

Alumni Report

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

The Board Looks to the Future

Greetings to all our brothers of Kappa Chapter. We have enjoyed another beautiful fall season and have reached the end of the Penn State football season on a very positive note! Recently we had a great alumni brunch at the chapter house with help from the undergraduates. Many of our younger alumni were back for the game with Purdue. The tailgate was a bit slow, but we need to recognize that Dr. **William Lamberton '49** of Erie, Pa., showed again, a real trooper and supporter of the chapter. The game wasn't great, but we all had a good time.

Homecoming on October 23 saw another alumni tailgate and a social at the house after the game, with a brief association meeting afterward.

We are always open to your suggestions for other social functions. We hope you will continue to avail yourself of the easy search process of our Web site to find all the brothers in your geographic area. This is a great way to put together social functions, as we have done in the Washington, D.C., and Baltimore area for several years.

On the business side, the board continues to look to the future as owners of a 78-year-old rental property. Yes, we are landlords, as well as a fraternity. The Borough of State College does not let us forget that. We are developing options with an eye to continuing the chapter well into the 21st century as a growing, strong leader on the Penn State campus. This will require a great deal of effort over the next few years. We hope to get your input over the next few years and will keep you informed as to the progress.

We know most of you have e-mail addresses. Please help us to stay in touch better and more often by keeping those addresses on file with us and up to date. Our monthly e-letters are another way we stay in touch more often and faster.

This is the last newsletter of 2004, so I will take this opportunity to wish all of you a joyful and blessed holiday season as well as a happy 2005. ■

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Alumni Profile

Q+A with **William Lamberton '49**

The Doc Makes a House Call

*No, it isn't what you're thinking. There were no fevers, coughs or sneezes. This house call was to 501 S. Allen Street. It was Alumni Weekend at Penn State, and **Doc Lamberton '49** had decided to share a Phi Sig Friday night with his grandchildren. "We went to the house and rang the door," Lamberton recalled. "The actives answered the door and invited us in. We found them to be very nice young men, and we enjoyed ourselves very much." Read on to find out about the Kappa experiences of Doc Lamberton, his life as a physician and more.*



Why did you join Phi Sigma Kappa?

I am from Erie, Pa., and am the first generation of my family to join a fraternity. I had friends who belonged to Phi Sig — friends like **Al Benjamin '48**, **Ernie Nagy '47** and **Walt Zadam**. I lived in a house near campus and didn't know much about fraternities before they introduced me to Phi Sigma Kappa.

Tell us about your favorite memory of the fraternity.

I made some really good friends. I always thought premed was tough. But I had some architecture brothers, and I remember them always having these incredible projects that would take all night. We always had one big party during the year. The goal was to bring an "import" — a date from outside Penn State. And dinner meant a coat and tie.

What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

It is always nice to have some place to come back to. And I have met others who are Phi Sigs. One of my patients was a Phi Sig from PSU. His sister and I were high school classmates. Besides the friends, it is in the fraternity where I learned important social graces.

With whom do you still stay in contact? Who would you most like to find?

I stay in touch with **Al Benjamin '48**. He lives in Ocala, Fla. We exchange Christmas cards every year. I come to a lot of football games. We were at the house at the 100th anniversary. Two of my grandchildren were freshmen at PSU then. It was a lot of fun. It was because of the reunion that I got to know **Mike Vereb '91**, also from Erie, Pa. He got me interested in the reunion. His grandparents were patients of mine. My roommate during my senior year was **Bill Hill '50**.

Tell us about your family.

My first wife passed away in 1989. I have been married to Judie since 1990. My older son, William, is a physician in Erie. He is married and has two children. His wife is a surgeon. They both attended the Penn State Medical School in Hershey. My son, Richard, works for an organ company. He is married and has three children. My daughter, Patty, is married and lives in Columbia, Md. I met Judie 35 years ago as a patient. She has three children, all in Erie.

What activities or organizations are you involved with today?

Judie and I travel and play some golf. She is an outstanding bridge player. I now work a little in a nursing home as part of a four-man partnership. As the medical director, I go in almost every day. I have been associated with the nursing home for 40 years. I am active in the Shiners as a 32nd Degree Mason. And I am now the drum major (soon to be retiring for the third time) for the Pipes and Drums.

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Chapter Report *By Tom Marchozzi, President*

Summing Up a Great Semester

It is amazing how fast time flies by. It seems like only a few days ago that this semester started, and it is already time to look back, sum up what we have been doing so far this year, and relay the information to those of you who are not lucky enough to still be here at the house.

The fraternity had been doing quite well. With almost 40 people living in the house this year it has certainly been exciting to see the strides we are making in all areas.

