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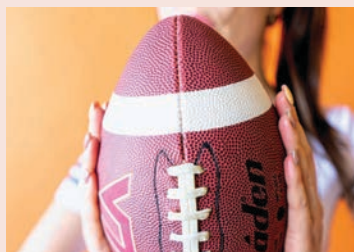
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## SPORTS



### PSU 2021 Football Schedule

9/14 @ Indiana  
9/11 vs. Ball State  
9/18 vs. Auburn  
9/25 vs. Villanova  
10/2 @ Indiana  
10/9 @ Iowa  
10/23 vs. Illinois  
10/30 @ Ohio State  
11/6 @ Maryland  
11/13 vs. Michigan  
11/20 vs. Rutgers  
11/27 @ Michigan  
12/4 BIG 10 CHAMPIONSHIP  
@ Indianapolis

# Kappa News

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Homecoming Details, Finance Updates, and Staying Connected to Keep Us Strong



Dear Brother,

Before launching into other business (and so while I have your attention), please take note that on October 23, 2021, we will be celebrating Homecoming!

#### Homecoming is live and virtual for Fall 2021!

The Alumni Board's plan is to hold an event similar to the Homecoming 2019 event, which was acclaimed as a considerable success. We plan to start at 5:00 p.m. with a cocktail hour (with live entertainment), followed by a catered buffet dinner, and then followed by a brief meeting. For those who are unable to attend in person, please see the Zoom link and instructions at the end of the letter. This link will also be posted in the following Kappa social media group sites:

- **LinkedIn** – either join the group “Phi Sigma Kappa (Kappa Chapter)” or use this link: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/phi-sigma-kappa-kappa-chapter-40a3581b9/>
- **Facebook** – either join the group “Phi Sigma Kappa - Kappa Chapter” or use this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PSKKappa>

Our plan is to hold the virtual meeting from 7:00 p.m. EST to 8:00 p.m. EST. We will have presentations by the Board, a vote on board members and officers, a virtual tour of the house (care of the Actives), including the

Kappa History Room, and a Q&A with alumni. We look forward to seeing you, in person or virtually.

#### Kappa is strong and thriving.

For the new academic year, the total number of Actives is up! We have 50 total Actives, 25 of which are living in the house. These are great numbers, in comparison to recent years and in the face of the challenges that fraternities continue to face nationwide.

I'm pleased to also report that the house and Kappa's finances are in strong shape. The House looks great, thanks to the dedicated and regular efforts of Board member **David Hyland**, who serves as House Committee Chair, and to the very caring and involved Actives. Please see the article on page 2 about Work Weekend and a very successful effort to maintain and improve the House for the start of the new school year.

The financial position is strong, which is directly due to the Board's stewardship. As I have described before, the Board adopts two separate budgets—one for housing and a second for alumni association activities. We have been successful in running the housing P&L at a surplus, which is being used to make the additional payments to principal. As a result, the mortgage debt has been reduced to about \$275,000 and we are on track to pay off the mortgage by no later than the end of 2023.

## WORK WEEKEND 2021

### Record Attendance, Chapter History Room Set Up at 10th Annual Work Weekend

For the 10th year in a row, alumni and actives met at 501 S. Allen Street to get the Kappa house ready for the school year. This year's event was the best attended and likely most productive and fun weekend so far. **David Hyland '81**'s master planning paid off as always with the house looking great. Thanks to the hard work of the brotherhood's many hands.

Everyone enjoyed a private buffet dinner at the Penn Stater where **Fred DeCock** was honored with the **Jim Rock** 'Beacon of Brotherhood' award for his longstanding commitment to Kappa Chapter.

Thanks to all those who stepped up. We are looking forward to seeing new and old faces again next summer!

#### Work Weekend 2021 Attendees and Accomplishments

- 15 alumni and spouses
- 20+ actives—most active participation ever!
- Cleaned the house from top to bottom

Hedges and trees trimmed. Yard cleaned, and **Ben Jarmul '81** even implemented a “good neighbor” policy and trimmed up the hedges across the alley. He was a beast with the power hedge trimmer!

- Built new tables for living room and repaired couches
- Painted living room, dining room, basement stairwell, bar, and party rooms

- Ordered new rugs for the foyer, living room and Alumni “history” room—be on the lookout for a naming contest for this new version of the “Card Room”.
- Chapter “history” room set up with pledge class paddles, newly framed composites, and events from the 1950s (photos care of **Dick Doherty**), and other interesting memorabilia. Next time you are in town, stop in to see what we have so far.



## FLASHBACK

### Brothers Fondly Recall the 1979 Fall Free for All

Forty two years ago on September 1, 1979 a crowd gathered on the lawn at 501 S. Allen Street to attend the Fall Free for All. Attendees enjoyed two great bands that day —Bravura and Tahoka Freeway.

