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Baseball and Brotherhood

For 25 years, 15 or so Alpha Phi Delta, Brooklyn Alumni

by Joe Narciso,
with Pete Gaudioso
and Ralphie Parmegiani

The BAC Softball team celebrated its 25th anniversary in Cooperstown, New York, at the Baseball Hall of Fame and Doubleday Field, the historic "Birthplace of Baseball."

Club brothers, have been together every Sunday morning, from late February until September, playing softball.

During that time, 87 brothers, from chapters all over the Tri-State Area, have played on the team. They have brought their girlfriends, wives, parents and children to watch the games. While the point of the team is fun and togetherness, we've made the finals four times, won the season championship in 1998 and won the league championship in 1989.

The BAC has two summer pool parties, a Christmas Party, meetings, a rotisserie baseball league, and other events sprinkled throughout the year. The Brooklyn Alumni Club is, and always has been, a very close group of brothers and their families. On the Columbus Day weekend, it all came together, as never before.

An even 100 people took part. Brothers and their families came from as far away as Maryland (Jim Sloan), Florida (Tony Ceraso), Vermont (Paul Bonzani) and California (Albie Parisi) to celebrate this special part of our lives.

I had been to Cooperstown a number of times over the years and always dreamed of playing on Doubleday Field. I contacted Cooperstown Town Hall and was informed that in order to book the field, you needed to bring in the application the first business day of the year. Pete Gaudioso and I made plans to do just that.

Leaving at 11:00 pm on New Year's Day 2002, we drove the 235 miles to Cooperstown Town Hall arriving at 4:00 am. There was already one car waiting. It was 19 degrees and it

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The Brooklyn Alumni Club Softball Team members and their families pose at Cooperstown.

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New York Pledge Bowl

The New York Area Pledge Bowl was held November 2nd at Stony Brook College. This is the first time we traveled outside of New York City to hold the pledge bowl, which is a competition for all pledges of the district. We ended up with about 80 people in attendance with 31 pledges and almost 50 brothers. That is a pretty good number of people considering we averaged about 100 for the past few pledge bowls in New York.

The pledge bowl is a gathering of brothers and pledges from around the entire district in New York. It's a big event where the pledges all get to meet as a large group from the district. In a way, they see themselves as a big pledge group since they all have pledged in the same semester and are in essence pledge brothers in a National sense. It's also a big social event where the brothers get together to bond with each other in a social setting. The pledge bowl itself is a little competition between the pledges of various chapters on the information in the Dokime and the officers of the fraternity.

The competition is broken up into three rounds usually where the first round is a series of ten questions, the second round is five questions of a harder nature; and then a final round to determine the winner. The final round is a comprehensive question that is changed every semester. Usually whichever of the two chapters comes closest to the answer is crowned the champion. It's a really big morale booster for the brothers because of the rivalry and pride it seems to always create.

The competition changes based on the number of chapters who have pledges at a given time. In essence we have usually eight chapters. The first round starts with eight, then four in the second round and finally two in the finals.

This semester we had all three alumni clubs represented — New York AC, Long Island AC and Brooklyn AC. The Beta Sigma Alumni Association was also present. We had six chapters with pledges participating—Stony brook, Brooklyn College, Baruch, St Johns (Queens), CSI, and Polytech. St. Francis was also in attendance, but had no pledges since its induction was held the weekend before.

Most of us ended up stuck in traffic somewhere and then thanks to some wrong directions, all seemed to get lost on campus. We eventually made it to the student center and as usual the 4:00 pm start time turned into the APD start time of 5:15 pm.

As for the actual pledge bowl itself the winner was.....NOBODY. That's right. Nobody won because at some point someone outside in the hallway was playing with a fire extinguisher which was sprayed causing the chemicals in it to set off the smoke alarms in the building. Once the alarms went off, we were forced to evacuate the building causing the cancellation. We proceeded to make a procession of about 20 cars in the parking lot and ventured back to the Gamma Omicron chapter house where both brothers and pledges enjoyed a fun night of bonding together.

Article submitted by Todd Cusato.

Donations Needed

The fraternity has had some financial shortcomings this year due to increased insurance premiums and lower initiations. The financial shortcoming delayed your last Kleos by two months and has put us on a reduced budget for printing this year. If you enjoy reading the Kleos and seeing your fraternity prosper, please consider making a donation to the Fraternity or Foundation. You may make a donation of ANY amount using the form on page 15. Your assistance is appreciated.

“...Joe Bell, for First News 27”

Viewers of WKBN-TV (First News 27) hear those words five days a week at noon, 6:00 pm, and at 11:00 pm as Brother Joe Bell (Psi '77) signs off one of his on the spot news reports beamed into homes in the northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania viewing area. The featured reporter on the area's top rated news program, Bell has spent the last decade building a reputation as a fair and balanced reporter in a market once known for its political corruption, mob figures and “colorful” politicians.

After graduating from South Hills Catholic High School in Pittsburgh (now known as Seton LaSalle High School), he entered Duquesne University looking to major in Journalism. His father had been in a fraternity while he was in college and encouraged Joe to look into Greek life.

He was not too impressed by what he was seeing as far as fraternities went; but knowing his Dad spoke well of the Greek system, he kept looking for the right fit for himself.

“The Alpha Phi's impressed me with the depth of loyalty to their brothers and the amount of closeness they exhibited towards each other. I was busy preparing for a career, but saw they had a lot to offer and had goals beyond going to college,” remarked Bell looking back. “Besides, they were having a hell of a lot of fun just being around each other,” he adds. Joe pledged Psi chapter and was initiated in 1977.

Despite his being active on campus as the news director for the campus radio station (WDUQ, “90.5 FM on your radio dial”) and active in the fraternity, he was Psi's recording secretary and received the Outstanding Undergraduate Award from the Pittsburgh Alumni Club in 1978. Bell graduated a semester early with his degree in Journalism.

