

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 Penn State Football!

Will we see you at Homecoming?

10/1- Minnesota- 3:30 PM

10/8- Maryland- NOON
Homecoming

10/22- Ohio State- 8 PM
(Whiteout)

10/29- At Purdue- Time TBA

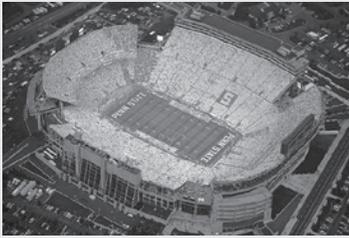
11/5- Iowa- 7:30 PM

11/12- At Indiana- Time TBA

11/19- At Rutgers- 8 PM

11/26- Michigan State- Time TBA

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House Receives New Letters

Alpha-Delta would like to thank **John B. White '89** (Psi Chapter, University of Maine) for his generous donation which we were able to use this semester to purchase new letters for our house at 420 East Prospect!

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Your Brothers at 420 E. Prospect!



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ALUMNI PROFILE

Scott Ott '83: "I sold my plasma at Sera-Tec and bought rice and margarine."

There was a time in the early 80's, where the hottest band to see in State College was Kappa Sigma's very own, Scott Ott Band, which would later become affectionately known as "S.O.B."

We got ahold of Scott and asked him a few questions.

He reflects on the band, his life now, and acting like the kind of man the Star and Crescent Creed says the men of Kappa Sigma should be.

"I started my first band in high school on a lark, to enter a talent show," Ott told us. "We were just going to air guitar and lip sync The Ramones 'Beat on the Brat,' but my co-conspirator said, 'Why don't we have a real band?' Therefore, we did. We imitated The Blues Brothers and did some originals. I didn't know the other band members before we started S.O.B., except Alpha Delta **Eric DeZubay '82**. Eric was a self-taught drummer who would snap on some headphones and hammer along with his Rush albums, to the delight and annoyance of many in the house. He became the best drummer I ever worked with.

Our first big gig was in the summer of '83. We filled the ballroom at the (now old) Kappa Sig house on Beaver Ave. My Pop, who raised my three brothers and I, including Alpha Delta **Troy Ott '84**, drove 180 miles and showed up for the gig without warning. He stood in the back as his grandson screeched out Billy Idol's 'White Wedding' and collapsed under a cascade of inebriated women (me, not him). This, surprisingly, impressed pop. When he was young, he had played in a County & Western



The Scott Ott Band L-R: Eric DeZubay, Bob Churchill, Chris Pillione, and Scott Ott

band."

"The brothers were very supportive of the band," he added. "They allowed us to rehearse in the party room downstairs for many hours every day. Of course, it was summer, so the house

was mostly empty.

There used to be

a sub shop called Bubba's in the basement of the house, and the owner would come in and watch us rehearse when business was slow. We actually played a free gig in the corner of his tiny shop one night. That was weird. I think that was before we named the band *S.O.B.*, and I actually made up posters for the gig under the working name 'Killer Fawns,' a blatant rip off a poster in *National Lampoon magazine*.

We spent an incredible amount of time together that summer. Almost all of it in rehearsal. We would literally practice 6-8 hours per day. I had no job, and thus very little food. I sold my plasma at Sera-Tec and bought rice and margarine. I lost 35 pounds in a month and a half. I had to tie up my pants with a rope because my belt was too long. We sometimes argued over which songs to play, because we all had different tastes, but early on we decided to play mostly popular, danceable stuff that was in heavy rotation on *MTV*. I had no amplifier, so I was shouting over those who did, and over Eric's thundering drums. When we played out, we hired a soundman who would take literally half of our income. Most of the rest went to posters, ads, guitar strings, drum skins etc. I recall one night walking out of The Brewery with \$6 in my hand — my cut after expenses,

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UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Brandon Fello

The actives of the Alpha Delta chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity enjoyed a tremendous start to the fall 2016 semester and it promises to be one of our best to date. Our efforts to make waves in rush, scholarship, community service/philanthropy, ritual, and other aspects continues to resonate within our solid foundation of brotherhood, which will propel us to the top of the fraternal world both at Penn State and in Kappa Sigma.

