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October 18, 2008

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2008 PSU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	Coastal Carolina
Sept. 6	Oregon State
Sept. 13	at Syracuse
Sept. 20	Temple
Sept. 27	Illinois
Oct. 4	at Purdue
Oct. 11	at Wisconsin
Oct. 18	Michigan
Oct. 25	at Ohio State
Nov. 8	at Iowa
Nov. 15	Indiana
Nov. 22	Michigan State

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ALUMNI REPORT

Alumni Association's Top Priority: Securing New Chapter House, Which Will Require Major Fundraising Campaign

Trustee of Star and Crescent, Joe Succop '48, Profiled in This Edition—Check It out!

By Edward D. Gorkes '79, Pennsylvania Alpha-Delta Association President

Spring is now upon us and the warm days of summer are close by. I hope all of our alumni are doing well both personally and professionally! The colony is doing well and is on track to get initiated this semester, or possibly in the fall. Please read the letter from the colony GM, **Mike Gales**, for more details.

The alumni corporation essentially is in a holding pattern until we get an opportunity to purchase a chapter house for our new colony and soon-to-be-initiated brothers. Securing a new chapter house for Alpha Delta is our top priority. The alumni and, especially, the colony members are very anxious to have a new home. We also are looking to rent a house for the colony members until a permanent chapter house can be found.

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we would need a major fundraising campaign to renovate or build a new chapter house. The board has decided that the best time to start this process is when we have located a viable property to

purchase. In addition, the current economy would make this a very unfavorable time to initiate fundraising.

The highlight of this newsletter is an alumni profile on Brother **Joe Succop '48**. Brother Succop has been a very loyal and involved member of our chapter. He is a trustee of the Star and Crescent scholarship foundation and has served in that capacity for many years. Many of our alumni are not familiar with the history of this unique scholarship, which is solely for the benefit of Alpha Delta brothers. I am sure you will find Brother Succop's profile and his update on the Star and Crescent foundation very interesting to read.

Our vision is to have the premier fraternity chapter on campus, with a chapter house that sets a new standard for all other fraternities to follow. That goal has not and will not change until it is achieved! Together, we can make that vision a reality. Thank you for your loyal support!

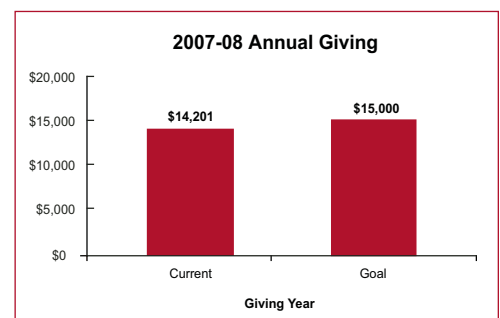
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Alumni Relations Processing Center
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Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007



Kappa Sigma Colony Establishes Positive Reputation at Penn State Through Intense Philanthropy and Recruitment

Participation in THON Brings Colony First-Place in Service Hours and Life-Long Memories

By **Mike Gales '08**, Colony Grand Master

This semester has been a blur both academically and socially on campus. Kappa Sigma is, once again, coming into its own on Penn State's glorious campus. Over the course of spring, we have been making our presence known to other Greek organizations, as well as the entire school population.

Some examples of Kappa Sigma making a name for itself include our participation in the 2008 PSU Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Conference, Theta Chi's "Kicks" soccer tournament, intramural volleyball and basketball, and Penn State's THON benefiting the Four Diamonds Fund.

At THON, Kappa Sigma had a front-row presence and was featured in a prime location during all of the festivities. A Kappa Sigma banner was hung in the front row of the Bryce Jordan Center and our section was filled continuously by our members. Our two dancers, **Josh Gehly** and **Jason Liebel**, made it through all 46 hours and represented Kappa Sigma with honor. We were unable to obtain a partner as a new student organization, but raised a respectable amount of money by ourselves to show our dedication to fighting the battle against children's cancer.

