



# Kimball's Quarterly

## Three-peat

Spring 2009

Once again the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Delta Chi Fraternity has out done the competition and claimed the Cathedral Cup for a third consecutive year. This is a defining moment in our young history. First we did it back to back, which has never been done. Now we have won it three times, which ties us for the most cups ever won in the history of the award. We have set the precedent on this campus for all of the other fraternities and we look forward to the challenge of continually trying to maintain our level of excellence.

Along with the Cathedral Cup the Chapter took home several other Cathedral awards. The Chapter received the award for best Scholarship and best Chapter Management. Sean McCann took home the award for highest GPA among all Greek Men and Dan Thomas received the award for Best Recruitment Chairman. The Chapter took home numerous awards for Greek Week. These included: 3rd place overall in Greek Week, 1st place for Greek Olympiad, 3rd place for Fall Participation, 1st place for Greek Sing, Best Costumes and Set for Greek Sing.

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The Brothers who attended Greek Week Formal at pictured above with all of the awards.

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**We, the members of the Delta Chi Fraternity, believing that great advantages are to be derived from a brotherhood of college and university men, appreciating that close association may promote friendship, develop character, advance justice, and assist in the acquisition of a sound education, do ordain and establish this constitution.**

## Letter From the "A"

Alumni and Parents,

It has now been two semesters since I became the "A" for this chapter. Over the last year, I have seen this Fraternity at its lowest and its highest. I feel that this semester in particular really has proven that as a chapter, we can attain any goal that we set out to accomplish. As "A" for the chapter, you feel that you alone need to make all the right choices and make sure that everyone's needs are taken care of. Your job requires you to be the face of the Fraternity, internally and externally, making sure that Delta Chi is represented in the best light possible. You delegate tasks and make sure that things are getting done in a timely manner, while you yourself struggle to get done everything that needs to be. And in the end you are stressed and worried that you need to do everything to make this Fraternity run smoothly.

This semester has shown me that I was wrong. An "A" is just another member. Someone who is there to make sure this Fraternity is accomplishing the goals that they have set. If he was not there, another brother would be willing and able to do the work that needs to be done. And why is that? It is because every single member, whether alumni or student, has the same love and dedication to this fraternity in their own way. I have seen it happen this semester.

This semester has ended as successfully as I could have hoped for. We initiated 15 amazing young men who are all truly representative of Delta Chi. The community service done this semester has exceeded the work done in the past. As always we raised a generous amount of money for the Jimmy V Foundation through events such as our Semi-Annual Dime Toss, Pie-A-Thon, and other endeavors. This semester, for the first time, our Chapter along with Delta Zeta placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Greek Sing. The Alumni Secretary of the Chapter set up some great events. I have never seen more Alumni hanging

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The President of the Chapter,  
David Obringer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \*Thank you to those Alumni that took the time to come in for Alumni Weekend March 27th-29th!**
- \*Congratulations to Bobby Gaunt for getting accepted into the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine!**
- \*Congratulations to Shady Henien for getting accepted into Iowa State Medical School!**
- \*Congratulations to Gary Sanderson for getting accepted into numerous Law Schools!**
- \*Congratulations to Zach Werner and Alexandra Ammons on their upcoming marriage!**
- \*Congratulations to Tom Radomski and Brittany Ritchey on their upcoming marriage!**
- \*Thank you to all of the Alumni for their support of the Chapter!**
- \*Special thanks to Andy Rutt, Tim Corcoran, and Cheryl Paul for their dedication and support of the Chapter as ABT president, BB, and Faculty Advisor, respectively!**

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Thanks for reading this edition of Kimball's Quarterly. If you have any questions, concerns, or advice send them to the "E", Eric Phillips.

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Edited by brothers Mike Kaiser, Bobby Gaunt and Matt Hemmerly.



