

BY THE NUMBERS

Alpha Mu at a Glance

Total Alumni Members:	1,449
Addressable Alumni:	1,011
Lost Members:	79
Alumni Email Addresses:	327
2009-10 Annual Fund Donors to Date:	36
2008-09 Annual Fund Donors:	121
2007-08 Annual Fund Donors:	137

HAPPY VALLEY

Plan an Adult Bar Tour

There's nothing better than a weekend back in Happy Valley to relive your youth. But let's face it...we're not the same early-twenty-something guys we were back then. Why settle for long lines, cover charges, cheap beer, elbow-to-elbow college crowds, loud music and so-so bar food? Take advantage of the many non-student hangouts that Happy Valley has to offer. Grab your Pi Kapp buddies and head out on your own "adult" bar tour this season. See our list of recommendations at www.alphamupikap.org.

GET PUBLISHED

Did you tailgate at a Nittany Lion game this season? We want to see pictures and hear stories – especially if you met up with other Pi Kapps! Send your photos and stories to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention Pi Kapp PSU).

ON THE WEB

What's My Member ID?

You can find your Member ID, required for First Time Login at www.alphamupikap.org, above your name and address on this newsletter.

Alpha Musings

ALPHA MU CHAPTER PI KAPPA PHI FRATERNITY
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
www.alphamupikap.org



STATE COLLEGE, PA.

October 2009

ALUMNI REPORT

Don't You Wish You Could Relive the Pi Kapp Experience Today?

Renew Your Participation as an Alumnus

By Steve DiOrio '78

Even though I graduated more than 30 years ago, my days in Pi Kapp seem like they were just yesterday. This fall, as another school year gets underway, I think back to the first time I stepped on Penn State's campus as an undergraduate without recognizing a face or knowing a soul...until I found Pi Kappa Phi. The friends I made there were my family for my college years, and I'm honored to say that those bonds have held strong through today.

This is why I volunteer for The Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Corporation. If you're like me, you have a similar story from your Pi Kapp experience, and it's my job to help you maintain the friendships that you made so long ago. As a volunteer, I can affirm that we work hard to achieve our #1 priority: keeping our alumni connected over time and distance.

Take a look at the numbers to the left.

As you can see, only a small percentage of our brothers are actively participating in their alumni years. Don't you wish that you could relive the Pi Kapp experience today? Lucky for you, you can. All I need is your continued support.

"The friends I made [at Pi Kappa Phi] were my family for my college years, and I'm honored to say that those bonds have held strong through today."

In this issue of *Alpha Musings* you'll read all the ways you can reconnect with our fraternity. Remember, the Pi Kapp experience doesn't end with graduation. I look forward to your continued participation this year and beyond.

IN THE WORDS OF OUR ALUMNI

The Pi Kapp Connection

Alum Shares How His Networking with a Fellow Brother Landed Him a Job

Thanks to **Dan Castello '83** for submitting the following...

"After graduating in 1983 with a degree in Nuclear Engineering, I spent months looking for a job while earning a little spending money pumping gas and working in restaurants. In January 1984, still unemployed, I remember getting a copy of the latest *Alpha Musings* and reading through it. On the back page, I read through the *Alumni News*, and noticed a blurb written by Bill F. Exley (1956, I think).

Mr. Exley was updating his brothers on the latest happenings in his life, including his current position at the Boeing Company in Seattle. At the end, he provided his phone number, and invited any of his old friends to give him a call. Being in dire need of a job,

explained my situation, including my status as an unemployed Pi Kapp engineer. He told me to send my resume, and that he would send me an application, and that he had a job for me. Six weeks later I started working for Boeing in Seattle, WA. Other than a telephone conversation with him, I never even had an interview.

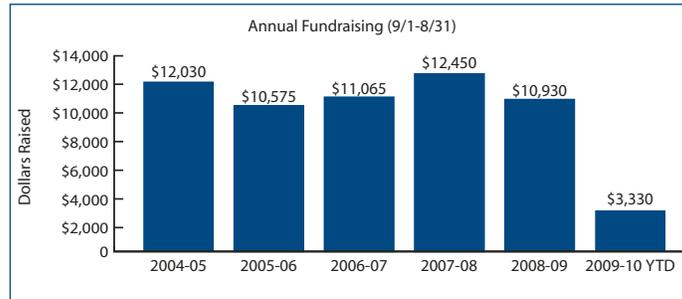
Mr. Exley took a chance on a fellow Pi Kapp. I will always be indebted to him. And I will always be on the lookout for the opportunity to help another Pi Kapp out. I invite you to do the same."

