

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blue-White Weekend

April 19-21, 2013

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Steven Koniuk 2015
Grand Master

Sean Kotalik 2014
Grand Procurator

Rob Sears 2014
Grand Master of Ceremonies

Jim Fagan 2014
Grand Treasurer

Mike Petrun 2014
Grand Scribe

IN MEMORIAM

We have recently learned of the deaths of the following brothers:

Carl Arberg Jr. '39

James Mayer '50

Bob Mann Jr. '57

Warren Yost '61

IN MEMORIAM

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Alpha-Delta News



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CHAPTER REPORT

Kappa Sigma is Finally Turning Our House into a Home

Great Turnout for THON, Impressive Numbers Hit

By Steven Koniuk '15, Grand Master

The 2012-13 school year has been an extremely eventful one for Kappa Sig. I'm pleased to report that the actives are excelling on many fronts and making historic strides for the local chapter.

Our great accomplishment this year was obtaining a chapter house for the upcoming semesters. Housing Chair Connor Kincheloe spent more than two years searching for a house to accommodate Alpha Delta. Through his hard work and the support of our Alumni Housing Board, Alpha Delta is proud to announce that, beginning this summer, we will be living in an official chapter house.

We were able to rent the fraternity house at 232 East Nittany Avenue in State College. Twenty brothers will be moving in during the (2013-2014) school year (see picture on page 4). This is an official fraternity house, so we can now put up our letters. Please stop by next year to see our new home!



Alpha Delta with our 2013 THON family.

THON

Penn State's annual THON weekend was February 15-17 in the Bryce Jordan Center. Alpha Delta and our sorority pair, Gamma Sigma Sigma, raised more than \$64,545. The money is given to the Four Diamonds Fund, in support of patients and families battling pediatric cancer at Penn State Children's Hospital.

Academics

Alpha Delta is proud to announce that our cumulative GPA is currently a 3.30, making us 3rd highest on campus and well above the All Men's GPA Average. We continually hold study hours for associated and initiated members.

The new Executive Committee consists of **Steven Koniuk as Grand Master**, **Sean Kotalik as Grand Procurator**, **Rob Sears as Grand Master of Ceremonies**, **Jim Fagan as Grand Treasurer**, and **Mike Petrun as Grand Scribe**. Together, our goals are to better brotherhood development, build stronger, lasting relationships with our alumni, and to obtain a FACE award at this year's Grand Conclave.



Kappa Sig and our sorority pair rock out from the stands at this year's THON.

ANNUAL FUND

Ongoing Annual Support is Important from All Members

Your Donations Help Ensure the Future Success of the Chapter

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

Now that Alpha-Delta has a new physical presence in State College, it's more important than ever that we all do our part to support the annual fund. Supporting the annual fund sends a message to our actives that we are dedicated to the future of the brotherhood. Annual fund donations—no matter the amount—allow us to continue to strengthen the relationships we have built as brothers and to foster new ones.

As a reminder, your gift helps support:

- Publication of *Alpha-Delta News* and our email newsletter
- Maintenance of our online community
- Upkeep of our database
- Hosting of regular alumni events, like our Homecoming celebrations

Since our giving year began in September, more than 80 brothers have donated \$15,440 to our annual fund. That means we still have a way to go to hit our goal of \$23,000. With your help, we can get there!

You can make your annual fund gift by visiting www.kappasigpsu.com, calling 800-975-6699, or mailing a check payable to "PA Alpha-Delta Association" using the enclosed reply envelope.

IN YOUR WORDS

The Best of Times Yields Many Lifelong Memories

We polled some of our alumni brothers with questions about life, their time in the house, academics, and, of course, football. Here's what they had to say...

What is your favorite Kappa Sig tradition? Why?

Bob O. Snelling '54—I enjoyed sitting around the dining room table for dinner, like gentlemen, dressed with a jacket and tie. We would practice our manners, so when we went on an interview for a job, we would know to use the right fork and spoon and say things like, "please pass the butter" and "thank you." We ate slowly and had interesting conversations about career choices with the men who had just come back from fighting in Korea.

Bryan M. Roth '97—So many of my favorite memories come from traveling with the pledges and brothers to other campuses to meet other Kappa Sigs. The bonds that form on bolts are very strong and bring together brothers that may otherwise not interact as much.

What do you miss most about living in State College?

Bob O. Snelling '54—We have a granddaughter who wants to go to Penn State. The first thing she said when she got home was, "Pop Pop, did they have that homemade ice cream when you went there?"

