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ALUMNI REPORT

The Kappa Sig Experience Didn't End at Graduation

By Ed Gorkes '79; egorkes@gmail.com

How are you enjoying the alumni experience?

That's a question I often ask other brothers, as I personally realized a long time ago that my membership in Kappa Sigma didn't end when I graduated. I've been honored to have been involved with the recolonization of our chapter, and with maintaining the friendships I've made so long ago (and, of course, forming some great new ones).

How are you enjoying the alumni experience?

Our alumni program serves as a catalyst to keep you connected in your adult years, through *Alpha Delta News*, our web site at

www.kappasigpsu.com, and alumni events.

I hope that you'll take advantage of the opportunity to benefit from your lifelong commitment to Kappa Sigma

Inside this newsletter you'll find examples of how other brothers are participating in their alumni years – from sharing their news and memories, to financially supporting our efforts, to providing guidance to the active chapter. To those of you who are already enjoying the alumni experience, thank you. To those of you who have yet to get involved, please take a few moments to reflect on your Kappa Sigma days, and consider renewing those bonds in your adult years. I guarantee you'll be glad you did.

REMEMBER WHEN?

Alpha Delta Alumni Share Their Best Kappa Sig Stories

"This is a real brotherhood story. During Hell Week in 1952, an older brother caught me in the coat room and asked to see my burlap underwear. I explained that there was no way on God's green earth I would wear burlap underwear, and if that meant I would not become a brother, so be it. I think I also threatened him with something somewhere between death and dismemberment. Perhaps he didn't like the burlap idea... or who knows... but nothing ever came of it and I became a brother that year. It's funny how these memories keep coming back of the great times at Kappa Sigma."

- **Bob Snelling '54**

"I still remember watching the weekly Paterno show with Joe Kelty dodging a trombonist (is that a word?) on the field. I also remember storming the field with him after our victory over Nebraska, and we were both almost crushed by one of the Cornhuskers' massive lineman who was none too happy with the Nittany Lion victory!

I must also correct the nickname origin of 'Crazy Joe' which I and another friend gave Joe freshman year after a series of what, for legal reasons, we'll just call 'adventures' between many of us that culminated in Joe taking a no hands dive of the 10 meter board wearing his Jack Daniels hat and then singing in the East Halls talent show that evening while adorned head to toe in toilet paper. He did not win unfortunately."

- **Mike "Wingnut" Carrell '86**

CHAPTER REPORT

Kappa Sigma: One of Penn State's Most Prominent Chapters

Alpha Delta Brothers Serve Up a Semester of Achievements

By Mike Vough

As my third and final semester serving Grand Master continues, all of the hard work that the chapter has done is beginning to pay dividends. Alpha Delta started the semester with an excellent rush program. Headed up by our Grand Master of Ceremonies **Craig Soden** and Rush Chairman **Nick Douglas**, the chapter held multiple events such as a poker night, a BBQ, tailgates, a formal dinner and a video game tournament. The chapter handed out over 14 bids. Eight gentlemen accepted their invitations to join Alpha Delta. Since my term as Grand Master began in December of 2009, the chapter has doubled in membership increasing from 35 to 70 brothers and pledges

The Alpha Delta Chapter has also shown

pro prowess on the athletic field. The chapter had strong, above average seasons in football, swimming and softball. The chapter didn't stop there, capturing the 5K cross country title and finishing third in golf. The basketball team is currently in the midst of competing for a division title and a playoff spot. The soccer team has also begun practicing and looks to be a force to be reckoned with. Two of our brothers, **Chris Busch** and **Francesco Gordon**, both won their first wrestling matches. Alpha Delta is currently in sixth place in the IM standings.

Kappa Sigma participated in Greek Sing this year with the Delta Gamma Sorority and Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. Our group won the event coming in first out of 15 other

triads with an excellent performance of the music Spamalot. Alpha Delta also has strong hopes for a good performance during Greek Week in the spring. The chapter was paired in a triad with the Kappa Delta sorority and the Delta Sigma fraternity.

Alpha Delta is also on the verge of an impressive accomplishment. The chapter is currently only five points away from being awarded the F.A.C.E award, and would receive this award at the Conclave in Las Vegas this summer. Our Philanthropy Chairman **Tyler Hoover** has two events planned for the spring which will hopefully help us attain this amazing accomplishment. The future for Alpha Delta is a bright one.

