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Celebrating History

First History Update on the Fraternity in 28 Years

The first printing of the Fraternity's history since 1973 is taking place this spring. It's a celebration of fraternalism dating back to our founding in 1914. It's a triumph of college-educated Italian Americans in the 20th century. And it's a story that is still ongoing.

The book is 190 pages with the full text history of the Fraternity from 1914 through 2000. It contains all the text of the 1973 volume published by Stanley W. Raffa. Plus, it has been updated with 28 years of new text, more profiles on the brothers who have been part of our history, and over 150 pictures which include a decade by decade scrapbook collage.

Two of the scrapbook pages can be found in the centerfold of this issue of *The Kleos*. The writer found it an interesting comparison to place the earliest pictures from the Fraternity's history against some of our latest.

The History from 1914 through 2000 is a collective work of Stanley Raffa and John Russo encompassing previous history written by Francis Pagano, Victor Leanza, Felix Ottaviano as well as more recent work written by Ron Sme and Joseph Rossi (two of our recent executive secretaries). Included in the book are a number of "Reflections" written by many of our Past National Presidents. One of the author's favorite is a reflection written by one of our co-founders Cesidio A. Guarini. Brother Guarini relates first-hand of the Fraternity's birth at Syracuse University and its struggle with school administrators. The stories reflect a personal accounting of fraternal accomplishments and most memorable experiences.

Also included in the History are rosters of our chapters and alumni clubs, and listings of all award winners and conventions.

Brother Joseph Randazzo, Eta '34, has assisted the editor and proofread the book (three times). He offered some comments: "I just finished reading 190 enlightening pages covering the history of the Fraternity. The book is a thrilling story of successes, failures and perseverance. Despite many trials and tribulations, the brotherhood, after 86 years, is still standing tall and proud.

"Especially intriguing is learning how our most recent history parallels the past. The same problems persist, the same arguments are presented as to how to solve them, and the solutions are always the same.

"This book should be in every brother's possession—undergraduates, recent alumni and old-timers."

The writing of the History of our Fraternity was definitely a labor of love. The editor has spent almost two years encompassing hundreds of hours compiling and updating our proud history. The sale of the book does not benefit any individual—including the authors. All monies derived from the sale of the book goes to cover the cost of publishing it. Any excess funds will be put back in the Foundation.

Please consider purchasing this book to have as your reference on the Fraternity. Hopefully it will rekindle some pleasant memories. If you have already made a donation of \$100 or more to the Foundation from the fall appeal, you will receive your gift copy of the book as soon as it is printed. Order form is on page 15.

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In Memory of September 11, 2001

In memory of those who tragically lost their lives or loved ones in New York City on September 11th, the following invocation was read at the Fall 2001 National Council Meeting by Gary "Deacon" Kosteck, Beta Xi.

Heavenly Father,
we come before you today overwhelmed by acts of hate
and evil that we cannot understand.
The tragedies of September 11th has caused us pain
and remind us of our insecurity and vulnerability.
We ask you to search our hearts and minds to calm our fears and anxieties.

We pray for healing of the injured;
we pray for the survivors;
we pray for the dead;
we pray for the valiant firefighters, police and emergency personnel
who gave so much of themselves during this time;
we pray for the rebuilding of New York City,
and ultimately, Father,
we pray for justice and forgiveness for those who caused this tragedy.

We pray for our fallen brethren:

Brother **Robert Tipaldi** from Beta Pi, 1994
St. John's University.

Brother **Christopher Mozzillo** from Gamma Sigma, 1993
St. John's University

The mother of brother Andrew Taddei from Theta Beta, 1981
New York University.

The father of brother Dennis Levi from Delta Theta,
Marist College.

We ask you to forgive their sins;
pray that they are already in your presence;
we pray for their families and friends,
may you be with them during this time of mourning.

And finally, Father, we pray for peace:
Peace in the World;
Peace in America,
Peace in our families and Peace in our own lives.
It is only through Peace derived from your Love that hatred can be ended.
Hate cannot end hate; only peace formed from your love can.

We ask this in your Son's name.

Amen.

Brother to Brother

Brian Beldowicz, Delta Zeta '98, received Alpha Phi Delta Foundation's highest scholarship, The Founder's Award for \$2250, this past summer. He wrote the following story about brotherhood and scholarship.

For four years now I have called myself a brother of Alpha Phi Delta. For twenty-three years I have called myself a brother to my siblings Andrew, 26, and Mark, 22. However it was not until I was completing my application for Alpha Phi Delta's 2001 scholarship that I truly understood what it meant to be a brother in every sense of the word.

I guess after so many years of using the term quite loosely, its meaning had become a bit obscure and at times clichéd. What does it honestly mean to be a brother? Who is a brother to me? To whom am I a brother?