His first job brought him to Erie, Pa.'s WSEE-TV. It was an entry level position covering everything from “4th of July at the beach” stories to interviewing the Governor when he visited the area. Bell was back in Pittsburgh six months later at WPXI-TV where he spent four years working behind the camera as a writer and producer. He was in Washington, D.C. to cover the second inauguration of Ronald Reagan.

Bell's next stop was at WKRN-TV in Nashville, Tenn. as a staff reporter. Soon after, he moved north to Detroit and went to work at WJBK-TV doing on-camera news reports. Although he found the Motor City more to his liking than Nashville, he was becoming “disenchanted with being a

by Danny Thomas, Jr.
Beta Omicron '74

video gypsy” and began looking closer to his hometown for another line of work.

In 1991, he moved back home and went to work in Pittsburgh for the PR firm of William Green & Associates. Bell soon “discovered that I was too much of a news junkie” and left there after a year to go to WKBN-TV in Youngstown, Ohio, where he has won Ohio Associated Press Awards for Outstanding Investigative Reporting, Enterprise Reporting, and Continuing Coverage of Stories.

His documentary team for PBS won a regional Emmy from the Academy of Arts and Sciences' Cleveland Chapter for their program “Youth Violence in Youngstown.”

In his award-winning career, Bell has moved up from covering those “a day at the beach” stories to some of the most compelling and history-making stories to unfold in the

last several years. His first real big story was the fatal crash of U.S. Air Flight 427 that went down near the Pittsburgh Airport killing all 132 aboard in September of 1994. He spent 48 straight hours there covering that tragedy for WKBN-TV and its sister radio station.

He was there in Federal Court when mob boss Lenine Strollo broke the Mafia's *omerta* and turned government witness, playing a key part in the takedown of what was left of the mob in Ohio's Mahoning Valley.

Bell was the authoritative voice for First News 27's viewing audience while he spent 10 weeks in Cleveland covering the Federal racketeering trial of then Congressman James Traficant. He fol-

lowed that up and went to Washington, D.C., to cover the historic impeachment proceedings of Rep. Traficant, the first Congressman to be impeached since the Civil War.

In his free time, Joe is involved in the community through activities with his church and with his family. He also enjoys reading, and “armchair aviation,” along with good food, and good cigars. Joe and his wife, Lisa, and their son, Nicholas, live in Pennsylvania.

Today, he is very active in the Alpha Phi Delta Pittsburgh Alumni Club. “Alumni meetings bring back the feeling of being an undergrad, sitting around and drinking a few beers,” says Bell. “Alpha Phi Delta gives you a chance to understand your heritage as a young man, where you fit in, and what direction you want to go.”

It has been a good fit for Bell, overall. His brothers know him to be a stand-up guy they could count on, and his viewers know they can rely on a report ending with . . . “Joe Bell, for First News 27.”



Joe Bell

Undergraduate Scrapbook

Gannon University



Beta Rho held its fall induction on November 2, 2002 with District Governor Doug Sundo (center) and National President Rick Barnes on hand.

Duquesne University



The brothers of Psi Chapter held their 33rd annual Valentine Ball on the campus of Duquesne University on February 7th. This year the chapter presented a check for \$2500 to its favorite charity — ALS Foundation Research (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in honor of their long-time advisor Dr. Cayhill who was diagnosed with the disease. Ball Chairman Matt Gornick is shown at right presenting the large check to the ALS representative.

St. John's University



Abdul Gaibi, Vice President for Alumni Affairs, and Felipe Martinez, Executive Secretary, join the brothers of Delta, Beta Eta and Beta Sigma at Gamma Sigma's winter induction.

Gamma Sigma Inducts Two Classes

During their first fall semester Gamma Sigma had two pledge classes. Inducted by New York City District Governor Todd J. Cusato, Salvatore Gambino and Raymond Rivas were brought to the Gamma Sigma Colony as the Beta Class on November 8, 2002. The brothers opted to follow up the fall with a winter class. On February 8, 2003, the Gamma Class, Joseph Balbi, Emanuel Rella and Paul Zammit, took the oath of brotherhood. The ceremony was administered by Todd J. Cusato, New York City District Governor and Abdul Gaibi, Vice President for Alumni Affairs. Gamma Sigma would like to thank Alex Franki and the New York Alumni Club for hosting both inductions. The brothers would also like to thank the Delta, Beta Eta, Beta Sigma and Gamma Kappa chapters for their support. The colony is now ten strong heading into the spring semester and the future is bright for Gamma Sigma.

Submitted by Chris Mancusi

LaSalle University



One of our newest colonies at LaSalle University inducted 14 men on November 25th. Tom Carroll, PNP, center of first row, conducted the initiation.

Mu Chapter Reunion, Part 2

Mu Chapter celebrated a successful reunion in June 2002 (as documented in the previous issue of the Kleos). Brother Dave Bridgeman, Mu '65, followed up and wrote to the Kleos editor and submitted a CD-ROM that the reunion committee compiled. The CD was produced by Brother Robert "Buff" Tripp, Mu '60. It documented the festivities at the reunion which was held the weekend of June 7 through 9, 2002 in Ithaca, New York. In addition to having many pictures from the weekend including video clips of the activities, it is a veritable history of the chapter from the mid-1950s to its closing in 1968. The CD contains chapter composites, group parties, pledge classes, and a memorial to its deceased members.

Reviewing the CD, one finds written, pictorial and video



evidence of the fraternal bonds that remain strong in this band of brothers. Brother Bridgeman writes, "It is proof positive that the friendships that were formed and the loyalties developed 30 to 45 years ago have not only survived to the present day but have strengthened during that time. We would heartily recommend that any group of APD alumni that hasn't met in the last five to ten years seriously consider doing so. If their experience is half as rewarding as ours, they will be delighted to put forth the necessary effort. If any group would like some input as to how to pull off a successful event, we

would be glad to share some of the ideas that made our reunion so enjoyable."

Brother Bridgeman can be reached via e-mail at dmb56@cornell.edu.



Chapter photo from Mu, circa 1960.

Beta Omicron Turns 50!

