



Alpha-Delta News

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JEFF MONTGOMERY '94 NAMED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AT HOMECOMING

By Doug Byler '90, Alumni Association Treasurer

Homecoming 1998 will be remembered as one of the best!! The turnout was strong and everyone had a great time. The undergraduates' hospitality was admirable, and everyone attending truly enjoyed themselves. After an incredible meal, several awards were presented, highlighted by the annual Alumnus of the Year Award. Jeff Montgomery '94 was awarded this honor for his many hours of work setting up and maintaining a Kappa Sigma listserv (See Tom Tatem's article on Page 3).

This was the second year we offered returning alumni the opportunity to rent the refurbished suites on the second deck. The \$100 donation goes toward the operating expenses of the Corporation, while giving alumni a private room with a semi-private bath where they can stay homecoming weekend. Please plan on returning next homecoming, and reserve your room early. This year they went fast! A special thanks to all of the many alumni who made contributions; your dollars helped make homecoming the highest

contributing homecoming ever! Also, at the annual meeting, Doug Byler '90 was re-elected Treasurer for another term, and Vin Gaeta '86 was also elected to another term.

As most of you know, we had to replace the boiler this year — almost \$23,000 of unplanned expense. Of course this presented a great challenge. While the costs of the new boiler have not been completely paid, donations are up, and we hope to have enough money to pay the bill in full before Blue/White Weekend this spring. Other

than the boiler, everything else has been running quite smoothly, and the Corporation remains strong and viable. Thanks to all for your generous donations.

If you should have any questions or concerns about the Alumni Association, please do not hesitate to call President John Meyers '89 (H) 410-394-1171, (W) 301-342-8446. We are always looking for new ideas, thoughts and opinions from our brothers, so please, keep in touch! I wish you all a wonderful and prosperous 1999!

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

By Brian Anderson '99, Grand Master

During the past several years, you have heard our undergraduate brothers speak about the "transitional period" our chapter was going through. Currently that transition is approaching its peak very rapidly. I am proud to say that all of the goals set by our Executive Committee have been accomplished.

At the conclusion of last semester, our numbers were reaching dangerously low levels. We were well aware that only 21 brothers would be moving into the chapter house in September 1998. Under the direction of Merritt Sweeney '99, Scott Thomas '99 and John Gambill '99, our rush chairmen, we dedicated ourselves to pledging quality men into Kappa Sigma. A month and a half later, we proudly pinned in 15 outstanding men.

We have been stressing high academic standards for as long as you and I can remember. Regardless, our house grade point average over the last couple of years was down to about 2.5.

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FATHER-SON (AND A DAUGHTER) GOLF OUTING GETS NEW LIFE



David Meek '85 writes that the father/son golf outing tradition that began in 1992 has been resurrected! See his Alumni News entry on Page 6 for details and another photo. The post-golf celebration at this table includes, from left to right, Vin Gaeta '83, Jim Merinar '87, Pam Plueddemann Meek '84, Al Plueddemann, Tom Beckett '85 and Mark Rippy '81.

HOMEcoming '98 A BIG SUCCESS

By Wesley Fine '98

Many alumni returned to visit Dear Old State during Homecoming Weekend, and many Kappa Sigmas were among them. Kappa Sigma shared celebrating our Homecoming tradition with the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta for the second consecutive year. Determined to adopt a theme that would capture everyone's sense of fun and amusement, we decided on The Simpsons.

The week was a hectic time for some of the undergraduates, including Homecoming chairs Wesley Fine '98 and Craig Pozsonyi '00. Craig did a great job of bringing our ideas to life, including creating an amazing-looking Madhatter of Krusty the Clown. The idea for our float was to integrate the Penn State Homecoming theme, With Pride and Glory, with our personal theme of The Simpsons. Our float featured Homer and Marge Simpson sitting in the stands at a PSU football game. Lisa Simpson was playing her saxophone in Blue Band uniform, and Bart Simpson played the mascot, dressed in his Bartman outfit. Little Maggie Simpson was a cheerleader, hanging from the goal post cheering Penn State on to victory. Our Crazy Band featured five members of Kappa Sigma dancing with five members of Alpha Gamma Delta, doing "the Bartman." Our overall finish for Homecoming was seventh place!