For me, the definition of brotherhood was discovered in two very plainly marked envelopes that arrived at my apartment just outside Chicago on two ordinary days nearly four months apart. The first was a letter from my younger sibling Mark. His letter was to be submitted as part of my application for the scholarship, and in it, Mark offered to a panel of strangers his impressions of me as a person, as a friend, as a sibling, and as a fraternity brother. After reading the letter, I struggled to hold back the tears that began to well in my eyes, but no effort could prevent a smile from stretching across my face. His words touched me. They made me proud. They made me grateful. They made me want to con-

tinue to be the person he saw me as. By praising, even by simply noticing the effort I've invested in becoming who I am, my brother challenged me to be that much better a person in the days and years to come. By making me proud of my past, he stimulated a sense of confidence and determination in me to make the most of my future. With the contents of that envelope, he demonstrated what a true brother is capable of and made me want to be what I recognized he already was.

Four months later, an envelope arrived with the crest that is now so familiar to us all, the seal of Alpha Phi Delta. Upon opening it and reading its contents, I was touched by the generosity and faith afforded me by members of Alpha Phi Delta whom I had never even met. The support they offered on behalf of brothers across the country impressed me as a sign of unconditional commitment to its members—its brothers, a commitment that extended beyond the boundary of time and place, reaching me a thousand miles away, years after my participation in the fraternity had begun.

Brotherhood, I realize, comes in the form of unconditional, boundless commitment. It comes with both a sense of pride in being what you are and a notion of challenge in being what you can be. I thank you, the brothers of Alpha Phi Delta, for your generous support in so many forms towards my development as a person and as a medical doctor. I thank you for the lessons you've taught me and the values you've instilled in me. And I thank you for the inspiration you continuously provide to be the best person I can be: a brother to all.



Brian Beldowicz (right) receives his 2001 scholarship award from his brother Mark, also a brother from Delta Zeta.

Testa Receives NIAF Scholarship

Joe Testa, Jr, Gamma Nu '99, recently was awarded a \$2000 scholarship from the National Italian American Foundation. The scholarships from the NIAF are very competitive with 100 awards given out to over 3500 applicants nationwide. Applicants needed at least a 3.3 G.P.A., and one of their immediate family members must have emigrated from Italy.

In 2000, Joe was a winner of the prestigious Founders Award from the APD Foundation. He is a first generation college student from a working class family and is appreciative of the financial support to help pay for college.

He is finishing his undergraduate work at the University of New Haven. Joe hopes to continue his education in law school. He wants to stay involved in Alpha Phi Delta and help the Fraternity promote its Italian-American heritage.



Undergraduate Scrapbook

Pace University



Beta Omega at Pace University is on the reactivation track under Vice President of Expansion Evan Sottosanti. Evan held an initiation for two new brothers on August 19: Adrian Orbe and Thomas A. Goldsmith

Duquesne University

We are happy to report that Psi Chapter is faring quite well. We have 25 active, dues-paying undergrads and another 10 older brothers (over four years on campus) that form the entire group. Planning has started for this year's Valentine Ball which will be held Friday, February 8th, 2002 in the Duquesne Union Ballroom.

We have two pledges this fall. We anticipate a larger pledge class in the spring when freshmen are eligible. We awarded bids to six freshmen already for the spring semester. Those freshmen will likely bring more of their friends to spring rush further increasing the size of next semester's pledge class. But most important: it's quality, not quantity that makes up APD, so we'll have to see what develops when the spring pledge period arrives.

We will be hosting the Spring National Council Meeting, April 5th through 7th. We will also be hosting a social function on Saturday evening April 6th after the National dinner. We look forward to seeing many of the brothers there. *Submitted by Todd Wickman, Chapter President.*

C.U.N.Y. Baruch College

S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook



Gamma Omicron Chapter at SUNY Stony Brook in New York held an induction which took place on December 1st when four new brothers were initiated.



Gamma Rho held its fall induction on December 10, 2001. Five new brothers were initiated.

Spring National Council Meeting

Psi Chapter will be hosting the spring National Council meeting of the Fraternity on Saturday, April 6th, in Pittsburgh on the campus of Duquesne University. The chapter has a nice schedule of activities planned. All undergraduates and alumni are invited to attend. Contact Central Office or check the web site (www.apd.org) for details.

Brooklyn Polytechnic Univ.



On December 1, 2001, Delta inducted four more men into its growing chapter. NYAC held its scheduled final meeting of the year before the ceremony took place. These four men brought the chapter to a still growing and stable 17 brothers inside of the Polytechnic Society and within Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity. Manny Rodriguez and Todd Cusato headed the ceremony for the night. Eleven brothers were present for the Delta chapter to witness this growth of brotherhood. Also present were alumni, two of which were Delta brothers: Stan Raffa and Richard Ferricane. Al Palazzo was another alumnus who came to the event as well. We would like to thank these gentlemen for coming and thank them for the wisdom they bestowed upon us

On behalf of all the members in Delta Chapter, a great thank you goes out to Alex Franki who helped us and let us hold this ceremony at his establishment. Also, a thank you to all the alumni members of NYAC and to all the brothers who were present to make the night a successful one.

*Submitted by Steven Vito Iacoviello,
Secretary, Delta Chapter.*



New brothers at Delta inducted December 1, 2001.



Brothers at the joint New York AC meeting / Delta Chapter induction on December 1, 2001.

