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ALUMNI REPORT

A Bittersweet Year for Alpha-Delta

By Ed Gorkes '79

The 2009-10 school year has started, and Alpha-Delta is back stronger than ever.

Since our April 18 Installation Ceremony, our undergraduates have been working hard to carry on the Alpha-Delta traditions and reputation that we all recognize. Read about their efforts and in this issue of *Alpha-Delta News*. I hope that you have an opportunity to come back to meet your newest brothers when you're in town this season.

Despite the economy, we finished the 2008-09 annual fund just slightly lower than the year before. Thanks to our alumni donors for contributing \$22,882 in 2008-09. The 2009-10 giving year kicked off September 1, so please help us to make this our best giving year yet by making a gift today. Find more information on the enclosed form.

We've had a year of great things to report. However, we also have some not-so-great news. It is with a sad heart that I report the deaths

of several influential Alpha-Delta alumni and friends. **Tom Hill '48** entered Chapter Celestial on August 3. He founded the Star & Crescent Foundation in 1959, and served as a trustee since the beginning. **Ed Hibbert '93** passed away August 30. He was an influential member of the chapter in the early '90s, and made a sizable contribution to Alpha-Delta prior to his death. We also mourn the loss of our beloved house cook Mary Ellen Nichols, who lost her battle with ovarian cancer June 8. Read more on page 2.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the enclosed profile on one of our distinguished alumni, **Carl Bartuch '75**. Like many of you, Carl says that Kappa Sigma played a key role in shaping his life, and that is why he pays the experience forward for future generations through his annual fund contributions. Thank you Carl, and to all of our current contributors, for what you do to ensure the Kappa Sigma legacy lives on at Penn State.

Alpha-Delta Receives Multiple Awards at 2009 Conclave

By Luke Kozaczki

Grand Master **Philip Relic** and I attended Grand Conclave for the Chapter's first time since recolonization. This year's Conclave was held in the river city of San Antonio, Texas.

Seeing the leaders of Kappa Sigma together for a Conclave was a great experience. We could feel the excitement and energy of a thousand Kappa Sigma brothers together in one place. Each day, the entire Conclave would gather to hand out awards and speak about the importance of different aspects of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. We would also have multiple "breakout" sessions, or workshops, so brothers could share their ideas and successes with other members from different chapters.

The Alpha-Delta Chapter received multiple

awards throughout the course of the weekend. We were awarded with a plaque for the "most service hours" out of any Kappa Sigma Chapter, a certificate for achieving Academic Excellence, and a Greater Cause flag for having more than 50 men in the Chapter. We also placed in the Top 25 for "most money raised for philanthropy."

Notre Dame's "Rudy" Rudiger, of the blockbuster film 'Rudy', was the honorary initiate at the Grand Conclave. We were able to attend a model initiation, where Rudy was actually initiated to become an honorary member of Kappa Sigma. Rudy gave multiple inspirational speeches throughout the weekend, and it was great to meet him.

Mourning our Fallen Brothers and Friends

**Ed "Shred" Hibbert '93
(9/8/69 – 8/30/09)**

The brotherhood lost one of our finest when **Ed Hibbert '93** passed away August 30, 2009.

Ed's time in the house in the early '90s impacted all that were there, and he kept close ties with many of us since graduation. Shortly after leaving PSU, Ed moved began to dabble in "flair" bartending while living with Brother **John "Snake" Meyers '89** in Philadelphia.



Ed Hibbert '93 showing off his flair skills.

From there he moved to San Diego (in his Honda Civic that logged 250,000 miles before retirement) and found his true self. To quote Sandiegometro.com in 2002, "Tom Cruise ain't got nothing on San Diego's own Ed Hibbert." From there Ed competed to earn the ranking of #2 Flair Bartender in the World, and the nickname "Deuce" as he traveled throughout the US, the Caribbean and Europe. At the prestigious Legends of

Bartending tournament held in Las Vegas each year, Ed finished second place in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

In 2004, Ed decided it was time to "retire" from competition joined his big brother **Kevin Coppins '92** in sunny Tampa, Fla. Here he became a local business man, and transformed a dusty old steakhouse into The "LA Hangout," which remains as a thriving business and legacy to his commitment, his skills and most of all, his winning personality.

Upon his passing Ed made a significant donation to the Chapter, restating his commitment to the Brotherhood by joining the "Alpha Delta Club." To read more about Ed and his career in "flair" bartending, please visit http://www.sptimes.com/2004/12/03/Northoftampa/Cocktail_acrobatics.shtml.

**Thomas Alexander Hill '48
(1/20/27 – 8/3/09)**

Brother **Thomas Hill '48** joined the Chapter Celestial on August 3, 2009 at Oakmont, PA. Brother Hill was a very loyal member of our chapter. He founded the Star & Crescent Foundation on December 2, 1959. He served as a trustee since the beginning and awarded scores of scholarships over the years to deserving Alpha Delta Brothers.

