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Alpha-Delta News



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ALUMNI REPORT

Alpha-Delta is Back at Penn State!

Colony Members Successfully Earned Back Charter, are Now Brothers of Our Great Order

By Edward D. Gorkes '79

It is with great pride to let you know that our Charter is back and the Alpha-Delta Chapter has returned to Penn State! The colony did an outstanding job over the past two years completing all of the requirements from IMH (International Memorial Headquarters) and earning recognition from Penn State.

The Installation and Banquet on April 18 was a great event which will provide lifetime memories for our new Brothers. Seventy Brothers were initiated throughout the day and according to IMH was the largest colony ever installed.

We were privileged to have the WGP (E.L. "Bill" Betz, Jr.) provide the keynote speech, along with our DGM (Wayne Zywiec). I know firsthand that Wayne put in countless hours with the colony over the two-year period to make this day a reality. On behalf of our alumni, I want to thank Wayne and all of the IMH volunteers that supported our Chapter and will continue to support them as new Brothers.

In addition, we awarded three \$5,000 Star & Crescent Scholarships right after the banquet concluded. These scholarships have been on hold since we lost our Charter. The Star & Crescent scholarship is a great benefit to our Alpha-Delta undergraduate Brothers and it was a fitting close to our full day of events.

Quite a few alumni made it to the banquet and it was nice for our new Brothers to meet them. Please read the reports written by our new Brothers describing the events of the day, THON and our scholarship winners.

Another highlight of this newsletter is an alumni profile on Brother **Kim Chapman '77**. Kim was the GM when I first moved into the house and also the Cadet Commandant for the Army ROTC. He was instrumental in encouraging me to become an Army ROTC Cadet. I listened to his advice and was commissioned a



Alumni and active members with the new charter.

second lieutenant three years later. I attribute my military experience as a key building block for my many successes in life. Thanks Kim!

A special thanks to Brother **John W. Wilchek Jr. '73** (i360tours.com) for taking, editing and processing the photographs for this newsletter.

Our vision is to have the premier fraternity house on campus. We now have an exceptional group of men; we just need a chapter house to complete our goal. Our new Brothers are especially anxious to have a new home. The alumni corporation is still actively looking for a chapter house to rent or purchase. Securing a new chapter house for "Alpha Delta" is our top priority.

Together, we can make that vision a reality. Thank you for your loyal support!

CHAPTER UPDATES

Initiation Ritual Provides New Members with a Sense of Belonging

"I Walked Into this Colony with Only a few Friends, but Now Have Over a Hundred Brothers"

By Ali Soheilian

When I decided to join the re-colonization of Kappa Sigma two years ago, I had no idea



Alpha Delta's newest members.

what I was getting involved in. I did not know what Greek life was, I did not know what it was going to look like, and I only knew three or four guys going into it. It has now been a little over two years since we started up the colony, and finally, the Alpha-Delta Chapter at Penn State got its charter back.

The initiation process was long and draining, but it had to be one of the most significant experiences of my life. To experience the ritual, understand the history of Kappa Sigma brought excitement and

a sense of belonging. The banquet that followed was also amazing; to receive all that support from the alumni, and further build relationships with them was a wonderful experience.

The truth is that I came into Kappa Sigma not knowing what it all entailed, but when the day was done; I finally grasped what this was all about. I walked into this colony with only a few friends, but now have over a hundred Brothers.

Three Undergraduate Brothers Awarded Scholarships from the Star & Crescent Foundation

Awards Honor Three Alumni with Outstanding Accomplishments and Character

By Matthew Urian

The newly founded Alpha-Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma had the privilege of receiving three \$5,000 scholarship awards from the Star & Crescent Foundation. The scholarship awards were in the honor of **Thomas A. Hill '48**, **Joseph Succop '48** and **Willard F. Rockwell '35**, all Brothers with outstanding accomplishments and character throughout their lives. The recipients for this award included newly initiated Brothers **Steve Bilo**, **Tyler Hoover** and **Matt Urian**.

Steve Bilo will be entering his last semester in the fall and is considered a founding father for the second installation of the Alpha-Delta Chapter. Born and raised in Phoenixville, Pa., he is majoring in economics and hopes to work in the financial industry upon graduation.

Tyler Hoover is a sophomore and became a pledge fall of 2008. He has served as risk management chair and is currently running a fraternal bible study. As a mechanical engineer, he hopes to work for non-profit organi-

zations across the world after graduation.