## Lambda Class—Spring 2009

Written by Sam Rezaeian

The Lambda class is composed of 15 gentlemen, by far the largest new member class on campus this Spring. Sam Rezaeian (Sophomore, Business) was appointed "A" of the class, followed by Chantz Anderson (Freshman, Sociology/Psychology) as "B," Marshall Sher (Freshman, Business) as "C," Adnan Kazim (Freshman, Environmental Studies) as "D," and Greg Freeman (Sophomore, Political Science/History) was the classes Social Chair. Other members of the class included Matt Pisani (Sophomore, Accounting/Finance), Joseph Jaquay (Freshman, Undecided), Greg Nicosia (Freshman, Psychology), Chris Sisk (Sophomore, Bioengineering), John Ries (Freshman, Neuroscience), Cameron Lumley (Freshman, German/Political Science), Dustin Copenhaver (Junior, Engineering), Andrew Carachilo (Junior, Chemical Engineering), Aaron Garcia (Freshman, English Writing), and Matt Tomko (Junior, Mechanical Engineering).

April 4, 2009 marked the initiation of the Lambda class. The newly initiated brothers



Above: The Brothers and the newly pinned Associate Members of the Lambda Class gather in the William Pitt Union Assembly Room just after the Associate Member Ceremony.

had an immediate impact within the Chapter and have been an outstanding group of young men and they all have great potential to further the success of the Chapter. As a group they tackled their class objectives with success. They organized and cooked for the new members of Theta Phi Alpha, to further our relationship with the sorority. The girls were very impressed with their ability to host the dinner. The second major project that the class planned was the cleaning up of the overgrown weeds and vines in the back yard and landscaping the front yard. The class has shown a great deal of unity and dedication. As it is apparent, the Lambda class is off to a good start, and is proving to be an excellent addition to the already successful Chapter.

## Spring 2009 Alumni Weekend

The annual Spring Alumni weekend took place Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The weekend's festivities included Greek Sing, the Alumni Ceremony and a beer tasting event held at the House. At Greek Sing 17 alumni were present to witness the Chapter take home its first 1<sup>st</sup> place performance in Greek Sing, along with the best set and the best costumes. The high spirits that were imparted from Greek Sing carried over to Saturday where many Alumni congregated at the House.

Seniors Matt Hemmerly, Bobby Gaunt, Ben Crowder, Zach Werner, and Gary Sanderson took part in the Alumni Ceremony, which transitioned the undergraduates into the role as Alumni. The ceremony was hosted by Dr. Tim and overseen by Justin Roberts, John Helter, and Andrew Rutt. Immediately following the event, a beer tasting event took place. The multiple alumni that participated in the event all brought a six pack of their favorite beer, whether it was a microbrew, import, or domestic beer. The event as a whole was a great success and similar events will be held in the future. Then many of the brothers stayed and watched the Pitt vs. Nova game on the house's big screen TV.

After the success of the Spring Alumni weekend, the Chapter is looking forward to the summer tailgate and traditional Alumni Homecoming Weekend festivities. The Chapter also wants to thank all of the Alumni that came out to enjoy Greek Sing and the Beer tasting event. The Chapter appreciates your involvement and support and looks forward to seeing you soon.

## RLC

Written by Tim Gallo

At the beginning of March, 19 brothers and 1 associate member drove the comparably easy four hour drive to the University of Maryland for the Regional Leadership Conference. RLCs are wonderful, eye opening adventures where the members of our chapter meet and exchange ideas with other chapters from Region IX, which is composed of chapters from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, North Carolina, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Starting the day out at the early hour of eight, our gentlemen, clad in the most fashionable of suits, attended a discourse on Risk Management by Steve Bosart. After several sobering realizations, the most memorable being that

