

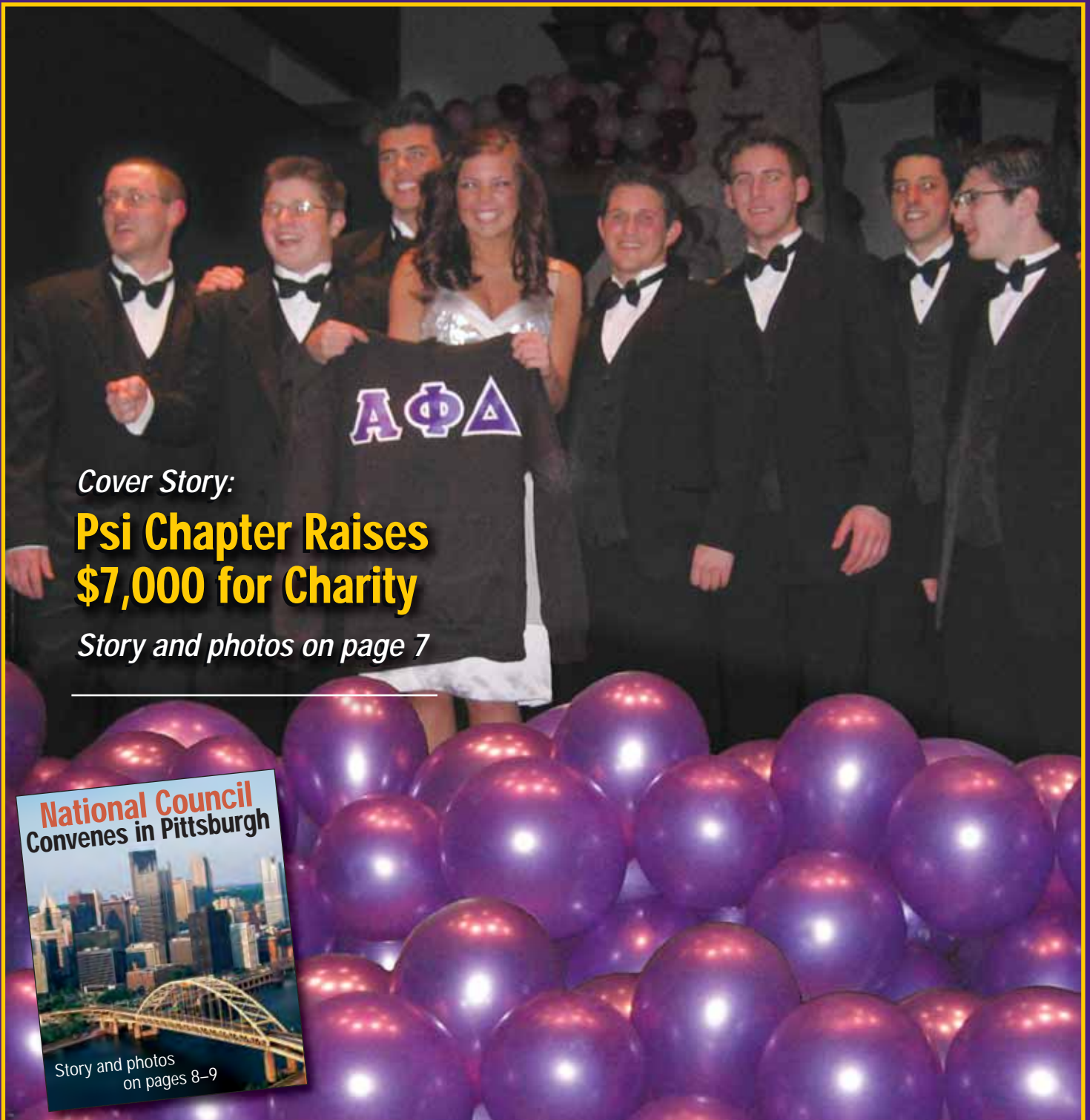


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LUNCH BAG NOTES

Finding God on Campus

BY ALBERT PARISI, BETA ETA 1974



With so many universities, including those in the Catholic tradition, becoming more and more secular, with more and more professors advocating there is no such thing as “right and wrong”—“it is all relative to individual values and cultural diversity,” is it any wonder that finding God is more difficult today than ever? To further obscure our sight, there are many dubious voices calling for our attention and worship, like consumerism and materialism. Furthermore, “faith and reason” and religion itself is being attacked from all sides. Surely in generations past, finding God was easier, because there were few if any distractions blinding our sight.

Is all lost? Are we to stop searching? Is finding God no longer necessary, as others would have us believe, or is, just too difficult and no longer worth the effort?

Fortunately, God never left the campus. He has been there all along waiting for you to persevere and filter out all the static present in your life. He has been waiting for you to discover those “things” that hinder your sight, are not what blinds you, but rather it is not recognizing that we need use those “things” in and for the glory of God. In so doing, your search is unencumbered and you can then see God more clearly.

