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Sean Kotalik 2014  
**Grand Procurator**

Rob Sears 2014  
**Grand Master of Ceremonies**

Jim Fagan 2014  
**Grand Treasurer**

Mike Petrun 2014  
**Grand Scribe**

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Your gift directly supports our local chapter's alumni program and chapter activities.

### A Homecoming Worth Remembering...

"It was the best game I've ever been to. There were a lot of up and downs. I'm glad we were victorious at my last whiteout." – **Corey Popp**

"It was a definitely the most memorable Penn State football game I've ever been to." – **Ben Bortner**

# Alpha-Delta News



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Alpha-Delta's Alumni Program Expands to Better Engage Brotherhood

By Ed Gorkes, President of Alpha-Delta of Kappa Sigma

Thank you for taking the time to read our latest issue of *Alpha-Delta News*. As you will see in the enclosed pages, we have a lot of great news from the active chapter. We've also reached out to our brothers to get updates about your lives and also give you the chance to share your Kappa Sig memories. These stories help keep our brotherhood connected and remind us of the unique impact Alpha-Delta had on our lives.

If you would like to update us on how you're doing, please visit our newly-expanded, user-friendly website at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com). You can also upload photos directly to our Photo Albums to share with other brothers.

While you are at our site, please help us get in touch with our lost brothers. Using the "How To" link, you can review our list of

alumni with missing email addresses. If you see your name, or that of a friend you're in touch with, simply click on his name to send an email to our alumni relations firm with the updated address. This will help us to ensure we're reaching as many brothers with publication of our newsletters and other communications.

As a reminder, this newsletter was made possible through the generosity of our annual fund donors. Gifts to our local chapter pays for our alumni programs, including communications, maintenance of our alumni network and special events. Your contributions also help support active chapter activities and special needs, such as this past summer's furniture fund. To all those brothers who gave in 2012-13, THANK YOU!

## ACTIVE CHAPTER REPORT

### Kappa Sig Excels on Numerous Fronts

By Steven Koniuk, Grand Master, Alpha-Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma

We are pleased to report that Alpha-Delta has recruited 12 pledges this semester, a number that is greater than in previous semesters. As part of recruitment, we held weekly functions, along with poker nights and football viewings at the house. We also hosted a fun and engaging

football game with the brothers.

Next semester my goal is to have eight quality pledges. This would ensure that this year we recruited 20 new members. If we continue doing this for the next couple years, we will be able to be an 80 person brotherhood, which is my ideal number. I'm pleased to report that we have one legacy in the Chapter. **Declan Wilson**, who is currently a sophomore, is the son of **Matthew Paul Wilson '82**.

Alpha-Delta is also making strides in philanthropy. For THON, we hope to raise between \$85K and \$100K with our partner, Gamma Sigma Sigma. Brother **Conor Kincheloe** is this year's overall chairman. So far, Kappa Sig alone has raised over \$11K and we've contributed an estimated 500 hours of community service since the year began.



The new Kappa Sig house was the hub for many fall recruitment activities.

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## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Tom McNulty '68 on Eating Salamanders and Missing the Sexual Revolution

We'd like to extend a special thanks to Brother **Tom McNulty '68** for participating in this semester's alumni profile. Tom talks about undergrad life in the late 60s, his favorite traditions, and his life after leaving Happy Valley.

Tom reports: "I came to Penn State from New Jersey so I didn't have high school classmates or relatives on campus. I decided a fraternity was the easiest way to make friends, be involved in activities and learn to drink beer. I joined Kappa Sig because I met Jughead and Schweinberg, two widely divergent personalities. I figured if they could co-exist, I was sure to fit in someplace.

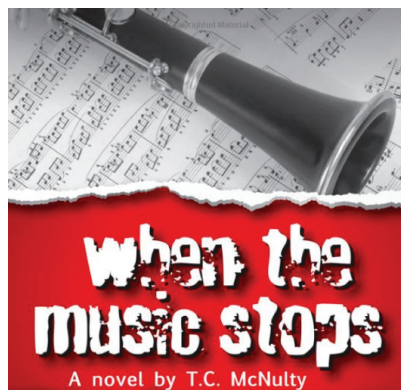
The mid and late 60s were tumultuous years with riots in cities, violent antiwar demonstrations, Civil Rights marches, and something called a sexual revolution. In sleepy State College I managed to miss most of it, especially that sexual thing. I concentrated on navigating the rigorous Journalism curriculum, picking up unattractive coeds at the Hub, and enjoying an occasional cold beverage

with my fraternity brothers.

Memorable events at the House included the annual hay party, Spring Week festivities, the salamander-eating exhibition, and the tossing of small animals down the center stairwell.

I've worked in advertising my entire career and have been a principle in an agency since 1975. We closed our office a few years ago when my partner retired but I continue to handle several accounts from home. It's easy and better than trying to live on Social Security.

