

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SAE Golf Outing**  
April 26-27, 2014

**'60s and '70s Reunion**  
June 27-29, 2014

Check [www.saepsu.com](http://www.saepsu.com) regularly for more details.

## HOMECOMING

Do you remember the old fashioned Homecoming celebrations of the past?

A tradition that dates back to 1904 at Penn State, Homecoming Weekend has seen a wide range of rituals including bonfires, floats, royalty, Greek lawn displays and open houses, parades, alumni get-togethers, wedding proposals, trips to the Creamery, pictures with the Nittany Lion statue and visits to the steps of Old Main.

We want to bring back some of these Homecoming traditions this coming fall at SAE if there is interest. Will you help us? We want your ideas of what would make this one of the best Homecoming celebrations in PA Alpha-Zeta history.

If you think this is a good idea for fall 2014 and would be willing to participate, please contact Brother **Matt Lorei '86** with your comments and ideas. Matt can be reached by e-mail at [mplorei@gmail.com](mailto:mplorei@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you!



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## HOUSE CORP. REPORT

### Join Us for Golf on April 26!

By **Scott Pierce '83, House Corporation President**  
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Last year's golf outing brought more than 60 brothers together for our Annual SAE Alumni Weekend and Golf Outing. Set against the beautiful backdrop of Toftrees Golf Resort, one of the premier golfing destinations in Central Pennsylvania, this year's golf weekend will surely be as unforgettable as those of previous years.

We will begin Saturday's schedule with an 11:00 a.m. lunch at Toftrees. At 12:30 p.m., our shotgun start will be in the format of a four-player scramble. All players will receive an exclusive SAE gift for participating. There will be on-course prizes for "closest to the pin" and "longest drive." Additionally, the top three teams will be awarded prizes that include golf equipment, golf balls, apparel and more. At 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening, we will all meet at The Ranch for a cocktail reception and dinner. The cost for the day (golf and dinner) is \$125.

A block of rooms is available at the Days Inn Penn State for approximately \$97 per night. Call (814) 238-8454 to book your reservation. Don't forget to reference our discount code, CGSAEU.

Be sure to log on to our website, [www.saepsu.com](http://www.saepsu.com), to register for the weekend's events. If you have any questions, please reach me at [piercepilot@comcast.net](mailto:piercepilot@comcast.net). Or call me at (215) 740-4076.

Hope to see you on April 26!



## FOUNDERS' DAY 2014

### Brothers Across the Generations Reconnect

It was a memorable evening with alumni representing a 50-year span of PA Alpha-Zeta brotherhood. Twenty-two brothers and wives met at Bar Lucca in Conshohocken, Pa., on Thursday, March 20, to celebrate our fraternity's founding and to enjoy a delicious family-style Italian dinner.

Ranging in graduation years from 1955 to 2005, brothers discussed Sigma Alpha Epsilon's recent decision to eliminate pledge-related programming.

Other topics of discussion included the upcoming golf outing, the June '60s-'70s reunion and last January's Marco Island reunion.

Thanks to all who attended. If you have photos from the evening that you would like to share, e-mail them to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com).



## STATE OF THE FRATERNITY

### SAE Bans Pledging ... We Want Your Opinion!

Earlier this month, Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) made a formal announcement that represents a significant shift in the way the fraternity approaches new-member policies and practices. The simple answer? Really, there will no longer be special policies and practices for new members. As stated in their official press release, "Effective March 9, 2014, new-member (pledge) programming will be eliminated completely from our operations, and the classification of new member (pledge) will no longer exist. All chapters and colonies will be required to implement this important change."

Is pledging becoming a thing of the

past? As the Greek community moves to strengthen its focus on leadership, scholarship and philanthropy, some are taking radical steps that will, they hope, change the culture of chapters from drinking clubs to ... well, something more than drinking clubs. In the case of SAE, the mission is to "protect Sigma Alpha Epsilon's future and to eliminate a class structure between our new members and our active members ... The new True Gentleman Experience will enhance the educational and leadership experience of our members and build upon their development during each year of their collegiate tenure."

Will it work? Certainly, there are pros

and cons. While it is presumed that hazing and other dangerous practices will be eliminated, will others take their place? And in the absence of pledging traditions that are part of the brotherhood-building process, how do chapters recruit new generations of brothers who are without these experiences?

