

ALPHA-DELTA NEWS

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ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS



After Alumni Board elections at Homecoming, the following brothers make up the current Alumni Board:

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Dave Albrecht Marion, Ind.

TIM FITZGERALD '82 NAMED 1994 ALPHA-DELTA MAN OF THE YEAR

ongratulations to Tim Fitzgerald '82, Alpha-Delta's 1994
Man of the Year. Tim has diligently served Alpha-Delta for many years. Under his direction as treasurer of the Alumni Board, the fraternity's financial foundation was stabilized and greatly strengthened. Through his dedication and devotion, the chapter house was able to undergo much-needed repairs to comply with the State College Fire and Building Codes.

Eric Goodhart '87 accepted the award for Tim at Homecoming Dinner since Tim was away on his honeymoon. Congratulations to Tim, for being Alpha-Delta's 1994 Man of the Year — and for finally getting married!



Grand Master Chris Piontko '94 and Brother of the Year Shawn Huber '95 at the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, October 29, 1994.

40TH REUNION CONSENSUS ... "We Shouldn't Wait Five Years to do this Again"

ost assuredly, it is a good thing when friends and brothers can get together to compatibly socialize, sing a few ribald classics and reminisce about moments from 40 years ago.

This gathering was held by the Alpha-Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Seven Springs Resort, Pa., the weekend of June 3-5, 1994. Those present were Jim Burkhardt '56 and Joan Yancy, H. Wayne Croushore '55, Steve Friedman '56, Jack Godayte '57, Julie and Jim Griffin '55, Wes Link '55, Claire and George Luse '55, Jan and Matt Mathews '59, Nancy and Russ Teague '56, Bea and George Weimer '56, Wilkie Wilkinson '59, Judy and Tom Wilson '55 and Mary and Steve Wyman '56. Others sent their regrets.

The consensus is that we should not wait five years to do this again. Tentative plans are for a similar event in two years.

Your words and tokens of thanks for organizing this reunion are truly appreciated. Matt Mathews '59 deserves the credit for directing us toward the location, assuring a warm reception by the staff and furnishing iced drinks in the suite and at the 19th hole. The panoramic views from the golf course cannot be matched.

The mailing list is going to be reduced to those who have expressed interest about keeping in touch. If I have not heard from you, please mail a postcard or make a telephone call to me at 714-835-7101.

A.E.K.D.B., Jim "Books" Griffin Jr. '55

— Assistant Alumnus Advisers —

Regards to Darby Neidig '93 and Matthew Bennett '93 for being appointed assistant alumnus advisers for Alpha-Delta by the Supreme Executive Committee of Kappa Sigma. Darby is a Grand Master of the Year Award winner, and Matt is attending graduate school at Penn State on an assistantship. The chapter is sure to benefit from Matt's and Darby's leadership and guidance. Congrats, guys!

FALL CHAPTER OFFICERS

Grand Master

Christopher S. Piontko '94 Philadelphia, Pa. Business Logistics

Grand Procurator

David D. Smith '96

lvyland, Pa.

Environmental Resource Management

Grand Master of Ceremonies

Jason R. Striker '96 Freeport, Pa. Business Logistics

Grand Scribe

James P. Pries '96 Indiana, Pa.

Environmental Resource Management

Grand Treasurer

Mark A. Pollord '95 Erie, Pa. Science

WELCOME OUR SPRING INITIATES

Edward H. Elliot '97 Henryville, Pa. Mechanical Engineering

Andrew J. Erich '95 St. Mary's, Pa. English Literature

John T. Kelley Jr. '97 Herndon, Va. Civil Engineering

Hugh C. McPherson '97 New Park, Pa. Agricultural Business Management

> Brian P. Say '97 Gahanna, Ohio Business Administration

Matthew B. Weisberg '97 Richboro, Pa. Political Science

Marc S. Zentmeyer '96 Mechanicsburg, Pa. Accounting

FALL 1994 GRAND MASTER'S REPORT

By Chris Piontko '94

he 1994 fall semester for Alpha-Delta got off to a great start. Although our academic ranking slipped a few notches, we still managed to place above the all-men's all-fraternity average.

