

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blue/White Game
April 25

Arts Fest
July 9-12

Homecoming
October 17

PENN STATE FOOTBALL

Sept. 5: Akron
Sept. 12: Syracuse
Sept. 19: Temple
Sept. 26: Iowa
Oct. 3: at Illinois
Oct. 10: Eastern Illinois
Oct. 17: Minnesota
Oct. 24: at Michigan
Oct. 31: at Northwestern
Nov. 7: Ohio State
Nov. 14: Indiana
Nov. 21: at Michigan State

Home games in bold

ON THE WEB

Connect with Phi Sig on Facebook

Are you a Facebook user? You can now connect your Facebook profile with your account on www.phisigpsu.com. You'll be able to use your Facebook login to log in to our online community, and every time you post an alumni update, register for an event or make an online donation on www.phisigpsu.com, it will be published in your Facebook news feed.

Be sure to join our Facebook group, "Phi Sigma Kappa Alumni from Penn State University."

Kappa News

www.phisigpsu.com

Kappa Chapter
Phi Sigma Kappa at Penn State

April 2009



ALUMNI REPORT

Celebrating 110 Years of Kappa Chapter Renovations Completed of 83-Year-Old Chapter House

By Dick Doherty '58

Spring is here, and with it the 110th anniversary of Kappa Chapter. Happy 110th Birthday Kappa! It is another milestone in the proud traditions and history of our chapter.

This past year saw another great event with the completion of the renovations to our 83-year-old chapter house. The results are outstanding. It certainly made for an eventful few years, as it is almost like starting all over again. We have had some growing pains and they are being dealt with.

I hope that you can stop by the house and see the wonderful transformation that has been accomplished. If you don't make it by this spring then we hope to see you in the fall. By the time you receive this the school year will be almost over. As in the past years the house will be closed for the summer.



The exterior renovations in the fall.
See more great photos of the renovations at www.phisigpsu.com.

The rest of the semester will be busy at the house. We will have celebrated Founders Day on March 21, the actives will host Parents' Weekend on April 4, and on April 25 (Blue/White) the chapter will hold its philanthropy, Super Stars, which supports the Leukemia Society. It is a very worthwhile project and worthy of our support. If you would like to make a donation, contact Chapter President **Jack Surma** at jms5696@psu.edu.

All in all it is a busy spring, but not too early to look forward to seeing many of you in the fall. This year, Homecoming is Oct. 17. At that time we expect to have the honor roll of campaign contributors on a plaque to be displayed in the house. Have a great Phi Sig spring and summer. Don't forget to send us a write up and photos of any of your get-togethers. We will post them at www.phisigpsu.com.



Top 5 Ways to Reconnect with Brothers at www.phisigpsu.com

1. Search the online directory to get in touch with old friends.
2. Rally up a spring or summer reunion using the message boards.
3. Browse the photo albums to rekindle some old memories.
4. Post an alumni update to let us know what's new with you.
5. Publish your site activity on your Facebook profile using the new Facebook Connect.

Don't forget, if you haven't yet registered on the site you can find your Member ID for First Time Login on the mailing panel of this newsletter.

CHAPTER REPORT

Kappa Chapter Celebrates Success in Philanthropy and Recruitment

Active Membership Boasts More than 60 Brothers

By Jonathan Ross

The Kappa Chapter is celebrating its second semester in our fully-renovated chapter house by continuing its legacy of success in both philanthropy and recruitment. For starters, Kappa once again participated in the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, the world's largest student-run philanthropy, which raised a record \$7.49 million this year for pediatric cancer patients at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center. Four of our brothers participated in the 46-hour dance marathon as a way to further raise money for pediatric

cancer research.

In addition to THON, Kappa is also planning the 26th annual edition of our Superstars philanthropy, which donates money to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of our late Brother **Vincent Sandoe '85**. Superstars, a series of competitions between co-ed teams captained by brothers, such as tug-of-war and relay races, raised over \$2,000 last year, and again, we hope to break that mark for this year's event.

On the topic of recruitment, Kappa was

able to initiate 12 new brothers last fall, our third consecutive large fall initiate class, putting the chapter at more than 60 brothers. We use our completely-renovated chapter house as one of the main focuses of our rush program, in the hope of getting another large class of initiates to further grow our brotherhood.

For these reasons, it is clear that Kappa Chapter has much success to look forward to in 2009, as we celebrate our 110th continuous year of existence on the Penn State campus.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'30s

Edwin Waltman '39

(468 E. Tangerine Sq. S.W., Vero Beach, FL 32968-3838) I am age 91 as of June this year. I am in relatively good health and still play golf. I have very fond memories of 501 S. Allen Street.

'60s

Len Pasquini '66

(25814 Bristlecone Court, Golden, CO 80401-8083; PsqnLn@aol.com) I have so many fond memories of the house from 1962-66 as an active, long before its recent renovation. "Bear" working on his Ph.D., Greek Week activities, touch football against the Phi Gams, the house mother Mrs. Dawson as one of the best ladies to dance with at Saturday night parties. And, the memory that so many of my age remember is where we were on the day President Kennedy was assassinated in November of 1963. I had just walked into the house up S. Allen Street and heard it on the news in the TV room downstairs. I cannot remember the day of the week, but it had to be a school day as I was coming back to the house from a class.