Following the parade, alumni and undergraduates shared a night of seeing some old and new faces. Our alumni met the new pledge class of 15 and seemed duly impressed. Saturday morning we had a tailgate before the game that was attended by about a hundred and fifty. During the afternoon, we watched Penn State defeat Purdue 31-13, having a lot of laughs and good times while sitting in block seating with the Alpha Gamma Deltas. Immediately after the game, we had the Homecoming dinner, where many awards were presented. Two notable awards: Jeffrey Montgomery '94 was named Alumnus of the Year, and Brian Anderson '99 was recognized as Brother of the Year.

Overall, we had an excellent time spending time with one another. Alumni had the option of renting rooms at the house for the weekend, and they were very pleased with all the hard work we were doing. They were also thrilled about the large pledge class and the clean condition of the house. One great thing about Homecoming — it's such a good time to see old friends and make some new ones. Every year just keeps getting better!

AT ALPHA-DELTA ...

WE WORK HARD AND



At left, Merritt Sweeney '99, Dan Gruscavage '00 and Scott Thomas '99 prepare for Parents' Weekend at the chapter house in March 1998.

WE PLAY HARD!



At right, Tyler Orwig '99, Tom Tatem '98 and Adam Henry '99 put on their dancing shoes at our Spring Formal last April.

FALL 1998 ALPHA-DELTA CHAPTER OFFICERS

GRAND MASTER

Brian K. Anderson '99
Malvern, Pa.
Business Logistics

GRAND PROCURATOR

Jeff G. Rebernak '99
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Dan F. Gruscavage '00
Mountain Top, Pa.
Business Logistics

GRAND TREASURER

Craig D. Pozsonyi '00
Phillipsburg, N.J.
Administration of Justice

RELATIONS WITH COMMUNITY, POLICE CONTINUE TO IMPROVE

By Jeff Rebernak '99

During Arts Festival Weekend on July 12, 1998, a large riot broke out on Beaver Avenue in front of the chapter house. For most of us, this report is not new information, and neither is the news pertaining to the efforts of the many undergraduates and alumni who were visiting for the weekend. Those efforts helped contain the violence and destruction of the storefronts and possibly the chapter house. We would like to thank everyone who did help during the incident, both undergraduates and alumni.

Media throughout the country recognized our efforts, and we have received commendations from IMH and brothers everywhere. Locally, the Interfraternity Council and the State College Police Department both praised our efforts, improving our relations in both areas. Other fraternities within the Penn State Greek system also recognized our efforts as being positive for all fraternities, locally and nationally.

Due to the riot and many other alcohol-related incidents, the local police departments, the Liquor Control Board, and the Pennsylvania State Police have stepped up their efforts to curb underage drinking. Every weekend, law enforcement is highly visible throughout the borough, especially in the vicinity of this summer's riot. Their presence has proven positive for the community and the chapter. Incidents involving apartment buildings and vandalism of our chapter house have been greatly reduced, while the usual problems seen on weekend nights throughout town have also decreased.

As a chapter, we want to keep our relations with local law enforcement on a positive note. This semester, we plan to have a local officer out for dinner. We hope she or he will be able to help us with our risk management policies as well as with ways we may be able to improve our community relations.

ALPHA-DELTA ONLINE

By Tom Tatem '98

As we enter the new millennium, Alpha-Delta is keeping right up with the times. Thanks to the help of Jeff Montgomery '94, Mike Hooks '93 and Tom Rice '98, Alpha-Delta is in cyberspace. When you get a chance, check out the Alpha-Delta home page at <http://athens.cac.psu.edu/fraternities/kappasig/index.html>. The home page contains links to the national fraternity's and to other areas of interest. It also contains an updated list of alumni who are on the Web and of events going on at Alpha-Delta. The Kappa Sigma listserv is a new addition this year. The listserv is an e-mail service solely for the alumni and undergraduates at Alpha-Delta. All alumni on the list get mail from any brother who sends mail to it. It's a great way to keep in

