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The Kappa Sig Stater

Alpha-Sigma of Kappa Sigma Alumni Association
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Time and Treasure are Irreplaceable with Kappa Sigma

The Stater is starting the New Year by focusing as much attention as possible on the two topics garnering the most interest.

The first is, and will always be, the active chapter membership. How healthy is membership in terms of size? How are chapter members performing in their individual and collective pursuit of an education from The Ohio State University? Are the pledge programs working? Who are the officers and what is the Executive Committee doing to keep standards high?

The second is the brotherhood’s “Rise to the Challenge” capital campaign. The “TIME AND TREASURE” associated with building tomorrow’s Kappa Sigma chapter house and creating added enthusiasm among active members is entirely surmountable, but questions persist.

Are enough brothers pledging their support to the program? Are there “Naming Opportunities” that remain open for alumni to act upon through significant pledging? Have you been contacted by another Decade, Era, or Pledge Class volunteer asking that you pledge to the program? Have you visited www.alphasigmabrothers.org and completed a document DOWNLOAD, and gathered Capital Campaign materials?

Stop for a moment to consider some facts:

FACT: The Kappa Sigma fraternity’s “House on the Hill” must be renovated over 2-3 years. It will take no less than \$3 million to accomplish this feat. This summer’s work, as described in this *Stater* publication, is \$500,000 of much needed repair work. This won’t make Kappa Sigma’s chapter house compliant with University policies for the future and the chapter house won’t be a certified residence for sophomore members in 2016-2017.

FACT: Beta Theta Pi will be tearing down to build new at 15th and Indianola. Delta Tau Delta is renovating and expanding to deliver new living quarters. Alpha Gamma Rho is

underway with a \$2.5+ million renovation. Sigma Alpha Mu has gutted its entire chapter house and is starting from the interior to execute new facility services and living quarters. Greek Life is on the move!

FACT: Fewer than 20% of alumni, a universe of 1,380 alumni brothers, have had a one-on-one call with dedicated Kappa Sigma alumni and undergraduate volunteers. Fewer than 150 alumni have had an opportunity to discuss pledging, to talk openly about the condition of the chapter house and, finally, the active membership’s status.

FACT: Pledges of \$1.3 million over 4-5 years’ time have been made by Kappa Sigma brothers. This comes from less than 10% of the populous. Giving is projected to be 50% Foundation (tax deductible) and 50% Kappa Sigma House Corporation (no deduction), but the project requires the House Corporation to be operating with funds it receives and other funds it will receive through loan(s) from the Foundation and Grant Aid from the same.

FACT: The House Director for fall 2017-2018 has been named – **Walt Shuler ’79**. Walt will move into the chapter house, but only on condition of proper renovation and vetted, University-certified, chapter house renovation and services being in place.

There are many things to say about the University painting Greek Life into a corner with the 2nd Year Transformation Program. Simply put it is a program that will keep sophomores from living in Greek chapter houses if they are not modernized and standardized.

In closing, look into your heart and remember this: Kappa Sigma is for a lifetime. Brothers know other brothers over lifetimes. The bond that spans decades must be the bond that is passed on to the actives today. Just as the words of CARMEN OHIO state, “Time and change will surely show, how firm thy friendship.”

Kappa Sigma IS Ohio State!

CHAPTER UPDATE

Meet the New Executive Committee Officers

Alpha-Sigma chapter amended its By-Laws at the start of Fall '15 Semester in order to re-regulate officer elections, moving to January. Elections now fit into the Greek Life/OSU cycle, which has all sorority and fraternity officers elected in January.

The EC-Elect, Brothers who will hold office beginning February 1st through January 31, 2017, are; **GM – Keelan Boettcher**, Rocky River, Ohio; **GP – Patrick Amato**, Indian Hill, Ohio; **GT – Matthew Brancato**, Schaumburg, Illinois; **GMC – Joseph Brown**, Ridgewood, New Jersey and; **GS – John Tollefson**, Centerville, Ohio. Brother Boettcher had been serving as the House Asset Manager prior to being elected GM. Brother Brancato

served 1-year as assistant treasurer before his election to the office of GT. Brothers Amato, Tollefson and Brown served as committee chairs in the active chapter.

