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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Kappa Actives and Alumni Celebrate Completed Renovations at Grand Re-Opening Party

Your Timely Pledge Payments Remain Critical to Paying Contractors and Project Loan

By Bill DeGrandis '77; Chairman, Reason to be Proud Campaign

Our Kappa Chapter renovation project has been completed! We have committed every dollar of our funds to meet life and safety requirements and to improve the infrastructure of the house (heating, lighting, plumbing and bathrooms). Alumni and friends were on hand to see the house improvements first-hand during the Grand Re-Opening Party held on November 1. Visit www.phisigpsu.com to view more photos.

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The loan we obtained from Graystone Bank was acquired in large part on the basis of the pledges that have been made and the related payments that are made over the five-year pledge payment schedule. We really need your pledge payments in order to pay our contractors for the work that has been done and to make the mortgage payments for the loan we obtained for the project. We owe the contractors at least another \$100,000. We also have a list of other projects that some of you have asked about, including shutters, finishing the floor of the TV room area in the basement and completing the outside stone re-pointing work.

If you made a commitment to the campaign and have yet to make a payment on your pledge, please contact Ellen Konkle at Affinity Connection (800-598-4050 x.140) as soon as possible so that we can pay our contractors. For those who are delinquent on your pledge payments, I urge you to make your payments as soon as possible so we can cover this final



Bill DeGrandis '77, Dick Doherty '58 and Fred DeCock '80 at the Grand Re-Opening Ceremony.

\$100,000. If you would like to pledge your support to the capital campaign and our renovation project, visit the Download Center of www.phisigpsu.com and download a pledge form.

We understand that the country is facing tough economic times. But we are also at a crossroads for our historic chapter house, which has served as our home at Penn State since 1927. Show your support of this project by making a new pledge (if you have not yet made a commitment), or by making a payment on your existing pledge. If you have any questions, please contact me at billdegrandis@paulhasting.com, 202-551-1720 (work) or 703-819-1379 (cell).

Visit www.phisigpsu.com for much more information on our capital campaign and to view photos from our renovation progress!

If you haven't yet registered on the site, use your Member ID (found above your name and address on this newsletter) to follow the first time login instructions on the home page.

ALUMNI REPORT

House Renovation Completed On Time, Board Positions are Filled and Alumni Step Up to Volunteer

By Dick Doherty, President, Phi Sigma Kappa Association

This past year has been a very challenging year for Kappa Chapter. The renovation of the chapter house was completed in time for the actives to move in for the start of the fall semester. A real feat considering the project started almost two months late and still met the deadline. A few items spilled over into September and even October.



Active chapter members proudly celebrate their newly renovated home.

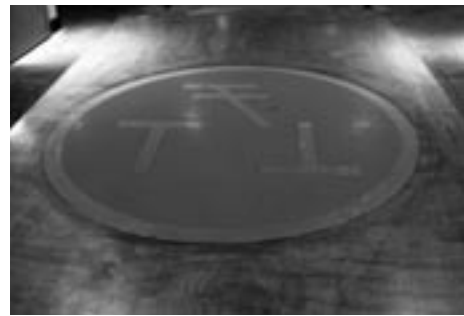
The good news is that the house is completed, up to date and looks great. On the other side we still need considerable financial help to meet our financial commitments. More on that and how you can help in the article on Page 1 by our campaign chair, **Bill DeGrandis '77**. The actives are working under a new rental lease with the House Corporation as well as a fairly comprehensive

set of standards of conduct. **Gary Best '78** has volunteered to work with the actives in meeting the requirements for the care of the chapter house. Thanks, Gary, for a great on-going effort.

Other good news is that we now have all nine spaces filled on the House Corporation board. Welcome to new members **Roger Barton '69**, **Fred DeCock '80** and **Ed Pescatore '73**! In addition to Gary Best mentioned above, several other brothers have stepped up and volunteered their services and time:

Greg Stevens '75 and his wife – Furniture selection and acquisition

Craig Wilson '78 – Actives Executive Board governance and officer responsibilities



New table for meetings.



Alumni return to enjoy brotherhood and see the impact of their support.

Mark Rudalavage '82 – Lease agreement and related rental issues

Ron Hedges '70 – Standards of conduct development

We could use additional help in the areas of communications, finance and student mentoring. More on the last item later.

The new pledge class stands at 18. A great effort by the actives.

All in all we are moving forward. As the holiday season rapidly approaches we on the board hope that you and your families have a blessed and joyful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

CHAPTER REPORT

Kappa Chapter Boasts Rising GPA, 16 Affiliate Members and Increased Activities to Raise Money for Philanthropy

By Harry Guarino, Secretary

The Kappa Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa has been very active so far this semester. Currently, we have 16 affiliate members that are being

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mentored and cultivated into brothers. The house GPA is currently 3.01 and is expected

to rise by the end of the semester.

On September 26th, 2008, we hosted a philanthropy concert for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and donated \$2,000 towards their cause. In addition to the concert, we have been participating in several other philanthropies including: the ALS 5k, Alpha Omicron Pi Football Challenge (which we won first place) and Alpha Zeta Delta Kick's Philanthropy. The Kappa Chapter also participated in our second canning trip in early November to raise money for THON.

Last year, we raised more than \$12,000 and are currently on pace to shatter last year's total. We are currently pursuing corporate donors to aid in our campaign for THON.

We, the active brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa, greatly appreciate all of the help and funding the alumni have provided in order to renovate the chapter house and are looking forward to continuing our efforts to make Phi Sig one of the premier fraternities at Penn State. Damn Proud.

ALUMNI PROFILE

My Penn State and Phi Sig Activities will still be Among the Major Highlights of my Life

James Continues to Support Phi Sig so Future Students Can have the Same Experiences and Opportunities

James Parris '65 found the encouragement needed to graduate and secure his first well-paying job from his Phi Sigma Kappa brothers. While living at the Phi Sig house, James said his academic focus improved dramatically.