touch with events at the house, meet up with old friends, or just sit back and enjoy old and new stories. It's free and helps to save money on those long-distance phone calls. As Brian Say '97 said, "The list serve is a great way to stay up to date with what's going on with my friends, and from what I've heard, everyone seems to like getting my humorous e-mails." If you wish to subscribe to the listserv, e-mail Jeff at jeff_montgomery@m8.sprynet.com. One final way to keep in touch is to go to the Alpha-Delta chat room. The chat room can be accessed through the home page or at http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/jeff_montgomery/kschat.html. "E-meetings" are held Sundays at about 10 p.m. Eastern time, when brothers meet up to see what's new.

THE INAUGURAL KAPPA SIG STREET HOCKEY CHALLENGE

By Brian Anderson '99

Last winter, Craig Pozsonyi '99, Ryan Millan '99 and I were brainstorming to determine the type of philanthropic event we would organize for the fall semester. Without any hesitation, we realized that Penn State was in dire need of a good street hockey tournament. The sport is growing tremendously, and we knew we would receive an excellent response. On October 10, 1998, our vision came to life as we closed off the Alpha-Delta parking lot, drew the chalk lines, and dropped the puck — I mean ball — on the first game. The tournament was sanctioned by USA Hockey InLine, which is a nonprofit organization providing insurance and other help to promote the sport. Alumnus Michael Hooks '93 dedicated much of his time to help referee and organize



the day's events. Several local businesses also got in on the action as sponsors for the tournament. In the end, Sigma Phi Epsilon won the trophy as the tournament's champion and the Centre County Children and Youth Services received \$612 from the brothers of Kappa Sigma. We are looking forward to the Second Annual Street Hockey Challenge, which will take place early next fall. If you'd like to get involved, contact the chapter house.

Alpha-Delta News is published for the members and friends of the Alpha-Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at The Pennsylvania State University. Address changes, news items and photographs are always welcome and should be either sent in the enclosed envelope or mailed to **Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Alumni Records Office, P.O. Box 296, State College, PA 16804-0296.**

IN MEMORIAM

By Doug Byler '90

This past May, Alpha-Delta prematurely lost one of our own. Curtis Lee Huber '89 was killed instantly when a large rock fell from a mountain and landed on the truck Curt was driving. Curtis was living on Saba, an island in the Caribbean (near St. Martin's), where he owned and operated a dive shop.

Anyone who was a part of the house during the time Curtis was there certainly will feel a great sense of loss. Curt's infectious laughter and carefree attitude will not be forgotten. While at Kappa Sigma, Curtis was always active, serving as social chair and Grand Master of Ceremonies as well as other offices. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in industrial psychology, he moved to California, where he worked as a representative for Gallo Wines, and as a pharmaceutical salesperson.

Curt was an avid surfer and a master scuba diver. He spent the last few years of his life doing what he truly loved, diving. Curt died less than a week before his 31st birthday, and four months before he was due to be

married. In addition to his fiancée, Curt is survived by his mother and father (Parents' Weekend dance champions) Ken and Maggie Huber, and a brother, Shawn '96, also an Alpha-Delta Kappa Sig.

Curt was a man who truly personified the Star & Crescent, which was read at his funeral. Many friends and brothers attended. Condolences to his parents or Shawn can be sent to 685 Georgetown Road, Ronks, PA, 17572; donations can be sent to the same address, with checks made payable to Saba Hospital.

Should you ever find yourself in Saba, ask any of the natives about Curt, and they will welcome you. The day Curt died, the Dutch flag flew at half mast throughout the island (the first time this honor was afforded an American); the government has erected a memorial to Curt. Curtis truly loved Saba and the islanders loved him. At his memorial service, everyone on the island attended. He will be missed by the Sabans, his family and our Order.

