

# Kappa News

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## Alumni Profile

### Leo Johnson '58

Fun at PENN STATE was Phi Sigma Kappa, with architectural engineering in the Sackett Building capturing most of my time.

The first great legend I learned about was Harry Carrol's flooring Rosy Greer with a solid right to the jaw in an intramural boxing match. Tom Morgan was his corner, and like most of Tom's elucidations, he recalls "all" the details.

The art of pledging played out sporting events such as Alpha Fire Company, Egg Drop, etc., which were not any more nutty than events in today's world. Dick Doherty and I tied in one of our Hell Week races. Hell Week may have infused some humility, but it was never violent.

Joe Peden was the soundest sleeper ever. He could only be awakened with a pail of cold water. Penn State's panty raid, during finals, was second only to Michigan State.

Bill Hartman was very majestic in directing the Phi Sigs in singing "My Tri-Sigma Man is the King of the Campus" for the coed whom Don McWilliams (Pinkie) had pinned the night before. With Don below, she stood in open window on the second floor holding lighted candle and all windows on that side of the girl's dormitory were in darkness; very classy.

Joel Gamble was perhaps the most friendly Phi Sig I met; his jolly personality was magnetic.

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## Alumni Updates

**Donald F. Keck '49** (1605 Northview Cir., Fairfield, OH 45014-3530) Retired from GE Aircraft Engines in 1993 after 44 years with the company. Jeanie and I are enjoying retirement. Hope to get back to see the house and friends in the near future.

**Edward L. Trabold '49** (1521 E. Grandview St., Mesa, AZ 85203-4415) Dottie and I celebrate our 50th in May 2002.

**George W. Smith '50** (12 Forest Rd., Wayne, PA 19087-3204) Hello, fellow Phi Sig architects of the class of 1950. I'm still in practice in Philadelphia with Dennis Johnson.

**Louis H. Klotz '51** (P.O. Box 204, 90 Mainmast Circle, New Castle, NH 3854; lhk@mediaone.net) Every time I try to retire, I go back to work! Now investigating buildings for the state of N.H., and it looks like it will expand because of September 11. Sometime when I do retire I hope to get back to the house. But will Flossie be there? That's an inside joke of those before 1949.

**Miles H. Woodward '53** (3738 Purdue St., Houston, TX 77005-1128; mwoodtx@msn.com) Enjoying retirement, with six children and 12 grandchildren. Very grateful for my wife Pat's recovery from leukemia this past year.

**Robert W. Koehler '58** (1506 Plaza Dr., State College, PA 16801; Ky3@psu.edu) I will finally retire in June after 39 years on the accounting faculty at Penn State. Honored to have been selected as the Accounting Alumnus of 2002, and pleased to have been part of a great team of Penn Staters who have continued to build a

great institution. I look forward to spending winters in Acapulco.

**Robert J. Thompson '59** (216 Pennsylvania Ave., West Chester, PA 19380-3830) Good news: I've been elected Senate appropriations chairman. Bad news: There's no money! Advice: Buy low, sell high ... and don't give a victory speech until all the votes are counted!

**Thomas J. Marta '61** (1219 Sant Lucia Dr., New Bern, NC 28560-9038) Retired and in good health in North Carolina.

**Ben McLure '61** (1213 Limerick Ct., Hummelstown, PA 17036-9152; bmclure@padres.com) Left the wonderful world of education in 1982 to scout for Blue Jays. Eighteen years and two World Series' rings later, I started the new millenium with the Padres as a pro scout. No more pain-in-the-ass parents, agents, coaches, etc., to deal with. I cover the Eastern League, International League and American League East during the regular season, and then the Florida Instructional League and the Dominican Republic Winter League. Am headed to Lakeland, Fla., on February 25 to spend the month of March with the Indians, Tigers and Royals. Please explain to Reeder that the area code for Manchester, Pa., is 717, not 570. (Submitted on February 20, 2002.)

**James R. Gorman '66** (28651 La Azteca, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-7644) Grandpa three times — new one on the way in August. Member of Orange County Alumni Association. Watch football games at local pub. Will try to get back next year for homecoming.