Remembering that being born of Italian parents brought with it a certain forced alienation from

other segments of our society and how it felt when they bonded together with fellow students of the same background and culture, a group of prominent Italian-American businessmen wanted to make sure a younger generation of Italian-American students had a buffer against the prejudices they incurred during their school years. In 1950, they got together to preserve and celebrate their heritage by starting a chapter of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity at Youngstown College (in Youngstown, Ohio). They knew that students of Italian descent were not very welcome into the social structure of this little college and wanted to see that change.

The men were with The Latin Culture Club, whose main interest was in expanding the Italian culture in the Youngstown area. They were very prominent in the area and counted among their members many Alpha Phi Delta alumni from various colleges and universities. Led by A.B. Flask, Dr. Pat Williams, Mike Julian, and Dr. John LoCricchio, this group started recruiting students of Italian descent to form the nucleus of what was to become Alpha Phi Delta's Beta Omicron Chapter.

Mike Julian contacted his nephew, Pete, to see if he knew of any students at YC who would be willing to undertake this endeavor. The news of this "was spread by word of mouth through local gathering places such as Idora Park, the Elms Ballroom, and of course Mickey's Bar," says Donald "Red" Nolfi, who would later become the first president of the Beta Omicron Chapter.

"I had been asked to join a couple of fraternities and I

by Danny Thomas, Jr.

Beta Omicron '74

President, Youngstown Alumni Club

was wavering until I heard about a group of Italians getting together on campus," Nolfi went on to say. "John Masucci was in that group and that drew me to it. John

and I had met standing in line waiting to register at YC and we've been the best of friends ever since, baptizing each other's children," he continued.

"A group of seven or eight of us started meeting at The Victoria Restaurant," recalls Jerry Zupp. "Our group soon outgrew the restaurant and Dr. Williams let us meet at his house," he continued.

The group then moved its meeting place to Dr. LoCricchio's house where the brothers were given a key to his basement and were free to come and go as they pleased. "The alumni were very generous with their money and time, wanting to see us get established at YC," remembers Nolfi.

The administration at Youngstown College was not warm to the idea of letting an Italian-American fraternity on campus. It took several meetings with the group before Bill Nelson, the business manager at YC, intervened on its behalf. "Up to that point, Howard Jones, the president of Youngstown College, said we were discriminating against other nationalities by stressing our Italian heritage and was against us coming on to campus," recalls Nolfi. "It wasn't until Bill Nelson spoke up and said, 'Discrimination is when you say we'll take everyone, *but* you. That's not what they're saying.'"

"I don't think they liked the idea of a bunch of Italians running around together on campus," interjected Zupp. "They were doing all they could to keep us off campus. Thankfully, Mr. Nelson stood up for us."

"Italians were not invited as pledges at YC very often,"



Beta Omicron founding fathers, March 21, 1953.

Epilogue

continued Zupp, echoing the words of Nolfi, “and we had one hell of a time getting on to campus as an Italian-American fraternity. I was the secretary and I remember doing the bylaws over three times before they were accepted. The other frats would always find some little reason to vote us out because they didn’t want us on campus, either.”

In 1951, Alpha Phi Fraternity was finally accepted, but only as a social fraternity. “They wouldn’t let us in as a full-fledged fraternity at first, so we used the name Alpha Phi because we knew we were going national eventually, and we wanted to make it an easy transition,” according to Nolfi.

Nolfi was voted president of that first class and Dr. Fuekeson was their advisor. “We worked hard to prove ourselves because we knew what we were up against. We got very active in the Friends of the Library, raising money for it and adopted the flower beds on the west side of the building on Lincoln Ave,” Nolfi says with pride. “We did a lot of nice things for the college. One of the things I remember most was our mother/son tea we hosted every spring.”

To show that they can be persuasive on campus, the Alpha Phi’s nominated Jerry Zupp as Mr. Popularity and entered him into the campus election in the spring of ’52. “The guys did it just to prove that we could be a force on campus. I didn’t want to be Mr. Popularity, but they all got behind me and we won,” laughs Zupp. “We wanted to show the rest of them that they had nothing over on us!”

It took two years before Youngstown College allowed them to become part of the Alpha Phi Delta family and to come on campus as a full-fledged fraternity. On March 21, 1953, a group of alumni from Ohio State University came up to help the local alumni members initiate the group of 25 young Italian-American men into Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity and established the Beta Omicron Chapter.

This story could have very easily been titled *Pride and Prejudice* considering what these young men went through to get established at Youngstown College. It takes courage to go against established traditions and prejudices and these 25 brothers had that in abundance. Not only did they establish a chapter of Alpha Phi Delta, they established THE premiere fraternity at YC and laid the groundwork for the successes that followed.

Thanks to these fine young men, Italian Americans had a place to celebrate their culture and heritage and meet some of the best friends life could give.

Alpha Phi Delta’s Beta Omicron Chapter grew into one of the most respected fraternities on the campus of what was soon to become Youngstown University. It sponsored the “Outstanding Athlete Award at Youngstown University” for several years, giving the award away at a big banquet with plenty of media attention. “This went too well because the university eventually took it from us because of jealousy,” relates Nolfi with a chuckle.

The 1960’s brought a period of growth and a new house to Beta Omicron. Once again the alumni stepped in to lend a hand to the chapter by helping it secure the former mansion of Dr. D. A. Macedonia located on the corner of Wick and Bladwin Aves. One of the highlights of that era, aside from the academic and athletic awards, was the presentation made to Frank Sinatra at a performance in Pittsburgh, making him an honorary brother of the Beta Omicron Chapter.

This once opulent house remained the home of Beta Omicron until the late 70’s when the chapter ran into trouble and was disbanded. The house was destroyed by an arson fire not long after the fraternity left campus and a vacant lot now rests in it’s place as a sad reminder of what happens when a group loses its focus and gets away from the ideals and traditions it was founded upon.

The 80’s and 90’s saw somewhat of a resurgence of the Alpha Phi’s on the campus of what was by now Youngstown State University. The chapter rented a house from one of the alumni for a time and then settled into a house owned by one of the undergraduates. The fraternity ran out of steam after the last remaining brothers graduated in the late 90’s and was forced to close its doors another time.

