year! Should any of you wish to make a larger donation to be applied to the mortgage principal, please make checks payable to Omega Bank, and send them in with your regular contribution.

This year's Blue-White was quite a success. The house looked great, and for the first time, we held a formal alumni meeting. For many of us, it has been a long time since we have witnessed the ritual; it was very stirring and nostalgic. We hope to do the same thing during homecoming. I would urge you to please mark your calendars for **October 21, 2000**, and plan to attend.

I thank you for all of your donations over this past year. Without them we would be in a rather tight spot. Working with the low number of undergraduates, knowing that we can rely on our alumni is a great comfort to this treasurer. We continue to look toward the future of our Order and see a very strong and improved fraternity. Thank you for all of your support, and please plan to attend homecoming!

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Welcome Our Fall 1999 Initiates

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Organization and Communication will be Our Keys to Greater Success

By Brandon Ade '02, Grand Master

Brothers, lend me your ears for I shall tell of our convictions. The Alpha-Delta chapter has escaped the flames due to the dedication of our alumni. Without your donations, we would slowly have been turned into ash. So, we say thank you! Thank you to all who supported us both financially and by visiting the house or attending events.

As quite a few of you know, we have been navigating through dangerous waters for some time now. Well, this makes me think of the following: "What will not kill us will only make us stronger." Now is the time to test this theory. We have survived the financial burdens for now, but house numbers are still low. The solution boils down to rush. From seeing the results of the past few rush periods, we realize we have not been organizing rush effectively.

Over the years, communication and motivation have been lacking within the chapter. Part of the pledging process is forming a motivated brotherhood. Surely this has fallen to the wayside. Unfortunately what is done is done, so we devised a more rigorous pledge program. We encourage brothers, from the '60s through the '80s, to share with us ideas from your pledge programs.

Secondly and most importantly, house maintenance has not been what it should be. Yes, the infamous issue of house cleanliness! But let me say this in our defense: our inadequacy in this — and some other areas — is a result and product of a communication breakdown. Some of these issues should have been emphasized during the pledge process, maybe even during rush! Respect, authority, motivation and communication are the essentials of success. If you want us to become a successful house, as I do, then try to help us more than just financially, although we appreciate that kind of help immensely. We are willing to put in the time, but we encourage your input on how things were done when you lived at the house. If you have a problem with the house, let us know — and make us aware of possible solutions. My mind is always open to new — or especially tried and true — solutions.

Moving on. Thon was a huge success, although our efforts were minimal by comparison. The overall total was \$3,076,983.97. This excites me and disappoints me at the same time. At the end of Thon, the top 11 fraternities/sororities were recognized for their contributions, and we were not among them. I find this very disheartening. Therefore, I propose that we regroup, contact potential corporate sponsors, and all in all, double our efforts. This accomplishes two tasks at once. First and most importantly, it provides a bigger contribution to an awesome cause. And second, it gets our name known in the Greek community. This can be a reality and will be if we can get support from everyone. I will be in contact about this issue at a later date, but please keep it in mind.

This brings us to Blue/White weekend. On behalf of the undergraduate chapter, we thank the few dedicated alumni who showed up to support the occasion and to those who notified us of prior commitments. The house looked its best in years, thanks to the efforts of a few dedicated undergraduates — Gianni Incontro '02, Shaun Agostinelli '00, Chris Peck '02 and a few others. Unfortunately, only a few alumni were there to enjoy this glorious sight. Other than that, the weekend was a huge success; furthermore, the Star and Crescent Foundation was able to give two \$4,000 scholarships. Jeff Coffey '00 and Byron Cotter '00 were the recipients of the rewards. This was Jeff's second year to win the scholarship. Congratulations to Jeff and Byron and a special "thank you" to the Star & Crescent Foundation Trustees for making the scholarships available to the brotherhood.

