

A Birthday Wish for Wes Link '55

By Ryan Ashby

Since I have been a brother here at Kappa Sig, and even when I was a rush, I have known **Wes Link '55**. Wes seemed to be the life of the party everywhere he went. He was very friendly, and darned hilarious to see around all the time. Everyone knows you can always go and see Wes at the tailgate, and whether he knows you or not he makes you feel welcome. The undergraduates of the Alpha Delta Chapter wish a happy birthday to Wes and thank him for all his contributions to making this house seem alive. ■



Happy Birthday, Wes Link '55 (age 70).



Ed Gorkes '79 presents Mark Breedlove '78 the 2003 Alumnus of the Year Award.

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Alumni Profile

E. V. Bishoff '44

Nothing Can Compare with Dec. 7, 1941

It was a different time. Brothers dressed in a jacket for dinner in the evening and in a coat and tie for Sunday lunch. Seniors usually wore jackets or suits to class — no t-shirt and jeans. Many of the upperclassmen wore felt dress hats. In the house, everything had to be quiet after 8:00 p.m. — no music or noise of any kind. It was all study time. There was only one telephone in the house, and it was downstairs. And no house mother was on-site to watch over everything. Pledges kept the house clean; that was their responsibility. Every fraternity had a pledge master — an upperclassman — supervise the pledges. Saturday morning was clean-up time.

Everybody knew everybody. The upperclassmen all took the freshmen under their wings and showed them the ropes. Behavior was very important. Pledges had to know the full name of every active in the house. Every time a pledge came in the fraternity, he had to stop inside the door and give his full name and recite a scripted statement. All freshmen had to wear a dink and a name card. First-year men had to wear a black bow tie, and all freshmen had to carry a pack of gum (for the upperclassmen). The Nittany Lion was a new work of art on campus, and students walked by it as they entered into the old Beaver Stadium. Most people walked. Only two people had cars at the house: **Lloyd Dixon '43** had a bright yellow 1941 Lincoln Zephyr convertible; **John Anstine '44** had a Model-T Ford for which he paid \$15.

That was 1941 — the year that **E.V. Bishoff '44** pledged Kappa Sigma at Penn State. But WWII loomed on the horizon for Americans. “The most important thing that happened was Dec. 7, 1941,” said Bishoff. “We had just finished lunch on that Sunday and went into the living room. Someone had the radio on. The announcement came over about Pearl Harbor. It changed everybody’s life. Dances and homecomings were fun, but nothing can compare with December 7.”

In 1943 E.V. left PSU to enroll in an accelerated chemical engineering program at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, though he said, “My heart is at Penn State.” By the spring of 1943, many fraternity houses had been closed and the government was taking them over temporarily. Missing graduation, Bishoff took the night train from Pittsburgh to New York and set sail with the Merchant Marines. For more than two years, he served as an engineering officer, seeing many parts of the world including the North Atlantic, Persian Gulf, Mediterranean, North Africa and Europe.

The son of a PSU Kappa Sig, Bishoff moved right into the house in 1941. He recalls fondly his days with brothers including his freshman roommate, **Bob Bacher '47**, and many others including **Gardner Lindzey '43**, **Ted Baldwin '43**, **Dick Stebbins '43**, **Larry Furman '42**, **Bill Mayer '42**, **Ralph Sapp '42**, **Walt Sapp '49** and **Ed Lenker '48**. One of his better friends was **Carrol Blackwood '43**. President of Kappa Sigma at the time was Lloyd Dixon.

Since 1946, Bishoff has seen a career spanning 57 years and encompassing everything from sales engineering for Rockwell in Pittsburgh to the creation of his own commercial real estate company, E.V. Bishoff Co., where he is currently the chairman. The company, with offices in Columbus, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, is run by son David. Bishoff and wife Jo also have two daughters, Karen and Beth, as well as five grandchildren. They are a close family, all living within blocks of each other.

Bishoff has also become re-established at PSU, attending a football game each year as well as being involved in some alumni and philanthropic efforts for the university. And Kappa Sig will remain a key influence in his life at Penn State. “It’s hard to put into words what it meant,” he said. “Those two years were very important because they helped shape my attitude toward a lot of things: values, behavior, treatment of others and responsibilities. If I hadn’t belonged, I might not have picked up on this. Our older brothers went out of their way to help us turn from boys to men.”

Brothers can contact E.V. Bishoff at 614-221-4736. ■

Dear Brothers,

We have all heard the phrase “not for an hour, a day or a college term only, but for life.” This phrase became much more meaningful this past summer.

I had the opportunity to attend my first conclave in Tampa, Fla. The conclave reinforced the importance of our chapter being associated with the national fraternity. Having the opportunity to meet brothers from chapters around the country was inspiring. I can now appreciate why The Kappa Sigma Fraternity is recognized as one of the premier fraternities in the country.