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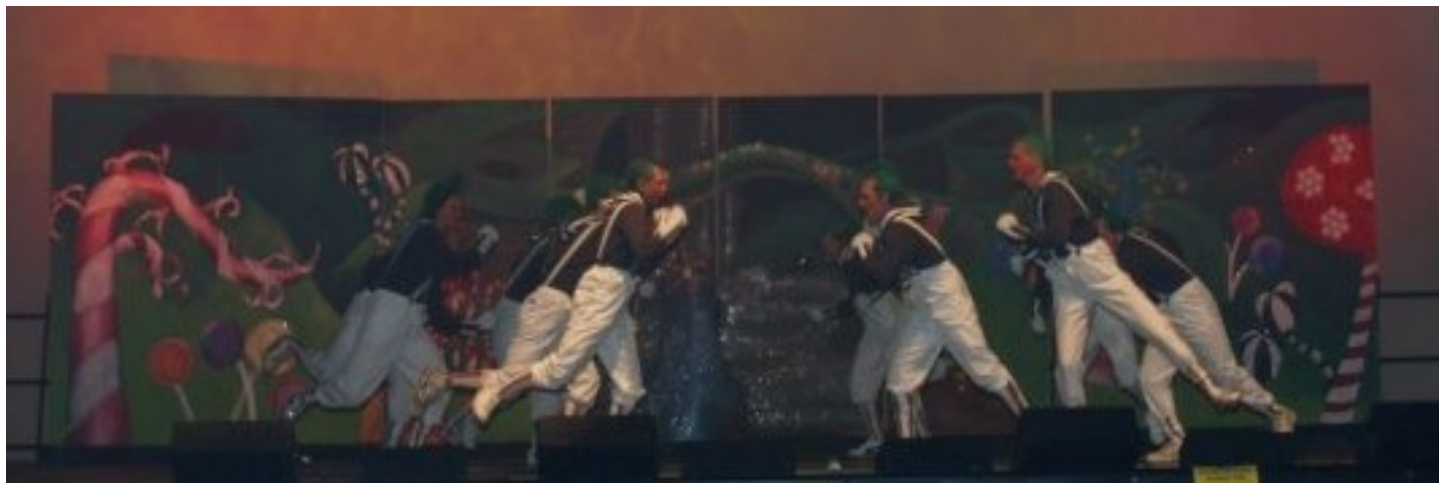
## Greek Sing 2009

Greek Sing 2009 proved to be another momentous event in our young Chapter's history. As soon as learning of our pairing with the Delta Zeta Sorority, excitement in the Chapter began to grow. Twelve members of the Fraternity stepped up and decided to learn some dance moves. The dancers included Dan Thomas, Chantz Anderson, Eric Phillips, Bobby Gaunt, Matt Hemmerly, Ben Minkoff, Eddie Hujber, Jake Winschel, John Hasley, Matt Goetz, Matt Balsbaugh, and Johnnie Hart.

Between the dancers and the ladies of Delta Zeta, the theme was decided to be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. All of the dancers immediately became engrossed with the theme and how well our songs meshed with the theme. As practice began and dances were choreographed the show slowly started to come together. Practices started as a weekly occurrence but as the show approached many times practice would be four or five times a week, sometimes going till 1 or 2 in the morning. The guys showed a lot of commitment and dedication to making this a show for the ages. As the last week of practice approached, all of the hard work began to pay off. The dances came together flawlessly, the set which was run by two Delta Zetas and John Kanter was finished and the costumes were completed. We were ready.

On Friday, the day of the show, after dress rehearsal, all of the dancers and stage crew assembled at the house. The guys were in character in their Oompa Loompa outfits with green hair, orange faces, brown shirts, and white trousers with suspenders, while the girls dressed in candy girl costumes. As the show time came the anxiety and excitement increased and then all of the hard work came to an end as we put on a flawless performance. Our dances varied from ballet, to swing dance, to hip-hop, to gymnastics. We had some good competition from Kappa Sigma and Tri-Delta, but in the end the judges awarded us first place overall while also giving us the awards for the best set and best costume. Upon hearing this, all of the dancers and stage crew rushed the stage. After only five years on campus the Pittsburgh Chapter of Delta Chi has captured its third Greek Sing trophy and it's first 1<sup>st</sup> place finish. Damn Proud.

For more pictures please see pages 8 and 9.



## Three-peat (Cont'd)

The significance of receiving the Cathedral Cup and 3rd overall in Greek week is to show that we excel on more than just one level and once again have upped our standards for the Chapter. It is key to note that *you*, the alumni, were the reason this Chapter exists and has come to the level of success we have accomplished. The values that you instilled in the young men that you recruited have remained and your hard work has paid off in rewarding fashion. The Chapter commends your efforts and hopes you can enjoy this victory with as much excitement as the rest of us.

## Be Damn Proud to be a Brother of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Delta Chi!

## A Traveler's Tale: El Paso and Back Again (Cont'd)

On the journey, the trekkers saw some of the most beautiful landscapes America has to offer. Texas was amazing, as were the Caverns, the St. Louis Arch, and the Mississippi. Unfortunately, they also saw some of the most boring, ugly, depressing states that America has to offer. Maybe March is the wrong month to tour Arkansas. We don't know; We do know we are not going back if we can help it. We learned something new about each other; had an encounter with a coyote on the highway; had a run in with Border Patrol; saw the most amazing shooting star ever; and forged friendships that will remain with us for the rest of our lives.

