



# Alpha-Delta News

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## State of the Alumni Association

By Douglas Byler '90  
Alumni Treasurer and Editor

## Improvements Abound at Alpha-Delta

By Tom Tatem '98, Grand Master

By now you all have (or should have) received your new Alumni Directory. I am sure that some of you took time to look up a name or two — an old suite mate, a pledge brother, your big brother, or a little brother. So why not take some time tonight or this weekend and call someone from the directory. We spent the time and money to give everyone an easy, convenient way to get back in touch with one another, so please use it!

This past homecoming was one of the largest in the past decade and one of the most successful — and if you haven't heard, the renovations received rave reviews. If you haven't heard, give someone a call — virtually every "era" was represented — and then make plans to attend the 1998 game and banquet. The tentative date is October 17, the Purdue game, so mark your calendars now—and call a bro now, to go along.

Also, the donations are coming in at a steady pace, allowing us to pay down our debt. Some of you have written asking how you can make a direct donation to renovations. All donations go to help run the corporation (including printing this newsletter and paying the mortgage). If you wish to make a donation of \$500 or more, specifically directed toward paying off principal, please make your check payable to Omega Bank, and send it in with your regular donation.

I hope everyone enjoys your directory. If you happen to make it to a basketball game, drop by and check out the house. Look for election ballots, which will be mailed out in the next newsletter. Also please take special note of our new Alumni Spotlight feature. In this newsletter, we have featured George Middlemas, a 1968 alumnus who has recently "reconnected" with the house. If you know of an alumnus who you feel should be featured in an upcoming Spotlight, please write it down and send it in — with your donation, of course!! ;-) A.E.K.D.B. brothers!

Taking a look at the events of fall 1997, I am proud to say that we as a brotherhood have come a long way. When we undergraduates returned for classes this fall, we were pleased to see several of the improvements that were made as part of the first phase of the renovation process started by the alumni board. These improvements included getting the house up to fire code and refurbishing the middle rooms on the second floor into bathrooms. On behalf of the undergraduate brothers, I would like to thank John Meyers '89 and Doug Byler '90 for the time and effort they have been putting into this renovation process.

In addition to improvements to the physical plant, the brotherhood took steps in the right direction also. Our GPA for the third semester in a row has again improved, this time from a 2.59 to a 2.75, and we plan on this going up even higher.

With the help of the fall rush committee led by Frank Wurst '99, Scott Thomas '99 and Adam Henry '99, we recruited 10 quality men to pledge this fall. We intend to not only continue our strong rush efforts, but to improve upon them.

As a chapter, we are again participating in the IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, for which we raised \$27,770. In addition, this year we continued our philanthropy with the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta. The Bowlers' Classic will benefit the fight against juvenile diabetes. Brothers continue to donate their time to other sorority and fraternity philanthropies as well.

We are still involved with many campus activities, ranging from the Interfraternity Council to club sports. Our intramural teams are off to a good start with softball finishing the season at 4-2 and football finishing at 3-3.

As a chapter, one area in which we are trying to improve is alumni relations. The fact that we are making progress in this area is evidenced by the terrific turnout of alumni at the last several homecomings. We'd like all alumni to feel welcome to stop by the house at anytime. Alpha-Delta is a place you can always come back to. We'd like to thank those alumni who made it up this year for homecoming and hope you all enjoyed yourselves. For those of you who have been unable to make it back in recent years or do not feel welcomed, we encourage you to come back whenever possible and relive what I believe are the most fun and enjoyable days of one's life.

### *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 either be sent in the enclosed envelope or mailed to **Alumni Records Office, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, P.O. Box 296, State College, PA 16804-0296.**

## Bowlers' Classic Supports Efforts to Find a Cure for Diabetes

By Thomas Rice '98

On Saturday November 1, the fraternities and sororities from Penn State descended on Northland Bowl in State College. These men and women were looking forward to high scores and a day of fun, but they never forgot the reason they spent this Saturday afternoon bowling. They were there to raise money for people afflicted with diabetes.

This event was a combination of efforts between the brothers of Kappa Sigma and the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta. This is the second year Kappa Sigma has participated in this event. Every year it has grown bigger and bigger with increased participation. Many people have come to realize that it is time we find a cure for diabetes.