**Mark Daugherty '81** remembered this picture from the 70's and wrote in to tell us about it! He recalled fondly listening to Tahoka Freeway perform on the front lawn, and getting together with singer Terry Whitlock.

**Do you have old photos and memories to share? If so, contact our editors at [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) (mention “Kappa News” in the subject line).**



## HONOR ROLL

### Thank You to Our Generous Donors

Thank you to all of the brothers who so generously donated.  
The following list reflects gifts made as of August 30, 2021.

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James Whipkey	1980
Joseph Masterson	1985

#### \$500 - \$999.99

James Hancock	1953
Ben McLure	1962
Richard Pierce	1968
Douglas Derby	1970
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Edward Baranski	1955
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John (Bud) Lesar	1964
Steven Brose	1969
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Roger Calabretta	1975
John Wall	1976
Stephen Courter	1977
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Martin Barbato	1979
David Hyland	1980
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Walter Bashaw	1987

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Reaves Lukens	1953
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Thomas Tylman	1975

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John Russ	1985
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Robert Glass	1986
T. Jeffrey McGraw	1988
Matthew Tansky	2000
Matthew Anthony	2002

#### \$51-\$99.99

Geoffrey Gates	1966
Ronald Manning	1969

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John Caspero	1961
Richard Schnure	1963
Thomas Florkiewicz	1966
David Teather	1966
Charles Donnelly	1976
Thomas Winiarczyk	1982
Thomas Jupena	1989
Darren Lehrich	1993
Scott Pirrello	1998

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

### A Sad Farewell to Brothers: Robert V. Seibel '54 and Donald A. Davis '60



#### Robert (Bob) Vedder Seibel '54

*Source Courtesy of Schmidt Funeral Home Erie*  
Bob died peacefully on Saturday February 13, 2021. He was born in Erie on January 15, 1933, and passed two weeks to the day after the death of Lella, his dear wife of 66 years.

Bob served in the U.S. Army and worked as a chemical engineer who earned his Professional Engineer designation. He achieved

numerous accomplishments and accolades during his career. He and his wife were active tennis and hockey fans, in addition to cheering for both the Browns and Indians.

Bob is survived by his sons Bob and Rick, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

#### Donald A. Davis '60

*Source Courtesy of The Legacy*

Donald Andrew Davis, 82, of Salisbury, passed on Thursday, March 11, 2021. Born on July 1, 1938 he graduated Penn State with a BS in Agricultural Education. Professionally, Donald served as an Engineer for many years for Panographics.

Donald enjoyed fishing and spending time with his friends and family, especially his 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. When it was the fall, Donald enjoyed watching Penn State Football and anything dealing with Penn State.

Donald is survived by his loving wife of 31 years Sandra Davis, daughters, Teresa, Katrina, and Teresa; and three sons, Donald Jr., David, and Charles.





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- Work Weekend Recap



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The alumni association activities budget includes all communication costs (which include our website), events hosted by the alumni, and the Scholarship Fund. The alumni association activities budget for this year is \$20,000. Your donations go directly to this budget and to these activities.

For the just completed academic year, and for the second Founder's Day in a row, we gave a total of \$2,000 in scholarship money to worthy Actives. We look forward to continuing this effort. With your support, we will be able to do so.

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#### Thank you for your support of a record giving year!

Speaking of support, the Kappa alumni have been a great support. Kappa experienced strong donations for this past giving year (8/1/20 through 7/31/21). Looking back over the last 15 years, when one special one-time gift is excluded, the amount donated this past year was the second highest amount in 15 years (the previous year being the highest amount)! My heart-felt thanks for all of the support.

#### We value your feedback.

As I close out this letter, allow me to repeat a previous offer—to be available for your input. The board is very interested in identifying and implementing steps to improve communications with alumni and to provide activities and events for alumni. Our Alumni Communications Chair, **Fred DeCock** (a former Board president), is ready to hear from you. So am I. Please feel free to contact either of us.

Be well, and I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,

**Martin Barbato '79**

President

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## ZOOM LINK

#### Join us virtually on Zoom for this year's Homecoming meeting

October 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2295453647?pwd=SnRqQnFoUjYzVTlSQmdoSjBkTIZlUT09>

Meeting ID: 229 545 3647

Passcode: 5AFXU

#### Staying connected keeps us strong

We need your help to communicate with you. The Phi Sigma Kappa alumni total about 1,033. Of these, we have current contact information (either a mailing address, an email address, or both) for 790. Of these, we have emails for 448.

#### PSK Penn State Stats

Total alumni:	1,033
Alumni with valid address or email:	790
Alumni with email:	448

It would be helpful if all alumni could provide an email address. There are just two regular mailings per year – the Fall Letter and the Spring Letter. In contrast, an email newsletter goes out monthly.

Please consider providing your email address (or updating your email address, if applicable) so that we can keep you more current on what is happening at Kappa. You can send your email address to any of us:

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