Share your stories on how Pi Kapp (or a fellow brother!) influenced your life at

ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund Needs You

With our active alumni membership just over 1,000 strong, we rely on the financial support of our brothers to keep our program running strong. As you can see, our annual giving saw a decline last year. Help us to get our annual fund total back up in 2009-10 as we strive to reach our goal of \$14,000. The annual fund promotes continued publication of our communications, including Alpha Musings, and enables us to keep you connected with



your Pi Kapp friends.

There are three ways to make a gift:

1. Online at www.alphamupikap.org.

2. By calling 800-975-6699.
3. By mailing a check payable to "Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Corporation" to:

Pi Kappa Phi
Penn State
Alumni Relations Processing Center
P.O. Box 7007
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

This Issue of Alpha Musings Brought to You By...

Thank you to the following alumni for their support so far in the 2009-10 giving year:

Palmer L. Davis Jr.	1942	Read H. Roberts	1960	John M. Talone	1974
Richard W. Brown Jr.	1943	William S. Simpson	1963	Robert J. Trotter	1975
Alexander Lewis Parry Jr.	1948	Thomas Edward Keen	1964	Curtis R. Butler	1980
Edwin R. Yeager	1948	Douglas R. Forbes	1967	David M. Kyle	1981
John M. Antolick	1949	Robert L. Healy	1967	Bruce R. Foster	1983
Larry L. Gerwig	1949	William E. Johnson	1967	Michael J. Wells	1987
Harold C. O'Connor Jr.	1952	James H. Hugar	1968	Jason A. Borrelli	1994
Richard F. Seidel	1952	Gary D. Bello	1969	Michael J. Scheel	1994
John Muench Jr.	1953	Stephen J. Bradley	1971	Matthew A. Curtin	1998
Donald B. Wood	1953	William L. Ross	1971	Russell Talone	2002
Robert D. Buchwald	1955	Eugene A. Bruss	1972		
Martin R. Hornung	1955	Guy A. Kanak	1973		
Charles E. Skopic	1959	Todd F. Kelly	1973		

Reflects gifts received as of October 13, 2009.

Hey, It's the 21st Century!

So Give Us Your Email Address...We Won't SPAM You, Promise!

With the cost of a postage stamp now at 44 cents, your email address is just as valuable to us as your gift!

By providing us with or updating your email address, you are helping us to save money by building our email database for future electronic publications. You'll also get added to the list to receive our monthly e-Letter. Update your email address and other contact information today by emailing it to our editors at alumninews@affinityonnection.com (mention Pi Kapp at PSU). Your email address will be used

solely for Alpha Mu Chapter communications, and won't be traded or sold.

Did you know that we're missing email addresses for 70% of our alumni? Help us to update the email addresses of other brothers. If you are in touch with any other alumni electronically, please send us their email addresses so they can be added to our email list.

ALUMNI EVENTS

Nearly 20 Brothers and Friends Return for 2009 Pi Kappa Phi Golf Weekend

The annual Pi Kappa Phi golf weekend was held in State College on July 24. A big thanks to Tee Burns '67 and all of the brothers who made this weekend another great success!

Pictured (left to right): Nick Say (not Pi Kapp), **Jeff McManus '72, Dan Mcnalley '71, Tom Pollack '68,** Carl Yaras (not Pi Kapp), **John Kieser '70, Gary Bello '68, Luday Rentschler '68, Steve Bradley '71, Butch**



Ferraro '68, Tom Rackley '67, John Turcheck '69, Ron Trull '73, John Talone

'73, Dave Peacock (not Pi Kapp), **Tee Burns '67, Rick Say '74, Fast Ed Korecky '70 and John Gulley '67.**

Find more pictures online at www.alphamupikap.org! If you have any pictures from the event, email them to us at content@affinityconnection.com (mention Pi Kappa Phi at PSU in the subject line) and we'll add them to the site.