Matt Urian, also a founding father for the second installation, has served as the risk management chair and is currently a member of the EC as grand scribe. He is from Pittsburgh, is majoring in horticulture, and hopes to enter the industry or attend grad school after graduation.

The awards were presented at the conclusion of the initiation banquet and capped off a day that will be remembered by all Alpha-Delta initiates for the rest of their lives.

Kappa Sig Doubles 2008 THON Totals, Contributes \$13,500 to the Four Diamonds Fund

THON 2009 Raises Record \$7.5 Million

By Jeff Watson

This year, THON and the Alpha-Delta chapter made new strides in the fight against childhood cancer. With a combined effort from every single Brother in the fraternity, we were able to raise \$13,500 for kids with cancer. Through standing out on street corners on cold winter days, and a mailing campaign Kappa Sigma was able to double our money contributions from the previous year.

This year, THON surpassed the mark set by last year and raised \$7.5 million for

pediatric cancer research. Brothers **Steve Aloia** and I danced for 46 hours straight without

"We also had the privilege to sponsor our very own child, who is now on his road to recovery."

sitting or sleeping. It was a hard task, but we made it through with a lot of help from the whole Kappa Sigma family.

We also had the privilege to sponsor our very own child, Tyler Truex, who is now on his road to recovery. He is four years old and now has a long and healthy life ahead him, because of the 4 Diamonds Fund.

We elected a new THON Chair, **Stephen Zoni**, to take over when I step down after this year. This upcoming year we are looking to raise \$30,000 and hope that this goal can be reached and surpassed by our fraternity.

GRAND MASTER REPORT

Alpha Delta Continues to Excel in Recruitment

By Philip Relic; Grand Master, Alpha-Delta Chapter

The Alpha-Delta Chapter has undergone significant changes this past year. The recognition

Kappa Sigma receives grows daily thanks to the hard work of the graduating seniors, and just as important, the new initiates who are dedicated to making the Alpha-Delta Chapter a top-tier fraternity at Penn State.

As usual, Penn State's dance maraTHON played a large role in the Chapter's involvement. We got the same front-row spot as last year, and were featured multiple times on the big screen, and the THON video. We had a great time, and were filmed multiple times dressing up in full rabbit and gorilla suits and playing with different children. Our pledges were so impressed by our efforts that almost every former pledge ran for a leadership position once initiated. The Chapter held canning trips to Lancaster, Pittsburgh, New York City, Erie, and a handful of other cities. Our Chapter attended every designated canning trip allowed by Penn State, and participated in over 2,200 service hours for THON alone.

The Alpha-Delta Chapter continues to excel in recruitment. We were able to recruit 15 new members in the fall and 11 new members in the spring, and continues to rank among the top-tier fraternity for new recruitment of

new members. Even without a chapter house our recruitment numbers continue to remain steadily amongst the best. Kappa Sigma leads in recruitment numbers by fraternities without houses by a significant amount which only grows every year.

A huge part of this whole year has been planning for our Chapter Installation which took place on Saturday April 18th. Eight installation teams converted 71 members of the Alpha-Delta Colony into Brothers of the Alpha-Delta Chapter. Our banquet took place that night at Celebration Hall in State College, one of the largest banquet halls in the area. Alumni Corporation President **Ed Gorkes** presented three \$5,000 scholarships to Brothers **Steve Bilo**, **Tyler Hoover** and **Matt Urian**.

Also, Brother **Mike Gales** was presented with the Brother of the Year Award for his hard work and dedication during the past 3 years. Mike is truly the father of the renewed Alpha-Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma at Penn State.

Bill Betz, Worthy Grand Procurator, gave a great keynote speech. The Initiation process was an eye-opening and life-changing experience for us. We cannot even begin to thank our Alumni, IMH personnel, and other chapters of Kappa Sigma for helping us regain Chapter status; it surely could not have been done without you.

Fall 2008 New Members

Matt Cambo
Andy Celender
Darren Deltondo
Andy Celender
Brett DeVita
Zach Emery
Mark Gerwig
Jon Gonzalez
Tyler Hoover
Luke Kozaczki
Matt Moffitt
Evan Reese
Mike Schiavone
Matt Vanburkirk
Mike Vough

Spring 2009 New Members

Hovhannes O. Chekemian
Paul Ehrlichman
Andrew Ehrlickman
Nathan Ford
Mark J. Gerwig
Tim Hahn
Michael Lannutti
Brian Messier
Anthony Parente
Charrith Reddy
Dan Sepsy

Scenes from the Installation Banquet

Below: Chapter Executive Committee receiving Charter from WGP (Bill Betz).