Many Alpha Delta alumni and undergraduates attended, including **Mark Breedlove '78, Steve Uzupis '77, Bob Burkhart '81, Kevin Coppins '92, Brian Roakes '94** and me. Our chapter delegate was **Darren Duhnke**, with **Andre Aklia '04** and **Paul Hileman** also attending.

The highlight of the conclave was our night on the town that was arranged by our Tampa-area alumni brothers (Kevin and Brian). It included a supersized limo with a very well-stocked bar. We hit all the hot spots, including those that can't be discussed in polite company!

After a very early breakfast at Village Inn, we headed back to the Marriott. Our caravan included brothers who were undergraduates up to alumni pushing out grey hairs and some brothers from California. Our ages spanned decades, but it was one of the best times I have had in a long time.

Upon departure from the conclave, one of the younger brothers from California thanked us for the good time and commented that “You guys from Penn State sure know how to party!” Yes, we do.

In addition, I had the pleasure to visit with **Lee Thaete '79** and **Steve Heimer '76** in Ocean City, N.J. Steve and I get together often at State College home football games, but neither of us had seen Lee in many years. However, after reminiscing for a few minutes, it was like we had not seen each other for only a few months instead of years. As they say, friends from your youth are the most important; they are the ones you can truly relax with and be yourself.

I am also happy to report that the chapter started this school year with a balanced budget — the first time in three years! The prior years had been very challenging with numerous problems to solve. The undergraduates pulled together, worked hard and are now in a position to put our financial problems behind us. There is a great group of guys in the house. Stop by and meet them!

Lastly, I want to thank our loyal alumni. Without the financial support many of you provided, we would have never survived the lean years. Our chapter is now on stable ground to move forward, increase membership and look ahead to the next 100 years! Thank you.

Brotherhood does indeed last a lifetime! I hope that our newsletters and Web site help you stay connected to your college days and fraternity brothers. Pick up the phone and call your pledge brother or old roommate; as the years melt away, you will be glad you did.

AEKDB,

Edward D. Gorkes '79
Alumni Corporation President ■

Dear Alumni,

Many of you might not know me, so I'll start by introducing myself. I am the current grand master. I pledged the house as a freshman in the fall of 2000, and I have also served as GP, rush chair and scholarship chair.

In the past year, the house has made serious efforts to improve our chapter. One of the changes we have made is putting the alumni newsletter back into the hands of the undergraduates. The purpose of this newsletter is to let you, the alumni of our chapter, know what we have done and are doing for the house.

Our greatest accomplishment last semester was recruitment. We initiated 11 men, the most of all fraternities at Penn State for that spring semester. We did all of our recruitment as a dry house and did the best on campus. This semester we will have seven pledges. Recruitment at these levels has us on

track to be one of the largest fraternities at Penn State.

We have done other things for the house as well. We came back early last semester to do house renovations, such as the paneling in the stairwell and repainting the crest. This semester we have been fund-raising for Mary Ellen. For the first time in many years, we have a partner for Thon. We are also very active with community service projects; for example, this Halloween we will be hosting a haunted house for little children. Parents will be able to take their kids trick-or-treating down the halls, and the living room will be made into a haunted house.

While we have come a long way in the past few years, we're just getting started. We are committed to increasing our membership. Rush will always be a priority for us. What's more, we are going to continue to find new ways to be involved with the community and the university. Finally, we are planning more

major house renovations, such as wiring the house for high-speed Internet service.

This should have you up to speed on where the house is right now and where it will be in the near future. Additionally, you might be asking why the sudden effort to keep you informed. From what I have seen and experienced in the past few years, Alpha Delta has outstanding alumni support. This high level of support is one of the reasons the house did not fold long ago. It is difficult to express in words how much the undergraduates appreciate your efforts, and there is no real way to repay you. Nevertheless, we do hope that through this newsletter we can bring alumni and undergraduates even closer together. Furthermore, if you are ever in State College, drop in for a visit. You'll always be welcome here.

AEKDB,

Adam Kulp '04 ■

At the

Car Wash

By Toby Jantz

KS/SWE Bikini Car Wash Fund-raiser

As most know by now, the undergraduates are doing a fund-raising campaign for Mary Ellen. This is so we can buy her and a couple of her friends plane tickets and hotel rooms, and send her to the "Price Is Right." We are currently doing some activities and asking for donations from everyone.

On September 28, we teamed up with the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and did a bikini car wash. The women and KS undergraduates had to wear bikini tops. It was pretty interesting to see that. The day before, some of the KS undergraduates and SWE members went around to tailgates at the football game to either sell tickets for the car wash the following day or to get donations. This turned out well, and we managed to raise about \$300 in donations the day before the car wash.