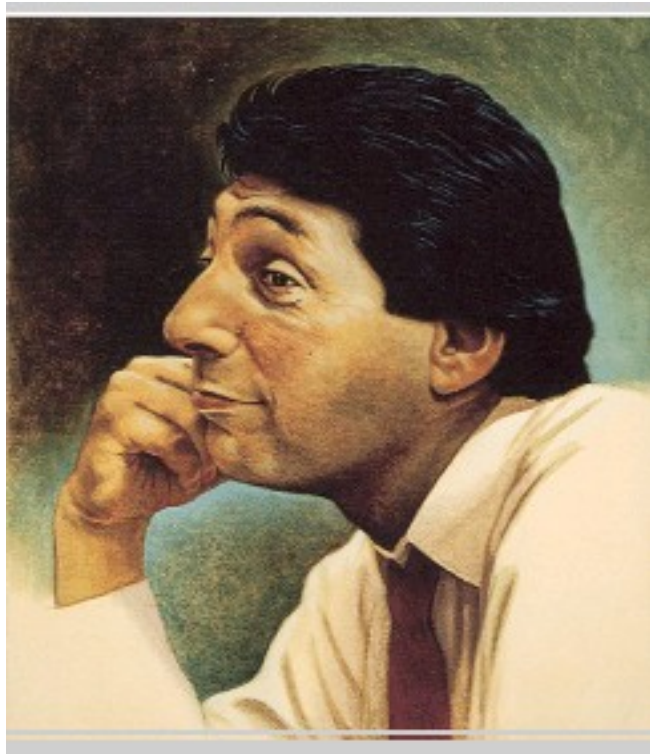


Left: Matt Hemmerly in his traditional football game gear that he has worn for every Pitt Football game in college.

Right: The brothers gather outside of Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

## Delta Chi and The V Foundation

After the International Convention that was held in Cleveland, Ohio, Delta Chi partnered with The V Foundation to help fight cancer. Delta Chi pledged to donate \$100,000 at the convention in Las Vegas, Nevada and the Fraternity succeeded in meeting that goal. To further our commitment to the V Foundation, the Fraternity has pledged to raise another \$130,000 for cancer research next convention in New Orleans in 2010. The V Foundation was founded by Jim Valvano in 1993 at the inaugural ESPY awards, which are hosted annually by ESPN. Jim Valvano was the coach of NC State basketball and a well known ESPN announcer. In his speech he proclaimed "Don't give up...Don't ever give up," which has become the motto of the Foundation. Unfortunately Jim passed away from metastatic cancer shortly after the 1993 ESPY awards.



Founder of the V Foundation, Jim Valvano

The Foundation's goal is to save lives by helping to find a cure for cancer. They seek to make a difference by generating broad-based support for cancer research and by creating an urgent awareness among all Americans of the importance of the war against cancer. The Foundation performs these dual roles through advocacy, education, fundraising, and philanthropy. With your help, the chapter would love to add to the growing contribution that is being sent to the Foundation at the end of the semester.

The Chapter has raised over \$2000 this year and the totals for the 5th annual Pie-a-thon have not been included. I hope you will be able to make a contribution whether through the Chapter or through the Foundation's website ([www.JimmyV.org](http://www.JimmyV.org)). Every dollar counts.



## Scholarship

Written By Tim Gallo

In the six year history of Delta Chi at the University of Pittsburgh, we've strived to challenge the current model for Greek Organizations and dispel the "Animal House" stigma attached to the word 'fraternity.' In some degrees, we have accomplished this handily.

For instance, Delta Chi has the highest GPA of all fraternities, the third highest GPA out of twenty nine Greek organizations, and a GPA higher than the university's male population. We've raised over two thousand dollars for the Jimmy V foundation (an organization devoted to cancer research), completed hundreds of hours of community service, including keeping Oakland streets clean, working with Habitat for Humanity, and giving food to a local soup kitchen. So far, our hard work has been rewarded with several awards, most notably our three consecutive Cathedral Cups (awarded to the top fraternity on campus) and our Delta Chi President's Cup (awarded to the top Delta Chi chapters). But at a certain point, it becomes difficult to develop new ways to challenge the status quo and raise the bar higher for fraternities on the University of Pittsburgh's Oakland campus.