IFC rush ran a little differently than you may remember it in the past. This semester, IFC instituted a five-week rush period, which proved successful for the Alpha-Delta Chapter. Through the efforts of the entire brotherhood and our two rush chairmen, Matt Weisberg '97 and Matt Grieco '95, Alpha-Delta pledged in 15 quality men on October 2, 1994. Current Grand Master of Ceremonies Jason Striker '95 definitely has his hands full.

Good news for all of the second-deckers at the house. Alumnus Adviser John "Snake" Meyers '89 and Tim Fitzgerald '82 have been hard at work trying to get Alpha-Delta a loan through IMH so we can get a new roof for the house. (No, not a peaked roof, just a no-leak roof!)

As you may know, "The Jackson's Men" program recognized those alumni who make a minimum \$1,000 contribution to the Kappa Sigma Joint Development Program over a maximum of three years. Currently, Alpha-Delta has nine Jackson's Men. Congratulations go out to our most recent additions, Jeffrey Recker '85, Vincent Gaeta '86 and Kenneth Wright '48.

And while we're on the subject of Homecoming, I hope that all of you who were in attendance had a great time. A special thanks to all of you who took the time to make fall 1994 Homecoming one of the best in recent years. If you're ever in the neighborhood, stop by. Drop us a line; we'd like to hear from you.

1994 SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By Wes Fitzsimmons '95

This summer, six members of Alpha-Delta traveled to the University of Maryland to attend the 1994 Leadership Conference. This year's program focused on two issues: Brotherhood Development and Brotherhood for Life.

The conference began Friday evening with a general session led by Executive Director Mitchell B. Wilson, Worthy Grand Treasurer Mendel A. Bouknight and Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Thomas B. Bishop. Following this session, the brothers of Area I were invited to a crab bake at the Alpha-Alpha Chapter, located at the University of Maryland.

The 9 a.m. start on Saturday came much too early for many of those who had enjoyed Alpha-Alpha's hospitality the previous night. The day's events included three more general sessions, officer workshops, leadership workshops, a banquet dinner, a model chapter meeting and a historical presentation.

During the banquet dinner, Alpha-Delta Chapter accepted awards for academic and athletic achievement. Darby Neidig '93 received the Outstanding Grand Master award, one of the seven awarded nationally, and Donald Bradford '94 was recognized for his distinguished service as the area's representative on the undergraduate advisory committee.

Later that evening, two pledges were initiated at the model chapter meeting. Attending the ceremony were our District Grand Master Andrew B. Turner, Worthy Grand Procurator Brian J. O'Dwyer, as well as 200 brothers from the North Region.

The final event of the day was a historical presentation by past Worthy Grand Treasurer and Historical Commission member Frank M. Houpt. The theory put forward about the founding of our order in America explains several discrepancies in our fraternity's history. Unfortunately, the commission has resolved not to publish their findings.

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P.O. Box 296, State College, PA 16804-0296.

ALPHA-DELTA BROTHERS WORK TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

By Brian Say '97

The Alpha-Delta community service calendar has been looking very promising. The chapter has coordinated two projects during the fall semester: applying for an Adopt-A-Highway sponsorship and volunteering at State College Area Food Bank.

The chapter has applied for participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for an area off U.S. Route 322 just west of Toftrees. The application process takes about two months. The contractual agreement requires all participating brothers to undergo a brief training session prior to our initial cleanup. After training, four cleanups a year are required. Once the two-year agreement expires, the chapter will have the option of renewing for another two years.

The chapter has also set up plans to volunteer at the State College Area Food Bank. The food bank, located on the corner of Foster Ave. and Fraser St., distributes food to underprivileged residents of State College. In coordination with the Food Bank's director, Pam Santavicca, we have agreed to help with various deliveries from the state and federal governments.

At the time this article was written, both of these projects were in the initial stage. The chapter is very excited about our opportunities to serve our community and hopes that our plans will be a success. Our progress will be detailed in the next issue of *The Alpha-Delta News*.