We thank all those who donated before and during Blue/White weekend, especially the following: Wes Link '55, Jim Mack '87, Mike Burke '97, Ed Gorkes '79, John Schoenenberger '85, Doug Byler '90, John "Snake" Myers '89, Clint Burks '93 and Steve Heimer '76.

Well, that's about all I have for now. Before ending, let me leave you with the following thoughts: Kappa Sigma is for life. Whatever we do, we should do well. Our efforts are only in vain if they are not appreciated. We live for the present and thrive for the future. Organization and communication will be our keys to greater success.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, contact me at bsa113@psu.edu or 814-867-9903.

Alumni News and Updates

In recent years, **Warburton Miller '42** (The Warburton House, 6836 Palm Ave., Highland, CA 92346) has served as president of both the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce and the San Bernardino City Library Foundation.

Richard N. Schweinberg '66 (23472 Anicia Ln., Mission Viejo, CA 92691; windee6@aol.com) retired from Southern California Edison in 1999.

Metallurgist **Louis F. Koehler III '69** (17 Burchfield Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016; lkoehler@inco.com) is president of Novamet Corp. He and **Tom McNulty '68** enjoy playing "over 50" basketball. Last summer, the two completed a minor league baseball tour — visiting Binghamton, Scranton and Trenton in one weekend.

You can write to **A. George Makdad '71** at a new address: 135 Bristlewood Ct., Rockton, IL 61072; amakdad@aol.com. He is a regional sales manager for New Zealand Milk Products. George notes that his two sons are students at the University of Illinois and a good source for Penn State football tickets when PSU meets Illini.

Robert W. Hampton Jr. '73 (3607 Acorn Wood Way, Houston, TX 77059; rwhampy@earthlink.net) reports that his son, John, was initiated into Kappa Sigma at Texas Tech this past January.

Charles R. Golden III '79 (1302 Eagle Rd., West Chester, PA 19382; golden@sartomer.com), a project manager at Sartomer Co. Inc., coaches youth baseball and wrestling. He and his wife, Donna, have three sons.

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When we heard from him in March, **Robert P. Burkhardt '81** (6450 Matthew Ct., San Jose, CA 95123) had left Lotus/IBM and was taking a couple of months off.

Musician **Peter W. Giuliani '82** (1711 Eastlawn Ave., Durango, CO 81301) enjoys being self employed as a guitar player and music instructor. He also likes to ski. Pete and his long-time sweetheart, Janene, were planning to be married in June of this year.

Michael W. Carrell '86 (120A Lawrence St., Middletown, RI 02842; mcarrell@aol.com), an Air Force exchange officer at the U.S. Naval War College, was looking forward to graduating from the school this June with a master's degree in national security and strategic studies. With his wife, Ruth, and children, he is moving to Montgomery, Ala., where he will attend the Air Force School of Advanced Airpower Studies. "If anyone is in the area, look us up."

In May 1999, **Vincent A. Gaeta '86** (67 Irondale Rd., Wharton, NJ 07885; vgaeta@bellatlantic.net) graduated from the New Jersey State Police Academy. He is now a state investigator for the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice in Trenton. Vincent would like to hear from his pledge brothers.

As a senior system engineer at Lockheed Martin, **Harry Doneker '89** (256 Coachlight Ter., Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006; harry.doneker@lmco.com) is working on the Aegis Navy Combat

System. He and his wife, Deirdre, welcomed the arrival of their first child and daughter, Claire, in July 1999.

David J. Masters '89 (1003 Spring Gate Rd., Unit 1B, Baltimore, MD 21228; dmasters@advantisgua.com) is a commercial real estate analyst with Advantis. He, **Mark Aston '89** and **Chris Manion '87** went to Florida last fall to see the Penn State/Miami football game. They had a great time.

CPA **Jonathan B. Taylor '90** (108 Cranberry Ct., Melville, NY 11747; jtaylor@skpny.com) has been named a partner in the New York City accounting firm of Spielman Koenigsberg & Parker. He resides with his wife, Heather, and son on Long Island.

