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Upcoming Events

Sept 1
Blood Drive
co-hosted by
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Sept 5
Penn State
vs. Akron

Sept 6
Fall Kickoff
Meeting

Sept 12
Penn State
vs. Syracuse

Summer all about recruitment

This summer held many highlights for the Brothers of the Delta Delta chapter. Brothers Newcombe and Pushkarewicz spent their summer studying abroad in Italy. Some Brothers spent their time off in the chapter, taking summer classes. And, like many college students, many of our Brothers worked all summer, some even working two jobs to make a little extra money.

However, one thing on all of the Brothers' minds this summer was fall recruitment. The outlook for a stellar recruitment class looks very bright. There are many reasons

to hope so. First of all, the Chapter worked its way off of academic probation with a substantial increase in grades during the Spring semester. Being in good standing with National is always a positive for the Chapter.

Using this momentum as a springboard, the brotherhood held many summer-based events to get a head start on fall recruitment. One such event was National Recruitment Day in August (see photo below).

The summer in-house residents led the recruitment charge on campus. Brother Brent Potter used his Landscape Architec-

ture prowess to improve the appearance of the front of the house. Brother Michael "Tex" Scruggs also helped entice passerbies by holding cookouts on the front porch.

All in all, the Delta Delta Chapter is riding a palpable surge of momentum on the recruiting front. Rush Chair Ryan Shive and Marshal Ed Pushkarewicz are looking to continue this momentum and draw in a stellar pledge class in the fall.

National Recruitment Day heads to the ballpark

Six brothers and three alumni accompanied a handful of potential recruits to the city of Philadelphia on August 7th for National Recruitment Day at the ballpark.

The group began the day at Chickie's and Pete's, a local Philly sports bar, where they met up with Sigma Nu alumni from across the region, including members from Temple, Villanova, Penn, and Philadelphia University. After an hour and a half of snacking on crab fries, pizza and

wings, everyone journeyed to Citizen's Bank Park for an evening Phillies game against the Florida Marlins. A pre-game ceremony inducting the late but legendary Phillies broadcaster Harry Kalas into the Phils' Wall of Fame pumped up the crowd. Unfortunately, the home team fell just short of victory, losing 3-2.

Overall, everyone seemed to have a great time under the lights in Philly. Having four hours to connect with potential recruits was a great bonus to an entertaining night.



<< Brother Sean Burdette in front of a line of potential recruits at National Recruitment Day.

Fall brings opportunity, potential

With several first-time residents entering the Chapter house this Fall, it took a few days for the house to get up and running smoothly. But as the banner hanging from the center of the second floor reveals, the Brotherhood is now ready for Rush.

There are forty seven fraternities overseen by the IFC. That means forty six other houses in competition for recruits. As a result, the Brotherhood has been brainstorming ways to set Sigma Nu apart from the pack. However, there is no denying that the other forty six probably have the same thing on their mind.

The Chapter got a great head start in summer, and the first few days of the semester followed suit. The Penn State Greek Involvement Fair on August 27th in the HUB was the landmark success so far. Several Brothers worked in shifts to man a table that showcased all of the best qualities of the fraternity. The flatscreen TV borrowed from Brother Scruggs that looped a Powerpoint highlighting details about the Chapter didn't hurt the cause, either. In total, over thirty potential recruits jotted down their names and numbers to learn more about the Chapter.

The Rush Committee, Rush Chair Shive, and Marshall Pushkarewicz have all been working tirelessly to plan events for the fall. Already placed into the framework of the fall include broomball, barbeques, and the famous (and always fun) Burger Challenge at Denny's Beer Barrel Pub. The committee has been investigating new and creative ways to reach potential recruits, such as hanging up flyers around campus and revamping the chapter website.

At the start of September the Chapter already has a comprehensive list of potential recruits that numbers over 50.

Letter from the Editor

My name is Dan Sullivan, Delta Delta 1459. I am a sophomore Advertising major. This is the first semester as a brother for myself and for my pledge class, Iota Pi. Penn State has the largest active alumni population in the country, and also one of the most interested in the well-being of its alma mater as well. I know that many alumni of the Delta Delta Chapter share this passion for the institution that helped shape them as a person; in this case, Sigma Nu.

It seems that a newsletter from the active Chapter members to the Alumni has been inexistent for a while now. This newsletter was created to help keep alumni as well as parents engaged and up to date with the chapter, and to allow the collegiate chapter to showcase its successes and growth. If you would like to make suggestions for the newsletter, please contact me at djs5341@psu.edu.

Semester Calendar

Blood Drive co-hosted	1	
by Sigma Nu		
Penn State vs. Akron	5	
Fall Kickoff Meeting	6	September
Penn State vs. Syracuse	12	
Leadership Consultation	17-18	
Penn State vs. Temple	19	
Penn State vs. Iowa	26	
	4	Candidate Initiation
October	10	Penn State vs. Eastern Illinois
	16	Homecoming Parade
	17	Penn State vs. Minnesota
Penn State vs. Ohio State	7	
Penn State vs. Indiana	14	November
Thanksgiving Break	21-28	
December	4-6	Canning Weekend
	12	Initiation Ceremony
	14-18	Finals Week