Accolades were extended to the current EC members; **GM Nick Palmiotto**, **GP Jason Idoine**, **GT Alex Witt**, **GMC Bijan Gerami** and **GS David Skursha** in recognition of their hard work. In 1.5 semesters of service, they and advisers set a path for excellence among brothers and delivered a clear message to younger members, “Get involved and stay involved.”

Leadership and scholastics are vital to the growth and success of Alpha-Sigma chapter. The GPA of the chapter before starting Winter/Spring 2016

Semester has been announced. The chapter had a 3.18 GPA for all members (Fall SEM) and 3.17 all members (Fall CUM). The All-Men’s campus GPA was 3.06sem/3.05cum. The All-Men’s Greek GPA was 3.17sem/3.18cum. Kappa Sigma at 1842 Indianola Avenue had 38 Dean’s List members for the semester.

The chapter completed more Student Leadership Award (SLA) applications for International Headquarters recognition than any chapter since re-chartering in 2004. It also has submitted 8-10 applications to Ohio State Greek Life for philanthropy, community service, scholastics and participation awards. Kappa Sigma at The Ohio State University is on the move!

HALL OF FAME & HOMECOMING

Capital Campaign Delivers Recognition

The 2nd annual Homecoming weekend and Hall of Fame Reception and Ceremony was held on October 9, 2015. Present were family members **Patti, Brad and Ann Swope** on behalf of **Brother Sam Swope '44**. Also enjoying the evening were 2015 Hall of Fame inductees **James “Jay” Beatley Jr. '59**, **Robert “Bob” Weltlich '63** and **Terry Ruggles '65**. Celestial members **Herschel “Butch” Meredith '28** and **Mayor Tom Moody '48** were honored, too.

The Kappa Sigma Alumni Association, in cooperation with both the active chapter as well as all alumni participating in the important Capital Campaign, has now conducted two events. Plans are to hold the 3rd annual Homecoming and Hall of Fame Reception next year on Homecoming weekend, which, at this time, is likely to be the weekend of October 7-10 versus Indiana University.

Donations to the Capital Campaign will bolster efforts to create a full-fledged museum quality presentation in the formal living room. The new name will be the Kappa Sigma Alumni Trophy and Recognition Room. In it will be the recognition plaques and listings of Hall of Fame inductees as well as all the past trophies and memorabilia saved up from years gone by and donated by alumni brothers.

There is an Alpha-Sigma Building Fund Memorial Committee that is being spearheaded by Hall of Fame 2015 inductee Bob Weltlich. Alpha-Sigma chapter initiates who have become members of the Chapter Celestial and who have given “Time and Treasure” to the chapter will be cited for their giving and work. Any and all alumni who would be interested in elevating the names of our fallen Celestial brotherhood are encouraged to download the form at www.alphasigmabrothers.org and give any amount to the Capital Campaign.

There were over 140 brothers, wives and others attending this past year’s Hall of Fame Reception. As an alumnus, if you’re able to return to Columbus on Homecoming weekend, you’ll want to make plans to attend.

2014 Hall of Fame:

(Celestial)

Harley Brilsford 1895
Charles Burkett '95
D. Van Buren Burkett '95
Rennick Dunlap '95
Ernest Riggs '95
Charles Sprague '95
Russell Means 1914
William Guthrie '29
Tom Kohr '38
Ted Kohr '41

H. Fred Krimmendahl '47

Paul Ebert '51
Jay “Pete” Eckhart '54
Michael Colley '55
Glenn Davis '58
Dave Schumaker '61

(Living)

Charles Csuri '41
Vic Ireland '53
Roger Hauck '56
Preston McMurry '56
Robert Meyer '62
Gregory Lashutka '64
Victor Baker '65
Richard Postle '67
Tom Stewart '70
Daniel Janki '88

2015 Hall of Fame:

(Celestial)

Herschel Meredith '28
Sam Swope '44
Tom Moody '48

(Living)

James “Jay” Beatley, Jr. '59
Robert “Bob” Weltlich '63
Terry Ruggles '65

2016 Hall of Fame Voting Committee:

Ralph Nusken '52
Ron Harris '57
Robert Eberhart '58
Jim Nyland '63
Bruce McLoughlin '69
Walt Shuler '75
Ken Holcomb '78
Clayton Eberly '14

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CHAPTER HOUSE NAMING

Naming Areas and Rooms to Raise \$1,500,000

The Capital Campaign committee thanks those who have contributed a naming gift. Below you will see naming opportunities still open. If you have an idea for another naming opportunity – campaign leaders will listen to all ideas.