**Leonard A. Pasquini '66** (25814 Bristlecone Ct., Golden, CO 80401)

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Bear, Harry Jones, Clif and Linda Merchant, Bob and Nancy Thompson enjoying Founders Day.

### Clif Merchant '58

"There were a lot of people there (at Founders Day), and we certainly enjoyed seeing them and getting caught up with what was going on in their lives. I thought it was a very nice affair, well thought out and planned."

(More on Founders Day, page 3)

## Board Notes

### We Need You On Our Board

The board currently has nine members and space for three more. We particularly would like to see brothers from the 1940s and 1960s. Ideally, alumni from the Pittsburgh area and the eastern Pennsylvania/New Jersey region would give us a more balanced geographic representation. This is desirable, but not always attainable.

So come on, fellow Phi Sigs, step up to the plate. Contact Dick Doherty '58 at 410-757-6324 (o) or [cosdoherty@riva.net](mailto:cosdoherty@riva.net); or 1486 Grandview Rd., Arnold, MD 21012. We're looking forward to having you on our board!



### Interested In A Reunion?

Arranging a get-together with brothers from your class or era is easy! Just log on to [www.2stayconnected.com/phisig-psu](http://www.2stayconnected.com/phisig-psu) and search for brothers in your class or in your area by using the online directory. You can even post a notice on the Bulletin Board. If you need mailing labels, just send an e-mail to [info@2stayconnected.com](mailto:info@2stayconnected.com), or send a letter to Phi Sigma Kappa, Alumni Records Office, P.O. Box 296, State College, PA 16804-0296. Be sure to include your name and address and mention Phi Sigma Kappa at Penn State. If you let us know far enough in advance, we can publish an announcement in the newsletter.

After the reunion, we will publish your write-up of the event in the next newsletter and on our Web site. Don't forget to send photos! We'll need identification of everyone in the photo(s) and they will be returned to you undamaged. Just send the write-up and photos to the Alumni Records Office address shown above.

So what are you waiting for? It just takes a few minutes to get the ball rolling on reconnecting with those who have been an important part of your life. Do it today!

## Alumni Updates ... continued

After 35 years as a professional nuclear engineer, I'll be retiring in March 2002 as senior vice president of nuclear technology, Los Alamos Technical Associates Inc. After 35 years I still proudly wear my Penn State college ring with Phi Sigma Kappa (Greek letters) engraved on the stone and always remember that it stands for friendship, scholarship and character. (Submitted on January 30, 2002.)

**Glenn C. Jones '67** (16050 Viewfield Rd., Monte Sereno, CA 95030-3141; [gcj16050@aol.com](mailto:gcj16050@aol.com)) I read each year the newsletter from my old roommate of the 1960s, and finally he flew into San Jose and shared a glass of wine with us. Next time, he promises to bring his clubs and give me tips to lower my handicap to approach his single-digit number. I need lots of help. Thanks, Rich!

**Michael R. Gingerich '68** (1384 Cherry Hills Rd., York, PA 17404-1238; [mikegingerich@yahoo.com](mailto:mikegingerich@yahoo.com)) Been practicing as a CPA in York for 34 years; also elected county controller. Planning on retiring in a few years. Still married to Joyce; two children and two grandchildren. Have single-digit handicap!

**William R. Warfel '71** (127 Crump Rd., Exton, PA 19341-1514; [wwarfeli@aol.com](mailto:wwarfeli@aol.com)) The Web site is great and long overdue! Evie and I still live in Exton, Pa. Our kids are too old (22 and 25), but we're not! We still see Phi Sigs: Delp (eternal pledge), **Richard Weaver '72**, **Paul Church '71**, **Paul Robertson '71**, **Michael Skehan '71**, **Bruce Balmat '70**, **Douglas Derby '70**, **Richard Nonini '69** and **Thomas Renehan '69**. I'm looking forward to the gala reunion Kochman & Stearns are planning for 2003 (they better come through & all of you guys better show up!)