History repeated itself when the Youngstown Alumni Club came forward and pledged four young men in the spring of 2002, wanting to establish their fraternity back on the campus of YSU. Their involvement and commitment led them to form a limited corporation (LLC) and buy a house for the fledgling chapter to call home and hang its letters.

Looking ahead to a spring pledge class of five and getting reinstated at YSU, the future of Beta Omicron is filled with promise and hope. The promise of a bright and successful future and the hope that the new brothers remember what it took to get them this far.

A special thanks to Donald “Red” Nolfi and Jerry Zupp for their time, patience, and cooperation.

Picture provided by Red Nolfi.

The 1953 Founding Fathers

Donald Butch
Ettere Datillo
Joseph DeRosa
Louis DiMarinis
Larry DiRusso
Joseph Donofrio
Phil Fleri
Francis Giampetro
Art Gioglio

Albert Guerrieri
Mike Lallo
John Maggiano
Arthur Marccone
John Masucci
Nick Midea
Donald Nolfi
Angelo Pezzulo
Armand Rossi

Ralph Sainato
James Sferra
James Tisone
John Tisone
Chris Ventresco
James Verlotte
Jerry Zupp

Brooklyn AC Softball Celebrates 25th

(Softball continued from page 1)

was snowing. Peaceful, Beautiful, Baseball, Perfect. By the time the doors opened, we had waited outside for three hours. While handing in our application, Pete and I were interviewed by a reporter from the Cooperstown Crier.

We got the dates. Columbus Day Weekend, 2002. The Cooperstown Committee was formed: Joe Caldarella, Mike Iacovelli, Ralphie Parmegiani, Peter and myself. There was a sixth member of the committee and I'd be remiss if I did not mention Charlie Fiore and the fact that he did absolutely nothing but criticize the rest of us and all of our ideas.

After many meetings and countless e-mails, we created a logo for the weekend, which was placed on: T-shirts, softballs and photo albums. We got purple roses for our wives. The kids would collect autographs on their souvenir softballs. We set up a website. We collected team memorabilia. We bought baseball equipment, because we play softball and baseball is played on Doubleday Field.

We planned a Friday night meet and greet, a dinner and awards ceremony on Saturday evening and a game on Sunday. We compiled the top 10 Moments in team history. I wrote our own version of the song, "Talkin' Baseball - Willie, Mickey and the Duke" by Terry Cashman, titled "Talkin' BAC Softball - Joey, Joe Bod, Doug and Zeke." We even ordered "Bobblehead Zeke" dolls in honor of senior team member Ralph "Zeke" Parmegiani, though the factory in China didn't quite cooperate on that one. Everything was in place when the weekend arrived.

Friday evening's meet and greet set the tone for a great weekend. Brothers who hadn't seen each other in decades renewed acquaintances. We laughed and reminisced until the wee hours of the morning. After spending the day touring the Hall of Fame, our dinner on Saturday evening was a night to remember.

Team manager Joe Caldarella introduced all the players



Bill Weber, Tony Siconolfi, Tom Oftring, Tony Ceraso, Neil Anastasio, Joe Caldarella, Jimmy Sloan, Kevin Nolan, Zeke Parmegiani, and Charlie Fiore — all players from the 1970s team!!!

present with their lifetime stats and a funny story or two. We announced the top moments in team history. We sang "Talkin' BAC Softball." We presented Joe C. with a plaque and a crystal Tiffany baseball.



The event organizing committee singing the "Talkin' Baseball" song with new "Talkin' Softball" lyrics written by Joe Narciso.

If you've never met Joe Caldarella, he is one of the finest brothers in AΦΔ. As a baseball manager, he has the dignity of Joe Torre, the baseball instincts of Tony LaRussa, the goofiness of Bobby Valentine and commands the respect accorded Gil Hodges. It's been a privilege for all 86 of us to play for and with him.

There was raucous applause, rowdy laughter and real tears. Our families laughed with us at stories they'd never heard before. We laughed even harder at the ones we'd heard over and over again. The night primed us for the big game on Sunday morning.

Joe Caldarella gathered the current team in the third base dugout. Charlie Fiore gathered the team's alumni in the first base dugout. At 11:30 we heard the words that are music to any baseball fan's ears, "Play Ball." This was baseball paradise.

Dads and sons like Joe and Greg Caldarella, Charlie Fiore and his twin boys Michael and William. Zeke and Ralphie Parmegiani with nephew Leo. Neil Anastasio and his kids John, Tricia and Liz. Albie Parisi batting against his son. Tony Ceraso's son Frank coming on to pitch in relief of his Dad. If you've ever seen Field of Dreams, this was it.



Zeke Parmegiani APD Bobblehead Doll—an instant collectible for BAC members.

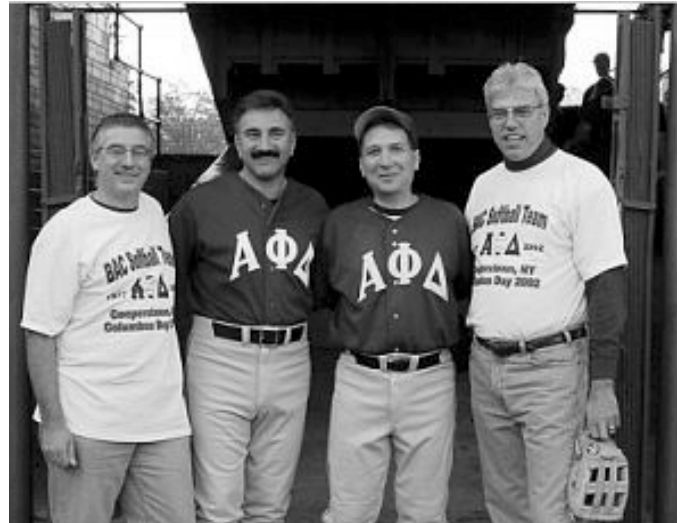
When the game was over, we took a minute to gather on the mound for a photo. Who knows what the final score was. It did not matter. We played on Doubleday Field.

