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Blue-White Game: 1:30 P.M.

Annual Blue-White Game
Alumni Dinner: 6:00 P.M.
Awards Ceremony to follow.



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Alumni Profiles

Q+A with

Stephen Mitchell '89

Kappa Sig Taught 'MitchDawg' All the Essentials in Life

This brief Q&A interview is part of an ongoing series designed to help us get to know our brothers better. If you know a brother you think would make a good profile candidate, please send his name and graduation year, along with your name and grad year, to our alumni relations service: news@2stayconnected.com. Make sure to mention that it's for Kappa Sigma PSU.

Why did you join Kappa Sigma?

I was interested in joining a fraternity, but was not sure which one to choose. After heading back from a big rush event at the HUB, **Curtis Huber '89** and I ran into **Tim Madden '89** and **Steve Fox '89** from our dorm and joined them heading out to Kappa Sigma. Tim's dad was a Kappa Sig. Once we got to the chapter house, which was jammed with a big party, we met **John Martin Murphy '89** (senior from Camp Hill, Pa.) who remembered our names from the rush event! After that we found that everyone at the house was cool and down to earth, and stayed.

What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

My Kappa Sigma experience was a valuable influence. It taught me how to make friends in the big world, interact and get along with a very diverse group of people, how to make organizations work, something about patience and leadership, the value of public service, how to throw big parties, and how (and how not) to meet the ladies, all the essentials in life.

With who are you still in contact?

I'm the worst about staying in contact! I trade notes with Steve B (for Box) Fox and **Chris Bostaph '89** from time to time, other than that living in Austin there have been few around to keep in close contact with. **Matt Bennett '94** just moved into town so finally someone to start tearing the place up with (like I have the energy to do that anymore).

Tell us about your family.

My wife Sandra is a Rutgers and University of Houston Law School grad. She works as an attorney for the Texas Senate. We currently have no children.

What was your nickname?

My nicknames were Mitch or MitchDawg. You'll have to ask **Joe Shiber '87** about the origin of the last one.

Did you live in the house? Who were your roommates?

I lived in the house from the time I was a sophomore through

being a senior. I was always on first deck, first in the room right by the foyer stairs, then the **Mike Carrell '86** palace at the end of the eastern end of hall, and then finally moved across into the smaller end suite on the Beaver Avenue side.

What do you do for a living?

I am a senior project manager with Weston Solutions Inc., formerly known as Roy F. Weston Inc. Weston is one of the older and larger environmental engineering firms in the nation. Though our firm is based out of West Chester, Pa., I've been working out of our Houston and Austin, Texas, offices for the past 12 years. I'm currently in Austin. My work involves directing and executing environmental investigation and remediation projects for federal, state, municipal, and industrial clients. I also serve as our office's section manager, supervising a staff of 24 scientists and engineers.

What organizations are you affiliated with in your community?

Unfortunately none at present for me, though my wife helps out with Meals on Wheels deliveries. Since I've been in Austin (and it was my third move), I've been lazy and have not become involved — largely because I work so hard during the day that I appreciate all the downtime I can get. But I'm looking for something to get involved in.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Travel (recently been to Alaska, England, southern Europe); hanging out with my dog (smooth merle-coated collie); geology; hiking; reading something as deep as Greek-Roman-Byzantine history or as cheap as a good Star Trek novel; movies; some online gaming (instead of TV).

What are your goals for the next few years?

- 1) To continue working as a senior project manager for Weston's Austin office, which pays the bills;
- 2) travel to another cool destination very soon;
- 3) get back to Pennsylvania a bit more than I have in the past;
- 4) maybe, just maybe, expand the family a little; and
- 5) just have fun. ■



Recruitment

Campus Sitting Up and Taking Notice of Kappa Sig

With the spring semester quickly coming to a close, the brothers of Kappa Sigma have been extremely dedicated to being active around Penn State, improving the house and building a stronger brotherhood.

Eleven new spring pledges have brought tons of recognition to the Kappa Sigma house for having the most successful recruitment of all Penn State IFC fraternities this semester. An "active recruitment" was the game plan for the brothers in spring 2003. On campus, in the dorms and in the HUB, Kappa Sigma was seen all across Penn State. Their strong effort combined with the Kappa Sigma enthusiasm is what brought them the largest spring pledge class on campus.

The brothers were committed to putting themselves out there and letting everyone know that Kappa Sigma is working hard to be a successful chapter. They refuse to get lost in the long list of Penn State fraternities. Due to this strong will and motivation, the IFC executive board and neighboring chapters have noticed Kappa Sigma's accomplishments and have been complimenting the house on a job well done with spring recruitment.

