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Letter from the President



As we close out another year, I hope this message finds you and your loved ones in great health and high spirits.

In this edition of our newsletter, we are excited to spot-

light brother **Craig Baughman '76**, who graciously shared some wonderful memories from his time at the house. Be sure to read his reflections and relive those cherished moments.



involved, please don't hesitate to reach out—we'd love to have you on board.

With heavy hearts, we remember two alumni who have recently joined the Chapter Celestial: **Earle R. Ryba**, on May 26, 2023, and **Joseph P. Guthrie**, on June 27, 2023. Their contributions to our brotherhood were immense, and their legacies will not be forgotten. More details about their lives and impact can be found in this newsletter.

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This past May, our “Very Active” brothers from 1967–1973 held another remarkable reunion. It was a joy to see this vibrant group reconnecting and celebrating their bond. Don't miss the details and the fantastic group photos featured in this newsletter.

On a more serious note, we are seeking enthusiastic Alpha Delta alumni to take on officer and director roles within our alumni organization. Many of our current volunteers have given years of dedicated service, and we're looking for fresh leadership to guide us into the future. If you're interested in getting

As you read through this edition, I encourage you to take a moment to share an update about yourself. Your fellow brothers would love to hear about your recent achievements, adventures, or life updates. And don't forget to ensure we have your current email address and contact information so we can stay connected!

Wishing you and your families a Happy New Year filled with joy and success. Here's to a fantastic 2025, and I look forward to reconnecting with many of you in the coming year.

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Alumni Profile: Craig Baughman '76

We recently caught up with **Craig Baughman '76** and had the chance to ask him a couple questions for an alumni profile! Thank you to Craig for taking the time to complete this alumni profile. Your fellow Alpha-Delta Brothers will be very interested in your story!

What impacted your decision to pledge to Kappa Sigma?

Honestly, I was late getting a place to stay in State College and the fraternity had an opening.

Tell us about the house when you were at Penn State.

It was a nice more modern building in a good location with a variety of characters mostly from Philly and Pittsburgh areas.

What sets Kappa Sigma apart on campus?

I think its diversity and reputation.

What is one of your best memories?

Well, I won the award for best chapter

newsletter as a senior, and as a junior I won the fraternity straight pool tournament, which was open to anyone even considering pledging a fraternity. My roommate, Stephen Katz, finished third or we would have met in the finals. I won the final 100-38 playing probably my best game ever. And of course, all the camaraderie with my roommates.

What impact did Kappa Sigma have on your life after graduation? How did it prepare you for life?

Absolutely helped prepare me for life just by interacting with my fellow brothers, most of whom were more mature and worldly than me (lol) and all the events the house was involved in.

Why is giving back to Kappa Sigma so crucial?

Keeping the fellowship alive and promoting a positive influence on the future pledges and brothers enabling them to enjoy what we were privileged to enjoy.



Our Old House...

Our old house is no longer. Due to the loss of our charter, the Alpha Delta Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Alumni Corporation had to sell the Highland Avenue house, as we could not maintain it without active tenants.

The Highland Avenue house was home to many Alpha Delta alumni and will always provide us with fond memories. The property was sold in 2007 and torn down roughly 10 years later. It now houses apartments and a few business offices.

However, we look forward to bringing back the Alpha Delta Chapter at Penn State and securing a new chapter house when we recolonize in 2025!



1967–1973 Reunion



Recently, a group of brothers from the 1967–1973 era had a reunion in State College. Close to 75 brothers attended, proving brotherhood is for life. They may have even shared a few stories from the past, but no one is saying.

Later, several of the brothers toured Beaver Stadium. Pictured are (top row, L–R) **Charley Fey, Tom Hall, Rich Trout, Carl Crouse, Max Harrer, Larry Nucci, Bill Vitori, Chuck Ingram, John McEnery, and Vince Kincade;** (middle row, L–R) **Ray Royko, Ron Stiteler, Tom Piroso, Brad Lawrence, Paul O’Brien, Tim Bonawitz, Stan Markuszka, Barry Jackson, Rich Mascaro, and Tom McNulty;** (kneeling) **Tom Mattus,** and (seated) **Calvin Lewis.**



BROTHERS, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have a life update or an interesting story that you would like to share with your fellow Alpha Delta brothers? Or is there someone you haven’t heard from in a long time, but would like to reconnect with? Or do you know of someone who deserves our congratulations for an accomplishment or life event? And, let’s not forget the little sisters.

