



Alpha-Delta News

A PUBLICATION OF THE KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY
AT THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

STATE COLLEGE, PA.

JUNE 2001

Update on Alpha-Delta

By Edward D. Gorkes '79, Alumni Corporation President

This is our first traditional newsletter for the 2000-01 school year. As you are all aware, our chapter had a membership review at the end of the fall semester and has since been under the Alumni Board of Control (ABC).

The Alpha-Delta chapter has been below break-even numbers for over two years. This condition made it necessary for the alumni corporation to subsidize the operation of the chapter house. We also have one retail store that has been vacant for almost two years and we will be losing another tenant this summer. When all stores are leased, the rental income pays the house mortgage, so for the past two years the corporation also had to subsidize the mortgage payment. All of these circumstances have caused the corporation's reserve funds to become depleted.

For the proper operation of the alumni corporation, we must receive chapter house rent each semester on a consistent basis. The rent from the undergraduate chapter enables us to pay our fixed expenses and to maintain a reserve fund to cover unplanned expenditures (i.e., commercial tenant vacancies, physical plant repairs, etc.). It is critical that the undergraduate brotherhood maintains numbers above the break-even point.

At the beginning of this school year, our finances were critical and our future was questionable. We needed to react immediately or the chapter house would most likely have been lost. The first step was to determine if the current undergraduates were up to the task at hand. We felt they were, however, we saw a need for a membership review before the rebuilding process was initiated. This procedure, conducted last semester, consisted of formal interviews with each undergraduate brother. Brothers who were not completely committed to rebuilding the chapter were asked to leave. Nine brothers left as a result.

The spring term started with 15 undergraduate brothers, whose objective was to start the rebuilding process of our chapter. We began the semester with a spring retreat involving planning sessions, rush strategies and a lot of good old-fashioned house cleaning. The ABC provided a list of sanctions that the undergraduates were required to obey.

We knew after the membership review was completed, we would need considerable funds to cover operating the house for at least two semesters. The alumni board of directors sent out letters to all alumni requesting donations to cover our anticipated cash shortages during the rebuilding process. Although we received a nice first round of donations, it fell short of our needs. The chapter house account ran out of money in mid-March. Some hard

(continued on page 2)

Things Are Looking Up!

By Mark Breedlove '78

As my wife and I arrived at the chapter house on the Friday evening of Blue/White Weekend, four undergraduates interrupted their conversation to greet us. They welcomed us and explained that the party room was reserved for the evening but that an informal get-together was being held upstairs. As we wandered back through the living room, we were struck by how spit-shined everything looked. We headed to the dining room to find a beer and met up with several alumni.

An undergraduate who was visiting with the alumni immediately invited me to accompany him to the kitchen to meet the current pledge class. A dozen undergraduates and pledges were in the kitchen. All stopped to say hello, with the pledges going out of their way to introduce themselves. And yes, the kitchen was clean and orderly enough to legitimately be considered a party venue.

Still eager to get that first beer, I headed back to the dining room and settled into conversation with the other alumni. Soon, another undergraduate came up to me to introduce another pledge. All through the next couple of hours, undergraduates greeted me and told me about their part in preparing for that weekend. They were genuinely excited and proud to have done such good work.

Blue/White Weekend took on special significance for the undergraduates this year. The normal pressures of hosting alumni visitors and the annual Star and Crescent Foundation awards program were certainly present. The relatively low number of undergraduate brothers made the job that much tougher. Add a little extra tension because of Saturday's housing corporation board meeting to assess the critical financial situation and to divine a way to stay open next school year, and combined with Sunday's third and the semester's final Alumni Board of Control (ABC) review, the pressure was already at finals week levels, even though final exams were several days away.

Despite that pressure, Blue/White Weekend continued smoothly. The tailgate was well attended by undergraduates and alumni. The on-field pregame protest was dispersed peacefully, Penn State won the football game and no rioting ensued. Three chapter members earned and received scholarship awards from the Star and Crescent Foundation. Dinner and the formal brothers' meeting were highlights. Light socializing after dinner followed by a knock-down, drag-out party topped off the festivities! Alumni turnout was predictably low for Blue/White Weekend, but those in attendance were truly treated like special guests throughout.