In teams of four, fraternities and sororities bowled the day away. They paid \$50 to participate in the event. All of the money was donated to the battle against juvenile diabetes. Weeks before the Bowlers' Classic, Kappa Sigma and Alpha Gamma Delta sold raffle tickets in an effort to raise even more money. They also cheered on the bowlers and offered moral support.

Everyone was pleased with this event and felt good about being able to help others. "People were really eager to participate. It is nice to see everyone coming together to help out for this wonderful cause," remarked Jarrod Kwiatkowski '01, Kappa Sigma philanthropy chair. With the efforts of everyone involved November 1 was a rousing success. With continued participation, the Bowlers' Classic should grow and prosper every year.



### Join us for the annual Blue / White Weekend on April 25, 1998.

Tentative schedule includes:

**Blue / White Game** at 12:30 pm  
followed by  
**Cocktails** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm  
and  
**Dinner** at 7:30 pm

For more information, or to **RSVP**, please call **Kevin Hacker** at (814) 237-7036.

## Directory Receives Rave Reviews!

The Alpha-Delta chapter of Kappa Sigma Directory, which was mailed to all of our living alumni, appears to be a big hit. We have heard from many alumni, some for the first time, just how much they enjoyed receiving the directory and how they plan to use it.

Our directory contains a complete listing of our members sorted in alphabetic, class and geographic order, as well a listing of deceased alumni.

Keeping track of over 1000 wandering alumni is a never-ending task. Since the directory was published, we have received numerous address updates and corrections. To help you maintain contact with your Alpha Delta friends, enclosed with mailing is an addendum of updates received since the directory went to press.

Publishing a directory involves considerable expense, but once again many of our alumni responded with generous support. A complete list of all those who contributed to the directory project is included with this mailing. Our sincere thanks to you!

In response to our new directory, a number of alumni offered comments. Here is a sampling ...

*"The directory is by far the very best thing to have ever come out of the house. Can you imagine seeing names of brothers, in the directory, whom I have not seen or spoken to since WWII? What a wonderful feeling, seeing the names of old friends again. Thank you!"*

- Lawrence C. Furman '42

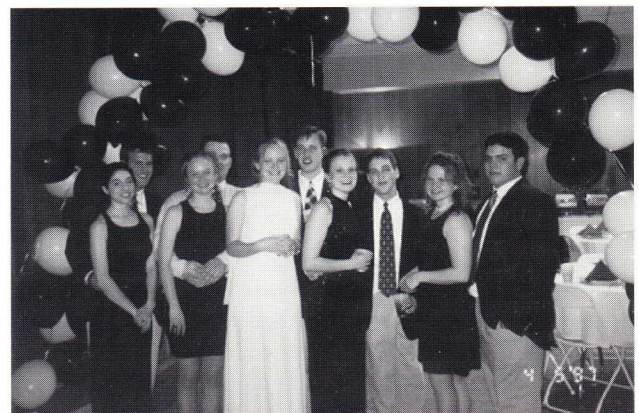
*"Job well done! Thanks for all your efforts! I will put this to good use!"*

- George R. D. Bortle '54

*"With the directory, I will be able to contact several old friends that I have lost touch with. Thanks!"*

- Joseph D. Osmann '68

Please use your alumni directory to stay in touch with your classmates and fraternity friends. We'd like to hear additional responses from those who used the directory to reestablish contact. Fill out and return the enclosed news form; we'll publish your reports in a future issue of the *Alpha-Delta News*.



*Undergrads and their dates at the Spring Formal.*

# Alumni SPOTLIGHT

## GEORGE M. MIDDLEMAS '68

This is a first in what will become a staple in the *Alpha-Delta News*. In each issue, we will be profiling one of our brothers who has excelled in the fraternity, in business and in the community.

By Kevin Hacker '98

I had the great pleasure of interviewing George M. Middlemas '68 over the phone in late October to ask him a couple of questions about his work, his life and especially his memories of Alpha-Delta. I met George for the first time when he visited the chapter house during the weekend of the Ohio State game, which was his first time back to the chapter house in a long time.

George M. Middlemas is a general partner in Apex Investment Partners, which is located in Chicago, Ill. He was a freshman at Penn State in 1964 and pledged Alpha-Delta his sophomore year in 1965. George enjoyed living in the chapter house for two years and has fond memories of this experience. His greatest memory is the amount of diversity among the brothers who had occupied the house in the late '60s. Every member came from a different area and had different interests, but everybody got along and had fun in their college years.

