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PENN LAMBDA CHAPTER OF PHI KAPPA PSI AT PENN STATE

Corporation Message

By OJ Johnston 1968
President
Penn Lambda Corporation

Greetings from the Corporation's Board of Directors! As I write this, we are indeed in the midst a very exciting time for Phi Psi at Penn State. I remain honored to serve as the Board President and I am truly looking forward to what will almost certainly be the most significant year in our Chapter's long history at Penn State. The Chapter is strong and the Board has made the bold decision to undertake a major transformation of the house.

This is going to be done right and to ensure professionalism, we engaged Pennington and Company to guide us in this endeavor. Pennington & Company of Lawrence, Kansas is the recognized leader in fraternity and sorority fundraising, having helped raise more than \$97 million in support of the renovation and new construction of Greek housing on 75 university and college campuses. They conducted a

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Alumni kick off capital campaign to restore chapter house

Early gifts bring in \$822,085 towards \$2 million goal

In what has been called the most ambitious undertaking in its 96-year history, the Penn Lambda Corporation kicked off a \$2 million capital campaign to completely restore the chapter house at 403 Locust Lane. *The Campaign For Penn Lambda – A Century of Brotherhood at Penn State* coincides with the chapter's 100th anniversary in 2012.

The plan includes a complete overhaul of the 85-year-old property with new electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems. All windows and doors will be replaced and the exterior of the house will be restored. Life-safety equipment including a fire-sprinkler system – required by the Borough of State College – also will be installed.

"We can no longer band-aid the situation," Lloyd Huck 1942, Honorary Chairman of the Campaign for Penn Lambda, said. "We have an aging facility. In order to remain competitive and attract the best members, we need to embark on this effort and develop a safe and up-to-date living environment."

Campaign Executive Committee members, current and former Corporation and Penn Lambda Education Foundation leaders, and other alumni have pledged \$822,085 in early gifts. The Campaign Executive Committee will mail an information packet to Penn Lambda's 800

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alumni during the next few weeks.

Four years ago, the Corporation began discussing long term plans that would address the needs of the undergraduate chapter and the aging chapter house. Simultaneously, the University and the Borough of State College introduced two separate initiatives that would impact Greek Life at Penn State. The University unveiled an effort to re-establish stronger ties with the Greek community and help fraternities and sororities focus on the positive aspects of membership. The Borough passed an ordinance that required all fraternities to install fire sprinkler systems in chapter houses by Fall 2008.

The Corporation engaged the services of several professionals in the State College area to

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Todd D. Dagen '84
Mark Erdman '96
James Marshall '03

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assess the situation. They investigated a variety of construction options that would meet the current and future needs of Penn Lambda.

"We wanted to take everything into account

without compromising the architectural character and integrity of the Chapter House," OJ Johnston, Corporation President, said. "The emphasis is to provide a more functional physical structure with updated equipment,

required life-safety systems and ample study space.

"Our goal is a high-quality fraternity house that will withstand heavy use for many years."

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Pre-Campaign Feasibility Study for us, interviewing Phi Psi alumni from selected eras, professions and geographic locations. The alumni response was overwhelming supportive of restoring the house.

The house was built in 1923 and, as we all know, is long overdue for a major renovation. We have a Campaign Executive Board of 28 brothers in place and functioning. Architectural and Finance Committees are in place and Brothers Fletch Byrom 37' and Lloyd Huck 42' have agreed to serve as Honorary Campaign Chairs. Chairing the Campaign are Brothers Pete Waldron 82' and Larry McCabe 57'. Many other loyal brothers have stepped up to provide specialized guidance and expertise. We have identified a number of Era and Class captains for the campaign. But we are looking for more alumni brothers to serve in this role. Why not you? Call Harry Fatzinger at 484-678-5951.



Last summer, the Board engaged a local architectural firm to prepare as-built drawings and the preliminary set of plans for the restoration. Based on extensive professional analysis we have put all the elements, including a substantial portion of the funding in place. In early 2008 we contracted with Poole/Anderson, a State College based contractor, and they have begun the Phase 1 work, involving the installation of a sprinkler system and other life safety measures to bring the house into full compliance with all local and National fire safety codes.

