

Alpha Delta Association  
**Alumni Officers  
Housing Corporation**

President / Secretary  
**Edward D. Gorkes '79**  
Ambler, PA  
215-619-7901 (home)  
215-694-4828 (cell)  
egorkes@aol.com

Vice President / Treasurer  
**J. Douglas Byler '90**  
Lancaster, PA  
lnfpdoug@aol.com

**Board of Directors**

**Vincent A. Gaeta '86**  
Columbia, NJ  
vgaeta@bellatlantic.net

**Mark H. Breedlove '78**  
Mars, PA  
mhbreedlove@hotmail.com

**James Merinar '87**  
Bellefonte, PA  
jamesmerinar@zion.gotmc.net

**Steve Uzupis '77**  
Unityville, PA  
uzupis@brodart.com

**John Murphy '89**  
Harrisburg, PA  
hbgmurph@earthlink.net

# Alpha-Delta News



— [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com) —

A PUBLICATION OF THE KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY  
AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

— May 2005 —

## President's Report

### Looking Down The Road

Dear Alpha Delta Alumni,  
I just got back from the Blue/White weekend. The actives hosted a great event and dinner at the chapter house. I enjoyed meeting many of the newer actives for the first time and was very impressed with the quality of guys who are being invited to join our great chapter. We even requested that "Rap Music" be absent from the Saturday evening party and we "Older Alumni" were honored with a CD of 70's & 80's music, compliments of Brother **Bob Butella!**

The alumni board missed the Blue/White game because we spent the majority of the day at our board meeting. We continue to confront numerous issues that will affect Greek societies at Penn State including borough enforcement actions, University prescribed minimum standards for Greek societies and stricter code and insurance restrictions. Many of these issues are already being addressed through IMH programs that are making Kappa Sigma chapters the envy of other fraternities on campuses across the continent. Many are specific to Penn State and require alumni corporation action. The most significant of these is the condition of the chapter house and Alpha Delta's inability to meet code, major repairs and member expectations in the future.

As a result, we will soon begin exploring our options with regard to replacing the chapter house. The initial work will involve fund-raising feasibility studies and housing alternatives. Our guiding principles will be responsibility in our judgments with a long-term view for meeting the needs of a premier organization. We expect that many chapters will fold in the next few years under the pressure of the rapidly changing environment at Penn State. Given the outstanding support of Alpha-Delta alumni, we are confident that we can and will be successful in meeting our goal of assuring that fifty years from now, Kappa Sigma will remain as a premier fraternity at Penn State.

This newsletter includes another outstanding alumni profile, which has proven to be very popular. This profile is for **Richard L. Kelly '67**. Brother Kelly is currently a Lieutenant General in the Marine Corps. For our non-military type alumni, that means Brother Kelly wears "Three Stars" on his uniform. In other words, there are very few people between him and President Bush! After reading Brother Kelly's profile and the previous profiles, it is clear the Alpha Delta chapter is filled with very successful alumni.

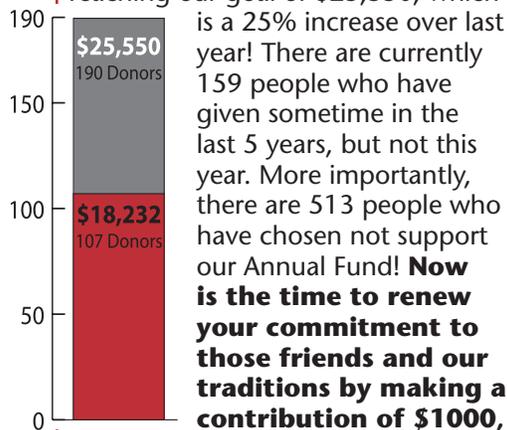
Also, check out the undergraduate updates for Star & Crescent scholarship winners, THON and other highlights of the spring semester. I hope this newsletter finds all of our alumni doing well in their personal and professional lives. Please send us a little note in our "What's New" section and include your email address. We also send out monthly E-Newsletters, but we need your email address!

