

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Blue/White Weekend & Founders' Day April 19

Join your Phi Sig brothers for a pre-game tailgate! Since there is no reserved parking, please call Matt Hilbert at 215-266-4671 on game day for our location.

Since the chapter house is closed for renovation, we will have a Founders' Day BBQ dinner catered by Clem's following the game. Come back to the tailgate location to join us for good food and brotherhood. You can also get an update and see photos of our ongoing renovations. Join us for a great time!

Please RSVP to **Barry Atkinson** at 610-327-0835 or [atkhockey@verizon.net](mailto:atkhockey@verizon.net) if you plan to attend the BBQ.

### Arts Fest July 10-13

### Homecoming October 18 vs. Michigan

## 2008 CHAPTER OFFICERS

#### President

**Jeff Marchozzi**

#### Vice President House Manager

**Scott Braun**

#### Treasurer, Scholarship Chair

**Adam Faiella**

#### Secretary

**Matthew Rossi**

#### Sentinel

**Victor Mankovsky**

#### Comptroller

**Ryan Hedges**

#### Inductor

**Pete Barcus**

#### Rush Chairmen

**John-Paul Yezzo**

**Matthew Rossi**

**John Ross**

# Kappa News

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## Kappa Chapter Phi Sigma Kappa at Penn State

April 2008

## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

### Renovations Have Begun!

### *With \$950,000 in Alumni Commitments, Kappa Chapter Begins Its Most Extensive Renovation Project in House's History*

Our \$1.3 million, much-needed construction/renovation project is underway. This is the most extensive renovation project ever done at the Chapter House since it opened 80 years ago.

We greatly thank all of you who have contributed to the campaign. It is because of your financial support and time and effort that has enabled the *Reason to be Proud Campaign* to proceed. All floors of the house, including the basement, will have significant renovations. Stay tuned to [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com) for images of the floor plans and updated photos of our progress as we continue to move along.

The first wave of contractors has started working. We will have new entrances to the basement, and will install restroom facilities there as well. The much-needed life/safety requirements work will be done as well. Our scheduled completion is August so we can re-open for the Fall 2008 semester.

Based on alumni contributions of about \$950,000, we secured a loan of \$895,000 from Greystone Bank. A loan is necessary because we have to pay our contractors for



*A \$1.3 million renovation of Kappa Chapter has begun! The project is expected to be completed in August 2008.*

their construction in 2008, and the \$950,000 will be paid over the next five years. The loan proceeds plus money we will receive in 2008 from pledge payments will cover the cost of our \$1.3 million project.

We are not out of the woods yet. With the loan proceeds and pledge payments we expect to receive in '08, we still need about an additional \$300,000-350,000 to ensure the project is completed and we cover any cost overruns that may occur. Also, we need to get new furniture for the living and dining rooms.

Can you help us preserve the Kappa Chapter for future generations? If you have not yet contributed, please take the time to fill out our pledge form (enclosed) and offer to make a contribution. Pledges can be paid over five years. We are asking for 2008 payments to be made prior to August so we have the funds available to pay the contractors. As the pledge form indicates, you can pay by check each year, or you can set up an automatic monthly or other automatic payment arrangement with a debit or credit card.

If you have already made a pledge, per above, please make your '08 payment before August '08, so we have funds available for construction.

### *Have questions about our capital campaign or renovation efforts?*

#### Contact:

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## Despite Living Out-of-House, Chapter Recruits Sixteen New Members in Fall Semester *Kappa Chapter Participates in Numerous Philanthropies and Prepares for Upcoming Phi Sigma Kappa Superstars*

By Matthew Rossi, Secretary

We had an excellent rush last semester! Fifty bids went out and 26 accepted. Although we did lose ten pledges during the pledge process, we finished with sixteen new members. Our goal for this semester is to have at least seven pledges to replace the graduating seniors, a goal which at this point in time we expect to meet.

As you know, we are currently living at Alpha Kappa Lambda while our chapter house is being fully renovated. The Kappa Chapter brothers participate in numerous philanthropies, including Alpha Zeta Delta Kicks, Sigma Kappa Ice Follies, Sigma Delta Tau Frat Feud, and most importantly, THON. This year, we raised \$10,850

toward the overall record total of \$6.61 million for the dance marathon. We also have our own philanthropy event, Phi Sigma Kappa Superstars, which benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in memory of Brother **Vincent Scott Sandoe '85**, which will take place in early April.

