

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Blue-White Weekend**  
April 19-21

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## ALUMNI NEWS

Which brother was recently inducted into the West Coastal Adult Baseball League? Find out on page 3!

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# Alpha-Delta News



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## CHAPTER REPORT

### Alpha-Delta Recognized for Academic Excellence

*Chapter Achieves One of Highest GPAs in Fraternity, Continues to Increase Campus Presence through Focus on Recruitment and Philanthropy*

By GM Colby Delaney

Several undergraduate brothers attended the Kappa Sigma Leadership Conference in New Orleans this summer. While at the conference, the Alpha Delta's were awarded with one of the Academic Excellence Cups for having one of the highest GPAs of all Kappa Sigma chapters for the past school year. The undergrads finished the 2011-12 school year with a 3.30 GPA in the spring semester. These marks tied us with Beta Sigma Beta for the fourth best GPA in the IFC, far above the IFC average of 3.14.

In recruitment, the brothers of Alpha Delta put a full effort into a pivotal rush period this fall. Brother **Steven Koniuk** was elected as the rush chairman and did a great job coordinating the chapter's rush efforts. Over 1,200 students went through the recruitment process this fall and we made contact with close to 200 of them. Through events such as a BBQ, poker night, a football game, and other events, we got to know many of the great young men on campus. We gave out a total of 25 bids and secured 12 new pledges. Eleven of the pledges are freshmen and one is a sophomore, with majors ranging from engineering to accounting to economics. The brothers are excited about the new pledge class and the enthusiasm for the chapter they have shown so early in the pledge process. Two of the pledges are legacies of the chapter, **Nick Vough**, whose brother Mike graduated last spring and was a former Grand Master for the chapter; and **Declan Wilson**, whose father Matthew graduated from Penn State in 1982. Declan's grandfather was also a Kappa Sigma at William

and Mary.

For the first time since regaining our charter, the chapter participated in the Homecoming festivities. We paired up with



*Brothers pose with the Academic Excellence Cup they received at the Kappa Sigma Leadership Conference in New Orleans this summer.*

Vole, a ballet club on campus, and made a float for our theme based on the movie *Grease*. It took a lot of effort from all the members of both organizations but in the end it all came together and everyone had a great time.

Last year Kappa Sigma has its first THON partner in Gamma Sigma Sigma since regaining our charter. The brothers are extremely excited for THON this year and hope that our new partnership will launch us into the top 10 for Greek organizations. On the first canning weekend our pair raised \$6,100.30, so we are off to a great start! If you would like to donate to THON in our name, contact our THON chairman **Jakob Yarmoff** at [jake.yarmoff@gmail.com](mailto:jake.yarmoff@gmail.com). We hope you will support Kappa Sigma and THON For the Kids!



## ALUMNI REPORT

### Our Chapter's Success Relies on Increased Alumni Participation

#### Thank You to Those Brothers Who Have Helped Keep Us Going Strong

By Ed Gorkes '79, President, Pennsylvania Alpha-Delta Association

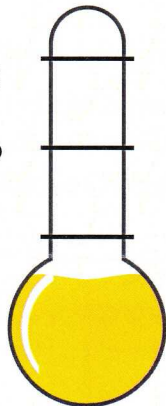
In light of a roller coaster year at Penn State, I am more proud than ever of the accomplishments of our undergraduate chapter and the strength of our alumni brotherhood. As you've read in this newsletter and in our past few eLetters, the active chapter has been making quite a name for itself in terms of academic recognition, philanthropy, fundraising and recruitment.

I am appreciative of

#### 2011-12 Annual Fund

Goal:  
**\$23,000**

Raised to date:  
**\$7,437**



you – our active alumni – for helping to build our chapter to its current state and to prepare it for the future. I encourage you to renew your involvement with Alpha-Delta this year and every year. The best way to do this is through a) your increased participation in chapter events and communications, and b) your financial contributions.

Just over two months into our 2012-13 giving year, which kicked off September 1, we are already raised just shy of one-third of our goal for the year. I am asking for your participation

this year as we continue to revitalize our chapter and our university.

#### As a reminder, your gift helps to:

- Continue frequent communications, including publication of *Alpha-Delta News* and our monthly email newsletter.
- Provide opportunities to stay connected as an alum, like our chapter-wide tailgates.
- Maintain our database, connecting nearly 1,000 living alumni.

Make a gift today in honor of your Kappa Sig experience. You can donate online at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com) or by calling 800-975-6699.

## IN YOUR WORDS

### Kappa Sig Moments Yield Lifelong Memories

Thank you to the following brothers for sharing their stories and life lessons.

