

Alpha-Delta News



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Headline News

A New and Exciting Attitude

In my position as ADGM, I've had the opportunity to see a new attitude take root at the house. The spirit of brotherhood is growing – the brothers are wearing their letters, they landscaped the property, they have new officers and they participated in Spring Week for the first time in six years. Alpha-Delta is alive!

Steve Uzupis '77

Everyone Invited to PSU Arts Fest and Homecoming

All alumni and undergrads are invited to the Kappa Sig house for Arts Fest. This weekend of arts, crafts, music and other festivities will be held at Penn State from Friday, July 12 through Sunday, July 14.

The biggest alumni event of the year will be Homecoming. It starts Friday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. with a cocktail party for alumni, brothers and their guests. On Saturday, Penn State plays Northwestern. A dinner and cocktail party will be held Saturday night. We would like to see as many alumni as possible come back to Penn State for Homecoming and enjoy the camaraderie of old and new friends.

8 Attending National Leadership Conference

On July 20-21, five undergraduates and three alumni will attend the Kappa Sigma Leadership Conference at the University of Delaware. Undergrads attending are Rob Drelich '04, Jeff Kobelak '03, Rob Lesko '04, Jason Miller '02, and Phil Wantuck '04. Alumni attending are Clint Burks '93, Ed Gorkes '79 and Steve Uzupis '77. This is a great way for Alpha-Delta chapter to get new ideas from other Kappa Sigma chapters and also to teach us new leadership skills that will help the fraternity immensely. We appreciate the dedication of those attending.

Alumni Updates

James S. Lindzey '40 (15 Millbrook Rd., Laramie, WY 82070) Not much new. Enjoying ranch life, running small B&B. Hunting and fishing with varying success. Enjoy nearby family members and visitors. Concerned about the closure of house here at University of WY. New experience trying to garden in near desert.

Edward D. Lenker '48 (2418 N. Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17110) On the career side, I do architecture in the multi-family, commercial and health areas. Most of that work is mainly consulting now. On the personal side, I do watercolor painting, travel mostly in United States visiting friends, and stay involved with children, grandchildren and a great-grandchild. I stay very busy.

Michael Hooks '93 (327 Locust St., Pittsburgh, PA 15218-1424; hoox81@yahoo.com) Brotherhood is at work post-graduation.
Mark Militzer '92, **Aaron Pickle '95** and I all played on a local Pittsburgh roller hockey team and won the championship! Brotherhood is not for a day or a college term – it is for life.



John Koerber '51 (5709 Happy Hills Drive, Bethel Park, PA 15102) I'm living the normal retired life of a 73 year old. From May through December, I live in the Pittsburgh area. The rest of the year, I'm in Charlotte, NC. I enjoy fishing and my 10 grandchildren.

Gordon Olsen '51 (232 W. Frier Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85021) My oldest granddaughter (22) will be married June 29, 2002 and I will walk her down the aisle.

John P. Thompson '69 (5523 N. Fairhill Street, Philadelphia, PA 19120; hthompson@philak12.pa.us) Psychologist/School District of Philadelphia. One of our best friends, **Christopher T. Ketterer '69** retired from 32 years at Hershey Foods, Inc. where he was VP – National Accounts. He and Carol (married 32 years) live in Hershey, PA.

Andrew J. Gribshaw '77 (609 Tall Pines Ln., Horsham, PA 19044-1802; first2win@comcast.net) has posted some great pictures from the 1975-76 era including the composite and individual pictures of **Steve Uzupis '77**, **Mark Breedlove '78** and our current alumni president **Ed "Gak" Gorkes '79**. Check them out at www.kappasigpsu.com.

Brian W. Tobin '80 (85 River Mist Rd., Juliette, GA 31046; tobinbw@aol.com) It's great to see so many good things happening at Kappa Sigma! Congrats to all the undergraduates and alumni. A special congrats to **Ed Gorkes '79** for his visionary leadership in mobilizing alums.

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Congratulations to ...

Seniors: Dan Czeck '02 (Electrical Engineering), Byron Cotter '02 (Business Logistics/Spanish), Gianni Incontro '02 (Business Logistics), Samir Singh '02 (Chemical Engineering)

Deans List: Jeff Kobelak '03, Nick Mendez '02, Samir Singh '02

Kappa Sigma Star and Crescent Foundation Scholarships Winners: Jeff Kobelak '03, Nick Mendez '02 and Jason Miller '02

Alumni Updates ...continued

Dave Payne '81 (dpayne@unocal.com) I have recently relocated to Bangkok and into a much bigger job. Unfortunately, it cuts into family, golf and all other recreational activities. I did manage a round of golf with **Jim France '82**, but all other efforts to hook up with Jim have failed due to differing schedules. I'm getting up for work when Jim's getting in from the bars. Anyone interested in visiting Bangkok is welcome anytime. Cheers!

