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ALUMNI REPORT

Keeping the Kappa Sig Experience Alive in Our Alumni Years

By Ed Gorkes '79

When we first entered Kappa Sigma as undergraduates, we had no idea the impact that the fraternity would have on our lives. Now, as adults, we can clearly see that Kappa Sig was more than a place to call home during our Penn State years. Rather, it became a lasting part of our lives.

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The enclosed articles tell the story of the lifelong Kappa Sig journey. From the guys from the class of 1967 who are planning a reunion 40+ years after they first met, to the story of the brother who was involved in the establishment of THON, to the brothers

listed on the honor roll who are perpetuating their Kappa Sig experience in their alumni years through their financial contributions. Additionally, **Brad Lawrence '69** shares how his fraternity experience led to his career success on page 3.

I ask that if you haven't made Kappa Sigma a part of your adult life, to please do so today. Look up the contact information of an old friend at www.kappasigpsu.com. Update your email address so we can keep you informed of the latest news and activities. Send us some news of what's going on with you so we can publish it in our next newsletter. And, most importantly, return the enclosed form with your 2009-10 annual fund contribution.

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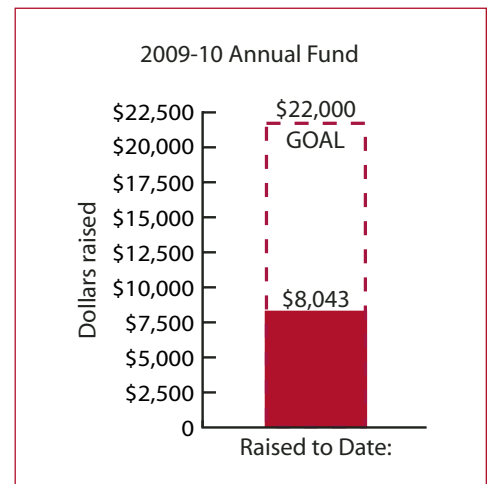
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CHAPTER REPORT

Alpha Delta Excels in Intramurals, Academics and Philanthropy

The Alpha Delta chapter recently finished participating in our first IFC related event, Greek Sing. The chapter was paired with Kappa Alpha Theta, and our group finished in fourth place out of 20 pairs of fraternities and sororities. The chapter will also be participating in Greek Week in April with the rising sorority of Sigma Kappa.

The Alpha Delta Chapter has also shown prowess on the athletic field. The chapter had strong, above average seasons in

football, basketball, swimming, and softball. The chapter didn't stop there, capturing the 5K cross country title and finishing second in golf. The wrestling season has also just ended with two brothers making it the final round in each weight class and with soccer around the corner. A fraternal IM sports title is within reach.

Academically, Alpha Delta is having a great year. The cumulative GPA for the chapter is a 3.2. The chapter also raised the

GPA for library hours from 2.5 to 2.75 due to recent success with our studies. With THON less than a week away, all the brothers, who put countless hours of work in the fight against pediatric cancer, are starting to see the fruits of their labor. Our goal of beating last year's total of \$13,000 is well within our reach

The chapter has also completed a very successful spring rush, and extended the bid of pledging to seven outstanding gentlemen.

THON

Did You Know? Alpha Delta Alumnus Played a Role in the Creation of THON

The October 2009 *Alpha Delta News* contained an inspirational story about THON (dance marathon) at PSU. **Herb Kraybill '47** had a large role in its inception. He was Director of Development at PSU's Hershey Medical Center where he also helped establish the Four Diamonds Fund along with Lindy and Irma Millard. He had spoken about the Four Diamonds at the State College High School where Ray Murphy's son was a student. Panhellenic usually had a dance marathon once a year to benefit a different



Herb Kraybill '47 played a role in the establishment of the Four Diamonds Fund and Dance Marathon, which today is the nation's largest student-run philanthropy in the world.

charity each year. Herb convinced his Dad, Ray, who was advisor to the Panhel group, to consider Four Diamonds. They accepted the idea, and Herb convinced them to continue in following years, and now the THON is a power unto itself. The Millards continue their vital interest from their present home in Washington State. Herb is retired, suffers from dementia, but maintains loyalty to Penn State, THON and The Hershey Medical Center.

