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April 25

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IFC

Congratulations to former Chapter President **Luke Pierce**, who was elected as IFC president by a landslide vote of 33-8. Visit www.saepsu.com to read the full story. Congratulations Luke!



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CHAPTER ADVISOR UPDATE

Encouraging Accountability and Strengthening the House

Undergraduate Members Interviewed by National and Chapter Alumni to Improve Fiscal and Behavioral Accountability

By Kerry Small SUDS '87, Chapter Advisor

I hope that 2009 finds you happy, healthy and prosperous.

In the fall of 2008, the brothers, the House Corporation and Chapter Advisory Group felt that the house was making progress towards its goals. In response to the request of some brothers about fiscal and behavioral accountability, representatives from National and our chapter's alumni base came back to interview every brother in the house. The process was designed to encourage accountability and strengthen the house.

As a result, a few brothers were sanctioned for poor grades, financial delinquency and behavioral issues. The brothers are taking this experience and using

it to help work on internal accountability, something important for the overall success of the chapter. In the end, the result of the review is that the chapter is strong and is continuing its tradition of excellence.

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Elsewhere in this issue of *The Rancher* you will see what the brothers have been doing and what they have planned for the spring. I encourage you to come back to the house and meet the brothers.

Chance Encounters

By Duncan Schofield '67

"Nancy and I were enjoying an afternoon refreshment in an otherwise empty open air bistro in San Antonio, Texas when I noticed a gentleman wearing a Penn State baseball cap talking to the hostess. When he and his wife came in, I hollered that I was a Penn State grad too. After introducing ourselves and talking about Joe Pa and other Penn State trivia, Pete asked me where I had lived while in school. After recovering from the amazing shock that we were both Alpha-Zeta alumni, we had a great time talking about brothers we both knew (Sepp, Seybold, Moellenbrock, Anderson, et al), Mrs. Niesley, Mack, and on and on. We spent a great afternoon in San Antonio. What a terrific way to celebrate the bonds of SAE."



Duncan Schofield '67 (left) with wife Nancy (Bristol) Schofield (nee Bristol) enjoyed a chance meeting with Jan (Buck) Carpenter and **Pete Carpenter '62** (right) in San Antonio.

CHAPTER REPORT

Thirty-Eight SAEs End Fall 2008 Semester with Successful Community Service Events and Alumni Relations

SAE House Ranked Second in Holiday Lights Tour

By Brandon Shemtob, Eminent Archon

The fall semester was truly a blast. With 38 SAEs all living under the same roof on Beaver Avenue, it would be hard to expect much less.

The first major event of the year was Homecoming weekend. Not only did Penn State finally take care of the Michigan Wolverines, but the Phi Alpha Open was also a major success. The weekend was filled with cocktail parties and time for the

actives to get to know a lot of the alumni who made it to town for the weekend. It was a fun time for everyone involved.

On a community service note, the house was very active. We hosted both the Bob Perks Foundation annual tailgate and a wing fest. Also the house finished in second place in both the holiday lights tour and the Greek Sing Competition. Lastly, the house changed over its leadership as the

calendar year came to a close.

Our new executive committee, listed on page 1, has many aspirations for the upcoming year. A major one is to try and get the alumni from all past years reconnected with the house and to attend some of the wonderful events that we have planned. I personally want to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year and Phi Alpha.

THE RANCH

BEARS Pledge Class Project Increases Brotherhood Activity in the G-Hall Area Thanks to 50-Inch TV

New Furniture and Rug Additions Donated to the Club Room and Great Hall

Hopefully, if you have been at the house recently you have noticed some of the improvements of the condition of the house. There have been some new additions and improvements, especially on the first floor. The BEARS pledge class project resulted in the purchase of a new 50-inch television encased in a wooden box in the club room. This has greatly increased the amount of brotherhood activity in the G-hall area that had been lost. Additionally,

there are new couches and rugs in the club room and Great Hall which were generously donated by Brother **Kerry Small '87**. Finally, as a brother and pledge collaboration the second floor was painted and is looking great.