The alumni housing corporation board did meet. Excellent advance work by Ed Gorkes '79 and Doug Byler '90 contributed to

(continued on page 3)

Update on Alpha-Delta (continued from page 1)

decisions had to be made fast. Essentially, we had to determine if the house would be immediately shut down or attempt to gather additional financing to keep it open.

I made an appeal to the 100 or so brothers who are active on the Kappa Sigma listserv. Many of these alumni sent in donations that enabled us to operate the house for a few weeks while we worked on the crisis at hand. Thank you to all who gave!

The ABC arranged a meeting in March with the undergraduates to determine if we would continue our efforts to keep the house open. Prior to this meeting, we discussed with the undergraduates what we would require, in addition to them following all of the ABC sanctions. Mainly, our requirements were for them to raise \$4,000 in funds to assist with the finances and to be active in securing renters in order to run the house without alumni corporation support. In addition, the house bill was increased, and the undergraduates may have to pay additional assessments if enough renters are not obtained. The undergraduates assured us that they were all still determined to get the job done.

They did a commendable job during the spring semester! They worked hard and followed the sanctions. As a group, they came together and were making good progress. Unfortunately, through no fault of their own, the money ran out.

The difficulties of the house are an accumulation of many problems that occurred over the years, and are not the direct fault of the 15 brothers who live in the house right now, but these are the people who have to make it right. It is a fairly big challenge for 15 college students to get an education, be good brothers and have fun once in a while! Envision being an undergraduate in the house during times like this. It would not be a fun place to be.

Considering all the good efforts of our undergraduates and their commitment to stick it out, we decided to stick with them, as we should. The board was successful in obtaining two loans with extended payback periods, from two alumni. These loans will keep the house and corporation operating

through the 2001-2002 school year, if certain requirements are achieved.

Part of the loan proceeds covered the chapter house expenses for the remainder of the spring semester. The remaining loan proceeds will be for the corporation reserves and will not be used for subsidizing house operations. The chapter, starting this summer, must be self-sufficient. The undergraduates must secure renters starting in the summer and throughout the school year to cover expenses until membership is above break-even. In addition, they still must follow ABC sanctions and have a very successful fall and spring rush next school year.

If any one of these areas falls short, the corporation will have no alternative but to either sell the property or rent the house to another organization.

How do I personally assess the situation? I am one of the alumni who made another loan to our chapter. I would have not written another check, unless I felt reasonably confident that the undergraduates can achieve success. Many times during my tenure as corporation president, I've felt like resigning. The

problems seemed insurmountable and the time commitment for myself and the other alumni volunteers was extensive. However, I personally could not accept the thought of losing our chapter house without a fight. Most important to my decision to remain was that the undergraduates were not quitting, so neither would I. There are still a lot of challenges ahead, but it will work if we — alumni and undergraduates — work together and support each other.

I am confident enough to keep urging (nagging!) all of you to continue financially supporting your chapter. If you have not made any donations this year, please send us a check because we really need your support. If you already donated, our heartfelt thanks go out to you, and please continue your support. The light is getting a little brighter at the end of the tunnel!

Remember that the alumni board represents the members at large. We are here to ensure that the affairs of the corporation are run properly and efficiently. We welcome all feedback, questions or ideas. Feel free to contact me at any time. We all look forward to seeing you back at the house in the near future.



Scholarship banquet during Blue/White Weekend

Blue/White Success!

By Adam Kulp '04

This year's Blue/White Weekend was a great success, with about 20 alumni coming to the house. Saturday started with a tailgate party, followed by post-game cocktails. At dinner, the Star and Crescent scholarship awards were presented. The amount was increased from \$4,000 to \$5,000, and was awarded to Jason Miller '02 and Brandon Ade '02. The \$1,000 scholarship was given to Jeff Coffey '02.

At the meeting following dinner, many alumni commended the undergraduates for the overall appearance of the house as well as for the effort to bring the house back. We hope to see all the alumni here again this summer and for football in the fall!

Things Are Looking Up! (continued from page 1) Why Waste Time with Kappa Sigma?

By Scott Ott '83

a very active and constructive conversation among the board members. A budget was approved along with a financial plan that should allow us to keep the doors open next school year.

