



2018-19 Penn State Basketball

Big 10 Schedule Announced

January

Thursday, Jan. 3 – at Michigan

Sunday, Jan. 6 – WISCONSIN

Thursday, Jan. 10 – at Nebraska

Sunday, Jan. 13 – MICHIGAN STATE

Wednesday, Jan. 16 – IOWA

Saturday, Jan. 19 – at Minnesota

Saturday, Jan. 26 – RUTGERS

Thursday, Jan. 31 – PURDUE

February

Monday, Feb. 4 – at Northwestern

Thursday, Feb. 7 – at Ohio State

Tuesday, Feb. 12 – MICHIGAN

Saturday, Feb. 16 – at Purdue

Tuesday, Feb. 19 – NEBRASKA

Saturday, Feb. 23 – at Illinois

Wednesday, Feb. 27 – MARYLAND

March

Saturday, March 2 – at Wisconsin

Wednesday, March 6 – at Rutgers

Sunday, March 10 – ILLINOIS

Home single play

Indiana – Tuesday, Dec. 4

Michigan State – Sunday, Jan. 13

Iowa – Wednesday, Jan. 16

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Happy Holidays!

Psi of Phi Kappa Sigma wishes you, your friends and family a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year!



Happy Holidays

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December 2018

Alumni Profile

Phi Kappa Sigma Forges Lifelong Bonds While Instilling Values



“We have watched each other’s girlfriends become our wives and our children become friends to each other,” said **Russell Hatton, ’78**.

Before retiring in 2015, Russell worked for 33 years as a COBOL mainframe programmer for Wawa Convenience Stores in Pennsylvania. When the re-married father of two chose Penn State Phi Kappa Sigma, in particular, it was the opportunity to forge bonds with the brotherhood he found most appealing.

“I had several older friends from home, so the house was familiar to me,” he said. “While at PSU, the fraternity gave me an anchor—a place I could call home.”

That anchor also gave Russell memories he continues to cherish.

“My best memories were [of] Homecoming,” he said. “It was the time where the house looked its best. Alumni would come back and tell us how it was in the ‘old’ days. We had a formal dinner and then a band a party. They don’t do that anymore. It’s too bad that some things go away.”

Russell did his part to preserve those memories.

“I took many photographs while I was at PSU,” he said. “It’s not like today where everyone has a phone in their right hip pocket. They bring back the memories of the great times we all had.”

That sense of home and fraternity instilled values that shaped Russell’s professional life.

“Honor and respect and teamwork are the three values I took with me when I left Penn State,” he said. “I used these skills every day as I worked to lead collaborative teams that build software applications, and now work with the public in the improvement of my township.”

Those efforts keep Russell busy making a difference in his West Chester, Pennsylvania community.

“I spend much of my time as the vice-chair of the Westtown Township Planning Commission,” he said, “working to improve our township by new and improved ordinances and reviewing and approving new building and sub-divisions.”

Russell also continues to interact with his Brothers every month by serving on the board of Phi Kappa Sigma.

“This year I am working to improve our rush programs through better marketing and the use of social media,” he said.

Russell also makes regular efforts to keep those Phi Kappa Sigma bonds strong.

“I get together with many brothers of my era every year at a winter weekend sponsored by **John Hellmann** and every five years or so at Smith Mountain Lake in Virginia with many others,” he said, explaining that they also keep in touch through email and the Skulls Facebook group.

Russell cherishes relationships he has cultivated over the years. So much so, he advises recent alumni to do the same.

“Stay connected,” he said. “It’s much easier now to do this, but it has provided me with opportunities, both socially and professionally, that otherwise would not have occurred. Stay involved, with Penn State, PKS and the community where you live. I know it’s hard in the crazy, fast paced world we live in. But being involved gives me a sense of awareness, worth and accomplishments.”

ALUMNI PROFILE

“I loved my time in that stone house – I never felt more free.”

As a flood of memories come back for **David Sieling '93**, he remembers Phi Kappa Sigma at Penn State as intriguing, eclectic and, at the time, was the most intimidating place to pledge.

