

## UPCOMING EVENT

### TKE '50s Reunion

A group of TKE's from the '50s will be at Penn State for an Alumni Association Pioneer Reunion in June and will hold a Welcome Reception at the TKE House on June 3 from **2:30 to 4:30 p.m.** This event, organized by **Gene Rowland '59** and **Gene DeMark '58**, will be the first of numerous TKE Alumni Association events to be held at the House.

## PI CHAPTER STUDENT OFFICERS

Prytanis  
**Jack Holmes '10**  
Downingtown, PA

Epiprytanis  
**Christian Van Horn '11**  
Dalton, Pa

Crysopholes  
**Collin Goodnuff '11**  
Easton, Pa

Grammateus  
**Joe Merlo '11**  
Easton, Pa

Hypophetes  
**Kevin Connolly '11**  
Pittsburgh, Pa

Pylortes  
**Jeb Dennis '10**  
Cranford, NJ

Histor  
**Ryan McAndrew**  
Exton, Pa

Hegemon  
**Josh Peles '09**  
Clymer, Pa

## Recent TKE Awards

Graduating Senior **Zach Noel** (Past Two Term Prytanis) won the **2008 Penn State Most Outstanding Fraternity President Award**. Zach was instrumental in many of the improvements made at the House during his two years as Prytanis.

This spring TKE teamed with Alpha Xi Delta **won Greek Week**. Additionally, **Matt Swingle** was named Mr. Greek Week at the annual pageant.

# Pieces of Pi



Pi Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity  
at the Pennsylvania State University

State College, PA

[www.TKEpennstate.com](http://www.TKEpennstate.com)

May 2009

## ALUMNI REPORT

### Continuing to Move Forward at TKE

#### *Sprinkler Installation Project Completed within Budget*

*By Jim Rummel '76, Pi Chapter House Corporation President*

It has been a challenging and rewarding year at TKE. On the positive side, the whole house sprinkler installation was completed within budget and with little aesthetic impact to the first floor decor. Additionally, as part of the sprinkler installation, new chandeliers, window shades, drapes and area rugs were purchased and installed on the first floor. On the challenging side, we continue to be plagued with costly repairs to the 80-year-old electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems throughout the house. We continue our work with the undergraduate actives to improve the day to day operations of the house and to insure long term sustainability of Pi Chapter.

While I hope you enjoy this edition of

*Pieces of Pi*, I am eagerly looking forward to our next issue. Our next edition will bring forth a very exciting announcement for our chapter. Recently, many dedicated Pi alumni have generously volunteered their time to help shape the vision and the future of Tau Kappa Epsilon at Penn State. These dedicated alumni have recognized that in order to be competitive on Penn State's campus, we must constantly evaluate our operations. For us to be successful for another 80 years, we must offer a superior fraternity experience to Penn State men. Several professionals have helped us define and outline our efforts, and we look forward to sharing this exciting news with you!

## PLEASE HELP GRADUATING TKEs

The TKE brothers listed below are all graduating this spring. In this down economy, it is more important than ever that we do our part to help these graduating seniors find employment. These brothers were a large part of the TKE turnaround that happened in the last two years. Several already have jobs lined up, but many do not. Please make the effort to visit [www.tkepennstate.com](http://www.tkepennstate.com) to view the resumes for each brother and please contact them if you can help them get their careers started.

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# ANNUAL FUND

## 2008-09 Honor Roll of Donors

The Pi Chapter House Corporation Board thanks the 150+ Pi TKE alumni who have contributed \$18,073 to our annual fund in the 2008-09 giving year. Our annual fund helps to keep this great publication coming to your mailbox and assists the Pi Chapter House Corporation board in supporting the undergraduate chapter. With your support, we have been able to fund [www.tkepennstate.com](http://www.tkepennstate.com), publish the Pieces of Pi, send undergraduate leaders to TKE International leadership conferences, make improvements to the chapter house (this year we purchased a used grand piano) and host alumni events. Our annual fund donors make all this possible, and we thank you for helping to carry on the strong tradition.

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*Reflects gifts received as of  
April 19, 2009.*

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '60s

#### **Kenneth Britton '61**

(5056 Barrowe Dr., Tampa, FL 33624-2593; kbritton@tampabay.rr.com) While I was considered the "eternal pledge" (not making a good enough GPA for umpteen semesters), I finally made it to the "big league" and I have to say, before they throw dirt over my grave, that my time as a Teke was a fantastic experience. I entered the house as a "kid," was intimidated and awed by those Korean Vets and upperclassmen, yet came to know what being part of something was all about. We really had the greatest thing going, really respected each other AND the fraternity - and were winners! Wow!

As for me, I've been in Tampa for 11 years, being a heart transplant survivor for 10+ years and now awaiting a kidney transplant (due to the immune suppressant drugs I take for the heart). But anyway, life is good here in the "slow lane." Sure wish I could travel and get to see some of those "old guys" at their 50th reunion in June, but dialysis makes that but a fantasy at this time.