The final hurdle of the weekend for the undergraduates was to pass muster with the ABC. It would be a stretch to say that they passed with flying colors. Significant progress had been made in every area stipulated by the ABC, however, there were frank discussions about shortfalls and action plans to get on track presented by the executive committee. The most impressive thing about this meeting were the unity and collaborative effort demonstrated by the executive committee. They were prepared, knowledgeable and upbeat about their prospects. It felt good to sit with these young men who had been through so much this semester and who were so very engaged and dedicated to the tasks before them.

More importantly, I felt like I had really gone back to "my" house. I was happy to see that it was well cared for. I was made welcome. I felt a special bond with the other members present, alumni and undergraduates alike. I saw a group of undergraduates who had come together as a brotherhood, who enjoyed each other's company, and who were proud of the progress they had made together.

There is still plenty of work to do and much more progress needed. Preserving the gains and maintaining momentum over the summer will be real challenges. The biggest test of achieving success during the fall rush period lies ahead.

If Blue/White Weekend was any indication, though, the prospects are looking up!

Be sure to include your e-mail address on the enclosed form.

Alpha-Delta Alumni Corporation

Board of Directors

PRESIDENT/SECRETARY • Ed Gorkes '79
1200 New Church Ct., Ambler, PA 19002-1330
215-619-7901, egorkes@aol.com

VICE PRESIDENT/TREASURER • Doug Byler '90
2165 Old Philadelphia Pike, Apt. 30, Lancaster, PA 17602
717-291-5735, INFPDoug@aol.com

DIRECTORS

Mark H. Breedlove '78, 2348 Heronwood Dr.,
Bloomfield, MI 48302; 248-253-1933, mbreedlove@hotmail.com
Vincent Gaeta '86, 67 Irondale Rd.,
Wharton, NJ 07885; 973-691-6316
John Meyers '89, 12667 Amarillo Ct.,
Lusby, MD 20657; 410-394-1171, meyersj2@navair.navy.mil
James R. Merinar '87, 913 Roopsburg Rd., Bellefonte, PA 16823;
814-353-1348, jamesmerinar@prodigy.net

On Blue/White Weekend, I returned to Alpha-Delta for the first time in about 15 years. I have had almost no contact with the undergraduates or alumni in all that time. And frankly, I hadn't missed it either. But somewhere in the back of my mind the whole Kappa Sigma experience was like a job unfinished. It felt like I hadn't tightened all the bolts. I had just walked away.

So I went back to answer some questions:

- What is the significance of AEKΔB at age 40?
- Is there an "adult" experience of being a Kappa Sig?
- Why should I invest my time or money in this organization?

Unlike some brothers, I have no desire to relive my youth. I love my "old age," so nostalgia is nothing to me. I stopped drinking about 10 years ago, and I'm not looking for more time away from my wife and kids — quite the opposite.

Why should I waste my time with Kappa Sigma?

From one evening, I don't claim to have reached any sweeping conclusions, but here are a few thoughts I had.

There is a bond of sorts among those who spent several years living as brothers. You can feel it the moment the door shuts on the chapter room for the Blue/White meeting. It spans the generations. That surprised me.

We share a common desire to see the organization thrive. Even those who feel that things are really messed up want to do something to fix them.

As adults, we have something to offer these young men. Perhaps we can help them avoid some of the extremely stupid things we did in college and early in our careers. Maybe we can help them become men of character, discipline, integrity. True leaders.

Maybe the bond we already have is our opportunity to light a candle, rather than just curse the darkness. In other words, we can invest a bit of ourselves — time, talent, treasure — in the lives of several dozen young men.

Someday one of these guys may be standing over me with a scalpel ready to do a quadruple bypass. Someday I may be punching out a chad next to one of these men's names on a ballot. Someday I may be trusting one of them with a major project at work. Someday I may apply for a job at a company started by one of these young entrepreneurs. And if not me, then others will be affected by these young men.

If I have an adult experience with Kappa Sigma, it may be in coming alongside these men — together with other adult brothers — to really make a difference in their lives. Your legacy isn't just your son pledging Alpha-Delta — it can be your fingerprints on history through what you do for a few young men you'll be proud to call brothers.