As far as activities this fall, the two main ones were homecoming and our annual Halloween party. Homecoming went very smoothly (with the exception of the game, but that is another story altogether). A lot of time was put into our float and it showed. For the first time since I have been here, our float even had moving parts. It was also nice to see those of you who had the opportunity to stop by the house.

For our Halloween party we decorated the house to look like a cave, hired a band and got dressed up with our dates. It is always a good time.

In addition, fall brings with it an opportunity for the fraternity to raise money to support the Four Diamonds Fund through

canning for Penn State's Dance Marathon. The Four Diamonds Fund has the objective of someday conquering pediatric cancer. Three weekends this semester were devoted to supporting this worthy cause. On these weekends we packed up our things, drove to different areas, stood at stoplights with cans and asked for donations — not very glamorous but very fulfilling.

Athletically, we are currently in the playoffs of intramural football, and our basketball team is looking to avenge last year's loss in overtime during the championship game. Overall, last year we were ranked ninth, but we should be quite a bit higher by the time everything is said and done this time around.

Academically, we once again are ranked in the top 10 out of 51 fraternities, with a grade-point average well above 3.0, putting us above the all-men's average for the second time in the past two semesters.

The prospects for our fraternity's future are looking bright. I would like to also take this opportunity to invite you all out to the house personally. I understand you receive many letters, similar to this one, saying there will be some function at the house, but feel free to stop by anytime you are in the area. ■

Homecoming 2004

On a chilly, windy October Saturday, Phi Sigs from near and far met to tailgate and to cheer on their Nittany Lions. Though disappointed by the outcome of the game against the Iowa Hawkeyes, brothers and guests returned to the chapter house for hors d'oeuvres, the opportunity

to relive days past and the chance to shake hands with a few of the undergraduates. Here is a list of the brothers you may have seen at homecoming along with e-mail addresses for most of them. We encourage you to stay in touch and to make plans for Homecoming 2005. ■

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(L-R) David Hyland, Kevin Courter, Ben Jarmul, Keith Whitman and Martin Barbato enjoy some homecoming tailgating.



Alumni from across the generations gather to celebrate homecoming.

Henry F. Nixon '35

(100 Cottage Dr., Apt. 102, Palmyra, PA 17078) I am now 91 years old and still in good health. I play golf a couple times a week and sing in a group. All the men are from the Leb Valley Brothers Home where I have a nice apartment. My wife, Sue, passed away five years ago, and my son, Bill, died of a massive heart attack three years ago. So I'm pretty well alone but still enjoy living.

Miles H. Woodward '53

(3738 Purdue St., Houston, TX 77005-1128; mwoodtx@msn.com) After two periods of remission of about eight months each, my wife, Pat, had a relapse of the leukemia in April 2004. She died very peacefully and without pain on May 15. I have had tremendous support from family and many friends but will miss her terribly (after 49.5 years of marriage). Buried her ashes in St. Augustine (near Patton), Pa., on Saturday, July 17.

Richard W. Doherty '58

(1486 Grandview Rd., Arnold, MD 21012-2442; cosdoherty@riva.net) For those of you who are more mature like myself and in the grandparent category, here's how to grow grandchildren fast: Our daughter had twin boys in September 2003, and my second son and his wife adopted sisters, Ashley (7) and Michelle (8), in February 2004. Talk about a growing throng.

Parker G. Eldridge '58

(9420 Capiland Rd., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240-1101; gimfubar@aol.com) I live in the middle of the desert where it's hot, hot, hot! I play golf six times a week with an 11 handicap. I've had three failed marriages (my bad), two sons and three grandchildren. I have been clean and sober for 15 years.

Leonard A. Pasquini '66

(25814 Bristlecone Ct., Golden, CO 80401; lpasquini@lata.com) I'm retired, teaching graduate school and coaching high school soccer. I have four grandchildren. My favorite memories: Catching **Thomas Florkiewicz '66** pounding on the ceiling of my bedroom roof from the

second floor. He was fined 50 cents for making noise after 10:00 p.m. Also, **Don Schnure's ('64)** "talk" when he had too much to drink.

Richard W. Newell '68

(4962 Burgandy Bay N., Medina, OH 44256; richpsu@zoominternet.net) I appreciate the time, effort and expense that

Dick (Doherty '58) and Matt go through to set up the tailgate. However, I and some others with whom I have spoken would still really like to see some sort of activity at the house. A big part of our PSU and Phi Sig experience revolved around the house, and just stepping through those doors again means a lot.

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News From Bear

Strolling Down Memory Lane

While house maintenance may be a problem, the house GPA is over 3.0. Kappa also participates in the Dance Marathon and our own Super Stars philanthropy.