We want to know what's new with you too! Submit your update online at www.phisigpsu.com.

It seems so long ago now, almost 46 years. A lot has changed in our personal lives since then, but that's the day our country changed. I just hope that in the last half century we've all tried to make positive changes for ourselves and our country, and hope that the brothers at Penn State now will continue to make positive changes for the future.

'80s

Christopher Zeigler '87

(1506 Hummingbird Ln., Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5623; chriszeigler@cox.net) I am married to a wonderful woman named Devon, and we have a 16-year-old daughter, Shea. I run the Bridgestone/Firestone store in Mechanicsburg, Penn. I try to play golf once a week and enjoy hunting and deep sea fishing. In August of 2007, I made a big move quit my job moved my family to Virginia Beach and partnered with my brother in a chemical lawn care company. My daughter transferred from Alvernia College in Reading, Pa. to Old Dominion University in Norfolk Va. If any one is in the area please look me up.

'90s

John Woerner '91

(11381 Landing Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55347-4953; john.r.woerner@ampf.com) I currently live in Eden Prairie, Minn., with my wife Colleen Finnegan and four sons: Cole (9), Sean (6), Chad (4) and Finn (2). I am an executive with Ameriprise Financial,

headquartered in Minneapolis. We had the chance to visit the house last fall when we took all the kids to State College for a football game, and enjoyed seeing the house and some current brothers. While touring the house, I explained to my incredulous six-year-old Sean that when I lived in the house someone had a pet pig that used to get chased down the hall by someone else's dog! Needless to say, he can't wait to live in a fraternity house.

Haven't Yet Registered on our Web Site?

If you haven't yet registered on www.phisigpsu.com, be sure to do so today to stay up to date on the latest alumni and active news, event details and to access the searchable online directory, photo albums and much more!

It's easy to register:

1. Go to www.phisigpsu.com.
2. Click First Time Login at the top of the page.
3. Enter your last name.
4. Select your record.
5. Enter your Member ID (you can find this above your name and address on this newsletter).

Once you're registered, you'll be provided with a username and password for future logins.

DONATION OVERVIEW

Annual Fund vs. Capital Campaign: What's the Difference?

You may wonder why The Phi Sigma Kappa Association asks you to contribute to two different funds over the course of the year.

Our annual fund supports the operating budget for our communications program, alumni events and database maintenance.

Basically, the annual fund is allocated to help keep you connected with Kappa Chapter alumni year after year. Gifts to the annual fund range from \$50 to \$1,000+ and are renewed each year.

The *A Reason to be Proud* capital campaign

is a one-time major fundraising effort to renovate our house and preserve its existence at Penn State for years to come. The campaign consists of higher-level pledges that are paid in installments over the course of several years.

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ON THE WEB

Are You Receiving our Monthly e-Letter?

We are missing email addresses for more than 55% of you! If you're not receiving our monthly e-Letters, update your contact information on our web site at www.phisigpsu.com or send your email address to content@affinityconnection.com (mention Phi Sig PSU). By increasing our email communications, we can save money on paper, printing and postage and allocate our funds to other uses.

You can also check out the email lost list on our site. If you see your name or are in touch via email with any of the brothers on the list, follow the above instructions to update our alumni relations office.

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The screenshot shows the website interface with a navigation bar at the top containing the Phi Sigma Kappa logo and 'PENN STATE'. Below the navigation bar, there are several sections: 'Events' with a link to 'Kappa Chapter Founders Day 2009' (3/21/2009), 'Alumni Updates' with a call to action to update member profiles, and 'Updated Members' listing names like Kevin Heym and Gary Woods. A footer area contains information about 'Blue/White Weekend' and a link to football schedules.

OLD PHOTO ALBUM

We love coming across great old photos in our archives. We want to feature more of these oldies but goodies in *Kappa News* and in our monthly e-Letter. If you have great photos from your era to share, send them to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention Phi Sig PSU in the subject).



Clockwise from top:
1956: Kappa Chapter in 1956.



90s: Michael Vereb's Wedding in October 1998 with 17 Phi Sigs in attendance. Front Row: Todd Polechko, Brian Heym, Brian Pierce, Bear Koehler and Marc Hourvitz; Back Row: Rob Tefft, Mark Zahorchak, Chris Shaffer, Sean Babik, Paul Langlois, Michael Vereb, Bob Uglow, Todd Allshous, John Woerner, Troy Thornton and Rick Derrickson.



70s: 21st birthday party at the Skellar in October 1973. Front row seated is Ralph. Second row left to right is Gar, Jobber, and Trash. Seated in the background left to right is Bill Horner, John Lindbergh, Mike Macon, and Roger McClay. Thanks to L. Stueart Brown for submitting this photo.

More than 55% of our alumni aren't receiving our monthly e-Letter. Help us to communicate with you more often without spending a fortune on paper and postage by updating your email address. See page 3 for details.



Kappa Chapter Turns 110 This Year! Stop By to Celebrate in our Newly-Renovated House...Details Inside!

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