#### How did Kappa Sig shape your life?

"I can honestly say it has made me who I am today, for better or worse! Seriously, it showed me how to balance priorities, work across a big group of people with different opinions, how to laugh and cry together as a family and accomplish things while having fun. There are so many parallels between fraternity life and the workplace. But overall, it took a naive

teenager and prepared me for the real world."  
- **Tom Tatem '98**

#### Tell us about a brother who was a role model to you in the fraternity.

"Jughead. Who else could it possibly be?"  
- **Tom McNulty '68**

#### What song defines your college experience?

"Who can forget the early '70s with Brother Bone's band, Watchtower, playing Steve

Miller's 'Living in the USA,' and my personal favorite, 'Teacher' by Jethro Tull."

- **Bill "Ace" Vitori '73**

#### What is the best nickname from your era and the story behind it?

"The only nickname I recall was 'dictator.' When our social chairman, a fullback and wrestler who did not drink, began removing the tap one hour after curfew to reduce alcohol abuse per house by-laws, our executive committee was occasionally referred to (mostly in jest) as 'five yes men and a dictator.'"

- **Warren Hartenstine '67**

Share your responses to these questions and read those of other brothers at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com)!

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### We love coming across great old photos from our chapter's history, like this one from 1931

Help us to build up our online photo archives! Share the best pictures from your era by emailing them to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention Kappa Sig PSU) or by uploading them at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com).





## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Brother Lands His First Job, Thanks to Kappa Sig

#### Rodd McDanel '77 Shares the Story of How He's Encountered Many Brothers Throughout His Career

**Rodd McDanel '77** was always busy during his time as an undergraduate, taking part in fraternity activities like spring luaus and canoes race. So it should come as no surprise to find that he is even busier now. A permanent resident of the United Kingdom, Rodd is vice president of finance for the European division of Cookson Performance Materials, an electronics firm in England. Rodd spends much of his time traveling for work throughout Europe, so it only makes sense that he's also learning both the Italian and Dutch languages. When he's not jet-setting across the globe, he can be found riding through England's countryside on his new Harley Davidson Fat Boy.

Rodd is quick to attribute much of his success to the connections he made early on in his career to the Kappa Sigma brotherhood. After graduating from Penn State, he applied

for a cost accounting position with Alcan Cable (now Rio Tinto) in Williamsport, Pa. As luck would have it, his resume found its way to fellow Kappa Sigma brothers Paul Rill from Dartmouth University and Robert Mitchell from Washinton & Jefferson. Even though the brothers at Alcan Cable weren't from Penn State, Rodd's fraternity affiliation helped him get an interview, which led to his first corporate position.

"Kappa Sig was directly responsible for me obtaining my first job after graduation," Rodd says. "I have run into numerous brothers throughout my career around the world and we all shared the bond. This story may have occurred a long time ago, but it still holds true today for those in the Kappa Sigma brotherhood."

Although being across the pond has put a damper on Kappa Sig reunions and

gatherings for Rodd, he still maintains strong ties with his brothers from Penn State. He fondly recalls celebrating last Thanksgiving in Arizona with **Carl Bartuch '75** and his family. He also made it back stateside for the Penn State-Ohio State football game in 2010.

One thing that the distance can't interfere with is his Kappa Sigma memories. Like most of his Penn State brothers, Rodd shared many good times in Happy Valley, though he says receiving his bid to pledge, Tex the cook and snow football in the front yard are at the top of his list.

Rodd has four children—a son in college and three daughters in school in Georgia.

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## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Joseph N. Succop II '48

(912 Parkside Court, Chambersburg, PA 17201-4904) We are in an independent living cottage at Penn Hall Village at Menno Haven, a retirement center close to Gettysburg.

### Wesley Link '55

(321 Aberdeen Ave., Exton, PA 19341; [lecocelo@aol.com](mailto:lecocelo@aol.com)) I was recently inducted into the West Coastal Adult Baseball League (WCABL) Hall of Fame, its 39th member since 1954.

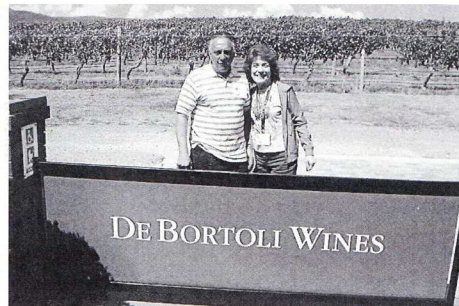
### Bob Mann Jr. '57

(5 Baycrest Dr, South Burlington, VT 05403-7713) I have good memories of Kappa Sig as social chairman and managed to keep us under the radar with the Dean of Men. After a career that took me to 80 countries with the State Department and United Nations, I am now retired in splendid obscurity in Vermont with my wife, two children and five grandchildren.