We all go there from time to time. Those of us on this side of 40 travel the road more frequently. I remember pledging. I remember worrying at our pledge meetings, which were held during chapter meetings, that this would surely be hell week. Actually, hell week itself was not as scary as the fear of it. I remember raking leaves onto sheets and loading them into a 1931 pickup truck to be driven to the dump. I remember cocktail parties.

I remember civilized dinners where everyone wore a coat and tie except for Friday and Sunday evenings. Women were escorted into the dining room first, followed by brothers, who were then followed by the pledges. The grace was led by different brothers who were called upon by the president. There was no talking between tables. There was a fine for vulgarity. Buzzers summoned the waiters. Everyone left at once when everyone had finished. We departed in the same order as we convened.

I remember years of bridge playing. There was one telephone on each of the first and second floors. Parties were concluded by 12:30 because our dates had 1:00 a.m. curfews. Occasionally we had "after ones," sometimes at Theta Chi, when Giff, their cook, would make pasta. The Phi Sigs brought the beer.

In all the years since, I remember conventions, leadership schools and conclaves. I remember our delegates to these. I remember weddings and a few funerals. One wedding, that of Jan and **Steve Brose '69**, was held in the house on chairs borrowed from the Catholic Church. I remember initiation and third-degree ceremonies. When I close my eyes during chapter meetings, I can reference a 2004 argument to a brother from the '50s who would have said it the same way. The most frequent saying is that the pledges are going to have to shape up before we can hold initiation. I remember our 100th Anniversary as a chapter and our 75th celebration of the house's opening. Space precludes my listing all the names associated with these activities — but I remember you.

It wasn't, as the press would make it seem, evidence of misspent youth. Indeed, we learned valuable communication and leadership skills. We learned how to build floats, prepare menus, maintain property, budget time and money, conduct meetings and convince others. Everyone had a talent for at least one activity; no one had a talent for all of them. We all were able to transfer these acquired skills into other areas of our lives.

The process still goes on, but the Greek system needs a little boost — maybe a big boost. Penn State currently has committees in a number of areas to study ways to restore the Greek system to its former glory days. I am on the committee dealing with financial and fiscal resources. The university may be willing to help by, for example, providing lists of its contractors who will service fraternities on the same cost structure that is billed to Penn State. Better access to rushees would enhance pledge classes.

Fraternities will need to meet some expectations in regard to academics and community service. We may all be called upon to help. We all have left our mark on the chapter, and we all have an interest in seeing it prosper. ■



Alumni UpDates

John R. Sillaman '74

(1107 Princeton St., Latrobe, PA 15650; jsillaman@adelphia.net) My wife and I were married 30 years in August (who would have believed it). Son Justin (28) is a sales rep in Los Angeles, daughter Erica (24) teaches fifth grade in Lampeter-Stroudsburg near Lancaster. In June she was married to a minister. Son Brandon (23) is at home and plans to join the USAF. I'm project architect with Astorino in Pittsburgh, currently working on Children's Hospital with numerous other Penn Staters. My years at PSU and at Kappa were some of the most fun years of my life with great friends and lasting friendships.

John L. Russ '85

(5688 New Seabury Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89122; eaglzphan@yahoo.com) Only a few months after we were recently married, my wife was offered a promotion with Ford in Las Vegas. We have relocated to the desert and purchased a nice home in Stallion Mountain Country Club, a gated community just six miles east of The Strip. While I will miss the East Coast and the ability to drive to PSU games, I am not giving up my season tickets, so feel free to call either me or my brother **Perry Russ '89** if you need a pair of tickets to a game. For pictures of our new house, check our Web site at www.jane-n-john.com. Last, but certainly not least, my wife and I are expecting a little Dingle — the due date is December 18!

David M. Hochberg '86



David Hochberg '86 in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, with a 470-pound blue marlin that had a really bad day.

(234 Daisy Farms Dr., Scarsdale, NY 10583; david.hochberg@staubach.com) I am living in Westchester County, N.Y., north from Manhattan about 30 minutes by car. I married a fellow Penn Stater in 1991. Her name is Penny. We have two great children: Eric is 6, and Sarra is 9. I am looking forward to the next get-together. I can be reached in my NYC office at (212) 418-2670.

Brian C. Trapani '87

(5359 Post Rd., East Greenwich, RI 02818-3022; brian.trapani@ri.ngb.army.mil) I am deploying to Southwest Asia as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. I am an executive officer of a combat support helicopter battalion.

Edric E. Fetter '94



(4107 Carrington Ct. W., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050; edric.fetter@comcast.net) This is a photo of Brother Chicken and the Teffts (**Robert Tefft '93**) at the Atlanta 500. ■



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