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Ben McLure '61  
(1213 Limerick Court, Hummelstown, PA 17036-9152; bmac8@att.net) During a 20-year career as a teacher and coach at Lower Dauphin High School in Hummelstown, Pa., I was satisfied with my position as dean of gasoline (driver ed instructor) and had achieved "marginal legend" status as baseball coach. We had one of the most successful programs in Central Pennsylvania. In 1983, I got a chance to become a scout for the Toronto Blue Jays. For the next 20 years, I was an area scout, patrolling Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, West Virginia and Maryland. The reward was four players to the big leagues and two World Series rings. In 2000, I made a change to pro scouting with the San Diego Padres where I now cover the eastern, international leagues, parts of the South Atlantic and Carolina Leagues during the regular season. Also, I covered three Major League teams in spring training, and I wrap up the season with a tour of the Dominican Republic Winter League. From the driver education car to the ball yard, I'm now getting paid to watch baseball games.

Donald A. Schnure '64  
(34 County Rd, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677-7611; schnure@optonline.net) Have been spending the past 16 years keeping the lights on in various parts of the world by financing power projects for PSEG Global in the U.S. and various foreign countries including Argentina, Chile and Peru. We tried to bail Gray Davis out by building three new power plants over the past two years in California, but he kept trying to bite the hand that was helping him. Finally got season Penn State football tickets last year for the first time. Will be tailgating regularly in reserved parking space 1428 in the Red Lot south of the stadium, so stop on by if you're in the area.

Gene F. Ott '66  
(68 Forest Dr, Palmyra, VA 22963-2123; geneo43@juno.com) Enjoyed hearing about Bear Koehler's ('58) retirement. I have just completed several years as CFO of Fork Union Military Academy. Merrie (PSU '65) and I live at Lake Monticello outside Charlottesville, Va. We have two grown children and six grandchildren. We like to travel and have been blessed in

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# Kappa News

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## Homecoming

# 2003

By Dick "Doc" Doherty '58, Alumni Board President

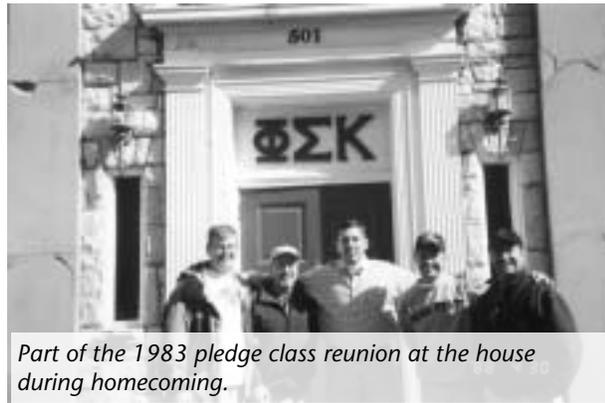
## Chapter and PSU Spirit Thrives Despite Rain

It was a dreary, rainy October Saturday in Nittany Valley for the 2003 Homecoming. But, all was bright and almost dry at the Kappa Chapter Alumni Tailgate. With **Matt Hilbert's ('81) R.V.** as the anchor, we kicked off at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning — Bloody Marys, bagels, cream cheese, College Diner grilled stickies and assorted beverages. We had over 40 alums and their guests!

Unfortunately we were pushed way out on University Drive due to wet parking lots. The walk, particularly in the rain, was probably a bit much for many. **Does anyone have a reserved R.V. space near the stadium we could use for next homecoming?** We know many of our alums did not make the hike out due to distance and poor conditions. Don't blame them!

The postgame tailgate was Chef Hilbert's highlight with chili, tortellini in white sauce, sautéed shrimp, sub platters from Wegmans, beverages, and, of course, great company. We had a good time — many old hands and many new faces. It is always nice to meet brothers from across the many decades. It is truly a bond.

Remember we will be there for Blue-White game and again for Homecoming 2004. With your interest and support, it will continue. Watch our lifeline for information — newsletters, e-letters, Web site, etc. Please support them so we can continue to serve the ever-growing throng. This doesn't happen just in State College; it can happen anywhere that two or more can get together in local areas as we do in the D.C./Baltimore area each January. ■



Part of the 1983 pledge class reunion at the house during homecoming.

Just got word that the chapter had pledged 20 new men. Wow!

We really need a reserved R.V. space closer to the stadium. It would greatly improve our turnout!