Above: Keynote speech from WGP (Bill Betz).

Below: Alpha-Delta alumni at the Installation Banquet.





April 18th, 2009

Mr. Philip C. Relic
Grand Master – Alpha-Delta Chapter
Kappa Sigma Fraternity
Pennsylvania State University
PO Box 10973
State College, PA 16805

Dear Brother Relic:

The members of the Supreme Executive Committee hereby extend our most sincere congratulations on the installation of the Alpha-Delta Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Pennsylvania State University. This is a special day for each and every Brother who was initiated and who is recognized as a founding father.

We salute each Brother who has made a commitment to establish this Chapter both with the founding fathers and with the alumni that have assisted in the development of the Chapter through the BIA for Colonies Program. As we evolve from this special day, let us not forget the hard work and dedication which it took to achieve Chapter status. It is important that each and every day we reflect the values of Kappa Sigma Fraternity in both the Chapter activities and in our individual actions.

We the members of the Supreme Executive Committee encourage each of the founding fathers to live by the beautiful words of the *Star and Crescent* and to reflect the four major standards of *Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship and Service*, as you go about your daily affairs and activities. By living these principles and values, Kappa Sigma will surely be recognized by all as the leading Fraternity on your campus and throughout North America.

It is our sincere hope that this special day will be the first in a long journey of Kappa Sigma involvement for each and every founding father. With sincere best wishes and with great expectations for future success . . .

A.E.K.Δ.B.

H. Phillip Bell, IV
Worthy Grand Master

E. L. Betz, Jr.
Worthy Grand Procurator

Christian Nascimento
Worthy Grand Master of Ceremonies

Jody L. Bailey
Worthy Grand Scribe

Philip L. Thames
Worthy Grand Treasurer

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“I Want Kappa Sigma to Go On, and Every Alumnus Should Too”

Kim Chapman '77 Tells How Kappa Sigma Impacted His Life, and Why He Still Supports the Fraternity Today

Kim Chapman '77 began his college career off at Montana State, because he loved the outdoors and skiing. However, he soon realized it was not the best choice for him, and he needed to make a change to ensure that he received a better education.

So he stumbled upon Penn State.

Upon arriving, he was forced to move into a fraternity house because all of the dormitories were full. In those days, many of the houses would get money on the side by renting out some of their rooms to incoming students. That was how Kim first came to know Kappa Sigma.

“I felt comfortable with the Brothers, we had a lot in common,” he said. “And two doors down was SAE, whom I thought were a bunch of pretentious snobs. The Kappa Sigma guys were very down to earth.”

So after living in the house and getting to know the Brothers, Kim decided to officially join Kappa Sigma.

He lived in the house for the next three years, only getting to enjoy a room to himself during his senior year, when he was president of the fraternity.

During those years, Chapman recalls many “good times,” but his favorite memory would have to be when Kappa Sig had “Jammies.”

“Jammies were 15 kegs of beer iced down in the kiddie pool in the bar room...live band...lots of girls...tight guest list for guys... a great time that probably will never happen again in today’s Greek culture at Penn State,” said Kim.

The Brothers also stocked the Coke machine in the house with beer. So because Kappa Sig happened to be “on tap” almost 5 nights out of the week, Kim never really studied in the fraternity house; though he says, it was “more of a convenience than a hindrance.”

It also helped that Kappa Sig had a “test file” on hand of old exams that the Brothers could take a peek at if they happened to have the same classes.

After graduating with a degree in Finance as a member of the Army ROTC program, Kim says his fraternity ties deeply impacted his life after college.

“The fraternity shaped me in two very specific ways. Number one, it develops you socially, which is very important in the real world. And number two, it develops you as a leader. It is the best leadership training available to a college kid,” he said.

The leadership he learned as a member and president of Kappa Sig also helped him to become a better officer in the Army.

“What I learned in my fraternity hugely jump started my career in the army; I was way ahead of my peers,” he said. “[In fact] leading a fraternity is harder than leading the Army. There is no authority in a fraternity, no ranking, so they don’t really have to listen to you.”

Some of the challenges that Kim did face in his career though were mostly physical. From working in Alaska with temperatures of 50 below zero to performing a total of 90 parachute jumps at temperatures of 20-30 below, Kim had to stay strong to survive.

He also voluntarily joined Ranger School, which is the hardest training the Army has to offer. Chapman ended up losing 30 pounds in less than a two month time period.