Recently, I've been talking with a couple of brothers about founding a formal mentoring program and network. Maybe that's the place to start.

Scott Ott '83 is director of marketing and integrated communication for Affinity Connection Inc., based in State College.

Retreat Surpasses All

By Doug Byler '90

Early in January, before the semester began, the undergraduates arrived in State College several days early for an alumni/undergraduate retreat. The undergraduates were joined by more than 15 alumni to help forge goals, prepare the physical plant of the house, and basically make sure things started off on the right foot. Many of the men began arriving in the middle of one of those famous State College snowstorms. Even with the inclement weather, nearly all the undergraduates and alumni made it to the house, though some of them had to endure drives that took twice the time usually needed to get to Happy Valley.

The bulk of the retreat was spent cleaning the house and making much-needed repairs. A team of at least five brothers at a time spent more than eight hours on the kitchen alone! When our cook, Mary Ellen Nichols, arrived for work, she told me she

committee comprised of past Alpha-Delta grand masters stretching from the mid-'70s through the early '90s. This process was repeated for all positions, enabling us to sit down and talk about what had worked or hadn't worked over the years.



Undergraduate Nick Mendez '02 getting some sage advice from alumnus Wes Link '55. Perhaps he is obtaining the recipe for the famous Link "concoction"?



Probably the first time in history the grand master, Jarrod Kwiatkowski '03, cleaned grease traps!

Those few days were remarkable. The opportunity for alumni and undergraduates to work together in a constructive and sober way helped the undergraduates to get to know where the alumni were coming from, and vice versa. Virtually every era in the house was represented from the '70s through 2000, and participants came from as far away as Hawaii, California and Michigan, to name a few. It was a weekend of hard work, both mentally and physically. Everyone left with a deeper understanding of each other, and a firm foundation was set to help Alpha-Delta continue its return to excellence.

thought she had come to the wrong house because the kitchen was so clean. In addition, teams of alumni and undergraduates worked throughout the house, stripping and waxing floors, sanding and resurfacing the bar in the party room, scrubbing the cooler, touching up the paint, and on many other projects. We completely filled a construction dumpster with junk we hauled out of the house. It is amazing how much work can get done with the proper planning, participation and execution.

We also participated in several developmental exercises, from brotherhood development to effective rush planning and brainstorming. Everyone was involved in the activities, and, in the process, got to know one another, to hear everyone's goals for Alpha-Delta, and to generally increase the bonds of brotherhood.

The Alumni Board of Control appointed alumni mentors for each elected or appointed position in the house. During the weekend, the mentors met individually with their protégés. For example, current grand master Jarrod Kwiatkowski '03 met with a small alumni



Colby Neidig '96 takes his turn sanding the bar for resurfacing.

Expectations

The weekend was so successful, in fact, that we are considering doing it again, and perhaps making it an annual event. More on that to come later.

A HUGE thank you goes out to every one of the undergraduates and alumni who took time to attend the weekend! A special thanks to Mark Breedlove '78, Ed Gorkes '79, Mark Rippy '81, and Bill Demartino (our fearless cook), who helped organize and execute a successful retreat!



Board member Mark Breedlove '78, facilitates one of the undergraduate/alumni breakout sessions during the January retreat.



Alumni (L-R) Jim Helferty '89, Darby Neidig '93, Bob "Bubba" Burkhart '81 and assistant alumnus adviser Steve Heimer '76 spending time relaxing after a day of hard work.



Leadership in action. (L-R) chapter resident adviser Brandon Duhon (Theta-Rho chapter at McNeese State, LA 1994), grand master Jarrod Kwiatkowski '03 and alumni corporation president Ed Gorkes '79.

Improving the Beloved House

By Samir Singh '02

Emerson once said, "When a man builds a fine house, he now has a master and a task for life; he must furnish it, show it, and keep it in repair the rest of his days."

It seems the men at Kappa Sig have taken Emerson's advice to heart in recent months, as countless man-hours have gone into improving our beloved Happy Valley address. Among the many repairs were painting areas in need, replacing missing floor tiles, and fixing damaged trim and all holes in walls. More work went into getting the house in perfect compliance with the State College fire code, including replacing the generator battery, installing deadbolts on all doors (with new copies of room keys being made), hard-wiring all smoke detectors, and even removing and reorganizing some external wiring.

