

ON THE WEB



I Am a Fraternity Man

Who are fraternity men? They are military heroes, servicemen, strong and inspirational men, musicians, celebrities, pastors, activists, humanitarians, visionaries, athletes and so much more. There is plenty of inspiration out there in the fraternity world and one way to find it is at "I Am a Fraternity Man" Facebook page: www.facebook.com/iamafraternityman. Check it out for your daily dose of fraternity news and submit your own stories about outstanding Kappa Chapter Brothers.



Keep Up With Alums Through LinkedIn

by **Joe Mazziotti '14**
Alumni Board Member

Have an active LinkedIn profile? Join the Kappa Chapter of Phi Sigma Kappa LinkedIn Networking Group! Alumni members of Kappa (**Dan Hofmeister '14**, **Dan Lourie '14**, and **Joe Mazziotti '14**) created this group to bring together both active and Alumni Brothers spanning across all eras to increase communication throughout the Fraternity. Members can reach out to one another for purposes such as networking opportunities, career advice, selecting a specific major/minor, etc.

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FOUNDER'S DAY 2016

Active and Alum Of The Year Crowned!

by **Bruce Balmat '70**
Alumni Treasurer



Alums present "Active of the Year" award to Ryan Minato.



Alums tour Lasch Building – headquarters of PSU Football operations.

The 143rd anniversary of the founding of Phi Sigma Kappa was celebrated on March 19, 2016. A number of alumni had the opportunity to tour the Lasch Building - headquarters of the Nittany Lions football team. Thanks to Brother **Phil Stout '07** for arranging this great tour, which was followed by a reception, a great dinner and presentation to Ryan Minato,

"Active of the Year." Ryan served as Chapter President for all of 2015 and did a tremendous job, juggling quite a number of pressing issues with leadership and diplomacy. Brother **Dan Stearns '73** has been selected as this year's "Alum of the Year," but was unable to be present due to a previous engagement. He will receive his plaque and award at a later date.

ALUMNI WORK DAY

Join Us In A Day Of Bonding Through Work!

by **Bruce Balmat '70**
Alumni Treasurer

Plans are being developed for our third annual work day. It will be held in July or August. Last year, 15 alums really chipped in and made great improvements on the house, inside and out. We had a great time as well as a relaxing, celebratory dinner at The Tavern. Look for dates on the website and in future email newsletters and plan to attend.

AT THE OLD BALLGAME WITH FRED DECOCK '80

Batter Up!

It's finally Spring, so let's talk baseball! Team Kappa is in fantastic shape and ready to play ball. The field (chapter house) is in great condition, thanks to a diligent alumni board squad (our Housing committee). Team finances are stronger than they have been for many years so we can make some moves to get the talent (house related projects) we need, and the actives who are getting ready to move up to the big leagues (as alums) are doing fantastic work, as other articles here will attest to.

We've got an interesting season coming our way. The University Greek System review is looking at rule changes that we will have to adapt to, our insurance plan from National chapter is a change-up we are looking over, and some of our basics (e.g. by-laws, leases, rules of conduct) are being reviewed by the coaches to make sure we can compete in what is becoming a new and ever-changing game. We have a scouting report too – a survey is being conducted by Affinity Connection,

Inc. in State College to find out more about what we can do to help each other out. We're looking forward to getting our scholarship program introduced and think this will be a home run for the hard-working actives, currently with an overall GPA of 3.28. Sorry, I can't translate that to a batting average, but I know it's heading in the right direction.

We're excited by the challenges, and are always looking for new talent from the alumni bench to move to the playing field to help us out. As Brother **David Hyland '80** said to me this weekend at Founders' Day, "You've got to be able to hit a curve ball!" And we have plenty of those to work with now.

Coming attractions to make sure you get on your calendars are the **Annual Golf Outing** on June 24 and 25, and an alumni work weekend currently being planned for late July.

I want to thank the alumni board team for all of their hard work to get us where we are today. **Dan Stearns '73** set the bar high

for commitment with 33 years of service as a board member and was very deserving of his Man-of-The-Year Award.