Besides working as a reporter, **David E. Falchek '91** (799 N. Vine St., Apt. 2, Hazleton, PA 18201) writes a weekly wine column for a New York newspaper and contributes regularly to *Vineyard & Winery Management* magazine, the *American Wine Society Journal* and the *Finger Lakes Wine Gazette*.

Attention, Prior Board Members:

We are trying to consolidate all Alpha-Delta records. If any alumnus who served on the Board of Directors in years past has any old fraternity records, please contact Ed Gorkes 215-368-9907 (egorkes@aol.com) to arrange delivery.

Nominations:

We are requesting nominations for our upcoming "Man of the Year" award, presented at homecoming weekend. Please contact John Meyers at 410-394-1171 (meyersj2@navair.navy.mil) with your nominations of brothers who are deserving of this award. Their accomplishments can be either in fraternity, career or personal achievements.

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Join us at our tailgate at PSU football games!

Penn State Football 2000

AUGUST

- 27 Southern Cal, Kickoff Classic
at Giants Stadium, East Rutherford, N.J. ~ 3:30 p.m.
Tix: Sales to general public begin April 17,
\$40 and \$25. Ticketmaster: 201-507-8900
or 212-307-7171

SEPTEMBER

- 2 TOLEDO
9 LOUISIANA TECH
16 at Pittsburgh (CBS, 3:30 p.m.)
23 at Ohio State
30 PURDUE

OCTOBER

- 7 at Minnesota
14 Open
21 ILLINOIS (Homecoming)
28 at Indiana

NOVEMBER

- 4 IOWA
11 at Michigan
18 MICHIGAN STATE

Schedule subject to change.



Don't forget to tailgate with your Kappa Sigma brothers at the "Official Kappa Sigma Tailgate Area." Many Alpha-Delta Alumni from a wide variety of graduating classes congregate on Hastings Road for football tailgating. Please see our map for the exact location. Stop on by and join the fun!

More Alumni News and Updates

Jeffery W. Montgomery '94 is now a software developer with BlackBaud and has moved to 4353 Briarstone Ct., North Charleston, SC 29418.

Steven M. Ruth '96 (116 Fairfield Ln., Wayne, PA 19087; steve.ruth@weyerhaeuser.com), a finishing planner at Weyerhaeuser Co., returns to the house every football season and several other times during the year. He and Brandi Bence are planning to be married this coming August. Steve has asked **David Smith '96**, **Shawn Connaghan '96**, **Jim Pries '97** and **Marc Zentmeyer '97** to serve in the wedding.

Colin S. McGinnis '97 (8300 E. Yale Ave., Apt. 3-205, Denver, CO 80231; colin_mcginnis@jdedwards.com) is a programmer/analyst at J.D. Edwards. After 18 months of preparation and testing, he has received CPIM certification. He enjoyed reconnecting with brothers of his era at the wedding of **Michael Reinert '97** last October and is looking forward to the marriages of **Steven Ruth '96** and **Jim Pries '97** this year. Colin has become involved with the teen group at his church and met Dr. Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Muhatma Gandhi, at a youth conference. Colin also serves as president of the Penn State Alumni Club of Colorado.

We heard from **Matthew B. Weisberg '97** (7 S. Hanover St., 2nd Fl., Rear Apt., Carlisle, PA 17013; goochweisb@aol.com) in April. He was planning to graduate from Penn State's Dickinson School of Law in May of this year and to take the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Bar examinations in July. "Gooch" is joining McCabe, Weisberg & Conway and will be located primarily in the firm's Philadelphia office. He plans to specialize in litigation.

John-Michael Ruddy '99 is a staff accountant at The Blackstone Group in New York City and residing at 208 Grand St., Apt. 5D, Hoboken, NJ 07030. E-mail for "Pip" can be sent to ruddy@blackstone.com.

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

Edward C. Finzel '34 (1/6/00)
Ryle L. Miller Jr. '47 (9/17/99)
Randall J. Owen Jr. '56 (12/17/99)

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