Though it wasn’t all that bad; after all, Kim met his wife, Karen Gibson, while stationed in Alaska.

“We worked in the same unit,” he said, “although I did happen to ‘chew her out’ before we started dating.”

Now a retired lieutenant colonel after 22 years of service, spending half of his time in infantry jobs and the other half in intelligence jobs, Kim now spends time taking care of his two kids and being a house dad. He is very involved in youth sports, the PTA, and active with the high school sports boosters.

His wife is currently a colonel at the National War College en-route to Africa this summer for a term of one year. She will be working with anti-terrorism programs near Somalia. His children are now ages 15 and 17, and his oldest daughter will be attending William and Mary in the fall on a 4-year ROTC scholarship.

But no matter how much time passes in Kim’s life, he knows that his best memories in life have all involved Kappa Sig, which is why he still chooses to financially support the annual fund any way he can.

“I owe Kappa Sig a huge debt for developing me into the person I became,” he said. “I want every fraternity kid to have the same experience—to have that chance. I want Kappa Sigma to go on, and every alumnus should too.”

Brother of the Year

On behalf of the Alpha Delta Alumni we proudly recognize Brother **Michael Gales** as “Brother of the Year” for 2009 for his outstanding service, dedication and commitment to our order. Brother Gales spearheaded the formation of the Alpha Delta Colony, allowing the Alpha Delta chapter to return to the rolls of The Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

*2009 Brother of the Year
Michael Gales with Alumni
Corporation President Ed Gorkes*



ALUMNI UPDATES

'70s

William Vitori '73

(1239 Ridge Rd., Belle Vernon, PA 15012-3828; bunnybill@comcast.net) It was a great article on **Tim Borawitz** in the last issue. He was one of the reasons that I became a Kappa Sig. He epitomizes the concept of "Brotherhood." How about an alumni profile on **Don Caretta '75** (Hoot)?

'00s

Philip Haines '06

(1411 South 11th Street, Waco, TX 76706-2244; phil_haines@baylor.edu) I am wrapping up my final year of law school in Texas. Upon graduation, I'll be working full time in Houston with Andrews Kurth LLP. I'm eyeing a trip back to Happy Valley for Homecoming 2009.

What' New?

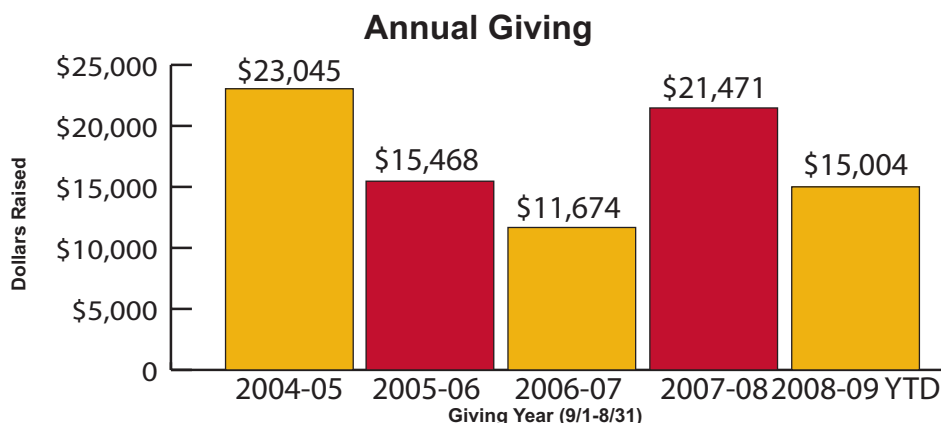
Tell us what's up with you, your family or career. Send in photos! The alumni, especially the guys from your era, want to know what you are up too! So take a few minutes and jot down a few lines about yourself on the enclosed form.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

On Pace to Finish the Giving Year Strong!

Thanks to our alumni donors, we have raised \$15,004 so far in the 2008-09 giving year. This puts us on pace to exceed last year's total of \$21,471. Help us to achieve that goal by making your annual fund donation before the giving year ends August 31.

The annual fund supports our efforts to keep you connected through our newsletter, web site, and other communications.



There are three ways to make a gift!

1. Mail your check, payable to "**PA Alpha-Delta Association,**" along with the enclosed form to:

Kappa Sigma
Penn State
Alumni Relations Processing Center
P.O. Box 7007
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

2. Online at www.kappasigpsu.com.
3. By calling our toll-free hotline at 800-598-4050.

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