God speaks to us in two ways, through nature, which is the medium through which we receive our knowledge of God; second, through our natural reason, which is the means of learning about God—our free assent to believe. Thus it is through faith and reason that we all come to see and worship God.

God doesn’t shout for attention, he whispers. Consequently we need to sometimes take a break from activity and truly listen. Find a quiet space free of static and it is a lot easier. God speaks to us through the beauty of His creation. When was the last time you paused to smell a rose or gaze at the night sky? He speaks to us through the people who have a profound impact in our lives. When was the last time you thanked God for having put them in your life? He speaks to us through the written word. When was the last time you read even a verse in the bible or read a spiritually rewarding book?

God is there and he is waiting for you to call on Him. He can be contacted 24/7, using ancient but “tried and proven” technology—prayer. Go ahead make the call, it’s toll free.



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A New Start!

BY EVAN SOTTOSANTI, NATIONAL PRESIDENT

I would like to be the first to officially congratulate Doug Sundo as our new President-elect as well as Rob DeVito as our new Vice President-elect. The fraternity will be in the hands of two mature, experienced and intelligent leaders that will have a lot to bring to the table. They both have come up with great ideas to help Alpha Phi Delta reach its true potential and I am as excited as everyone else is to see them put these ideas into action.

This past council meeting in Pittsburgh was bittersweet for me since it will be the last council meeting that I will preside over as President. Although, what will turn out to be 2 1/2 years of leadership has been fraught with obstacles. We managed to overcome each and everyone while putting forth programs that will insure Alpha Phi Delta's survival and success. This will help lay the foundation for future leaders and will give them a blueprint of ideas on what works and what does not.

I have promised Doug and his board that I will not disappear into the woodwork, but would work with him on any issues that he would like. I love Alpha Phi Delta and want to see what is best for it, and as we have learned, if our leaders go away when they have completed their official service to Alpha Phi Delta, it leaves a void that can be damaging to our future. Brothers that have an aspiration to lead will have no one to learn from and will wind up making the same mistakes that could have been avoided had some of the more experienced leaders stuck around. I won't make that mistake.

I want to thank Doug Sundo, Psi Chapter and the Pittsburgh Alumni Club for allowing us to visit their fine city and for hosting our National Council meeting. It was probably one of the smoothest meetings that I have ever participated in, especially in light of some of the issues we had to deal with. Each brother carried himself with respect and treated every other brother the same way. It shows that as long as we don't personalize issues and respect each other's opinions, we can get a lot done and then enjoy each other's company afterwards. I was thoroughly impressed with the behavior of the delegates and their attention to each matter at the meeting. Their thoughtful questions and comments reflected their desire to learn and be part of the process.

As our wonderful *Kleos* Editor has most assuredly provided a synopsis of the meeting within the pages of this edition, I will save you the burden of reading it again in this column.

I just want to say that I am proud of the legislation that has been passed as well as the budget that will allow for a choice of where alumni dues are allocated. It is very forward thinking and it was a great idea by Rob DeVito. We need more forward thinkers like Rob because they bring something to the table that we have not had very often. They allow themselves not to be



National President Evan Sottosanti (R) socializes with Vice President of Cultural Affairs Tom Ammazalorso at the Council meeting in Pittsburgh.

bogged down by 'Tradition' or 'This is how we always do it' or even better, 'That will never work.' They persevere and we are all rewarded with sound thinking and great plans of action that the whole fraternity benefits from. I really hope to see that continue and based on this past meeting, I think we will.

I see a bright future ahead for Alpha Phi Delta when once it looked pretty bleak. I see some great leaders coming up on the horizon and I am excited to see what they will bring to the table. One doesn't have to look too far to see that Chris Mancusi has that fire and desire to lead. He has proven himself in a short period of time to be one of our more charismatic and inspiring leaders and he is just getting

started. We need to stoke the fire in brothers like Chris because we will be rewarded with the fruits of these efforts.

Doug has also shown himself to be a levelheaded, well-spoken brother that has caught the attention of the undergrads despite, from what I have learned, being one of the oldest elected Presidents. You wouldn't know it by looking at him. He looks pretty young and vibrant to me. In addition, he seems to relate to the undergraduates so well. I am sure his educational background will serve him well as President. He is able to get people to rally around him and that is so important as a leader.

I want to thank all of those brothers that have worked with me and supported me during my trials and tribulations. Without their support, I would not be here now. As I have said in the past, I do not aspire to mediocrity and as the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin has said, 'You get what you insist upon.' Those words mean so much because I have insisted upon doing things right and getting the most out of each individual. As long as we continue to set the bar higher, our brothers will rise to the challenge and we will all be better off for it.

Finally, I want to thank two brothers that have been my right-hand men during my presidency. That would be Fr. James Lentini and Danny Thomas. They had to deal with me on a day-to-day basis and I put a lot of demands on them. They came through with flying colors and the fraternity owes a debt of gratitude to these two individuals that helped keep Alpha Phi Delta running, especially when it was in its darkest hour. Much of what they have done is behind the scenes, but I wanted to publicly acknowledge their contributions.