Brooklyn College



Saturday, August 27, **Beta Eta** had a reunion BBQ at Clove Lake Park in Staten Island, and it was one of the most successful run Beta Eta events we have ever had. Over 50 brothers showed up at the event on a beautiful day. We played softball, football and basketball.

Submitted by Evan Sottosanti.

Message to Undergrads

*From Justin Sorrentino
Undergraduate Coordinating Committee (UCC)*

As this year suddenly comes to an end, the only thing I can do is sit back, and remember everything I did over the last year or so. The first thing that comes to my mind is: "have I put enough effort into helping not only my chapter (which can use all the help it can get), but other chapters and our National."

At the last National Convention many brothers stood up during Good and Welfare and stated that they wanted to visit other chapters and go around and see other brothers they don't know. Well, I gave an offer out for any brother to come to NYC and hang out. So far no one took me up on that offer. I offered brothers to crash at my house, and if I didn't have room then I would put you up at a hotel on Beta Sigma Chapter or myself.

I have e-mailed many chapters asking them if they wanted me, as UCC to come down and see what's up, and only one chapter responded, Delta Zeta and my own district. So I ask of you who are reading this Kleos right now.

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Chicago Alumni Club



The Chicago Alumni Club celebrated Founders Dinner on November 21st at the Elmcrest Banquet at Elmwood Park, Illinois. On hand were 40 alumni brothers, and two undergraduates from the Indianapolis Colony. Our newest Indy member, Benjamin M. Hilgert, a professional opera singer, sang Alpha Phi Delta Sweetheart and several Italian opera arias to the alumni. Tony Carfang, John P. Curielli, and Mike Caronti were the officers at the event.



The Chicago Alumni Club held a Golf Outing at Wheeling, Ill. on August 10th at the Chevy Chase Country Club. 30 brothers, sons and friends of the fraternity made up 10 foursomes.

Columbus Alumni Club

The Columbus Alumni Club is a group of 40 Xi Chapter Alumni who meet approximately three to four times a year for lunch at various Italian cuisine restaurants. In the fall, a luncheon is always scheduled on the Friday before the Ohio State-Michigan football game. These alumni are rabid Buckeye football fans.

Last fall, the club met at Fratello's Restaurant in Columbus on November 23rd. Approximately 30 alumni and guests were present. A special appearance of a pep band of the University Alumni Bands enlivened the meeting (see picture below). A great time was had singing and dancing to OSU football music. *Article submitted by Al Yannon.*



New York Alumni Club

It has become the custom at the Raffa household that the last Friday of September is reserved for the New York Alumni Club's first meeting of the year after the summer respite. However last year, Friday, September 28th, was the day that Danny Palazzo was to marry Julie Lee causing the meeting to be changed to Friday, September 21st.

But it made no difference.

As evidenced in the picture below, 18 men were present to discuss the coming year's agenda and afterwards to enjoy cake, coffee and pleasantries. Included in the photograph are Executive Vice President Richard Barnes, Executive Secretary Felipe Martinez, VP for Financial Affairs Joseph Piras, and Past National Presidents Al Palazzo, Al Fafara and Glenn Small. Also in attendance were Todd Cusato, Mike Ceciliani, Mike Young, Arthur Pizza and Alex Franki (NYAC President). The club is known to attract some of the Fraternity's active heavyweights. The plaques being held in the forefront in the picture are testimony for being chosen the Outstanding Alumni Club for the past two years.

Danny Palazzo and Julie got married the following Friday as scheduled. Father Al Palazzo and his wife Dotty celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss on November 3rd. May the newlyweds be just as happy 50 years hence.

Article submitted by Stan Raffa.



In Memoriam

The Cleveland Alumni Club lost two long-time members in the summer of 2001. **Ralph J. Musengo**, Kappa 1936, passed away on July 4th. He was a Life member of the Fraternity and had received the Alumnus Emeritus certificate (for 50 years of brotherhood) in 1996. He and his wife Helen attended many National Conventions. He was an officer of the Cleveland AC for many years until it was dissolved.

Louis Tucci, Kappa 1940, passed away in June 2001. He, along with his wife Anne, also attended many National Conventions. Lou was a reporter for The Kleos keeping the Editor informed of fraternity activities in the Cleveland area. He will be missed.

Delaware Valley Alumni Club

On Tuesday, July 24, at the Cynwyd Club in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, the Alpha Phi Delta-Beta Delta Chapter Inc. awarded three \$1,200 scholarships to deserving students who were recommended by members of the Delaware Valley Alumni Club of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity. The selection of these students by the scholarship committee was based upon scholastic achievement, outside activities and interest in Italian culture. The recipients were:

- Mario Cimini who is attending Drexel University was recommended by Emidio Cimini. Mario majors in information systems and technology. His GPA is 3.0. Mario is an Eagle Scout and is listed in Who's Who among American high school students. He has volunteered to participate in the Ronald McDonald House activities, and Habitat for Humanity. He is a blood donor and the assistant scout master, Troop 133. BSA.

- Joseph M. DiPipi who is attending Drexel University was recommended by Gus Sigismondi. Joseph majors in information systems and technology. He has a 3.5 GPA, and is a member of the Phi Beta Gamma Freshman National Honors Society. He received the freshman IST award and is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He has volunteered to participate in the Ronald McDonald house activities, the 3K walk for fighting cancer, and cleaning up Fairmount Park.