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Lovin' Happy Valley from the West Coast

Brad Lawrence '69 Shares How his Love for Penn State – and Kappa Sig – Keeps Him Coming Back

Though he moved to the other side of the United States, **Brad Lawrence '69** hasn't forgotten his ties to Pennsylvania and Penn State. Brad still enjoys keeping up with the Pittsburgh Steelers and his beloved Nittany Lions on the gridiron. Through his travels, Brad has found Blue/White fans everywhere.

At the heart of his roots is the time he spent at Penn State as a member of Kappa Sigma. Brad joined the fraternity in 1966, and was appointed secretary/treasurer of the IFC during his senior year. He credits this as a very important and developmental stage in his career.

"It gave me a chance to be part of something bigger than myself," he said. "I learned organizational skills, so many ways to get involved and enhanced ways to participate in your college experience. I think it makes you better alum."

The leadership skills learned has helped enable Brad to continuously enhance his career. He has held management and executive positions in sales, marketing and operations positions with several companies including Rockwell International, Paccar, Conductive Rubber Technology, Flow international and PRI Automation.

Brad joined his current employer Esterline, is a specialized manufacturing company serving aerospace, defense and medical markets, in 2002, where he started



Brad Lawrence '69

as president of the company's advanced input operation. In 2007 he was named Group Vice President, and eventually was appointed as President and Chief Operating Officer in September 2009 and then Chief Executive Officer in November. The company has brought in \$1.5 billion in revenue.

Leading up to his successful career, Brad received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Penn State in 1969, where he earned an 'Outstanding Senior Award.' He received an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh in 1982.

Today, still keeps in touch with several of his Alpha Delta Kappa Sig brothers including **Ken Ewing, George Strahan, Gary Wert** and **Larry Nucci**. Also, he's proud to report that 'Hooch' is nearby—**Ron Stitler** lives close by in Spokane, WA.

Though Brad has a deep appreciation for Penn State, the west coast didn't have to twist his arm to relocate. "Walking across campus at 8 a.m. with the snow coming down and the Mamas and the Papas in my head...I couldn't get out to the west coast fast enough," he joked

Out west, he enjoys playing golf, skiing and fly-fishing. Brad learned his love for fly-fishing in Pennsylvania; in fact he used to take afternoons off during his days at Penn State to fish.

During his fraternity days, Brad also was involved with intramural sports and spent time as a referee. He said it was a good way to make some extra money and maybe a few foes. One night he and some fellow fraternity brothers got into a scuffle at the Lion's Den with some members of another fraternity. Ironically, a few weeks later during a game, he made a call against the other fraternity; but he was exonerated and everything smoothed over.

Brad enjoyed many aspects of fraternity life, but said one of the main reasons or strengths of Kappa Sigma were the background diversity. It didn't matter whether you were wealthy, country, blue collar, a jock or a nerd everyone was treated alike. It was more of a learning experience with the different personality types.

Today, Brad enjoys life with his wife Donna (they've been married for 30 years) and his two grown daughters, Allison and Kelsey. They also have a Labrador retriever named Lily.

*Reconnect with Brad at
blawrence@esterline.com.*

Did You Pledge in 1967?

Even If You Didn't, Come to Our Reunion!

The members of the Kappa Sigma pledge class of 1967 would like to invite you to attend a 40-year reunion during the weekend of May 21-23, 2010. We hope all brothers regardless of their graduation year will join us for the weekend's festivities.

Friday, May 21st:

Golf at the State College Elks Club. First tee time around 1:00 PM Cost \$65.00 per person which includes cart.

Dinner at the State College Elks starting around 6:30 PM Cost \$35.00 per

person plus a (cash bar)

Saturday, May 22nd:

Golf at the Penn State Blue course. First tee time around 10:00 AM. Cost is \$70.00 per person including cart.

Catered alumni reunion party at our home starting around 5:00 PM cost is \$35.00 per person including all drinks and food.

If you are planning to attend please send me a check for the events that you would like to participate in prior to April 1st. Please reply to:

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We really hope that you will try to come back to State College and visit with some people that you may have not seen for over forty years.