Has he seen anyone in his pledge class in recent years? When he was in California working on a project, George ran into Al Waldhuber, who was a member of Alpha-Delta's pledge class in 1965, but left Penn State to continue his studies at Youngstown College. Mr. Waldhuber sent his greetings to all his pledge brothers and hoped they are doing well.

After the Ohio State game, a couple of the undergraduate brothers at Alpha-Delta accompanied Mr. Middlemas around the chapter house to see the renovations that took place here in the last couple of years. One of the major renovations that impressed Mr. Middlemas was the new bathrooms that were placed in each suite over the summer. He said these improvements look terrific and hopes that we continue to improve the chapter house as much as we can. George will be back for the Blue/White Game, which will take place on April 25.

Besides being a successful businessman, Mr. Middlemas does a great deal of work for the university. He is co-chairman of the Library Development Board, which started campaigns to raise money for the improvement and expansion of Penn State Libraries. When he comes to Penn State, he can see the construction for the Paterno wing of Pattee Library.

George and his wife of seven years live in Illinois.

If anybody would like to contact George Middlemas, his e-mail address is geomiddl@apexvc.com.

## Gearing up for Dance Marathon

By Thomas Rice '98

Fall is the time when people start to think about going back to school, renewing old friendships, and the first football game of the year. However, fall has a different meaning for the students at Penn State. It is the time when their attention begins to focus on the IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon. The largest student-run philanthropy in the nation, the proceeds from this event benefit the Four Diamonds Fund at Hershey Medical Center. This fund was established to provide financial aide to the families of children with cancer.

The brothers of Kappa Sigma pride themselves in their involvement in this annual event. We are eager to participate in all aspects of the Dance Marathon. Beginning in November, some brothers travel to different parts of Pennsylvania to solicit donations. As we travel from house to house — often in cold, bad weather — we are armed with the knowledge that we are helping a child in need. Others are preparing to serve on the many different committees. Some will be “moralers,” who will provide support for the dancers come the weekend of the Dance Marathon. Others will serve on the financial committee, making sure that the many donations are recorded. Still others will be dancers, staying on their feet for the entire 48 hours of the Dance Marathon Weekend in order to raise money for the Four Diamonds Fund.

This year promises to be one of the best ever for Dance Marathon. Clay Rhan '98, Thomas Rice '98 and Michael Ziegler '98 are the Dance Marathon chairs for Kappa Sigma's 1998 Dance Marathon team. All three of them have past experience in Dance Marathon, including dancing in 1997. Since October, they have been hard at work organizing canning trips and trying to raise money. Last year, with the Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority, over \$27,000 dollars were raised; the Dance Marathon chairs are hoping to do even better this year.

We are also very excited about spending more time with the Williamses, the family that Kappa Sigma sponsors in Dance Marathon. Their daughter, Madison, is in her fourth year of

remission and is doing very well, thanks to the continued support of the Four Diamonds Fund. The Dance

Marathon chairs know the year ahead will not be easy, but they are willing to meet the challenge. “A chance to do something good for someone else does not come along very often, but when it does, you should reach out and grab it,” said Clay about his involvement in Dance Marathon. With the support of the entire brotherhood, these men hope to have a year of success as well as a year of fun.

The students who help out during the year receive no money or compensation of any kind. The only reward these

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## Homecoming: Together We Roar

By Nathan Palmer '00

The 1997 Penn State Homecoming was a great success in many ways. This year we paired up with the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority to compete in a wide range of events, planning around the overall theme "Together We Roar." Our personal theme of Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes gave us many ideas in how to represent ourselves during the individual events. This year's float was based on the nursery rhyme The Old Lady who Lived in a Shoe and our mad hatter depicted Humpty Dumpty dressed as a member of the Nittany Lion football team. The banner included both The Cow that Jumped Over the Moon and The Dish that Ran Away With the Spoon on the lawn of Old Main. This year's crazy band, choreographed by an Alpha Gamma Delta sister, was very entertaining. In the overall competition, Kappa Sigma and ALA placed 12.

