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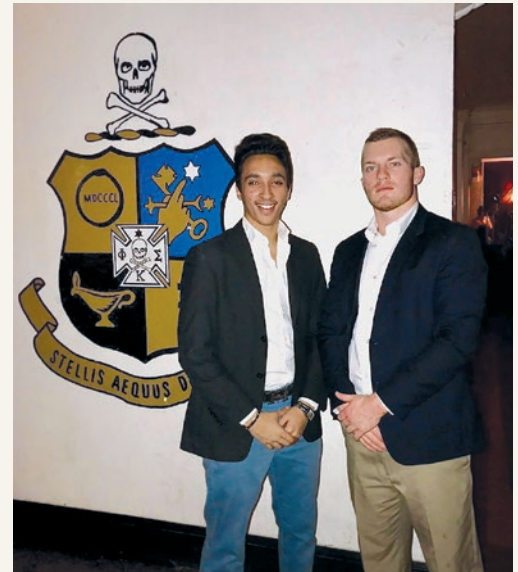
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## THON 2018

Brothers,

My name is Travis Bradley. I am a sophomore brother of the Psi Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma, part of the Rho pledge class. This past year I was elected by our brotherhood to facilitate and maintain our organization's THON operations. Last Spring, I gratefully accepted the opportunity to be interim THON chair for THON weekend while our former THON chair, Brady Lucas (who I'm sure many of you know is quite an inspirational and dedicated person) was on stage every hour performing the 2017 Line Dance for the entire BJC. I was instantly enveloped in the passion as well as the cause.



Brady has insisted upon the fact that our alumni network has been a major player in our THON endeavors and we as an organization would like to see that relationship continue to prosper. This year I am accompanied by my Co-Chair Stuart Ferguson, with whom I pledged our house. He, as well as myself, work diligently and effectively for our house's cause and sincerely hope you will join us too.

Additionally, after many years without one, we have secured a partner for the upcoming THON year in Club Figure Skating. We have been building great relationships with them as friends and associates who strive for the same cause - beating pediatric cancer. The girls in their organization have proven to be a committed, enjoyable presence to our efforts and are equally as excited about what the future holds for our organizations as well.

Please, feel free to contact me at any time regarding questions of Donating, upcoming THON-related events, or even a simple effort to check in on how the house is progressing with this particular facet of our philanthropic undertakings. Donations can be made at <https://donate.thon.org/> by selecting our fraternity from the drop down list under Greek organizations.

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I hope to hear from you all very soon!

Travis Bradley



## BILL HUME '55

### “I decided right then and there, I didn't want to be an Engineer!”



Skull Brother **Bill Hume** came to Penn State for his second year of college in 1953, after spending his first at Edinboro. He, like many others who set foot on the University Park campus, found that

it was quite a large place. It was then that the walls of 234 E. Beaver beckoned, and Hume answered.

“I knew a gal who had a friend who was a Skull Brother,” Said Hume. “I was invited to the House and I liked those guys very much. That was the only Fraternity I visited. I knew I wanted to join because Penn State was such a large school. This gave me the opportunity to be part of a smaller, more concentrated group. I liked that it was close to campus and was one of the larger houses and I liked the people I met.”

But the Korean War would come calling shortly after Hume's arrival in Happy Valley and he, like many of his classmates, answered the call.

“I enlisted because if I wouldn't have, I would have been drafted,” the Skull Brother explained. “I was in the US Army Engineer Corp, and eventually went to Officer Candidate School and became a second Lieutenant with the 54<sup>th</sup> Field En-

gineer Construction Battalion, which was a repair battalion. I re-appeared on the Penn State campus following my discharge in 1954.

After graduating in 1955, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, it was time for Hume to decide on a career. As luck would have it, he had a friend who at the time was working as an engineer at Bethlehem Steel.

“I called him up one day and said hey, why don't you invite me over there, I want to see what an Engineer looks like and does,” recalled Hume. “I got there and walked into this huge room and saw all these Engineers in their white shirts with their drawing boards, and I decided right then and there, that I didn't want to be an Engineer.”

Hume decided to go back to school, this time for Business Management. He was able to switch his credits from Mechanical Engineering to electives that would count toward a Business Management degree, which he earned a bachelor's of science in.

From there, Hume went to work for the now non-existent American Brake Shoe Company, at one of its 30-35 Foundries. They made bearings for the railroad industry, along with manganese steel parts for trains. He also worked for Stainless Steel Casting Company, which he says he really

loved.

