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IN MEMORY

We recently learned of the passing of the following brothers:

Michael McGoldrick

Robert Hartman Jr.

Alfred Goodyear III '49

J. Robert Chamberlain '54

SAE mourns their passing, and extends condolences to their family and friends.



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CHAPTER UPDATE

PA Alpha-Zeta Welcomes New Executive Board

By Kevin Sunyak, Outgoing Eminent Archon

I hope you all had a relaxing holiday break. As the holidays come to a close, so does my term as eminent archon. It has been a pleasure working with all of you throughout the past year. Your help and constant involvement with the house was very helpful. Thank you for the opportunity to get to know you, and I hope to continue to be a resource for the board and for the house.

I would like to congratulate John Maddox, who has been elected as our new eminent archon. I trust that he will continue to better the chapter in his own personal way, and I know that he will do a great job. John's contact information, along with that of our new executive board, is listed to the left. During the next few weeks, the current executive board will help them transition into their positions until we believe that they are up to speed.

Over the last year, our chapter has worked diligently to uphold the legacy of SAE and live by the creed of *The True Gentleman*. We are making an effort to downsize by recruiting smaller, higher-quality pledge classes. We had over 400 students rush our house. That's one-third of every IFC registered student. However, we only gave out 24 bids, and got 22 to accept.

This gives us one of the highest bid acceptance rates in the IFC. We currently have two legacies in the house: Greg Chaffe and Todd Rogers. Todd is the fifth son of all boys. All five attended PSU and all were in SAE!

Academically, PA Alpha-Zeta has also excelled. Our chapter is currently ranked seventh out of the 47 IFC chapters on campus. The chapter's average GPA has consistently improved each semester, and now sits at 3.29.

We continue to support THON and have already completed our canning trips. A mailing will go out in the next couple of weeks. We also had a charity event a few weekends ago that raised over \$1,500 for One Heart, a student-run organization that helps prevent child abuse.

I am immensely proud of our accomplishments. I also recognize that none of this would have been possible without support from our alumni. So much has happened on campus, but we never lost our spirit or pride. Thank you to all of the brothers who have stopped by the house. As always, we greatly appreciate your fellowship and loyalty!

Meet our new eminent archon and the other officers at www.saepsu.com.

Upcoming Events

Founders Day Dinner

3/14/2013

Dinner at the Conshohocken Marriott at 6 p.m.

111 Crawford Avenue, West Conshohocken, PA 19428

Golf Outing

4/6/2013

Toftrees Country Club

Find more information and register online at www.saepsu.com. Contact Scott Pierce (piercepilot@comcast.net) with questions.



CHAPTER HONORS

Do More, Be More - Mosely Zeal Returns Home

By Brother Raymond Szczotka PA A.Z. '69

A few years back, I visited the Ranch just to see how things were. As I walked through the house, I was taken aback by the deplorable conditions. I also discovered that there were people living there that had no affiliation with SAE. Needless to say, I was very saddened by the situation at *our* house.

As I was leaving, I noticed the Mosely Zeal Award, given to the chapter brotherhood for their remarkable achievement in 1970. The plaque, though marred and tarnished, meant a great deal to past and present brothers. I was concerned that this cherished memento would be lost or destroyed. Therefore, I took it upon myself to give John O. Mosely a new temporary home.

For two of the three years that I had lived at the house, I was fortunate to be the pledge trainer. My first assignment was the Pledge

Class of 1967. I feel impelled to tell you a story about this unique class of headstrong and passionate guys, and why they may have

The pledge class of 1967 "wanted to 'do' more, and 'be' more. They wanted to be challenged, so we challenged them to shoot for the stars..." - Brother Raymond Szczotka PA A.Z. '69

had a hand in winning the John O. Mosely Zeal Award. Unfazed by the pledge "work load" and constant verbal harassment from the brothers, this group of young men was unflappable. They had a mental fortitude and fearless attitude that was extraordinarily

refreshing. They wanted to "do" more, and "be" more. They wanted to be challenged, so we challenged them to shoot for the stars ... to shoot for the John O. Mosely Award. The pledges and brothers collectively laid out a plan: to raise the chapter GPA, commit to community and philanthropy service, harness as many IFC awards as possible, win fraternity leadership, homecoming and Greek week awards, and have a strong presence on the dean's list and honor roll. A mega task, but we all know the outcome!

I'm pleased to say, from what I have witnessed recently, the chapter has made a complete turnaround and has greatly improved on all facets of fraternity life. Therefore, cleaned, repaired and polished – Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta's award will be back where it belongs... at 200 E. Beaver Avenue.