As I complete my last term as President, I ponder the things I still wanted to accomplish, but didn't have the time to do. However, I am content in the fact that our incoming President and his Executive Committee will continue to work on those ideas and will set a great course for our fraternity. My goal was to leave Alpha Phi Delta in better shape than whence I found it and I believe in my heart that I have done just that. I hope that you would agree and on that note, I will end this letter.

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

On Sunday, February 18, 2007, Rubens Charles, Mike Pilet and Nico Sharp were initiated into the Delta Omicron colony at Rutgers University in Newark. This is the second class since the re-activation last spring. This brings the count to 7 brothers while the guys are gearing for a big spring class. The ceremony was performed by Al Fafara, PNP, Rob Landi, Upstate NY District Governor and Chris Mancusi, VP For Expansion.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

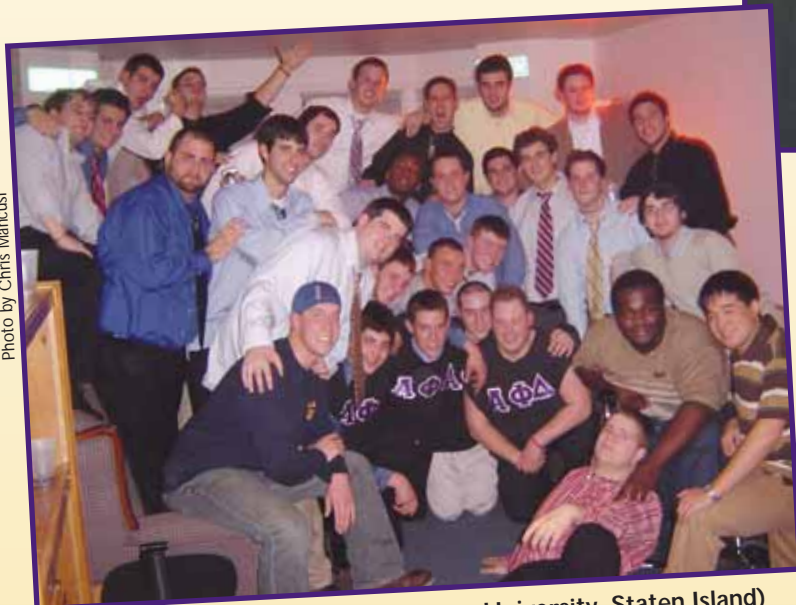


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The Gamma Sigma Chapter (St. John's University, Staten Island) brothers pay a visit to Epsilon Beta Chapter at LaSalle University in Philadelphia in December. The brothers attended a Delaware Valley District Meeting with NYC District Governor Chris Mancusi. The meeting was then followed up by an Epsilon Beta induction conducted by Fr. Jim Lentini, the Delaware Valley District Governor.



Photo by Danny Thomas

Brothers from Beta Omicron (Youngstown State University) showed up at Central Office in the spring and helped put the finishing touches on organizing the office since its move to Struthers, Ohio last year. The brothers pose in front of the wall of fraternity paddles that were recently hung.



Photo by Chris Mancusi

New York City District held its district meeting in December for ten new brothers in the district. Gamma Sigma was the host chapter.

UNDERGRADUATE SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Chris Mancusi



The Beta Sigma Chapter (St. Francis College, New York) completed its comeback on April 4, 2007. With nine initiates this semester, the once small chapter of 6 has now blossomed to a strong chapter of 19. Congratulations go out to new brothers: Pedro Agostino Jr., Anthony Andrews, Kendall Antoine, Gerard Baptiste, Tyri Coerbell, Marc Manning, Walt Smith, Jamaal Womack and Liridon. Thanks go out to the New York Alumni Club for hosting yet another initiation ceremony.

Photo by Leon Panella



Psi Chapter (Duquesne) initiated five new brothers March 22 at a local Pittsburgh restaurant. The dinner after the initiation was hosted by the Pittsburgh Alumni Club with the attendees pictured above.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



On Sunday, April 1, 2007, Beta Pi (St. John's University) inducted its 41st pledge group into its chapter. Michael Corino, Kevin Esmeral, Michael Ihde, Joseph Sferrazza, Eugene Shnyder and William Terrill took the oath of brotherhood. The ceremony was administered by Chris Mancusi, NYC District Governor and Robert Landi, Upstate NY District Governor.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Gamma Sigma Chapter at St. John's held their Iota Class induction in December.

Photo by Fr. Lentini



After the February 15th District Meeting, the brothers of Delta Delta surprised the brothers of Gamma Mu with an anniversary cake to celebrate the upcoming anniversary.

Photo by Fr. Lentini



Gamma Mu brothers celebrate their anniversary.

Gamma Mu Celebrates 20th!

SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR FR. JAMES LENTINI

Our Gamma Mu Chapter at Stockton State College hit a milestone on February 28th, 2007—it celebrated its 20th Anniversary of chartering and also celebrates 20 years of continuous activity. Gamma Mu is one of 10 chapters in Alpha Phi Delta currently that can claim 20 consecutive years.