Visiting alumni may further notice that the deck has been scrubbed down and weather-protected, and all window curtains have been washed. Some vacant rooms have also been spruced up in anticipation of alumni who might drop by and stay a weekend. This is the best the house has ever looked, and Kappa Sigma intends to keep it that way. Stop by and see!

Brotherhood Growing Stronger

By Mark Coldren '02

I was initiated this past February, and since then I have seen the brotherhood become stronger and more involved with the house and activities. The alumni were ecstatic about the appearance of the house during Blue/White Weekend. All of the brotherhood came together to show some of the new blood what Kappa Sigma is all about. After that success, I hope to see all of you again soon.

We have a very intensive rush program planned for the upcoming summer and fall. At least nine brothers are staying here at the house for the summer. Every Friday, we will be having a cookout on the deck, and a party every Thursday night as well. I invite any of you in the area to come out and have a good time and get to know everyone a little better.

Deciding on the Future

By Jarrod Kwiatkowski '03, Grand Master

It has been some time since our last newsletter, and much has occurred since then. As many of you know, we are at a pivotal point that will decide the future of the Alpha-Delta chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

We undergraduates have made a pledge to the alumni in return for financial assistance and guidance. We have set up committees for summer and fall rush and have drafted the backbone plan for each, organized a fundraiser lottery, and are still exploring more activities. We have made an

effort to keep our chapter house in the cleanest of conditions and are actively marketing our house for summer and fall renters. With the addition of these renters, the housing corporation can be profitable once again throughout the summer, fall, and into the future. It is our hope that the rush plans we have developed will negate the need for renters in the future and for our house to have the proper numbers to fill the financial gap.

Earlier this semester, five new men were initiated into our order: Rob Lesko '04, Adam Kulp '04, Phil Wantuck '04, Rob Drelich '04 and Mark Coldren '02. They have already stepped up for us by taking active rolls in IFC and positions in the house, as well as bringing new freshman blood and life back into this chapter.

For this semester, we had four new pledges. While short of our intended goal, it met the average number that the fraternity system pledged for the semester, and was accomplished with far less manpower. With a solid rush plan focusing on the incoming freshmen arriving during the summer as well as the fall, we fully anticipate quadrupling this number by next autumn.

The Dance Marathon went very well this year, raising \$3.6 million for children with cancer. We are all very proud of our involvement with such a worthy event. We're hoping to increase our commitment next year by obtaining corporate sponsorship to raise more money, and with higher numbers and a greater individual effort. We are also setting up a program with the Red Cross for either a blood drive or canning trip, with details still being ironed out by the executive and philanthropy committees.

The house has made significant scholastic improvement. Following the expulsion of several members, our GPA for the house has climbed to approximately 3.09, which is in the upper 20 percent! We'll have to wait until next year for these changes to be officially recognized, per IFC policy.

Great steps have also been taken to increase our presence in IFC. We currently have seven brothers involved, with more interested in becoming involved. I can't stress enough that your continuing support is needed and appreciated for our chapter's existence. I encourage everyone to visit the house as time permits and see firsthand the progress we have made.

Executive Committee

Grand Master

Jarrod Kwiatkowski '03
Marshfield, Mass.
Business Administration

Grand Procurator

Bob McClune '03
Beaver, Pa.
Communications

Grand Master of Ceremonies

Dan Czeck '02
Mocanaqua, Pa.
Electrical Engineering

Grand Scribe, Rush Chair

Jason Miller '02
Bethel Park, Pa.
Electrical Engineering

Grand Treasurer, Rush Chair

Scott Duncan '02
Bethel Park, Pa.
Mechanical Engineering

Welcome Spring Pledges!

Dave Beam '03
Bethel Park, Pa.

Andy Geesaman '04
Waynesboro, Pa.

Mark Stempeski '04
Maple Glen, Pa.

Jake Wesley '04
Beulah, Mich.

Join the Kappa Sigma Listserv ...

The Kappa Sig Listserv has now been in operation for a couple of years and is adding new alumni each day. For those alumni with Internet access who are not aware of this excellent service, we highly encourage you to sign up.