Richard A. Barron '87—I miss the college life of living in State College. I live in a college town now with the University of Central Florida and it reminds me a lot of life at State College. I also miss the seasonal changes.

Randy S. Faurl '93—Walking long distance to everything including class, and recreation like the bars. I also miss the endless supply of intramural sports and activities.

How do you feel about Coach Bill O'Brien. Do you "Billieve" yet?

Richard A. Barron '87—Coach O'Brien made all of Penn State proud by what he was able to accomplish not only with the situation at hand, but also in taking over for a legend.

Richard Armstrong '81—Our new coach is a great choice for the unfortunate loss of Joe Pa and he has done a great job.

Kappa Sig finally found a fraternity house for itself! How important do you think a house is for a fraternity like Kappa Sig? And do you plan on stopping by when you come back to Homecoming?

Mark Stemphoski '01—I think it is extremely important. Some of my best memories from that time in my life happened

in our house. From staying up till 2:00am to wax the floors and just hanging out watching TV with the guys. I returned a few years ago with my wife for Arts Fest. Even though the house was not ours anymore, I stood out front sharing my memories with my wife who couldn't have been more disinterested.

Alex Fatica '09—As a founding father of the Alpha-Delta Chapter at Penn State, I am very happy for the guys to finally get a house. Starting the chapter back up and not having a house was very difficult and, at times, inconvenient, so it's great to finally establish a location on campus.

What can you share about the house?

Edward J. Schmidt '61—My senior year was the first year we moved into the old house on Beaver Avenue. It was built around the old house we lived in, so I was fortunate to see the entire construction. The new house was built with significant financial help from Al Rockwell, founder of Rockwell Industries. I was an officer in the house at the time and met with Al on several occasions when he flew into State College on his private plane to supervise the proceedings. It was a great time for Kappa Sig and I was glad to be a part of it.

Share your responses to these questions and read those of other brothers at www.kappasigpsu.com

ALUMNI UPDATES

Larry H. Mack '58

(P.O. Box 5467 Pinehurst, NC 28374-5467; lmack10@nc.rr.com) Many good memories of living in the house from 1955-1958. I spent most of my free time playing bridge. On Saturday nights, we played from when the women had to go to their dorms until the spudnuts arrived Sunday morning. Retired to Pinehurst in 1995 and spend four hours on one of our golf courses four days a week when in town and the weather permits.

Jon E. Pearson '68

(506 Heritage Ln. N.W., VA 22180-4113; pianojace@gmail.com) After graduating, I joined the Navy and was fortunate to explore many cities in Europe near the Mediterranean. After that, I moved to Raleigh for five years where I met my wife Elizabeth. We moved to Dallas and stayed there for ten years. Then we moved to Vienna, Va., and have been here for 23 years. Our three girls have married and we have three grandchildren, with many more expected. All this time, I have worked as a landscape architect and have loved it. I've had the pleasure of working on the White House, as well as memorials, monuments, and embassies around the world. I am currently working on the Eisenhower Memorial. I am now semi-retired, working a 20-hour week, mostly at home.

Richard Armstrong '81

(965 Catfish Ln. Pottstown, PA 19465-730; rainspect@comcast.net) I am involved with Prestige Building Company, LLC, and Prestige Building Corporations out of Marlton, N.J. We provide construction services for ground up and renovation projects primarily to the affordable housing community. We operate in multiple states and I act as the qualifying person on most of our licenses. That equates to travel time to California, Louisiana, Kansas, Arizona, New Jersey, Delaware, and St. Thomas USVI. My new toy is a 1964 T Bird. Elaine and I have a son, Brian.

Richard A. Barron '87

(824 Cherry Valley Way Orlando, FL 32828-6163; rbarron@cfl.rr.com) I have a wonderful wife and three beautiful children. We visit Disney World a lot and continue to follow Penn State football and other happenings there. I have spent the past 13 years as a software QA manager and am currently with Intelity Solutions, Inc., a mobile guest services company that provides hotels with technology.

Kevin T. Coppins '92

(17508 Corsino Dr. Lutz, FL 33548-4803; 33548-4803) My wife CeCe and I welcomed Macie Margaret to the family on October 23rd, pictured here with her 5-year-old brother Cash. We also had the good fortune of adding **Brian Roakes '94** back into the Gulf Coast lifestyle.