Gamma Mu started as the Richard Stockton College Colony in the fall of 1986. A large group, 12 founders, went

through a preparatory pledge program under the guidance of Joseph Rossi, PNP (who was finishing a stint as VP for Expansion). At that time, brothers in a colony were not initiated (i.e., not brothers) until a charter was issued. On February 28, 1987 at the National Council Meeting, Gamma Mu, Gamma Iota (Pace), Gamma Kappa (College of Staten Island) and Gamma Lambda (Fordham at Lincoln Center) were all chartered—and all the brothers of those colonies took the oath of brotherhood. Gamma Mu was the largest of the groups.

Since the time of its chartering, Gamma Mu has initiated 171 brothers.

Many times nominated, it finally won its first national award in 2001 as Outstanding Chapter and again in 2006, when it was named “Most Improved Chapter.” Gamma Mu also was host, twice, to the annual National Council meeting of the fraternity.

Gamma Mu Chapter has 17 brothers this spring and its “Beta Mu Pledge Class” is home to six prospective members. It is anticipated that Gamma Mu will finish the year with 23 brothers, and return with 19. Brother Larry Cittandino (GM 2006) is currently serving as Chapter President.

Gamma Iota Celebrates 20th!

Photo by Rob DeVito



Gamma Iota Chapter (Pace University, Pleasantville) enjoy reunion time.

Gamma Iota Chapter (Pace University, Pleasantville) and alumni held a reunion party on Saturday, February 24th, to celebrate the chapter's 20th anniversary. The event was attended by over 50 brothers from all eras of the chapter's history, from chapter founders, through to current undergraduates. Also in attendance were alumni from Gamma Iota's parent chapter Beta Omega (Pace University NYC), in addition to some Delta Theta Chapter (Marist) alumni.

Beta Rho Honored

This spring the Greek community at Gannon University held its Annual Greek Awards to honor its achievements for the 2006 academic year. The Beta Rho Chapter of Alpha Phi Delta was honored with the three awards at the ceremony: The prestigious Samuel L. Van Eman Brotherhood Award, Most Improved Chapter, and Outstanding Chapter President Award for Ryan Carlisle. Mr. John Hyde, Greek Advisor at Gannon, said, “The men of the Beta Rho Chapter displayed grace, honor and dedication to their beloved chapter throughout the year and should be recognized for a job well done.”

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Psi Hosts 37th Annual Valentine Ball Raising \$7,000 for Charity

Duquesne's Psi Chapter held its 37th annual Valentine Ball on February 9th in the Duquesne University ballroom. Dating back to 1948 (the Valentine Ball's predecessor was the May Ball), the event is the oldest tradition in campus and the only ball left. The ball has changed a bit since its earliest beginnings, but it has morphed quite nicely into the 21st century and has become one of the student fundraisers in the fraternity raising \$7,000 this year for ALS Association (research organization for Lou Gehrig's disease). Psi has been doing this for five years in honor of deceased chapter advisor, Dr. Michael Cahill, Psi. The chapter has raised over \$20,000 in five years.



Photo by Leon Panella

Psi Chapter presents a check for \$7,000 to the ALS Association. On hand to receive the check was a representative of the ALS Association and Diane Cahill, widow of Dr. Cahill.

Photo by John Russo



Fr. Sean Hogan, Vice President of Student Life at Duquesne University, hosted a cocktail party for brothers and alumni prior to the Valentine Ball. Fourth from right is Anthony Carfang, PNP, Psi 1969, who was recently named to the Duquesne University Board of Directors.

Photo by Leon Panella



Some of the brothers of Psi Chapter are seen taking a break from dancing with their dates at the Valentine Ball.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Photo by Chris Mancusi



On April 14, 2007, Gamma Omicron (SUNY Stony Brook) held an induction for its spring class.

LEFT: Gamma Rho (Baruch College) welcomed its Beta Xi class into the Alpha Phi Delta brotherhood on Sunday April 15, 2007. Four new men were initiated for a total of 11 for the year.

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National Council Convenes in Pittsburgh

The 2007 National Council hosted by Psi chapter convened in Pittsburgh on March 24th at Duquesne University. The national council convenes annually to go over the business of the fraternity (setting the annual budget, review proposed legislative changes, hold elections and discuss any other pressing business matters of the fraternity along with status of the national fraternity and its entities). This year's council meeting was attended by over 110 brothers.

One of the highlights of the convention was the election of new national officers that brought a degree of increased maturity to the executive board. Douglas Sundo, Psi 1975, who is the current Executive Vice President, was unanimously elected as the 49th National President of the fraternity. Sundo surprisingly is the oldest elected president of the national fraternity at the age of 50. He has previously served as a District Governor of Western Pennsylvania for five years in addition to his recent term as Executive V.P. and an officer of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club.

There was a contested election for the office of Executive Vice President between Todd Cusato, Beta Sigma 1997, current Vice President for Financial Affairs, and Rob DeVito, Beta Omega 1985, current district governor for Hudson Valley. Both candidates were well qualified and gave motivating qualification speeches. After the election, Rob DeVito was declared the winner.