The listserv provides a quick and easy way to receive and send information to Alpha-Delta alumni. General discussion messages are simply sent to your e-mail address and you can read them at your leisure. In addition, there are many more features available with the listserv that will be more fully explained when you sign up.

Joining is easy! Just send your name, graduation or initiation year and e-mail address to:

Jeff Montgomery at jeff_montgomery@hotmail.com

After your information is validated, you will receive the necessary instructions to quickly get up and running on the listserv!

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

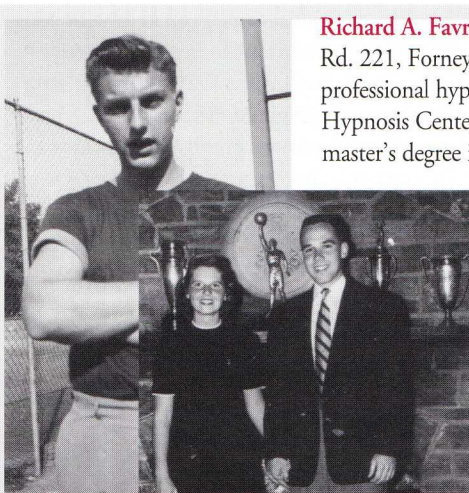
Alumni News and Updates



We heard from 87-year-old **Robert L. Walker '35** (103 Donlon Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168) last fall. He had just returned from a trip to Baja, Calif. "Bud" continues to enjoy travel. Through the years, he's visited 32 countries and circled the globe.

James S. Lindzey '40 (15 Millbrook Rd., Laramie, WY 82070) has retired to a small ranch in the Cowboy State and is running a bed-and-breakfast operation. He has three children living in the area. Jim hunts deer, antelope and elk. He also raises flowers and vegetables capable of surviving in the semi-desert conditions.

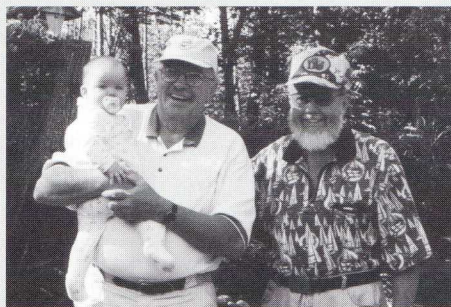
Financial consultant **Joseph T. Simone '53** (637 Custis Rd., Glenside, PA 19038) is president of Corporate Financial Ventures, an investment banking firm. He has two new grandsons, Daniel and Michael. Over the last 50 years, Joseph has continued to maintain strong friendships with his Kappa Sigma contemporaries.



Richard A. Favro '55 (16301 County Rd. 221, Forney, TX 75126), a professional hypnotist with American Hypnosis Centers, has earned his master's degree in hypnotic science and is pursuing a doctorate in the field. He specializes in stress reduction, academic achievement and peak sports performance. Dick sends a photo of **Wes Link '55** taken in 1951 and one of **George Bortle '54** in 1952.

James B. Griffin Jr. '55 (427 Taylor Cutoff Rd., Sequim, WA 98382; jgriffin@olympen.com) was looking forward to taking a cruise in the Sea of Cortez with **Jim Burkhardt '56** in December 2000. Earlier in the year, Brother

Griffin's wife caught a 40-pound halibut. James also reports: "**Russ Johns '55** visited me at Sunland Country Club." In the photo, Russ (left) holds Jim's granddaughter, Emma, beside Jim.



After more than 35 years in engineering and management with the Boeing Co., **Frederick C. Baesman '64** (10206 S.E. 224th St., Kent, WA 98031; baesman@gte.net) retired in June 2000. He has two

children in college. "Fritz" has been elected treasurer of the NWWA Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Vincent D. Diloreto '65 (9812 Big View Dr., Austin, TX 78730; vince.diloreto@baesystems.com) is a vice president and general manager at BAE Systems, the second-largest defense aerospace contractor in the world. His company, Marconi Electronic Systems, merged with British Aerospace.

Terry R. Eshenour '67 (1393 Holly Bank Cir., Dunwoody, GA 30338; terryesh@hotmail.com), a food and beverage business development consultant, reports that business is growing with Asian and European clients.