Thomas H. Gallagher '84 (97 Henry Smith Rd., Simpsonville, KY 40067; thomashgallagher@cs.com) Hello all. Since I can submit electronically, I'm finally willing and able to share an update. Annie and I have now been married for 17 years! This is the fateful year that we both turn 40 and officially begin falling apart, I suppose. For the past 5+ years, we have lived in Louisville, KY. Over the Christmas holiday, we moved to a new house located between Louisville and Lexington, KY (i.e., bluegrass country!). Our kids, Nathan (15), Haley (12), and Connor (9) all attend the same school (Christian Academy of Louisville), where Annie also teaches. Annie and Haley are avid horseback riders and we hope to bring the horses home to stay with us in the Spring. I have been involved in the material handling industry pretty much since graduation, specifically with design, fabrication, and installation of conveying and sorting systems for the U.S. Postal Service. At the moment, I work for a Phoenix, AZ-based company. I still occasionally exchange e-mails and phone calls with ROTC, but mostly I keep up-to-date via copies of trash-talk e-mails

exchanged by Steeler and Eagle fans, and their detractors. (By the way, I agree with **Dave Payne '81**. I hope both teams fare as well next year as they did this season!) Best regards, Tom & Annie Gallagher (aka Gator & Annie-mal)

Jonathan W. Shaps '84 (22 N. Wyoming Ave., Ardmore, PA 19003; j.shaps@verizon.net) Now in the Star and Crescent Club, Jon writes, "Figured I'd bump it up another click for 2001-02 giving year." When I can get away from the Switch, will come up and see if you guys still know how to have a good time. Have a great year.

Michael W. Carrell '86 (629 Little Farm Rd., Prattville, AL 36066; mcarrell@aol.com) I will complete my year in Korea in July 2002. Then the family will move to Norfolk, VA. All is well with the Carrell clan.

Rob Olin '86 (robjayne@epix.net) After 12 years managing the same animal clinic, I'm taking some time off. I'll get started working again - somewhere. In the meantime, my wife and two kids - Pete (6) and Maggie (4) - keep me plenty busy.

Paul J. Green '88 (63 Lochatong Rd., Ewing, NJ 08628; paul.j.green@morganstanley.com) After 8 years in China, the family and I are back in the USA. We are living outside Princeton, NJ. Had lots of good times with **Jim France '82** who is living in Bangkok, Thailand, and **Dave Payne '81** who was in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. **John Flynn '89** came to visit on five different occasions and we had many

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Kudos...

- Special thanks to the trustees of the Star and Crescent Foundation: Thomas Hill '48, Joseph Succop II '48 and Wesley Fitzsimmons '95.
- In April, the undergraduate brothers and pledges participated in a six-hour seminar on recruiting and how to make friends, start conversations and remember names. Thanks to Scott Ott '83 for facilitating the session.

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On the Farm with Hugh McPherson '97

After college, Hugh McPherson '97 returned home to the family farm where he started Maize Quest -- a cornfield maze adventure. Hugh's Kappa Sigma connection started with Matt Greico '96 and the Blue Band.

He remembers Outrunning the Enemy with JT; Gooch setting Brian Say '97 on fire; Bolt in general; the Celtic Collision; learning a proper Western PA accent from Colby and Ed winning best set design in Greek Sing.

For him, fraternity was about people. "I learned a lot about people. I wouldn't trade a minute of discussion, argument, fight or brain-storming with my brothers. I think the reason fraternity men are successful is the opportunity they are given to learn from a large group of people they have to live with for more than a semester. That kind of experience is not replicated in dorms or apartments. My brothers taught me more about interacting with people than any class could have."



Janine, Hugh and 4-month-old Annie McPherson

Check out www.kappasigpsu.com for the entire interview with Hugh McPherson.

Scrubbing Toilets Leads to Lifetime of Serving for Eric Thomas DeZubay '82



What influence has Kappa Sigma had on Eric DeZubay '82? He said, "It taught me to clean toilets. Sounds like a joke, eh? It isn't. Many of us grow up pampered, even spoiled.

Pledging Kappa Sigma meant learning how to take care of myself and my surroundings. There is something about rolling up your sleeves and dropping to your knees that helps you find out who you are and if your heart is really into serving others. If you can scrub bathrooms for your slovenly brothers, suddenly helping the poor seems a lot easier and rather attractive. That's the message from my fraternity: Service can take many forms; together, we can accomplish great things for the greater good."

And Eric does that today. He is active with his wife and four kids, his church and as a community speaker. Eric is a TV weatherman in Charlotte, NC.

To read the rest of Eric's story, including his top ten list of favorite fraternity memories (firecrackers to bands), go to www.kappasigpsu.com.

If you know a brother you think would make a good profile subject, please send his name and graduation year, along with your name and graduation year to our alumni relations service: news@2stayconnected.com. Make sure to mention that it's for Kappa Sigma, Penn State.

From the Grand Master

Alpha-Delta's current focus is rush. This semester we initiated Matthew Arambul and Andre Aklian. They are very committed to the fraternity. Andre has already been elected Grand Scribe. We are excited about our two newest members and look forward to next semester and our extensive rush plan to attract more high quality men into our great fraternity. Nick Mendez '02 and Jarrod Kwiatkowski '02 are heading up those rush plans.