For those who don't know, I wrote a novel, 'When the music stops.' It's available on Amazon.com in print or electronic form. Reviews from Kappa Sig readers have been



Tom's book is currently available on Amazon.com.

surprisingly favorable.

I married my high school sweetheart, Andrea, shortly after graduation. She was a frequent 'import' and knows the old guys about as well as I do. We have two children and four grandkids, all of whom live in North Carolina.

I remain friendly with many of my fraternity brothers. Being a Kappa Sig truly does last a lifetime. Joining the House was one of the best decisions I ever made."

Tom currently resides in Florham Park, NJ. To learn more about Tom's book, go to <http://sbpra.com/TCMcNulty>.

**You can reconnect with Tom at [glmcn@aol.com](mailto:glmcn@aol.com).**

## ALUMNI Q&A

### Tom Tatem '98 on the O'Brien Effect and How Football Connects Us Through the Years

**Tom Tatem '98** just welcomed a son to go along with two big sisters and started a new job in January. Tom also just finished out the basement himself with a bar and seating for 12! Can anyone say happy hour in Jersey?

**What's the single most important thing you learned from your Kappa Sig experience?**

To take the time to enjoy life because the things that are fun in life seem to go by way too quickly.

**How have you stayed connected with Kappa Sig in your alumni years?**

I get back up for the football games and each summer 6-8 brothers and their families vacation together in the Outer Banks.

**What do you think of the new house?**

A house provides that space to experience day-to-day life as brothers. Not just getting together for a brother's meeting or IM game. You get to know people better and build a stronger

bond. I remember the old house on Highland and how it was a monstrosity and ugly as anything from the outside—but if you could see past that you'd see a great group of guys. It was an incredibly fun place to live, where so many things happened I could not list here ... as I like being employed and married. When I retire, I'll write my book.

**What was your reaction to this season's 4 OT win over Michigan?**

It was probably the most exciting game I've ever been a part of at Beaver Stadium. A signature win was needed for O'Brien and having so many recruits on hand made it even more important. He's had a tremendous impact. From getting the guys to stay to building a solid team with all the limitations he has. I am just looking forward to when we can be ranked again and start talking bowl games!

**Reconnect with Tom at [tommy\\_tatem@yahoo.com](mailto:tommy_tatem@yahoo.com).**

## WISH LIST

### The Best of Times Yields Many Lifelong Memories

In the next year, we hope to accomplish the following with your support:

- Furnish the house
- Increase communications
- Carry out more frequent alumni events
- Increase and improve relations with our active chapter
- Provide more opportunities for alumni to visit the new house

**Can you help us achieve these goals?**

Ways to help are varied! You can make a gift online at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com) or by sending a check to the return address on this newsletter. If you don't have the capacity to make a gift this year, please consider reaching out to Ed Gorkes at [egorkes@gmail.com](mailto:egorkes@gmail.com) to find out how you can donate your time and talents, too!

## Our Honored Seniors Reflect on their Work Experiences and Kappa Sig's Growth

### *The Responsibilities of the Candy Man*

Brother **Nick Douglas** bid farewell to the Alpha-Delta Chapter last spring to pursue a co-op with the Hershey Company. Nick has been a very influential member in Alpha-Delta having served as Pledge Educator twice in addition to a term as Grand Master his sophomore year.



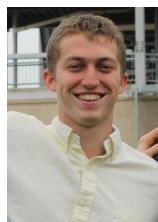
"I was initiated in the fall of 2010.

Currently, I am a senior majoring in Supply Chain Management with a Minor in International Business. Last January, I started a six month co-op for The Hershey Company in Hershey, Pa., working in the Supply Planning Department. My role primarily consisted of managing production line output, arranging shipments to distribution facilities, and making sure that inventory levels were adequate at all of our customer's locations. The main focus of my position was to efficiently use inventory and cut transportation costs in order to minimize expenses for the company. The position proved to be challenging, but I enjoyed taking on the responsibilities that were assigned to me.

One cool piece of information is that my first assignment had me in charge of all shipments of Twizzler products on a global scale. So the next time you pick one up, think of the Alpha-Delta Chapter!"

### *Getting Down and Dirty with Hurricane Irene*

Brother **Mike McLean** returned from his co-op with Advance Testing Company in Campbell Hall, New York. He is happy to be re-united with all of his Kappa Sigma brothers. Brother Mike has dedicated a great deal of his time as a student at Penn State to moving the Alpha-Delta Chapter forward having served as multiple positions including a term as Grand Procurator. We are all very excited to have such an influential member back on campus.