AEKDB,
Tim Bonawitz

Remembering the Good Ole' Days

No matter how many years it's been since we graduated, our Kappa Sig days seem like just yesterday. Thank you to the following alumni for sharing their best memories with us.

The Only Thing Better than Caroling for Santa Himself

You're right, there are so many good times. Including Brother Ab and "Borrowed Time", The Leroy Taylor Explosion ("Take off your shirts!!"), and the social with Brother Bone and "Watchtower." However, I would have to say that my best memory would have to be on Dec. 4, 1971. At the end of the Fall Term in 1970, we were all about celebrating Christmas at the Kappa Sig house, singing Christmas carols and having some good brotherly fun. (We would sit around the living room while the old man "Timmy Bonawitz" would tell us youngsters about the Christmases of long ago). But we never took our Christmas celebration outside of the house.

Well at the end of the Fall Term in 1971, the Kappa Sigs took Christmas celebrations to a new level. We wondered, "why just stay in the house caroling when we had an entire campus to entertain?" We started down Fraternity Row and before we knew it, our numbers had grown dramatically.

Then, all of a sudden, one of our brothers had this idea that we should carol outside of JoePa's house. It sounded like a great idea! We figured we would go up and entertain Joe and Sue. Our numbers grew as we caroled through campus on our way to the Paternos'. When we arrived at Joe's house, we didn't know what to expect. Now you have to realize that Penn State had just lost to Tennessee earlier that day (31-11), but none of us thought about that and some of us had actually forgotten

about it! After a few verses of "Jingle Bells," Joe turned on the lights and instead of calling campus security, he invited us in. (By the way, Sue and Joe were entertaining friends at the time!) There we were, standing in the living room of Joe and Sue Paterno, singing Christmas carols.

Of course, we then started singing Penn State favorites: Hail to the Lion, Fight on State, and the alma mater. That was one of the biggest thrills of my Kappa Sig days. Standing by Joe Pa singing the alma mater. The caroling at JoePa's tradition continued on in the following years, but the first Kappa Sig Christmas caroling at the Paternos' was on Dec. 4, 1971. (I'm not sure if anyone has pictures of the event; I had some, but my ex-wives destroyed most of my memorabilia over the years - including my edition of "Bologna Docket").

- **Bill (Ace) Vitori '73**

Pledges Stick Together

I found that it didn't matter if you were an SAE or Kappa Sig or Sigma Nu, pledges looked out for one another. In the fall of 1951 we were all at a home football game at Penn State, and the brothers had told us at the end of the game to go down on the field and get a piece of the wooden goal posts when they were torn down for our house. I was running full speed down the field and never noticed the fellow standing there watching us run by. As I passed him, he unexpectedly hit me in the face knocking me to the ground. Those coming behind me tore into him and this self appointed person (one of many it seemed) to stop the tearing down of the goal posts, ran from the field with a few black and blue marks of his own to remember the day.

- **Bob Snelling '54**

The Phi Psi 500 Champ

One of my best Kappa Sig memories (amazing how many memories I still have considering the number of brain cells I pickled while there) would be watching BJ (Barry Lynn Jackson) win the 1971 Phi Psi 500. As far as I know, he was never a varsity athlete, yet he beat many well know athletes that day. He trained all year by running laps and wind sprints while intoxicated, that is, in a state of oxygen deprivation. When it was his turn to begin the race, he gave the others a "head start" by chugging a 16 once beer at the start line. He covered the 1.1 mile course, chugging a beer in each of the bars in town, in six minutes flat. When he crossed the finish line, his nose, lips, and fingers were blue from lack of oxygen, yet had enough stamina left to immediately chug another 16 once beer. For that, and many other reasons, BJ is still my hero.

- **Tim Weis '71**

ALUMNI UPDATE

Thomas E. Tatem, III '98

(44 Ridgedale Avenue, Unit 13, Morristown, NJ 07960; tommy_tatem@yahoo.com) Amy and I had a baby girl, Haleigh, born on May 29th. Having a beautiful healthy baby girl is great but surely God's way of getting back at me after my years at Penn State! She'll be up for a game with Dad next year.

Let us know what's new with you too! Share your updates at www.kappasigpsu.com, or send them using the enclosed form.

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