At the beginning of every semester, fall in particular, Alpha Delta aims all of its efforts toward rush. Brother Dalton Kramer, Head Rush Chairman, lead the effort to ensure that our colors never fade for want of wearers. With his dedication Alpha Delta boasted a high percentage of brothers at every single rush event, and as a result more and more potential new members became infatuated with the strong sense of brotherhood and morality that binds our chapter together. Events such as zone day, a Sunday barbeque/whiffle-ball game, cigar night, and formal dinner were a huge success, and with the closing of the rush period, we are confident that the fall 2016 pledge class will exceed expectations, as we prepare to pledge upwards of 30 young men.



of doing joint philanthropy efforts partnered with new sororities. More information on those events will be available in the coming weeks.

Additionally, we are in the beginning stages of the

annual Greek Sing show. This year we are partnered with the brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) and the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi (ADPi). The theme of the show is "Pocahontas," and promises to be a fantastic performance. With so much going on around our chapter, and the Penn State community in general this time of year, we would still like to encourage any and all alumni to visit the chapter house at 420 East Prospect at any time. The current actives would love to meet more of our great alumni and enjoy the weekend tailgating and football together. As for now, our brothers will continue to work diligently to ensure that we succeed far beyond expectations this semester and an alumni presence is also welcome. More information and updates on our semester are soon to follow, thank you brothers.

With the life blood of Alpha Delta secured, our brotherhood will shift focus to those things that make our chapter excel far past the standard. Diligence toward our studies of both school work and the ritual top our list of priorities. However, Alpha Delta also puts community service and philanthropy at the focal point of our chapter. Community service chairman Adam Bortner has several events planned for the chapter, including; a trip to the local animal shelter PAWs and multiple Clearwater day of service events throughout the semester. Alpha Delta also participated in the inaugural "Kappa Sigma Campus First Responders Day," on September 11. A small group of brothers brought a free lunch to the Alpha Fire Co. in downtown State College in order to honor the service that they do and the men and women who have given their time, effort, and lives to keep us safe. Alpha Delta's attention to philanthropy is also important as we are in the process

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Brandon Fello, President.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Kappa Sigs Take Flight!

Now that's How We Army Guys Fly!

"I was Ed Gorke's little brother. The line ended with me in that I never had the opportunity to be someone's Big Brother. I did however get to be the Pledge Master for quite a few pledges- a position I enjoyed filling.

One of the interesting memories took place when Ed, wanting to build some flying hours, took three of us out for a flight in a small prop plane from the Penn State airport. We flew some place to get some food and flew back.

Only one problem.

The sun was setting, getting a little dark, just enough to make shades of gray hard to see – especially if you're color blind. We all survived but not without a bit of a bumpy landing. Afterward, Ed

calmly stated he could not really see the approach lights or the runway. Now that is how we Army guys fly!"

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Richard Armstrong (aka Wally) 1981
civil engineering

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Prestige Building Company, LLC a
general contracting company serving the
multi-family market currently licensed in
12 states plus USVI.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Scott Ott and S.O.B.

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and thinking, wow, I'm a professional musician.

I've often told people, 'I had no talent. I sang.' However, I did play a harmonica solo on The Romantics' 'What I like about you.' Because I had no talent, they put me in charge of sales and promotions, so I made posters and ads and tried to convince bar owners to let us play on the nights when nobody goes to the bars. We got some Tuesday night gigs."

The gig at Kappa Sig that summer was my favorite," recalls Ott. "It was a large room, and we packed it. Playing on the HUB lawn was great too.

These days, *S.O.B.* is on hiatus.

"I sing at the top of my lungs in church on Sundays," says Ott. "Over the years, I've been blessed with the opportunity to do solos in church productions. I've also performed with piano, and even a cappella before groups of senior citizens, doing the songs I learned from my pop, and his 78 RPM collection. While my daughter once told me she wanted me to sing Billy Idol's big hit at her wedding, I mercifully managed to escape that sordid spectacle.

I'm married to Stephanie and we have two boys and two girls ranging in age from 17



to 27 years. We live North of Dallas, Texas, and love it here. Over the years, I have served as a pastor, church planter, Christian camp director and Bible teacher. Things got very different after Jesus saved me at age 28, and I'm eternally grateful for that.