“American Brake Shoe Company was the beginning of a lifetime of work,” said Hume, who would go on to be employed by Beryllium Corp. in Reading, Pa and would lead him to a job in Milwaukee as well.

In 1970, at the age of 40, Hume started his own business, which he says is the best thing that has ever happened to him.

“I pulled on a lot of things I learned in college, such as working hard,” he said.

He eventually grew his business to seven million dollars a year and continued working until 2000, when he retired at the age of 70.

As for his time in Skull House, Hume says he developed friendships, had a lot of fun, and learned to speak publicly.

“I think that schools today are so large and so liberal in their thinking that if you get in with a small group of guys like I did at Psi, you really get to know people well, it's a better relationship with 30-40 guys, and that's why I strongly support fraternities.”

“It's an additional experience in college that you don't get otherwise,” he added.

Anyone from the classes of 1950-1960 wishing to contact Brother Hume can do so at [humekellogg@att.net](mailto:humekellogg@att.net)

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## CHECKING IN WITH NICK MOLLOY '59

### Thanks to Brother Molloy for his most recent photo submission.



*He writes:*

“This photo was taken in Orlando, Florida in March 2017. Seated left is Roberta Gbur Molloy, Alpha Chi Omega class of 1960 and **Nicholas Molloy**, class of 1959. The Molloy's have been married for 56 years with two children- both graduates of Penn State. Next is **Noel De Cavalcante '59** and Alpha, his wife Peggy. Noel is a retired USAF Colonel and was best man at our wedding. He also has the distinction of walking the entire Appalachian Trail and canoeing the Mississippi River. Both adventures appeared in the Penn State Magazine years earlier.

Regards,

*Nick Molloy*

## CORKY

### We Asked, You Answered

We asked Skull Brothers who knew the true story of Corky. We received several responses indicating **Jae English '64**, as its creator. Brother English recently responded to our request and let us know the real story behind the significant Psi Chapter symbol.

"It's all true," said English. "I chiseled Corky out of an oak log in my garage the summer before my sophomore pledge semester. He was an immediate hit."

At some time over the next two years, the Skull Brother decided he wanted to keep Corky.

"The summer before junior and senior year, I hacked out Corky 2, about whom you inquire," he said. "I made him on the third floor of the Skull House. My intention was to make Corky 2 better



than Corky 1, but I have always preferred the former. They both took a good 80-100 hours, parts of which were pretty boring (chisel, chisel...). But breaking the monotony one early evening, I was treated to one of the most spectacular electrical storms ever—the only thing I can remember about making Corky 2."

There was rumor that Cork 2 was made from a telegraph pole that English

sheared off in one of his self-described "out-of-control driving incidents."

The Psi Brother will neither confirm nor deny that rumor.

"Every pledge had to know that J.A. English made Corky, as well as the framed copy of Samuel Brown Wylie Mitchell's Chapter Seal that hung on the Brother's steps (still around)? Ah, well."

"So, I am alive and well in north-county San Diego. I am still running my plastics company and living a short walk to the beach with my wife and dog. Most of my kids and grandkids are within a couple of miles, one batch in Toronto. I am still in touch with a handful of Skull including **Samuel Curry '62**, **James Terry '63**, **Joseph Davi '64**, and **Robert Kerr '65**, with occasional trans-continental visits. Life is good."

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## PHI KAPPA SIGMA INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY, INC. Relocation Of Headquarters to Carmel, Indiana

CARMEL, IN - Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity is excited to announce the relocation of its headquarters from Chester Springs, Pennsylvania to Carmel, Indiana, effective August 2017. The Phi Kappa Sigma Board of Directors selected Carmel after a comprehensive two-year review of multiple markets nationwide.

"Our decision to relocate Phi Kappa Sigma to Carmel, Indiana, moves our historic international organization closer to peer fraternal organizations and trade associations within the greater Indianapolis metropolitan area. We look forward to forging new connections in our new home, as well as our future endeavors with local and state businesses," said Executive Director Tim Schug.

Phi Kappa Sigma's vision is the lifelong growth and development of the fraternity and its 40,000 members. Relocation to Carmel will provide the Fraternity with space and opportunity to make progress on its goals and objectives as an organization.

"This relocation provides a number of benefits to Phi Kappa



with a more functional space that can better accommodate meetings, training programs, and increased staff interaction to drive the support and innovation that is critical to our organization's future."