Brother Hill began his college education at Carnegie Mellon University and was a member of the Kiltie band. World War II started and he enlisted in the US Army Air Corp. He became a fighter pilot and instructor, flying P-51 Mustangs. After his Honorable Discharge from the military he transferred to Penn State University, became an Alpha Delta Brother and earned his degree in 1948. Brother Hill continued his education at night and earned his law degree at Duquesne University.

He worked most of his professional career as a corporate attorney for Rockwell Manufacturing Company, which was owned by another Alpha Delta alumnus: Willard F. Rockwell.

Brother Hill was survived by his wife (Virginia Hill) and his four children: Tamsen, Victoria, Tara and Alexander and eleven grandchildren.

**Mary Ellen Nichols
(10/15/50 - 6/8/09)**

Mary Ellen Nichols died June 8, 2009 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Born October 15, 1950 in Bellefonte, she was a daughter of the late Orvis and Dorothy Gardner. On April 5, 1968 she married Steve Nichols in Bellefonte, who preceded her in death. Mary Ellen attended the Bellefonte Area High School, class of 1968. She worked at Sunset West Restaurant for 11 years as cook/manager, and was the house cook for Kappa Sigma Fraternity for 13 years.



She was a member of the Eagle Heights Bible Church, the Skyline Riders Riding Club and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bellefonte Veterans Club. She was past president of the Cooks Association of Fraternity Cooks.

Her passion in life was her kids and grandkids and her love of horses.

She is survived by three sons, one step-son, a sister, three brothers, six grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

IN MEMORY

Since publication of our last newsletter we have also learned of the deaths of the following brothers...

- Albert George Jr. '38**
- Thomas Evans '41**
- Craig Morris '64**
- Gus Paschalides '72**
- Charlie Neidrich '82**

Share your best memories on these brothers and of Mary Ellen online at www.kappasigpsu.com.



GRAND MASTER REPORT

Alpha-Delta Reinstates Its Presence on Campus

Brothers Involved in Numerous Activities and Events

By Philip Relic, Grand Master

The Alpha-Delta Chapter has started a new school year, and we are all excited about the busy year ahead of us. Rush is already underway, and we are hoping to continue our success with another large pledge class. Our rush program this year includes barbecues, sports, semi-formal dinners, poker, tailgates, and more to ensure that we have another prosperous year.

The Alpha-Delta Chapter was recently assigned a new AA, Jim Edwards. Jim is a former Grand Master (Xi-Beta at Northeastern), a Jackson's Man, Founder's Circle winner, and has attended a multitude of Grand Conclaves and Leadership Conferences. Jim is a first-year graduate student at Penn State, and is pursuing an MS and PhD in Computer Science and Engineering. Jim attended our second Chapter meeting of the semester, and was

introduced to most of the members. Jim will be a valuable asset to our Chapter this year as we take Kappa Sigma to a new level.

Even with THON 6 months down the road, the 15-person THON committee is already hard at work. Our total last year was over \$13,000. This year, Alpha-Delta hopes to beat that by many times. We are in contact with corporate sponsors such as Bank of America, Erie Insurance, and a few family businesses, and this will also be the first year where we participate with another greek organization. We will continue with the same THON family, the Tyler Truex family, whom we were paired with last year and quickly formed a bond with. The family will be visiting Penn State multiple times before THON so Tyler and the family can spend time with the brothers.

For the first time since recolonization, our

Chapter will participate in Greek IFC events, and we will focus on Greek Sing. Kappa Alpha Theta, a prominent sorority on campus, joined us late last semester as our Greek Sing partner. After our first few Greek Sing promotional events, our pair stands in second place out of all fraternities/sororities on campus. We plan to work hard over the next couple months in preparation for Greek Sing, and do well at the actual event in November.

Last year, the Alpha-Delta Chapter graduated the founding fathers of the new Chapter. The 32 men who recolonized this Chapter were recently moved to alumni status, leaving the Alpha-Delta Chapter a much younger organization with lots of energy and excitement and a newfound sense of persistence and pride for Kappa Sigma. This year, we hope to make Kappa Sigma a common name around Penn State University.

DANCE MARATHON

Kappa Sigma Dances to Fight Pediatric Cancer

Alpha Delta Partnered with Its Own THON Family, Raises \$13,000+ in 2009

You are surely familiar with THON, the largest student-run philanthropy in the world, raising over \$7,000,000 last year alone and over \$61,000,000 since its formation in 1973. But you might not be familiar with the work that the Alpha-Delta Chapter is doing with regards to THON.

At the beginning of last year, our then THON chair, Jeff Watson, filled out an application that would mean more to our Chapter than anyone could have guessed. It was an application to be paired with our own THON family, something that we were told would be a huge responsibility. We were not told, however, how much it would mean to have such a family. Kappa Sigma was given the honor of representing the Tyler Truex family: Ray, his wife Jen and their kids Tyler, Ray Jr., and baby Gabe. Tyler and his family are a part of the 4 Diamonds Families, as Tyler was diagnosed with lymphoblastic leukemia early in his life. The Truex family made as many trips to Penn State as they

could, attending the THON Carnival, the THON 5k, home football weekends, canning trips, etc. to spend time with the brothers of Kappa Sigma.