ALUMNI Q&A

George Guiley '71 on Pledging and His Advice to His Daughter

Thank you to **George Guiley** for participating in this semester's alumni Q&A. George currently resides in the Pittsburgh area, and is still working in the banking business, helping business owners to obtain the financing they need in order to thrive.

Why did you join SAE?

I transferred to Penn State from West Chester after my freshman year. I looked at Lambda Chi, KDR, SAE, Fiji and several others. My first choice was SAE, but I didn't get a bid, so I pledged KDR. As pledging went on, it became apparent that KDR wasn't really the right house for me, so I de-pledged after 10 weeks.

Carmen Finestra '71 contacted me and asked me to return to SAE. Initially I was hesitant, since I had not received a bid previously. Carmen told me that, during the previous rush period, a mistake had been made by one of the brothers, that mistake had been clarified and rectified, and would I please come to dinner. I went to dinner and was greeted warmly by the brothers. I was from Camp Hill, went to church there, went to Cumberland Valley High School, shopped at Shenk and Tittle, and had played little league baseball in Camp Hill. In fact, one of the brothers, **Frank Hopkins**, and I had played

on the same team. With many of the brothers from the Harrisburg area, I felt at home. This time, I got a bid and joined the spring-term pledge class.

What advice would you give to a freshman?

Well, since my daughter is a current freshman, I told her to make sure she went to class, studied hard, made use of her breaks during the day to be productive and explore everything PSU has to offer. I know for me, it was the best three years of my life. I still get a warm, fuzzy feeling when I drive into State College, and I hope for my daughter, that it will be the best four years of her life.

George reports: "My younger daughter, Emily, is a freshman at University Park this year, living in Brumbaugh Hall in East Halls. She recently pledged Delta Gamma. I'd love it if she became a Little Sister of Minerva. My older

daughter, Elizabeth, is back in Pittsburgh after teaching for six years in Tampa and Indy. She is hoping to be admitted to PSU's MBA program next fall. If she gets in, I'll just wire my paycheck to the Bursar's Office."

Reconnect with George at coachg@consolidated.net.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Remembering Hank Cox '56

Steve Jordan '57 reminds us that your brothers often go beyond the call of duty to help you out: "I had traveled to Ohio for a date with my future wife, who attended Ohio Wesleyan. On returning via the train, I had to get from the train station back to PSU for an ROTC class. But I had no car and the bus schedule would make me miss the ROTC class. I called the house. Hank Cox answered the phone at 7 a.m. Despite the time, he drove over to the train station in Lewistown, picked me up and drove me back to the house so I could get in uniform and make the ROTC class. I can't thank Hank enough for helping me out."

Tell us about a brother who did something exceptional for you. Submit your story to content@affinityconnection.com. Mention SAE at PSU in your email.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Richard James '57

(2784 Autumn Chase Run, Annapolis, MD 21401-7249; djames221@verizon.net) After living in Pittsburgh for 40 years working primarily as a corporate and international banker for Mellon Bank, N.A., I retired from the workforce and moved to Annapolis, Md. in 2010 with my wife, Pat. It was in this city that I started my college career at the US Naval Academy before transferring to Penn State. I spent eight years in the active US Navy before resigning and attending Michigan State University, where I received an MBA in finance. I completed 13 years in the Naval Reserve and retired as a LCDR USNR.

I return to Penn State every year for one or two football games, and look forward to dropping by the SAE house to meet some of the active members. Two of our pledge brothers entered the eternal chapter this spring, so our numbers are shrinking.

Steve Jordan '57

(160 Connemara Rd., Roswell, GA 30075-4883; jordansa@mindspring.com) I retired from IBM in 1991 after 31+ years in the computer business. I had lots of fun at IBM, which paid me more money than I was worth. The work was always challenging. After 15 years on the west coast, we moved to Atlanta in 1974, and I started investing in residential real estate. Then when I retired in '91, I made real estate investing my full-time challenge. I bought and rehabbed over 75 houses that I then sold. While buying houses to rehab, I kept many houses that were "cash cows" as rental

properties, having as many as 35 at one time. I finally retired from the rehab business in 2001, so now I just manage the portfolio of rental houses and commercial property. Bunny and I have been married 55 years and we have three grown daughters and nine grandchildren.

