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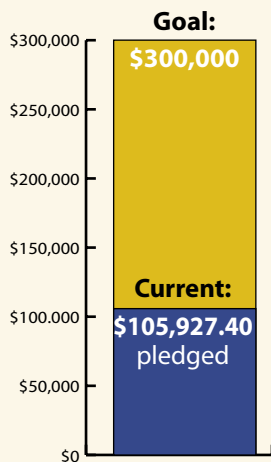
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ALUMNI REPORT

Board Hard at Work: Installation of Sprinkler System and Alarm System Already Complete Future Repairs and Future Brothers Depend on Donations

By Craig Bossong '00

Through everyone's efforts the Capital Improvement Campaign is raising money for much needed improvements to our residence at 305 East Prospect. I would like to personally thank each and every alumnus who has donated to date. I hope those who haven't contributed yet will consider doing so now.

Although we are still short of our goal, our loan has allowed us to complete the installation of the Borough mandated sprinkler system.

In addition to the sprinkler system, we have updated the alarm system and have made some minor necessary repairs.

The last issue of the *Pillars* included a list of items we would like to repair. We are now also adding the fireplace to that list. We have gathered numerous bids to fix the fireplace, but as of now it is not functional. I am sure all of us can remember nights spent in the living room hanging out by the fireplace and enjoying the ambience it created.

As some of you know, Brother **Mike Erdman '69** is running for the Board of Trustees. Please read the biography of him in this newsletter and contact all of your friends to vote for him. If you don't regularly receive ballots, they are easy to obtain from the Board of Trustees office and can be filled out electronically in no time at all. Let's show our support for one of our own and get a Theta Del elected to the Board of Trustees.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who has helped this past year by devoting their personal time to continuing the legacy that is Sigma Phi Sigma and Theta Delta Chi. We owe it to the future Theta Deltas, which I know many of you have brought into this world recently. Let's pave the way for them and provide them the same wonderful opportunities and experience we had. So if you haven't already donated please do. I am always available to answer any questions you may have.

UNDERGRAD REPORT

Undergrads Participate in THON and Enjoy Alumni Softball Game on Blue-White Weekend Community Service, Studies Abroad and Internships Planned for Many Brothers this Summer

Theta Delta Chi continued its commitment to philanthropy as the fall semester wrapped up with a Christmas party for underprivileged children in State College. The chapter house was decorated with holiday lights both inside and out and community children came over for a holiday dinner. The highlight for the children was a visit from Santa who gave each child a gift.

During the spring the chapter participated in THON, an event that raised over \$6.6 million to fight pediatric cancer. Brothers Phil Parker and Mike Houlihan danced during this year's 46-hour event.

While the Brothers have worked to give back to the community, they have also been keeping busy with many different activities. During the spring rush period, the chapter held poker nights, movie events and dinners. They came

together to watch and play a few sporting events. While rush is now over for the semester, the chapter is already looking forward to a successful fall rush period and is planning accordingly.

Most Brothers are currently enjoying the end of the spring semester in Happy Valley, but two brothers have chosen to spend a semester in southern Europe. **Jayson Wood '09** and **Jon Sanino '09** are both currently studying abroad in Italy.

The chapter held its annual softball game and cookout with returning alumni on Blue-White weekend. If you didn't have the chance to make it to campus for the Blue-White weekend, make sure you return this summer for the Arts Festival from July 10 - 13. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Help Alumnus Mike Erdman '69 Win a Seat on the Board of Trustees and Ensure a Successful Future for the University

Goals Include Managing Tuition Costs, Increasing Global Education and Promoting Acceptance of Minorities

What do you do after you've retired from a successful career, proven yourself a life-long community leader, raised your family, and started a farm in upper New York State? If you are Penn State Theta Delta Chi alumnus, **Mike Erdman '69**, you run for Penn State's Board of Trustees.

The role of the Board of Trustees is extremely important to the university and covers many responsibilities. The Board selects the university president, determines the major goals of the university and approves the budget. Each year three new board members are elected by the general alumni body.

"I plan to bring a strong voice to issues that are important to alumni, parents and students. Tuition costs are unreasonable. Penn State is the most expensive public-supported college in the country!" he exclaims.

