

# Upcoming EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

June 3 – 6, 2004  
PSU Reunion Weekend

July 7 – 11, 2004  
Central Pa. Festival of the Arts

October 22 – 23, 2004  
PSU Homecoming/Parade

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## 2004 Penn State Football Schedule

Come cheer our Nittany Lions on to a winning Big Ten season!

<b>9/4</b>	<b>Akron</b>
9/11	Boston College
<b>9/18</b>	<b>UCF</b>
9/25	Wisconsin
10/2	Minnesota
<b>10/9</b>	<b>Purdue</b>
<b>10/23</b>	<b>Iowa*</b>
10/30	Ohio State
<b>11/6</b>	<b>Northwestern</b>
11/13	Indiana
<b>11/20</b>	<b>Michigan State</b>

\*Homecoming  
Home games in bold.

## Correction

On page 2 of the November 2003 issue of the *Kappa News*, the photo caption read "Mill Ball, 1957." Please note that it should have read "Pledge Dance – Dec. 7, 1957." Our apologies.

## News from Bear

Look for the next "News from Bear" column in the fall 2004 issue of the *Kappa News*!

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# Kappa News

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Kappa Chapter  
Phi Sigma Kappa at Penn State

## Blue-White Weekend

By Donald A. Schnure '64

Stories of Alpha Fire Company, the egg drop, Duger and the duck pond abounded as Phi Sigs from the early '60s gathered together on April 23 – 25, 2004, for the Blue-White Game Weekend at Penn State. Festivities kicked off Friday night at the Outback Steakhouse adjacent to our Holiday Inn Express base at Williamsburg Square near Toftrees. State College locals **John Diercks '63** and **Carl Troutman '64** hoisted their mugs along with out-of-towners **Bob Bower '61**, **Ron George '62**, **Barry Atkinson '62**, **Robert "Doc" Landis '63**, **Bill Rebarick '64** and **Don Schnure '64**, together with a number of wives and significant others (we're still trying to find the ever elusive Julie!).

Saturday dawned bright and sunny as part of the group breakfasted at the Corner Room, while others went directly to the Phi Sig tailgate hosted by **John Benedict '74**, where **Robert "Bear" Koehler '58**, Alumni President **Dick Doherty '58** and several of the actives joined the throng. Our tailgate group made a colorful assemblage in bright pink Phi Sigma Kappa T-shirts supplied by Bill Rebarick. Bill, please tell your secretary for next time that magenta is a deep purplish red, not a deep pink! But we appreciate the shirts anyway.

Many of the group joined the reported crowd of 47,000 at the Blue-White Game at which Penn State did win, contrary to some reports. Veteran Blue-White Game attendee and Penn State meteorology professor John Diercks observed that it was the best played Blue-White Game he has seen, which we hope carries over to the team's performance this fall. Earlier in the day, John and his wife, Donna, had displayed their astute knowledge of Penn State sports on a local radio broadcast originating near the Bryce Jordan Center: Donna won a PSU team-autographed football by knowing the number of games JoePa has won (339), while John stumped the opposition with his knowledge of how many points Kelly Mazzante scored in her career (how many was that again, John?) and won a Rene Portland autographed basketball.

Saturday night, the '60s alumni group (expanded with Bear, Dick Doherty and John Benedict with his wife) filled a private room at Duffy's Tavern with laughter and war stories. Although some had forgotten the Phi Sig password and handshake, none had forgotten our friendships from our days at Kappa Chapter and how to have a good time with our friends from the past.

On get-away Sunday, part of the group breakfasted at the Nittany Lion Inn while others hit the road early. But we all agree it was a great weekend that we intend to repeat, along with periodic get-togethers for dinner. The core '60s group has had two dinners in Princeton, N.J., over the last six months and invite others from our era to contact us and join in. ■



Old Phi Sigs at the Blue-White Game — back (L-R) John Diercks '63, Bob Bower '61, Dick Doherty '58, Bear '58, three actives, John Benedict '74 and Ron George '62; front (L-R) Barry Atkinson '62, Don Schnure '64, Bill Rebarick '64 and Doc Landis '63. (not pictured: Carl Troutman '64)

# Report

By Dick "Doc" Doherty '58, Alumni Board President

## Alums Across the U.S. Celebrate Kappa

Our Kappa alumni have been hard at work planning reunions, get-togethers and supporting our efforts to keep the brotherhood connected.