Alumni enjoying the postgame tailgate at homecoming.

# News from Bear

Joe Fox, who sends me email messages from time to time, asked me to write this to bridge the generations of those of us who have passed through Kappa. Most of you know that I officially retired from Penn State in June 2002. I loved my job and it is probably the only one I could have carried out. When I was still an active Werner Bush's Dad visited. I remember his saying, "Enjoy your college years because you can never recapture them." I thought if I can't recapture them, I will not leave, so I called on Ken Nelson, then chairman of the Accounting Department, and asked "What can I do so that I can stay." He said if I pursued a PhD at a Big Ten School he would hire me back and so he did. I retired only because I maxed out on my pension and realized that pension income is not subject to state, local, or FICA taxes.

Nonetheless, I still have my office, advise three student organizations (including Phi Sig), serve as chair of the Undergraduate Policy Committee, and serve on the faculty selection committee for the Schreyer Honors College. I am able to time these activities so that I can travel more. I will be spending 10 days in Cancun over Thanksgiving. Last fall from late October until mid December, I taught on the Singapore campus for INSEAD, the top rated French Graduate School of Business.

A number of us are actively working with the chapter. John Benedict '73 and I are co-advisers. Dick Doherty, Bill deGrandis, Dan Stearns, Geoff Brugler, and Matt Hilbert in addition to John and I are active Alumni Board Members. Mike Vereb arranges tail gates at Hilbert's RV. John Carfagno '94 is now working for Penn State and has been helping with the tailgates and will volunteer for some other duties. Ben Jarmul '81 treated me to lunch on a

recent trip through State College. We discussed the work that needs to be done on the house and various ways of financing. About a week ago, I saw Perry Russ at the Faculty/Staff Club. He had a tee time scheduled.

On October 19, Jeff McGraw '88 led a chapter retreat for the actives. They came away with a renewed sense of the values of our traditions and the importance of maintaining their leadership responsibilities.

Various groups of Kappa alumni hold get-togethers throughout the year. These range from tailgates to the annual reception for Baltimore/Washington alumni to the still continuing New Year's Eve parties hosted by Rich Weaver, Bill Warfel, Paul Church for the class of '71.

During the weekend of October 24-26, the early to mid 70's actives held, what I believe to be the 4th reunion of those who lived in the house at that time. As their adviser, I am honored to have been invited to these gatherings even though I am a little bit older than they are. We met at the Skeller on Friday evening, watched the Penn State/Iowa game together at Champs, and met later for cocktails and dinner in the Penn State Room of the Nittany Lion Inn. On Sunday Dan and Melinda Stearns hosted brunch at their house. About 20 alumni and 6 wives traveled from near and far including Texas, Alabama, North Carolina, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. These folks have a genuine concern for each other's welfare and for the welfare of the fraternity as they follow each other's lives through the decades.

Please check Kappa's web site regularly. I have enjoyed reading the messages and updates. I am a low tech guy; but I have been able to access the site at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com). There are directions to guide you in selecting a user name;

the site will assign you a password. I was especially impressed with the number of Phi Sigs who traveled to Australia for Steve Berg's wedding.

We received The President's Special Achievement Award for Alumni Programs at the Phi Sig convention in Savannah in August. Jim Schmitz, our National President, cited our web site, our newsletters, our work with the actives, our own alumni activities.

The current actives have just completed a successful rush with 20 new pledges. They finished the spring '03 semester with a 3.0 house GPA. They continue to have other bonding activities in the building of a homecoming float, actively participating in the Dance Marathon, and continuing our own Super Stars tradition. **THEY ARE WORTHY OF OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AS THEY GAIN CONFIDENCE BY ASSUMING LEADERSHIP ROLES. ■**



Mill Ball, Fall 1957 ... Where Are They Now?

# Report

By Jason M. Phillips, Chapter President

## The Buzz About Kappa

Greetings from Phi Sigma Kappa, Kappa Chapter. With only seven weeks down, it has already been a very exciting and enthusiastic semester. The morale of the house this semester is higher now than it has been in recent years past.

I am delighted to announce that our recruitment season was better than it has been in close to 20 years with 20 new affiliates accepting bids. After only one week of pledging, the new affiliates have already shown enormous potential to be future leaders of the house.

The semester started on a great note with our workweek in late August. We managed to get the back of the house repainted to a silver-gray color which matches the rest of the house much better than the previous tan color. Also, the ceilings in the basement were repainted and the deck was power-washed clean.