“My favorite memories were the bonds you create with your Fraternity Brothers and specifically, your pledge class – those last a lifetime,” said the Skull Brother. “Specifically, third poor parties, Greek intramural sports, house tailgates (I missed a couple games), Sunday chapter meetings with special attention to the Sigma notes, Mexicali blues, the iced tea delivery early AM, toga, French 69s, 1-foot doorways, Thursday night parties and sleeping in the quad behind a warm boiler during hell week.”

As for stories and funny incidents, Sieling feels those are better left in the past.

He lived on the second floor of the stone house at 234 East Beaver, in the middle ice box with **Todd Ingram '93**, VP room, second floor above the Pope suite. Roommates included Rich Pease, Ingram, and Bill Eckelmeyer.

“I am most proud of the friendships made in the Fraternity, says David.” “It was the best time of my youth. Another thing that makes me proud are the men of the bone who still fight for the house; The Friberg brothers (**Andrew '93 and**

Eric '91), (**Mike Rycheck '87**, the current brotherhood, everyone who continues to donate (even when things were tough) and others I don't know personally that go above to make sure the institution continues. There is a piece of me that likes knowing that the house is still OUR fraternity. That I can still walk inside and get wonderfully wrecked by nostalgia, that's priceless. Finally, my nephew, Cole Jordan, became a member last year and I couldn't be more proud.”

Sieling still stays in touch with Brothers **Todd Ingram '93**, **Ty Torres '91**, **Bill Eckelmeyer '93**, **Andy Friberg '93** and **Greg Smith '93**. He graduated with a Bachelors degree in Geography and went right to graduate school after four months as a bartender and earned a Masters degree in Geology from East Carolina University.

“I worked briefly for an environmental company before I moved to Houston to work as a geophysicist for an Oilfield services company, Schlumberger. In 1999, I left Houston, got married to my amazing wife Beth, and worked as a geophysicist and geologist for Weston in West Chester, PA. In 2002, I left Weston and went to work as an expert witness in complex environmental litigation usually involving major Oil Companies. In 2005, I quit my job to stay home and raise my children. Now that

my children are older, I fill my time as a professional portrait photographer and try to get a surf session here and there.”

Sieling has lived in Fernie, British Columbia, CA, Sydney Australia, Bay head, NJ, Beaufort, NC, Houston TX, Atlanta, GA, Philadelphia, PA.

“My son Jake is 13 and my daughter Jillian is 10. Both kids love soccer. My wife, Beth, is a Breast Cancer Surgical Specialist who practices in Southbury CT. She has treated thousands of women with breast cancer. I couldn't be more proud of all of them.”

“My biggest failure was ineffectively dealing with my mental health as a younger man. I learned later in life there is no shame in asking or getting help. Everyone, at some point, needs help.”

To the young men of Psi Chapter, David offers this advice:

“Do everything I should have. Go see that play on campus. Check out that museum exhibit. Go to every football game but also grab some field hockey/soccer games. Challenge yourself academically. Starting with a high GPA is much easier than pulling one up. You will likely never be around this many people your own age ever again. Meet everyone you can. Date wonderful people. They will enrich your life. Don't take your situation for granted.”

FLASHBACK

The Frigid Tundra of Parking Lot 80

Any Penn Stater and Skull Brother who remembers Parking Lot 80 on the University Park campus most likely recalls it most vividly in the winter months, when the vast area of asphalt became a windswept wilderness, despite the numerous parked cars which didn't seem to provide any protection to those who traversed its icy expanse.

Located across Bigler Road from East Halls, the large parking lot held about 1,600 spaces mostly allotted for students, but also for faculty and staff, since the 1960s. East Halls students (mostly freshmen), living in the residence halls farthest removed from the center of campus, became most closely acquainted with it as they would often need to cross the lot to reach the rest of campus.

