

2003-04

Contributors

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As of 12/19/03:

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Thomas R. Slattery	1998
Bruce R. Givnish	1997
Siegfried G. Behrens	1993
Jason K. Bryk	1993
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Timur J. Tunador	1991
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H. Kevin Bressler	1983
Thomas B. McAvoy	1980
Robert W. Scannell	1980
Jeffrey S. Tobias	1979
Mark D. Christie	1978
Donald W. Corbett	1978
Kenneth C. Schafer	1977
Geoffrey H. Osborne	1976
Stephen R. Byrd	1975
Stuart A. Williams	1975
Richard A. Russell	1974
Robert J. Kepler	1972
Eugene D. O'Kelly	1972
Franklin E. Hopkins	1970
Peter H. Craig	1966
Max D. Beere	1965
Lloyd W. Devigne	1965
Paul F. Gray	1965
Neil M. Anderson	1964
Robert L. Busey	1964
Thomas W. Landes	1962
Charles F. Stender	1962
John G. Fenimore	1961
John C. Young	1961
Charles Herlocher	1960
Robert J. Kyle	1960
James A. Penman	1960
James G. Weber	1959
Richard G. Angell	1958
Steven A. Jordan	1957
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Thomas R. Bradrick	1952
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State of the Chapter

By Josh Macuga, Eminent Archon and
John Loughner, Eminent Treasurer

Overcoming Issues Yields Success

This past semester has presented the Alpha-Zeta chapter of SAE with varying challenges, which hadn't been a concern in past years. Three of our major barriers, discussed in more detail below, included dwindling membership, miniscule financial resources and a poor public image. Through several brotherhood sacrifices, hard work, and extensive alumni support, we were able to overcome these issues for a very successful fall semester.

Due to a lengthy period of not being able to rush and initiate new brothers, our chapter membership has declined to an alarming number. This past fall, the chapter had sixteen seniors living in the house, and six of those seniors will be graduating this December, 2003. With a dwindling membership, one of our main goals was a successful rush. We are very proud to have inducted nineteen great guys into our fall pledge class. After getting to know each and every one of these pledges, I am very enthusiastic for their involvement and am convinced that they will uphold the ideals of a true gentleman.

In effect, a drastically smaller brotherhood has placed a noticeable strain on our semester finances. The brotherhood has made many sacrifices, including a reduced kitchen budget and a minimal social budget, in order to accommodate our finances. One of the chapter's biggest expenses last fall included rush events to attract new members. Through extensive alumni donations of over \$7,000, we were able to successfully hold these events. I would like to thank everyone who has donated to the chapter, especially those alumni who helped petition other brothers from their era to donate to the house. The alumni financial support during this rebuilding phase has been immensely important.

Another major goal of the active chapter this past semester was the

rejuvenation of alumni relations. We are determined to show every alumnus that at this point in time, every member of our chapter is a "true gentleman". This past semester we began the new tradition of holding cocktails after every home football game. Two of our most successful weekends included the Wisconsin (homecoming) and Ohio State games. We anticipate holding an additional alumni weekend next semester, with a featured golf outing. Although the date has yet to be determined, we welcome all alumni to join us for this event.

Lastly, the active chapter has made a significant effort to help improve community relations through philanthropic efforts. In addition to continuing our involvement in the Penn State Dance Marathon (THON), we have recently completed the first SAE - ASA annual food drive. This event was immensely successful, with all donations going directly to the State College Food Bank during the holiday season, when these items are in great demand.

Overall, we are very happy with the efforts the active brothers have put into our



Participants at the first SAE - ASA annual food drive.

chapter's rebuilding. All members of our chapter, from many of whom we would have expected minimal involvement, have risen to the challenge of rebuilding and "righting" the wrongs of our past. It should be noted that none of this rebuilding would have been possible without continued alumni support, most notably the efforts of the entire Corporation board and of our Chapter Advisor, Kerry Small. I strongly encourage all alumni to stop by the Ranch, and if possible, to get involved with the active chapter in one way or another. ■

By Tom Loughner

Pledging SAE: An Appreciation of Great Things

Back in October, when the 19 of us accepted our bids, we took, whether we knew it then or not, a step that will be one of the most defining in our lives. We chose SAE because we liked the brothers. We liked how the house looked on the outside and inside the G-Hall. We loved the pretty girls that always seemed to outnumber the brotherhood. What we, the 19 "DEUCES" love now, though, is something totally different.