We were also pleased to learn that as a house Phi Sig had a cumulative GPA of 3.0, which ranked the house 14th out of 59 other fraternities on campus. This is quite an impressive feat considering the fact that we are competing against a number of professional fraternities that concentrate strictly on scholarship.

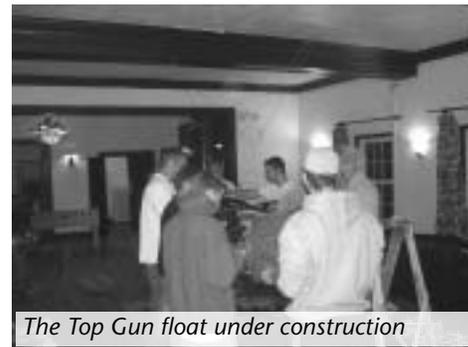
Homecoming week was a success as well. We were partners with the ladies Club Lacrosse team. A week of partying and building our "Top Gun" float was a great time. The girls loved

every night, and the brothers enjoyed building the float.

This past weekend, the house took part in a retreat at Sunset Park. We had a great showing with excellent weather. This previous tradition was

picked up once again for the first time in nearly 15 years. Led by **Jeff McGraw '83**, the brothers took part in active discussions about ways to improve the house and enjoyed a few pick up games of basketball and football.

With only eight weeks left in the semester, we look forward to canning trips to raise money for the Dance MaraTHON and Superstars, both held in the spring. As president, I am thrilled to lead such a great group of guys this semester, and I can say that we are headed in a fantastic direction. I can honestly say there is a buzz around this house that hasn't been felt for years. Damn Proud! ■



The Top Gun float under construction

## Quarterbrains

# Reunion

By John "Wally" Maslin '86

## Reflections on the Quarterbrain Reunion of 2003

The Quarterbrain Homecoming Reunion began with an R.V. ride from Washington, D.C. to State College with stops to pick up brothers along the way. **Jon Hillis '87** began the journey, and **John "Wally" Maslin '86, Jay Stelacone '86, Tom Gresham '87, John Caspero '86** and **John Duda '87** joined en route. (For the record, Tom is not a Quarterbrain but we were glad to have him along for the celebration.)

The Quarterbrains pledged in the fall of 1983, thus celebrating their 20th anniversary this fall. The Quarterbrain name relates to the size of our pledge class. We were a class of 16, and brothers at the time often pointed out that it would take four pledges to do the work of one brother ... or four pledges to do anything that one brother could do. The Quarterbrains certainly got their revenge in the long run because we were by far the largest class in our time ... and, as a result, a force for any other pledge class to deal with!

Upon our arrival in State College on the Friday of Homecoming Weekend, we immediately parked the R.V. at the

house. We walked downtown to Zeno's on South Allen Street — a familiar hang-out from our day. We stayed at Zeno's for hours, grasping for pitchers of beer and memories alike.

At Zeno's, we were joined by other Phi Sigs: **Ken Devlin '86, Frank Pecaitis '86, Bill Plank '85** (all Quarterbrains), **Jeff Mason '85, Kyle Stencovage '85, Mark Rudalavage '82, Don Rhoades '84, Rodney Zamrik '89, Tina Zamrik Lester '87** (a Phi Sig little sister from the days when the house had little sisters) and **Luke Spaseff '87**.

Afterwards, we walked up the street to Chili's, where we were fortunate to find a large table to accommodate our group. After dinner, we went back to the house where the actives were having a party.

Saturday was cold, wet and a loss on the football field.

Nevertheless, we had a great time visiting **Matt Hilbert's ('81)**

official Phi Sig alumni tailgate as well as a tailgate hosted by **Perry Russ '89**.

The weekend would not have been complete without a trip to the College Diner on Sunday morning for breakfast and sticky buns. After purchasing some Penn State attire for wives and family, we headed back to the house. There we saw **Dick Doherty '58, Matt Hilbert '81, Robert "Bear" Koehler '58** and **Geoff Brugler '72**. Finally, we embarked on our long, somewhat quieter, drive back to Washington. We won't wait another 20 years for the next reunion ... perhaps a quarter of that time (or less). ■



Back row (L-R): John Duda '87, Ken Devlin '86, Jay Stelacone '86, Jon Hillis '87, Tom Gresham '87 and Bill Plank '85. Front row (L-R): Kyle Stencovage '85, John "Wally" Maslin '86, John Caspero '86 and Jeff Mason '85. See Web site for other '83 pledge class reunion photos.