Homecoming 1994

By Shawn Connaghan '96

The combination of Penn State's #I football ranking and the match with Big Ten rival Ohio State made this year's Homecoming one of the most anticipated events in a long time. Alpha-Delta had the pleasure of participating in the week's festivities and competitions with Theta Kappa Pi Sorority.

Many of the more recent alumni returned early to participate in the Kappa Sig State College Bar Tour, a sight-seeing adventure through 18 of the town's finest establishments. By Friday, over 50 alumni had returned, making Homecoming 1994 one of the largest ever. After the Nittany Lions' 63-14 romp over the Ohio State Buckeyes, our spacious dining room was cramped by over 160 alumni, undergraduates, and Theta Kappa Pi sisters. Everyone seemed to enjoy Mary Ellen's expertise in the kitchen.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Alumnus Adviser John Meyers '89 presented the Man of the Year Award to Tim Fitzgerald '82. Unfortunately, Tim was in Ireland on his honeymoon, but sent his best wishes. Grand Master Chris Piontko '94 followed by awarding the Brother of the Year to Shawn Huber '95. Congratulations to both Tim and Shawn on their awards. After dinner, the music of Ken Krueger and the open bar ensured that everyone had a good time. We were pleased that the weekend proved to be such a great success.

PLANNING A REUNION? WE CAN HELP ...

Before the reunion we can supply you with:

- · A list of alumni brothers from your class or era.
- A set of mailing labels for the above list.
- Publicity in our newsletter, if you let us know far enough in advance.

After the reunion we can publish:

- Your write-up of the event.
- Some of the many photos that you took at the reunion. (Your photos will be reproduced without alteration and returned to you upon request. Please be sure to identify those in photo from left to right.)

Just mail your reunion information and photos to the Alumni Records Office, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, P.O. Box 296, State College, PA 16804-0296, Attention: Special Features Editor.