Fraternally Yours,

Edward D. Gorkes '79  
President ■

# Goal!

Kappa Sigma is well on our way to reaching our goal of \$25,550, which



is a 25% increase over last year! There are currently 159 people who have given sometime in the last 5 years, but not this year. More importantly, there are 513 people who have chosen not support our Annual Fund! **Now is the time to renew your commitment to those friends and our traditions by making a contribution of \$1000,**

**\$500, \$250, \$100, or more!**

Add your name to the Honor Roll by using the enclosed form to send your check. ■

# Profile *Lieutenant General Richard L. Kelly:* **His Answer to the Draft Board's Invitation Is A 35-Year Career of Service**



Lieutenant General Richard L. Kelly is planning a "return to private life" this fall, after serving in the United States Marine Corps for 35 years. During his service, he has commanded four Platoons, two Companies, two Battalions, and a Combat Service Support detachment (which supported the 1st Marine Division during the Gulf War). He has earned two bachelors of arts and an MBA and has graduated from Officer Candidates' School (Class Honor Man), the Marine's Basic School (Honor Roll), Amphibious Warfare School, Ground Supply Officers' School (Class Honor Man), Command and Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (Distinguished Graduate).

Yet, with all his training and experience, Rick still credits his time at the Alpha Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity with teaching him how to lead. "I just had a natural inclination to want to get involved," Kelly '67 explains. "I wanted to help make the chapter better...then, when I joined the Marine Corps, I already had hands-on leadership skills. I was ready to lead."

Rick first encountered Kappa Sigma while still a high school student. He spent a weekend visiting one of his brother's friends, John Kennon, who was already a member. He decided to join the following year because "I liked the spirit of the chapter and the range of personalities," he says. "I have vivid memories of initiation night. It was a great night: being initiated, then having all of the brotherhood shake my hand in welcome. It was a real feeling of fraternity."

Rick took to fraternal life immediately, eventually serving the chapter as pledge master, vice president and, during his senior year, president. He earned the nickname "Gremlin," but says you'd need to ask **Gary Mink '69**, for the reasons. "It was the people that made it great," he says of the chapter. Roommates over the years were **Yonko, Mack Middlemas '68, Big Abb, Pat Scully** and **Tony Buzzelli**. He also keeps in touch with **Mike Strachen, Pat Scully, Tim Bonowitz, Chuck Goodwin '72** and **Ted Terry**.

"There was an unusual closeness among our classmates during those years," Rick declares. "Our friendships continue

to this day and we try to get together every now and then." The Marine Corps takes him to Penn State on occasion, and he tries to get to a football game every few years.

Rick held a series of part-time jobs as an undergrad. Summers, he worked as a lifeguard in North Wildwood, NJ, or in construction back home in Pittsburgh. During the school year, he waited tables at the Corner Room, tended bar at the Futura, and ran the soda concession in the house. He also taught children with disabilities how to swim. Today, he does volunteer work each winter at the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass, CO.

Rick joined the Marines in the summer of 1970, after receiving "an invitation"—more commonly called a "draft notice" -- to join the Army. He is now the Deputy Commandant of the United States Marine Corps Headquarters. According to his official bio, he is responsible for "the leadership, management, and modernization of worldwide Marine Corps logistics; facilities and real estate; e-business and contracting; small business; and maintenance and distribution services."

His military honors include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medals, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and the Navy-Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia. Rick has written several articles and given many presentations on logistics modernization, business reform and change leadership.

Now, however, Rick has his set his sights on retirement. He and his wife, Mary Nell, have a home in Arlington, VA. After he leaves the Marine Corps in the fall, Rick will work part-time as a business consultant, but his primary goal is to "ski 50 days out of the year" and do a lot of mountain biking. No doubt he'll also find time for his Kappa Sig brothers as well. ■

## 2005

# Football Schedule

SCHEDULE/RESULTS FOR FOOTBALL (ALL TIMES EASTERN)

<b>Saturday, September 3</b>	<b>South Florida</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Saturday, September 10</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Saturday, September 17</b>	<b>Central Michigan</b>	<b>Home</b>
Saturday, September 24	Northwestern	Away
<b>Saturday, October 1</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Saturday, October 8</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>Home</b>
Saturday, October 15	Michigan	Away
Saturday, October 22	Illinois	Away
<b>Saturday, October 29</b>	<b>Purdue (Homecoming)</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Saturday, November 5</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Home</b>
Saturday, November 19	Michigan State	Away