That is why we are proud and excited to announce the Delta Chi Scholarship for Incoming Freshmen. This scholarship, funded entirely by alumni, family, and friends of our illustrious Chapter, is three fold in its purpose. Firstly, this scholarship, which is available to any incoming freshman (male or female), will help dispel the negative stereotypes of fraternities and the Greek system overall held by many incoming and current students as well as faculty here at the university. Secondly, Delta Chi encourages scholarship and leadership at all levels, from high school through college and eventually in the workplace. There is hardly a better way to encourage those two attributes in a person than through a merit based scholarship. Thirdly, this scholarship will open the lines of communication to the caliber of men with which we, as a fraternity, are interested in developing friendships and whom we hope to recruit.

If you would like more specific information regarding the scholarship, or if you would be interested in supporting this effort, please contact Tim Gallo by phone at 724 994 8316 or through email at [Tim.Gallo@gmail.com](mailto:Tim.Gallo@gmail.com).



## Letter from the "BB"

Greetings Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

April has arrived again in Pittsburgh bringing to a close what has been a truly spectacular year for the Pittsburgh Chapter. We began the year with a President's Cup and two successive Cathedral Cups in hand. We followed these amazing achievements up by having the best grades on campus during the fall and the biggest recruitment class during the spring. In what had to be one of the finest nights in the history of the Pittsburgh Chapter, we brought home a victory in Greek Sing, and followed that up later in the week with our third successive Cathedral Cup win. Most importantly, as we close the Spring semester we welcome in the 15 new members of the lambda class who will no doubt continue the fine record of achievement this Chapter has achieved. We are sending nine seniors out into the world. I would particularly like to recognize Bobby Gaunt who has put many hours into this newsletter over the years. Bobby will be entering veterinary school in the fall and we wish him and all of our seniors the best of luck. As always I'd like to invite all of you back to visit the Chapter house if you find yourself in Pittsburgh. (We will be open and well occupied this summer.) In such a successful year I congratulate all of the members of the Pittsburgh Chapter, present and past. Our recent achievements serve to remind us of our history and the cumulative efforts of all of our brothers, as well as those of our parents, family, and friends.



The Chapter's "BB", Tim Corcoran

Sincerely,

Tim Corcoran "BB"  
Alumni Advisor

## Graduating Seniors



**Ben Crowder** (Delta) - Civil Engineering, attained a job with American Bridge.



**Bobby Gaunt** (Delta)- Biology with Chemistry and Classics minors, matriculating into University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.



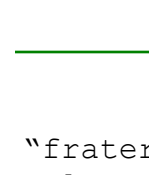
**Matt Hemmerly** (Delta) - History with a Classics minor and pursuing a job in the area.



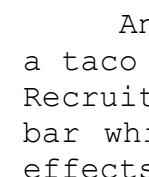
**Joe Gualtieri** (Epsilon) - Computer Engineering and is getting a job in the Pittsburgh area.



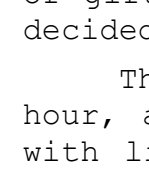
**Gary Sanderson** (Epsilon) - Business Administration and Political Science with a minor in Economics and matriculating into Hofstra Law school.



**Josh Rinaldi** (Theta) - English Literature with a Film Studies minor. Matriculating into Cabrini College for his Master in Secondary Education.



**Ryan Skoog** (Theta)- Computer Engineering and has a job at American Eagle-QA department



**Zach Werner** (Theta) - Computer Engineering.



**Pete Romoff** (Iota)- Medicine and Business.

Congrats to the Class of 2009!

## RLC (Cont'd)

"fraternities are drinking themselves out of business," the group of 100 Delta Chi's moved onto the more cheerful topic of Recruitment.

And on that topic we remained. 3 lectures, 2 breakout sessions, and a taco bar lunch later, we left the auditorium not as mere mortals, but as Recruiting Gods. Following a Ritual Review, we enjoyed a delicious pasta bar while Representative John Mica discussed Delta Chi, college, and the effects of both on the rest of your life. There was a brief presentation of gifts, and the formal part of the night was concluded. Many brothers decided to attend the social that night, and good times were had.