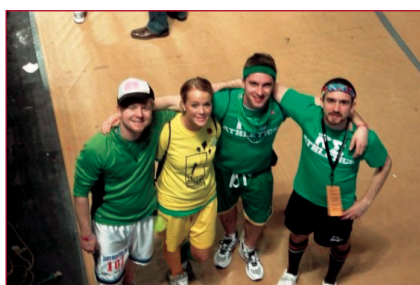
The Colony bonded by making trips to various cities in Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia, Erie, Pittsburgh, and Lancaster. Through these car rides, endless hours spent trying to accumulate donations, spending time with families, going to cities far from our hometowns and Penn State, and having an opportunity to visit another Kappa Sigma chapter, the Colony became tighter as a group and good friends became great friends forever.

Many experiences and memories from THON 2008 will stay with us forever. One in particular that will stay with me was when my neighbor, a THON child, came out and delivered hot chocolate to freezing members of the colony.

Due to our diligent efforts with THON, the Alpha-Delta Colony is number one in the country in service hours for all Kappa Sigma chapters and colonies.



Colony members dance 46 hours straight during THON to benefit the Four Diamonds Fund. This fund fuels the fight against childhood cancer in Pennsylvania hospitals.



Other community service was provided to local churches, and the colony participated in Red Cross blood drives.

The Colony is fourth out of all chapters and colonies in the country for total money raised and donated to charities. Our dedication to service and charitable causes is something on which we pride ourselves. We expect to receive national recognition and awards for these efforts, in addition to recent awards that were presented to us for our recruitment efforts.

In addition to outstanding community service, the Colony continues to focus on academic work. The Colony's cumulative grade point average (GPA) remained at 3.3 this semester.

We will have our first set of alumni: ten of our members anticipate graduating this semester. These seniors will soon become leaders in aerospace engineering, television, politics, criminal justice, mechanical engineering, and medicine.

To counter the losses of these fine men, we have recruited nine new members as a spring pledge class. The spring 2008 pledge class includes:

Spring 2008 Pledge Class

Kevin Fay: a junior from Troy, PA. He is majoring in sports broadcasting and minoring in English and kinesiology. He is a member of the Blue & White Society, as well as the sign language organization.

Rick Harrison: a sophomore from Harrisburg, PA. Rick is majoring in IST (Information Sciences and Technology) and Economics.

Jordan Haller: a freshman from Annapolis, MD. Jordan is majoring in business administration. His campus activities include intramural flag football and being a member of the club lacrosse team.

Adam Conti: a freshman from Savannah, GA. Adam is majoring in environmental systems engineering. He participates in intramural sports such as soccer, flag football, and badminton.

P. Francesco Gordon: a freshman from Annapolis, MD. Francesco is majoring in finance. He is a member of the National Hispanic Business Association, the Penn State Investment Association, and the cycling club.

Ryan Morgan: a freshman from Schuylkill Haven, PA. Ryan is majoring in mechanical engineering. His campus activities include the Penn State Snowboarding Club and the Blue & White Society.

Serkan Silahdaroglu: a freshman from Istanbul, Turkey. Serkan is a foreign exchange student majoring in industrial engineering.

Nate Peck: a freshman from Grove City, PA. Nate is majoring in engineering. He works at the Penn State Creamery and plays intramural soccer and basketball.

Nico Hutchinson: a freshman from Harrisville, PA. Nico is majoring in business administration. He participates in intramural soccer and Red Cross blood drives.

Star and Crescent Board Member, Joe N. Succop II '48, Remembers Diving Into "The Well" of the Original Fraternity House With His Ex-Paratrooper Brothers

Joe's Life-Long Commitment to Kappa Sigma Brings Promise to Current Penn State Colony Awaiting Their Charter

Getting Joe to talk about Kappa Sigma is easy: The fraternity has been part of his life since 1943, so he has plenty of material on the subject. He is still actively involved. Even when the current colony is trying to get its charter back, he still feels it is his duty and privilege to keep the group moving into the future. To read Joe's complete story, go to www.kappasigpsu.com.