New President Sundo announced his officers for the upcoming year. A new Vice President for Financial Affairs was named to replace Todd Cusato: Joseph Piras, who had served in this position from 1998–2002. All other positions were filled by the incumbents: Executive Secretary Danny Thomas, Jr.; National Chaplain Fr. James Lentini; Kleos Editor John Russo; V.P. for Expansion Chris Mancusi; V.P. for Cultural Affairs Thomas Ammazalorso; V.P. Member Education Rob Landi; and V.P. for Public Relations Jeff Breen. New national officer terms take effect September 1st. In other elected offices, Brett McCorkle, Beta Rho, was re-elected Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Kolawale Fatoki, Gamma Sigma 2005, won the Vice President for Undergraduate Affairs.

The meeting started off with current National President Evan Sottosanti giving a state of the fraternity address which included obtaining a new insurance policy at a reduced cost over the previous one. The fraternity is also involved in a lawsuit with an undergraduate brother who was stabbed at a bar in a non-fraternity event. Central Office has reduced expenses over last year. A new fraternity on-line database is being developed to maintain member services information which can be self updated.

Photo by Tom Ammazalorso

Most of the 110 attendees of the 2007 National Council meeting gathered in front of Bayer Hall at Duquesne University on Saturday, March 24th.



Chris Mancusi, V.P. for Expansion, gave his first national report since taking over the office in January. Unfortunately for the second year in a row no new chapter was being chartered. However Chris now has five leads or colonies on the books for undergraduates and three alumni projects since January. Chris is hoping that new chapters will be chartered in the coming year. He is always on the lookout for leads at universities.

On the negative side, two chapters were closed due to lack of activity and desire: Delta at Polytechnic University and Delta Zeta at St. Peter's College. Also the Columbus Alumni Club asked to be closed June 30th due to an aged membership.

Two honorary brothers were inducted for membership: Youngstown Alumni Club sponsored Dom Roselli, who was a long-time coach of the Youngstown State University basketball program with a lifetime record of 418-219. Dom is 91 now. Gamma Pi chapter sponsored George Chookazian for his work with the chapter.

Two pieces of legislation were brought before the convention body and both passed. The first amendment created a new position in the fraternity as National Historian to be the keeper of the

fraternity's history and archives. After passing unanimously, President Sottosanti appointed Fr. James Lentini to be the first holder of this office. The second amendment gives the National President the right to remove from office those officers he has appointed, but not those who are elected.

The fraternity made great strides in returning to better communication and providing more information services for the members with the re-printing of the *Ecce Signum* (the handbook for undergraduates) for the first time in many years. *The Dokime*, the pledge handbook, was also updated for 2007. Both books were edited by Fr. James Lentini.

The National Fraternity's budget was submitted for approximately \$120,000 which included a number of reductions in fees due to corresponding reductions in expenses in insurance and central office. A new item in the budget included allocating half of the alumni dues to the undergraduate chapter of the paying alumnus' choice. The budget passed unanimously which is almost unheard of at a national council meeting.

The council ended with Fr. Lentini saying mass followed by a dinner at a local Pittsburgh restaurant.

Council report and photos by Kleos Editor John Russo



National Chaplain Fr. Jim Lentini displays one of the updated manuals published in 2007 while National President Evan Sottosanti looks on.



LEFT: Newly elected executives of APD: Doug Sundo, who will serve as the 49th National President, (left) shakes hand with his new Executive Vice President Rob DeVito.



ABOVE: Lots of fraternizing among brothers took place at the dinner following the council meeting as Tom Ammazalorso, Anthony Falconite, Warren Perkins, and Frank DiMaria enjoy a refreshment together.



ABOVE RIGHT: New Treasurer Joe Piras (left) with Past National President Rick Barnes, who came into Pittsburgh from his home in New Hampshire.

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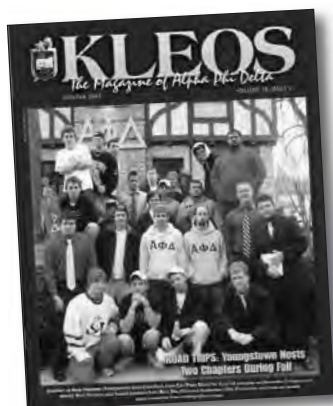
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Gamma Sigma Hosts Multi-District Leadership Conference

BY CHRIS MANCUSI

What have we been doing for our undergraduates? Rob Landi, VP for Member Education/Upstate NY District Governor and I wondered on our way home from a NYC district meeting. Our thoughts focused on helping the chapters get stronger and show the undergrads "What national can do for them." We decided to organize a leadership conference to accomplish our goals.

In the NYC district, we usually do everything in big and in grand fashion. This event would be no different. A few phone calls and e-mails to Governors Glenn Small (North Jersey,) Rob DeVito (Hudson Valley) and Fr. James Lentini (Delaware Valley) and with their support, we had ourselves a grand event.