WELCOME OUR FALL 1998 PLEDGES

Shaun Agostinelli '00
Mocanaqua, Pa.
Business

Thomas Barzona '02
Lock Haven, Pa.
Administration of Justice

Matthew Brady '00
Valley Forge, Pa.
Business

Michael C. Epinger '00
Edinboro, Pa.
Psychology

Robert Gates '02
Coldwater, Mich.
Professional Golf Management

Navin Gopwani '02
Inglewood Cliff, N.J.
Pre-law

Robert Hickman '01
Ligonier, Pa.
Division of Undergraduate Studies

Kevin Homan '00
Rahway, N.J.
Political Science

Benjamin Margolis '02
Rockaway, N.J.
Engineering

Nicholas Mendez '02
Berwyn, Pa.
Division of Undergraduate Studies

Michael Murphy '00
Mountain Top, Pa.
Business Logistics

Christopher Peck '02
Malvern, Pa.
Business

Darren Reddy '00
Tannersville, Pa.; Division of
Undergraduate Studies

Jose Vidal '00
Philadelphia, Pa.
Accounting

Brendan Whelan '01
Berwyn, Pa.
Division of Undergraduate Studies



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Thanks to hard work and cooperation, we were able to post a 2.92 GPA for spring 1998 that ranked us 22nd of 59 fraternities.

The best memories most of us have of Alpha-Delta are the times spent downstairs with our brothers and our close friends. We decided at the beginning of my term to expand our social interaction with Penn State organizations and further improve our image. Through the hard work of Social Chair Adam Henry '99 and the cooperation of the entire brotherhood, we succeeded on this mission. This November we will be hosting our second social with our sister sorority Chi Omega. Also the heroics of undergraduates and alumni during the summer riot received national press from several publications. Throughout the semester I have received numerous letters regarding the efforts of the Alpha-Delta brothers to stop the rioting outside the chapter house.

Lastly, we realized that we were allowing our commitment to the community to slide. With the help of Craig Pozsonyi '99, we were able to develop and organize the first annual Kappa Sig Street Hockey Challenge to benefit the Centre County Children and Youth Services. The event was a huge success, raising over \$600 for children in the Centre County area who need help.

If any alumni are looking for a way to be involved with Kappa Sigma once again, there has never been a better time! Call me anytime at 814-237-7036.

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"Our chapter is a real credit to Kappa Sigma and the *Alpha-Delta News* is a real treat," writes 90-year-old **Walter E. Carpenter '29** (122B Sunset Rd., Whiting, NJ 08759). He sends greetings to the brothers.

John B. Henry Jr. '32 (315 S. Pasadena Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15215) enjoys his four children and his good friend, Blanche.

Herbert K. Kraybill '47 (305 Laurel Ave., Lititz, PA 17543) was particularly pleased to learn about Alpha-Delta members helping during the riot. "Thank you, each and every one."

Another brother appreciative of the actions of Alpha-Delta brothers during the riot is **William W. Barr '50** (2823 Prescott Dr., Carrollton, TX 75006). "Well done!"

James E. Lovett Jr. '52 (8 Harvey Ct., Summit, NJ 07901), who is retired from AT&T, is now a division manager with Alaska Sightseeing/Cruise West.

Loretta and **George A. Jason '53** (4549 W. 37th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312) spent a day with Marion and **Wayne Pihl '56** in April and had dinner with Cathy and **Skip Corll '54** in May. Both the Pihls and Corlls have winter homes in Fort Myers, Fla. All three couples were hoping to get together in November of this year.

Richard E. Livingston '53 (975 Oakwood Ave., State College, PA 16803), a reverend with the Anglican Province of Christ the King, is the director of the Penn State

Anglican campus ministry. "Father Rich" invites all to attend services at Eisenhower Chapel at 8 a.m. each Sunday.

Julie and **James B. Griffin Jr. '55** now reside at 374 Wheeler Rd., Sequim, WA 98382. You can give them a call at 360-683-8066. As a team of professional investigators, the couple travel throughout the country on business.

"Never cease being proud to be a Kappa Sigma!" **John W. Godayte Jr. '57** (6217 18th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710) tells us. "I have been back to the house nearly every Homecoming since graduation and have loved every minute of it!"