The Beginning of It All

Back when I came to State College, the University was known as the Penn State College and Bob Higgins was the football coach. In fact, my 60th year reunion is coming up this spring. The Kappa Sigma house has changed dramatically during this time.

I chose to join Kappa Sigma fraternity because I had a good friend from Pittsburgh, **Walt Price '45**, who rushed me. I was very impressed with him and with Kappa Sig, and figured if he belonged there, then it'd be a good influence on me. We were great friends ever since.

I was initiated on January 7, 1943, and I've never regretted joining Kappa Sig. Many of us were inducted before we went to war. I already had joined the U.S. Air Force and was waiting to get called up when I became a Kappa Sig.

The House Well Becomes The Landing Zone

Our old Kappa Sigma house wasn't large, but there were three levels and you were greeted by a big, open stairway as you came in the front door. The open area at the stairwell was called "The Well." We used to get a 30-ft. Christmas tree and display it in The Well every year. It was tough getting that tree in there, so we made the pledges do it.

The Well also was put to good use on party nights (we played hard and we worked hard). All of us were returning GIs from WWII, and quite a few had been parachute jumpers. So, we'd get a whole pile of cushions for the floor and we'd jump down The Well. It took a couple kegs of beer for most of us non-parachute jumpers

to do that, though—it's a wonder we didn't hurt ourselves.

Kappa Sigma Provides Leadership Lessons

I became president of the house after returning from the War, and being involved in the fraternity was a very good education: It taught me how to get along with people and communicate. I got to know my brothers really well, a number still are very close friends. Overall, it was a great group. We had a lot of loyalty—that's how you determine the brotherhood's true wealth.

As young men in general, we were all short on money and the GI bill was the greatest economic factor supporting us. Everyone was on it. Every month we would turn over our subsistence check to the chapter treasurer, and he would keep the room and board bill equal to what we received. The active chapter paid the daily bills, but capital expenses were the responsibility of the alumni. It was at that point that I realized how important the alumni were to us. Thankfully, our alumni were very actively involved with us.

We had a lot of physical problems with the house back then because it was getting old. When the heating finally gave out, the estimated cost to fix it was four or five thousand dollars. As chapter president, I called **Lloyd Dickson**, who was vice president of Rockwell Meter in DuBois, PA and president of Alpha-Delta at that time. He came up and guaranteed the furnace bill; he was a great help to us active members. He introduced me to a lot of the other alumni, some of whom included a local attorney, a local doctor, and the head of the State College Hotel, among many other prominent businessmen.

After that, I figured we better do a good job at homecoming, so I invited the alumni to stay at house. We had such a great turnout that the actives had to sleep on the floor so the alumni could have our beds... just part of the brotherhood spirit. In addition, the house would have one

alumnus over for lunch or dinner each month. Our attentions paid off, too, because when we really needed help, they were there.

It wasn't too long thereafter that we knew we had to do something about the house. The alumnus, **Al Rockwell '35** (see callout), was the first to propose building a new fraternity house. He put up \$30,000 and said he would match it. He hired the contractor to build the new house and decided the house should be designed to function as an office building if things didn't work out in the future.

I had graduated by the time the house was complete, but I came back to help with breaking the ground and dedicating the house. I always had strong feelings for our old house. After the new house was built, there was not as much camaraderie because of the layout being broken up into so many separate spaces (the original house was more open and encouraged togetherness).

I became president of the alumni association a number of years after graduation. Kappa Sig is probably one of the more successful fraternities, and I think the secret is scholastic training; setting up a good training program on drugs and alcohol.

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More About Al Rockwell...

Willard Rockwell Jr., known as Al, had inherited his father's companies and expanded them into a modern aerospace conglomerate, the Rockwell International Corporation. In 1981 he founded the Astrotech International Corporation, which promotes the commercial uses of space exploration. Al hired many Kappa Sig's who needed jobs back then. He retired in 1989 and passed away in 1992. He played a huge part in Kappa Sigma throughout his lifetime, even acting as president of the national fraternity for a time. He also was on the Board of Trustees at Penn State.