- Mary Mattiacci who is attending Temple University was recommended by Sam Galasso. Mary is a music and language major and will be taking classes next semester in Rome, Italy. Her GPA is 3.0. While a high school student, she received two volley ball awards, a leadership award and was vice president of the Italian Club. She is a Diamond Delegate at Temple University and gives vocal lessons.



Recipients and DVAC brothers pose after awarding scholarships from the Alpha Phi Delta-Beta Delta scholarship award program. From left: Joseph DiPipi, Ed Magliocco, Gus Sigismondi, Mario Cimini, Mary Mattiacci, Joseph D'Urso (PNP).

Pittsburgh Alumni Club Steubenville Alumni Club

On August 10, 2001, a new fraternity event was held—a joint dinner meeting of the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Alumni Clubs. The meeting was proposed by Ralph Chappano of the Steubenville AC to John Russo of the Pittsburgh AC. After a few months of discussions to find a good date, the dinner was held at Abruzzi Cedar House Italian Restaurant, which was about halfway between the two clubs. Twenty five brothers attended and enjoyed the camaraderie of fraternal bonds.

Pictured below are a majority of the brothers in attendance: Rocco Muffi, Leon Panella, Gerald DiLoretto, Sam DiMeo, Joseph D'Andrea, Ralph Chappano, John Russo, J.J. Mascio, Paul Fabrizio, Thomas Matanzo, Andrew Qualtire, Charlie Manfresca, Joe Mascolino, Joe Creston, Cal Shipley, Bob Valeriano, Dominic Schell, Ray Sasselli, Chuck Liberatore, Ned Cash, Ron Gasbarro, Don Mosti, Paul Russo, Phil Buzzelli and John Hadgkiss.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The 2002 Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Scholarships will be selected this summer. Last year over \$21,000 was awarded to 22 students. This year's applications MUST be completed and received by May 15, 2002.

You may request an application from Central Office (address on page 2) or on the fraternity website. Applications are accepted from college and graduate school students (high school graduates cannot apply until having completed their first year of college).

THE 1920S



The Grand Ball: Fifth National Convention, held at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City, February 10-12, 1923.



Kappa Chapter, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, Founders, 1922.



Omega Chapter, University of Rochester, Founders, 1929.



Sigma Chapter, Boston University, Installation Banquet, American House, Boston, Mass., February 21, 1927.

THE 1990S



This group of brothers represented four alumni clubs (Pittsburgh, Delaware, Brooklyn and North Jersey) and various chapters. In October 1999, they participated in the first Alpha Phi Delta golf outing held outside of Philadelphia.



Brothers forever. The Eta pledge class of 1934 celebrated its 65th anniversary in 1999. Five of the six pledge brothers met for dinner (the sixth was unable to join). All six have remained friends and brothers since pledging.

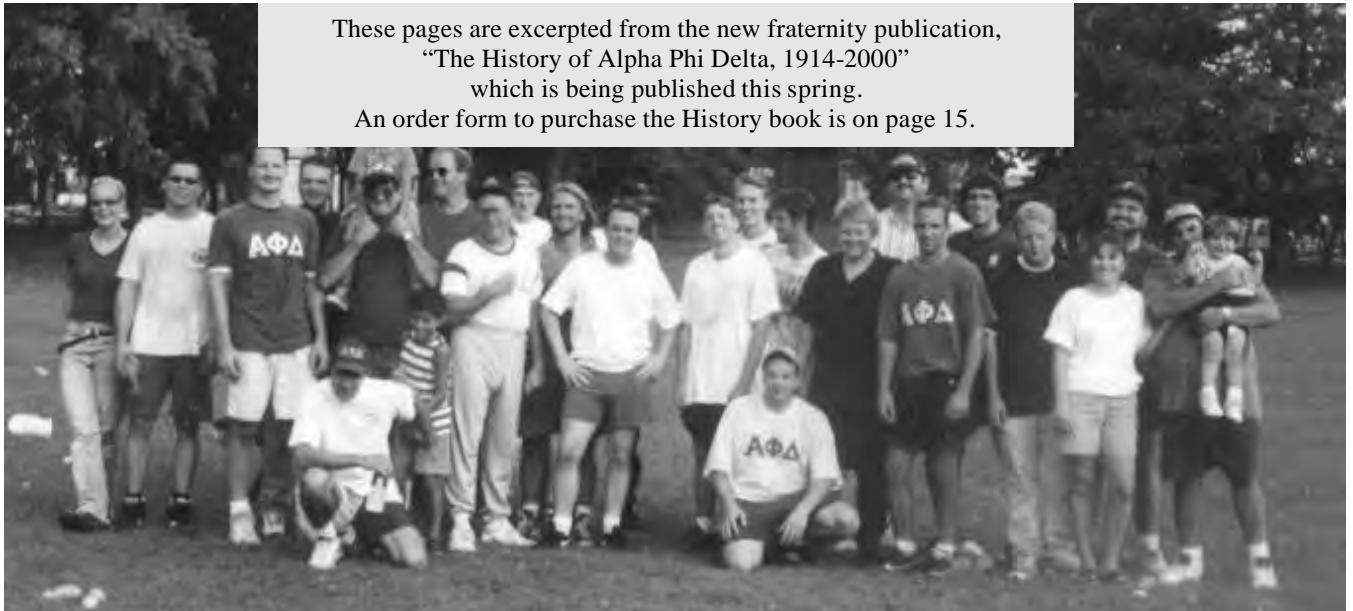


Pittsburgh Alumni Club executive committee enjoys its annual Christmas Dinner, December 1994.



