



Penn State Football

See you at Beaver Stadium!

9/1- Appalachian State – TBD

9/18- at Pittsburgh – TBD

9/15- Kent State – TBD

9/22- at Illinois – TBD

9/29- Ohio State – TBD (Whiteout)

10/13- Michigan State – TBD** Homecoming and Stripeout

10/20- at Indiana – TBD

10/27- Iowa – TBD

11/3- at Michigan – TBD

11/10- Wisconsin – TBD

11/17- at Rutgers – TBD

11/24- Maryland – TBD

12/1- Big Ten Championship Game
(Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN)



Chapter Eternal

Our Thoughts are With the Families of
the Following Skull Brothers:

Paul F. Corbiere 1949

Paul Thayer 1950

Harry J. Solomon 1954

Jack R. Javens 1959

John Unangst 1972

Charles L. Miller 1973

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Thanks For The Memories!

Long-Time House Cook Enters Psi Chapter Eternal



Margaret L. Kulick, 70, of Weikert died April 21, 2018, in Millmont, after a long illness. Margaret was born Sept. 23, 1947, in Danville, to Isobel and Charles Kulick.

She graduated from Mount Carmel High School in 1965 before attending Penn State, where she graduated with a liberal arts degree and a lifelong love of Penn State football.

Margaret was an accomplished chef and spent her career managing and cooking in restaurants, private clubs, and fraternities in Philadelphia, State College, and Weikert. A perpetual college student at heart, she particularly relished her time working at several Penn State fraternities, including Phi Kappa Sigma (Skull House) and Kappa Alpha.

Margaret never met a book she didn't want to read, voraciously consuming everything from mystery-thrillers, to biographies, to scientific annals. She loved crossword puzzles and could do the New York Times Sunday Crossword in one sitting. Margaret was a naturalist, constantly observing and maintaining notes on the changing ecosystem around Penns Creek, where she spent much of her life, and was able to identify most of the flora and fauna in Union County. Throughout her life Margaret could be found with at least one faithful companion by her side, including several large Newfoundlands and an array of other dogs and cats over the years. Margaret felt strongly about rescuing animals to provide them with a home and second chance.

Margaret was always ready for a good adventure and looked forward to holidays and pinocle games with her family, trips in her RV with her friend Jeffrey, and visitations along Penns Creek with her many friends and neighbors. Even up until the end of her battle with cancer, her jovial demeanor shined through as she teased her family and friends.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Frank Van Devender, and her sisters, Isobel Wasowski and Susan Donald. Margaret is survived by her sister, Carol Furnas, three nephews, one niece, and two great-nieces

An informal celebration of Margaret's life will be held on June 23, 2018 in Weikert, Pa. Additional details to follow via Facebook.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the West End Library, 45 Ballpark Road, Laurelton, PA 17835.

—Story courtesy of the Daily Item



THANKS TOM!

Long-Standing Board Member Passes the Baton and Urges the Next Generation to Get Involved

After many years of volunteer service on the board, **Tom Hebel '77** is passing the baton to the next generation of alumni. After years of service, volunteering where he felt his



positive influence on the House since he pledged in the 70s and, personally, he is in my Psi Chapter Hall of Fame.”

Just because he will no longer be on the board,

talents would be of most use, Hebel has decided that the time has come for some of the younger alumni to take the reins.

“An alumni board is traditionally anchored by older, more experienced brothers,” he says, “but I think, today more than ever, it’s critical to get some of the younger alumni who have lived in the current environment involved in the board.”

With the current changes sweeping across Greek life nationally, Hebel thinks it’s time to bring new ideas and new perspectives into leadership; perspectives that may be more closely related to the current atmosphere. “I think that’s a direction we really need to be moving in,” he adds.

But not everything should be focused on looking *ahead*. When looking *back* on his college experience, Hebel mentions that what made Phi Kappa Sigma so different from other fraternities, was what made it perfect for him.

“We weren’t quite as Greek as other fraternities... we were a lot closer as an individual group of people than we were as fraternity brothers.”

That’s not to say the bond of brotherhood wasn’t there and Hebel was just there to have a good time with his friends. Rather, it was a different, deeper, more meaningful type of brotherhood.

“A good number of our members weren’t interested in fraternity living; they were interested in Phi Kappa Sigma living,” he explains. “The majority of us back in the mid-70s, we were Phi Kaps; we weren’t fraternity members.”

And that brotherhood remains strong to this day, but it’s more than friendship

stemming from the good ol’ college days. For Hebel, it’s something much deeper. “I know lots of folks who went to Penn State and were in different groups... but nobody, none of those people, have the breadth and depth of bond that we Phi Kaps have.”

In fact, when asked about his advice for younger Phi Kaps, everything came back to the unique bond of brotherhood that grows from Phi Kappa Sigma. “Don’t take it too lightly, the relationships you’re creating now. They might not seem as important to you today as they will twenty or thirty or forty years later, and you just can’t get them anywhere else.”

Despite a busy personal life, working and serving in his community, Hebel still makes sure he takes time to meet up with his brothers. “I just had a dozen of my fellow Phi Kaps who graduated in ’76, ’77 and ’78 together for a golf outing down in North Carolina, and it could have been more,” he shares. “It could have been 15 or 20. It speaks volumes to say that my best friends today were my best friends in 1975.”

Hebel’s busy life and other commitments have also played a role in his decision to step down from the board, but his gifts of time and service will not easily be forgotten.

“I am truly grateful for his service and steadfast commitment to our House,” says former Alumni President **Mark Bokelman '82**. “His sage advice will forever be appreciated.”

