

# Go Greek with fraternities

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When most students graduate high school and look towards college, they have many preconceptions of what it will be like. Some see it as countless hours of study, others see daily reasons to party, and many male students see the possibility of pledging a fraternity.

The idea of pledging a fraternity is extremely exciting, but has gotten a great deal of negative press due to feature films and a few twisted individuals in the news. Penn State Harrisburg is at a turning point. Until now, the Greek life has been non-existent, and that is acceptable for some people.

However, there are those dedicated individuals who want more out of their college careers. Those people want to get something out of it, and give back much more to this school. These are the people who are working hard to bring more to this campus. These are the members of Kappa Alpha Psi (KAP) and Kappa Sigma (KS) fraternities.

The Greek life is inevitably coming to PSH, and rather than be silent bystanders, a growing population of men are taking the initiative to found respectable brotherhoods on campus.

Though Penn State Harrisburg has not officially recognized any Greek organizations, the two fraternities you may have seen around campus so far are Kappa Alpha Psi and Kappa Sigma. Both of these organizations are traditionally founded, and are based on moral virtues that prove the integrity of their members.

Kappa Alpha Psi was founded at Indiana University in 1911, and has grown internationally from the United States to the United Kingdom and to Africa.

Kappa Sigma is native to the University of Virginia, founded in 1869 with traditional roots in Italy

back to 1400, and has 267 chapters in the U.S. and Canada.

Membership for both fraternities has grown dramatically and is always on the rise. Both groups have much to offer PSH, the community and most of all, you.

The benefits of joining a fraternity go beyond college. Both organizations have connections in the professional world, and have services dedicated to connecting members and alumni for mutual success.

Consider that approximately 70 percent of American business leaders and politicians were part of the Greek life. It is a connection that goes deeper than academics. It is a brotherhood that lasts a lifetime no matter where you go in life. Whether it helps you find job or start a conversation at a gas station check-out line, it unites people from all walks of life.

To pledge a fraternity such as these, you must determine if you possess the morality and integrity to become a brother of an international family. KAP's own motto is "Achievement to be the best in all aspects of life in all fields." KS follows the guidelines of fellowship, leadership, scholarship, and service. These are not just school clubs and organizations, both reach beyond the realm of college. They are families that give back as much as what is given.

Both are social fraternities in which any male student can join.

There have been some misconceptions that these fraternities are elitist, some sort of cult, or even a gang. None of this is true, as any male student can apply to either fraternity regardless of their major, ethnicity, or religion. Most importantly, there is NO HAZING. Besides federal law, both organizations have outlawed acts of violence or harassment of pledges.

Before pledging, each man must meet a list of requirements, not to exclude anyone, but rather to show the fraternity that you are an individual committed to improving yourself and those around you.

Some of the requirements for these fraternities are a minimum GPA of 2.5 for a full time student, and a member of at least one other school club or organization.

Once accepted, each fraternity has its own process of pledging.

KAP inducts members twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Between these two ceremonies a pledge must study their fraternal history and will be tested. Pledges will also go through alumni interviews so that elder-members can see if pledges are a man of character. KAP also requires dues upon induction. This varies depending on your academic status (sophomore, junior, senior) and is a one-time fee to cover your college career.

KS has a sixty day pledge period in which each pledge must complete a list of requirements and services in order to test their ability to organize, prioritize, and develop leadership qualities. KS charges monthly dues once brothers are inducted.

Both fraternities also emphasize community services during the pledge process.

PSH does not recognize chapters of either fraternity. PSH bylaws require that a fraternity must have at least 12 members on their roles.

KAP only requires 4 members to be deemed a chapter and is currently categorized at a "swing chapter" out of Bloomsburg. This poses a particular problem, and KAP is working to lower this requirement to the 10 members they currently have.

KS's structure is different in that they require a minimum of 25 pledges just to start a colony on this campus. Once a colony is formed, these pledges must work with alumni to complete a series of requirements in order to become an official chapter.

Both fraternities are just getting started on this campus, and it is up to motivated men to make it happen. If you think you have what it takes, feel free to contact members of Kappa Alpha Psi or Kappa Sigma.

# Campus Calendar

## Lectures & Events

The ASME club will be launching their Trebuchet on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 12:30 p.m.

The XGI blood drive Oct. 25 from 12p.m. to 2p.m.; sign up on the Stacks Market Stage.