Homecoming isn't all about competition though; the best part is realized by looking at what the word "Homecoming" actually means. Homecoming is a time when alumni can return to the place where they spent some of the best years of their lives, a time when alumni can come home. It was very exciting to see the turnout of alumni over the homecoming weekend. Many reminisced about how things were when they were here and in many of them you could see a spark of pride in their eyes as they beheld the great advances that have been made over the years.

Tailgating before the Homecoming game is always enjoyable; it is a time when everyone can get together and share a common excitement about the upcoming game. This year's game ended dramatically with a final score of Minnesota 15, Penn State 16. Our formal dinner followed the game, with the annual slide-show and presentation of awards. Afterwards, everyone finally had the chance to relax, talk, reminisce and socialize. Seeing brothers embracing warmly after long absences reminded me of why they all come back and why the bonds remain strong. We are all Kappa Sigmas.

## Kappa Sigma's Finest Hour

By Jason R. Striker '96, Alumnus Adviser

This past summer, more than 1,200 Kappa Sigs from all over the United States and Canada took part in celebrating our fraternity's finest hour at the 61st Biennial Grand Conclave in New Orleans. A fabulous time was had by all generations of loyal Kappa Sigmas. The days were filled with meetings, while the evenings were spent absorbing the culture and excitement of the New Orleans French Quarter.

Among the Alpha-Deltas who made the trip were Darby Neidig '93, Bob Burkhardt '79 and Jason Striker '96. Darby Neidig was appointed District Grand Master for District IX - Alpha-Delta now has two alums who currently serve as DGM's, Brother Neidig, and Bob Burkhardt who serves District XLII. Brother Neidig will oversee the chapters at Penn State, Pitt, Carnegie Mellon, West Virginia, Thiel and Washington & Jefferson. Brother Striker was appointed to fill Darby's former position as Alumnus Adviser for Alpha-Delta.

Alpha-Delta also won several awards and recognition at the Conclave. Mike Ziegler '98 earned certificates of ritual proficiency in the areas of Grand Master and Initiatory, Clay Rahn '98 achieved Grand Master of Ceremonies, Kevin Hacker '98 was awarded the Grand Scribe proficiency award for his diligence in performing his GS duties. Darby Neidig '93 was one of a select few honored as AA of the year for his outstanding dedication to the fraternity. The chapter was awarded the Intramural Sports Award in recognition of our superior performance in IM sports.

We congratulate all of our brothers in their accomplishments and are excited to witness and be a part of the growth and prosperity of our chapter in the future.



*Alumni and undergrads enjoying each other's company before the Homecoming Parade.*



*From left are Tom Tatem '98, Jason Striker '96, Michael Hook '93, Shawn Connaghan '96, Kevin Hacker '98, Rob Rezende '99, Tyler Orwig '99 and Brian Say '97 as they prepare to watch the Homecoming Parade.*

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"The associations with the brothers are my most cherished memories," writes **Harold J. Koch '32** (40 Hilltop Rd., Hazleton, PA 18201). "I can still sing the songs and repeat the announcement we pledges had to make upon entering the chapter house during Hell Week. On our last phone call, **John Henry '32** and I repeated it together!"

**James Booker Griffin Jr. '55** (2506 N. Greenbrier St., Santa Ana, CA 92706) enjoys reading the upbeat news from the chapter and the updates on his contemporaries in the *Alpha-Delta News*. Over the years, he has maintained close relationships with **Jim Burkhardt '56**, **Rowland Wilkinson '59** and **Russ Johns '55**. With Brother Burkhardt and other friends, "Book" and Julie are planning a week's vacation in Acapulco, Mexico, in January. The couple have been searching for a place to retire and hope to relocate in the spring, possibly to Sequim, Wash. E-mail for Book can be sent to [jbgriffin@earthlink.net](mailto:jbgriffin@earthlink.net).

**H. Wesley Link '55** (800 Lawrence Ln., Newtown Square, PA 19073), president of Link Eng. Co. Inc., tells us: "It is certainly encouraging to know that **Chuck Bickelhaupt '55** still remembers that I sang 'Blueberry Hill' all the time at the old house. Yes, the tradition continues - everyone is required to listen to it at least once, but three octaves lower."

"I could write volumes about my years at PSU and Kappa Sigma," notes **John W. Godayte Jr. '57** (6217 18th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710). "They were the best!" He has attended Homecoming almost every year since graduation.