We're excited to become brothers. We still look forward to the pretty girls and the exciting social scene, but we've learned to appreciate the things that make SAE truly special. We believe in John Walter Wayland's words and have begun

to incorporate them into our daily lives. Although we are still pledges, we all feel a bond to the house that only an SAE can feel. The Ranch, while not yet officially our home, has become sort of a surrogate home to all of us. We all feel a part of something much larger than ourselves, and are truly happy to be pledges.

Sure, pledging is a serious sacrifice. But we do it; and we do it because we all know that in the end it will be worth it. We look forward to becoming part of something great, and look forward to the day when we will be able to call ourselves "brothers". ■



Members gather, share memories and catch up with each other at the cocktail parties held after the PSU home games.



The SAE house all lit up for the holiday season.



Undergraduate members celebrate and cheer on PSU at the Homecoming Game.

Alumni

UpDates

Robert L. Casselberry '40

I am glad that the house is open again. I wish I had not foreseen the trouble. I did and made my support conditions on having the brothers return to sleeping in the bowling alley and study in the second floor rooms.

Howard A. Casselberry '42

I have computer contact with brothers of 1942.

Robert M. Weisbrod '43

Congratulations and best wishes on the chapter re-build!

Peter G. Rutan '46

Most of my old pals from the 40's are gone. I have talked with Ray Suckling '42 and corresponded with Bob Weisbrod '43 in Florida. I have been active as an officer with the Rochester SAE alumni association

for many years. When you include us along with Dick Miller '62 and Andy Stelnyk '56, we have three members from Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta. Dick Moller was president in 1999 and 2002 while I was the president for 2001 and 2002.

Bruce C. Dieterick Jr. '47

I retired from Bloomsburg University
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Invitation Accepted

I have accepted the invitation to join Kerry Small as a Co-Chapter Advisor for SAE. Having lived in the house over the past few years I have witnessed Kerry take on a considerable amount of responsibility and do a commendable job. As I will be in State College for roughly another four to five years (as of now) as a graduate student in the Materials Engineering program, I would feel remiss if I did not shoulder as much of the burden as I can as well, to help the chapter continue on the path that it is now on.

I lived in the house, and for one year on the SAE apartment floor, through all the troubles and reconciliation that has gone on in the past few years. I know first hand that the alumni that helped us

through this saved this house and kept this brotherhood together by working closely with the actives, instead of forsaking them. As an alumnus, I am in a position to help the new (huge) pledge class, the DEUCES, keep up the hard work that the actives are doing now.

What I see in the near future is a large number of sophomores that will have to mature extremely fast to replace the graduating leaders of the house, and also fill the void that a missing pledge class creates. I think these new brothers can do it, and it will be my goal to make sure they understand the ramifications of the leadership positions they will hold in the house. They will need to “grow

up” faster than brothers have been asked to during my time at SAE.

I also see a changing of the guard, if you will, in the Inter-fraternity Council (IFC). The old, vindictive president has finished his term, and the Penn State Administration will provide oversight to a group that was wielding far too much personal power over our chapter and others. I personally think this is a good thing, especially considering the way we have been treated by IFC in the recent past.

I look forward to keeping our house a welcome home to alumni and actives alike, as it was this year for the first time in many years. I understand that this position is elected by the PA-AZ Corporation, and therefore I thank you for the opportunity to help here in State College. ■

Improvements at SAE: Progress Made on Many Fronts

The active chapter answered the call to action this fall. Most of us spent our senior year in the chapter house taking it easy and enjoying ourselves. Taking it easy was not an agenda item for these young men. They are to be commended for their zealous effort to rejuvenate our chapter to the greatness we expect. They live in a difficult environment, with few financial resources, an inter-fraternity council that has been out of control, a poor public image, and intense alumni pressure to improve the appearance of the chapter house, with the expectation to attract exceptional new men. I applaud their efforts and am proud to be associated with them as brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

As indicated by the articles written here by the actives, they have enjoyed new alumni financial support recently. Unfortunately their financial status is still grave, considering they will only have ten active members living in the chapter house in the spring. However, they currently have 19 pledges that will become new members early in the spring semester. Assuming they can put together another stellar Rush, the chapter house will be viable in terms of active membership for the fall semester of '04.