Our "Multi-District" Leadership Conference would take place at St. John's

University-Staten Island campus which was central for the five districts that would attend. I spoke to national officers Evan Sottosanti (National President), Todd Cusato (VP for Financial Affairs), and even Doug Sundo (Executive Vice President) and they were all planning to attend. Doug would fly in from Pittsburgh and make a weekend of it.

The event was a resounding success. We had brothers from Beta Eta, Beta Pi, Beta Sigma, Gamma Kappa, Gamma Mu, Gamma Omicron, Gamma Pi, Gamma Rho, Gamma Sigma, Gamma Upsilon, Delta Delta, Delta Theta, Delta Xi and Epsilon Beta for a total of 14 chapters. Key topics of discussion included: national/district levels of support, ways to rush/pledge and special break-out sessions which focused on specific executive board positions. After the discussions, Fr. Lentini presented the "History of Alpha Phi Delta" PowerPoint presentation

detailing our history to the present time. Following the presentation, Fr. Lentini (National Chaplain) celebrated mass in the school's chapel. We also had an opportunity to meet three young men from St. Thomas Aquinas College in Rockland County who are interested in starting up a chapter on campus. They took the 90 minute trip to visit the event.

The brothers met in the SJU cafeteria for a deluxe catered dinner, courtesy of the Alpha Phi Delta Foundation. In retrospect, our goals were accomplished. The undergrads gained a greater knowledge in becoming better chapters and the best part was that it came at no expense to them at all. All our national officers' hard work was to help the undergrads free of charge. This is a small token to the start of "What National has done for me!" Pictures and a recap can be viewed on the NYC Website at www.apdnyc.org.

Photo by Chris Mancusi



Attendees at the 2007 NYC Leadership Conference.

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Photo by Leon Panella



The Ladies Auxiliary of Alpha Phi Delta (LAAPDA), Pittsburgh chapter, held its annual Christmas luncheon on December 16th at a Pittsburgh restaurant. Attendees are pictured above including some of the APD spouses: from left sitting Marguerite Iole, Camille Cash, Terri Muffi; first row standing Karen Panella, Patty Sasselli, Dorothy Palmeiri, Theresa Scotti, Rae Minutello, Diane Cahill, Charlene Fabrizio; top row Tony Iole, Ned Cash, Ray Sasselli, Tony Scotti, Paul Fabrizio, Leon Panella, Rocco Muffi.

Photo by John Hadgkiss



A group of brothers in Pittsburgh enjoy meeting monthly as a wine tasting club. The brothers and friends met in December for a Christmas celebration at Montour Country Club hosted by Ned Clemente, Psi. Pictured: Phil Buzzelli, Psi, Ray Sasselli, Psi, John Hadgkiss, Beta Rho, Bernie Rosati, Psi. Seated Nick Clemente, Psi and a friend.

Youngstown Alumni Club Holds Successful Bocce Tournament

The Youngstown Alumni Club held its annual indoor Bocce Tournament at Mr. Anthony's Restaurant in Youngstown on March 9th. The dinner / bocce game brought out 50 brothers including those pictured right to enjoy a fine evening of fraternalism playing an age-old Italian game.

Photo by John Russo



LEFT: This group of brothers from The Youngstown Alumni Club were the winners of the 2007 YAC Bocce Tournament which ended up undefeated in the double elimination matches. Kneeling L to R: Mark DeGenova, Dan Mamula, Ron Stoops. Standing L to R: Joe Bettura, Rocco Mediate, Al Caparso, Danny Thomas, Jr., Don Delorenzo.

BOCCE!

Organizer of the Bocce Night Danny Thomas, Jr. is seen at right preparing to show his brothers how the game is played. Danny is also Executive Secretary of the national fraternity.



Photo by Leon Panella



Photo by Joe Rahtelli



These brothers attended the formation meeting of the **Gamma Xi Alumni Association** on Feb. 24, 2007. Another meeting was held April 14th and a family gathering on May 19th to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the induction of the Alpha class of Gamma Xi chapter at Southern Connecticut State University. The group is being organized by Rod Ragucci with assistance from Joe Rahtelli. In the picture from left to right, Joe Hughes, Chris Davis, Pete Sillan, Rod Ragucci, Joe Ferretti, Mike Morris, John Murphy, Greg Tesch, Cary Paul, Chris Stoppa, Joe Rahtelli and Jeff Ward.

The **Pittsburgh Alumni Club (PAC)** held its 54th annual Awards Dinner April 14th at a Pittsburgh restaurant. Over 50 brothers showed up to honor the awardees shown at right. Dan Schaus, Psi 2006, (left) received the Outstanding Undergraduate Award for the district; Len Labriola, Psi 1958, (center) received the Adam DiVincenzo Award for community service; and Mark Belsky, Psi 1974, (right) was honored as the Outstanding Alumnus for the PAC for his efforts on behalf of the club and fraternity. Mark is the current president of the PAC.



Photo by John Russo

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On Wed April 11, 2007 the **Gamma Sigma Alumni Association** bought tickets for both the AA and undergraduate chapter to a NY Met game. The tickets were bought as a reward for the chapter's renewed success. The AA has developed a great relationship with the chapter by holding many joint events.