Brother McLean is a senior Civil Engineering major from Birdsboro, Pa. During his co-op, Mike performed commercial construction material testing and inspection on soils, aggregates, concrete, and reinforcing steel. For one of his projects during his three month tenure, Mike was responsible for inspecting soil compaction throughout a Hurricane Irene roadway restoration project that had an estimated project cost of over \$900,000. During the summer months, Brother McLean interned for URS (Ranked #2 on ENR's company of Top 150 Global Design Firms) as a Water Resources engineer. There he assisted to prepare riverine and coastal flood studies used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for their National Flood Insurance Program.

Mike writes, "Coming back to the chapter and seeing the progress my brothers have made in one semester is nothing short of astonishing. We added a number of new brothers who are all hardworking gentleman. Without taking any school credits during the

fall '12 semester during my co-op, I will finish up my degree this fall and I couldn't be any more excited to see what a new house has in store. Over my four years as a brother I've seen this chapter take great strides into being one of the top fraternities on campus."

### *Our Master of the Ritual Moves On*

Please join us in extending a fraternal congratulation to Brother **Rob Sears** for becoming Alpha-Delta's first Master of the Ritual since the re-charter. Brother Rob's commitment to the ritual serves as an example to many younger brothers of the importance and feasibility in attaining this great and distinguished honor.



Rob reflects, "Starting off as a brother in Kappa Sigma, I never thought that I'd become a master of the ritual. Having known what it entailed, it seemed an impossible task. When our Alumni Advisor Chad Joyce asked me upon my election to GMC if I was planning to become a Master, at first I thought he was joking. But as I began to learn more and more of the ritual it seemed that mastery was in reach. When I attended Conclave in Las Vegas this summer, it was an honor to have my name called along with the other 50 some odd brothers who also had become masters that year. I simply hope that more brothers from Alpha-Delta will follow in my footsteps as this chapter continues to grow to be the best at both Penn State and within the Kappa Sigma Fraternity worldwide."

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Email Crisis! We're Missing Email Addresses for More Than Half of our Members

We need your help! More than half of our alumni brothers are missing from our list of email addresses, which means that they aren't receiving our monthly eletters or other electronic communications. Please help us to reach our brothers more frequently and cost-effectively by reviewing our lost email list at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com) or by forwarding any email

addresses of alumni to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com). Rest assured that our database is used solely for chapter communications.

The more email addresses we have, the more money we can save on paper and postage to keep you in the loop throughout the year. Thanks for helping us to stay connected!

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In addition to THON, we have held a community brunch targeted specifically for First Responders in the area. It was a huge success. Approximately eight ambulance squads arrived. Brothers got to meet the local first responders and everyone had a great morning brunch getting to know each other. Here we logged over 100 total hours of community service.

Academically, we currently have a 3.18 cumulative GPA. We have mandatory library hours for brothers who don't meet specific GPA requirements. Additionally, we have a scholarship chairman who assists in any and all ways academically.

Our greatest highlight this season had to be 2013 Homecoming game against Michigan. Those brothers who didn't have a ticket were at the house watching it on our 60-inch flat screen television. We even had a number of alumni stop by and watch the game with us. It was a blast to see the Nittany Lions defeat Michigan after four overtimes!

### Fall 2013 Pledge Class

Tyler Eline Bucks County, Pa.	Josh Hammaker Kennett Square, Pa.	Joe Puthumana New York, N.Y.
Anthony Solis Great Neck, N.Y.	Burak Dalcik Istanbul, Turkey	Chris Couch Easton, Pa.
Andy Riedel Olney, Md.	Kirk Cieniewicz Reading, Pa.	Ryan Hill Chalfont, Pa.
Adam Bortner Durham, N.C.	Xander Robinson Fairfax Station, Va.	

## HOUSE UPDATE

### New House Fosters Alumni Participation and Sense of Community

By Steven Koniuk, Grand Master, Alpha-Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma

Over the summer, the Executive Committee met multiple times to discuss housing issues as well as fraternal issues. Now that we have a new house, we have 22 brothers living under the same roof. The most complex issue was everyone's food situation. After looking at various options, we decided to go with a caterer that delivers lunch and dinner, five days a week. All of the brothers are extremely pleased with this decision.

As for maintenance, we have hired a third party company to help us out. We have weekly inspections of the house where we can see what needs to be done on weekly and monthly levels. We also have a house manager who is

in charge of most housing-related issues.

Having a house has had a huge impact on the fraternity—most visibly on alumni participation. We now have a central location to host events and hope that throughout the semester, more and more alumni will stop by and get involved.

Finally, we want to extend our most sincere appreciation to those alumni who participated in the furniture fund. We have purchased new leather couches that arrived October 22. Throughout the upcoming weeks, we will be working with carpenters to mount and encase the television in the living room and build radiator covers. I'll also be

looking into new carpets, curtains, and tables and chairs.



Thanks to alumni support, Alpha-Delta was able to purchase new furniture for the house.

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