

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Class of 1961, '62 and '63 Reunion

Join the Class of 1962 for their 50th reunion on June 1 & 2, 2012- And the classes of 1961 & '63 are invited too!

**Tom Landes '62** is working with **Jack Ehmann '60** and **Jack Kupert '60** to try and organize our June reunion.

### Homecoming October 6

Penn State vs. Northwestern

Find full details soon at [www.sae PSU.com](http://www.sae PSU.com).

## 2012 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

|          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| Sept. 1  | Ohio U        |
| Sept. 8  | at Virginia   |
| Sept. 15 | Navy          |
| Sept. 22 | Temple        |
| Sept. 29 | at Illinois   |
| Oct. 6   | Northwestern* |
| Oct. 13  | Open          |
| Oct. 20  | at Iowa       |
| Oct. 27  | Ohio State    |
| Nov. 3   | at Purdue     |
| Nov. 10  | at Nebraska   |
| Nov. 17  | Indiana       |
| Nov. 24  | Wisconsin     |

\*Homecoming

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## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### Annual Fund Giving Just Short of Goal

We're pleased to announce that thanks to the support of brothers like you, the balance in our annual fund is \$10,401. That's the highest it's been since 2006-2007! However, these donations are coming from just 68 of our over 800 active alumni members. We rely on your contributions to publish *The Rancher* and to continue to support the house and our alumni communications program. These 68 brothers can't do it alone. Our annual fund goal of \$13,080 is well within reach, and with the support of a few additional brothers, there is no reason we can't surpass this goal. Our greatest thanks to those brothers who have already donated! (See the complete list of donors on page 4 of this newsletter). If you have not

already made a gift, please consider joining your brothers by visiting [www.sae PSU.edu](http://www.sae PSU.edu) or by calling 800-975-669 and making a gift today.

2011-2012  
Annual Fund  
Goal:  
**\$13,080**

Year to Date:  
**\$10,401**



## UNDERGRADUATE REPORT

### SAE Highlights New Pledge Class, THON and Academics

By Kevin Sunyak '14, Phi Alpha Eminent Archon

Spring semester of 2012 has been highlighted by a new seven-member pledge class, raising \$120,939 for THON, renovating the basement and the first floor, and receiving the Chapter of Excellence award from the IFC. After having 27 pledges in the fall semester, we decided to reduce the amount of bids we extended in the spring. We extended eight bids, and seven of them were accepted. They are still pledging but will be done soon.

THON is the highlight of many organization's spring semesters each year, and this year was no different. After losing a canning weekend due to weather, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Pi Beta Phi still raised over \$120,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund. We had four people dance for the event (**Joe Reichwein, Kyle Middleton, Matt Burckhardt** and **Dave Ross**), and they all managed to last the 46 hours required for dancers. This past semester, the chapter house has completed some

renovations thanks to the help of the alumni. The basement had new baseboards installed, new basement furniture was acquired for use during social functions, and new light fixtures are being installed on the first floor. During the second week of March, we found out that we received Chapter of Excellence status for 2011 thanks to all the hard work of 'The Past EA,' **Vinny Lizza**.

The chapter continues to excel academically; the 2011 fall semester house cumulative GPA was 3.24 and was fifth when ranked against all other fraternities. Many members are also involved in other organizations including the Nittany Lion Fund, ROTC, UPUA (University Park Undergraduate Association), and the Engineering Society among other things. We continue to be true gentlemen and are true to the principles Sigma Alpha Epsilon was founded on.

## SAE Brother Elected as New IFC President

Thank you to **Vinnie Lizza '13**, a junior majoring in Energy, Business, and Finance with a minor in Economics, for participating in this Q&A. Vinnie was the Eminent Archon for the 2011 calendar year and recently began his term as the 2012 IFC president.

**Why did you join SAE?** I pledged SAE in the fall of my freshman year, 2009. I decided to pledge for two reasons: the tight brotherhood I sensed from the active brothers when they greeted myself and some of my pledge brothers from the first moment we entered the house, and the condition of the house when I first visited it.

**What is your best SAE memory so far?** Being able to live in the house for two years

has been a great memory that I know I will reflect upon years after I graduate, especially when I come back to visit the house and the current actives. If I had to narrow my favorite memory down, I would have to say our annual Paddy Murphy formal from the winter of 2010 may be the most vivid experience I have had thus far at "the Ranch."

**What motivated you to run for President of IFC?** My motivation for running and being elected IFC president was mainly an internal debate on how much responsibility and time I wanted to give back to Greek life at Penn State. When I weighed my options, I saw that I had some good ideas, I felt, compared with some of the other candidates that wanted to run. So it only made sense to go after this position wholeheartedly and with no reserva-

tions. I did not want to see the IFC take a turn in the wrong direction after the great work the previous exec board put in.

**What has been the best part of your SAE experience so far?** Our alumni base and the networking opportunities they provide us is definitely one of the best parts of being a part of SAE at Penn State. One thing my exec board did very well was communicate with our housing corporation and try to include the alumni in as many events as possible. We want the alumni to come back and visit the actives, whether they are from 2009 or from 1960. Every alumnus is just as much as vital asset to the Ranch surviving and thriving as any active brother in the house. I would like to see as many alumni return to the chapter house at least once per year, if not more.

## ON THE WEB

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Battling Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia and competing in an Ironman triathlon are two extremely difficult feats in themselves, and doing both of them? That's downright extraordinary. But that's exactly what **James Galvanek Jr. '95** did. Galvanek has taken cancer survival to new heights, not just through his athletic achievements, but also through his work to help other cancer survivors via his fundraising and website, [www.dzim.org](http://www.dzim.org). Galvanek's defiance of the odds, by his own admission, has led him to a higher purpose in his life, and he is now happy to announce the release of his new book 'The Ironman's Guide to Cancer Survival.' This announcement only certifies his commitment to getting his unique and powerful message out to as many people as possible, be they cancer survivors themselves, friends or family members of survivors, fellow athletes, or those who just want to be inspired.