Is this a good thing? We want your opinion. Log on to [www.saepsu.com](http://www.saepsu.com) to leave your comments.



## THON 2014

### PA Alpha-Zeta Brings in \$139,730 FOR THE KIDS!

It is a scene like none other. For those of you who have been part of THONs past, you know.

Where else can you go to experience the energy of a truly altruistic group of college students — complete with water pistols, balloons, games, plungers, hula hoops, crazy socks, line dances, pep rallies, inspirational speeches from some of Penn State's most notable personalities, incredibly choreographed performances and 46 hours of no sleep?

And it is all ... FOR THE KIDS ... to continue Penn State's 37-year tradition of saving children from the grip of pediatric cancer.

Thanks to our chapter's yearlong canning and fundraising efforts with Pi Beta



SAE brothers support their dancers from the stands of the Bryce Jordan Center.

Phi, we contributed \$139,730.31 toward Penn State's \$13,343,517.33 total that will be given to the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

On Saturday afternoon, Jay Paterno — former assistant football coach and son of Joe Paterno — paid a visit to the THON dancers. He summarized the impact of pediatric cancer in a very powerful way. "A couple of weeks ago, I was in Hershey and toured the children's hospital. The woman who runs the Four Diamonds Fund was asked what the survival rate was. She said, 'We save four out of every five children here.' I couldn't bear to be without one of my five kids. Think about that. That is why you are here ... because we are going to make it five out of every five ... Every year you do this, we are knocking at the door a little more and a little more. In the very near future, Penn State students are going to kick in that damn door."

As the crowd erupted in screams and applause, parents could be seen holding tightly to those THON children who have embraced the hearts of our Greek community at Penn State. It is the power of hope ... hope for one more day, week, month or year ... that our chapter is helping to give to families across the state. We are fortunate to be part of such a life-giving

effort at Penn State that does, in fact, redefine the possibilities.



SAE and Pi Phi dancers sit after 46 hours FOR THE KIDS!

Also speaking to the dancers was Penn State's newly appointed football coach, James Franklin. "Everybody thinks that what makes us special is the football stadium or the basketball arena. That has nothing to do with what makes us special. What makes us special is the people ... the people that understand we are part of something greater than just ourselves. We can make a difference in people's lives."

So, thank you to our dancers, brothers who stood by the dancers, captains, parents who attended, alumni who stopped by and to the entire THON organization for its incredible support. This is why ... WE ARE.

## ANNUAL FUND

### Making an Investment in Our Impressive Undergraduates ...

#### Can We Count on You?

In our upcoming eLetters, we will be featuring some of our graduating seniors ... an impressive group of active brothers. Stop for a moment and think about those alumni who supported our journey as undergraduates.

They saw something in us worth their time and donations — an investment worth making to ensure the development of new leaders, teachers, in-



novators, thinkers, husbands and fathers. Where do you stand today on your support of the next generation to step into the halls of 200 E. Beaver Ave.?

During our 2012-2013 giving year, our alumni corporation brought in \$14,892 from 93 alumni. Thank you to the 69 brothers who have given \$13,939 this year (names listed below). With less than five months to go in our giving year, we still have

work to go to reach our \$20,000 goal. Can we count on you to make a gift this year?

Please remember how important your support is, no matter what your giving level. To make a gift, go to our website, [www.saepsu.com](http://www.saepsu.com), and click "Donate" in the upper right-hand corner of the home page. You can also send a check to Sigma Alpha Epsilon Penn State, Alumni Relations Processing Center, P.O. Box 7007, Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007. Or you can call (800) 975-6699.

We look forward to hearing from you.

## 2013-14 HONOR ROLL

Thank you to those brothers\* below who have made a commitment to helping us meet our fundraising goals for the 2013-14 giving year. Their support allows us to maintain the undergraduate housing operation, sponsor events and maintain communications, such as *The Rancher* and [www.saepsu.com](http://www.saepsu.com), to keep all alumni informed and connected.