The Penn State Greek Life Advisor, Scott Phelan, has resigned stating personal reasons relating to his position at Penn State. The Student Affairs department intends to increase their oversight of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC). We find this to be a step in the right direction for the fraternity system at Penn State. We have also joined an alumni coalition consisting of many fraternity alumni boards. The long-term goal is for the coalition to partner with Penn State in oversight of the IFC. This is to prevent

students from using the IFC to affect personal conflicts, as was the case recently with our chapter.

The active chapter and corporation board are implementing other plans, including new philanthropy and public relations activities within the State College community. Kerry Small is continually in contact with the Borough Administration to encourage a working relationship between the chapter, law enforcement and legislators. We have initiated an alumni mentor program for each new pledge. If you are interested in being a mentor, please contact me before the next semester begins.

Most of the alumni that visited the house during the fall were impressed with the condition of the chapter house. Completed renovations included painting the external window trim; pressure washing the external structure; reconstruction of the pillars; replacement of LEO and REX (they were stolen), painting of the Great Hall, Club Room and Dining Room; refinishing of the hard wood floors; repair of the Great Hall Stairs and railing; and new solid wood doors and metal frames for the rooms. The kitchen, head and ladies head remain in good condition following renovation. We are in the process of replacing the dining room chairs, and the actives intend to have sit-down dinners at least twice a week.

Renovations will progress going forward. We request that you continue to support the work that is necessary to repair our chapter house. Only 65% of pledges to the Building Upon a Proud Tradition capital campaign have been collected. If you have pledged to support the campaign, please honor that pledge and help rebuild our chapter house. If you have any questions relating to the campaign, please contact me at any time at colburn1@alltel.net. ■

(Director of News & Media Relations) 14 years ago. Shirley and I have six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

D. Scott Charlton '60

I have been a stockbroker for 35 years and am looking forward to retirement (I think).

John C. Ehmman '60

Becky and I moved to Grasonville, MD in November of 2002 to be near the Chesapeake Bay. Becky is retired from Continental Airlines, and I am still working as Senior V.P. for Gusmer Cellulo, providing materials and equipment to the brewing industry. In the sailing season, we spend our free time on our sailboat, "Summer Place."

John and Sandy Young '61 are my dock mates. We wish the reinstated chapter every success.

Ronal W. Smith '61

(460 Gills Neck Rd., Lewes, DE 19958; ronal@dca.net) Greetings. I am having a great time in semi-retirement. Work consists of being a member of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (one of eight regional fishery management councils that manage US fisheries from three to 200 miles off our coastlines). I also do some flight instructing, primarily in seaplanes (really a hoot). I flew to southwest Texas in January for a look at Big Bend National Park. I just got back from a meeting/vacation in the US Virgin Islands. Snorkeling and sailing was great. I am going for an extended visit to the US northwest during the late summer. I am trying to live life as large as possible, since it is running out.

Thomas W. Landes '62

I retired from Merrill Lynch and am doing housing rehab and translation facilitation. Also, I was First Mate on a sailing trip from Newport RI to the Bahamas. Peggy passed away over a year ago from cancer. I am having fun, enjoying life and moved to my beach house; no more Manhattan. I would love to hear from anyone.

Charles F. Stender '62

Our son, Matt, is a fifth year senior at UCLA and a member of SAE's California Delta chapter. He expects to graduate in June with a degree in aerospace engineering and a commission in the Navy.

James L. Lovejoy '63

We had a great time at **Marty Strayer's '64** son's wedding in Brighton, England, this summer. Lots of SAE's attended.

Peter H. Craig '66

Thanks for the great newsletter and update. Keep communicating with us.

Ed Konrad '68,

(4784 Deer Run, Kennesaw, GA 30152, edkon6@aol.com) I have my own consulting business, doing sales training and consulting for clients such as IBM, IBM business partners and GE. I retired from IBM in 1999 after a thirty-two year career. My wife Aija (Chi Omega and SAE Little Sister) and I enjoy traveling, gardening, boating, and most of all being with our two granddaughters. We've lived in Atlanta for 16 years. We would like to visit Penn State in near future. It's been awhile. When will the house be open?