Some of the hundreds of pictures taken can be found on the BAC website, www.leaguelineup.com/apd. There's a guest book with reflections from attendees. Zeke Parmegiani summed it up best in saying: "In the forty years I've been a brother, there hasn't been a time filled with more magic than the time we shared at Coopers-town."

The weekend had a profound affect on the younger attendees as well. Kevin Nolan's son's college search now has an AΦΔ Chapter on campus as a requirement. Neil Anastasio's son John, a former BAC bat boy, wants to reactivate the chapter at Villanova.



BAC manager, Joe Caldarella, sits in the dugout.



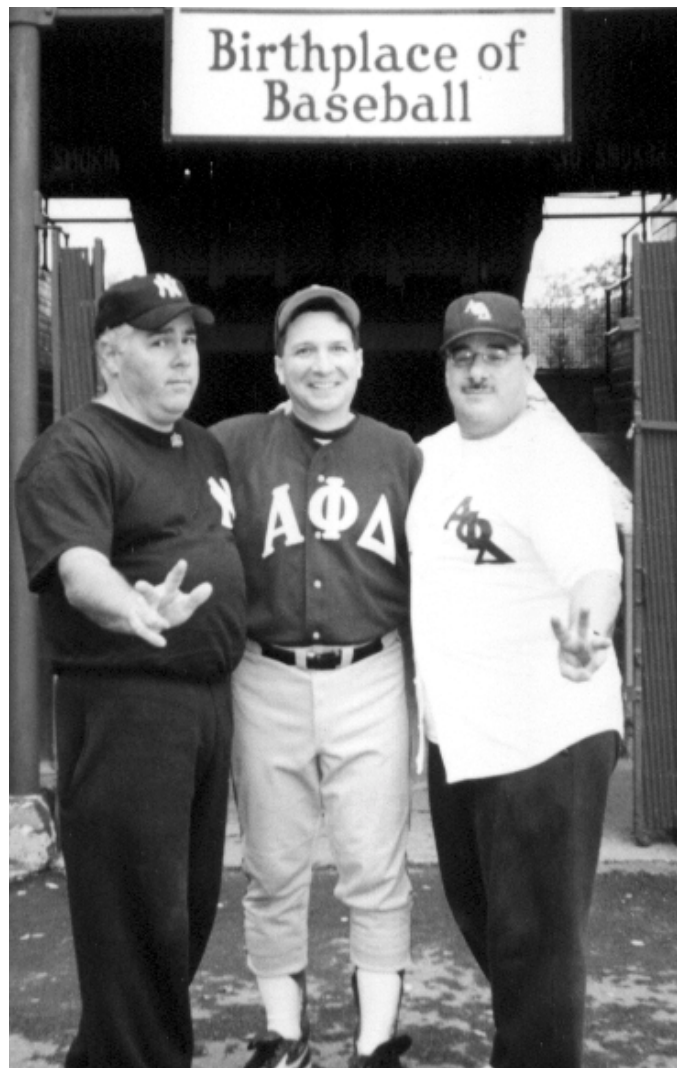
Beta Sigma pledge brothers from 1973 reunited: Tony Siconolfi, Tony Ceraso, Joe Caldarella, Jimmy Sloan



The 33 children of BAC members ranging in age from 10 months to 27 years!

The Fraternity is about shared experience. It's about brotherhood. A large part of the BAC has found a common bond, which enhances our fraternal experience — baseball.

Alpha Phi Delta, the BAC and baseball have given us some of our best memories, some of our best times and some of our best friends. We've shared a lot for the past 25 years. Here's hoping this game has just begun and we go into extra innings.



Charlie Fiore, Joey Caldarella and Neil Anastasio, all original BAC softball team members, look ready for their own inductions into the Hall of Fame

Alumni News



South Florida Alumni Club Celebrates Founders Day

The South Florida AC celebrated Founders Day on November 2, 2002 at Mama Giovanni's Restaurant in Boca Raton. Members of Delta Pi Chapter (Embry Riddle Aeronautical University) and members of the Lynn University Colony were in attendance.

Photo submitted by Vince Verdile.



The Chicago Alumni Club celebrated its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 27th. Tony Carfang, PNP on left, presents Mike Caronti with a Distinguished Service to Alpha Phi Delta Award.

J. P. Venanzi, our Vice President for Financial Affairs (Treasurer), and his wife Keyla welcomed their first child into the world on January 21. It's a girl and her name is Gabriella Elise Venanzi. She was born at 12:13 PM and weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. They are the very proud parents of their beautiful daughter.



Beta Sigma Alumni Association gathered together for Founders Day last November.



Brother **Tom Williams, Beta Chi '97**, celebrated his wedding on August 23rd in true fraternity fashion. In above photo, Brother Williams and four fraternity brothers sang "Alpha Phi Delta Rose" to Tom's new bride Darlene. (From l to r: Mike McCann, Dan Hamilton, Tom Williams, Rob Dziuba, all Beta Chi brothers, and Guy Danella, Beta Iota '71.) Below group photo is Dziuba, Danella, Williams, McCann and Hamilton with the new bride.

Submitted by Guy Danella.





Beta Sigma Alumni Association held a Night at the Races on January 11th at The Pegasus Club at the Meadowlands.

The Oldest Alumni Club?

While Beta Zeta Chapter at Ohio University dissolved some 60 years ago, there is still a core group of alumni who gather. In 1986, Carmen Sberna, '37, believed that fellow Beta Zeta alumnus Daniel Donofrio, '35 was one of the greatest linemen to have played for the Ohio University Bobcats football team. With strong convictions, he took up the cause with a dozen other brothers to get Brother Donofrio inducted into the college's Hall of Fame. At the 1986 Homecoming Game that year, the group met and found success by getting Dan into the Hall. The impetus started a mini-revival for the chapter's alumni.

This is a very exclusive group! One of the requirements to join in addition to being APD members, is that each member must be at least 80 years old. The oldest member is Dominic Capilongo, '33, who was 90 years old on March 11, 2003. The youngest currently is Dr. John J. Carfi, '41, who resides in Homosassa, FL.