**John M. Flinchbaugh '72** (2100 Oak Hammock Dr., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082) Miss the snow, football and great times at Phi Sig. I live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., and occasionally see **Pete Caruk '73**. Have two kids — Sarah (10) and Joey (14) — and wife Alexa.

**Eugene R. Auman '75** (518 E. Main St., Bath, PA 18014-1917; [genepsu75@entermail.net](mailto:genepsu75@entermail.net)) I won't be able to come for Founders Day weekend. My fiancée, Charlotte (Charli), and I are getting married on March 16. My daughter, Briana, age 14, will be maid of honor. Charli just started an A+ certification course, so we're not going anywhere until at least May. (Submitted on March 3, 2002.)

**Stephen E. Courter '77** (16 Smith Rd., Hopkinton, MA 1748; [scourter@neoninc.com](mailto:scourter@neoninc.com)) Enjoying being a first-time father at age 47. Look for my son, "Rusty" Courter, to carry on the Courter Kappa tradition in 2019 — assuming he finds a way to pay for it himself!

**David W. Lawrence '81** (1010 Royal Oaks Dr., Morgantown, WV 26508; [dwl-cml@sbccom.com](mailto:dwl-cml@sbccom.com)) My wife, Cheryl, 6-year-old daughter, Morgan, and I are living in Morgantown, W.V. It is the home of the WVU Mountaineers, but I will never convert. They're not in the same class! Working as an emergency physician in Uniontown, Pa., and as part-time faculty member at WVU School of Medicine as well. Would love to get the Pittsburgh-area Phi Sigs of the 1980s together for a night out in the Burgh. Anybody interested? Hope all is well. I Look forward to hearing from some of you. (Dave: You can find your Pittsburgh-area friends on our Web site!)

**James E. Rock '81** (1551 Cedar Bend Ct., Prosper, TX 75078; [james.rock@guinnessudv.com](mailto:james.rock@guinnessudv.com)) If you remember the game, I hope you're still playing. We have introduced "99" to our friends and neighbors in Texas, and it is slowly but surely displacing poker as our regular "card" game. Everybody loves the spontaneity of it, the silly "rules," and, of course, the occasional nice cold swills of frothy ale. So, if you're conducting business in Texas any day soon and you see someone pointing at a pie chart or sales forecast with his (or her) elbow, you'll know where he/she was the night before. Damn proud to be a Phi Sig from Kappa. Much to the chagrin of "99"

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## Alumni Profile

### Leo Johnson '58 ... continued

John Showalter was inseparable from his drum sticks. He is still the heartbeat of the local "big band."

Strangely, the midnight musician had an inclination to serenade Harry Jones and I just because our room was directly above the stereo. The "Sforzando" was a cannon ball, acquired by someone on their pledge trip to a nearby town, as it rumbled down the corridor crashing into the end wall outside our room.

Jim Sewell had such a liking of Mother Nature that he woke up one morning with a dead crow staring him in the face. Jim's enthusiasm could be heard for blocks around.

Take-charge guy Dick Doherty, as house manager, kept the house in A-1 shape.

All the engineers would be cramming for weeks just to pass a fluid mechanics exam. Clif Merchant read the chapters the night before and scored a 100%.

Our Greek carnival entry was a 20-foot-high pyramid which I made from 1" x 3" wood furring strips, the frame wrapped in bed sheets, and a cutout profile of a very healthy coed nailed to the top. After parading through town on a flat bed truck to the golf course, Bob Bingaman led the sorority sisters in dance - a big hit! Our "show" won first prize for selling the most tickets.

When Harry Jones was pledge master his pledges honored him with a trip to Bellefonte and a dunking into the municipal waste water sediment pool. Harry rode back clinging to the back side of Parker Eldridge's VW. The pledges were nice enough to hose Harry down when they returned to the Phi Sig house. Harry was also very active as social

chairman, keeping us teamed up with sororities.

The highlight of my Penn State experience was winning third prize in the thesis competition among thirty architects and architectural engineers.