Football games, the Superbowl and playoff parties combined with skiing, movie nights, and social events offered a variety of events for the brothers and pledges to get to know each other. The new pledges and older brothers are now working on getting more involved within the Penn State Greek community. Several members have been joining IFC committees, such as the trial committee and party checks. With the outstanding spring recruitment, the brothers of Penn State Kappa Sigma are quickly growing in numbers, dedication and involvement. ■

Spring 2003 Pledges

TJ Emrick
Shad Heim
Paul Hileman
Dustin Kreider
Brian Laino
Ryan Maxwell
Mike Samick
Tim Scanlon
Keith Sorgie
Andrew Trapuzzano
Andy Wrzosek

Academics

Brothers Hit the Books

The 2002-2003 Penn State school year has only brought motivation for the academic excellence of the Kappa Sigma house.

The house GPA, which is above the all-men's GPA at Penn State, University Park, does not come without hard work and dedication to studying. This year's executive board has spent hours planning and brainstorming ways to motivate the house to study a little harder and raise the GPA a little higher. Food, parties and free stuff just won't do it for these brothers.

As a result, Kappa Sigma has planned great academic programs to focus on using the house as a buddy system and having the brothers motivate each other and work together. To throw in a few extra bonuses, the executive board has promised the house that whoever gets the highest GPA out of every Kappa Sigma brother will get a semester of free books bought by the house. With a little extra competition thrown in as well, every brother will get a number of tickets depending on what grade they received on an exam. All tests will be thrown into the test file and at the end of the semester a raffle will be drawn. Gifts, such as a TV or DVD player, will be raffled off. The higher the grade a brother receives, the better his chance of winning.

The new programs and ideas will hopefully push the brothers to work harder and boost the house GPA to new heights. ■

Brothers

Philanthropy Plays an Important Role in the Chapter

Kappa Sigma has vowed to become more involved with the Penn State community, as well as actively supporting other IFC and Panhellenic fraternities and sororities.

Hope surrounded all of the brothers of Kappa Sigma during 'Thon 2003. Several members joined committees such as Rules and Regulations and Morale to help pump and motivate the hundreds of dancers and students involved in the largest student-run philanthropy in the world. As an unpaired Greek organization, the brothers raised more than \$5,000 this year to help the children of the Hershey Medical Center battle their fight against cancer.

The two Kappa Sigma dancers, **Carl Meyers** and **Brenden Stencen**, represented the house at 'Thon by abiding the "no sitting, no sleeping for 48 hours" rule. An incredibly hard weekend for these men did not seem so tough when the support of their brothers was there for the full 48. Besides its annual involvement with Dance Marathon, Kappa Sigma has been reaching out to support many of the other philanthropies that the Penn State fraternities and sororities work hard on throughout the year.

Sigma Delta Tau's Fraternity Feud and Sigma Pi's Foosball Tournament were great days for Kappa Sig to get out there and compete against the smartest and most competitive of Penn State. Because community service is such an important factor in the daily life of a Kappa Sig, the house has been starting up a few new philanthropies of its own.

With a booth in the HUB and brothers dedicating their free time to solicit, the women's shelter of State College has greatly benefited. Each year, the house is determined to work a little harder and make the philanthropy a little bigger. No matter what, you will always see Kappa Sigmas helping out around town and showing their support for Greek organizations across Penn State. ■

Blue and White Weekend

Blue and White Bridges Brothers Young and Old Together

Yet another year has gone by and Kappa Sigma is now preparing for the annual Penn State Blue-White game.

This tradition brings back Penn State alumni from across the country. Plans have been made and finalized to host the annual dinner at the house and provide an opportunity for active brothers and alumni to reconnect and reminisce about the PSU Kappa Sigma experience. The formal dinner will be a time to share stories, catch up and interact.

During the dinner, brothers always look forward to the annual awards given to outstanding Kappa Sigs. The Star and Crescent Scholarship Awards and Brother of the Year Award will be recognized.

Before the dinner, the alumni are off to the Blue and White Game where memories of Penn State football and old friends come rushing back.

This year's Blue-White Game dinner will not be the same as the past. Mary Ellen, Kappa Sigma's cook for more than 12 years, has been diagnosed with cancer. With her efforts to battle cancer, Mary Ellen has decided to take some time for herself and take the semester off. Kappa Sigma wishes Mary Ellen well and is here to support her 100 percent. The brothers have been trying to visit her and send her flowers as often as possible.

We look forward to meeting and catching up with all of the Kappa Sigma alumni this year. ■

Alumni UpDates

Gordon G. Olsen '51

(232 W. Frier Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85021) Heading for Japan again on 4/29/03 for 16 days to out-of-the-way places like Hakone, Toyohashi, Toba, and Kanazawa to view cultural treasures beginning in Toyko and ending in Kyoto. I was last there in 1986.

Kenneth Harris '53

(6846 Chapparal, Wonder Valley, CA 93657) Starting my fourth quarter century and still have kids in college. Retired in '88, so I can't complain.