Terry L. Singer '68

I am writing to ask that you print a very important correction. In the last issue of the *Rancher*, my update invited brothers to come to Louisville to see the Wildcat basketball team. Now, it is always possible that I was under the influence and wrote that, but I cannot believe it. The University of Louisville teams are the Cardinals. The dreaded University of Kentucky is the Wildcats. It must have been an editing error! A retraction or correction is in order, before I am tarred and feathered here in Louisville.

Affinity Connection apologizes for the error made in the last newsletter regarding the University of Louisville Cardinals in Terry's alumni update. We hope you, his brothers, were not too tough on him and did not come after Terry with tar and feather. Furthermore, we appreciate Terry's understanding and good sense of humor regarding the error.

David W. Swigler '69

I have two kids - one a graduate of UNC and one in college at the University of Florida. I am still playing with cars and bikes. Where is **Steve Schmidt '70**?

G. Robert Brinley '70

My son, Zach, and I have just launched our own family brand of rum in NY, NJ and PA. Brinley Gold Vanilla Rum is blended in our

distillery on the island of St. Kitts in the Caribbean. We recently spoke to Penn State marketing classes and held tastings at popular bars over the Homecoming weekend.

Franklin E. Hopkins '70

Eileen and I have now lived in northern Virginia for 13 years. Our son, Frank Jr., graduated from UVA two years ago and works for Accenture. Our daughter, Kristen, is a senior at Penn State (a Chi O like her mother and friends). I have renewed my love of college football and go to all of the PSU football games (tough season this year, so far). It's great to see the ranch reopened and I'm impressed with the current brothers at the house.

Eugene D. O'Kelly '72

I became CEO & Chairman of KPMG in May 2002.

David H. Geisinger '73

I have been married for 30 years to Joey. Our son, Justin, is captain of the Vanderbilt football team. He is 6'4", 328 pounds, left tackle, and on some pre-season All-SEC lists. Daughter, Jessica, is a corporate sales manager at McCormack Place Hyatt in Chicago. I have lived in Mt. Lebanon, PA for 21 years or can be found at our home on the lake at Deep Creek Lake, MD.

John J. Griffith Jr. '74

I just moved to Tampa for a change of pace after selling my company. Please stay in touch.

Stuart A. Williams '75

I have five children, three girls and two boys. The oldest son is a freshman at Dartmouth. I am general manager of a limited partnership controlling Washington Wild Things minor league baseball team and stadium in Washington, PA. My wife, Francine, is also a lawyer. I would like to hear from pledge class members.

Geoffrey H. Osborne '76

My son, J. B., just graduated from Cornell and started work at Saatchi & Saatchi advertising agency in New York. My daughter, Jenny, is a sophomore at Cornell, is a Theta and plays on the polo team. My wife, Janene, with sister of Minerva, and I are adjusting to empty nest conditions - still have not seen any slow down in life.

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Jeff Hembrock '78

I am currently director of corporate strategy for Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee. With my wife, Karin, we have started an import company and now have three retail locations, see us online at From-Afar.com. This keeps us traveling around the world in search of treasure. We have two daughters, one sweet 12-year-old and one 18-year-old teenager (need I say more). I am currently in year four of a projected eight-year project to renovate our historic home built in 1899. Call if you are nearby and I will buy you a Miller. My work number is 414-931-2143.

Richard L. Kepler '79

My wife, Paige, and I welcomed our fourth (and final) child on June 4, 2003. We have Autumn (11), Jordan (9), Eden (5) and Kaylen (4 months). I was the Headmaster the previous two years at Kennebunk Christian Academy in Kennebunk, Maine. I am now the Headmaster of our brand new school, The Christian Academy of Maine, in Scarborough, Maine. We had a summer of a lifetime by meeting President Bush on the 4th of July at the fireworks and spending about 15 minutes with him at his private yacht club. We then went to Fenway Park to see the Boston Red Sox play. My father coached Ted Williams and Johnny Pesky during WWII. Mr. Pesky had us, as guests, come into the Red Sox locker room and meet the players all, on my son Jordan's 9th birthday. We had an unfortunate experience in September when we learned of my brother, **John's** ('65) death. Our family was very appreciative of the SAE representatives sent to the service in State College, PA. God bless you.