Brutal on cold mornings, Lot 80 gained a reputation and a slew of nicknames, including the Tundra and the Barrens. Students who were late for class and couldn't wait for the Loop might set out on one end of what

seemed to be a fairly benign short-cut, only to find after struggling against the ceaseless wind that their destination seemed farther away than before.

Urban legends arose about students who had been “lost” in Lot 80 and only discovered the next spring. Words like “dreadful” and “abominable” were often used to describe its icy effect. Some claimed that an Arctic vortex existed there where the natural laws of meteorology didn't apply (okay, maybe that was just this writer).

In the summer, however, Lot 80 presented a different appearance, hosting such activities as Penn State Sports Car Club autocrosses, Frisbee games, and Homecoming Float competition judging.

In 2003, Penn State closed the lot for new construction, relocating the parking spaces to the four corners of campus. Today the site holds the Business Building, the Forest Resources Building and the Food Science

Building, as well as the Berkey Creamery, a parking deck, and the Tulip Tree Promenade, gift of the class of 2006. Across Park Avenue, the Arboretum at Penn State beckons walkers to visit -- any time of year.



CHAPTER ETERNAL

Our thoughts are with the friends and families of the following Skull Brothers, as reported in the latest issue of the Penn Stater Magazine:

James Evans Drylie '43



A resident of Doylestown for 57 years, passed away June 8, 2018. He was 96. James was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Gloria D. Drylie. He is survived by his loving daughters, Susan Drylie of Medford, N.J., and Randi Drylie of Jupiter, Fla.; son-in-law, Ben Perkins Jr. and Ted Staudenmayer; grandchildren, Ben Drylie-Perkins of New York City, Rebecca Drylie-Perkins of San Francisco, and Shane, Bennet and Jay Jewel,

Charlotte, N.C. James E. Drylie was born Oct. 14, 1921, in Pittsburgh, to William A. and Pearl E. Drylie. He attended Swissvale High School, and was a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University at State College, where he was a four-year member of men's basketball and lacrosse teams, and a member of Phi Kappa Sig fraternity. He enrolled in officer training at Notre Dame and served as a Lt. Junior Grade for the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946 in the Pacific theater as a landing craft commander in World War II. Jim was very involved in VFW Chapter 175 and numerous charitable

organizations. Jim co-owned and operated Derby, Drylie, Inc., a steel fabricators service company, for 45 years from his Doylestown office. Jim will be remembered most for his humor, abundance of energy, love of and participation in sports and FAMILY, work ethic, and his dedication to improving the lives of others around him on a daily basis, for which he wanted no recognition. His contributions to his church, community, Penn State, neighbors, friends and family were appreciated by all that knew him.

Anthony M. Ryan '63



Anthony Michael Ryan, 75, of West Allenhurst, Ocean Township, died Saturday, July 27, 2018.

He was born in Pittsburgh, PA and lived in Dayton, Ohio, Sommerville, SC, Watchung,

NJ, Garden City, NY, Washington, DC and Oceanport before moving to West Allenhurst 31 years ago.

He was an avid gardener and enjoyed fishing and sports. He loved his family and was a US Navy veteran. He was a graduate of Penn State University in 1965.

He retired as vice-president of Wallenius Lines in 2006. Before that he worked at SeaLand in Elizabeth for 20 years. He was also a consultant.

He was predeceased by his parents,

Maurice and Margaret Ryan; sister, Trudy Ryan and aunt, Joyce Clarke. Surviving are his wife, Jessica; children, Amy Elizabeth Broderick, Abigail Paulus, Victor and Marc Paalvast, Michael Ryan and Mark Pacres; sister, Pamela Leitman; 4 grandchildren, Hailey Ryan, Hudson Paulus and Myles and Declan Broderick and several nieces and nephews.