THON 2011

Kappa Sig Raises Record Total for a Record Dance Marathon

By Ryan Morgan

Penn State's IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon theme for THON 2011 was "Together Without Limits" and this is the attitude Alpha Delta took with us this year. Not doing as well as we had hoped in 2010, we really wanted to put forth a strong effort this year. We had two dancers this year, both seniors, **Nathan Peck** and **Francesco Gordon**. They did a great job and will take that experience with them for the rest of their lives. This year we were able to raise the highest total the Alpha

Delta Chapter has ever raised. Our final total was \$32,926.12. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us and THON.

This year we were able to get a THON family. Our THON child's name is Nick Tafel. He is nine years old and in remission. His mother, father and grandmother traveled to Happy Valley to attend the 46-hour dance marathon.

All the brothers really enjoyed hanging out with Nick, getting into squirt gun battles and just getting to know him and his family.

The chapter was very enthusiastic throughout the entire year, going on canning trips, participating in THON events and fundraisers, and sending THONvelopes. All the efforts of the chapter were celebrated together on THON weekend (February 18-20). THON



is always a great bonding experience between all the brothers. We all don't get to be together as an entire group that often because we don't have a chapter house, so THON allows us to share the amazing experience together, supporting our dancers, playing with our THON child, hearing the family's stories and celebrating an amazing accomplishment.



GM Mike Vough with our THON child Nick Tafel.

No Matter How Far Away Life Takes You, You're Always at Home with Your Kappa Sig Brothers

Dave Payne '81 Recalls His Alpha Delta Years and Reveals Why He Still Supports the Chapter Today

He's lived all over the world and he works for one of the largest companies on the planet, but what are the most vivid Kappa Sig memories for **Dave Payne '81**? They are the simplest form, including stolen food from the house's refrigerator and scrubbing the upstairs bathroom with his pledge class.

Dave is a longtime supporter of Kappa Sigma and the entire Greek system at Penn State. The brotherhood and the lessons learned have stuck with Dave long after he left the Kappa Sig house.

"I chose Kappa Sig because of the diversity," he said. "I had visited other fraternities and they all seemed to have a 'theme.' Kappa Sig had guys from all walks of life with a lot of different perspectives. The only theme was that they would all give it up for each other. And they definitely knew how to have fun."

Distance has kept Dave and his pledge class from reuniting as often as they would like, but when they do, it's a memorable time.

"I'm still close with most of my pledge class," he said. "We don't see each other much, but when we do it is like no time has passed since the last time we got together. We are all in different cities working different types of jobs but we can still spend hours visiting when we see each other. There is nothing like scrubbing the upstairs head together to build a lifetime bond. We did a lot of things together for the time we were in school and the memories could fill a book. We partied, we traveled, and we did stupid stuff that I won't repeat. We fought with each

other from time to time but we were and still are brothers."

Dave has generously given back to the chapter in recent years in support of maintaining a positive view of the Greek system.

"I donate money because I see the value in the brotherhood and the life lessons for young men that being part of running an organization can offer," he said. "Greek life has taken a beating as tolerance of any behaviors outside of a narrow perspective becomes less prevalent. Yet students who participate in Greek life learn lessons that cannot be learned by those who live in dorms or apartments. Tolerance, understanding and responsibility are important skills that have a big impact after graduation."

Since leaving school, his work has taken him all over the globe, but Dave has always maintained the connection with Kappa Sigma and his brothers.

"I've been lucky enough to visit over 40 countries, live in four outside of the US and I've seen and done more than I ever dreamed possible while scrubbing that upstairs head with my five pledge brothers," Dave said.

Dave currently lives and works in Houston, Texas and is the VP of Drilling & Completions for Chevron.



Dave Payne '81 with his family.

"I have been married to the same woman for 26 years and have 3 kids who are all out of university and working," he said. "My hobbies are cycling, golfing, fishing, diving, traveling and reading. I don't have a lot of spare time."

We asked Dave about the socials, Homecoming, football weekends, and sororities, but his most lasting memory happened in the kitchen of the Kappa Sigma house and it's a lesson he still carries with him today.

"My most vivid memory is probably not what you would think," Dave said. "I was house caterer my sophomore year and took my job very seriously. Brothers continually broke into the refrigerator after hours to get at food. I finally had enough and resigned in a huff. It was a childish thing to do and I felt badly about it afterwards but was too proud to give in. I eventually became the house caterer again and did a much better job. I remember this event because it taught me to be patient and to look for alternative ways to resolve issues rather than with emotion. I still am not perfect at doing this but that inexpensive lesson I learned at Kappa Sig continues to pay dividends."

Okay Class of '81... Who kept stealing Dave's food?

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UNDERGRADUATE PROFILES

Getting to Know Our Active Brothers

Q&A with Mackenzie Neumaier

What is your hometown, major, etc.?