Kenneth I. Outwater Jr. '57 has bought a home at 37482 S. Ridgeview Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85739. Brothers on the Internet can contact him at k.outwater@compuserve.com.

Edward J. Schmidt '61 (2613 Eucalyptus St., Plano, TX 75075) is a region manager with Keebler Co. Over the last 12 years, he, **Hank Norment '61**, **Ed Goletz '61** and **Dave Kelley '62** have gathered four or five times at Kappa Sigma for a football game. "It takes an effort as we're all living in different states, but it's always well worth it," Ed notes. He welcomes others to join them.

As an independent consultant with Ball & Associates, **James A. Ball '65** (6833 Spring Beauty Ct., Springfield, VA 22152; jball@erols.com) uses all the social skills he acquired as a Kappa Sig. He works with

many federal agencies in Washington, D.C., to commercialize new technology for law enforcement, emergency management, counter-terrorism and environmental applications.

Vincent D. Diloreto '65 (8925 Nesbit Lakes Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30022; vince.diloreto@gecm.com) has been promoted to vice president of engineering and programs at GEC Marconi Avionics Inc.

After 18 years in Florida, **Phillip Xanthopoulos '66** (1450 Rarway Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076; drx@ix.netcom.com) has been transferred to the Big Apple. A CFP, he works on Wall Street in the Training Department of Prudential Securities Inc. "Local alums, call. Let's meet for lunch or a tour of the NYSE."

When he last wrote, **David A. Beckmann '67** (165 102nd St., Stone Harbor, NJ 08247) was planning to retire in May 1998.

Terry R. Eshenour '67 (1393 Holly Bank Cir., Dunwoody, GA 30338; terryesh@mindspring.com), managing director of Market & Product Solutions, has started a major agribusiness in China and has two additional opportunities underway in Asia. He enjoys being in touch with the brotherhood via e-mail.

From **Anthony J. Buzzelli '71** (3819 Ingomar St. N.W., Washington, DC 20015), we received this note: "I was very proud of the behavior that Kappa Sigma exhibited during the summer riot. It takes great courage to go against peer

pressure during very emotional events. Thanks for making all alumni proud to be Kappa Sigmas."

A. George Makdad '71 (3141 Danbury Dr. W., Janesville, WI 53546; a.makdad@aol.com), a sales manager with New Zealand Dairy Group, is married to Sharon and has five sons.

David E. Link '72 (947 Holborn Ct., Sterling, VA 20164) is a health services administrator with the D.C. Department of Corrections. He reports that **Charles Fey '71** is now vice president of student affairs at the University of Maryland-Baltimore.

Robert W. Hampton Jr. '73 has a new job and address. He is vice president and CFO of HWC Energy Services Inc. and resides at 3607 Acorn Wood Way, Houston, TX 77059. You can reach him electronically at rwhampy@earthlink.net.

This fall, **William H. Murdoch Jr. '73** (119 Lorraine Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227; bill.murdoch.b@bayer.com) enjoyed seeing brothers at the Pitt/Penn State game in "the Burgh."

Lawrence F. Carretta '77 (1110 E. End Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15218; carretta@fyi.net), president of Holt Ramsey Pump Co., notes, "I'm still looking for Moose."

"Good job during the riot at the Arts Festival," writes **Edward D. Gorkes '79** (1200 New Church Ct., Ambler, PA

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19002). "It puts our house in a very positive light within the community and the university."

Paul J. Fox '83 (45054 Fox Pointe Dr., Canton, MI 48187) has three stepchildren — Jeanne, Nick and Luke — and a 1-year-old daughter, Kendall, with wife Susan. Paul notes that **Jerry King '83** has joined a country club in Virginia. "I think it's time to visit 'Jerbo.' Road trip!"

A major in the Air Force, **Gary L. Leavy '83** (3336 Albans Ln., Montgomery, AL 36111; leavyfamily@mindspring.com) now attends the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base. The year-long professional school is for selected mid-career military officers. Gary would like to hear from **Chris Caveglia '84**.