For more information on 'The Ironman's Guide to Cancer Survival' book release visit [www.dayzerotoironman.org](http://www.dayzerotoironman.org), and to reconnect with James send him an email at [galvanek@hotmail.com](mailto:galvanek@hotmail.com)!

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



Thank you to **Thomas Chaffee '81** for sharing this photo on our web site.

The caption reads: Just another tailgate with Moose, Chuck, Chaff, Bowen and No Jack.

Share the best photos from YOUR era in the online albums at [www.saepsu.com](http://www.saepsu.com).

## A Family Affair: Father and Son are Also Brothers

Father and son **Bob '70** and **Zach Brinley '00** have shared many experiences over the course of their lifetimes. They are both alumni of SAE at Penn State, both held a top position during their undergrad years, with Zach as Eminent Archon and Bob as Eminent Treasurer, and now they own and operate a popular rum business together.

Among the many similarities of their experiences, the pride they feel in SAE permeates through both of them. Bob is proud to be a part of such a prominent fraternity filled with members of good character and personality. It's because of this pride that Bob brought Zach to the house as a child, something that had an influence on Zach's decision to join.

Although his father's membership wasn't the only reason Zach decided to join SAE, seeing his father's barn picture on the wall in the house definitely affected Zach's decision during rush. Of course the quality of the brotherhood was a deciding factor for Zach as well, much as it was for Bob 30 years earlier.

One moment in particular that Zach remembers is the first time he parked his car in the SAE parking lot as a sophomore moving into the house. "I remember the feeling I had moving into the SAE house for the first time as a sophomore with three years of SAE and Penn State in front of me and my best friends to enjoy it with," reminisces Zach.

Bob has also developed many memorable moments with SAE over the years. One that sticks out is the night he was initiated into the brotherhood. "When you're young and impressionable, it's one of those awe-inspiring moments, it's a great feeling," he says, describing initiation night.

The good times didn't end at graduation for these two; Bob has enjoyed visiting the SAE house for over 40 years now since his graduation from Penn State, especially while Zach lived in the house. Because of his relation to Zach, Bob had the opportunity to see more than the average alumni, something special to him. "Having a place where you'll be welcomed with open arms when you visit Penn State, SAE is like a home you'll always have," is what makes Zach's alumni experience worthwhile.

While it's clear that Zach and Bob have enough great shared SAE memories to spend many an evening discussing, they also have some notable differences in their Penn State experiences. Bob and his wife Maryann, an SAE little sister, started college during Joe Paterno's first season as head coach and attended his inaugural game as head coach.

Zach is proud of his opportunity to dance in THON 2000 and that he lasted all 48 hours as an individual, but he is more proud that as a THON chair for SAE, he was able to lead SAE to work with Pi Beta Phi sorority and their sponsor child Chelsea Dalton to raise around \$150,000 in one year.

After graduation, the father son pair that has shared so many college memories and experiences, now share a business, as the two formed Brinley Gold Rum based out of St. Kitts together almost ten years ago. For many years, Bob ran a factory on St. Kitts producing electronic temperature sensors for all sorts of medical and industrial applications, including electric cars and he saw an opportunity open up when a family put their rum distillery on the island up for sale. Bob still owns

and heads up that company, Sensor Scientific Inc., as well as working with Zach for the rum company.

Seizing their chance to create a new product, the two teamed up and initially began producing flavored rum, but have enjoyed success with spiced rum as well. Brinley Gold Shipwreck Spiced Rum is made to be a nicer alternative to Captain Morgan. It is aged four years, flavored with natural vanilla and nutmeg and is much smoother than other Spiced Rums. Their rum can be found across the Caribbean and in parts of the United States including New Jersey, New York and even on store shelves in Pennsylvania.

After graduation, Bob and Maryann moved to New York City to work in accounting. Because it was the early '70s and keeping in touch wasn't as easy as it is today, Bob lost contact with many brothers not in the area, but remains connected with **Buzz Plesser** and **Frank Hopkins**.

Zach had an easier time staying in touch with SAE brothers after graduation, and remains connected to mostly **James Pollaci '00**, **Steve DeFilippis '02**, **Brian Jacobs '00**, **Chris Bush '01**, **Martin Hanhauser** and **Pete Stewart**.

Despite their busy schedule, Zach and Bob remain in touch with SAE and Penn State. They attended the Nebraska game together last season, hoping to see Joe Pa's last game as head coach and were disappointed at the news of his firing. Despite this setback, it was a bittersweet experience, with the emotions of the whole situation juxtaposing with the joy of another visit to the SAE house.

## SAE EVENTS

### Founders' Day 2012

Thank you to the brothers who joined together to celebrate our fraternity's founding at our Founders' Day Dinner on March 15th at Shula's 347 Grill at Philadelphia Marriott West.

Find more photos from the event at [www.saepsu.com](http://www.saepsu.com).

**In this photo (L to R): Kevin Bressler '83, Mark Frisina '82, Dan Morris '84 and Jeff Semmer '82.**



## 2011-2012 HONOR ROLL

Thank you to the following alumni who have contributed to our annual fund so far in our 2011-12 giving year.

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Stuart A. Williams 1975

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Donald W. Corbett 1978  
Jeff Hembrock 1978  
Mark S. Frisina 1982

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Robert L. Busey Jr.  
Charles M. Gerdes  
Jonathan H. Gates 1963

*Reflects gifts received as of April 17, 2012*

*Just another tailgate in the early '80s! Find more info on our photo archives on page 2.*



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