New York area brothers march in Columbus Day Parade, October 1992.

These pages are excerpted from the new fraternity publication,
"The History of Alpha Phi Delta, 1914-2000"
which is being published this spring.
An order form to purchase the History book is on page 15.



Brothers and family after the Beta Xi-North Jersey Alumni Club annual football game, September 1998.

Gamma Delta Alumni Honor Fallen Brother

St. Patrick's Day usually is a time of revelry and fun, the kind of day many don't remember very well thanks to all the celebration. For the brothers of Gamma Delta Chapter at Waynesburg College, St. Patrick's Day, 2001 never will be forgotten.

That's because the events that began to take shape that day resulted in the creation of the Sam Swift Memorial Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fund, allowing us to remember a very close friend who died before his time.

Sam Swift joined Gamma Delta shortly after the chapter was founded at Waynesburg in 1980. He was close with many brothers in the fraternity and always considered Alpha Phi Delta an important part of his life. Unfortunately, his life was taken in a robbery on June 11, 1992. Sam, who was working as a manager at Roy Rogers Restaurant in Arlington, Va., was murdered by an unknown assailant that day. The case remains unsolved.

Many of us who joined the chapter around the time of its founding have benefited greatly from our involvement in the fraternity. This topic came up repeatedly at different functions where we got together over the years—weddings, birthday parties, graduations and St. Patrick's Day parties, among many others.

Often, those discussions led to one brother or another saying something like, "You know, one of these days we ought to give something back."

*By Scott Robertson
Gamma Delta '80*

"One of these days" finally came on St. Patrick's Day, 2001. That's when brothers Tony Duronio (Gamma Delta's founding president), Jeff Wagner and Scott Robertson decided enough was enough. We thought about Sam and decided on the spot to create a scholarship fund and golf tournament in his name.

Fast forward to August 11th-12th in Sam's hometown of Carmichaels, Pa. About 75 brothers and their families joined with Sam's mother and his family to celebrate his life and our involvement in Alpha Phi Delta. A picnic on August 11th served as an unofficial first chapter reunion, complete with the presence of Joe Creston, godfather of our chapter, and his wife Josie.

The next day, 56 golfers got together for the tournament to smack the little white ball around. Not even a thundershower that day could dampen the enthusiasm that was created by all the brothers getting together.

We received a huge boost from the efforts of brother Jason Lohr and his wife Tricia, who were expecting their first child. Jason's in-laws operate Carmichaels Golf Course, where the outing took place, and Jason played a critical role in putting all of the events together.

He and many others pitched in food, donated prizes and stuck around to help clean up after the activities and made the first annual Sam Swift Memorial the special event that it was.

When the idea first arose, we thought maybe we could get 10 or 12 guys together and raise several hundred dollars. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of everyone involved, we raised about \$4,000 that weekend toward our goal of establishing a \$10,000 scholarship in Sam's memory. A few days later, Hardee's/Roy Rogers, the restaurant Sam worked with when he died, pledged another \$2,000 to our cause, giving us a total of \$6,000 for our first year's efforts. We think we can reach that goal as soon as next year.

Speaking of which, mark your calendars. The Second Annual Sam Swift Memorial Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, July 20 at Carmichaels Golf Course. For information on the event, or to make a donation, contact Scott Robertson at work at 412-281-4407 or by e-mail at scottr@icubed.com. It was a great event in 2001. We're promising to make it even better in 2002.



Gamma Delta alumni brothers gather on August 11th to enjoy a picnic and golf outing while sharing memories of their fallen brother, Sam Swift. The chapter's godfather, Joe Creston, was in attendance (2nd from right on bottom).

Sam Swift Remembered

Sam Swift was born February 13, 1961 and became a brother in the Gamma Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi Delta at Waynesburg College in 1981. He always will be remembered by the brothers for his sense of humor and dedication to the fraternity—not to mention his ability to handle the Tanqueray and tonic.

He graduated from Carmichaels (Pa.) High School in 1979 and went on to West Virginia Career College before coming to Waynesburg. He graduated from Waynesburg in 1983 with a degree in business management, which set him on his career path.

He began his career with the Gee Bee retail stores in 1983 and worked for various retailers around the country in such spots as Cumberland, Md., Monaca, Pa., Dallas, Tex., Williamsport, Pa., Winchester, Va. and Baltimore, Md. over the years.

In 1988, he went to work with Roy Rogers restaurants in its management program. On June 11, 1992, while working at the company's Arlington, Va., restaurant, Sam was murdered in a burglary attempt.