After Sunday, we just about doubled our money, so at this point we are still planning a few more activities to raise more money for her because we would like to accumulate about \$1,500. We know we have to get enough to send her and her friends, and also to give her some money to help her out with treatments. We are asking anyone who would like to donate to please do so soon. Anything you can send is greatly appreciated, and I know Mary Ellen would love it too. You can send donations to Darren Duhnke, 255 Highland Ave., State College, PA 16801. ■

Philanthropy

Report

By Darren Duhnke

Halloween Haunted Fraternity House

The next philanthropy/community service event is the SWE and Kappa Sigma Monster Mash Halloween Party. This will be held on October 26 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We are having over children ages 2-10 to show off their Halloween spirit. We are going to have families bring canned food for a local food bank, and the event will be free to the children. We will have pumpkin painting, trick-or-treating at the rooms and a haunted maze, among other things.

We are hoping to get sponsors such as Lockheed Martin to cover most of the expense, and our estimated price is about \$700. We will also be covered in the local newspapers. Alumni are more than welcome to stop by and bring their kids, or just come down and see the house like you have never seen it before! This is a huge event that will get good coverage as well as get our name out there! ■

Alumni

UpDates

For more alumni updates, go to www.kappasigpsu.com.

A. Gordon Olsen '51

(232 W. Frier Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85021) Nan and I are heading to the southwest coastal area of Ireland in November (Kerry and environs) with Fordham Law School alumni.

Harvey G. Cook '55

(20129 N. Painted Sky Dr., Surprise, AZ 85374-4555; cooksurpri@aol.com) After graduation, I taught school for several years, was drafted by the Army, taught school in Europe, went to seminary school to become an Episcopalian priest and joined the Navy while in seminary. I had a tour in Vietnam with the Marines, eventually got promoted to captain and retired in 1993. I have been rector of churches in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Paradise Valley, Ariz. I

have three children and five grandchildren.

H. Wesley Link '55

(800 Lawrence Ln., Newtown Square, PA 19073-2610; lecocelo@aol.com) I recovered well from prostate cancer in 2002. **Steve Wyman '56** is in my support group. I received the 2002 Outstanding Alumni Award from the Penn State Alumni Association of Delaware County, Pa.

Timothy A. Bonawitz '71

(6208 Greenwick Dr., Glen Allen, VA 23059-5449; timmikepsu@aol.com) I recently retired from The Hartford Insurance Company. I have purchased some land in State College and plan to start construction on a new house in the near future. My wife and I hope to be

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On the

Gridiron

By Paul Hileman

Intramural Football Report

After two weeks of intramural football, Kappa Sigma had a commanding 2-0 record, posting two 20-12 victories. In the first game, Sigma Tau Gamma came out throwing, with two interceptions on their first two offensive plays. Both were picked off by me, and I also had two other interceptions and two touchdowns, while **Justin Laurie** picked up the third. Quarterback **Darren Duhnke** threw all three touchdowns and had only one interception to lead the offense. **Dustin Kreider** had a long catch to set up a short touchdown catch for me. Lineman **Eric Zottola** had a stellar game and one of the two-point conversions to clinch the victory. On defense, I had a total of four interceptions and knocked Sigma Tau Gamma's final prayer of out bounds to end the game.

Chi Phi proved to be a much more dangerous opponent, scoring on their first drive aided by a long quarterback sneak. After failing on the two-point conversion, Chi Phi intercepted the first pass by quarterback **Darren Duhnke**. Kappa Sig's defense was able to stop the ensuing drive off an interception by Duhnke on the goal line. Kappa Sigma was then able to drive down the field and, on fourth and long, Duhnke completed the long ball for one of three touchdowns by me; I also had an interception. I did well for Kappa Sig, converting three fourth-down plays. **Adam Kulp '04** played a tremendous game at linebacker, holding the scrambling Chi Phi quarterback to only two big plays, both on the other side of the ball. **Dustin Kreider** came up big with a touchdown of his own that was called back due to a holding violation. Chi Phi picked off two other passes to make the game interesting, but Kappa Sigma's defense held tight.

The next game is Thursday, October 23, at the IM fields behind East Halls. ■

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residents of State College by the 2004 football season.

Robert L. Desrochers '72

(557 University Dr., Jasper, IN 47546-8063; desrochersbobmindy@msn.com) I have recently hooked up with **Gary Link '73**. He is alive and well, and living in Nashville, Tenn.