I even worked for the company that helps Alpha Delta communicate with alums a few years back. For the past eight years, I've been creating online video commentary and humor shows for a Los Angeles company. It just went out of business, but I still create videos with some of my colleagues on a subscription-based website (BillWhittle.com), and I'm seeking my next full-time gig. Just for fun, I do a

weekly live video show on YouTube and Facebook LIVE, as well as a podcast on iTunes and wherever podcasts are heard. (ScottOtt.tv)

I suppose Kappa Sig helped to prepare me by forcing me into awkward situations where I had to think, speak and lead. It also showed me how important it is to have my life anchored in God's word. You can't even become a brother without confessing that you believe the Bible, and revere its teachings. In addition, of course, our creed exhorts us to be 'above all else, one who walks in the light of God.

I heard from Bob Churchill, our lead guitarist, a few years ago, and he was in retail management. Eric DeZubay went on to super-stardom as a TV meteorologist, but he still deigns to chat with me online. A few years ago, he produced a CD of *S.O.B.*'s HUB lawn gig, and dubbed in audience sound from a 10cc live album. It holds up pretty well. A reunion would be fun, but the memories are better."

As for his advice, Scott offers these simple suggestions, "Put down the bottle. Get to bed earlier. Go to every class. Ask more questions. Do the work. Befriend others like that, and act like the kind of man the Star & Crescent Creed says you should be.

PHOTO FLASHBACK

'67-'68 Kappa Sigs at The Skellar



L-R: R. Hayes, K. Hinkle, J. Zelinsky, J. Kennon, M. Irwin, W. Hartenstine, R. Judge, and T. Stuart

TESTIMONIALS

Kappa Sig Brother Theodore Lesko '40 Shares His Memories

“My fondest memory of my four years at Penn State was being a member and an officer of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. The feeling of brotherhood and camaraderie that existed among the members was very meaningful to me. I was elected Vice President and was honored to serve in that capacity for a great group of guys and a great fraternity. I was in a number of other organizations at Penn State like Skull & Bones, Blue Key, tennis team, and manager of the gym team but Kappa Sigma meant the most to me.

I also met my future wife, Jean Harshaw, at Penn State in the summer of 1940. She had graduated from Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland in 1937 and was taking post-graduate courses in English at Penn State. I was on the tennis team and had heard about a Miss Harshaw who was a pretty good tennis player. She was also very attractive and vivacious, which was an added bonus. Little did I know that Jean had actually played on the men's tennis team at Washington College which, although it did not have a women's team at the time, was still a tremendous accomplishment. Jean



Theodore Lesko '40, on the right with his son this past Father's Day

beat me in tennis the first time we played, which taught me a lesson in humility. It was a momentous first meeting for us. We continued to date and were married in April

1942. After 73+ years of marriage, three children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, Jean passed away in December 2015.

So I have a number of fond memories of Penn State and Kappa Sigma and the experiences there that shaped my life.

My experience as a brother at Kappa Sigma helped me in a number of ways throughout my life. In my position as Vice President of the fraternity my responsibilities often required that I enlist the support of the brothers on various projects. In order to be effective I developed my social skills and management skills which helped me later in life on both personal and professional levels. I recall one time when I was responsible for establishing the lineups for Kappa Sigma's intramural sports teams. I had to evaluate the skills and strengths of the brothers and then create the lineups. While it doesn't seem like a big deal now it required certain skills which I was still in the process of developing at that time in my life. It gave me confidence to

take on bigger jobs and responsibilities in my career and community.

Frederick Baesman '64: "Life Has Always Been Good To Me."

Brother FC Baesman took time to share what he wants people to remember about him in 50 years and how his life would be different today, without Kappa Sigma

Q: Tell me a little bit about your career, your biggest successes and achievements, family, etc.

Baesman: "36 years at Boeing; Saturn V Rocket PD, 727 Aero, mgr. 777 Engineering support manager. 737/757 Test integration

Q: What would you say is your life's mission? What do you want people to remember about you 50 years from now?

Baesman: "Is he still alive?"

Q: Why did you choose to join Kappa Sigma over other fraternities at



Frederick Baesman '64, standing in the back, third from the left.

Penn State? What made it different?

Baesman: **Bob Zolomij** and **Carl Harris** from my Penn State dorm rushed KS, so I decided to do likewise."

Q: How would your life be different today if you had never joined Kappa Sigma?

Baesman: "I wouldn't be in touch with **Jim Ball**, **Tom Hillbert**, and **Carl Harris**."

Q: If you could go back and relive one moment from your glory days, what would it be and why?

Baesman: "I can't answer this; life has always been good to me."

Q: What is your advice for the future generations of brothers?

Baesman: "Hang in there; get your degree; enjoy the journey."