There are currently two legacies active in the chapter; myself (my father is David James Rossi, Susquehanna '82) and **Ryan Gregory Hedges** (his father is **Ronald Hedges**, Penn State '70).

I welcome you to contact me at 570-691-6075 or mdr5044@psu.edu with questions or comments. Be sure to make plans to stop by to see us in our newly-

renovated house when you're in town next football season!



Ryan Hedges, John Paul Yezzo, Keith Galanaugh and Jason Forman represent Phi Sigma Kappa in the 2008 Dance Marathon. Phi Sig raised \$10,850 toward the overall THON record total of \$6.61 million.

### Are You Receiving our Monthly e-Letters?

If you haven't been getting our monthly e-Letter in your inbox, it could be because we don't have your email address. Visit [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com) to update your email address and other contact information.

If your email address in your profile is correct and you're a Verizon subscriber, you may not be receiving our e-Letter because it is

getting blocked by your email address. Follow the instructions on our web site for how to unblock email through Verizon, and

you should begin to receive emails from our online community.

If you are receiving our monthly e-Letter, be sure to forward it to a friend for whom we may not have an active email address for. The more we can utilize electronic communication, the more money we can save on printing, paper and postage costs. Help us to increase the email list for our electronic communications by encouraging your Phi Sig friends to become frequent users of our web site.



### Living Away from Home

#### *Kappa Chapter Members Have a Positive Experience During Semester Living at Alpha Kappa Lambda*

*During the renovations to the house, Phi Sig undergraduates are currently living at Alpha Kappa Lambda, among active members of that chapter. A few actives share how they're making the most of their temporary relocation.*

"The living situation this semester is quite different from what any of us have been used to in the past. However, we are making due just fine with what our advisors were able to work out and we're enjoying another semester at Penn State. Our president, Jeff Marchozzi, has worked really hard and has done a great job in cooperating with our alumni on the status of the renovation. We are all eagerly awaiting the completion of the construction and being the first group to live in the new house."

– **Scott Braun**

"The brothers of Kappa chapter are trying to make the best of non-ideal living situation while our chapter house is being renovated. We're trying our best to make

friends with the brothers of Alpha Kappa Lambda in hopes of creating a lasting relationship between our two fraternities, while at the same time trying to preserve our traditions in the temporary house. Probably the biggest lesson that we have learned is how to recruit prospective members more effectively. Because we are limited to what we can and can't do in AKL's house we have adjusted our recruiting tactics to emphasize on off-site and dry events, and because of these adjustments expect to have a pledge class of between five and eight guys for the spring 2008 semester." – **Matthew Rossi**

"There are definitely some positives about moving into another fraternity's house. You get the chance to gain valuable insight about how other fraternities work and you can compare it to the way we do things. It also is allowing us to create relationships with this fraternity that we can use in the years to come and will be very beneficial." – **Jason Napoli**

Annual Fund vs. Capital Campaign

What's the Difference?

In addition to our newsletter, the annual fund financially supports the following: hosting and maintenance of our web site, maintenance of our mailing database containing the addresses for more than 960 living alumni, hosting of alumni events such as Founders' Day and football tailgates, and many more activities that keep you connected with Phi Sigma Kappa.

Annual fund donations can be made online at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com) or by calling 800-975-6699.

The Reason to be Proud capital campaign supports the project to renovate the chapter

house and install the required sprinkler system by the October 2008 deadline. Larger donations are encouraged for this fund to support the project and to maintain the longevity of our renovations.

Pledges to the Capital Campaign are payable over a 5-year period. Visit [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com) to download a pledge form.

*The Phi Sigma Kappa Association encourages continued support of both separate yet equally important funds. Further information about both fundraising efforts can be found on our website.*

A Reason to be Proud Capital Campaign

Naming Opportunities

The rooms in bold below are still open for naming opportunities. Use the enclosed pledge form to make a pledge to the capital campaign and to name a room!