**Kenneth I. Outwater Jr. '57** (P.O. Box 1288, Frisco, CO 80443) is building a home in Saddle Brook, a retirement community located northwest of Tucson. He hopes to get back to PSU sometime.

**Frederick C. Baesman '64** (10206 S.E. 224th St., Kent, WA 98031), a manager at Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, can be contacted electronically at [baesman@gte.net](mailto:baesman@gte.net). Earlier in the year, he visited **Jim Ball '65** in Virginia. The two keep in touch via e-mail and enjoy the Alpha-Delta home page. "Keep up the good work."

"Just moved to the warm south from Columbus, Ohio," writes **Richard J. Mascaro '67** (1501 Pecore Place, Raleigh, NC 27615). The vice president of human resources for The Body Shop, a retail business, Rich also writes, "Always a large contingent of Penn State fans everywhere I go."

"On the move again!" notes **Robert W. Hampton Jr. '73**, sending us his new address at 15302 Brook Arbor Ct., Houston, TX 77062.

**William H. Murdoch Jr. '73** (119 Lorraine Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227) has changed jobs, leaving PNC Bank to join the Bayer Corp. You can drop him a line on the Internet at [bill.murdoch.b@bayer.com](mailto:bill.murdoch.b@bayer.com).

**Michael J. Kaczmariski '74** (2429 Bonnie Dell Dr., Library, PA 15129) has been promoted to partner/Global Chief Financial Officer of Ketchum Public Relations Worldwide. His electronic address is [mike.kaczmariski@ketchum.com](mailto:mike.kaczmariski@ketchum.com).

Carol and **Robert L. Berk '76** (6890 Crestview Rd., Erie, IL 61250) have been married 18 years and are the parents of three sons. Robert works with the U.S. Army Industrial Operations Command and serves as secretary of the Eric Community School District Board of Education. He receives e-mail at [bberk@ria-emh2.army.mil](mailto:bberk@ria-emh2.army.mil). In August, Robert visited his brother, **Ken '82**, and family at their summer home on the New Jersey coast. He also saw **Stephen Katz '76**.

At Lotus Development, **Robert P. Burkhardt '81** (6450 Matthew Ct., San Jose, CA 95123) is now responsible for all new development for Lotus cc:Mail. He also serves as DGM of District XCII in northern California. You can reach "Bubba" on the Internet at [rburk@5ackdb5.org](mailto:rburk@5ackdb5.org).

After many years as a flight attendant with USAirways,

## Spring 1998 Chapter Officers

### Grand Master

Brian K. Anderson '99  
*Malvern, Pa.*

### Grand Procurator

Tyler S. Orwig '99  
*Tannersville, Pa.*

### Grand Master of Ceremonies

Adam C. Henry '99  
*Albany, N.Y.*

### Grand Scribe

Wesley A. Fine '99  
*Cherry Hill, N.J.*

### Grand Treasurer

Ryan C. Millan '99  
*Scotrun, Pa.*

## Spring 1998 Initiates

Jeffrey V. Coffey '01  
Paoli, Pa.  
*Chemical Engineering*

Byron Cotter '01  
Wayne, Pa.  
*Pre-Med*

Eric M. Gavala '99  
Sharon, Pa.  
*Accounting*

Matthew T. Helstern '00  
Scotch Plains, N.J.  
*Business*

Gianni R. Incontro '01  
Ridgefield Park, N.J.  
*Division of Undergraduate Studies*

Christopher Staurakis '00  
Bala Cynwyd, Pa.  
*Science*

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**David C. Will '84** (24 Betty Ln., Gibsonia, PA 15044) has "retired" to become a full-time "Mr. Mom" and part-time organic gardening specialist at Soergel Orchards. While in State College for the Pitt/PSU football game, he and **Rick Gibbons '83** stopped by the house and met some of the actives. David notes: "I'm always tailgating at Block #746-747. Stop by and say hello!"

Chiropractor **Michael S. De Napoli '86** (2239 Queensberry Rd., Pasadena, CA 91104) and his girlfriend of four years were married early last year. In July, they welcomed the arrival of their first child and daughter, Mariko.