Jay Smith '67

(4 Hillendale Rd., Perkasio, PA 18944-2368; jaysmith60@yahoo.com) I try to stay busy at home and around doing a variety of activities. I'm involved with my church by sitting on three committees and also teach Sunday school. I am on the board of a nonprofit as chairperson and corporation president involved with construction projects in Central America, and a rehab project here in the States. I bike a lot and ride in an organized effort to raise money for the National MS Society each year. I spent 10 days in Wisconsin this fall crewing for a friend that raced in the SCCA RunOffs (we did rather well). I putter around home with a 30-by-60 garden, where I fight with the rabbits and deer over the produce. This year, I am also busy preparing a house for sale. I enjoy tinkering with a couple of cars I've picked up, and go driving on sunny days. My greatest pleasure is spending time with the family, including the six grandchildren, who range in age from 6 to 18.

Tim McAvoy '80

(351 Drummers Ln., Phoenixville, PA 19460-5622; timmcavoy@mpainc.com) On a personal front, our oldest son, Tom, got married to a Scottish lass, Debbie, in Scotland on July 31, 2012. They are now living with

us in Phoenixville. In March 2012, I was inducted into the American Platform Tennis Association Hall of Fame.

Scott Moon '87

(266 W. Valley Rd., Wayne, PA 19087-2451; scottmoon@yahoo.com) I am still living in Wayne, Pa. with wife, Karen (KAP '86), and three kids: Harrison (16), Alex (14) and Tara (11). There's never a dull moment with teenagers and a new driver in the house. Like many of you, the Jerry Sandusky events make me want to support Penn State even more than ever. I value my experiences more today than ever before.

Christopher Colburn '94

(30 Winchester Rd., Lakewood, NY 14750-1734; ccolburn@stny.rr.com) I currently have three great kids: Lucy (7), Molly (3) and Jack (1). I'm a partner at Spectrum Eyecare and vice president of the New York State Optometric Association.

Gary McKnight '08

(1004 Sutter Rd., Glenshaw, PA 15116; mcknight.gary@gmail.com) I am currently living in Madison, WI and working as a pricing analyst for Epic, a healthcare software company. Becca and I are now engaged and plan to be married on August 17. We recently moved into our first house. I am a founding member and current treasurer for the Madison Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association.

ANNUAL FUND

Annual Fund Giving Just Short of Goal

Thank you to the following brothers who made a gift to PA Alpha-Zeta this year. Since our giving year started on Sept. 1, we've raised \$5,890 of the \$13,000 needed to support our programs and activities.

Your contributions help us to stay in touch with you more frequently, provide opportunities to reconnect, allow us to recruit quality men with excellent academic standards, and do more for our community.

If you haven't made a gift this year, please donate online at www.saepsu.com.

Gifts received as of January 21, 2013

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Kerry L. Small 1987
Scott Fellmeth 2010
Jeff Scypinski 2010

Other

Robert L. Busey Jr.
Jay D. Smith 1967

ALUMNI Q&A

Jay Rogers '07 on Churchill and True Leadership

Thanks to **Jay Rogers '07** for participating in this semester's alumni Q&A.

Why did you join SAE over other fraternities?

I could tell that this it was a house with a lot of tradition and pride. The house was in a unique situation when I was rushing, and I saw an opportunity to have an immediate impact on a great fraternity.

What is your most memorable undergrad moment?

Football Saturdays on the front lawn.

Tell us about a brother who was a mentor or went beyond the call of duty to help you.

Kerry Small '87 showed me how big of a difference one person can make. He is a big reason that SAE once again has a prominent role in Greek life at Penn State.

What's the best advice you've ever received, and from whom?

Winston Churchill once said, "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity. An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." I try to make sure that I fall onto the optimist side of this one.

What role does leadership play in a man's life?

Leadership is a term that is often used incorrectly. I think sometimes people view leadership as being in charge. The sign of a true leader is when people follow someone that they don't have to.

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IN YOUR WORDS

The Making of a Man

We asked several alumni to explain how SAE helped make them into the men they are today. This is what they said in their own words:

I learned about leadership and teamwork skills developed amongst a diverse, intelligent, strong-willed group of contemporaries.

– **Christopher Colburn '94**

The fraternity taught me responsibility, manners, hospitality and how to work with others better. The general atmosphere was on making you ready to be successful in your chosen field.

– **Steve Jordan '57**

SAE taught me to effectively work in a group.

– **Scott Moon '87**

I continue to try and live my life by the poem, The True Gentleman. I believe it was written by Sir John Walter Wayland. My favorite line in there is, "...and thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own."

– **Tim McAvoy '80**

SAE helped to instill a sense of responsibility and accountability that most college kids don't get to experience.

– **Jay Rogers '07**

So how did SAE help make you into the man you are today? Share your thoughts on our online message board at www.saepsu.com.

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