This past January, the Washington, D.C./Baltimore alums got together for their post-holiday social. You will find more pictures and a list of attendees on the Web site at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com). The turnout grows each year with a good spread of decades. This year, we went from 1953 to 2001. I have heard that brothers in Pittsburgh and Texas have been trying to get socials planned in their areas. Maybe some of you out there could give them a hand. Another group, I heard, is spending time together in Hilton Head in May for a golf outing. Watch the Web site and the next issue of the *Kappa News* for recaps of these events and photos.

As you read on page 1, our early '60s group gathered at the Blue-White Game to tailgate and enjoy their traditional reunion weekend. We thank them for sharing this event with us through photos and the front-page article.

Over the past year, the alumni boards

of several PSU fraternities have banded together to form the Greek Coalition. The purpose is to work collectively to improve fraternities and to work with the university as they once again become interested and involved in the Greek system. We will be looking at what is good and how to make the Greek system the strong, positive community it has been in the past. The various houses also learn from each other. This is a very important initiative. The past few months have seen a big drive by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and State College Police to curb underage drinking. This has been a statewide program.

It is sad to report that Phi Delta Theta on campus has sold their house to the university rather than renovate or rebuild. In May, they celebrated their 100th anniversary, and the house will be demolished soon.

We have seen improvements in the efforts of our active chapter as they struggle to care for an aging house. Although low in numbers, they are doing better than a few years ago. Look for their news in this issue.



(L-R) Dick Doherty '58, Adam Graswick '00, John "Wally" Maslin '86, John Russ '85, Dante Terrana '85 and Paul Bongartz '85 at the Brickskeller in Washington, D.C., January 2004.

Remember homecoming in the fall and our annual alumni tailgate. More information will follow in our monthly e-letters as these dates draw closer. The date this year is October 23. We are always open to considering additional activities for the weekend. Let us know what your interests are.

Together we will continue to move ahead in this new century and to improve the Kappa Chapter. Many thanks to all the great alums for the generous donations and your support this past year. It does make a difference. ■

# Profile

John Duda '87

## This M.D. Brings Alter Ego Back to PSU

What more could one want? He's a respected neurologist in Philadelphia, working with veterans and specializing in neuropathological research to determine the cause of Parkinson's disease. And, he's a new father (daughter Marley Anna born April 2004). So, again, what more could Brother John Duda '87 want?

As many Penn State grads know — especially those alumni growing up in the State College area — it's not enough to just be a Penn State alum. One must "experience" the experience.



Brother and neurologist John Duda '87 ... a revered role model for the doctors of tomorrow! (shown here with brothers Dave, far left, and Paul, far right)

Enter John's two brothers, Dave Duda and Paul Duda. On several home football game Saturdays each season, you will find John and his brothers roaming the stands of Beaver Stadium.

"Growing up a block from campus, my whole family became avid football fans and that continued as my brothers and I all went to Penn State," recalled Duda. "As a student, I had a lot of

fun getting all painted up in blue and white, leading the crowd in cheers and getting on TV." What was once just a fun undergraduate attention-getter, however, has now become a fall football ritual.

"Several years after graduation, my mother found three Penn State helmet masks that were handed out at the 1985 Orange Bowl," explained Duda. "My brothers and I started wearing them and doing all this together. Our costumes have evolved over the years to include uniforms, as well." Die-hard Beaver Stadium attendees would recognize this trio as the three fans who prowl the stadium bleachers leading cheers and having fun.

There's more to be found about Brother Duda — including stories from his days at the Mansion with **John "Dingle" Russ '85**, **John "Pez" Caspero '86**, **Jeff "Blockhead" Curry '87** and **Howie Brodsky '87** — on the Web site at [www.phisigpsu.com](http://www.phisigpsu.com). Duda and wife, Lisa Medvetz, M.D., along with baby Marley, can be reached at [john.duda@med.va.gov](mailto:john.duda@med.va.gov). ■



Baby Marley Anna Duda has already perfected the "Wave."

## Parents, Philanthropy and Cash Flow Highlight Semester

As another school year comes to a close, I thought this would be a nice time to reflect and look back at some of the events that have happened recently here at the Mansion.