## We Need Your E-Mail Address!

Please send your latest  
e-mail address to

**Ed Gorkes at [egorkes@aol.com](mailto:egorkes@aol.com)**

## Scholastic Achievement



**T.J. Emrick**  
Scholarship Winner



**F. James Gambino**  
Brother of the Year



**Ryan Maxwell**  
Scholarship Winner

## THON: A Unique Experience By Ryan Maxwell, Thon Chair

The Penn State Dance Marathon (THON) -- just another cancer aid fundraiser? After standing outside with a tin can for a couple of weekends and standing on my feet for 48 hours straight, I can assure you THON is so much more. THON is thousands of people raising money through canning, pledge books, and corporate donations. It's the kids and their families, the 704 dancers, the thousands of "behind the scenes" people, and 10,000 visitors that fill the stands of Rec Hall. That is what THON is all about.

This was the first year I was able to dance in THON. Yeah, my feet hurt from time to time, and my eye's got heavy, but I would do it again in a heartbeat. All dancer "couples" had one or two "moralers," or people that try to keep the dancers upbeat during the event. These moralers were on the floor with their dancers for about four hours, and then had a four-hour break. I had two of the best moralers who always had the right kind of food or toy to give me. Though my moralers were excellent, I probably could have gone without them because there always seemed to be a brother there visiting. As a matter of fact, after the first 12 hours, there was at least one brother in Rec Hall for the rest of THON. The support received by the three is us who danced was unbelievable. Even when our moralers and brothers weren't around, someone else's moraler or another dancer was quick to step in to help.



By far, the best part of THON was the last couple of hours. Everyone had been up for so long, yet there was still so much energy. THON would turn into a concert when songs like "Hey Baby" or "Livin' on a Prayer" would come on. The culminating event was when the grand total was shown at the very end: \$4,122,483. Everyone went CRAZY; I took a small video clip of when the total was shown, and I still get choked up watching it. The previous record was shattered by \$575,000.

After it was all over, my parents took me out to dinner, followed by a solid twelve-hour much-needed sleep. THON weekend was one of the best weekend's I've had at PSU, and I hope to see many more Kappa Sigma's come visit for THON '06. ■

## Recruitment A Success by Justin Lawrie, Grand Master

The Spring '05 semester has a good experience thus far. Spring recruitment was successful and we look forward to initiating four quality men by the end of the semester. Thon was also a success this semester, as the chapter, along with our partner the Society of Women Engineers, raised over \$17,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund.

The chapter has also participated in numerous philanthropies this semester run by other Greek organizations that support various causes. Our participation in intramurals is continually increasing and we hope to finish the season as one of the highest fraternities in the standings. The chapter has strengthened relations with many other Greek organizations and we hope to continue with this.

The EC this semester has changed from the beginning and we believe we have a great group of five guys for the jobs. In recent weeks the brothers have gathered to make improvements to the house, including painting, and refurbishing damaged panels and composites.

We are all looking forward to the festivities of Blue and White weekend and we hope for it to be a great time for everyone involved. Our rush plan for the Fall '05 semester is under way and we are determined to get a pledge class of no fewer than 20 men. Overall, the chapter is excited to be getting more involved in various activities and we continue to strive to make Alpha Delta the best chapter it can be. ■

## Philanthropic Events Increase

*By Kevin Rothberg*

With the spring semester upon us the time there has been an increase in the number of philanthropies that are sponsored by Greek organizations on campus. This spring the brothers of Kappa Sigma's Alpha Delta chapter will be participating in many different types of events. Of course we all ready have participated in Thon, which took place at the end of February. Brothers Mike Samick, Ryan Maxwell, and Frank Summa danced for Kappa Sigma this year and did a fantastic job.

Apart from Thon, the brothers have also participated in events including Zeta Spikes and Tri Sigma's dodge ball tournament. Many of the brothers will also be participating in a dodge ball tournament for the Red Cross as well.