In the planning for Phase 2, the undergraduate brotherhood has made a number of suggestions as to what they would like to see included in the restoration with an eye toward making the house a better place to live and learn. It is absolutely

critical that each of us supports this noble project if it is to be a reality. Now is the time to make a major commitment to restoring the Phi Psi house at Penn State. This issue of the *Lambdan* has more details on this exciting development and how those of us who have initiated this project need your immediate participation. In a few short weeks, you will receive an information packet that provides a detailed overview of the project.

All-in-all, Phi Psi is strong at Penn State and growing stronger each day. The undergraduates are doing their part to carry on the traditions we all hold dear. The time has come for each Penn *Lambdan* to reflect on the part Phi Psi has played in his life and make a commitment to giving something back to the place we all called home for while.

Undergrads pledge \$30,000 to capital campaign

By Pete Bradley 2006
Undergraduate Chapter President

Thank you Penn Lambda Alumni for undertaking this tremendous effort to renovate our chapter house. This project will have a positive effect on member recruitment. All of us stand behind you and support you in this effort. That's why the undergraduates have pledged \$30,000 toward this project. We are committed to helping you make this house project happen.

We also remain committed to being good Penn State Phi Psis. We are involved in a variety of programs and activities to build Phi Psi's name recognition on campus. Like you, we want Phi Psi to be one of the best fraternity chapters at Penn State.

We paired with Phi Mu Sorority and raised \$61,000 for the Dance Marathon. We are partnering with Alpha Xi Delta and Alpha Delta Pi

sororities for Greek Week. ADPi is organizing a Blood Drive with us in East Halls. And we are holding our own in IMs.

We're happy with our academic performance during the past 12 months. We are ranked 29 out of 48 houses with 11 guys making the Dean's List. Ten of us traveled to Cabo, Mexico during Spring Break for the Phi Psi Leadership Academy. It was an awesome experience learning how to be better Phi Psis and improve our chapter.

We are working hard because we want all of our alumni to be proud of us and their chapter. Thank you again for keeping the Phi Psi tradition alive at Penn State by spearheading this capital improvement campaign.

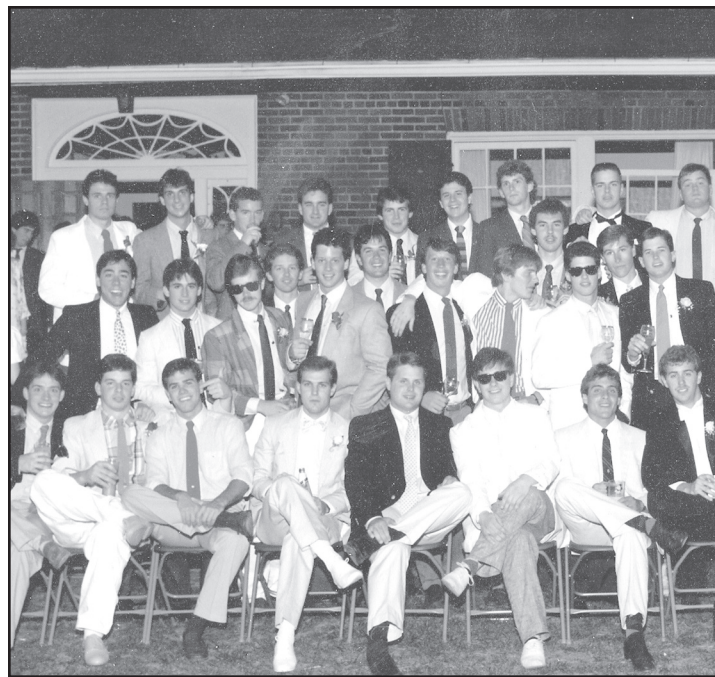
It's great to be a Phi Psi!

Alumni volunteer to drum up support for capital campaign

Alumni have agreed to contact classmates and pledge brothers to generate support for the capital campaign. Interested in helping? Call Harry Fatzinger 484-678-5951.