Although this semester's GPA has not yet been announced, we were disappointed in our 2.7 GPA from last semester and are taking action such as formal study hours to improve that. Our chapter completed 70 hours of philanthropic service including the dance marathon -- Nick Mendez '02 and Adam Kulp '04 danced. We raised over \$2000. And, for the first time in six years, we participated in Spring Week. Teaming up with Kappa Gamma Phi sorority, we competed in many activities including an AIDS walk around campus. The whole week was a good time and the money raised went to a great cause.

Our house is looking better than it has in a long time. During April, all of the brothers undertook a massive clean-up effort. We re-mulched, removed old plants and planted new ones. We'd love for our alumni to stop by and look at the improvements.

Finally, I would like to give a special thanks to Jeff Kobelak '03. Jeff was on an internship for the past year, but came back to Penn State for the spring semester. In addition to being elected Grand Procurator, he has become ritually proficient to the Initiatory level -- the third level of proficiency. This has not been done by a brother in our chapter for a long time. Jeff adds so much to our fraternity. I am proud to be his brother and a member of Alpha-Delta Chapter. We are a solid group and looking forward to becoming stronger in the next years.

**Rob Lesko '04
Grand Master**

Alumni Updates ...continued

adventures. **Dave Albrecht '91** made it once, but it was a good one! I was up to homecoming this year with the two of them and Rockin' **Rob Olin '86**. It felt like old times – almost. I met lots of the newer bros and feel very positive on the future of the house.

Michael Valenti '90 (771A Brian Way, Lansdale, PA 19446; psumike90@yahoo.com) I started a new job with GE Capital Modular Space. I'm the Product Manager, Architectural Products for North America. On my business travel, I get to see a lot of brothers who make the trips a lot more fun. I'd like to get in touch with **Dave Falchek '91** and try and pull my pledge class together for a reunion.

Russell S. Glazer '91 (252 Stoughton Circle, Exton, PA 19341; russg252@yahoo.com) New Baby! Matthew David Glazer, born March 30, 2002 along with daughter, Rachel (3/6/99).

Matthew H. Bennett '94 (15150 Memorial Dr., Landmark Graphics, Houston, TX 77079) Hi Guys! Bennett here ('94 '96). I'm working in London, England these days along with plenty of rotational work in sunny Algeria. I still see plenty of the guys from time to time, but would always like to hear from anyone who's ever in the London area. Just send an email to me at mbennett@lgc.com or matthew_h_bennett@beer.com.

Colin S. McGinnis '97 (Oxford Rd., Stokenchurch, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England HP14 3Alpha-Delta; colin_mcginnis@jdedwards.com) Hey brothers, Just a quick note to let you know that I'm in England safe and sound. I'm a technical consultant for J.D. Edwards, an enterprise software company. Basically, I'm supporting the people on the phone with the clients. Cool gig, and a good excuse to live in Europe for a while. I'd been in Denver the last four years since graduating from PSU, and it's been quite a ride. I had the honor of serving as best man for **C. Andrew Pfeiffer '95** last summer. The new Mrs. is a dear friend of mine and an incredible woman. Also see **Tyler Orwig '99** once every nine months or so. Many congrats to him and his upcoming family addition. Special thanks to **Brian Say '97** and **Matt Bennett '94** for entertaining me in my second weekend in London. I enjoyed hanging out and look forward to seeing you both again really soon. Be good to yourselves, gentlemen. You're worth it. AEKDB

Tyler Orwig '99 (torwig@msn.com) I have been in Colorado for about three years working at Hyatt Hotels. Just got promoted to Sales Manager. My wife Christine and I are expecting our first child this October. We are really excited and happy. I'm planning to be at the pre-wedding party for **Ryan Millan '99** and looking forward to seeing my brothers there.

From the Alumni President

Steve Uzupis '77 accepts ADGM role; we thank him

At the direction of Kappa Sigma District Grand Master Paul Becker, we have created a position of Assistant District Grand Master (ADGM). It is an alumni volunteer position which Steve Uzupis has graciously accepted. The ADGM has full responsibility and authority to work directly with Alpha-Delta Chapter as we continue our efforts to improve the chapter and increase membership. We are indebted to Steve for stepping up to this challenge and also thank him for his years of service on the Board. Steve resigned from the Board to tackle the ADGM challenge.

Thanks also to Clint Burks '93, alumni advisor, and Steve Heimer '76, assistant alumni advisor, for their devotion to Alpha-Delta.

Give back -- Re-connect

You have a tremendous opportunity right now to share your expertise, re-connect with Kappa Sigma and Penn State, and help build the Alpha-Delta Chapter into the best-ever fraternity house. How? Become part of the Alpha-Delta Chapter Alumni Board. We are always looking for new members. You'll help shape the future of our order.

AEKDB

*Ed Gorkes '79, President,
Alpha-Delta Alumni Corp.*

P.S. Giving to Alpha-Delta financially is easier than ever, and secure, at www.kappasigpsu.com

Web Site Update

135 new members have registered at our web site, up from the 70 we had registered when we distributed the last newsletter. Think of the fun you'll have and the memories that will be renewed when you visit the website at www.kappasigpsu.com.

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