*Submitted by
Carmen Sberna, who resides in Lake Forest. IL.*



The Youngstown Alumni Club held its 9th Annual Bocce Night on March 14th with 50 brothers in attendance and five teams competing. Club president Danny Thomas, Jr. (left) organized the affair.

Convention 2003

**2003 Summer Convention
August 11th through 15th**

**Location:
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Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada**

- Price:**
- \$425 1st person in room
 - \$250 each additional person in room (up to 4 total per room)
 - \$100 children under 13
 - Children under 5 are free

Each of the above includes room, breakfast for four days (Tuesday - Friday), dinner Monday and Tuesday, Awards Dinner Thursday, and full use of hospitality suite. Wednesday dinner is not included.

- Other Prices:**
- \$200 Awards Dinner plus 1 night
 - \$100 Awards Dinner alone

Attractions nearby include Niagara Falls, casino, local wineries, golfing, boating and swimming.

More details are available at www.apd.org. or by contacting Central Office (see page 2). Credit Card reservations can also call 317-290-8771

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sity Colony and the South Florida Alumni Club had a Christmas party, which I attended. This, in and of itself, doesn't sound like a warm charitable event, but at this party each brother brought a toy or in some cases multiple toys. The Lynn Colony even collected toys on their campus. The toys were for a local battered women's shelter. This year was in fact so successful they were able to bring almost three toys for every child in that shelter.

Throughout the years Alpha Phi Delta entities have done a number of things like these to help their local communities and those around them. And hearing these stories makes me appreciate why I am still active as a member. I hope you can appreciate them as well and I hope sharing these stories will motivate you to become more active within this organization and to work with us to do something to help those around all of us. Your help can come in the form of a donation to our scholarship fund or working with a chapter or alumni club that I hope more of you will consider doing.

Brothers Eternal

Matt LoMonaco

Long-time 4th District Governor

Matthew L. LoMonaco, Beta Delta '42, a resident of Collingswood, New Jersey and prominent Philadelphia businessman for more than 50 years, died suddenly on Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at the age of 78. Matt was a graduate of Temple University in Philadelphia with a degree in Accounting. As an undergraduate at Temple in 1942, he was initiated into the Beta Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity. He continued his active affiliation with the fraternity as an alumnus, serving as treasurer for the Delaware Valley Alumni Club for twenty-five years. He then served on the national level as the Fourth District Governor for a period of fifteen years. Scores of undergraduate brothers were initiated in the Pennsylvania, South Jersey and Washington area under his tenure. In 1968 he was the recipient of the "Most Outstanding Alumnus" award given by the National fraternity. In April 2002, he was honored by the Delaware Valley Alumni Club of the fraternity with the "Lifetime Achievement Award."

I Remember Matt

by Richard Primiano, Beta Delta '60, PNP

Every district has a hero. We all know who he is. He's the one who's been a driving force in the fraternity for about 50 years, served as District Governor for about 25, done anything and everything to make things happen. When the rest of us had given up, he was still working.

In the Fourth District, that person was Matt LoMonaco. My first encounter with Matt was at my initiation in 1960. By that time, Matt had been District Governor for many years though he was less than 40. To a group of 18-year-old college kids, he was a senior citizen. With his gravelly voice and a pipe that produced incessant billows of smoke, he was the most intimidating person imaginable. It wasn't until later that we learned that he had a heart of gold and was the most supportive and sincere friend that any member of Alpha Phi Delta ever had.

About ten years after graduation, I attended an alumni club meeting, and was surprised to find that Matt was still the person that the Fourth District revolved around, still presiding at initiations and holding the district together. He was the perennial treasurer of the alumni club and collected the money for every event (delinquencies were not tolerated), made sure that events were properly planned and that attendance was high. To the undergraduates, Matt was a legend, though I was amazed at the way they related to him with his no-nonsense approach to fraternity obligations. It was understood that Matt was a worker, not merely a socializer. Like a father, he had no qualms about telling people what was expected of them.

The only problem in the Fourth District was that we were notoriously poor in attending national conventions and communicating with other entities in the fraternity. Our lone

During World War II, he served in the Philippines where he was awarded a Bronze Star for heroism. In addition, he received decorations for the American Theater, Asian Pacific, World War II victory and the Philippine Liberation medal.

He has also been a long-time member of the Graduate Club of Philadelphia. He was a member of the Board of Governors and served as the Bursar of the club until his death.

Matt is survived by his wife, Rita, one daughter, Marie and two grandsons, Scott Matthew and Brad Michael Rose.

Submitted by Rose Verdile.



Matt LoMonaco pictured in 2000 from the History of Alpha Phi Delta, where he was featured as a prominent National officer.

representative in the early eighties was Matt. When I showed an interest in what was happening outside our district, Matt insisted that I attend a convention with him. For a few years, the two of us went with his wife, Rita, and eventually Matt encouraged me to run for national office.

As I look back over forty years of brotherhood, there are very few people who can be held in such high esteem as Brother LoMonaco. He was an inspiration to everyone, a person who exemplified the highest ideals of fraternalism. He was a hero to all of us, and we came to love and respect the little old man with the pipe.

George Santangelo

Eta '34, Pledge Class of the Dauntless Six

by Joseph Randazzo

I have been a member of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity since 1934, a total of 68 years. I pledged with five other brothers: George Santangelo, Tony Aguanno, Al Messina, Lou Mauriello, and Arthur Scotto. Together, we endured a very grueling pledge period which lasted from September through June. By the time we were inducted into Eta Chapter, the hazing we had been submitted to served to cement a relationship which bonded us for the rest of our lives. We dubbed ourselves The Dauntless Six.