George M. Middlemas Jr. '68 (2440 N. Lakeview Ave., #15A, Chicago, IL 60614; geomiddl@apexvc.com), who is associated with Apex Investment Partners, has assumed the role of chairman of development activity for libraries in the current Penn State campaign.

In March 2000, **Harry L. Flick Jr. '69** (417 Ashford Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601) traveled to Italy, spending several days in Bologna and visiting Maggiore Square, Communal Palace, St. Petronius Basilica and the Twin Towers. He climbed to the top of Torre Asinelli and savored the cuisine at Silvio's.

Metallurgist **Louis F. Koehler III '69** (17 Burchfield Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016; lkoehler@inco.com) is president of Novamet Corp. He and **Tom McNulty '68** have switched their athletic endeavors from over-50 basketball to softball. Halfway through the season last year, Tom was leading the team with an incredible .829 batting average.

A. George Makdad '71 (135 Bristlewood Ct., Rockton, IL 61072; amakdad@aol.com) reports that his family is divided in terms of football and sports loyalty now that he has two sons attending the University of Illinois.

Accountant **Robert L. Desrochers '72** (431 Rumbach Ave., Jasper, IN 47546; desrochersbobmindy@msn.com) is CFO and senior vice president at Master Brand Cabinets Inc. He has reconnected with **Geoff Wright '74** and **Gary Link '73**. [Gary is on our "lost" list. If you have an address for him, please send it our way.]

Kim T. Chapman '77, who is retired from the military, is living on Yongson Army Base in Seoul, South Korea, and will be there until June 2002. You can write to him at Box 279, HHC 501 MI BDE, APO AP 96205. "Any Kappa Sigs in the country are welcome to stop by for a beer!"

Edward D. Gorkes '79 (1200 New Church Ct., Ambler, PA 19002) attended a surprise birthday party for **Eric DeZubay '82** last summer. The gathering was hosted by Eric's brother, **Al '78**. Al is Edward's big brother and the two visit each other several times a year. Edward notes that Eric is chief meteorologist at WBTV-3 in Charlotte, N.C.

Robert P. Burkhardt '81 (6450 Matthew Ct., San Jose, CA 95123; robert.burkhardt@webmethods.com) is still having fun in Silicon Valley. He left Lotus Development (IBM) last year and took some time off to travel to Bali, Indonesia. "Bubba" is director of enterprise technologies at WebMethods.

More Alumni News and Updates

"I'm thoroughly enjoying living in Vietnam," writes **J. David Payne '81** (c/o Unocal Vietnam, 14141 S.W. Freeway, Sugar Land, TX 77478). "All visitors are welcome. McDonald's hasn't made it yet, so this is still the real deal."

Timothy D. Fitzgerald '82 (2200 Ben Franklin Pky., Apt. E810, Philadelphia, PA 19130; timothy.fitzgerald@pncbank.com), a vice president at PNC Bank, traveled to Italy in December 1999. On the trip from Florence to Venice, he jumped off the train long enough to get this picture.



In 2000, **Eric P. Anderson '84** (Greenlees, Furze Hill, Seale, Surrey GU10 1PS, UK; ericanderson@mindspring.com) moved to a town south of London in the United Kingdom. He plans to be there for three or more years. Eric is vice president and head of business development at S1 Corp. "You're welcome to come visit. Bring your rain gear!"

Robert J. Bowsher '86 has a new job and address. He has moved to 4188 Fifth Ave., #13, San Diego, CA 92103 and is working for Episcopal Community Services. E-mail for him can be sent to rbowsher3@home.com. Last year, he had dinner with Marianne and **Dan Hendrickson '85** in San Diego's Seaport Village. Robert would like to hear from **John Grubmuller '86**, **Steve Frauenheim '87**, **James Merinar '87**, **John Merinar '84** and **Joe Picozzi '86**. [We need an address for Joe. Can anyone help?]

Michael W. Carrell '86 will graduate from the Air Force of Advanced Airpower Studies in June 2001 with another master's degree. In July he will be assigned to work air defense operations in South Korea. Mike was also selected for early promotion to lieutenant colonel this past spring. His address until July 2001: C/O 629 Little Farm Rd., Prattville, AL 36066. You can reach him via e-mail at mcarrell@aol.com.