Room	Minimum Gift	Number of Opportunities	Limitations in Individual Gifts	Named For
Chapter Room	\$250,000	1	Up to ten	
Great Room	\$100,000	1	Up to ten	
Party Room	\$100,000	1	Up to ten	Kevin O'Leary
Bar Room	\$100,000	1	Tentatively allocated	Dick Richardson
Library*	\$50,000	1	Up to two	
Card Room**	\$50,000	1	Up to five	
Kitchen	\$50,000	1	Up to two	
Foyer	\$50,000	1	Up to two	
Dining Room	\$50,000	1	Up to two	
Lower Patio	\$50,000	1	Up to five	
The "Fort" Room	\$25,000	1	Up to four	
Two-Man Rooms***	\$15,000	15	One	
One-Man Rooms***	\$10,000	6	One	
Officer Suites ***	\$20,000	2	Up to two	
Moon Room				Bear Koehler

Each naming opportunity includes the installation, in appropriate location, of a plaque bearing the donor's name (or a name specified by the donor, such as that of a family member or fellow brother).

\* We may or may not have a room earmarked for use as a "library" or other educational room. Again, this is subject to the final architectural plans which in turn will be affected, in part, by tax-related factors.

\*\* The Card Room will likely represent the ADA accessible room, subject to the final architect plans approved for this project.

\*\*\* The exact number of one-man, two-man and officer suites will be subject to the final architect plans.

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I want to thank the Board of Directors, the Reason to be Proud Campaign Steering (including the Finance subcommittee) and Building Committees, our core leadership group and all of our volunteers. **Steve Courter '77** did a great job securing the loan, which was no small feat given the national credit crunch that has impacted loan applications all around the country, including ours. Thanks also to **Dave Hyland '80** and the Building Committee who worked with our architectural firm (WMF) to deliver an extensive renovation design project that meets our needs and is within our budget. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!

We will feature a plaque showing everyone who has contributed to our Reason to be Proud Campaign. This Hall of Fame plaque will likely be placed on the wall near the fireplace. Please add your name to this permanent Honor Roll by making your campaign pledge at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com).

See the enclosed Honor Roll for a list of alumni who have pledged and/or contributed to the Reason to be Proud campaign. We also will post a list of contributors by class year at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com), so that you can easily see who has made a pledge from your era. The Hall of Fame plaque for the campaign will show our contributors both by class year and by society level.

ON THE WEB

Find Your Phi Sig Friends Online

Did you know that you can search for the contact information of Kappa Chapter brothers in your area online? Just visit [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com) and click on the Directory link. Next to the "Zip" field, select "Starts With" from the drop-down menu and enter the first three digits of your zip code. When you click "Search," you will see a list of alumni who live near you.

Similar searches can be conducted based on class year, last name and other criteria.

## OLD PHOTO ALBUM

**Want to see more photos from your era in Kappa News? Upload the best shots from your fraternity days at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com).**



*Pledge Class at Formal Party in 1966. Top row (L to R): Rich Warnick, Steve Brose, Sam Febba, Andy Wolfinger, Kim Gillilan, Joe Mateer, Mike Flaherty; Bottom row (L to R): Roger Barton, Rich Cordier, Keith Rodwell, Dick Bowman, John Yarrison, Bill Lillie, Bob Roberts.*

## PHI SIG MEMORIES

### What Phi Sig Stories Would You Share with Your Children?

*Sure, we all have funny memories from Phi Sigma Kappa that make us laugh (or cringe!) when we think back on them. But what are some of the more serious life lessons you acquired in the fraternity that you've shared with your children and/or grandchildren?*

“The bonding and friendship of my roommate, **Chuck Grogan '67**, who is the godfather to my first son (who is now 35 years old). He's been my best friend for 40 years.”

**- Leonard Anthony Pasquini '66**

“For all of the fun we had, I want to share with them that we were a family. Since I have daughters, I have warned them repeatedly that fraternity men are to be avoided at all costs.”

**- Luke Spaseff '86**

“How 47-plus men with different backgrounds could share a home, run a business and still have the most fun of their lives.”

**- Joe Schappert '88**

“Fraternity life bought many friendships that still endure today, 40 years later.”

**- Leonard Anthony Pasquini '66**

*This year's THON saw its largest fundraising total ever! See page 3 to find out how much Phi Sig contributed.*



**Renovations Have Begun! Read Inside for Our Plans to Renovate Kappa Chapter!**

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