1940s: Lloyd Huck '42
1950s: Fred Leuschner '49, Doc Rostmeyer '51, Bill Zeigler '53, Ted Balabanis '53, Larry McCabe '55, John Heinze '55, George

McTurk '58
1960s: Frank Guzek '64, Jim Elliott '65
1970s: Ray McCormick '73, Dave Dixon '78, Brad Scovill '79
1980s: Gary Hitechew '80, Doug Riva '82, Todd Porter '84, Larry Lavorini '85, Brad LaTour '88
1990s: Patrick Walsh '90, Chris St. Pierre '94, Mark Erdman '96
2000s: Dave Redl '00, Aaron Mitchell '00, Jim Marshall '04



Brothers celebrate at 1986 Spring Formal.

University, fraternities in sync With revival of Greek Life

By Lloyd Huck 1942
Honorary Chairperson, Campaign for Penn Lambda

It is an exciting time for Penn State and for Penn Lambda.

The atmosphere at the University is very favorable for the revitalization of the fraternity system. The current administration believes that fraternities make a positive contribution to campus life. Many of the alumni on Penn State's Board of Trustees are members of fraternities and would like to see the system strengthened here.

The timing is right for Phi Kappa Psi to embark on The Campaign for Penn Lambda to restore our Chapter House.

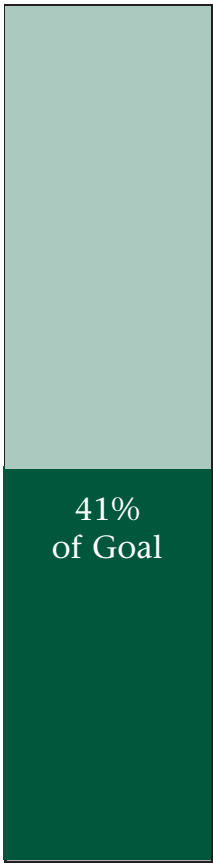
Several fraternities have responded with programs to upgrade their houses. Many

have completed renovations to make their houses more attractive to active and prospective members.

Penn Lambda's plans to improve our house will enable the chapter to remain competitive among other fraternities and housing options on and off campus. I have visited our house a couple of times and can report that it sorely in need of restoration.

I believe in this effort and I have made a five-year pledge to this campaign. I urge each one of you to join me and to make as large of a commitment as you can to keep our fraternity one of the leading ones at Penn State.

How Are We Doing?



\$2 Million Goal

41%
of Goal

\$822,085 Pledged
as of April 7, 2008

40 Alumni
24 Undergrads

Average gift:
\$12,845

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- Visit www.pennlambdapsu.com for campaign updates.
- Watch your mail for the official campaign brochure with all the project details.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO GIVE

It's More Than Building a House It's Revitalizing a Brotherhood

Our investment in Phi Psi will ensure the future success of our Chapter. College fraternities continue to play a relevant role in shaping the lives of young men. Today, perhaps more than ever, it is important we provide young men with a small, group-living environment that offers them a solid foundation for their education, and also affords them opportunities for high academic achievement and the development of leadership and social skills.

You are the only one who can

place a value on your Phi Psi membership — on the lifelong friendships you made, on the development of your values and principles, and on the many ways Phi Psi enhanced your college years. The Brothers who went before us made it possible for us to have this experience.

We all enjoyed the comfort and Brotherhood Penn Lambda provided during our years at the Penn State. Now it is our turn to repay the Fraternity and ensure the same, wonderful experience is available to others.

The undergraduate men have already made a commitment to work hard in continuing the programs and traditions that have benefited the lives of so many Phi Psis over the years. Together with our undergraduates, the volunteer leadership of the Campaign Board is committed to this major undertaking, which will allow us to secure the future our Chapter House and be the premier fraternity at Penn State. And they have stepped up with \$30,000 in financial support as well.

We urge your thoughtful

consideration of this plan and encourage you to make a gift today. With your support, Phi Psi will continue to provide a quality living environment that supports, nurtures, and develops outstanding young men with the skills and confidence to face an ever-changing world. The commitment we make today cannot be underestimated — it will have a ripple effect on the lives of our Penn Lambda Brothers for years to come.

The Executive Committee
The Campaign for Penn Lambda