Sam Swift, 1981.

“We were all shocked when we heard about it,” said Richard Fuller, who roomed with Sam at the Gamma Delta fraternity house in 1982-83. “He was a great guy—almost everything he did could make you laugh. It was hard to believe something like that could happen to such an easy-going guy.”

Sam was a small, thin guy who stood his ground in fraternity house battles with brothers who were much

bigger. We all knew, though, that when the chase was on, he had no chance to catch anyone.

“He’d come screaming through the kitchen chasing someone, probably for shutting the hot water off on him when he was in the shower. And you knew, you just knew, he was going to hurt himself somehow,” said Mark Snyder. “He’d bang his leg on the coffee table or something and then he’d be yelling, ‘My knee! My knee!’ like he just broke his leg. He was a funny guy. He made everybody laugh.”

The Gamma Delta brothers celebrated his life and laughter August 11th and 12th in his hometown of Carmichaels with a fraternity reunion and picnic on Saturday and the First Annual Sam Swift Memorial Golf Tournament the next day. The events raised about \$6,000 that will be contributed to the Sam Swift Memorial Scholarship Fund. The goal is to create a \$10,000 scholarship in his name within the next five years.

“He was involved in everything,” said Jeff Wagner, Sam’s little brother and one of the founders of the golf tournament. “In the yearbook from his senior year, it seems like his picture is on every page. That’s the way he was. He was always involved, and everybody liked having him around. We all miss him.”

Article submitted by Scott Robertson



TWENTY YEARS AGO

The brothers of Gamma Delta Chapter posed for this picture in 1981. Twenty years later, they held a reunion in memory of brother Sam Swift (farthest right top).

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Do you want to just sit in your house or dorm room? Do you?

Fraternally Yours,

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Alumni News

Howard W. Beder (Beta Phi, 1984) of Maplewood, New Jersey, married Irena Paleckova from the Czech Republic.

The legal ceremony was initially performed in Maplewood Town Hall, Maplewood, New Jersey, on February 15, 2000. A formal ceremony was held on June 30, 2000, in a medieval castle known as Kokorin Castle, and followed by a reception held in Melnik Castle, both in the Czech Republic. The ceremony was conducted with full pageantry as in medieval days with knights in shining armor and trumpeters on the castle tower announcing the arrival of the guests.

The bride, a graduate from Melnik Garden Architecture School, was formerly an elementary schoolteacher, and also worked for a period of time as manager for Art Gallery in Prague. She plans to pursue a career in interior design.

The bridegroom is a 1989 graduate of Rowan University, Glassboro, N.J., with a bachelor of arts degree in communications. He is vice president and cofounder of First Class Entertainment, Inc., Maplewood, N.J. His company is involved in show producing, performing artist representation and personal management. Its artist roster includes big name celebrities as well as international performers.

Howard and Irena presently reside in West Orange, New Jersey, but will relocate next April into their new home in Bedminster, New Jersey



Beder-Paleckova Wedding

Rick Barnes, Executive Vice President of Alpha Phi Delta, and his wife Shannon announce the birth of their first-born son Noah. Noah came into this world at 11:46 PM on November 30th weighing 9 pounds, 4 ounces. He was born in Derry, New Hampshire.

Paul Albanese of Gamma Nu writes that on December 7, 2001, **Gamma Nu** held a 15th Anniversary Dinner to celebrate 15 years of being on the William Paterson Campus.

James J. Sexton, Gamma Pi Chapter, Kappa Class - Spring 1992, writes to The Kleos.

I graduated from Fordham University School of Law (with my JD degree) in May of 2001 and passed both the New York and New Jersey bar exams in July 2001. I was sworn in as an attorney earlier this month and I am working for a firm in Rockland County, New York. My web page is www.jjsesq.com with my firm info and contact info.

I am still teaching college at Ramapo College—where I frequently have at least two or three undergraduate brothers taking my class every semester. None of them have failed yet! I attended several rush related events this term—and always enjoy working with the undergraduates.

I live in Tappan, New York with my wife Mary Jane and two sons Noah (age 4) and Billy (age 2).

I also stay in close touch with Michael Cheplick (Gamma Pi, Kappa Class 1992) who is an active duty Marine (Sgt.) and works with the School of Infantry in North Carolina. With all of the recent events, many brothers have reached out to me and wondered how he is doing (as I am one of the few people who stays in touch with him since he's always out in the field or on training maneuvers). If you could let brothers know he is doing well, that would be great too.



The members of the Alpha Phi Delta Ladies Auxiliary in the Delaware Valley hosted their annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 8, 2001 at the Villa Di Roma Restaurant in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Twenty-two members and guests enjoyed a full course Italian dinner served family style, followed by a sweet table of homemade delicacies, home-baked by the ladies. Among the guests in attendance were Felipe Martinez, the National Secretary of APD and Manny Rodriguez, New York District Governor. The ladies happily posed for Felipe to snap their pictures in this traditional kick-off to the holiday season.

They Gave Me a Clock

For the past 20 years, Alpha Phi Delta has rewarded its 50 year members by calling them *Alumni Emeritus* and serving them a free lunch at the annual summer convention. Long-time *Alumnus Emeritus* Al Marzullo wrote the following note about last year's experience.