Since 1971, I have had my own architectural firm designing office buildings, town houses, WoodMont Country Club, and other commercial structures.

I would like to say "Hello" to Ernie Larson who was my roommate during his pledge semester, and Tony Settle who was in my pledge class and now superintending schools.

Founders Day 2002 had 100% attendance by the Class of 1958 (Dick Doherty, Bob Kohler, Harry Jones, Cliff Merchant & Leo Johnson). It was very gratifying to have actives and alums introduce themselves to me and toss around some dialogue. The Phi Sig spirit is strong and well, and can win any battle.

## Founders Day A Great Success

By Dick Doherty '58, President

The fraternity is alive and well! "Hail the ever-growing throng."

On Saturday, March 16, we celebrated Founders Day at Kappa Chapter. It was the 103rd anniversary of the chapter and the 75th anniversary of the construction of the house. The event was well attended by alumni from several decades and their guests, as well as by undergraduate members.

After dinner, two alumni received awards for their services to the chapter. Matt Hilbert '81 was given a presentation rosewood and brass clock with an appropriate inscription for his long and faithful service as president of the alumni board. Many thanks, Matt, for a job well done.

The other award of appreciation, an engraved acrylic waterfall, was presented to Leo Johnson AIA '58 for giving many hours of his professional time to complete a detailed physical assessment of the house. He also has floor plans and a detailed set of specifications for the possible renovation of the chapter house. Many thanks, Leo, for donating so many professional hours to this project.

The rest of the evening was given over to a great deal of socializing and to new and old friendships. All alumni who attended (see list to the right) received a memento of the 75-year-old chapter house — a unique, ceramic ornament of the house (see page 4).

Sunday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), saw some of us having brunch at the Nittany Lion Inn. Thanks again to all who joined us, including senator Bob Thompson '59 and his wife, Nancy. Local alumnus Adam Weaver '90 and his wife, Veronica, were there, along with Carol and John Maslin '86, who were winding up a getaway weekend. Most people departed before the snow arrived!

The board met after lunch, voting Adam Weaver '90 to the board. We also appointed Mike Vereb '91 as chairman of homecoming/fun for the next year. Homecoming ideas may be sent to Mike at michael@thebertco.com or call him at 814-833-4561.

We hope to see many more of you this fall!

## Quotes From Founders Day:

### Bob Thompson '59

"It was a great event. I was glad to get the opportunity to see so many people, some of whom I hadn't seen since graduation. Some brothers I saw were Leo Mullins, Robert Koehler '58, Clif Merchant '58 and Harry Jones '58."

### John Maslin '86

"It was a great weekend. The turnout from the class of '58 was tremendous, and their enthusiasm was contagious. It was great to see the house and Penn State. I hope that for homecoming we have a better turnout from my era. I encourage all brothers from my era to come back in the fall."

## Founders Day Attendees

Dick Doherty '58  
Leo Johnson '58  
Harry Jones '58  
Bob "Bear" Koehler '58  
Linda and Clif Merchant '58  
Nancy and senator Bob Thompson '59  
Barb and Geoff Brugler '72  
Melinda and Dan Stearns '73  
Matt Hilbert '81  
Carol and John Maslin '86  
Veronica and Adam Weaver '90  
Michael Vereb '91  
Marc Cammarata '93  
David Muntner '94  
Richard Liebscher '96  
Amy and Jeremy Frank '97  
Tom McClure '97 and Jennifer



John and Carol Maslin, Leo Johnson, Harry Jones at Founders Day

## Financial Report

### The House Needs Your Support

The financial needs of the chapter house are never ending. We have not yet obtained sufficient funds to complete the masonry overhaul of the exterior. This is a priority due to the deteriorated condition, which poses a serious safety hazard. The project will cost approximately \$43,000. We still need \$15,000.

The other major safety concern is the upgrade of the fire alarm system to provide 24-hour monitoring at a central operations center. This will run about \$2,000. However, this project could create

some savings on the fire insurance, as well as provide a safer house.