Photo by Ryan McCaw

Several young alumni from the **University of Colorado, Delta Chi**, met on the east coast in Boston this spring. Left: Matt LoPresti, Beta Class, former district governor of New England, and now getting his PhD in Neuroscience at the University of Boston. Center: Ryan McCaw, Delta Class, School of Design/Wharton School of Business graduate student at University of Pennsylvania. Right: Jason Meiningner, Epsilon Class, working in the office of Senator John Kerry and recently moved to Washington, DC.

Photo by Leon Panella



Richard Mellick, Psi 1955 (Dquesne) was honored by Duquesne University as he was inducted into the Order of Omega on April 17th. Dick is shown above center holding his induction plaque and is surrounded by fellow APD alumni and Psi chapter undergrads. The Order of Omega is a national organization whose purpose is in part to recognize those fraternity men and women who have attained a high standard of leadership in interfraternity activities.

North Jersey Alumni Club Has Active Winter and Spring

On December 9th, the North Jersey Alumni Club (NJAC) held its meeting at the home Jeff and Donna Clark in Fanwood, N.J. The Christmas party/meeting event drew 25 people. On January 20th, Kirk Shatto hosted the NJAC Poker Night with 11 brothers showing up to play cards. On February 4th, the club held a Super Bowl party hosted by Jeff and Kathy Terjeson with a group of nearly 20 on hand including brothers and families. On February 9th, PNP Glenn Small hosted "Boys Night Out" dinner meeting at Arthur's Steak House in Hoboken, where 16 brothers showed up including five undergrads from three local chapters. On March 17th, the NJAC had an outing to the Meadowlands to see the New Jersey Devils hockey game. May 19th was Bowling Night coordinated by Jeff Breen.

Joseph A. Martino, Beta Eta (Brooklyn), recently celebrated his 75th birthday. He is undergoing oncology treatments for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and sends best wishes to all his brothers. The Kleos wish him well in his treatment. Joe is living in Staten Island.

Jeremy Robitsek, Delta Theta 1997 (Marist College), is working in the purchasing department of John T. Mather Memorial Community Hospital in Port Jefferson, N.Y.

Joseph J. Massaro, Epsilon, 1952 (Buffalo), is the president of the military officers club and a member of U.S. volunteers rendering military honors at funerals of deceased military veterans. He is living in Floral Park, N.Y.

Eugene Cassiano, Eta 1940 (CCNY), moved from Long Island to Tampa, Fla. Even with the move, he remains a member of the Long Island Alumni Club.

Frank Ciano, Beta Beta 1983 (Manhattan), is a senior partner with the law firm Goldberg Segalla. He and his wife Diane have four daughters ranging from 10 to

one (Brittany 10, Amanda 8, Nicole 6 and Alyssa 1. They reside in Pleasantville, N.Y.

Carlo Lucatino, Gamma Xi 1991 (Southern Connecticut), is married with three children: Giancarlo 8, Christian 4, Arianna 1. He is working for LeapFrog Entertainment in sales. He also owns his own real estate firm, Fratelli Properties LLC. Carlo is living in Hamden, Conn.

Joseph A. Pagano, Delta 1956 (Brooklyn Poly), celebrated his 50th anniversary as a brother in APD. He fondly remembers submitting Delta undergrad articles to Stan Raffa for *The Kleos* back in the day. Joe is living in Berkeley Heights, N.Y.

Benedict Bocchicchio, Chi 1951 (Penn State). Is in his 14th year of retirement in Monterey, Va.

Thomas Sherman, Mu 1968 (Cornell), retired in 2005 from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. He is living in Manahawkin, N.J.

Christopher J. Spagnuola, Gamma Zeta 1989 (Villanova), is practicing orthopedic medicine in Fair Haven, N.J. where he

lives with his wife and three sons. He thanks the alumni for assisting in his education as a past recipient of the Alpha Phi Delta scholarships.

George Zygmunt, Gamma Xi 1987 (Southern Connecticut), has been married for seven years to his beautiful wife Adriana. They have a five-year-old daughter.

Paul J. Bliss, Jr., Beta Theta 1965 (Steubenville), retired three years ago and is enjoying life. He claims he is the reigning chili champion for the food network, "Ignorance is Bliss Chili." Paul lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Louis G. Silano, Beta Eta 1947 (Brooklyn College), enjoyed a wonderful 55 year career in civil engineering working for the same firm. He is finally retired and living in Seaford, N.Y.

Joseph Caldarella, Beta Sigma 1973 (St. Francis), is a vice president of Bristol-Myers Squibb and has been working there for 27 years. His son Greg is a sophomore at the University of Connecticut, and daughter Jenna is a first year law student at Lehigh.

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Leslie A. Mattia, *Beta Xi 1961 (New Jersey Institute of Technology)* of Fairfield, N.J. passed away July 11, 2006.