At our latest summer convention, brother Stan Raffa (Delta '49) and I received a mantle clock that chimes the hour. It is a pleasant daily reminder of a long pleasurable association for which I am thankful.

When I was asked to join Alpha Phi Delta, it was a wise decision in 1936 to say yes. I rejoined the fraternity family when I attended the Groton Convention in 1964. In those days we made our own entertainment. Taking part, the list would include all the old-timers mentioned in the summer 2001 issue of *The Kleos*. I can say with pride that I met every one of them, even Armand DeRosa. Brother Giampiccolo is a Theta brother whose generous contributions were made after he attended conventions.

Coming to the convention was rejoining the family. It was enjoyable to meet the same people year after year. It was almost like a kissing cousin appeal. To break bread morning and evening with my brothers was reason for coming to the family reunions. We would dress up for dinner. I would bring my daughters. Once there, they had their own agendas—what 16-year-old girl would not like attention from a 20-year-old male. With so many uncles around, what could happen.

For those who did not attend last year, Hampton Beach is world-class beach. There was whale watching, deep sea fishing, strawberry banks, and boat rides in Portsmouth. Also Salem and North Church were minutes away.

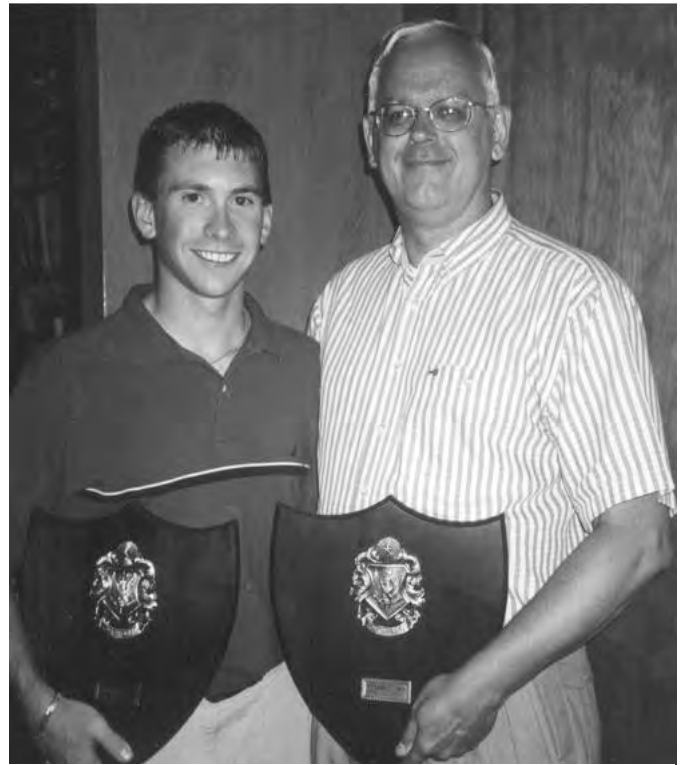
There is a need for earlier announcements for this year's convention—date and location. Let's try Hershey or Lancaster. Maybe more brothers will come back to rejoin the family.

I am grateful for my adopted brothers who are keeping the flame burning brightly for us. They need our help. I would like to see more younger brothers attend the summer convention. I miss not voting for National officers. And I think that the eligibility for lunch (for *alumnus emeritus* brothers) should be 45 years (to get 67-year-olds instead of 72). As for the lunch I did not get this year, where were the brothers to make it happen? .

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2001 Award Winners



2001 National Outstanding Individual Award Recipients: Chris Shipley, left, and Jerry Smulski, right, received their National awards in September. Both are Psi Chapter alumni. Chris received the Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award and Jerry received the Most Outstanding Alumnus



TRUE NATIONAL FRATERNALISM

Brothers from the Brooklyn Alumni Club treated their visitors from the Pittsburgh Alumni Club to dinner in Little Italy in New York City during the National Council Meeting last April. Pittsburgh plans to return the favor when they host the upcoming 2002 Spring National Council Meeting in Pittsburgh on April 5th and 6th. Plan to join in the fraternal spirit. See more details on page 4.

Scholarship Mail Bag

The following are letters from the recipients of last July's Scholarship Awards. The letters speak for themselves. You can participate by sending your contribution to Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, Scholarship Division, c/o Stanley W. Raffa, 17 Essex Place, Dumont, NJ 07628.

From John J. Liotta, uncle of Nicole Cerussi, winner of the Brother Camillus Casey Award:

"It is one of the happier days in my life to be able to share in the excitement of having my niece receive another APD Scholarship. I am ultimately impressed with the foresight of the scholarship division to allow an APD scholarship winner to receive multiple awards.

"Nicole is doing very well as a recovering patient of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and frequent seizures. She has passed the ten year point of being cancer free and recently has overcome the seizures by a change in her medication which allows her to obtain a drivers license.

"She will be in college a few more years as she aggressively pursues advanced degrees in chemistry."