On a not-so-positive note, there is some significant room for improvement when it comes to the main physical structure of the house. The area I would like to briefly touch on is the masonry and

the condition of the floors. The masonry work along some parts of Beaver Ave. and Minerva's walkway are beginning to significantly erode and deteriorate. Lastly, even with our continued preservation efforts, the conditions of the wood floors are significantly deteriorating.

See **Joe Witte's** report on page 4 for more information on plans for future renovations of the Ranch.

SAE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Undergraduate Brother Learns the Best of SAE Aboard Cruise Ship

Scott Fellmeth was the lucky Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta brother who attended SAE's 2008 Leadership School...which happened to be a Caribbean cruise to Cozumel, Mexico! Visit www.saepsu.com to read his full story. Here is an excerpt from his experience...

I have to admit, I was a little hesitant to go to Leadership School because I was the only brother from Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta who was able to attend. But the moment that I stepped on to the boat it was like I stepped into our chapter house.

Immediately I made friends with my roommate and his brothers – all from DePaul University in Chicago - as well as some brothers from Southern Mississippi, South Carolina, Idaho, and Michigan.

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"Chapter" meetings were a great way to learn different ideas from SAEs from all

across the county, and how they do things in their chapters. Chapter was by far the most informative part of Leadership School. Every night nearly 800 SAEs sat down for a coat-and-tie dinner in the dining room on the boat, and before every dinner the choir sang the SAE Grace.

Leadership School (and the four-day cruise) was a great learning experience, and I was very happy that I attended. The opportunity to meet other SAEs, both active and alumni, from around the realm was incredible and unforgettable experience.

GIVING BACK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Honor Roll of Pledges

The following alumni have made commitments to our *Giving Back* Capital Campaign.
Add your name to the list by making a pledge online at www.saepsu.com.

The Mid-Century Club (\$10,000 - \$24,999)

Joseph Naggar 1992

Leo and Rex's Lion Club (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Charles Herlocher 1960
Harry Hill III 1970
Captain Bruce Corbett 1975
Edward Foley 1975
Adolph Fellmeth III 1976
Thomas Ruff 1977

Pierre's Moose Club (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Robert Heiser 1988

SAE Supporter (Up to \$2,499)

Walter Bagnall 1947
William Miller III 1950
John Weaver 1951
Edward Shihadeh 1952
Jackson Wilson Jr. 1953
J. Robert Chamberlain 1954
Albert Brahm 1957
Richard Angell Jr. 1958
Dr. John Kubert 1960

Guy Pierce III 1961
John C. Young 1961
Richard Miller 1962
Ronald W. Smith 1962
Charles Stender 1962
Robert Carson II 1963
John E. Gander 1963
James L. Lovejoy 1963
Dr. Terry L. Singer 1968
Stephen Cummings 1974
D. Scott Mitchell 1974
Richard Russell 1974
Robert Megargel 1976
Tim McAvoy 1980
H. Kevin Bressler 1983
Gregory Edwards 1991
Todd McGarity 1991
Kurt Springs 1993
Christopher Stoudt 1993
D. Bradley Patt 1994
Danon Robinson 1994
James Galvanek Jr. 1995
Joshua Ritti 1995
William Sutch III 1995
Jerry Needel 1998
Brian Rolli 1998

Anthony Abdalla 1999
Raymond Childs 1999
Eric Braz 2001
J. David Dinunzio 2002
Ryan Stasko Estate 2003
Robert Busey Jr.
Charles M. Gerdes
Calvin Swayze Jr.
Greg Thompson

Reflects pledges made as of January 23, 2009.