# Alumni UpDates

Christian walk, family friends and home. Still live and die with PSU football.

Thomas F. Staszewski '74  
(150 E. 36th St., Erie, PA 16504-1518; tomstasz@cs.com) After having lived in the Pittsburgh area for 25 years we moved "back home" to Erie last year. Also, thanks to Bear Koehler '58 for all his years of service.

Thomas A. Tylman '75  
(109 Thomas Cartwright, Williamsburg, VA 23185; ttylman700@aol.com) I live in Williamsburg, Va., and practice medicine with my wife and college sweetheart, Kathy Missory '76. I recently had a great vacation with Gene Kilgore '76 at his home in Lake Tahoe.

Edward L. Auslander '85  
(14B Quai Koch, Strasbourg, 67000; edelaine53@aol.com) Elaine, the kids (Anna, Eddie, Maria and Maggie) and I have moved to Strasbourg, France. We are enjoying the European culture and cuisine. We will be here for two more years and welcome you to visit with us.

Kevin M. Greenaway '85  
(330 David Harrison Ln., Ballwin, MO 63021-4999; kmgcag@swbell.net) Hard to believe I've been here in St. Louis for over 17 years! Carol and I have been married almost 18 years now, and we have three boys: Ryan (17), Kyle (14) and Nolan (11). My free time is spent keeping busy with

the three of them. I coach baseball and football, and I am active in scouting. I still love to fish, although I haven't done any hunting since I moved down here. I also get in the occasional round of golf. I heard from Scruffy via e-mail a while back. He discovered I worked for Boeing, and he works right across the street from Boeing in Seattle. If anyone is ever in the St. Louis area, give me a call, and maybe we can get together.

William P. Stanell '87  
(127 Heather Dr, New Hope, PA 18938-5749; wpstanell@comcast.net) I am the proud father of Benjamin Parks Stanell born 2/25/03. Mother and baby are doing well. I have another son, Sam, who is 3 years old.

Christopher A. Kane '91  
(8507 Mayfair Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910; ckane@petroferm.com) On 5/18/03, Kelly and I had our second, Patrick, and Caroline is now a proud older sister. I've been promoted to eastern regional sales manager for Lambent Technologies out of Chicago but we still live in D.C. Kelly is director of marketing for Choice Hotels.

Alexander S. Tirion '91  
(1883 17th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122-4503) On 2/3/03, Aria Marcia Tirion was born in San Francisco. Big sister Eva (2 ½) is very proud, and Amy and I are doing great. If ever in San Francisco, please give me a shout.

Richard A. Liebscher '96  
(294 Pine Ridge Dr., Venetia, PA 15367; rliebscher@adelphia.net) My wife,

Suzanne, gave birth to our son, Ryan Joseph, on 12/31/02 (just in time for that tax credit!).

Steven D. Berg '97  
(4547 Newton St., Denver, CO 80211) I was married 11/30/02, in Echuca, Australia, to Rebecca, the Australian I met while studying abroad in 1996. Brothers Bill Marcolini and Jon Grammes were in the wedding party, and Brothers Jeremy Frank, Josh Peters, Joel Miller and Joe Wachs made the trip to attend the wedding (all class of '97). I am now working at a three-person boutique investment banking firm that specializes in advising banks and mortgage companies. Brothers Jason Miller '97 (Denver) and Jason White '97 (Fort Collins) are also living in Colorado, and we see each other frequently. Damn Proud!

Thomas A. Conley '01  
(117 Aberdeen Ave, Columbus AFB, MS 39705; conley231@yahoo.com) I'm still in the pilot training pipeline ... getting closer to earning my wings. Flying the T-1A here in Mississippi and working on a Masters in Air Warfare. Devon is earning her MBA on the Internet and works on base. Hope to return to the Northeast sooner than later. ■

## In Memory

Since the date of our last publication, we have learned of the death of John I. Coldren Jr. '36 (10/11/02), Myron E. Bechdel '49 (2/21/02), Harold A. Johnson '50 (10/21/02), Donald J. Kump '52 (2/26/03), William A. Diamant '61 (6/9/02) and James H. Wolfe '71 (11/22/02). Phi Sigma Kappa wishes to send condolences to their families and friends.

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