Alfred E. Ogden '54

(712 Junglebrook La., Gatlinburg, TN 37738-3632; aeogden@earthlink.net) Retired since 1999 and living with my wife, June, on the Tennessee/North Carolina border. Have two grandchildren living in Atlanta. Our daughter is associate director of the worldwide AIDS program for the CDC.

John T. Rogers '63

(214 W. Fourth St., Emporium, PA 15834) I retired a couple of years ago after 28 years in the lumber business. Barb and I have five children (two Penn State grads) and eight grandchildren. I was recently appointed to serve on the Penn State DuBois Campus Educational Foundation.

Vincent D. Diloreto '65

(9812 Big View Dr., Austin, TX 78730-1491; DLandVince@aol.com) We now have two grandsons! Our daughter gave birth to Mitchell Leigber in October 2002.

Rodd J. McDanel '77

(140 East Meadows Ct., Alpharetta, GA 30005-4698; roddmcdanel@aol.com) Three daughters, Emily, Caroline and Ashton, plus one son, Drew, grace our household. I work extensively in Southeast Asia, primarily Singapore, and my wife, Janet, is an attorney. Keep in touch with Carl "Rooster" Bartuch '75 in Houston. All travelers through Atlanta are welcome to stop over — give us a call.

Glen S. Weissman '91

(11 146th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98007-5143; glenweissman@yahoo.com) As a stepping stone for my target race (Boston Marathon), I decided to run the Pacific Shoreline Marathon in January. I got to visit my brother in California, and it



made for a nice long weekend. With very little confidence in my fitness, I set out to run at my pre-determined pace. At mile 14, I was in second place — nearly five minutes behind first. At mile 22, I was only two minutes behind. In the last mile, I caught and passed the leader and held on to win by just over 20 seconds. I finished in 2:41:30. That is my third-fastest time at the distance. In Boston, I hope to finish under 2:40. ■

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Q+A with Jeff Philips '90

Serving in the U.S. Army JAG Corps in Kuwait

Why did you join the fraternity?

Kappa Sigma was non-pretentious and the brothers were easy-going, down to earth. There were good people in the house and an eclectic crew — **Joe Coleman '88**, **Duey Rumancik '90**, Ike, Mack, Jon Taylor, and of course Yabo.

What is your favorite memory of the fraternity?

The whole time was a favorite memory. They all morphed together: frozen chin ice shots at the Luau, Friday night happy hour wings, Wednesday night parties, the bolt to WVU, but most of all, making friends for life. If I had to pin it down, I'd say the first and second-deck Rolling Rock case race would be right up there.

What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

It's given us a place to coalesce when coming back to PSU. Unfortunately, the recent tough times for Alpha Delta, along with the rest of the Greek community, has caused a lot of uncertainty. We've been there for over a century, and we need to be sure that we are there a century hence.

With who are you still in contact? Who would you like to find?

Stay in contact with Yabo and Duey. Every once in a while I talk to **Doug Byler '90** and Snake. Would like to find **Gilchrist '88** and **Steve Rice '89**, two good pledge class bros.

Tell us about your family. Are you married? Do you have children?

I married Jenny Elenbaas on Sept. 2, 2001. We met in law school and have a home in the D.C. area. We do not yet have children, but hope to start a family after I return from overseas.

What other activities or organizations did you enjoy in school?

Activities? I plead the Fifth. Organizations? See activities.

What is your nickname and how did you get it?

See above. I will say my liberal leanings caused Ike to place a vulgar nickname on me — one that I did not encourage. My country-boy childhood caused Gilchrist to utter the nickname "Gomer" at me one time, but luckily, it did not stick for more than a semester.

Did you live in the house? Who were your roommates?

Yes. Jon Taylor and Ike and I were roommates. Later, Snake and I shared the end of the hallway on the first deck. Ike used to start the lawnmower on the second deck to annoy, well, everyone. JT may recall some hi-jinks when I went downstairs to fetch a bagel (memories are coded to protect the innocent). Snake and I successfully avoided arrest during a visit to South Halls.

What do you do for a living?

I'm an officer and attorney for the U.S. Army Jag Corps currently serving with the U.S. 3rd Army Coalition Land Forces Component Command, U.S. Centcom in Kuwait.

What organizations are you affiliated with in your community?

I'm a member of the West Virginia Bar and a Eucharistic minister in the Catholic Church.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Playing a lot of guitar and recording music. I recently received as a gift a Martin D35 and have several other guitars (Stratocaster, Spanish hand-made classical, and a few others). Also do a lot of gardening and photography.

What are your goals for the next few years?

Stabilize Jenny and myself in the D.C. area, get a small piece of mountain property, see as many Penn State football games as possible, and get a studio-quality CD completed and distributed to small radio stations. ■

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