Carin Shirley Polczynski '84 has a new mailing address: R.R. 5, Box 235, Wellsboro, PA 16901.

As the team physician for the University of Michigan, **C. Daniel Hendrickson '85** (7095 Wapiti Way, Saline, MI 48176; daniel_hendrickson@mail.uhs.umich.edu) travels with the football players. He was looking forward to being on the sidelines for the game with PSU.

David E. Meek '85 (15 Princeton Rd., Wayne, PA 19087) is with FMC Corp. and his wife, Pam, is with Deloitte Consulting. Dave reports that another successful father/son/daughter golf outing was held this year. Kappa Sigs, their dads and a daughter met at Penn State for a great weekend on the Blue and White courses.

Dave writes: "We found that the new and improved Blue and White courses don't look that much different when viewed from behind a grove of trees ..."

"Looking forward to seeing Kappa Sigs and the Lions at the Rose Bowl in 1999!" notes **Michael DeNapoli '86** (2239 Queensberry Rd., Pasadena, CA 91104). He has a 1-year old daughter.

Joseph W. Polli '86 (404 New Rail Dr., Cary, NC 27513) has a new e-mail address at jp16063@glaxowellcome.com.

In August, **Michael Valenti '90** (4021 County Line Rd., East Greenville, PA 18041) completed his MBA in management at Lehigh University.

Krista and **Kevin Coppins '92** (460 Huffer Rd., Hilton, NY 14468; kcoppins@bausch.com) say "howdie" to all. Kevin has a new job as a project manager with Bausch & Lomb.

While working as an assistant manager at Hotel El

Convento, **Pedro Juan Ruiz '92** (Apt. 602, New San Juan, Con Dominium, Isla Verde Ave., Carolina, Puerto Rico 00979; elconvento@aol.com) is pursuing an MBA in marketing at the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico. "If anyone is coming to Puerto Rico for vacation, let me know and I will set you up with any hotel on the island." "Piero" sends greetings to his big brothers, his little brothers and to Eduardo.

Christopher J. Foster '94 (2027 Richfield Dr., Dayton, OH 45420; chris_foster@cargill.com) is an environmental engineer at Cargill Inc. He also coaches high school tennis. Chris enjoys keeping in touch with brothers via the Kappa Sigma list serve. "Getting e-mails from brothers across the country brightens up my day at work."

Joseph F. Ziegler '94 (1656 Parkcrest Cir., #301, Reston,

VA 20190; jfziegler@earthlink.net) has been promoted to senior engineer at Stanford Telcom. He plans to complete an MSEE at George Mason University this year. "Feel free to send BSEE, BSCS or higher resumes my way for referral."

Michael L. Reinert '97 (523-B Lake Vista Cir., Cockeysville, MD 21030; mreiner@gmbnet.com) and Patricia Diguardi have become engaged. Mike, a civil engineer, is associated with the engineering firm of George, Miles & Buhr. He reports that **Jason Lytle '97** has joined the same firm and that **John Kelley '97** and Karen Croson were to be married in May 1998.

In a new job, **Brian P. Say '97** (603 Fifth Ave., #3, Greensboro, NC 27405; bsay@amp.com) is a materials control analyst at AMP Inc. He has kept in touch with **Matt Weisberg '97** and other brothers.

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

Jesse O. Arnold '29

Harold J. Koch '32
(5/14/98)

J. Phillip Evans '33
(8/19/98)

William J. Moorhouse '33
(10/9/98)

Hans C. Graf '43 (6/25/98)
Richard W. Hoy '51

(11/7/98)

Charles N. Sherlock Jr. '55
(2/97)

Kenneth W. Walker '60
(7/27/98)

Curtis L. Huber '89

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



Scott Harnish '84, Toby Micklow '85, Toby Micklow Sr., Gene Meek, Dan Harnish and Dave Meek '85 toast to the return of a temporarily lost tradition: The Father/Son/Daughter Golf Outing. Our thanks to Dave Meek '85 for sending this photo.