Mackenzie
Neumaier

I am a sophomore from Point Pleasant Beach, NJ majoring in Premedicine with a minor in Kinesiology.

Why did you join Kappa Sigma?

I joined Kappa Sigma my first semester of freshman year basically just because I met a lot of great guys at

rush events. Looking back at it, this decision turned out to be one of the best choices I have made in college thus far.

Why did you choose Penn State?

I chose Penn State because it had everything that I wanted in a school. Growing up, my dad's side of the family was full of PSU alumni so I was always around the university since I could walk. With this being said, I kind of neglected Penn State when looking at schools because I didn't want to just follow in the family footsteps. However, when coming to campus and walking around I got such a great feeling of welcome and home that I knew it was the right place for me.

What is your best Kappa Sig memory?

My best memory of being the Kappa Sigma thus far is probably experiences having to do with THON. Through events such as canning weekends (when we go out and raise money by in intersections and storefronts) we are able to bond as a fraternity, exhibiting the finer points of brotherhood.

What are your hopes for the future of Alpha Delta?

For the future of Alpha Delta I mostly hope that we will have a house of our own before I graduate. I also aspire to win the FACE award and start a tradition of winning it every year.

Why do you feel it's important for alumni to stay connected with the active chapter?

I feel that it is extremely important for alumni to stay involved in the chapter. As an active brother I know I definitely enjoy when old brothers come back and give advice and share stories of how our fraternity got to its current state. Alumni are also valuable in instances

such as searching for jobs and career advice because they have already been through the processes that most of us students are just beginning.

What are your future career goals?

My career goals lie in the field of orthopedics. Upon graduation of undergrad I plan on attending medical school to become an orthopedic surgeon. My dream job would be working for an athletic program on either the collegiate or professional level.

What other activities are you involved with at Penn State?

Aside from just being a brother in the fraternity, I also give tours for the university through an organization known as Lion Scouts. I am also a new member of the Premedicine Society.

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Q&A with Craig Soden

What is your hometown, major, etc.?

I am currently a junior and I am studying Kinesiology. I am from Starrucca, PA.

Why did you join Kappa Sigma?

Most of my good friends from my floor that I lived on had joined freshman year and they were always talking about it and trying to get me to join and I finally did.

What is your best Kappa Sig memory?

THON 2011 with Kappa Sig has definitely been my favorite memory so far. We raised more money this year than we ever have before and it was a great experience getting to meet our THON family and especially Nick, who is our THON child. It was probably one of the best memories that I have from Penn State and spending it with Kappa Sig made it that much better.

What are your hopes for the future of Alpha Delta?

I would like to see Alpha Delta continue to grow in numbers, just as it has since I joined. I would love for Alpha Delta to get our own house, so one day when I am an alum I will have some place to come back to and visit and remember all of the memories I made as Penn State.

How will you remain involved with Kappa Sig as an alum?



Craig Soden

I plan on coming back to Penn State to visit Kappa Sig and see how everything is going for the chapter. I also plan on donating to the chapter to help them out financially.

What are your future career goals?

Since I really enjoy working with kids I plan on working as a physical education and health teacher when I get out of college. I also want to obtain my personal trainer certification so I can work as a personal trainer and I really want to get involved coaching basketball at any level.

What is your favorite thing about Happy Valley?

Football season in Happy Valley is by far my favorite thing. Nothing beats walking outside on a Saturday morning in the fall and see thousands of people tailgating getting ready for the big game.

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Q&A with Jake Yarmoff

What is your hometown, major, etc.?

I am a freshman from Westport, CT and majoring in Finance.



Jake Yarmoff

Why did you join Kappa Sigma?

I chose Kappa Sigma because when I was rushing fraternities this past fall, I found that the brothers at Kappa Sigma were far more approachable

than those at other fraternities, and I enjoyed hanging out with them. Additionally, when I went out rushing, I was looking for a group of guys that I could trust, and I felt I found that family in Kappa Sigma.

Why did you choose Penn State?

I chose Penn State because of its excellent business school and networking opportunities. While the social opportunities and athletics are additional pluses (among others as well),

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UNDERGRADUATE PROFILES... CONTINUED

I primarily wanted to make sure I had a clear path to my career.

What is your best Kappa Sig memory?

My best memory with Kappa Sigma so far has been the weekend of the Michigan football game. It was a fun weekend overall, where I hung out with the brothers the whole time. I met many of the brothers that I had not yet met before that weekend, including alumni.

What is your position with Kappa Sig?

My position in the fraternity is the Awards Chairman. While there is not a whole lot to do in the position besides filling out applications, I am learning about time management (meeting deadlines) and organization.

What are your hopes for the future of Alpha Delta?