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A Career That Came Full Circle

Originally, when I began college, I was in the agricultural school. I thought I wanted to be a landscape architect. But, when I came back from the service, I switched to Commerce and Finance, having realized I would not be able to make a very good living at my first choice.

After graduating, I joined my family's little mechanical rubber business as a salesman. I moved to Charleston, WV and covered a large territory. I did well and eventually moved back to Pittsburgh as the sales manager, then the executive vice president, and then the president. I liquidated the business in 1982 after many steel companies (my customers) went out of business, and had quite a job getting rid of the million-dollar inventory of specialty products. Then, I went to work as a salesman for an ex-employee of mine who had started his own business.

Joe's Children Carry on the Penn State Tradition

I married Nancy Noah in 1958. We raised a family of two boys and two girls (one son and two daughters attended Penn State), and now have six grandchildren. I just formally retired last August and am trying to sell my house in the Fox Chapel Area School District of Pittsburgh. We now live at a retirement area run by the Mennonites in Penn Hall, Chambersburg, PA. It is only a couple hours from State College, so there are many Penn State alumni here; everyone seems to have season football tickets. My biggest hobby is gardening and helping with the rotary club. I also like to cook and take care of my wife. All that keeps me quite busy, plus my work with the fraternity.

The Star and Crescent Hopes to Continue Scholarship Tradition

Now, I am one of the three-member board of the Star and Crescent. This committee

began in 1959 with seed money from Al Rockwell (the same alumnus who prompted the building of the new chapter house). The other two members, **Tom Hill '48** and **Wesley Fitzsimmons '95** help manage the money and determine the scholarship recipients. We also handle the **Bill Simms '40** Scholarship.

We give away two scholarships to Kappa Sigma men at Penn State every year. At \$4,000 a piece, these are the largest local scholarships. Tom did all the investing and has built it up so just the interest pays for the scholarships. Unfortunately, we put it to rest last year, but will restart it again when the colony becomes a full-fledged chapter. We think it will be a good "carrot" for rushing. We may need to change it to fit the new situation; get a larger board involved and extend it to three scholarships. We need to take the young men under our wing, and help teach them as alumni.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'40s

Harold Holly Jr. '48

(7 Copper Hill Ter., East Granby, CT 06026-9510) My "retirement job" is driving the senior citizen van in my town three or four days a month. Some destinations include appointments, shopping, and fun things such as museums and "out to lunch bunch." I keep in touch with **Fred Beiersdorfer '47**, **Bob Bench '49**, **Walt Cummings '47**, and **Joe Succop '48**.

'60s

Vince DiLoreto '65

(9812 Big View Dr., Austin, TX 78730-1491; vince.diloreto@baesystems.com) I plan to retire from BAE Systems in April 2008, after a 20-year career in the aerospace and defense industry. I previously retired from the USMC in April 1988 after 24



years of service. Donna Lee and I are looking forward to the "good life."

'80s

John Murphy '89

(209 Berkstone Cr., Harrisburg, PA 17112-9745; jmurphy@quandel.com) The Boxman and I went to the Steelers-Jets game in NJ. Darn those Jets! I was wondering if Eric Goodwood has his "operation" yet?

'90s

Jeffrey Phillips '90

(P.O. Box 451, Shady Side, MD 20764-0451; jag99jlp@yahoo.com) Jenny and I now have four children: Stephen, Tess, Josephine and Elizabeth. We live in the Annapolis, MD area. I also recently accepted a position on the Department of Justice's Board of Immigration Appeals. I'd like to hear from folks from the late '80s and I'm glad to learn of the chapter's

recent progress. If you are ever in the D.C. or Annapolis area, stop by for a visit!

Kevin Coppins '92

(413 W. De Leon St., Tampa, FL 33606-2768; kcoppins@novell.com) On January 16th, CeCe and I added our first, Cash Coppins. He's currently trying to decide if he goes to Dad's school or Mom's (She's Crimson Tide). Feel free to weigh in...If anyone makes it to Florida, look us up!

What's New With You?

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