**Joseph W. Polli '86** (404 New Rail Dr., Cary, NC 27513), a research investigator in the Bioanalysis and Drug Metabolism Group at Glaxo Wellcome Inc., receives e-mail at [jp16063@glaxo.com](mailto:jp16063@glaxo.com). With wife Christine, he has four children. "If anyone is flying through Raleigh, give us a call (919-677-9172)."

For **Kimberly Detwiler '88**, a favorite time at Penn State was the semester she was first introduced to Kappa Sigma. She is now a senior regulatory coordinator at Merck & Co. Inc. and living at 229 Adrian Ct., Lansdale, PA 19446. Her Internet address is [kimberly\\_detwiler@merck.com](mailto:kimberly_detwiler@merck.com).

In November 1996, after working at a hospital for nine years, **Matthew J. Roddy '88** (230 Egypt Rd., 2nd Floor, Norristown, PA

19403) enrolled at The Restaurant School in Philadelphia. He is now general manager and an apprentice chef at Alaina's Fine Food in Jeffersonville, Pa. "Any brothers in the area are asked to come in some time. And remember, it's BYOB."

**Lenin L. Sucre '90**, an associate at Integral Inc., has earned a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School. For the last three years, he has served as vice president of the Panama Audubon Society. Correspondence for him can be sent to 17 Ware St., Cambridge, MA 02138 or by e-mail to [lsucre@mba1997.hbs.edu](mailto:lsucre@mba1997.hbs.edu).

Heather and **Jonathan B. Taylor '90** (8800 Boulevard E., Apt. 6-D, North Bergen, NJ 07047) announce the birth of a son, Matthew, in June. The family is planning to relocate to Long Island.

**Daniel D. Decesare '91** (47 Orchard Dr., Morgan, PA 15064), who is in sales and marketing with DDI, can be found on the Internet at [ddecasare@ddiworld.com](mailto:ddecasare@ddiworld.com). He would like to hear from **Bob Sopko '91**.

**Mark A. Militzer '92** (760 Crestwood Dr., North Huntingdon, PA 15642) is a field claims representative with Integon Insurance. He reports that **Ed Danhires '92** is attending law school in New York.

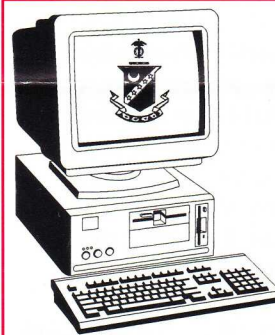
"I truly miss Kappa Sigma," writes **Albert M. Forlenza '93** (5004-H Brandemere Ct., Winston Salem, NC 27106). "It brings many smiles and memories to

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students get is the smiles on the faces of the Dance Marathon families. For some, this is more than enough.

With Dance Marathon raising over \$1.5 million, students know that their hard work is paying off. Families are able to meet the financial burdens of medical treatments, and parents are able to spend time with their sons and daughters. Many times the Greek system is only recognized when they are in trouble. However, people should take a look at the many good things fraternities and sororities are doing. Dance Marathon is truly one of those good things.



## Check Out Kappa Sigma on the World Wide Web at

<http://athens.cac.psu.edu/fraternities/kappasig/>

mind: the brotherhood, late nights, parties, dinner and my pledge brothers." Albert completed graduate school at North Carolina State last year and is now an industrial designer with Decision Point Marketing & Design. His e-mail address is [mforlenza@dpmi.com](mailto:mforlenza@dpmi.com).

**Matthew H. Bennett '94** has a new job and address. He is a reservoir engineering systems analyst with Landmark Graphics Corp. and residing at 10755 Meadowglen Ln., #264, Houston, TX 77042. His on-line address is [mbennett@lgc.com](mailto:mbennett@lgc.com). Matthew has seen **Dave Smith '96**, **Jim Pries '97**, **John Myers '95** and **Chris Foster '94**. "Any brothers are welcome to shack up here for a time in Houston. Just give me a ring at work (281-368-8919) or at home (713-787-7994)."

**Matthew B. Weisberg '97** (7 S. Hanover St., 2nd Floor Rear Apt., Carlisle, PA 17013) is a student at Penn State's Dickinson School of Law. "The Fraternity continues to be an incredible source of pride, accomplishment and happiness to me."

## CHAPTER CELESTIAL

**Edward F. Herr '26**  
(7/17/97)

**Hugh R. Clinton Jr. '53**  
(8/2/97)

Kappa Sigma mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.