Mike believes in ensuring that students are provided with the best security, both on and off campus. He will also strive to improve representation of minorities and provide support structures for them.

"The other thing we need to address is Penn State's ability to educate students from the perspective of today's global economy. We need to provide more in-depth, global experiences for our students," Mike says.

Mike sees this future Board service as the next step in a long career of volunteering. He has served as a Penn State recruiter (20 years) for General Electric and Lockheed Martin, and has lectured many times to student groups on technical and leadership topics. During the past

eight years, Mike has served or chaired an Industrial and Professional Advisory Council for the Penn State College of Engineering. Over the past two years he helped form the Alumni Advisory Board in the Department of Engineering Science and Mechanics (ESM), serving as its founding chair. In 2006, Mike was honored as a Centennial Fellow by ESM, and this April Mike was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Penn State Engineering Society for his service to the College of Engineering.

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Mike graduated from the Engineering Honors Curriculum and began graduate school at Penn State. An opportunity for his dream job took him to California to work for Rocketdyne (Boeing). Mike participated in the design of the rocket engine for the space shuttle during his employment at Rocketdyne, and earned his Masters of Science at University of Southern California before moving back east. He spent the rest of his career working for the Knolls Atomic Power Lab in Schenectady, New York.

"My grandfather was one of the founders of the Quentin Riding Club in Quenters, Pa. My dad and then my sister served as secretary of the club. You could say we are from a third-generation horse family. When our kids graduated from college, we decided to do something different, so we purchased land and built Nicker Barker Farm where we raise Golden Retrievers and thoroughbred horses," he explains.

His connection to Penn State is also a family affair. His mother, Pat (Behney), Kappa Kappa Gamma;

wife, Donna (Laning), Alpha Gamma Delta; and children, Heather and Greg, are all Penn State alumni. Penn State football season tickets, board meetings, teaching personal skills, and fraternity functions keep Mike coming back to Happy Valley often.

When he wins his bid as Trustee, he will have another good reason to return.

How Can You Cast Your Ballot for Mike?

Alumni are encouraged to vote electronically. Voting will be closed at 9 a.m. EST, May 15. Alumni can request ballots for the Board of Trustees election by contacting BOT@psu.edu or by calling (814) 865-2521. Ballots were provided automatically to members of the Alumni Association, those with memberships and those who have contributed to the Penn State Fund over the past two years.

Information concerning all candidates is provided below (the names are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot):

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Marylouise Cernugel Uhlig '67 LA, Associate Assistant Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Prevention Pesticides and Toxic Substances Office, Fairfax, Va.

A. Michael Erdman '69 Eng, President, Nicker Barker Farm, Ballston Lake, Ny.

Joel N. Myers '61 EMS, '63 MS EMS, '71 PhD EMS, Founder, President, and Chairman of the Board, AccuWeather, Inc., State College, Pa.

Paul H. Silvis '06 MBA Bus, Founder, Inventor, Coach, Restek Corporation, Port Matilda, Pa.

Frank T. Guadagnino '78 Bus, Senior Partner, Reed Smith LLP, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ted H. Dwyer '94 LA, Senior Vice President, Bank of America, Newark, De.

H. Jesse Arnelle '55 LA, '62JD DSL, Attorney, San Francisco, Ca.

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Brothers Sound Off: What Does Theta Chi Mean to You?

Bonds That No Amount of Time or Distance Will Diminish and Fond Memories for a Fallen Brother

Thanks for the opportunity to write about something that isn't acknowledged enough. I have little contact with my contemporary brothers after 30+ years. Geez, is it that many already? However, I have no doubt that the next time I run into any of them we'll pick right up where we left off. No amount of time or distance could break the connection we have.

I will admit that I came perilously close to winning the "BOW" trophy, but I won't go into the specifics of one particular memory. Instead I'll share with you that a wry smile comes to my face whenever I think about Lou Grabowski, Jim Nass, Len Bartek and Jim Brown, my pledge brothers. Along with so many others, including Heff, Sank, Lee Myers, Gass, Ookie, Tori, Mary Sable, "Emmerson," two special little sisters Michelle Malinich and Kim Lacey, Bird Man (who capably led the Troika), "Unko," "Mild Jim Maher," Ciotti, Joe, Gerry, Vince, Jim and Hugh Rodham. Yes, the presidential candidate's brother and putative student who had, as I recall, quite an adventure trying to qualify for graduation.