#### Minerva's Circle (\$1,000+)

Mason Walsh Jr. '57

#### Lion Club (\$500-\$999.99)

Clement B. Newbold Jr. '61  
Harry E. Hill III '70  
D. Scott Mitchell '74  
Charles W. Craven

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Charlie H. Ahrens  
Jack C. Ehmann '60  
William R. Robertson '61  
Vernon R. Morris Jr. '70  
Carmen J. Finestra '71  
Richard A. Russell '74  
Mark D. Christie '78  
Tim McAvoy '80  
H. Kevin Bressler '83  
Robert F. Heiser '88  
Timur J. Tunador '91  
Eric J. Braz '01

#### 200 Beaver Avenue Club (\$200-\$249.99)

W. Bruce Walsh '59  
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Thomas W. Landes '62  
Peter H. Craig '66  
Raymond R. Szczotka '69  
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Geoffrey H. Osborne '76  
Kenneth C. Schafer '77  
Jeff Hembrook '78  
Scott F. Pierce '83  
Grant E. Pickering '89  
Brant W. Smith '91

#### 1856 Founders Society (\$185.60)

Bruce B. Corbett '75  
Kevin M. Fischer '85

#### President's Club (\$100-\$185.59)

Miles O. Colwell Jr.

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Richard G. Angell Jr. '58  
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William J. Kirby '59  
James A. Penman Sr. '60  
John C. Young '61  
Ronald W. Smith '62  
Neil Anderson '64  
Glenn McCausland '64  
George A. Moellenbrock Jr. '4  
Terry L. Singer '68  
William J. Stinger Jr. '71  
James B. Hart '74  
Edward M. Foley '75  
Todd J. Clark '76  
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Michael S. Baruffi '79  
Mark V. Robertson '81  
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John C. Cudmore '88  
Scott B. Wetherell '88

#### Contributors (\$50-\$99.99)

Donald V. Davies  
Thomas P. Gingrich  
Thomas N. Kyle '62  
James L. Lovejoy '63  
Peter D. Nichols '65  
Jay D. Smith '67  
Robert J. Kepler '72  
Scott C. Moon '87  
Kerry L. Small '87

#### Other

Robert L. Busey Jr.

\*This honor roll reflects gifts as of April 14, 2014.

If you'd like to participate in your alumni communications program, please visit the PA Alpha-Zeta online community at [www.saepsu.com](http://www.saepsu.com), or share your story by emailing [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com).



## PA ALPHA-ZETA MAKING HEADLINES



The April release of the HappyValley.com Spring Fun Guide for 2014 has hit the stands. We are pleased to announce that our PA Alpha-Zeta Chapter is featured in an article on pages 42-43: "Penn State Fraternities Tear Down Walls to Build Up Standards."

To read the article, go to the News section at [www.saepsu.com](http://www.saepsu.com). Or go to [www.happyvalley.com](http://www.happyvalley.com), click on Things to Do and scroll down to the Happy Valley Fun Guides section.

Congratulations to PA Alpha-Zeta for making the list of those fraternities at Penn State "revitalizing the positive aspects of Greek life."

## STAY CONNECTED

### What Are You Missing?

Are you receiving our monthly e-letters and other e-mail communications about events? If not, you may not know what you are missing. Here are just a few ways you may be missing out on the benefits within your fraternity community:

- Alumni events at the house
- Chances to network and discover career and business opportunities
- An outlet to promote what you are doing (family, job, hobbies, etc.)
- Ways to give back to an organization that supported you in many ways

We are missing e-mail addresses for many of our alumni. In the coming weeks, you will be contacted by one of your brothers to make sure we have your most up-to-date contact information. In the meantime, please feel free to go to the home page of our website, [www.saepsu.com](http://www.saepsu.com). Scroll to the bottom where you can find Lost Lists. Click on these links to make sure you are not considered a "lost" member. If you are, please send an e-mail to [updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com](mailto:updatemyinfo@affinityconnection.com) with your correct contact information. Be sure to include your grad year and reference SAE PSU.

**Don't miss out on your opportunity to benefit from your fraternity relationships. Reconnect using the online alumni directory at [www.saepsu.com](http://www.saepsu.com). Or e-mail us at [connect@affinityconnection.com](mailto:connect@affinityconnection.com) to send in your updated e-mail and mailing addresses.**

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