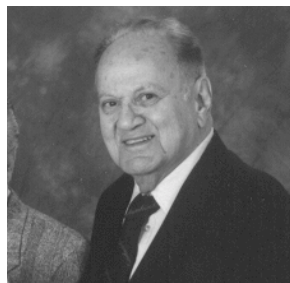
Sadly, that figure has been reduced. There are now only five of us. On Tuesday evening, November 26th, I received the news — George Santangelo had passed away. His daughter Diane informed me he died only a half hour before, very peacefully and surrounded by his family — his wife, his six children and their spouses. There was lots of love and sadness during those final moments. They had gathered at the mother house to spend Thanksgiving and it seemed he waited for all of them to arrive before he made his exit.

About 15 years ago, George was afflicted with lung cancer. After a couple of operations, he was left with one lung, but declared free of the malady. It wasn't long before he became as active as he had been before the surgery. Last August, he fell ill and learned that cancer once again was the problem. The sad news was that it was inoperable. He was 85 when he passed away.

After George was graduated from City College, he attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received a doctorate in dentistry. Very soon after, with the outbreak of World War II, he was invited to join the Army Air Corps, an offer he absolutely couldn't refuse. He began serving immediately. He peered into so many mouths, he seriously considered changing his profession. After the war, he hung his shingle at an office in Manhattan and later in Mt. Vernon. He was my painless dentist for many years. My mouth holds many fond memories of him.

George was the youngest of ten children and the last one to pass away. Two of his brothers were very prominent members of Alpha Phi Delta. Bob served as the 3rd Grand Consul in the early twenties and Fred as a Third District Governor in the thirties.

Besides being a member of the Long Island Alumni Club, George also was active with the alumni clubs in Westchester and was a very familiar figure at the resort conventions. As undergraduates, he and I attended our first convention in 1935 at the Hotel Seneca in Rochester. Together with



George Santangelo in 1999 at his pledge class reunion.

his brother Fred and his cousin Jerry Lamole (Lambda), we drove to Rochester in his father's Cadillac. At that time, the complete convention package was \$19.

The poignant realization that George will not be with us is difficult to believe. Our group was intact for 68 years and we were looking forward to a big 70-year reunion — with fingers crossed of course. It was too much to wish for, and we are truly grateful for what we did receive.

George will be missed, more than we'll ever know. He was an active, vibrant force affecting the lives of so many, especially those of his children and grandchildren who would flock to his home on weekends and enjoy all the gifts offered to them. The atmosphere was filled with love and it was savored by all.

George is survived by Georgia Derrico, Diane Ryan, June, Charles, Michael, George Jr. and six grandchildren. Also by his beloved wife of 59 years, Rose, who patiently and lovingly held his hand and cared for him during his final days.

Robert L. Mangieri Sr., Eta '50, passed away at his residence in Yonkers, N.Y. on August 14, 2002 at the age of 84.

Bob was retired from the New York City Board of Education as a supervisor of programs for the teaching of English as a Second Language to High School students. He served in the U.S. 3rd Army as a Sergeant from 1941 to 1945, and fought in Europe on D-Day and in the Battle of the Bulge. Bob was married and was 33 years old when he pledged Eta Chapter at the City College of New York. It is a wonderful testimony to Bob that at 33 he had so much fraternity spirit and how lucky for all of us who were surrounded by his enthusiasm and love for our fraternity during his lifetime.

Bob is survived by his wife, Marie, three sons and daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Albert DeStefano, Psi 1943, passed away November 4, 2002. He was 78 years old and resided in Pittsburgh.

Vincent E. Whyel, Beta Rho 1967, originally from Uniontown, Pa, and recently living in Laurinsburg, N.C., died of a heart attack in January.

Russell Pugh passed away Thursday February 6, 2003. He was 48 years old. Russ was inducted into Beta Xi Chapter in the spring of 1973 while a student at Newark College of Engineering. He later transferred to Rutgers, Newark where he graduated with a B.S. in Accounting in May 1977. Brillo, as he was also known, served as Beta Xi Chapter president in 1976. He was honored as the Outstanding Graduate of Beta Xi in 1977. He also received the Third District's and National Fraternity's Outstanding Undergraduate Awards in 1977. Russ served as president of the North Jersey Alumni Club from 1983 to 1986. He is survived by his wife, Lorelei, and three daughters: Megan, 19; Stephanie, 14; and Lindsey, 8.

Scholarship News

We have received many letters from some happy recipients of 2002 Alpha Phi Delta Scholarship awards. Here are some of them:

I would like to formally thank the APD Foundation for generously granting me the Founders Award. It will certainly benefit me as I complete my medical degree at Georgetown School of Medicine. Currently I am applying for residency positions in the northeast and have already received several interviews. Being selected as an APD Foundation scholarship recipient the past two years have been an honor. Thank you.

Sincerely, Laura Caparario

I am very excited and honored to have been chosen to be awarded a scholarship. Thank you so much! I will continue in my efforts to excel academically this school year.

Sincerely, Katharine Hamilton

Dear Brothers of Alpha Phi Delta,

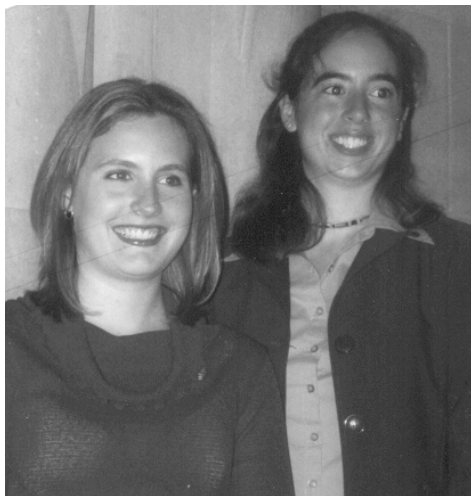
Thank you for assisting me with furthering my education. I have grown up with the brothers of APD, and I know many of you personally, via the national conventions I have attended since I was young, and by tagging along with my dad when he goes down to Duquesne. I am grateful for these experiences; they gave me a vision of what your brotherhood was really about at an early age, and now that I am in college I have an open minded opinion of fraternities.

I plan on using the degree that I acquire at the University of Pittsburgh to help me get into yet another college, for graduate studies in psychology. Unsure about which field of psychology I really want to spend the rest of my life doing, I am leaning towards

Forensic Psychology, so that I can later become a profiler.