FALL 1994 PLEDGES

Ramy A. Boghdadi '96 Reading, Pa. Microbiology

Jason C. Braun '96 Philadelphia, Pa. Administration of Justice

Eric D. Easton Jr. '98 Everett, Pa. Pre-Med

Kevin R. Hacker '98 Bogota, N.J. Marketing

Phillip W. Kerrigan '97 Seoul, Korea Art

Mariusz Kolakowski '98 Maywood, N.J. Engineering

Mike C. Mazzarese '98 Pittsburgh, Pa. Engineering

Colby J. Neidig '96 Kittaning, Pa. Administration of Justice

Rich E. Plesic III '97 Hanover, Pa. Landscape Architecture

> Bryan M. Roth '96 Pittsburgh, Pa. Journalism

Darin Stump '97 Oley, Pa. Elementary Education

Eric J. D. Swank '97 Lewistown, Pa. Administraiton of Justice

Tom E. Tatem '98 Wayne, N.J. Engineering

John Vardouniotis '98 Long Island, N.Y. Pre-Med

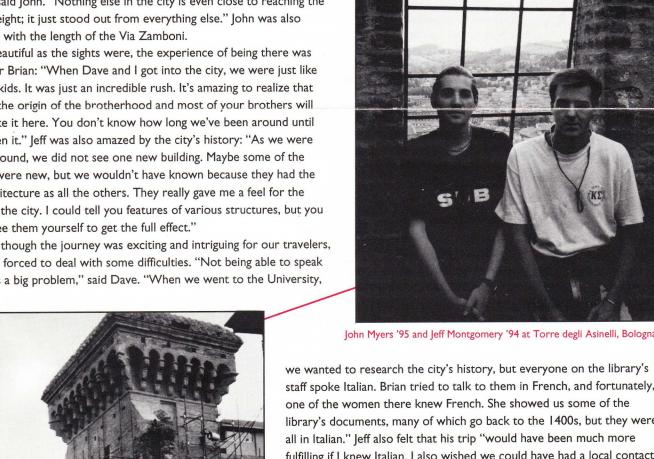
FOUR ALPHA-DELTA BROTHERS VISIT BOLOGNA -

By Colin McGinnis '97

uring the summer of 1994, four Alpha-Delta brothers — Dave Smith '96, Brian Roakes '95, John Myers '95 and Jeff Montgomery '94 — visited the City of Letters, Bologna, Italy. They saw such landmarks as the Torre degli Asinelli, Toore Garisendi Via Zamboni, Basilica San Patronio, and the University of Bologna. Many of the landmarks left striking images in their heads. "It was amazing to see the Toore degli Asinelli," said John. "Nothing else in the city is even close to reaching the Torre's height; it just stood out from everything else." John was also impressed with the length of the Via Zamboni.

As beautiful as the sights were, the experience of being there was enough for Brian: "When Dave and I got into the city, we were just like two little kids. It was just an incredible rush. It's amazing to realize that you're at the origin of the brotherhood and most of your brothers will never make it here. You don't know how long we've been around until you've seen it." Jeff was also amazed by the city's history: "As we were walking around, we did not see one new building. Maybe some of the buildings were new, but we wouldn't have known because they had the same architecture as all the others. They really gave me a feel for the history of the city. I could tell you features of various structures, but you need to see them yourself to get the full effect."

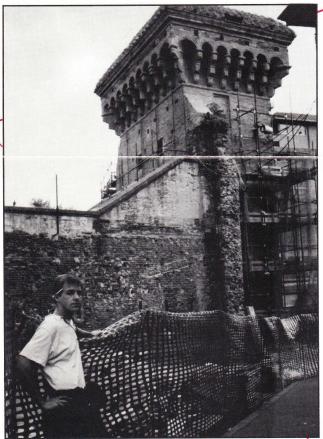
Even though the journey was exciting and intriguing for our travelers, they were forced to deal with some difficulties. "Not being able to speak Italian was a big problem," said Dave. "When we went to the University,



John Myers '95 and Jeff Montgomery '94 at Torre degli Asinelli, Bologna, Italy

staff spoke Italian. Brian tried to talk to them in French, and fortunately, library's documents, many of which go back to the 1400s, but they were fulfilling if I knew Italian. I also wished we could have had a local contact. Since we didn't know any Italian, it was very difficult to get a local perspective about the city. I've heard that many local Italians consider Baldassare Cossa a hero, and it would have been interesting to hear their viewpoints."

The brothers also had some additional expectations of the city that were not met. "We were hoping to run into a few Kappa Sigs while we were there," said John, "But we had no such luck. It was pretty cool to see the graffiti that some brothers left behind. We were thinking about leaving a message for Brian and Dave, but I saw it as carving something into the wall at your grandmother's house. I had too much respect for this place." Dave, on the other hand, did meet "a Kappa Sig in Florence. I was talking to him, and he expressed no interest in going to Bologna. That really made me upset. Bologna is what Kappa Sigma is all about. I know traveling overseas is expensive, but I would recommend anyone to try and go. If you're a Kappa Sig and you're going to Europe, definitely go to Bologna." It is obvious that Bologna has taught these four brothers a great deal.



Jeff Montgomery '94 at a gate along the Via Zamboni, Bologna, Italy

Alumni Notes

When they celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary in August, Arlene and Harold J. Koch '32 (40 Hilltop Rd., Hazleton, PA 18201) were joined by their entire family at the home of their son, Harry '62. "Kochy" was sorry he couldn't make it to Homecoming this year. He always enjoyed meeting the brothers for cocktails and dinner after the football game. He writes: "I remember best the smokers, house parties, after-prom and ball dances, Blue Band trips, Hell Week and those damn ROTC uniforms."

Paul L. Vandermark '35 resides at 7 Elmwood Ave., West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

During a 65-day, round-the-world trip this past summer, **Robert L. Walker '35** (103 Donlon Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168) visited close friends and relatives in the States, Australia, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Switzerland and Holland. He notes: "I'm still able to paddle my canoe in the Intracoastal Waterway and sail in the ocean every Wednesday. Retirement is superb!"