John Weidman '79

I am married to a fellow Penn Stater, Pam (Krotec) Weidman, and have three kids, Gavin (6), Owen (2) and Ashlyn (8 months). I currently work for the public accounting firm of Brown Schultz Sheridan Fritz located in Camp Hill, PA. My family and I live in the Jacobs Creek development in Hershey. I still have my PSU season tickets and go to a game every year with **Mike Pillion '81** and several other old Penn State friends. We always love our return trips to Happy Valley.

H. Kevin Bressler '83

We recently had a mini-reunion/golf outing since **Jeff Malehorn '83** was visiting the states from his home in Japan. I also

wanted to write a quick note to the house thanking them for their hospitality. It has been a long time since I have been able to write those words! I graduated in 1983, and for the last 5-10 years have not been happy with the house during visits. This past homecoming I went up with fellow pledge brother **Dan Morris '84**, and saw the house returning to its old HUH form. I spent some time with the EA Josh Macuga, and was impressed with how he and the other actives have handled getting the house up and running after being closed for over a year. I would strongly encourage any alumni that had a similar bad experience over the last decade to give the house a second chance! They not only need your personal presence, but your financial support as well.

Thomas J. Ryglinski '86

I survived the dotcom era and I am now starting a new career in real estate. Contact me if you are in the San Francisco area. Please say a special thanks to **Kerry Small '87** for helping to rebuild the chapter.

Todd R. McGarity '91

My new son, Jack Robert McGarity, was born July 14, 2003. I also have a new job as V.P. of sales with Van Hoffmann Corp.

Larry Barrett '92

(163 Hayes St., Seattle, WA 98019; lb@amazon.com)
Sarah and I have two kids, Madison (3.5) and Christian (1.5). We've been in Seattle for the past six years, where I've been working at Amazon.com.

D. Austin Morrow IV '92

I just started a new job with Pfizer as an account executive and was able to spend a weekend with **Doug Beatty '89** and his family while training in Philly. I still live in Cleveland and my new email address is austinmorrow@ameritech.net.

Siegfried G. Behrens '93

I spent some quality time with brothers **Kurt Springs '94**, **Charlie Knight '94** and **Josh Ritti '95** at a wedding of our mutual friend Chris Appleton in Healdsburg, CA (Sonoma). All had good times, and Charlie and I reminisced about some good old-fashioned SAE AZ traditions like the infamous "tea parties." I would also like to say Phi Alpha to all the "Ragers" out there.

James P. McCaffrey '94

I recently relocated from Chicago to Pittsburgh, PA with Planco Financial Services. I often run into **Austin Morrow '92** in Cleveland, OH. Every year at our annual Pinehurst golf outing I see **Chris Martha '94** and **Chris Stoudt '93**.

Carl Joseph Witte '95

Joe Parker '92 just had his second daughter. **Chris Stoudt '93** and his wife are expecting any day. **Rich Peters '94** and his wife just closed on a house in Wyomissing, PA. My wife and I are close to closing on a new home in Washington Crossing, PA.

Joe Witte has been transferred to the 976th Transport Company for Mobilization. Your brothers wish you good luck and a safe return.

Brian J. Rolli '98

On July 4, 2003, I married Laruena Lettow (PSU '98) in a ceremony held at the Chapel at St. George's School in Newport, RI. In attendance from the brotherhood were former roommate **Jerry Needel '98**, **Eric Braz '01**, **David Briggs '98**, **Zach Brinley '00** and **James Pollaci '00**. I am currently working in the Leveraged Finance group at Citigroup, where I have been plugging away since graduating nearly five years ago, underwriting high yield bonds and leveraged bank loans. I am happy to see the house back in good working order and plan to make a trip up there this fall. Larena and I are living in NYC and would enjoy hearing from all of you. We can be easily reached at bigcity@nyc.rr.com. ■

Chapter Eternal

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

John E. Barr '41 (7/02)
Harry T. Bauerle, Jr. '38 (4/1/02)
George F. Billman '33 (8/01)
Thomas W. Brown '38 (10/24/02)
William J. Frank, Jr. '41 (7/18/02)
Ralph B. Harper '35 (6/13/03)
James H. Kramer '42 (6/22/03)
Jay W. Myers '49 (2/26/02)

Sigma Alpha Epsilon mourns their passing and extends sincere condolences to their families and friends.

Rush Candidate

Recommendations



Potential member's name _____

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