Randy S. Faurl '93

(5614 Furnace Hill Rd. Zionsville, PA 18092-2118; randy_s_faurl@glic.com) I've been working at Guardian for 20 years with many different roles along the way. Currently, I manage a development team in the retirement division.

Chris (aka Vitas) J. Foster '94

(2330 Buoy St. Memphis, TN 38113; chris_foster@cargill.com) My wife and I are expecting our second child in April. Due to

my recent promotion, my family and I will be relocating to Chicago, Ill., in July. I enjoyed spending a week last summer in the Outer Banks with the families of **Darby Neidig '93**, **Jason Striker '96**, **Tom Tatem '98**, **Kevin Hacker '98**, **Matt Dippold '98** and **Matt Weisberg '97**. I also congratulate **Don Bradford '94** on his recent promotion to CEO of Ensafe Incorporated.

Nick A. Mendez '02

(3222 River Valley Dr Kingwood, TX 77339-1940; Mendez-Nicholas@aramark.com) I moved to Houston and bought my first house with my wife, Eva. I am still working with the same company, Aramark, that I started with right after graduating.

Alex Fatica '09

(1419 W. 35th St., Erie, PA 16508; afatica5018@gmail.com) Since graduating, I lived in Pittsburgh and worked as a corporate buyer of golf equipment for Dick's Sporting Goods. In October, I moved back to Erie and started working for my father's company, Great Lakes Automation Services, Inc., as a sales account manager. I just purchased my first home and I am anxious for the upcoming football season.

Remembering One Of Our Own...

Bob Bacher '47 lived by the virtues of Kappa Sigma, and it is with a sadden heart that we report on the passing of one of our oldest supporters.

Before his 42 years as an executive with Bell Atlantic, Bob served as an Army Air Corps navigator aboard three B-24 bombers that were shot down over France and Germany during World War II. "Bob was able to parachute into enemy territory and make his way back to the Allied lines without being detected," said his cousin, Holly Graham of Greensburg. "He was sent back to the 8th Air Force base near London each time and was told to take an extended leave before returning to active duty," Graham added. "In less than two weeks, he was back on active duty. He let it be known that his country came first."

Bob came to Penn State on a football and hockey scholarship and was initiated

into Kappa Sigma in 1942. He left Penn State to serve his country in the war, but returned to earn his engineering degree in 1947. Thereafter, he started his career at Bell Atlantics, where he would eventually become vice president of operations. Throughout his career, he was known for his straight-forward approach and harsh stance against sexual harassment in the workplace.

Throughout his life, Bob also engaged in civic and charitable work. He was a former member of the board of Suburban General Hospital in Bellevue and a longtime volunteer at the St. Teresa Parish Festival.

Last April, Bob passed away last April at the age of 88, leaving behind his wife of 64 years, Faith. Our sympathies go out to Bob's family, friends, and all who knew him. Bob was a hero among men, and it was an honor having him as a member of Alpha-Delta.

HOUSE UPDATE

The New House at 232 East Nittany is Almost Ready to Make New Memories

Our Alumni Brothers Reminiscence about their Time in the Old House

What is something the current actives may not know about the house from when you were in school?

Bob O. Snelling '54—When you look at the old pictures of the “Frat House” from 1950, they just cannot do it justice. It was a grand old home, with a huge, wide, wood staircase, high ceilings and entry hall. Just across the street, there was a place that made huge soft donuts and plenty of good hot coffee, which was especially great when we were late night studying. Walking over there helped get us awake!

Richard Armstrong '81—A little known



fact I am sure is “How many screws held together the not-so-portable bar that was made by the our pledge class?” The answer was written inside the bar so no one had to remember and I am sure the bar is long

gone now, but the answer was around 253. It was constructed of two-by-fours and plywood with laminate top. **Bob Burkhardt '81** painted the star and crescent emblem that was mounted on the front for us. It was my favorite pledge class question to ask.

Mark Stemphoski '01—The current actives may not know how great Mary Ellen was. She was like a mother to all of us while we were away from home.

Bryan M. Roth '97—For many, the safe in the party room lead to another “secret” room where ritual events were performed.

2012-13 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

We'd like to thank the following brothers for their generous contributions to Alpha Delta's Annual Fund for the 2012-13 giving year which began last September. Only through the support of these alumni are we able to continue our efforts to keep brothers connected long after graduation. To add your name to this list, please make your gift in the enclosed envelope today.

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Robert A. Lesko	2004

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