In our *Giving Back* campaign, we are going beyond our typical, "Give us some money" annual email or letter. The challenges that face the house require the commitment and continued involvement of all of our alumni. There are significant improvements that the house requires; legally, structurally and aesthetically. With the continued support of our active alumni, as well as a reconnection with those whom have been distanced from the brotherhood, we can together reach our goal, and return SAE to what it once was. More information is available at www.saepsu.com.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'40s

Walter Bagnall '47

(1722 NW 195th Street, Seattle, WA 98177) I was so sorry to learn of **Tony Murdock's** death. He was a wonderful young man and a credit to SAE. Although I haven't seen him since I left State College in 1947, I have fond memories of him.

'50s

Steven Jordan '57

(160 Connemara Rd., Roswell, GA 30075-4883; jordansa@mindspring.com) I served three years as an officer in the US Navy, and also worked for IBM Corp. in sales,

sales management, marketing management, sales school management and many other jobs. I started investing in real estate in 1975 and made that my full-time job after retiring from IBM in 1991.

'60s

Pete Carpenter '62

(33519 North 73rd Pl, Scottsdale, AZ 85266-4277; petejan@cox.net) So you don't think, as a pledge, it pays to memorize full names of brothers? Recently, I received a phone call from Brother **Peter Dully** on the east coast who had been thinking of my full name and decided to give me a call. It was a delightful call, and Peter was able to bring me up to date on

brothers of our era (news travels slow to the Southwest). I hadn't spoken with Peter since 1962 when I graduated. Thanks Peter for reminding me again of the strength and wonder of SAE Brotherhood.

Robert Carson II '63

(905 Greenleigh Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212-1602; robert.f.carson@ampf.com) I am still working as a financial advisor for Ameriprise Financial. Robin and I have four grandchildren in the Annapolis/Baltimore area which we enjoy very much. With my flexible work schedule, I make sure I find time to play golf and we enjoy some traveling.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

More than \$100,000 Pledged to *Giving Back* Campaign

Help SAE to Continue Standing as a Penn State Icon for the Next 100 Years

By Joe Witte '95

It was great to be back in Happy Valley for an amazing Homecoming weekend of friends, football and The Ranch! For those of you that couldn't pull yourselves away from mowing your lawn or you had an important business trip discussing exciting things like mutual funds or preparing for litigation (you know who you are!), some of us SAE alumni, old and young, enjoyed a gorgeous day at StoneTree Golf Course (the round was graciously donated by my friend and fellow alumnus, **Danon Robinson '94**). This is a course you HAVE TO PLAY next time you are in town.

The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon were extremely hospitable and put together two great cocktail parties and a fantastic pregame warm up. And man, was it great to watch PSU finally beat up on the Wolverines!

I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with many of the actives who are working hard to carry on the SAE legacy. They are working

hard to make improvements in the house and reach out to all of us old guys to improve alumni relations. The Ranch, while well cleaned, is showing significant signs of deterioration after nearly 85 years of residence. The hardwood floors need to be replaced and the stonework needs major repair. Our actives are clearly maintaining SAE's status as one of the elite fraternities on campus; however, we need to support these young men by donating to our historical landmark, and guiding them to become future leaders of our country and keepers of our traditions.

At this stage, we've had over \$100,000 pledged to our *Giving Back* campaign, and more than \$50,000 collected within the last year. This is a great testament to our fantastic network of alumni. However, I know we can do better. We want our house to continue to stand as an icon of Penn State for another 100 years. In order to do so, we need your help.



Please donate today at www.saepsu.com or send a check to:

SAE PSU Capital Campaign
Capital Campaign Processing Center
PO Box 7007
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

If you have any questions or would like to support Alpha-Zeta in any other way, please feel free to call me on my cell at 215-359-8898 or email me at joe@logodesignguru.com.

These Alpha-Zeta alumni met through a chance encounter more than 40 years since their graduation from Penn State...and hundreds of miles from campus. See page 1 for their story.



SAE Needs YOUR Help to Continue Standing as a Penn State Icon for the Next 100 Years...See Inside This Issue of The Rancher for Details!

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