### Vincent Diloreto '65

(9812 Big View Drive, Austin, TX

[dlandvince@aol.com](mailto:dlandvince@aol.com)) My wife Donna Lee and I have lived in our retirement home in Austin, Texas, for more than ten years. We enjoy dining, wine and travel. We spent the month of February traveling to New Zealand and Australia. Summer "Down Under" was great!

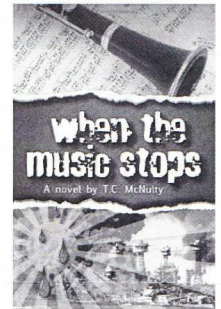


*Vincent Diloreto and his wife Donna Lee  
"down under."*

### Tom McNulty '68

(10 Dellwood Dr., Florham Park, NJ 07932; [gmlcn@aol.com](mailto:gmlcn@aol.com)) I have worked in my own ad agency for 37 years. I've been married to Andrea, my annual pledge formal date, for 43 years. Our son and daughter both live in Wake Forest, NC, and we have four

grandchildren. I've published my first novel. It begins in pre-World War II days and follows the fortunes of several young people through the War. **Lou Koehler '69** and **Chuck Ingram '69** have read it and posted unsolicited and unpaid reviews on amazon.com. It's available in print version at amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com, and also available in ebook from Kindle and Nook. Shameless promotion perhaps, but what's a struggling author to do? Hope anyone who reads it enjoys it.



### Ronald Derzak '74

(207 Essex Court, Seven Fields, PA 16046; [derzak@zoominternet.net](mailto:derzak@zoominternet.net)) Our twins, Andrew and Andrea, are attending Penn State (Greater Allegheny and New Kensington, respectfully) as of this fall.



## ON THE WEB

### Email Crisis! We're Missing Email Addresses for 64% of Our Brothers

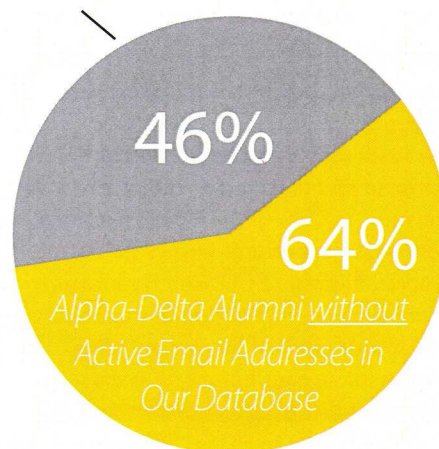
You may be missing out on important Kappa Sig communications! Each month, our alumni chapter sends an eLetter with the latest chapter news, information, and event details to all alumni on our distribution list. Ensure you're receiving your copy of these emails by verifying your email address today!

We currently have active email addresses for just 46% of our living alumni. If your email address is one of the 64% we're missing, please update it online at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com) or by emailing our alumni relations office with your full name, grad year and "Kappa Sigma PSU" to [feedback@affinityconnection.com](mailto:feedback@affinityconnection.com).

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 with you more frequently and cost effectively!

Total living alumni: 1,002

Alpha-Delta Alumni *with* Active Email Addresses in Our Database



## KAPPA SIG REUNIONS

### Alpha-Delta Brothers Meet & Greet with Some Penn State VIPs

Brothers **Mike Irwin '67** (football co-captain), **Tom Stuart '67** (football, wrestling, chapter social chairman), **Dick Hayes '68** (IFC, University planning committee), **John Kennon '68** (GM) and **Warren Hartenstine '67** met at Penn State for Blue White Weekend where they joined a host of fellow Alpha Delta brothers from their era at a tailgate.

During their travels around campus, they attended the Political Science honors student dinner and ground breaking for the new ice rink. They met with College of Liberal Arts dean, Susan Welch; said hello to new head

football coach, Bill O'Brien; talked with Acting Athletic Director and fellow football letterman and All American wrestler, Dave Joyner; and checked in with former Director of Football Operations and now project manager for the new ice rink, Tom Venturino. Associated Athletic Director Fran Ganter invited the group to the Friday walk through practice session for the Blue White game.

*Have you recently reconnected with Kappa Sig brothers? Share your story online at [www.kappasigpsu.com](http://www.kappasigpsu.com).*



Dick Hayes '68 and Warren Hartenstine '67

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