All donations to the general fund will go toward enhancing the safety and longevity of the house, meeting life-safety code requirements and better communications with all of you. Remember, all donations — whatever the amount — are welcomed and important. It is the number of alumni who participate that shows support for the chapter. Be involved! Be part of our future, as well as our past.

## HELP!

The board could use an alumnus' talent to draft a use agreement, lease or memorandum of understanding. The purpose is to more clearly define what we the alumni (the owners of the house — aka the landlords) will do and what is expected of the undergraduate chapter members (aka the renters). We are looking for something straightforward. Please contact Dick Doherty '58 at [cosdoherty@riva.net](mailto:cosdoherty@riva.net) or 410-757-6324.

### Brothers In The Military

**Dick Doherty '54**, Capt. USCG (Ret.), has this message for **Rob Merchant '88**, who is in the Naval Reserve: We missed you at the Founders Day/75th Anniversary of the construction of the house (still standing!). But then, you are on one of those great all-expenses-paid, plus salary, sun and fun vacations. Not much fun, I expect! Well, keep your head down and your powder dry. We look for your safe return soon. By the way, sailor, what is the name of that ship you are on — US Never Float? Take care!

If anyone knows of other brothers in the military who have been deployed to Afghanistan, please let us know. The information can be submitted via our Web site at [www.2stayconnected.com/phisig-psu](http://www.2stayconnected.com/phisig-psu), by e-mailing Dick Doherty '58 at [cosdoherty@riva.net](mailto:cosdoherty@riva.net); or by sending a note to Phi Sigma Kappa, Alumni Records Office, P.O. Box 296, State College, PA 16804-0296.

### Homecoming

#### How Can We Get You To Visit?

It's not too soon to start thinking about October 19, 2002, and PSU homecoming. We hear that many Phi Sigs come to the games but rarely stop by the chapter house. We obviously are not doing something you would like us to do.

Michael Vereb '91 has taken on the role of chairman for homecoming/fun for Kappa Chapter. Please communicate with him your ideas and feelings about homecoming and the chapter. He can be reached at home at 814-833-4561 or by e-mail at [michael@thebertco.com](mailto:michael@thebertco.com). What types of activities would you like to see? What would it take to get you to come back?

There will be as many as eight home games this year. Don't be a stranger! The house is for undergraduates *and* alumni. Share your suggestions with Michael so we can plan activities that will help you reconnect with your friends and with the chapter.

### Help Keep Us All Connected: Newsletter Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a Phi Sig alumnus to act as a liaison between our alumni service and the alumni board and undergraduates.

This opportunity will put you in touch with more brothers and help you keep your finger on the pulse of the fraternity. It could also be a lot of fun.

Deadlines and schedules will be predetermined. We just need someone to ensure (via e-mail or phone) that all the appropriate parties submit their information on time. Online forms are being created to make this process even easier. You will also be asked to review copy prior to printing, provide the alumni service with the schedule of events for the year, etc.

You can even interview alumni or submit news stories if you have a bit of the journalist in you, but that's up to you.

Contact Dick Doherty '58 for more information at [cosdoherty@riva.net](mailto:cosdoherty@riva.net); 410-757-6324 (o); or 1486 Grandview Rd., Arnold, MD 21012.

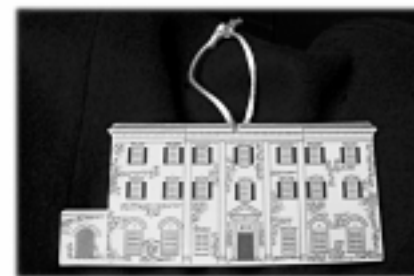
### Help The House And Receive A Gift

Here's a way for you to help the house and receive an attractive gift in return. Anyone who sends a contribution of \$250 or more will receive this beautiful ceramic rendering of the house. This is retroactive to the beginning of the 2001-02 giving year. (Those who attended the Founders Day celebration have already received one as a memento of the occasion.)