Clinical Psychologist **R. Warburton Miller '42** (6836 Palm Ave., Highland, CA 92346) is owner of a citrus farm and is active in the Chamber of Commerce and the YMCA Boards.

Robert A. DeCoudres '44 (14 Canal Dr., Poquoson, VA 23662) is serving as president of the Poquoson Kiwanis Club.

In his retirement, **E. Allen McGinnes Jr.**'50 (900 Bourn Ave., Columbia, MO 65203) enjoys fishing, gardening, volunteering at the local hospital and making several trips to Las Vegas each year. From his undergraduate days, he recalls "many a good time on Friday nights and Saturdays, socializing with all the members and their friends. We had a good football team then, too!" "Woody" and his wife, Jean, live on Interstate 70. "Give us a call and stop by on your travels."

You can write to **James Booker Griffin Jr. '55** at 2506 N. Greenbrier St., Santa Ana, CA 92706. (See article, Page 1).

Wes Link '55 (800 Lawrence Ln., Newtown Square, PA 19073), a sales representative with the Link Engineering Co. Inc., really enjoyed the June reunion at Seven Springs Resort. "Those who attended had two days of golf, fine food, accommodations and beautiful surroundings. The halls were ringing with Kappa Sig songs on Friday night and the old party pictures and anecdotes were hilarious. The wives and girlfriends added to the party atmosphere and a good time was had by all. We decided that we would not wait 40 years for the next reunion, so we're going to meet every two years."

Since retiring three years ago, Wayne A. Pihl '56 (912 Boyer Rd., Erie, PA 16511) has had a great time traveling, gardening, enjoying music and spending time with his nine grandchildren. "A special hello to the class of 1951-52 who I started with, but Uncle Sam was responsible for a delay."

The new address for James S. Adams '59 is 204 Princess Dr., Ashland, KY 41101.

At the University of South Carolina, Richard D. Wertz '64 (205 Wexford Ct., Columbia, SC 29212) serves as vice president for business affairs and has also been awarded tenure as an associate professor on the faculty. He and his wife, Sandra (a Penn State graduate and former Kappa Sigma Sweetheart), have a daughter, Nicole. "Coach" writes: "The Kappa Sigma Fraternity is very dear to my heart. I met my wife of 29 years through $K\Sigma$. It shall always be among my most cherished memories. I was in the old house and in the 'new house.' I was there for the 'spudnut' days, 'Ralph the vacuum cleaner' days, 'Rich Englander and the band' days when we marched house to house, the 'Mrs. C, our housemother,' days and much more. I loved every moment."

Serving in the Marine Corps, **Richard L. Kelly '70** (2166 Montgomery Ave., Apt. D, Cardiff by the Sea, CA 92007) is commanding officer of the 1st Supply Battalion at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Letters for **Robert Rahsman '71** can be sent to this address: 59 Caramel Ct., Hershey, PA 17033.

Bruce L. Claflin '73 (786 Ridgebury Rd., Ridgefield, CT 06877) is a general manager for IBM.

Involved in nuclear waste disposal, **Bob Berk '76** (6890 Crestview Rd., Erie, IL 61250) is working with the Army as a financial manager. He writes: "This fall marks 20 years since I pledged $K\Sigma$. I can't believe it's been that long. It was hard and a lot of work, but it was a lot of fun, too. One of my fondest memories is of our unforgettable pledge trip. I send warm regards to all my $K\Sigma$ brothers and especially to my pledge brothers: Paul, Steve, Craig, Dave, Rich and Kim."

An assistant vice president with Merrill Lynch, James J. Garcia '79 (785) Greenhaven Dr., Bethel Park, PA 15102) has opened the firm's new office in Upper St. Clair, Pa. With 15 years experience in the business, Jim offers assistance to any and all who need his services. He notes, "Ed Gorkes '79 is now a millionaire. I told you so."

Robert P. Burkhart '81 (3715 Terstena Pl., #207, Santa Clara, CA 95051) was appointed division information officer of the XSoft Division of Xerox in January 1994. In May, he was named District Grand Master of Northern California, District 41. "It's been a very busy year and with these two jobs, it's not going to get any better!"