"I could count on making sure I didn't sleep in for that Saturday 8 a.m. class," he said.

James met the brothers of Phi Sig after transferring from the Ogotz campus to University Park in 1964. At that time, Penn State had a fraternity houseguest program, which allowed students to live at a fraternity house for two weeks during rush. James decided to rush Phi Sig and encountered a good friend and previous co-worker, **Jeff "Spanky" McFarland '65**. Jeff enticed James to join Phi Sig by citing the brothers' solid character, a strong concentration on academics and an affordable social program.

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Phi Sig's social program "put some fun back into my life," James said. He remembers looking forward to events such as the Grave Diggers Ball, Founder's Day, Spring Formal and Bear Kohler post-football game cocktail parties.

James graduated on December 10, 1965, the same day he asked his wife Judy to marry him. Judy, who graduated from East Stroudsburg, often drove her 1954 Ford sedan the 275 miles to Penn State to spend the weekend with James. (She said yes!)

Haven't taken advanced Army ROTC his junior and senior years, James was commissioned on December 10, 1965. Instead of serving on active duty immediately, he went to graduate school, which postponed his active duty date so he and Judy could marry.

After earning an MBA, he served two years of active duty in Germany then

returned to the states to serve in the Pennsylvania and Ohio Army Reserve units. He retired in 1993 as a Lieutenant Colonel with almost 10 full-time years of active service.

James also worked for several civilian companies during his time in the Army Reserve, including Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Merck-Medco, Honda of America Manufacturing and Dublin (Ohio) City Schools.

James and Judy had two children, James and Janine. Judy, who traveled extensively, worked as a part-time pre-school teacher until she was diagnosed with kidney cancer. She passed away in 2005 after 39 years of marriage.

Now retired, James is far from idle. In addition to his involvement with Phi Sigma Kappa, he is part of the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, the Military Officers Association of America, the Reserve Officers Association, Amvets, the Athletic Club of Columbus, and the Central Ohio Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Club. He also shares his wife's love of travel and has visited Hawaii, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Northwest, where his daughter lives.

Three years ago, James was diagnosed with stage four prostate cancer and bone cancer. Although he knows he has an ongoing battle, he said he's in capable hands, since the doctor treating his cancer is a Phi Sig from the University of Illinois. James has had incredible support from his children, family and friends, as well, and he hasn't let the diagnoses slow him down much.

He still attends every Penn State/Ohio State football game and tries to make it to Happy Valley for one or two games every year. Recently, he attended the Penn State/Oregon State game in September, and visited the renovated fraternity house, which he described as fantastic.

"I contributed to this essential project and hope that more Class of 1965 brothers will step up with a contribution because there are needed projects still unfunded," James said.



James in uniform with his wife Judy (now deceased).

James supports Phi Sig because of the valuable experiences the fraternity provided him. "Phi Sig was the solid foundation that allowed me to achieve the many good things in life." He wants to give future Penn State students the opportunity to experience brotherhood. "The friendships formed there motivated me to remember to give back," he said. James continually supports the Phi Sigma National and Kappa Chapters. He also visited the Indianapolis headquarters and would still like to attend a National Convention.

James remembers the good times at Phi Sig and, despite everyone's busy lives, remains in contact with many brothers, including **Rich Newell '68** and **Bill DeGrandis '77**. While visiting the house in September, James got to chat with Bill and another good friend, **Dick Doherty '58**. He also reconnected with a lot of the brothers during the 100th anniversary of the Kappa Chapter.

James extended an open invitation for any of his brothers to drop by his house for a visit.

"My Penn State and Phi Sig activities will still be among the major highlights of my life," he said.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Anthony Fusaro

(850 Stratford Drive, Lakeland, FL 33813-4701; fusaroa@aol.com) I am now retired from university teaching and administration, but continue to work as Director of Development for a combination homeless shelter/recovery center/medical clinic for the poor in Lakeland, FL. Maria and I have three grown children and four grandchildren, and take the opportunity to travel when we can.

'30s

Ed Waltman '39

(468 E. Tangerine Sq. S.W., Vero Beach, FL 32968-3838) I am now 91 and in surprisingly good health. I still play 18 holes of golf

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weekly, jog and pump iron. I was at Penn State and at the house for only two years, two years for pre-dental, then to Baltimore College in Maryland. I believe my father graduated in civil engineering in 1907.



I found the picture above tucked away and since I fairly recently received the August letter, Brothers of Kappa Chapter, I thought I'd send this photo along. One of our members at that time, **Carl King '41** (not in the picture) from Philadelphia, wrestled varsity with the 117 pound class. In fact, he kept me from the varsity. He'd wrestled all through high school in Philadelphia. I started at State College.

Wish I could have met **John Shaw '29**, who made it to 102. What a guy.

So for now, best to all.

'60s

Robert Landis '63

(433 N. Patrick St., Alexandria, VA 22314-2240; landisrc@comcast.net) I was just elected to the Penn State Alumni Council. Thanks to all the brothers who voted for me.

Richard Nonini '69

(13677 Holyoke Ln., Apple Valley, MN 55124-9425; richard.b.nonini@lmco.com) I have been married to my wife Nancy for 31 years. I have worked at Lockheed Martin for almost 35 years. My daughter, Elisa, graduated from Penn State in 2006 and my son, Scott, will graduate from the University of Wisconsin - Madison next fall. We have been in Minnesota for 17 years and no longer complain about the winter.

Kappa Chapter actives are enjoying their newly-renovated home!



Did You See the Newly Renovated House during our Grand Re-Opening Celebration? See Inside for Details!

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