The ornament can be proudly displayed in your home or office, reminding you of where you spent four

incredible years. The exterior is depicted in all its glory. Think of everything you learned within those walls — teamwork, tolerance, friendship, loyalty. Help continue those same experiences and opportunities for a new generation of young men by sending your contribution now. A response form and postage-paid reply envelope are enclosed for your convenience, or you can donate online at [www.2stayconnected.com/phisig-psu](http://www.2stayconnected.com/phisig-psu).

The undergraduates of today and tomorrow are counting on you!



## 2001-2002 Contributors to Date

### \$1,000 or more

Robert M Galloway 1955  
Thomas W. Wylonis 1967  
Steven D. Rath 1984

### \$300-\$999

Joseph B. Fox III 1957  
Robert W. Koehler 1958  
Richard W. Newell 1968  
James Andrew Wolfinger 1969  
Bruce M. Balmat 1970  
Richard D. Richardson 1970  
William P. Stanell 1987

### Up to \$300

Henry F Nixon 1935  
J. Graff Bomberger 1940  
Albert Price 1942  
George S. Roy 1942  
Daniel G. Meckley III 1945  
Pete Fenton 1947  
Robert W. Humphrey 1948  
Peter F. Kupcik 1948  
Donald F. Keck 1949  
William D Lamberton 1949  
Edward L. Trabold 1949  
Harold A. Johnson 1950  
George W. Smith 1950  
Ralph D. Clark 1952  
Joseph R. Reed 1952  
James C Hancock 1953  
John E. Russ 1953  
Miles H. Woodward 1953  
Edward J. Baranski 1955  
Ralph D. Turley 1956  
Richard W. Doherty 1958  
G. Parker Eldridge 1958  
Gaylord B. Smith 1959  
Robert J. Thompson 1959  
Richard E. Werner 1959  
Thomas F. Feeney 1961  
Thomas J. Marta 1961  
Anthony Fusaro 1962  
John W. Diercks 1963  
John M. Lewis 1964  
Kenneth W. Marta 1964  
Harry E. Moore 1965  
David K. Walker 1965  
Thomas F. Florkiewicz 1966  
James R. Gorman 1966  
Leonard A. Pasquini 1966  
David W. Raub 1966  
Kermit W. Stahr 1966  
Glenn C. Jones 1967

Steven H. Brose 1969  
Frederick W. Jacobs 1969  
Ronald C. Manning 1969  
Richard C. Gerber 1970  
Craig R. Heckman 1970  
Thomas E. Petka 1970  
Edward G. Buchan 1971  
William R. Warfel II 1971  
John M. Flinchbaugh 1972  
Lawrence E. Marynak 1972  
Richard N. Weaver 1972  
William A. Albertson II 1973  
Dan T. Stearns 1973  
L. Steuart Brown Jr. 1974  
John F. Downs 1974  
Stephen P. Handwerk 1974  
Thomas A. Tylman 1975  
Stephen E. Courter 1977  
William D. DeGrandis 1977  
Edward F. Bridgens 1978  
Stephen F. Remington 1978  
Martin F Barbato 1979  
Bruce A. McKinney 1979  
Kevin J. Courter 1980  
James C. Mitchell 1980  
Benjamin T. Jarmul Jr. 1981  
George M. Kushner 1981  
James E. Rock 1981  
Robert W. Romeiser 1981  
David Spielvogel 1982  
Scott E. Thompson 1984  
Edward L. Auslander 1985  
Matthew D. Wierman 1985  
Robert M. Glass 1986  
Eric R. Lynch 1987  
Luke D. Spaseff 1987  
John A. Lengel Jr. 1988  
Steven D. Thompson 1989  
Robert A. Carter 1991  
John C. Jernigan 1993  
Darren P. Lehrich 1993  
J. Gregory Donovan 1994  
Randall E. Durkan 1994  
Richard M. Elchik 1994  
Keith B. Woodward 1994  
Thomas C. Bickley 1995  
Mark S. Dalby 1995  
Jason T. Ralph 1995  
Brian L. Rowan 1996  
Jason W. Witham 1996  
William R. Marcolini 1997  
Thomas A. McClure 1997  
Bryan Page 1999  
Adam Graswick 2000  
Jon Lee Kunkle 2000

## Alumni Updates ... continued

purists, I was forced to attempt to reduce the rules of "99" to paper format to enlighten neophytes as to proper procedures, protocol and hosting requirements of a typical "99" game. If you would like a copy of these rules so that you may in turn enlighten your own neighbors, just shoot me an e-mail and I'll be happy to forward them on to you.