#### **Jim McCormack '66**

(6020 Bridlewood Dr., Fairview, PA 16415-2709; jimmack64@verizon.net) Julie and I just celebrated our 41st wedding anniversary, after spending a week in the Dominican Republic installing a clean water system. We will probably be doing more of these mission trips when I retire. Retirement is scheduled for June 30, 2009! I will be performing a wedding at State College on May 23rd. Hopefully I can stop by the house then.

#### **George Dove '65**

(9114 Cricklewood Ct., Vienna, VA 22182-1741; gdovefaia@msn.com) I am still practicing architecture as Managing Principal of WDG Architecture in Washington, DC and Dallas, TX. (I hope to get good at it soon). My wife of 39 years, Ann, has learned to put up with the long hours...still! Daughter Leah is in Wilmington, NC, and son Marc is in Savannah, GA. There are also 4 granddaughters. I had kidney transplants in 1983 and 2007... working fine; haven't slowed me down; life is good! Same job for 40 years...have designed over 300 major buildings containing about 70,000,000 sq.ft. I must love it...or am I insane?

I do not return to PSU often but still appreciate TKE and the fun we had. See Grover and **Jim Williams**, and chat with **Kerry Kissinger** from time to time. If you are in DC give me a call for lunch...I'll buy. (202) 857-8300.'

### '70s

#### **Rick Miller '71**

(409 Leatherbark Dr., Mars, PA 16066-4765; rickmyoga@yahoo.com) Geological Sciences '71 has retired from the industrial world and is pursuing dual careers as a yoga teacher and actor. I am a Lincoln look alike and made my national TV debut this year on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

I recall from the pledge manual that TKE was founded in central Illinois so the Lincoln/TKE connection is legit. Look for me at the Illinois game...Lincoln roots for the Lions.

Trivia for pledges: Who authored the inscription above the entrance to Old Main?

If you want Abe to attend your event - shoot me an email. You can also find me on

YouTube (enter 'Rick Miller Lincoln' into the search engine).

#### **Patrick Breen '79**

(1 Sylvan Way, Parsippany, NJ 07853; pjbreen@aol.com) After four years in the tropics and 13 years in the desert, I now find myself in northwestern New Jersey, still surprisingly happy after 10 years. I have only ventured back to State College a few times, but hope that the projected change to the terms of my probation will allow for limited interstate travel. Although my wife of 23 years has yet to accept the subtle joys of living in NJ (jug handles and full service gas stations), my three children have flourished. I hope to have the opportunity to share a few beers with any brothers from the 1977 - 1979 time period, especially if they know whereabouts of **Al Harris**, or better yet, the black & white television that disappeared along with Al under the cloak of darkness.

### '80s

#### **Christopher Beahan '89**

(216 Sally Drive, Clarks Summit, PA 18411; 1154@pcpizza.com) My wife Patti and I have two girls: Meghan (11) and Erika (9). I attend all PSU home games.

## IN MEMORY

**John Nesbutt '48**  
(11/21/08)

**Robert McKown Sr. '50**  
(1/23/09)

**Gene Laughlin '55**  
**Ralph Burt III '69**

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

We've gathered nearly 40 great pieces of memorabilia from throughout our chapter's history (photos, old newsletters, publications, etc.) that we're working to showcase on [www.TKEpennstate.com](http://www.TKEpennstate.com), including this photo from 1977. Stay tuned to the web site and upcoming monthly e-Letters! And, be sure to share your own piece of history! Send your submissions to [connect@TKEpennstate.com](mailto:connect@TKEpennstate.com).

*In this photo: Christmas formal 1977.*



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## PRYTANIS REPORT

### TKE Moves into Top 25% Within Greek Community, Raises Highest Total Ever for THON 2009

By Jack Holmes

The current house GPA is 3.19, the highest mark in recent memory. We have moved into the top 25th percentile in the Greek community. Additionally, we had our most successful recruitment in recent history. Our spring recruitment yielded 10 new candidates for initiation. We currently have two legacies in the house: **Jeb Dennis**, son of **George Dennis '77** and **Josh Miller**, son of **Eric Miller '78**.

This spring we were paired with Alpha Xi Delta for Greek Week and we won! Matt Swingle was named Mr. Greek Week at the annual pageant.

THON posted its best year ever, as did Pi Chapter. We raised more than \$37,000, our highest total in the 30+ year history of the event. Three seniors

(**Zach Noel**, **Carlo Pugliano** and **Brian Newbury**) represented us very well throughout the 46-hour weekend,

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and all made it to the end. We are also working closer to commit ourselves to TKE's national philanthropy, aimed at benefiting St. Jude's Children's Hospital. We have been in contact with St. Jude's, and look to host our philanthropic event within the first month of the fall semester.

*Pi Chapter Keeps Getting Better and Better...  
Read Inside for All the Details!*

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