When asked how he would describe Hebel’s dedication to the board, he says, “I would sum it up in three words: sincere, honorable and fraternal. Tom has been a

however, doesn’t me Hebel won’t still be involved.

“There’s a couple different types of involved,” he explains, “and I think it’s important to understand that. There’s the fraternal involvement, which is a little more difficult to organize and little bit less well supported, and I’ll still be there when the call comes out and they need me to do whatever it is they need me to do.

“And then there’s the other involvement, which is personal involvement. ... That’s easier because there’s no obligation. All it is, is being connected.”

His ongoing support and dedication hasn’t been missed by his brothers. “When he stepped down from the board,” Bokelman says, “Tom graciously noted that he would try to do his best to help out when and where he can. To me,” he adds, “that embodies ‘Once a Phi Kap, Always a Phi Kap.’”

“I’ll always remember Tom’s insight,” said Alumni Vice President **Michael Rycheck '87**. “The great landscaping at the House is due to Tom, Rycheck added. I will also remember his tailgates, which were very warm and welcoming occasions.”

And always a Phi Kap Hebel will be. As his official service time comes to an end, he encourages other brothers to become more involved. “There’s always a need for someone to step up and say, ‘I’ll help out,’ or ‘I’ll take the lead.’”

“If people would step up and get involved that’s how fraternities are successful. ... And we all have different talents to offer.”

PHILANTHROPY

Psi Raises \$9,700 Plus...For The Kids!

Overall, THON went very well this year. Our attendance in the stands was fantastic. Chevy and Nate both said that whenever they looked up, us being there really helped push them along, as did our presence on the floor.

Our family, the Hawthornes, also made it out to THON, but were not able to stay long as Jacob began to feel unwell quickly, which is understandable

since he is still quite weak. They did have a great time while they were there and talked to Chevy for a while while he was dancing. Find out how much we raised.

Our total for this year was \$9,717.40, on par with our past totals. Next year, I'd like to set the bar at \$15,000 should I be re-elected as THON chair. Our dancers, Chevy and Nate, did extremely

well and were very appreciative of the support the brotherhood gave them throughout THON. We want to thank all the Psi Chapter Alums for their donations and support this year.

Looking forward to next year!

Stuart V Ferguson

Psi Chapter Co-THON Chair



ALUMNI UPDATE

Skull Brother Stays Connected To Three Affinities

“Three upper classmen that were brothers in the house played rugby with me on the Penn State Rugby Club. Erik Chizmar '89, who played rugby with us, was my rush chairman, and my good friend from grade school, Jeff Fewlass '89, was joining as a freshman as well,” Richard Cassidy '89 recounts how he came to be a member of Phi Kappa Sigma Penn State.

“Penn State would not have been the same without Skull house,” he admits. “The house was definitely the social highlight of my four years at Penn State. However, it continued to be a social highlight after I graduated. The brotherhood doesn't end after you graduate. It is a shame that current brothers and students don't get to experience Penn State like we did back in the day.”



Some of Cassidy's favorite events? Thursday night parties (which he stresses occurred every single Thursday!); socials with sororities; alumni weekends and reunions; Greek intramurals; holiday parties; Greek Week; Parents' Weekend; TOGA; SunQueen parties at 5 a.m.; Blues Travelers combine parties; and Queen Bee.

After graduating, Cassidy went into the insurance business, and now owns an insurance agency in Latrobe, Pa. His son is a current junior at Penn State, while his daughter plans to attend next year. In Cassidy's words, his family “bleeds blue and white!”

Now, he uses Penn State rugby and football to keep connected with the Penn State and Phi Kappa Sigma community.



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Benefits Beyond Grandeur – Be The Best You Can

Keith Taylor Jr. graduated in 2015. In the Skull House, forming lifetime bonds came naturally for Taylor.

“In the house we only had to go knock on their door,” Taylor said. “I miss that accessibility to my best friends.”

Phi Kappa Sigma is still important to Taylor, but as a student, Taylor focused on creating relationships with people outside the fraternity.

“My best advice is to have a life outside of the house,” Taylor said. “It makes you a better brother because you can bring unique perspectives to the chapter.”

An IFC Executive Board member, Taylor doubts he would’ve been a part of the board if he wasn’t active outside of the fraternity.



As an alumni, Taylor credits a lot of his values to what he learned in Greek Life.

“It is one of the few places left where you can experiment with leadership, and learn from successes and failures,” Taylor said. “The house in a sense is self-governing. We have to make decisions that help us or hurt us, and we have to do it without someone holding our hand. That is not an experience you get in the classroom.”

It was a match made in heaven for Taylor. Meeting his future-brothers during his first week at Penn State, Taylor had no problem getting to know the guys:

“I was in the honors college, and I met some Skull brothers the first week who also happened to be honors students,” Taylor said. “I liked hanging out at the house and felt that the guys were easy to get along with. I believed that I could join Skulls and still accomplish my goals.”

The benefits of Greek Life have been



gigantic for Taylor. Graduating three years ago, Taylor has taken trips to Spain and Vietnam with alums and active brothers. When he’s not traveling across the world, Taylor works as an accountant manager for JB Hunt Transport.

Hoping to transition into a different area of business and earn an MBA, life hasn’t slowed down for Taylor since graduating from Penn State. Highlighting the importance of “personal responsibility”, Taylor has always thrived to be the best he can be: whether that be in the real world, or in the Skull House.

“Don’t blame others for your circumstances until you’ve looked at yourself and done everything you can to be the best you can be,” Taylor said. “The fraternity is what you make it. If you want it to be fun, it will be fun. It’s a mindset.”

UPCOMING EVENTS



Homecoming 2018

When- October 13, VS Michigan Stat, time TBD

Where- Beaver Stadium