Peter Vessella, *Psi 1954 (Duquesne)*, died February 27 in New Castle, Pa. from cancer. Vessella served as the Democratic chairman of Lawrence County (Pa.) for more than three decades. He had also been captain of the baseball team at Duquesne University during his undergraduate years and served in the Navy after graduation.

Lester D. Malizia Sr., *Nu (University of Pittsburgh)*, died Tuesday, February 27th. He was 83 years old and living in New Castle, Pa.

Ben Roseto, *Psi 1932 (Duquesne)*, passed away March 23rd at the grand old age of 94. After graduating from Duquesne, Ben had taught high school in Brockway, Pa. until the start of World War II. He entered the military service in 1941 and served in North Africa and Italy and Munich. After the war, he continued to work in defense and counter-intelligence until his retirement in 1976.

Gregory James Soriano, *Beta Xi 1969 (NJIT)*, of Jackson, N.J. died Saturday, April 14. Brother Soriano was a graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology, earning a bachelor of science degree. Greg was a proud member of the Beta Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity and the North Jersey Alumni Club. He served as president of Beta Xi Chapter. He was operations manager for Northeast Geography and vice president of Parsons Brimerhoff Quade Douglas, Newark, for 13 years. Greg was a member of the Jackson Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge, the mentor for Emerging Executives of Woman's Unlimited, a member of the American Council of Engineering Companies, board of directors of the Newark Regional Business Partnerships, a registered professional engineer in New Jersey, Illinois, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and was named Engineer of the Year by the Central Jersey branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Jimmy Amoruso, *Delta Delta (Wesley College)* was killed in a car accident during the nor'easter snowstorm in April at the age of 25. Brother "Slick" was a January 2005 graduate of Wesley College with a BA in Psychology. While at Wesley, Jimmy played football,

Ralph Penza, *Theta Beta 1951 (New York University)*, passed away February 16th at the age of 74. Penza was a senior correspondent and back-up anchor for NewsChannel 4 (WNBC) in New York City. Penza received numerous top journalism awards, including six Emmy Awards; two coveted NY Press Club "Gold Typewriter" awards for special series in 1992 and 1982; and a 1993 TRISCORT Award for excellence in radio-television from the tri-state Catholic Committee on radio and television. In addition, he held AP and UPI State Broadcasters, New York, Long Island and Philadelphia Press Club honors.

In 1960, Penza joined the ABC network news team as a news writer. He moved to WABC-TV in 1961 as producer of its hour-long 6 p.m. newscast. He subsequently moved to WCBS-TV to produce the 6 p.m. news, and later was promoted to reporter and anchor. He was later co-anchor for the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. news broadcasts at WCAU-TV in Philadelphia. Prior to WNBC, Penza was a correspondent and weekend anchor, concentrating on the White House and State Department, for WDVM-TV, Washington.



was active in the psychology department, and was the first president of Delta Delta after its reactivation, along with the college's Inter-Greek Council. While president of IGC, he was a huge figure in the overall Greek scene at Wesley, overseeing all of the fraternities and sororities.

The Kleos received word on the passing of Ernest Mancini, *Psi 1941 (Duquesne)*.

Lt. Kevin J. DiFalco, *Delta Chi 2002, University of Colorado-Alpha Class* has been assigned by the United States Air Force to Aviano AFB in Italy. He will join an F-16 squadron as their newest fighter pilot and will be based in Italy for the next three years. Aviano is in northern Italy between Venice and the Dolomite Mountains. Kevin's father John (Xi 1960) is proud of his son, and finds it interesting that 84 years after Kevin's grandfather emigrated from Italy, Kevin is returning to the "old country."

Frank S. Romano, *Delta Kappa 1998 (Binghamton University)*, is currently working as a financial advisor in New York City.

Andrew DeVito, *Beta Nu 1952 (University of Miami)*, retired as teacher / principal after 32 years. He united with an APD

brother after 54 years and would love hearing from more Beta Nu brothers. Andrew is living in Ocala, Fla.

Frank Nuzzi, *Beta Eta 1964 (Brooklyn College)* was missing but was recently found due to the wonders of the Internet. Frank writes, "I am still working (part owner of IMS/Chemblend, Inc.) and I live in Delaware with my wife Kathy. We have five children (all boys—i.e. men). Three live in Delaware, two live in New York City. After Brooklyn College, I received my Masters in Chemistry from Long Island University. I worked on Long Island, N.Y. until 1991 when we moved to Delaware, where we still live."

Joseph Piras, *Beta Omega 1989 (Pace University)*, is a New York and New Jersey State Certified Residential Real Estate

Attention alumni and undergrads:

Send your news and digital photos via email to the *Kleos* for submission in the fall issue. Send to Kleos@apd.org. Pictures should be of high quality jpg or tif formats. Camera phone photos are not acceptable. Deadline for the fall issue is August 10.

Appraiser. He is always looking for brothers or their acquaintances who are mortgage brokers or real estate professionals who need an appraiser in New York or New Jersey for either commercial or residential properties. Joe recently was appointed as Vice President for Financial Affairs for the national fraternity.

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