Please note that all future communications as of August 15, 2017 should be directed to:

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## ALUMNI PROFILE

## An Endless Passion for Lifelong Learning and Fulfillment

*Vance Genzlinger, '51, found friendship and love through Phi Kappa Sigma that carries on today*

Vance Genzlinger, '51, had no idea when he met his suite mate, **Clifford Stewart**, that their friendship and brotherhood bond would turn into so much more as the years have gone by. But that is exactly what happened when Vance found the love of his life through Cliff. "I married Cliff's sister, Jean, and was also Best Man in his wedding," Vance shares. Throughout the years, Vance and Cliff became close and remain close today, even though their wives have both recently passed away. "I still go on trips with Cliff and our families," he says.

Long before a successful career and family life, Vance came to Penn State University to study Electrical Engineering. At the urging of a friend, he decided to join Phi Kappa Sigma in 1950. Being part of the fraternity enabled Vance to find comfort and develop deep relationships as a young man away from home. "Being part of Phi Kappa Sigma was a good experience in every way," he recalls. "It provided me with a warm, friendly place to live, study, and party!"

Socially, Vance fondly recalls the many house parties weekends that often took place. Academically, Vance can now look back and recognize the impact the fraternity had on his success. "My education was supported within Phi Kappa Sigma because they gave me suite mates, Cliff, **Bill Hafley**, and **Ron Coder**. They were all sympathetic to having a quiet room in which to study," he recalls.

Since graduating in 1951, Vance has led a fulfilling life, one of service, entrepreneurship, friendship, and family. Two months post-college, Vance was drafted into the Army Signal Corps during the Korean War to work with a team to design a digital computer to aim anti-aircraft weapons at enemy aircraft from radar data. After his military service, Vance went to work for Burroughs Corporation, a former computer mainframe manufacturer, where he installed the first digital computer (the B205) in the state of Michigan.

Continuing his drive for success, Vance

moved on to manage the consulting department for the CPA firm, Plante and Moran, before starting his own company, Genzlinger Associates. His company develops and installs repetitive manufacturing software.

During all this time, Vance married the love of his life, Jean Stewart, in 1954. Spending the entire 60 years of marriage in Michigan, Vance and Jean created a beautiful family, which includes five children (3 boys and two girls), 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. After retiring at age 72, Vance turned Genzlinger Associates over to his son, Brent.

Cherishing his family, Vance emphasizes how important having them in his life continue to be. "My wife passed away six months after our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Jean and I were blessed with a great life together. At 88 years old, I still see different combinations of my kids and grandchildren every week," he says.

Although retired, Vance has not stopped moving forward, both physically and academically. In fact, after retiring, Vance returned to college at Oakland University in Michigan to earn his BA in Philosophy and BS in Modern Physics, something he puts to use each day. "My current activity is to study and have published articles that bridge the gap between God and Science," he proudly states.

But hitting the books isn't all that has kept Vance busy. When he was 65, Vance decided to start playing the trumpet, before switching to the Alto Sax. His passion for music led him to start swing bands in two senior citizen centers, playing 1930s and 1940s music at dances.

Another passion for Vance, gardening, is one he shared with Jean. "We built a contemporary home on a two-acre wooded lot in Bloomfield Hills, where we lived for 48 years," states Vance. "We specialized in wild flowers and lilies and had a trillium patch the size of a bedroom that bloomed pure white in the Spring!"



In addition to his many accomplishments, both professionally and personally, Vance found joy in running later in life. "One summer at age 42, I started running with my son who wanted to get in shape for football," he explains. "The year I turned 50, I ran my first of three marathons. A few years later, I learned about Olympic style racewalking. I took to it like a duck to water." By age 60, Vance was on the national and international scene, participating in the National Senior Games and the USATF Masters Track and Field programs, receiving dozens of medals in his age group for distances between 1 mile to 20 km, as well as the recipient of three gold, two silver, and one bronze world championship medals.

While his life and career have taken him far and his experiences great, Vance will always remember his time at Phi Kappa Sigma. He proudly supports the chapter financially, hoping to do his part in keeping his home-away-from-home beautiful and in good repair. It is through his support that he wants to see the next generation of Brothers do their part to continue to showcase the great men that the fraternity produces. "I hope they do the best they can in school, set goals and formulate a plan to achieve them, marry a woman they can love and stay with to eternity, and start saving and investing in their retirement as soon as they are settled in a good job," he advises. But most of all, he hopes that his fellow Brothers have and will enjoy a life of happiness and fulfillment, as Vance has. "Happiness is not being wealthy or having relentless fun. It is in being useful to your family, neighbors, and country."