The beginning of April brought us Parents' Weekend. For the first time since I have been here, we decided to do it in combination with a sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, and it really worked out well. In the week leading up to Parents' Weekend, many of the brothers formed a committee responsible for fixing any of the details of the house that we possible could. This included everything from rewiring the house audio system so that the same music could be heard throughout the house to having one of our more artistic brothers touch up the painting behind the bar originally painted by Brother **Joe Fry '66** a "few" years back. I cannot even count the number of comments made to me by the parents, especially the parents who had been to the house in previous years. They indicated how impressed they were with the upkeep and the improvement in just the past two years.

As April progressed, we held our annual philanthropy, Superstars, to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America. After being forced inside last year, we were thankful that this year the weather was cooperative. From canning, soliciting, our annual raffle, and the entrance fee from the 26 teams that competed this year, we were able to raise well over \$7,000. Even though only one team won, between the events, the barbecue and the refreshments, there was not a team that

wasn't asking when they would be able to sign up to return next spring.

Concerning the financial aspect of the fraternity, we have been able to run a budget surplus, even paying off the \$10,000 in debt left to us that the actives owed to the alumni. And we did this with only 25 brothers in the house. If we can do that with 25 people, imagine what we will be able to do next year when we are looking at having anywhere between 37 and 41 people living in the Mansion. The range of numbers is due to the fact that at the time of this writing, there are still a handful of brothers waiting to hear if they have been accepted to study abroad or whether they will get an internship for which they have applied.

I am also happy to report that we ranked ninth in GPA out of all the fraternities, which is especially impressive considering that this list includes those chapters that focus solely on academics. In addition, I would like to give credit to the several brothers who have recently taken their Medical College Admission Tests, performing well enough that they should have no problem getting into medical school.

There is a good strong group of dedicated brothers in the house whose main goal is to carry on the traditions of this fraternity and to leave it better than how we found it. Our dream is that generations to come can have the same experiences that you have had and that we are presently experiencing. We certainly do have a house in which to be proud. ■

## Alumni

# UpDates

### William B. Bache '47

(616 Hillcrest Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906-2350) When I'm in Florida, I see **Jim Hitchens '42** and **George Roy '42**. I have recently published my WWII memoir, "On the Road to Innsbruck and Back." To order a book, call 1-888-280-7715.

### John R. Maurey '52

(PO Box 312, Middletown, MD 21769-0312; john.maurey@nist.gov) I am moving to Minnesota this summer.

### Joseph C. Peden '56

(1053 NW Baker Crest Ct., McMinnville, OR 97128; joseph.c.peden@saic.com) My wife, Judy, and I really love living in the wine country — Willamette Valley of Western Oregon. Come see us some time. I keep in regular contact with **Jack Gilleland '56**. He and his wife, Fran, live in the Portland area. I also keep in regular contact with **Ed Baranski '55** and his wife, Georgine. We are going on a Penn State-sponsored tour with them. I hope to get back to Penn State this fall for the Purdue game.

### Charles N. Dodd '59

(82 Marker Rd. N, Rotonda West, FL 33947-1802; daddodd1@yahoo.com) Madeline and I have retired to Florida. No more farms and no more cattle. We sold our last farms in Tennessee five years ago. I live on a golf course, but do not play. We have cruised over 60 days this year and have taken several trips north in our R.V. We visit our seven kids who live in four different states.

### Edward D. Smith '69

(141 Fairview Rd., Penn Valley, PA 19072-1330) I am trying to retire, sell my landscaping business, move up to my new farm in Benton, Pa., and raise rare breeds of chickens and cattle with mad cow disease. I have three grown children, and I'm ready for a change in lifestyle. I would love to hear from my pledge brothers.

### Robert K. Withrow '75

(17 Smethwick Ct., Pittsford, NY 14534; rwithrow@rochester.rr.com) The Web site is great. "Pele" is alive and well up

in Rochester, N.Y. Still working at Kodak. My wife, Donna, and I have been married 25 years. My daughter, Lindsey (22), is a 2002 PSU graduate and now a graduate student at UNC — Chapel Hill. My son, Zach (18), is a freshman at Northeastern. I followed, via the Web, the reunion this last fall and will definitely join the next one. Write or stop by if you're in the neighborhood.

### Stephen E. Courter '77

(16 Smith Rd., Hopkinton, MA 01748; scourter@neoninc.com) Anyone from the fall '75 pledge class should call me for golf when near Boston, even Wally P.

### Gary R. Best '78

(3892 Cliffton Manor Pl., Haymarket, VA 20169-2400) I married a Florida girl, Barbara, in 1986 (18 years and going strong). We have two boys, Alexander (14) and Eric (11). I am the owner of two Maid Brigade franchises in Northern Virginia. Life is good; come visit us.