AREA – Naming

SOUTH WING - (available)

DINING ROOM/CHAPTER ROOM -
Sam Swope '44 & family

**NEW PATIO/BBQ AREA/DONOR
PLAZA** - (available)

**FORMAL LIVING ROOM/ALUMNI
ROOM** - (available)

KITCHEN - (available)

FRONT PATIO/VERANDA - (available)

**PARKING LOT/NEW CIRCLE
DRIVEWAY** - (available)

**THE STEVE TUMBLIN MEMORIAL
RECREATION
ROOM** - **Rick Postle '67**

**LIBRARY/ADVISER MEETING
ROOM** - **Clair Tosino '79**

**LIVING QUARTERS/HOUSE
DIRECTOR** - (available)

MAIN LOBBY/ENTRY FOYER - (available)

PILLARS - (6 available)

ELEVATOR - (available)

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OFFICE - **Ron Harris '57**

CENTRAL STAIRWAY - (available)

SIDE STAIRWAY - (available)

**CENTER STAIRWAY TO CHAPTER
ROOM/DINING** - (available)

**TOWNSMEN ROOM AND
MAIL ROOM** - **Bob Lowrie '65**

**STUDY/MEETING ROOM/POWDER
ROOM** - (available)

**TRIPLE MEMBERS' RESIDENT
ROOM (1)** - (available)

**DOUBLE MEMBERS' RESIDENT
ROOM (6)** - (available)

**SINGLE MEMBERS' RESIDENT ROOM
(24)** - (14 available); **Richard
DiPaolo '65, Phil Hepkema '65,
David Mader '65, Walt Shuler '75,
Bill Giacci '75, Doug Kinsey '80*, Phil
Turner '80, Rich Anderson '81, John
Hart '81*, Brad Longstreth '87** (**may
combine gift with two others to name a
large room*)

STUDY ROOMS - **Carl Heuckroth '82,
Matthew Charnas '04 and Mihir
Nandkeolyar '10**

**REST ROOMS AND SHOWER
ROOM** - **Jim Nyland '63**

TROPHY CASES - **Zach Parkins '04**

LAUNDRY ROOM - (available)

Naming areas and rooms found in the chapter house, the “House on the Hill”, are intended to raise \$1,500,000 or more through alumni donor giving. Some alumni brothers have donated in exchange for naming an area or room. Their giving recognizes their fond memories and love for areas and rooms that played a significant role in their pledging, active membership and with their alumni visits to the chapter house today, tomorrow and in perpetuity.

Alumni, active members, their parents and, in some cases, businesses will make the decision to give, yet will have little or no interest in “naming” recognition. Still, the act of giving is critical. Recognition for giving is being arranged so that all donors' names will be visible at the chapter house this spring (2016).

Visit www.alphasigmabrothers.org and click on “**Capital Campaign**” under the “**Ways To Give**” tab to download the Capital Campaign information and Pledge forms. You can also contact any decade or era brother who has contributed to discuss your pledge this winter or early spring (2016).

If you are interested in naming a room or area, contact Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgutucson.com or (520) 990-3250.

CHAPTER HOUSE

Kappa Sigma House Company Announces Game Plan

The Kappa Sigma House Corporation board will focus its efforts this summer (2016) on executing a construction and renovation plan that will be used as its set-up for the Ohio State University 2nd Year Transformation Program. The objective is to meet major benchmark criteria set by Ohio State Student Housing in fall of 2016. Based upon capital campaign donation levels, the goal is to see the chapter house certified for the 2017-2018 school year.

The chapter house will be closed in Summer 2016. House Corporation trustee, **Mike Feyh**, reported the project has interior and exterior components. Exterior are; (1) repair/replace damaged roofing slate; (2) repair damaged or deteriorating brick and trim; (3) repair pillar(s) base and front entry/door; (4) new windows in the old chapter house and finally; (5) paint the chapter house.

Interior work will be; (1) bring new power source(s) into the chapter house; (2) re-equip chapter house with new electrical panels and circuitry; (3) equip 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors with new electrical sources; eventually making old wire “dead”, delivering

new power to common rooms; (4) install fully functional WI-FI system service.