To take a new job as an installation manager with Rally Communications, **Joseph R. Lichtner '87** moved to the Lone Star State. In May 2000, he remarried in Las Vegas. While there, Joe and his new wife, Julie, spent some time with **Matt Shulman '88** at the MGM Hotel and Casino. Joe would enjoy hearing from the brothers, especially members of his pledge class. You can write to him at 2415 Claudia Dr., Leander, TX 78641; joelick69@aol.com.

Paul J. Green '88 (16A Greenland Ct., Discovery Bay, Hong Kong; paul.j.green@msdw.com) is a vice president at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in Hong Kong. He had a visit from **John Flynn '89** and **Dave Albrecht '91** in April 2000. The three brothers traveled to Bangkok, Thailand, to see **Jim France '82**. Paul, Jim and **Dave Payne '81**, a resident of Ho Chi Minh City, were looking forward to a trekking trip to Nepal in April of this year and planning to organize the first Kappa Sigma Asian golf outing. "All are welcome to come out," Paul notes.

Timothy M. Madden '89 (440 33rd St., Glenwood Springs, CO 81601; tmadden@aspres.com) is an MIS manager. He and wife Courtney, his girlfriend while in college, were expecting their first child

— Homecoming 2001 —

November 2 - 4 vs. Southern Miss. (t.b.a.)

We will have our annual tailgate, followed by a formal dinner at the chapter house on Saturday evening.

Plan to Join Us!

in January 2001. Timothy asks, "Where's everyone from the fall 1985 pledge class?"

Correspondence for **Michael Valenti '90** can be sent to 2932 Levick St., Philadelphia, PA 19149. He and **Dustin Harvey '93** hang out in Sea Isle at their summer shore house. **Clint Burks '93** came down for a visit and the three celebrated Clint's 30th birthday.

Stephen G. Guzo Jr. '92 (511 Front St., Apt. 2, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648) has relocated to the Altoona area to join Link Computer Corp. as a Web software development engineer.

Pedro J. Ruiz '92 (Apt. 602, New San Juan, Condominium, Isla Verde Ave., Carolina, PR 00979; piero@caribe.net) has been named sales director at Hotel El Convento. "If anyone has plans to visit the Caribbean, Puerto Rico is a great destination and I can help with your airfare, accommodations and the like while on the island." "Piero" would like to hear from his big brother, **Stephen Guzo '92**, and little brothers, **Mark Militzer '92**, **Matthew Dippold '98** and **Kevin Stutzman '95**. [We need an address for Kevin.]

Christopher J. Foster '94 (6710 Lake Pointe Cir., Memphis, TN 38141; chris_foster@cargill.com) is an environmental engineer at Cargill Inc. He traveled to the Jersey shore last summer to visit **Tom Tatem '98** and **Kevin Hacker '98** in Manasquan, and **Mike Valenti '90** and **Dustin Harvey '93** in Sea Isle City. **Darby Neidig '93** also made the trip to Sea Isle.

After completing an internship at Akron City Hospital in Ohio last year, physician **Mark A. Pollard '95** (6331 Lakeshore Dr., Erie, PA 16505) began a five-year residency in orthopaedic surgery at Hamot Medical Center. He would like to hear from brothers passing through Erie.

Lawyer **Matthew B. Weisberg '97** has joined the law firm of McCabe, Weisberg & Conway as an associate. He specializes in litigation concerning mortgage foreclosure, bankruptcy, personal injury and criminal defense. "Gooch" is living with **Darby Neidig '93** at 7901 Henry Ave., Apt. F-205, Philadelphia, PA 19128. You can call him at work (215-790-1010) or at home (215-357-6303). Brothers can also drop him a line electronically at goochweisb@aol.com.

Immediately after his graduation from PSU, **Jeffrey G. Rebernak '99** (25959 Auction Rd., Federalsburg, MD 21632; rebernak@intercom.net) joined Agro-Distribution as an agronomist and sales representative. He's working with farmers on the Delmarva Peninsula on cropping systems, chemical programs and recommendations, and chemical and seed sales.

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

Walter E. Carpenter '29 (4/17/00), **John H. Light '37**,
Howard J. Ritts Jr. '42 (10/20/00), **Marlin A. Miller '53** (12/11/00)

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