**Thomas G. Winiarczyk '82** (348 Monument Ave., Wyoming, PA 18644; tomwin@epix.net) Everything has been going well, considering I was laid off on January 9, 2002. I have a loving and supportive wife and family. I have had several interviews but no acceptable offers to this point. (Got offered an 18-percent pay cut from one employer). Have lived in Wilkes Barre area for the past seven and a half years but still visit York often to see my 14-year-old daughter, Laura, and the in-laws. I have sent my resume to nearly 200 employers to date and am just praying for an opening to come my way. All else is good. I volunteer with a prison ministry, which has been a blessing and an opportunity to learn as well. Hope to hear from some 1980s brothers and hear how they have navigated this journey called LIFE so far.

**Timothy K. Scott '84** Passed away January 25, 2002, after a long fight with cancer. Phi Sigma Kappa mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.

**Eric R. Lynch '87** (8 Mansfield Way, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438-8879) My wife, Becky, and I are the proud parents of Briana, 4, and Ryan, who just turned 1 in January 2002.

**Luke D. Spaseff '87** (629 Hill Point Dr., Etters, PA 17319-9025) I am working as a corporal for the Pennsylvania State Police at York Barracks. I am located off the Loganville exit of I-83. I usually work 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift. Stop in and you'll get a tour. Your financial contributions allow others to have the once-in-a-lifetime experience you had. Don't deny some worthy person the chance. Give!

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Thank You 2001-02 Contributors to Date! Since September 2001, the brothers on this list have demonstrated their devotion to Phi Sigma Kappa by making a contribution. We give to ensure that our traditions live on and to preserve a place for our reunions and a link to that meaningful time in our lives. We give to support the work of the undergraduate chapter in developing leaders and doing good works. We also give to keep friendships together through newsletters and other communication links. Can we add your name to this honor roll of devoted Phi Sigs? We have provided a postage-paid envelope for your convenience, or better yet go to [www.2stayconnected.com/phisig-psu](http://www.2stayconnected.com/phisig-psu) and click "Make Donation".

## Alumni Updates ... continued

**Brian C. Trapani '87** (5359 Post Rd., East Greenwich, RI 02818-3022; btrapani1@cox.net) Am currently a major in the full-time Army National Guard here in the Ocean State — Rhode Island! I have a wife, Katherine, and two girls, Lauren and Allison. Katherine is a PSU'er also, and she is a '90 grad.

**T. Jeffrey McGraw '88** (625 Rock Springs Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15228; jmcgraw@callos.com) I have been working as a head hunter since 1991 in Pittsburgh, Pa. If you are looking for a new job opportunity or are looking to hire someone, send me an e-mail.

**Steven D. Thompson '89** (448 Hickory Grade Rd., Bridgeville, PA 15017-1234) I work for Schreider Downs & Co., a regional CPA firm in Pittsburgh, as an audit senior manager.

**Robert A. Carter '91** (44 Hillside St., Red Bank, NJ 07701) I thought it interesting that from my class there were FIVE marriages between Phi Sigs and Kappa Deltas (mine being one of them). So pay attention when deciding who to ask for Superstars — it may be more important than you think. Damn proud!

**Christopher A. Kane '91** (8507 Mayfair Pl., Silver Spring, MD 20910; ckane@petroferm.com) It has been a few years since I have spoken to most of my brothers, so I'll try to hit the big stuff. I have been working in the chemical industry pretty much since graduation. I worked in distribution for eight years, and last February went to work for one of our manufacturers. I'm currently the Northeast regional manager and support our distributors from Virginia to Canada. In March 1994, I met my wife, Kelly, in Bethesda while hanging out with Siggers. I married Kelly Smith, University of Maryland '91, a Kappa Kappa Gamma, on September 25, 1998. We just had a baby girl, Caroline Paige Kane, on January 10, 2002 (see photo at [www.2stayconnected.com/phisig-psu](http://www.2stayconnected.com/phisig-psu)).