My soul mate has been urging me to get back there for a visit and I wince just a tad when Homecoming Weekend passes by again. Maybe this will be the year...

In the Bonds, **Bruce Scali '55**

"In those halls, I became a man."

Theta Delta Chi introduced me to some of my closest friends. It helped me learn of my physical and mental limits, and how to overcome them. It gave me a better understanding of leadership, teamwork and community. In those halls, I became a man.

Michael John A. Tristani, Sigma Triton

I have a lot of great memories of Theta Delta Chi from my days at State in the mid-sixties that continue to this day. There were great guys, good times and experiences, as well as lasting friendships. There is one brother and his family who continue to be in my thoughts because he and I share another thing in common, as do other brothers, and that is we served in the military. Some of us were in Vietnam, but with one major difference

- we survived and came home and he did not. That brother was Charlie Caffarelli, a great guy who was a lot of fun to be around. Unfortunately on November 21, 1972, at the age 30, U.S. Air Force Captain Charles Caffarelli was on a combat mission in an F111A Aardvark fighter plane over South Vietnam when the plane was shot down. Charlie and his flying partner, another captain, were never found. Today, Charlie is classified as killed/body never recovered.

When you go to campus for a football game or some other event, please consider going to the Wagner Building where the ROTC was housed. Then go to a tree just off the sidewalk outside the building's entrance stairs. Stop for a few moments at the plaque at the bottom of the tree that commemorates Charlie for his service and sacrifice for our country. And, if you will, say "hi" to Charlie. Think of the good times that you had with him at Sigma Triton and State, thank him, say a prayer if you wish, and if you're so inclined, salute Charlie as well.

In the bonds, **Don Yesukaitis '65**

Max Wendkos '10 Develops Good Communication and Organization Skills at Theta Delta Chi to Take Him to Law School and Beyond

Max Hopes to Hold Several Positions Within the House to Show His Passion for the Brotherhood

Why did you decide to join Theta Delta Chi?

When I first came to Penn State, I did not rush any fraternities because all I knew of them were the stereotypes. However, when I met the guys out here I saw that they weren't at all what I was expecting. I hung out a few more times because one of my best friends was seriously rushing, and then when bid day came they showed up at my door. The opportunity to be part of their brotherhood intrigued me enough that I decided to pledge and it's definitely the best decision I've made since coming to Penn State.

Do you hold a position within the fraternity? If so, how do you think this experience will help you in the future?

Currently, my only position is IM Chair, though I expect that to change in coming elections. The duties of this position, though limited in their number, encourage me to stay organized and have good communication skills. Both of these abilities should prove to be very helpful when I enter the corporate world.

Tell us about a memorable experience you've had with your Brothers?

My most memorable experience with the brothers was this past year at THON. This was my first one because I had been away when it took place during my freshman year. It certainly lived up to the hype. I was proud to be there for our two dancers, Phil Parker and

Mike Houlihan, and to support them in their efforts. Currently, I am running for THON Chair in hopes that I can inspire the same type of passion that I had for THON within the brotherhood.

What are your plans for this summer?

This summer I will be staying at Penn State in order to earn enough credits so that I can graduate with all of my degrees in eight semesters. I am majoring in Marketing and Psychology, with a minor in The Legal Environment of Business. To support myself financially, I have applied for several internships with the Penn State University Athletics Department and I will be approaching the State College Spikes to see if they have any last minute availabilities.

While here, I will also be working hard to rush the incoming freshmen that will be here on the LEAP Program. Our recent rushes have been slow. It's very important that we get a good amount of quality guys to successfully carry on the Theta Delta Chi tradition and continue to stimulate improvement within the house.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

In five years I see myself at a prestigious law school, preferably in Boston. Ideally, that law school will be Harvard, though I will consider other options. I also plan to still be heavily involved in the brotherhood. I've witnessed the importance of good alumni relations.

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