A drilling engineer with Unocal, **Dave Payne '81** (28 Pinta Dr., West Moorings,
Port of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies) moved
to Trinidad a year ago to drill exploratory
wells. "I hope they come in because I'm
living in paradise and I want to stay." He
adds, "Pass on to **Jeff Berdis '81**, **John Blimmel '79**, **John Abplanalp '81** and

Continued

Jim "Henry" France '82 that Carnival in Trinidad is way better than Mardi Gras. Anyone interested in Carnival at its finest should call me. Come to Trinidad where they have 15 names for a party, the weather is great, the fishing is outstanding and the beer is practically free."

Eric Anderson '84 (734 N.W. 177th Ave., Pembroke Pines, FL 33029), who received an MBA from the University of Miami in May, has a new job as regional sales manager with Baxter Healthcare. He and Pam have a two-year-old son, Evan. Eric saw Joe Polli '86 in Raleigh, N.C., and reports that Joe has welcomed the arrival of a fourth child, Eric.

Mike W. Carrell '86 (2665 Front Royal Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80919) is in the Air Force. He has heard from Tom F. Schaffner '85, who works as an editor for two magazines.

With his promotion, **Richard C. Schmidt** '86 is working on advanced intelligent

Alumni Notes

network services at BellSouth
Telecommunications Science & Technology
in Atlanta, Ga. He has moved to 10685
Oxford Mill Cir., Alpharetta, GA 30202.
Richard's daughter, Sierra, started
kindergarten in the fall.

Dave Gingrich '89, who is pursuing an MBA at Villanova University, has bought a house at 224 Candalwood Ln., Exton, PA 19341. When he last wrote, Dave was planning to be married in November 1994.

A pharmaceutical representative, **Curtis Huber '89** (1514 Seventh Ave., #205, San Diego, CA 92101) is associated with G.D.
Searle. He informs us that Beverly and **Tim Madden '89** have purchased a home and are living with their three dogs at 8691 Evelyn Ct., Thorton, CO 80229.

CPA Jonathan B. Taylor '90 (8800 Blvd. E., Apt. 6D, North Bergen, NJ 07047) is now a senior accountant with Ernst & Young. In July, he married Heather Lawhorn, who he met in 1988 at the Kappa

Sigma fraternity house. Tim Traynor '89, Michael Fiffik '89 and Russell Glazer '91 attended the wedding. "JT" notes that when Russell was married in April, the bride was serenaded by 11 brothers with the Kappa Sigma Sweetheart Song.

Russell Glazer '91 and Gerry Schoffler were married in April and now reside at 369-C Hilltop Dr., King of Prussia, PA 19406. Russ is a traffic manager for Royal Paper Products Inc.

— Chapter Celestial —

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of Aaron J. Stoner '25, Joseph V. Borland Jr. '50 (4/9/94), Walter W. Juzi '59 (4/24/94) and Joseph D. Dankoff '62 (7/6/94). Kappa Sigma mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

1994-95 PRELIMINARY HONOR ROLL

Thank you to the brothers listed, who have made contributions to our 1994-95 giving program. (Our giving year coincides with the school year and runs from September 1 through August 31.) Your support enables us to continue our alumni relations program, which includes the publication of this newsletter. If you have not yet sent a contribution, please do so today.



Andrew Turner Walter E. Carpenter '29 Harold J. Koch '32 W. Tyler Douglass Jr. '33 William J. Moorhouse '33 Louis J. D'Angeli '35 Paul L. Vandermark '35 Robert L. Walker '35 Theodore A. Lesko '40 R. Warburton Miller '42 Robert A. DeCoudres '44 Thomas A. Hill '48 Kenneth R.V. Wright '48 E. Allen McGinnes Jr. '50 Henry Lozar '52 George R. D. Bortle '54 James B. Griffin Jr. '55 H. Wesley Link '55

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We didn't want to miss thanking Alexander A. DeZubay '78 whose check was in the mail when we published our honor roll this past summer.