From Allen Butler, winner of the Adam DiVincenzo Award:

"I wanted to take a moment to stop and thank the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation Scholarship Division for its consideration and choice of me for the scholarship award. This award means a lot to me because it will help my family in the financing of my education as well as providing me with some degree of satisfaction that all of my hard work and studying is worthy of such recognition. I have always believed that you should not do work for recognition but do work that is worthy of recognition.

"I want the Foundation to know that I will continue to work to the best of my ability to ensure that this award is not taken for granted. I have not yet

reached all of my educational goals that I have set for myself, and I will continue to work very hard to see those dreams become a reality.

"Once again, I thank you, the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation, for using your resources to help students like myself on our journeys through higher education. It is through Foundations like Alpha Phi Delta that the future is shaped by reaching out and helping the leaders of tomorrow."

From Elizabeth Brooks Hamilton, winner of the Ernest Coletti Award:

"I would like to thank the brothers of Alpha Phi Delta for their generosity in awarding me the 2001 Ernest Coletti Scholarship Award.

"The fraternity's support in the past contributed to a wonderful undergraduate experience at Loyola University in New Orleans. I recently graduated and am thrilled that I will have the opportunity to continue my studies at the University of Texas School of

Law this fall. I very much appreciate the encouragement and financial assistance which Alpha Phi Delta has provided and hope that I will prove to be a deserving recipient of the award."

From Laura Caprario, winner of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club Award:

"I would like to thank you and the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation for awarding me the Pittsburgh Alumni Club Award. I will use it to help pay for my expenses at Georgetown School of Medicine. I appreciate your help in allowing me to continue my medical education."

From Amanda Tuccelli, winner of the Stanley W. Raffa Award:

"I would like to thank you and the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation for the much needed scholarship. The monetary gift will be a big help for the fall term as I continue to pursue a degree in the field of biology or neuroscience."

From Nicole Cerussi, winner of the Brother Camillus Casey Award:

"Finding the funds to pay for my education continues to be one of the most difficult aspects of college; therefore this scholarship is greatly appreciated.

"As a brief update, I am taking intensive chemistry courses including some at the graduate level that I find very interesting and enjoyable. Within the past year I also began a program of independent undergraduate research, which I am expecting will prove very beneficial in my graduate studies in the coming years. I continue to find new opportunities to help in the community, and this past summer I had the privilege to work as a volunteer counselor at a camp for children with cancer. My extracurricular activities this year are focused on working with Mortar Board, a senior honor society, and the service fraternity to which I belong, Alpha Phi Omega."



Amanda Tuccelli receives her scholarship award from her sponsor, John Russo, Psi '72. Amanda is a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh.

A look back in time in **Alpha Phi Delta History**

The History of Alpha Phi Delta has been updated and is being published for the first time in 28 years. It will contain the complete text of History originally written by Stan Raffa in 1973. The History starts in 1914 and continues forward through the year 2000. The volume is 190 pages long and contains a decade by decade picture scrapbook of the fraternity. Please order your copy of this volume to read and have as your complete Fraternity reference.

50 Years Ago (1951). . . Late in March, Central Office announced that it was holding the first resort convention at the Oceanside Hotel, in Magnolia, Massachusetts. The convention proper was to extend from Tuesday, September 4th, through breakfast on Friday, September 7th. The Executive Committee was to meet on Labor Day, September 3rd, with an early-bird reception for early arrivals that evening.

The resort-type convention gave promise of success from the very beginning when it was found that the descriptions in the advertising material could easily be translated to their actual counterparts. The site was beautiful and the food was as good and plentiful as promised. The program was varied and enjoyable; business sessions in the morning, relaxation or planned activity in the afternoon, entertainment in the evening. The facilities included swimming, golfing, fishing, tennis and boat-rides. The area, with Gloucester only a few miles away, afforded a pleasant and quaint historical environment. Entertainment ranged from music provided by the hotel to prepared variety presented by the brothers. Freshly cooked muffins were served with every breakfast, all you can eat, and Maine lobster at the Formal Dinner.

60 Years Ago (1941). . . The 1941 National Convention was Alpha Phi Delta's Silver Jubilee Convention. It was held in Boston at the Hotel Statler, September 1st through 3rd.

The Fraternity was indeed progressing once more. Upsilon had been rejuvenated and the active chapter roster had now increased to twenty-three. Still eight chapters short of

its peak strength, prospects for their reactivation looked good. Active chapters were swelling their ranks; Delta had increased its membership from eight to twenty-two in one year; Iota, which hardly existed in 1939, now boasted seventeen actives; Chi had grown to twenty-five actives. Virtually all chapters showed an increase in activity.

Alumni activities had increased also, many of which were now directing more attention to the undergraduate chapters of the immediate areas. In addition, seventy-three alumni had now subscribed to Life Membership.

Nominations for Fraternity awards showed that there was much healthy competition between chapters in vying for honors. So close were the petitions for the Most Improved Chapter Award that the executive committee had to award two plaques, to Beta Delta and Beta Zeta for their performance over the past year. The Outstanding Undergraduate plaque was awarded to Joseph Scalzo of Chi, an honor man of the graduating class at Penn State who had served as Consul of the chapter for two years.

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