Contact any of the alumni board coaches to let us know you want to step up to the plate and help Phi Sig to continue to lead the league at Penn State!

By the way, my recent lunch with alumnus **Ben McLure '62**, and his stories as a professional baseball scout inspired me to give you a different look at the chapter update. We have so many interesting stories from brothers across the decades. We need to share more. Send me yours!

Fraternally,



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PHI SIGMA KAPPA GOLF CLASSIC

Fore!

By **Bruce Balmat '70** and **Matt Cowen '05**

The sixth annual Phi Sig Golf Outing will be held on the weekend of June 24-26. Summary of the planned events so far:

Friday, June 24

1:30 PM - **GOLF** at PSU's Blue Course

7:00 PM - **HAPPY HOUR** at Local Whiskey
(on ground level above the Phyrst)

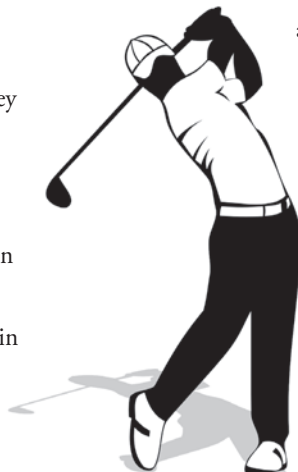
Saturday, June 25th

11:30 AM - **LUNCH BUFFET** at Mountain View Country Club (former Elks Club)

1:00 PM - **SHOTGUN START** at Mountain View's course

5:00 PM - start of **RECEPTION** with drinks and appetizers at 501 S. Allen St.

7:00 PM - **STEAK DINNER** followed by entertainment with **Jeremy Frank '98** and his band



For non-golfers who would like to attend, we will plan an alternative Saturday afternoon activity.

Look for additional information about this great event, including registration procedures, on the Phi Sig website (www.phisigpsu.com) in April. Meet your old and new friends under the Big Top in the side yard. See if you can win some of the fabulous prizes, no matter what your skill level is. Will you don THE GREEN JACKET? Enjoy the music and camaraderie. Tour our great-looking house. Invite Brothers from your era and your friends. It's a great weekend!



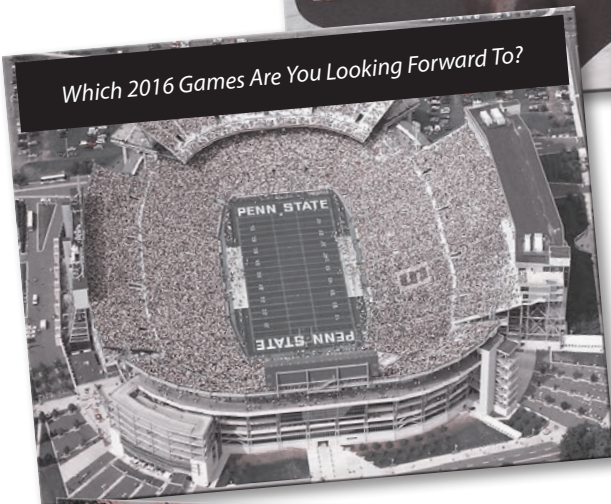
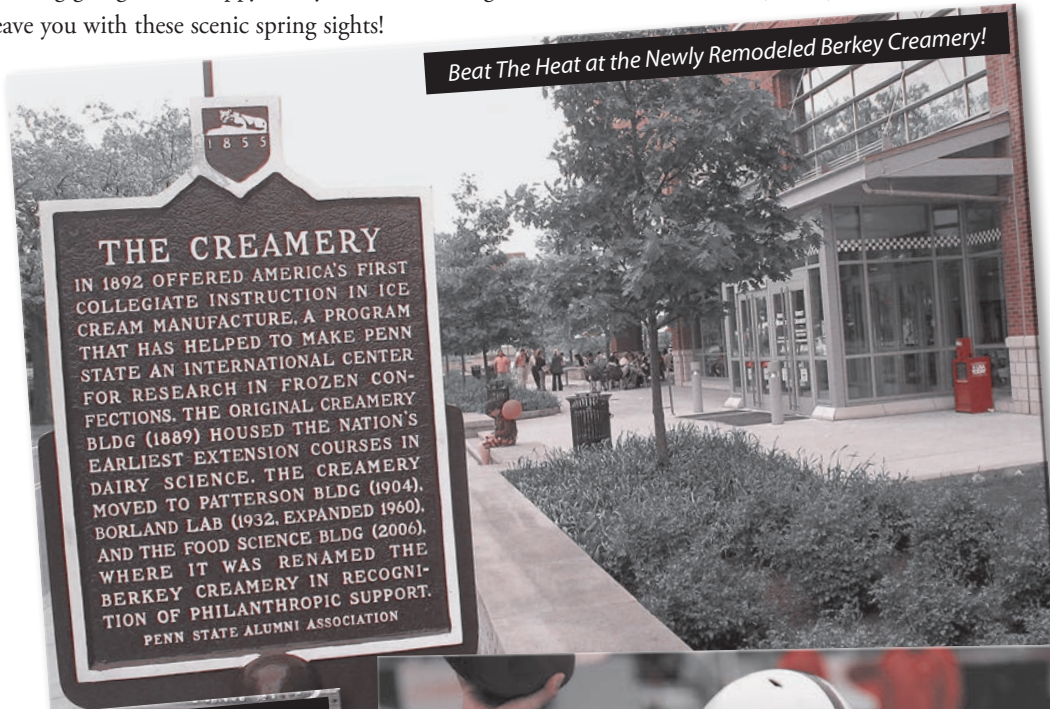
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www.phisigpsu.com
for all the latest Phi Sig news!