With the semester coming to a close these events should prove to be a good way to end the year on a good note, and with luau and Blue and White also it will definitely be a good month of April. ■

[www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com) ~ Your Link to

The Pennsylvania State University, Nittany Lion Sports, and Alpha Delta Updates!

# Alumni UpDates

## Warburton Miller '42

(The Warburton House, 6836 Palm Ave., Highland, CA 92346-2513) Dr. Joyce (my wife) and I are still in practice seeing patients. We have sold all of our citrus farms (16) except one which has avocados, oranges and grapefruit on it. As a retired Naval Captain, I'm still involved in veteran's organizations. Our son-in-law went back in the Navy for a special assignment and is in the Pentagon.

## Gordon Olsen '51

(232 W. Frier Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85021-7233) Two-time cancer survivor – I had a basal cell carcinoma removed from my face and my prostate cancer is in remission after 41 beam radiation. Now, I'm having cataract surgery. Doing great.

## Joseph T. Simone '53

(637 Custis Rd., Glenside, PA 19038-2013; joseph\_t\_simone@comcast.net) I would like to personally thank all of you who have provided your effort and time to the re-development of our chapter. We all love you guys.

## Frederick C. Baesman '64

(405 Lopez Rd., Lopez Island, WA 98261; fritz@baesman.net) Retired from the Boeing Company after 36 years both as an engineer and as an engineering manager. In 2003, Connie and I moved to Lopez Island, WA in the San Juan Islands of Puget Sound. Our house is on the water facing west, so we get some beautiful sunsets! I try to keep in touch with my Kappa Sig classmates, mostly from classes of '63 to '65. (Tom Hilbert helps quite a bit in that regard! He emails us all quite regularly. Thanks, Tom!)

## Rick Kelly '70

(1612 N. Edgewood St, Arlington, VA 22201; kellyrl@hqmc.usmc.mil) We are all very pleased about the chapter turnaround the last two years. Congratulations to the actives, pledges, and the Alumni Association, especially Ed Gorkes '72.

## Kim T. Chapman '77

(HHC 501st MI BDE Box #2 79, APO, AP 96205) We just moved back to the states after 4 years in South Korea, we'll be in Md., at least 3

years and then go where the army sends us next. Not working and have no plans to until my wife retires from the "Green Machine". The picture of Breeds, Bruce, DeMor, Heims and Gack has me pumped to attend Homecoming next fall and pound brews with the boys. Kudos to all those who helped the chapter rebuild – magnificent job!

## Michael W. Carrell '86

(20 Windsor Crescent, Hornell Heights, ON P0H) We will be leaving Canada next summer so hurry up and visit. I'll be attending a National Security Fellowship at Harvard's JFK School of Government starting in July.

## John M. Murphy '89

(4125 Wimbledon Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112-1000; hbgmurph@earthlink.net) My daughter, Alexandra, was born August 3, 2004. The "no moderation" reunion in Vegas was a blast.

## Executive Committee

### Grand Master:

Justin Laurie – Landsdowne, PA

### Grand Procurator:

Mike Samick – St. Marys, PA

### Grand Master of Ceremonies:

Brian Laino – Bethlehem, PA

### Treasurer:

Frank Summa – Scranton, PA

### Scribe:

T.J. Emrick – Easton, PA

## 2005 New Initiates

Dylan McShain – Philadelphia, PA

Andrew Niggles – Newburg, MD

Ryan Sullivan – Quarryville, PA

Daniel Whitehill – Orefield, PA

## 2005 Spring Graduates

Andre Aklian – Clark, NJ

Greg Beebe – Nanticoke, PA

Keith Sorgie – West Babylon, NY

Brendan Stenson – Havertown, PA

Jake Wesley – Beulah, MI



Brothers from the 1960's gather for a group photo during a Nittany Lion Home football game.

*Get caught in our Web! Details inside.*

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
State College, Pa.  
Permit No. 2

**Kappa Sigma Fraternity**  
**PENN STATE**  
Alumni Relations Office  
P.O. Box 296  
State College, PA 16804-0296  
Address Service Requested  
522-42 NS