Thank you for helping me one step further in my goal, and I'm sure I'll be seen beside my dad at some function.

Teresa Russo, University of Pittsburgh



Mandy Tuccelli and Teresa Russo, recipients of APD Scholarships at the University of Pittsburgh.



Brother Dan Marrone of the Delta Nu Chapter (Eastern Connecticut State University) receives his scholarship check from Chapter President Jason Knackal. Dan won the Richard Rau Award from the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation.

Thank you for choosing me as one of the two recipients of the 2002 Ernie Coletti Award. The day my parents called me at school to let me know that I had received one of the scholarships was definitely one of the happiest days I have had this school year. Winning a scholarship is by far one of the most positive motivators I can receive. I promise to put the scholarship provided to good use. I feel blessed to be supported by an organization that meant so much to my father and to many of his life-long friends. Once again I thank you.

Sincerely, Andrea Battista



Steven Lau, center holding his scholarship check, celebrates with fellow Gamma Rho brothers at Baruch College. Steven was the recipient of the Steubenville Alumni Club Scholarship Award.

I would like to thank you selecting me as the recipient of the Stanley Raffa Award. I was so pleased to have such a prestigious scholarship. The award has helped my financial situation and will be used to pay for my Queens College Counseling Education Program. Once again, I am so grateful for your generosity.

Sincerely, Anthony Suzzi Valli

Thank you very much for the Joseph Creston Scholarship Award. The money enabled me to purchase books and supplies needed to further my education. It is because of foundations like yours that many students such as myself excel in their fields. Please accept this heartfelt gratitude for your kindness and generosity.

Warmest Regards, Charity Boyle

I would like to thank the APD Scholarship Foundation for rewarding me with the Pittsburgh Alumni Club Scholarship. This scholarship has allowed me to remain active in college activities and my surrounding community. I am currently a senior mathematics major in the State University of New York's College at Geneseo. My minor is economics, and I will graduate certified to teach secondary mathematics. After I graduate I will immediately pursue my master's degree in mathematics or mathematics education.

Sincerely, Michele Salamy

I am writing this letter to say thanks. It is because of the foundation's generosity that I was able to pay for a good portion of my expenses for which I am grateful. When I received the confirmation of my award, I was reminded of the strength of our fraternity and the bonds of brotherhood it helps to endure. May God bless you.

Fraternally yours, Daniel Morrone

I would like to express my gratitude for being selected to receive the Anthony Carfang Award. The generosity of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation shall not go unnoticed. With the scholarship, hopefully, I will be able to achieve my academic goals, and one day return the favor to the alumni. I will continue to work hard and strive for excellence, and one day I hope to make the fraternity proud.

Sincerely yours, Ralph Mastromonaco



Foundation Board Meets: Members of the Foundation and Scholarship boards met at the summer convention in Ocean City. From left: Charlie Fiore, Stan Raffa, Ron Sme, Rich Angelica, Al Palazzo, Paul Fabrizio, Leon Panella, Rich Primiano and National President Rick Barnes. The Foundation is looking for new board members. If you are interested in serving, contact chairman Paul Fabrizio (his contact information is on page 2).



Gia Gagliardotto, winner of the 2002 Eta Chapter Scholarship Award, is flanked by her father Michael (Beta Sigma '66) and her uncle Joe Caldarella (Beta Sigma '73).

Scholarship applications for 2003 may be obtained over the Internet at www.apd.org or by writing to Central Office at the address on page 2. Deadline for completed applications is May 15th—no exceptions. Applicants must have completed at least one semester of college

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation. Donations of \$50 or more will receive a bonus gift copy of the *History of Alpha Phi Delta—1914 through 2000*.

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President's Message

I have a very touching story that I like to share when people ask me why Alpha Phi Delta means so much to me and why I feel our community service is one of the most important areas of our involvement.

When I first became a member of this organization my chapter did a lot of community service. One of the events we did was called the **Muscular Dystrophy Association Jail and Bail** in which we would ride around with local police and "arrest" local celebrities (radio personalities, heads of businesses, politicians etc.) and bring them to a restaurant, which served as their "jail." Once there, they had to make phone calls to raise enough bail for them to be set free. In doing events like this one, my chapter helped raise thousands of dollars for MDA. And for doing so we were invited to present the check for the money we raised on the air during a local broadcast of the Jerry Lewis telethon in Syracuse, N.Y. I remember being excited that we were going to be on TV—wearing our fraternity hats and shirts while answering phones and presenting that big check. What happened when I got there made the check seem insignificant. After being shown how to answer phones and fill out a pledge sheet, we sat in the lobby with other people presenting their own checks as well as people going on the air because they had muscular dystrophy. During the time we sat there, we noticed a small boy no older than 8 or 9 going around in an electric wheelchair asking people to play football with him. Most were too concerned with going on the air and brushed him off, everyone that is except the brothers

of my chapter. Pete Curran, who was the chapter president at the time, heard this boy's request and called him over and told him we'd play. With excitement, the boy followed us outside and prepared to play football. He flipped the ball as far as he could, but it didn't make it much further than the tray on his chair. We took turns diving for the ball then flipping it back to him. His motor skills were so poor he could only scoop the ball after it landed on his tray. But as we continued making fools of ourselves, he laughed and played. When we had to stop to present our check, another brother named Pat Cole walked up to the boy and asked if he had plans for college. The boy laughed and said he had a ways to go before he thought about college, but Pat smiled, took off his hat and gave it to the boy. "When you get there and meet members of Alpha Phi Delta, show them this hat and tell them Pat sent you," he said to the boy and we walked off to go on the air. As we left the lobby, we noticed a woman wiping tears from her eyes back in the lobby. Asked why, she explained the boy was her son and this was the happiest she'd ever seen him. We were

the first people to really treat him like a normal kid. I don't think any of us had a dry eye when we left that lobby, and even today thinking back to how we as a group were able to bring joy to someone else made me understand what this fraternity is all about.

Recently I had another such moment when I was able to feel much the same way. Brothers of both the Lynn Univer-

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