Night of Giving Fund-raiser Nov. 21 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Colonial Park Mall

The weekend of Oct. 26 to the 29, PSH will be celebrating its 40th anniversary.  
Oct. 26 - 12p.m. Birthday Cake in the Food Court  
Oct 27 - 5:30 p.m.  
Lion Shrine Dedication Oct 28 - 9a.m. to 11a.m.  
Undergrad Open House  
The Capital Region Intern Fair Oct. 24 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., CUB

To sign up go to W-117, or e-mail cmg11@psu.edu.

Latin Dance Lessons October 29 3 - 4:40 Multipurpose Room

"An Empty Place at the Table" a month-long display in Stacks Market.

"Domestic Violence Awareness Panel" Oct 24, 12:15 p.m., Morrison Gallery  
"Prom Night" play Oct 24, 6:30 p.m., in the Auditorium,

Bus Trip to the U.N. Oct. 28  
The sign-up sheet is available in the Student Activities office, E-131

Penn State Harrisburg Library: Jewish Literature reading and discussion series  
Oct 30 at 7 p.m. in the Morrison Gallery. Contact Jennifer Dimeler at 948-6079 or jcd3@psu.edu.

## Athletics

INTRAMURAL TABLE TENNIS. Deadline for signing up is October 25 at the CUB.

Faculty Development Workshops RSVP to Carol McQuiggan at cam240@psu.edu is required:

Monday, Nov. 6, 4-5:30 p.m., C-13 Olmsted, "Exploring Learning Objects"  
Thursday, Nov. 9, 8:30-10 a.m., 108 Library, "Exploring Learning Objects"  
Thursday, Nov. 9, 3-4:30 p.m., C-15 Olmsted, "Exploring Learning Objects"

Men's Soccer  
VS Delaware  
October 25 at 6p.m.  
VS York  
October 28 at 1 p.m.

## Things You Need To Know

Penn State has begun an initiative that will require all those who have Penn State Access Accounts to change their passwords annually. The new password change requirement has been instituted to increase the personal security of Penn State community members. Visit the Web at <http://live.psu.edu/story/19757> for more information.

IT reports a SPAM message purportedly from "Amazon.com" <suport@amazon.com> with a subject line of "Amazon.com Inquiry" has a message-id that causes Outlook to crash with error 0x80004005. For further assistance contact the ITS Help Desks at (814)863-1035 or (814)863-2494. For further information to go to the ITS alerts page: <http://its.psu.edu/alerts/alert-152>.

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### CUB Information:

All users of the fitness facility (Capital Union Building) must present their Penn State ID at the front desk. The desk monitor will sign you in and give you any equipment that you need. Kinesiology students coming to the CUB for classes do not have to present their ID. Bikes are not permitted inside the Capital Union Building. Please secure your bike at the bike rack near the entrance the entrance to the building.

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8AM - 11PM; Friday, 8AM-8PM; Saturday, 11AM - 8PM; Sunday, 1PM - 8PM.

### Meetings

Chi Gamma Iota, the vetrans fratern-

nity meets every monday at 12 p.m. in E-124.

Computers, printers available  
At times it is necessary to print a document or use a computer and students need a facility they know will not be scheduled for a class. Such a facility exists in the reference area of the Library. Both Macintosh and Windows computers are available and have the same software as in Olmsted C-12, C-13 and C-15.

Penn State Harrisburg Safety and Police Services reminds the campus community that the presence or use of candles, incense burners, or other open flame devices is prohibited in all University facilities.

## Career Services provides a variety of assistance for interested students

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Major choices, internships, and resume writing are topics of dread to nearly any student, especially those getting ready to graduate. Fortunately a solution is available to assist students, and the best part is, it's mostly free.

At the Career Services office, which is located at W117 in the Olmsted building, faculty provide great services for students.

Some of the services they provide include: career counseling, career planning/development, assistance with developing cover letters, resumes and interviewing skills. A few services that are frequently used are the 48 hour resume critique, Discover, and the Nittany Lion Recruiting.

The 48 hour resume critique is an appointment with a career officer that helps students format their resumes and also provide assistance to make changes to it. Discover is an internet based career guidance system.

This program is intended to help students get information that can help them make decisions about their school and career plans. Discover help students learn about their interests, values and skills. By knowing these three components it helps students make better career choices, and also picking the right major for their field of interest.

The Nittany Lion Recruiting gives students and alumni access to the On-Campus Recruiting systems, job postings for employers that are not visiting campus, career/intern fairs and an opportunity to post resumes in on-line resume books.