Let us know by emailing **Steve “Zip” Uzupis** at stevezip722@gmail.com. Positive responses only, let’s keep it brotherly.

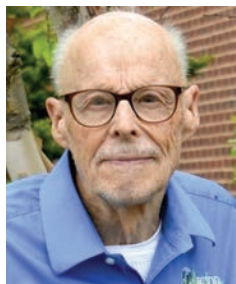


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Earle Ryba '56 Joseph Guthrie '79



Brothers, we are sad to account the passing of our Brother **Earle Ryba '56**, who was an Alumni Advisor for Alpha Delta Chapter for many years, and our other Brother **Joseph Guthrie '79**. We want to extend our deepest sympathies to their family, friends, and loved ones.



Earle R. Ryba

May 26, 2023

Bellefonte, Pennsylvania—Surrounded by family, Earle R. Ryba was laid to rest at his home on June 2, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Ryba, and children David Ryba, BethAnn Spackman, Anya Miller, Janos Ryba, and sister Carol Scott. His beloved daughter, Beth Maza, predeceased him. He enjoyed eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was a man of many talents who was active all 88 years of his life. After retiring in 2005, Earle continued as professor emeritus until his passing, thus concluding a 63-year career teaching materials science at Penn State University. His teaching led him many places, including several semesters in China, and years of conferences with the International Center for Diffraction Data (ICDD). During his long tenure, he gained many treasured colleagues and friends and traveled all over the world.

His love of teaching expanded into other areas as well. He taught dog training courses and enjoyed working with the dogs in the family boarding kennel. His beloved German Shepherds were highly trained and treasured members of the family. He was a certified instructor teaching students of all ages with the World Tang Soo Do Association, through which he received a second-degree black belt in 2015. He was dedicated to forest stewardship, working in the Ryba family forest, and remained involved with the Kappa Sigma fraternity after joining as an undergraduate student at MIT.

His family will remember him for his love of dogs, horseback riding, reading, skills as an artist and storyteller, and driving his MG Midget with the top down, even in the dead of winter. His memory will live on in the hearts of his family and the minds of all those he taught over the years.

Donations in memory of Earle may be made to the James C. Finley Center for Private Forests at Penn State, 416 Forest Resources Building, University Park, PA 16802. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.wetzlerfuneralhome.com.

Source: *Courtesy of The Legacy*



Joseph P. "Pop-Pop" Guthrie

June 27, 2023

Macedon—Pop-Pop passed away June 27, 2023, at age 67. He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Dorothy Guthrie.

Pop-Pop is survived by his wife of 39 years, Julia Guthrie, daughters Tricia Hicks and Wendy Blanc, grandchildren Katie, Jaydin, Kristin, Jocie, and Trent, great-grandchildren Cameron, Alex, and Elayasia, siblings Brian (Betsy) Guthrie and Kristine Clark, and many nieces and nephews. Pop-Pop

was privately laid to rest in Macedon Village Cemetery.

Contributions in memory of Pop-Pop may be directed to Senecawaterways BSA, senecawaterways.org. To leave the family an online condolence, please visit www.murphyfuneralservices.com.

Source: *Courtesy of Murphy Funeral Services*

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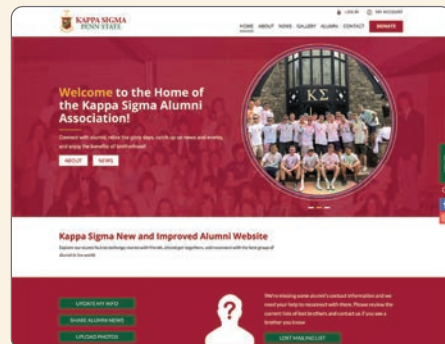
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