Power (electric), WI-FI (education), windows (low energy costs and safety) and restoration of the “House on the Hill” grandeur (exterior) will be Phase 1, which aids the membership returning in the fall of 2016 with their rising influence among all fraternities. The work will also meet a majority of Ohio State's mandated upgrades for S.T.E.P. without interfering with plans for an entire interior renovation of Kappa Sigma's chapter house.

The dream and vision of making Alpha-Sigma chapter of Kappa Sigma the “Most Wanted Fraternity” on campus must come via financial aid. Alumni must act this winter and spring and make their pledge to support the change in direction for the Greek System. Visit www.alphasigmabrothers.org and click on “Capital Campaign” under the “Ways To Give” tab to download the Capital Campaign information now and talk to those listed in *THE STATER* about making a pledge!



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Pop Quiz:

- Which brothers WERE inducted into the 2015 Kappa Sigma Hall of Fame?
- What brothers have donated to the Capital Campaign in return for room/area naming rights?

Find the answers inside!

VISIT ALPHA-SIGMA CHAPTER SOON

Challenge the Status Quo and Introduce Yourself

Winter/Spring semester began with a flurry of activity surrounding Formal Rush. January is a time when freshmen who have met Greek Life standards set by the University are introduced to Kappa Sigma and other fraternities. The active members were well prepared.

Bros. **Bijan Gerami** and **Jake DeRousse**, Grand Master of Ceremonies and Rush committee chair, respectively, pulled together an amazing week from January 11-18. The daily/nightly parade of rush

prospects were introduced to Kappa Sigma through events such as a National Championship game watch, a bowling night, a formal chapter house tour and what has now become a rush prospect and active member favorite: Alumni Smoker night.

This year's alumni speakers included **Walt Shuler '75**, **Edward Solis '99**, **Taylor Edwards '11**, **Ryan Shon '12** and **Tyler Young (Delta Delta) '01**. As alumni of Alpha-Sigma chapter, you are truly missing a night of nights. No other fraternity has its alumni speak to rush prospects on the merits of "going Greek" and selling Kappa Sigma at Ohio State as "THE FINEST" fraternity offered to prospects. The night reeks of history as alumni tell stories of their most cherished memories and address the importance of pledging and commitment.

As a result of Rush Week, Bros. Gerami and DeRousse and others pledged 39 strong candidates for membership. If all are added to Kappa Sigma in March 2016, the total enrollment will reach as high as 146 brothers. These are numbers which are at least equal to or surpass the historical firsts found during the 1980's ERA brotherhood. The clear statement is that KAPPA SIGMA IS THE BEST.

Adviser Panel Grows With Chapter

Alumni Adviser **Tyler Young** has been leading the charge for adding new assistant

alumni advisers to the team, helping to guide Alpha-Sigma chapter into new and exciting areas. The team, which is on board for Winter/Spring semester includes; (AA) **Tyler Young '01**/Delta Delta; (AAA) **Edwards Solis '99**; (AAA) **Dennis Hooper '14**/Lambda Omicron; (AAA) **Evan Nieto '10** and; (AAA) **Taylor Edwards '11**.

Alpha-Sigma chapter alumni are also building Kappa Sigma membership trust and leadership throughout the Midwest. **Matthew Charnas '04** is District Grand Master (DGM) of the Ohio South. **Todd Holbein '04** is DGM of Illinois/Indiana; **Ryan Kaercher '04** is alumni adviser to Capital University's Kappa Sigma chapter and **Casey Leech '10** is assistant alumni adviser to Indiana University.

What's important right now? There needs to be more alumni involvement and mentoring/coaching for the active chapter members and the advisers. **What does that mean?** For alumni living in Columbus and central Ohio, it simply means visiting the chapter house and meeting members.

Monday nights have chapter meetings starting at 6:30pm. A visit to see members or pledges is a treat for both. Simply stopping by and telling stories and sharing laughs and wisdom can do everything to build character, leadership and help make Kappa Sigma a stronger force each and every semester at Ohio State.

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of these brothers*:

- Richard Beaumont '47
- David France '47
- Robert Isaly '47
- John Jolliffe '47
- Richard Lindsey '48
- Dave Baron '57
- Thomas Perdue '60
- David Girves '62
- Stephen Egelhoff '65

**per our records since 9/1/15*

The brothers of Alpha-Sigma Chapter of Kappa Sigma mourn their passing and extend condolences to their family members and friends.