The job listings are from all campuses. Any student can request an account which is free to help them look for internships, co-op, part and full time work. Students can click on the Nittany Lion logo that is on the Career Services web page to set up an account.

The On-Campus Recruiting system charges students \$ 15.00 for the opportunity to interview for entry-

level full-time positions with several employers. OCR is mostly a pre-select system, where employers choose candidates among the students who request interviews with them. Typically OCR is for seniors but there are some internships available for other students.

The month of October is usually the time where accounting recruitment firms come to the campus. The week of October 9 there were at least a dozen students that made an account with OCR that was interviewed by one of the accounting firms.

A recruiter from Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz by the name Jonathan Stahl comes to the campus to recruit students. Stahl was a student at Penn State Harrisburg and was hired at BSSF from the OCR system.

On October 25 at 4:15 p.m. there will be an information session at PSH about employment with the federal government. The Naval Inventory Control Point will be on campus to talk about ways to find out about federal openings and how to apply.

There will be several internship fairs available for students throughout the school year. One of the upcoming events on campus will be a mini fair for state government agencies such as PennDOT, Welfare and the State Police.

There will be a fair on February 22 where Central Pennsylvania Employment Consortium will be at the Radisson hotel in Camp Hill. Also, on February 14 The Cumberland Valley Consortium will be at Gettysburg College. A list of the various fairs is listed on the Career Services website.

Charlotte Spector a career services specialist and job developer encourage students to come into the Careers Services office and set up an appointment to meet with someone to help them with resumes, career planning or just to talk about numerous majors options.

Spector advice to students is "don't wait until a week before graduation to visit [career services]. It's important to plan ahead for your job search." The Career Services door is always open; they are waiting for students to walk through it.

## Career Services

### Fall and Spring Hours:

Monday - Thursday

8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.

Friday

8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call the Career Services office at 717-948-6260

or stop by the office located in Olmsted, W117.

### Services Include:

- Career counseling
- Career planning/development
- Assistance with developing cover letters, resumes, and interviewing skills
- On-campus interviews with prospective employers
- A resume referral system
- A web-based employment opportunities posting system
- Career library with career development, job search information, and employment information
- Lifetime assistance
- Workshops - career decision making, job search, resume writing, interviewing
- Technology based resources, Nittany Lion Recruiting for on-campus recruiting, job postings and internship opportunities. Polycom Interactive Video Distance Interviewing 48 hour resume critique

## THON fundraising kicks off

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As a member of Penn State, be it student or faculty, anyone who hasn't been hiding under a rock has heard of THON. Posters and flyers screaming "FOR THE KIDS" adorn the halls and bulletin boards on campus and even in emails sent out to raise awareness for this worthy cause. One way or another, if you have spent any time on a Penn State Campus, you have seen at least something related to THON, but how many of us truly know what it is, what the cause is for, and how our campus contributes to it.

First off, THON is currently the largest student-run philanthropy in the world. For the past 30 years, THON has raised over \$40 million that has gone to the Four Diamonds Fund at the Penn State Hershey Medical

Center. The Four Diamonds Fund strives to find a cure for pediatric cancer, and with the help of THON is getting closer every year. In 2006, THON helped to raise \$4.21 million for the organization. THON started as a once a year dance marathon at University Park. However, today THON has evolved in to a university wide, year round fund raising event that leads up to the traditional 48 hour (yes that's two WHOLE days) dance marathon where about 700 dancers remain on their feet for the entire duration.

THON at Penn State Harrisburg is led this year by Craig DeWalt. DeWalt hopes to raise awareness of the cause on campus and get as many people involved as possible. PSH's role in THON is to support the fundraising, participate in canning and book pledges, and take donations. In the past PSH, has raised around

\$1,000. Last year, our campus raised about \$5,300. Craig's goal this year is to hit the \$10,000 mark. THON is always looking for corporate sponsors. Commerce Bank provided 84 THON shirts that were sold on campus to help the organization and are currently trying to setup a deal to benefit the charity with every new checking account opened by PSH referrals, but the details are still being finalized.

With upcoming events like the first canning weekend, a Bowling night in December, and possibly a battle of the bands style concert and even a mini-dance marathon at PSH, there are many opportunities for all to be involved somehow. To get involved with THON here at PSH, contact Craig DeWalt, cad281@psu.edu. Also, check out the official THON website at <http://www.thon.org>. Remember, it's FOR THE KIDS!

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