Robert S. Keller '50



Robert Keller ('Bob') was born December 5, 1927, in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, to Ellis and Marguerite Keller, and passed away peacefully on July 3, 2018, at the

Libby Care Center in Libby. Bob grew up in Baltimore and Pittsburgh, and moved back to State College, Pennsylvania, his junior high school year, graduating in 1945. He attended Penn State University where he was active in campus politics and boxing, and earned a pre-law degree in 1950 with one military service interruption (Air Force at the end of WWII). Upon graduation, Bob was commissioned in the Army, serving two tours in Korea as a tank commander where he earned the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and was wounded in action earning the Purple Heart and a medical retirement. In December 1952, Bob married his high school classmate, Susan Bissey, in Colorado while on leave from the Army.

Bob always said his four favorite passions in life were hunting, fishing, skiing and

flying. After his military service he decided to move west to pursue those passions and attend law school at the University of Utah. Upon graduation Bob and Susan moved to Kalispell where Bob practiced law with the Murphy & Robinson firm before setting up his solo practice. He particularly loved trial practice, and was very comfortable in the courtroom where he later served as a Montana District Court Judge in both in Flathead County (1968 – 1976) and in Lincoln County (1988 – 1995). In his retirement Bob enjoyed acting as a visiting judge in Great Falls and Miles City, and teaching law students at the Trial Advocacy Program at the University of Montana School of Law.

Bob and Susan raised their family in the Flathead Valley where he enjoyed coaching and umpiring the boys' baseball teams, flying Cessna planes, participating in Evergreen Lions, playing bridge with friends and skiing at Big Mountain in Whitefish (where the family earned the first Kalispell Ski Club Family Race trophy). In 1988 Bob and Susan moved to Libby where he golfed daily, played duplicate bridge, and skied

the slopes at Turner Mountain. Bob truly loved Montana - in the summer he enjoyed cocktails on the dock at Echo Lake while planning the annual family fly fishing and horse packing trip to the South Fork of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Bob's last 25-mile trail ride in was at age 74. But his favorite Montana activity was pheasant hunting with his beloved springer spaniels and his dear friend and neighbor, Bill Crismore, by his side.

Bob is survived by his children Geoff (Teri) in Billings, Jamie (Catriona) in Ohio, and Jill Mitchell (Kurt) in Minnesota, six grandchildren (Ian, Gillian, Fiona, Sophia, Olivia, Lara), and sisters Tish (Ted) Bunnell, and Skeety (Maurey) Tosi. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Susan (July 1, 2014), a special needs daughter, Johanna (2000) and his sister Anne (Ted) Butler. Donations may be made to a charity of choice. A memorial will be held by the family at a later date. Special thank you to the staff at the Libby Care Center, who gave 'Judge' excellent care and a reason to share his big smile and sparkling blue eyes.



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2018 ANNUAL FUND

Your Commitment Needed Now, More Than Ever, as we Come Down the Home Stretch!

We won't be bashful here. As you can see by the Honor Roll, we've gotten some great Alumni support this year, as our giving year began January 1. Thank you all!

However, we could still use your help!

I hope you've taken the time to read this newsletter and see all the good surrounding Psi of Phi Kappa Sigma at Penn State and our Brothers, who are working hard at 234 E. Beaver- stop by and greet them- they could always use the encouragement of those who came before them.

I trust you are all preparing for the Holiday season and traveling to see family, friends etc. I wish you the happiest of

holiday seasons warmly.

As many of you prepare to make your end-of-year charitable contributions, won't you keep the Brothers of the Bone on your list? Undoubtedly, you count your days as an undergraduate Brother as some of your most valuable. I graduated in 1987, and I still lean on the Brothers I knew then, and these relationships are among the most valuable in my life.

Your gifts year-after-year have meant a lot to the Chapter- keeping our vast Alumni network alive and also providing opportunities for us to share all the good news with you through electronic and print

communiques.

If you haven't yet made your contribution this year, I encourage you to do so at whatever level fits your financial abilities. And if you know a few Brothers who also have yet to make their gift, encourage him as well. We'd love to add you to the Honor Roll!

Thank you again for supporting Psi of Phi Kappa Sigma. Your generosity ensures the next generation of Skulls at Penn State will have the same opportunities you did.

Warm Holiday Wishes and Fraternally,

Mike Rycheck '87
 Alumni Vice President

2018 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

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