The following day, we packed up, looked for a place to eat for an hour, and then started on the way home. We arrived about 4 hours later with little incident during that time. We're all very excited to apply the recruitment knowledge we gained at RLC in the Fall of 2009.

## Community Service

Written by John Hasley

Community service this semester has been a big success. We will easily surpass 200 hours in total service, combined with one event where 75% percent of the brotherhood was present, and two events with sororities. These will give us extra points in the next Cathedral Awards Packet, and will hopefully lead to a fourth straight Cathedral Cup next year. A large part of our hours have come from Habitat for Humanity workdays. Twice this semester, a group of brothers has devoted a Saturday to building homes and working at the restock center in Allegheny Valley. These workdays have been a success in more than one way, not only because of the service that the community receives, but because of the potential recruits who are in our workday groups and have never considered joining a fraternity. It is a good opportunity for them to see what kind of people are in the University of Pittsburgh Chapter of Delta Chi, and hopefully reforms their previously held conceptions about fraternities. Another standby event is Adopt-A-Block, where we clean up the sidewalks of North Oakland in association with the Keep It Clean Oakland committee. The first event with a sorority that we did was with Zeta Sigma Chi. One night, about 15 brothers and 15 sisters met in the William Pitt Union and made cards for seniors who lived at UPMC's senior residence home Seneca Manor. The second event was with Theta Phi Alpha, where we worked at the Jubilee Soup Kitchen for one Saturday morning. Though community service has been somewhat difficult to orchestrate, it has never been hard to execute being as there is such a good turnout at every event. This Chapter cares about giving back to its community and helping those less fortunate than themselves.

## A's Letter (Cont'd)

around the Chapter than I have in the last few months. After so many wonderful things to happen this semester, we ended as great as we started by winning the Cathedral Cup for the third year in a row along with several other Cathedral and Greek Week awards.

All I can say is that I hope we have accomplished the hopes, wishes, and goals that you all have set as Alumni when you were undergraduates. I know that we have worked long and hard to do the things we have done. Looking back when I first joined, I realize that this is truly a great and amazing organization. Let us use the work done this semester to achieve even greater heights in the future. As I have said over and over again this semester, I am so proud of the work this Chapter has accomplished and I am so proud to call myself a brother of the Delta Chi Fraternity.

In the Bond,

David Obringer "A"

University of Pittsburgh Chapter

## A Traveler's Tale: El Paso and Back Again

Written by Tim Gallo

It all started as a joke. Michael Kaiser heard that the Pitt football team was going to be playing in the Brut Sun Bowl. Not at all serious, he asked, "Road trip?" and then 11 people said, "Okay." And that's how it came to be that two vehicles, the Gaunt's Hybrid and the Kaiser's minivan, would make a 3800 mile round trip journey in just under a week.

Setting off on a Tuesday, the group travelled from Pittsburgh, through Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Texas. Flirting with 30 hours of nearly continuous driving (we stopped and had steaks at a Texas Land and Cattle in Dallas - it rocked), the troop arrived in El Paso and was able to get a quick 5 hour nap before heading to the game, which is best described quickly and as a disappointment. Despite suffering through one of the lowest scoring college football games ever, the group was able to enjoy an extremely

wonderful night of fine dining with the Kanter family. After dinner, our college fraternity men lived up to stereotypes by falling asleep around 10 p.m on New Year's Eve. The next morning, realizing that they'd driven 30 hours to see 3 points and a Pitt loss, the group made its way to the Carlsbad Cavern. When they were finished delving 750 feet into the Earth (and taking an elevator back up!), they continued on their trek home with a stop in Roswell, New Mexico. My mother always told me that if



Just before the Sun Bowl game featuring the Pittsburgh Panthers and the Oregon State Beavers the Brothers gather for a group photo.

you have nothing nice to say about something, you should say nothing at all. From Roswell, the caravan proceeded back into Texas and then Oklahoma, which is splendidly dark at night. Leaving Oklahoma, they travelled through Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and our returning explorers finally rolled up to the familiar and welcoming Delta Chi house around 1 in the morning.

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