We have been living in Silver Spring, Maryland, for four years, right outside Washington, D.C. We have two golden retrievers named Chelsea and Peaches. We welcome any Siggers visiting or traveling through the Washington, D.C., area. I hope you are all doing well and am still DAMN PROUD!

**Mark J. Shiroke '91** (70 Sandcastle, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656; mark\_shiroke@dell.com) Well ... where to start? After moving to Calif. in 1991, I was on the fast track to success. Great job, newly married, promotion after promotion. I traveled all over the world, flying to visit my Phi Sig brothers in every city in the U.S. If I could not get to them, I flew them to me. We traveled to Europe and "did" every city that mattered in the U.S. I work for Dell computer. Bought a small flower shop and turned it into a \$1M/year business. Now, after eight years of marriage and three children, I almost lost a business to a lawsuit with the landlord. I am in the process of a major and nasty divorce ... which got me kicked out of my \$600K house, which I spent one year building, over a bogus domestic violence charge. I am going to have to pay my ex \$5K+ per month, plus daycare. The computer industry tanked ... my stocks are worthless, and I am homeless. This all being said, I have my brothers ... and remain DAMN PROUD! Peace to all. See you at the golf outing. If any of you want a visitor, I am making trips to avoid having to rent a place to live, as I cannot afford one. I live at hotels during the week so my company pays for that, and try to find myself in a city where my friends live on the weekends.

**Todd M. Polechko '92** (7 Saxony Dr., Harrison City, PA 15636; polechko@yahoo.com) Gavin Michael Polechko born March 4, 2002. Joins sisters Halle (4) and Kate (2). This is the first confirmed male birth in my pledge class, although there are rumors that Pedro sired several children across western Europe in the mid-1990s.

**Darren P. Lehrich '93** (261 Kent Place Blvd., Summit, NJ 07901; dplehrich@aol.com) 2001 was a busy year for the

Lehrichs. We moved to Summit, N.J., in January. Both Ellen and I started new jobs — she as marketing manager at Pharmacia Corp. and I as senior health-care equity analyst at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey. In November, we welcomed our first child, Samuel Alec, to the world. Regards to all.

**Richard M. Elchik '94** (3230 Summer View Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30022; rich9of10@aol.com) I began 2001 as a bachelor roaming around on the Serengeti on a week-long safari after a successful ascent of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Upon returning home to Raleigh, N.C., I decided to marry Greta Garvey, who is also a Penn State alumnus (1995). Soon after the marriage, we relocated to Atlanta, Ga., where we now live. To make things even better, Greta recently gave birth to our first child, Alexander James Elchik. I hope all is well with everyone, and please do not hesitate to look me up if you pass through Atlanta. Also, to reiterate what brother **Luke Spaseff '87** says in his update, please remember what the house meant to you and try to donate a few dollars, so future Phi Sigs can enjoy some of the same things. Regards...Chicken.

**Thomas C. Bickley '95** (10024 Park Woods Ln., Burke, VA 22015) My wife, Lynette, gave birth to our baby girl, Annalise Bickley was born on April 5, 2001. Our family sends good wishes to all Phi Sigs and their families for 2002. (Submitted on January 30, 2002.)

**Jason T. Ralph '95** (2017 N. Lincoln Ave., Unit M, Chicago, IL 60614; JTRalph@kaufmanhall.com) Busy year for me. I got married to Raegan McClain (a Kappa Delta from PSU) this past Labor Day. We bought a house in Chicago during the summer.

**Brian L. Rowan '96** (21230 Parkwood Ave., Fairview Park, OH 44126; rowanbrian@hotmail.com) Married Amy J. Davis on October 13, 2001. Scott Pirrello and Mike Zaherchak, both class of '98, were in the wedding party. Several other Siggers attended.