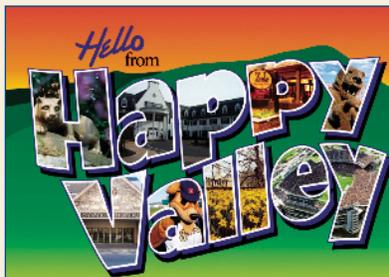
What Tops Your List of Things to Do in Happy Valley?

Academics aside, college is all about the experience! So we're compiling a list of the Top 20 things that a student **MUST** do before leaving Happy Valley.

We need your help to put together a great list of long-standing traditions on campus and/or in the State College community! We want to know the things you miss most about Penn State and Happy Valley, and/or the top things on your list of things to do when you come back as an alum.

Here is our list...

Play Ultimate Frisbee on Old Main or Hub lawn
Climb Mount Nittany
One word: Tailgate
Get lost in the stacks of Paterno library
Dance at THON
Start a snowball fight with another residence hall
Prepare last minute for tests with Nittany Notes
Attend a white out game with 110,000 of your friends
Eat Late-Night pizza. Your choice: College or Canyon
Get your picture taken at the Nittany Lion Shrine AND the JoePa statue



Ski (or snowboard or tube) at Tussey Mountain
Grab a window booth at the Corner Room
Stand in line for a weekend Waffle Shop breakfast (it's worth it!)
Eat Peachy Paterno at the Creamery
Order grilled stickeys at The Diner
Take part in a bar tour

Camp out at Paternoville
Witness the Mifflin Streak
Start the weekend early on Friday afternoon at the Skellar
Come back for Arts' Fest

Do you have one that didn't make the list? Let us know the places, events and activities that helped to define your Penn State experience (or, things you wish you would have done!). Post your favorite things about Happy valley on the message board at www.alphamupikap.org.

Thank you to **David Wolfe '94** for submitting these additions...

- Jump off the high dive at the Nat or outdoor pool
- Try every flavor of ice cream at The Creamery
- Sing with the Phyrst Family
- Kiss your honey on the Old Main steps
- Drive out to the deer pens and feed them carrots

ALUMNI UPDATES

'30s

William Griffin '36

(405 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620; wcgriffin@verizon.net) Last year it was my good fortune to have an Applied Research building at the Wilmington, Delaware Croda facility dedicated in my name. This was based on an article written in 1949 on emulsifier selection by HLB that is still being used by them and also throughout the industry. Google "Griffin HLB" to learn more.

'50s

Dick McKnight '57

(320 Old Oaks Road, Fairfield, CT 06825; mcknightgroup@mail.com) I would have enjoyed the golf event scheduled for this summer; unfortunately, I had a torn patella tendon repaired in June and out of action until the end of September.

Don Woodrow '57

(41 Idaho St., Point Richmond, CA 94801; woodrow@hws.edu) Dave Nash and I are trying to get together. We live in northern CA while Dave lives in southern CA.

Meetings are hard to arrange.

I met with John and Sue Schmucker for dinner just outside Harrisburg in early August. No occasion, just that I happened to be back east and we got together. Sadly, Bill Simon tried could not join us.

I have tried to get in contact with Brother Maggio with no success.

What's New with You?

Let us know at
www.alphamupikap.org.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Nice Hairstyles and Moustaches, Guys!

We love coming across great pictures from throughout our chapter's history, including this one from the 1982 LaVie. Help us to feature more archived pictures in upcoming issues of our newsletter and monthly e-Letter. Send the best photos from your era and of more recent reunions to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention Pi Kap at PSU). Your submissions may be chosen to appear in an upcoming edition of our newsletter.



Nearly 20 brothers from the '60s and '70s came back to State College for a golf outing this summer! Read more on page 3.



540-096

Address Service Requested

Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

P.O. Box 7007

Alumni Relations Processing Center

Penn State

Pi Kappa Phi



In this Issue...

- A Great Golf Outing
- Top Things to Do in Happy Valley
- How One Brother Helped another
- (Who He Never Met!) Get a Job

PRESORTED
FIRST CLASS MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
State College, Pa.
Permit No. 2