Before we knew it, THON Weekend 2009 was upon us. The first year we participated in THON (2008), we were allowed two dancers: **Jason Liebel** and **Josh Gehly**. During our second year, four members of Kappa Sigma were on the floor: **Jeff Watson**, **Steve Aloia**, **Ali Soheilian** and **Steve Bowers**. Kappa Sigma raised over \$13,000 which helped contribute to the \$7,490,133.87 2009 THON total.

The future of Kappa Sigma and THON looks very bright. Our THON committee consists of 15 people, more than five times the size of any other committee. For the first time, Kappa Sigma will be represented with another Greek organization, and also corporate sponsors to match our totals. There's no saying what the future holds for Kappa Sigma and THON, but as long as



THON continues, Kappa Sigma and its brothers will continue to stand in the rain, snow, sleet, and hail, holding aluminum cans and big white "Help Kids With Cancer" signs, collecting change and dollar bills on the side of the road.

ALUMNI PROFILE

“It’s Just the Right Thing to Do”

Carl Bartuch ’75 Shares the Influence Kappa Sigma had on His Life and Why He Chooses to Support the Organization Today

The decision to come to Penn State for **Carl Bartuch ’75** was very similar to that of many of its students. Unsure of what particular major he wished to study, he chose Penn State because of the endless options he had to pick from. “I wasn’t really sure which educational discipline I wanted to pursue after high school. Penn State offered a wide variety of educational colleges and program choices to choose from and I didn’t have to decide until after my first year,” Carl said.

Attending his first two years at Penn State Beaver, Carl was first introduced to Kappa Sigma when he transferred to University Park. “I found my way to Kappa Sigma in my junior year through the fraternity rush program,” Carl said. “I was impressed with the quality of individuals at Kappa Sigma and the variety of interests and backgrounds that each of the guys brought to the house.”

Carl reminisces about his initial and fond memories of the fraternity. “I still remember clearly when Hooter (**Don Coretta ’75**) and **Bill Scullery** picked me up at my Blue Bell apartment for the first rush event I ever went to at Kappa Sigma. I had a lot in common with many of the guys right off the bat.”

Dating back to initiation, Carl recalls making a trip to Lehigh University as one of his favorite parts of the process. “We captured brother **Ron Derzak ’74** to take with us and we all had a great time socializing with [the] brotherhood at Lehigh and bonding as a group,” Carl said.

After becoming a brother, Carl remembers many crazy nights hanging out with fellow Kappa Sigs. “I can recall a number of occasions when **Larry Carretta ’77** attempted to turn [the] campus walkway system into his personal roadway with his Volkswagen Beetle only to be stopped and near arrested by the campus

police,” Carl said. “The remarkable thing was how smoothly Larry was able to talk his way out of the situation every time.”

While being a member of Kappa Sigma undoubtedly gave Carl countless memories and friendships, he took away many lessons that influenced his life ever since. “[Kappa Sigma] taught me the importance of being part of an organization, a community and a family,” Carl said. “In any type of organization, there are many different personalities, viewpoints and opinions. It taught me how to communicate on many different levels, the value of character, honesty and

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integrity in dealing with others and the importance of considering other peoples interests in decision making.”

Those valuable lessons carried into Carl’s career today where he currently resides in Houston, Texas as President and CEO of High Tech Finishing, a decorative metal-finishing business. “I worked in corporate life right after graduation as a cost accountant and financial analyst for Borg-Warner Corp., Piper Aircraft and then Atlantic Richfield-Chemical division in Philadelphia. I transferred to Houston in 1983 and wanted to get into my own business so in 1984 I purchased the predecessor to High Tech Finishing,” Carl said.

While the road to High Tech Finishing’s success was full of speed

bumps and obstacles, it is now the leading supplier for decorative metal plating for the business aviation industry. “We provide the manufacturers of business jets with a service by applying decorative coatings, the metal parts found in the interiors of these aircrafts,” Carl said. With High Tech Finishing doing incredibly well in the market, Carl added another aspect of business to his plate. “As the metal finishing business grew larger over the years and began to consistently produce excess investment capital, I turned that business over to a group of superb managers and formed Bartuch Holdings, Inc. in 2000 to invest in competitively advantaged niche business both in the private and public market place,” Carl said. This ambition led to the purchase of Kegg’s Candies in 2004, an established manufacturer of gourmet chocolate and other assorted candy. With help from Carl’s business management experience, the company was revamped and put in a position to expand and grow for many years to come.

Even with business booming, Carl still finds plenty of time to spend with his family. He has been married to his wife, Katherine, for twelve years and they have an 11-year-old daughter, Nicole.

Carl says that he feels it’s important to give back to the brotherhood, which he defines as “true lifelong friendships,” because it gave him so much both during his undergraduate days and after college. “I feel it’s important to give back, especially to an organization that was so instrumental in my early development... it’s also important that such a great organization should continue so that others can benefit the way I did,” Carl said. “I think all brothers should support the organization financially. It’s just the right thing to do.”

Do you know of a Kappa Sig alum who would make a good profile subject? If so, contact our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention “Alpha-Delta News” in the subject line).