I hope that in the future, the Alpha Delta chapter will become one of the most reputable fraternities on campus, as well as one of the most reputable chapters in the U.S.

Why do you feel it's important for alumni to stay connected with the active chapter?

It is important for alumni to stay connected with the active chapter to help fund the chapter when truly necessary, to come support the chapter during various competitions, and to show the younger brothers how connected the chapter is, beyond the current students.

How will you remain involved with Kappa Sig as an alum?

As an alumnus, I plan to stay connected with Kappa Sigma through coming up to visit as

often as I can, and donating money if I can and when I'm able.

What are your future career goals?

My future career goals include making a lot of money, enjoying my work, meeting great people and friends for life, and retiring early.

What other activities are you involved in at Penn State?

In addition to my involvement with Kappa Sigma, I am also part of an a cappella group.

What is your favorite thing about Happy Valley?

My favorite thing about Happy Valley is Beaver Stadium.

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Kappa Sigs Spend a Weekend Playing Golf and Remembering the Good Times

By Tim Bonawitz '71

This past summer, 43 brothers and most of their wives traveled back to Penn State for an alumni reunion full of some healthy competition and camaraderie.

The weekend started Thursday night (for those who arrived early) at the Mount Nittany Inn where 14 brothers, including their wives, enjoyed cocktails and dinner.



On Friday, 15 golfers played at the Elks Club in Boalsburg. Although the scores were not too spectacular, the course was in excellent condition and a great time was had by all participants.

The golf outing was followed by evening festivities at the club. We had 48 people attend the event, which started with cocktails and canapés on the deck overlooking the swimming pool and golf course. After the cocktails, a sit down dinner was served by the club's staff. Later we were joined by a few additional brothers who unfortunately, couldn't make it in time for dinner due to traveling a good distance.

Later that evening, we had approximately 20 people come back to our home in State College. My wife surprised **Ted Perry** and I with a birthday cake since we were both

celebrating our 62nd birthdays.

On Saturday, we had 28 golfers participate in a tournament on the Penn State Blue Course. **Ken Hinkle** and **Jim Charles** won prizes for closest to the pin on two of the par-3s. **Harvey Thompson** was awarded the prize for the best/worst-dressed golfer for his "swimming suit" ensemble. The "Real Trooper Award" for playing hurt went to **Tony Gasbarro** who played with only one good arm. After the golf tournament, several brothers and their wives visited the All American Rathskeller to relive old traditions.

Later that evening, we had about 75 people come back to our home for a party. Ann Strachan and a few other wives organized a nostalgic visual tribute going back some 40 years. They put together a display of memorabilia from our era, including old pledge formal luau pictures, original construction paper announcements for the various pledge classes that have been saved for over 40 years, and articles about Star and Crescent queens. Also on display were signs announcing Kappa Sig parties from the 60's and 70's and a collage of various wedding announcements of many of the brothers who were in attendance. One of the more compelling pictures was one of **Donald**



Davison, John Rosnick and **Bob Hannegan** from the hippie era of the 1970's. Ann also kept **George Strachan's** PSU matric card and PLCB card from the 60's.

Those in attendance were the following: **Paul O'Brien '71, Rich Trout '70, Steve Heimer '76, George Strachan '70, John Wilchek '73, John Wray '73, Tom Mattus '71, John Kennon '68, Dr. Earle Ryba '56, Rick Kelly '70, Bill Vitori '70, Brad Lawrence '69, Harry Flick '69, John McEnery '70, Lou Koehler '69, Tom McNulty '68, Mike Demoise '74, Tony Gasbarro '71, Joe Zelinsky '68, Ted Perry '70, Bob Hannegan '72, Bill Driscoll '68, Rich Mascaro '67, Jim Leax '74, Pat Scully '70, Don Carretta '75, Larry Carretta '77, Frank Giglio '71, Don Davison '71, Ray Royko '69, Ken Tull '68, Ron Stiteler '71, John Rosnick '70, Danny Boyd '71, Ken Hinkle '68, Ken Ewing '69, Tim Weis '71, Gary Wert '70, Larry Nucci '70, John Thompson '69, Jim Charles '72, Joe Osman '68, Al Waldhuber '68, and Tim Bonawitz '71.**

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ALUMNI UPDATE

'80s

Mike Carrell '86

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We recently moved to Columbus, OH where I am the Professor of Aerospace Studies and Commander of Air Force ROTC. I am a Colonel in the Air Force (yes, still). It is tough being here as a PSU alum, but if anyone finds themselves in hostile Buckeye country, you have friendly Nittany Lions here!

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- Memories of your Kappa Sig days
- The best fraternity photos from your era