SPRING SIGHTS IN HAPPY VALLEY!

Plan Your Return To Dear Old State!

Spring has sprung and that got us thinking, now is a perfect time to plan a return trip back to Penn State with your Alumni Brothers! After all, there is always something going on in Happy Valley. For a full listing of events, visit www.happyvalley.com.

For now, we'll leave you with these scenic spring sights!





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BLUE-WHITE GAME 2016!

Who Will Be The Next PSU Superstar?



Saquon Barkley

This year's Blue-White game features the Nittany Lion's Top-20 recruiting class and returning star halfback Saquon Barkley. You might have heard of him: He's the 19-year-old beast who ran for nearly 1,100 yards during his freshman campaign and just power-cleaned 390 pounds during spring work-outs.

In addition to watching the sophomore sensation, this year's game may shed some light on which of PSU's three QB candidates-- Tommy Stevens, Trace McSorley or Jake Zembiec—will fill the very large shoes of the departing Christian Hackenberg.

The gridiron action kicks off Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. at Beaver Stadium and

stadium parking lots open at 8 a.m. Join your brothers for a weekend in Happy Valley sure to add to the bank of memories that Phi Sigma Kappa has brought you over the years!

In addition to the game itself, which offers free admission, take the opportunity to meet the players and coaches (team bus arrival at 12:45 at Curtin and Porter Roads) during an autograph session from 1:15-2 p.m. A fan festival runs between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Curtin road near the stadium and the Blue-White family Fun Zone will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Holuba Hall and includes free admission.

For a full list of events in Happy Valley, visit www.happyvalley.com!

ACTIVE'S CORNER

Making Strides as a Fraternity

By Jason Closs
Chapter President

Here are some of the great things happening with our undergraduate actives.

The actives raised almost \$23,000 for THON this year. Combined with their partner, Phi Sigma Rho, they collected over \$40,000! This was a great accomplishment, especially considering that canning trips were cancelled by the University due to safety concerns.

Kappa Chapter initiated 13 new brothers in the Fall and currently have 8 Associate Members for Spring semester.



The actives have a cumulative House GPA of 3.28.

Phi Sig's annual fundraising event, Superstars, will be held on April 3rd. This event benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on behalf of Brother **Scott Sandoe '85**, who died from complications due to leukemia a number of years ago.

Kappa Chapter is sending 10 brothers to help charter the new Phi Sigma Kappa chapter at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.