James J. Garcia '79

(785 Greenhaven Dr., Bethel Park, PA 15102-2220; jpuck@usaor.net) Hello, everybody. I went up to see the Boston College game with my son. It's the first time in his 12 short years that he has ever attended a PSU game. He loved it. He also enjoyed going to the house and seeing my old composite. I must admit, going to the house brought back some good memories of faces from the past, the times when we were so young and naive. For those of you who may not know, the house is sending us a SOS. Ed and the rest who have worked so hard in the past few years to keep it alive have done a job over and above the call of duty. Still, more needs to be done. We all can do more. I know the past few years have been tough on all of us financially. Trust me, I know, as I am forced to acknowledge it every single day I step into my office. The world changed two years ago, but we are still here, and we need to keep the good memories alive so that all can know and remember. The chapter house, and those 24 or so young men who are working hard to keep our memories alive, need to know that what they are doing now will allow them to have their memories in the next 20 years or so. That being said, I am sending a check to Ed so that he can continue in his efforts to see that fellowship and leadership are represented at Penn State by the brothers of Kappa Sigma. If you can, I challenge all of you who, like myself, may have forgotten, lost track, or not have had the wherewithall to send a small vote of financial support, to please do so now. Not only will you be doing something that is good and worthwhile, you'll be doing something that will allow you to say "I want to help make a difference." On this day, more than on others, we really need to remember AEKDB. Thanks for your time. Best regards.

Robert J. Bowsher '86

(4188 Fifth Ave., #13, San Diego, CA 92103-7419; rbowsher3@cox.net) I took the trip of a lifetime to Australia last November. I saw **Bob Roxbrough '86** in Washington, D.C. He gave me an extensive tour of the Pentagon and treated me to lunch in the main dining room.

Michael W. Carrell '86

(20 Windsor Crescent, Hornell Heights, ON P0H 1P0) My family and I moved to North Bay, Ontario, Canada, in June. I will be taking command of the U.S. Air Defense forces that were in the Canadian NORAD Air Defense System. We will be stationed in Canada for two years. Any Kappa Sigs in the great white North should look us up.

Michael S. DeNapoli '86

(2152 Roosevelt Ave., Altadena, CA 91001; drdenap@earthlink.net) Just bought a new house to have space for everyone when PSU comes to the Rose Bowl in '04.

Matthew B. Weisberg '97

(7901 Henry Ave., Apt. F-205, Philadelphia, PA 19128-3084; goochweisb@aol.com) I am employed in Philadelphia as an associate in the general litigation department of McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C., as a trial attorney specializing in personal injury, criminal defense, bankruptcy and mortgage foreclosure and real estate litigation. I live with **Darby Neidig '93** and can be reached at home at 215-482-6577, at work at 215-790-1010 or by e-mail at goochweisb@aol.com. On March 7, 2003 (my birthday), I was engaged to marry Tali Greenberg (of Montreal, Canada) on November 23, 2003. Thereafter, I will be moving to Horsham, Pa., where I again hope to move away from as soon as possible. I still maintain routine contact with **Michael Valenti '90**, **Tom Tatem '98**, **Kevin Hacker '98**, **Darby Neidig '93**, **Brian Say '97** and **Mark Pollard '95**, along with various other Kappa Sigmas. I am currently the legal adviser to Kappa Sigma, Widener University, and the past AAA to Kappa Sigma, University of Pennsylvania. I look forward to anyone and everyone either getting back in touch with me, retaining me for a legal matter or sending me a wedding gift (cash only please; large bills). Call or e-mail anytime.

Clay E. Rahn '98

(4106 S. 130th E. Place, Apt. 1514, Tulsa, OK 74134; clayrahn@hotmail.com) I am thoroughly enjoying my work as a civil engineer for a small company in Tulsa, but my real passion



Clay Rahn '98 in a half-ironman race (Aug. 2003).

lies with the sport of triathlon. I compete in about eight races per year, ranging in distance from sprints (.5-mile swim, 18-mile bike, 3-mile run) to half-ironmans (1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike, 13.1-mile run). One of my goals is to someday qualify for Ironman Hawaii

(the mother of all triathlons). I will probably need at least five more years of intensive weight lifting, swimming, biking and running to make it, but the desire is definitely there. I would love to hear from you guys anytime. If you are ever in Tulsa, you have a place to stay — that is, if you don't mind getting up at 5:00 a.m., eating oatmeal and bananas for breakfast and joining me for a swim (just kidding). The photo shows me trying (and feeling immense pain) to push up the final hill on the 56-mile bike course of a half-ironman I raced in at the beginning of August 2003. The bad news — I still had to run 13.1 miles!

In Memory

Since publication of our last newsletter, we have learned of the death of

Roger H. Hetzel '35 (3/13/02)
John H. Calvin '37 (8/11/03)
Walter D. McCormick '39 (3/16/03)
Howard G. Dick '40 (5/9/03)
William H. DeCoudres '44 (1998)
James F. Cataldo '63 (10/6/02)

Kappa Sigma mourns their passing and extends condolences to family and friends.