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# Alumni UpDates

## James E. Rock '81

(1551 Cedar Bend Court, Prosper, TX 75078; jim@scoopadapoop.com) After six years and six reorganizations, I finally got downsized from my corporate job in the booze business. I have now started my own business in the pet waste cleanup industry. Check us out at [www.scoopadapoop.com](http://www.scoopadapoop.com). Business stinks, but it's picking up. I took more crap in my corporate career than I'll ever take with this business. My family — Betsy, Tucker (13) and Brooks (11) — are loving life in Texas.

## Mark A. Kozak '84

(2490 Sidewinder Dr., Park City, UT 84060; mark@kozakstaples.com) Settled down in Park City, Utah, after years of life as a nomad (Texas, Mississippi, Utah, Turkey (Izmir), Maryland and North Dakota). I have been married for the past 12 years, and we have two adopted kids underfoot: Madison (5, from Moscow, Russia) and Zachary (3, from Kharkiv, Ukraine). I'm running a law practice from my home office, and Maureen teaches skiing. Call if you're in the neighborhood.

## John L. Russ '85

(25426 Indian Hill Circle, South Riding, VA 20152; johnruss@cyberdelphia.net) I just got married on February 14, 2004, to my wife, Jane. We are living in the western D.C. suburbs out in South Riding, Va. I am the Northern Virginia area manager for Alliance Spirits based in Richmond, and Jane is an executive with Ford. I also do Web sites on the side. See Cyber-

delphia for details. It was great to see so many Kappa brothers recently at the Brickskeller gathering, my bachelor party in AC and especially those who attended my wedding (a great Wales Tales game!). If anyone plans on visiting the D.C. area, please drop me a line. It's always good to see old friends. **And for you local D.C. — Baltimore guys, let's get together for a golf outing soon.**

## Robert M. Glass '86

(992 SE 9th Ave., Pompano Beach, FL 33060-9508) I hope all is well with everyone up north. Wow, the 20-year reunion for the quarter brains — you guys are old! I can't believe it's been 17 years since I migrated to South Florida. I have been married for 13 years to my beautiful wife, Jackie, and we have two boys, Jake (8) and Cameron (4). Except for hurricanes and the ability to cast a ballot, life is good in sunny Florida!

## Christopher J. Zeigler '87

(70 Sam Snead Cr., Eters, PA 17319; zeiglerdogs@aol.com) I am married to a wonderful woman named Devon, and we have a 16-year-old daughter, Shea. I run the Bridgestone/Firestone store in Mechanicsburg, Pa. I try to play golf once a week and enjoy deep-sea fishing and hunting.

## Craig A. Snyder '92

(199 Northridge Ln., Dallas, GA 30132) I own my own commercial cleaning business. My wife, Marla, and I got married in 1996 and have three children (two boys

and one girl). I love living in Georgia. Brothers, give me a call, especially if ya'll ever get to the Atlanta area.

## Mark J. Zahorchak '92

(311 Southwest Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601-4226; mzahorch@wiu.k12.pa.us; zcheck@aol.com) My wife, Jessica, and I live in Greensburg, Pa., with our two daughters, Allison (who turns 4 in July) and Anna (who just had her first birthday this past Valentine's Day). I am a law and economics teacher at Greensburg Salem High School and am the defensive coordinator for the football team. (So, if any of the bigger Phi Sigs who have athletic young sons are looking for a place to live, consider the greater Greensburg area. We're always looking for players.) I still see **Todd Polechko '92** all the time and am in regular contact with **Michael Vereb '91** (who just came down for a drunken visit a month ago). Keep an eye out in the photo gallery of the Web site. I have a vast library of tailgate pictures from the past decade plus that I am going to start posting. I would love to hear from anyone from my era.

## Brian Gorham Leahy '01

(133 Grand St., Apt. 2, Hoboken, NJ 07030; bgl106@yahoo.com) I am currently living in Hoboken, N.J. Brother **Thomas McGoldrick '01** is my roommate. I work for a small architecture firm which designs high-end residential projects. I just completed the NYC marathon; I didn't win. I continue to keep up a high level of greatness and excellence in everything I do. ■

Brothers across the years and miles  
return to PSU and Kappa Chapter.  
See details on upcoming events inside.  
*What's keeping you away?*

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