

UPCOMING EVENTS

Golf Outing/Alumni Weekend June 20

Toftrees and the Ranch
Details to the right.

Homecoming October 10

Stay tuned for more details.

ARE YOU LOST?

We are missing email addresses for the following brothers:

Gerald Moyer '60
Lloyd Devigne '65
Stephen A. Schmidt '70
Joseph Jackson-Gagne '75
Steven Ballenger '80
Todd Morris '85
Mark A. Kasubick '90
John C. Bigham IV '95
Parham Parsa '01

If you are not getting our email communications, please email Scott Pierce at piercepilot@comcast.net and provide your updated email address.

IN MEMORY

We've recently learned of the deaths of the following brothers:

Donald Rudolph
Robert Casselberry '40
Donald Crawford '46
James Allen '49
Daniel Attilio '11

We mourn their passing and send condolences to their friends and family.

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GOLF OUTING 2015

It's not just a golf outing...it's an alumni experience!

Join us on Saturday, June 20, 2015, for our annual alumni weekend and golf outing. It's always a great opportunity to come back to Happy Valley, tour the ranch, reunite with friends, and enjoy some healthy competition and camaraderie at the Toftrees golf course.

Schedule of Events:

10:45 a.m. Lunch at Toftrees

12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start – 4-Player
Scramble Format

- All players will receive an exclusive SAE gift for participating.
- On course prizes for “Closest to the Pin” and “Longest Drive.”
- Top 3 teams to be awarded great prizes (golf equipment, golf balls, apparel and more).

5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception and
Awards Ceremony at the Ranch

Cocktail reception will include a top-shelf bar and dinner

We have blocked rooms at the Days Inn Penn State at a discounted rate (reservation code is CGSAEF).

All alumni and guests are invited to attend!

The cost is \$130 per person, which includes golf and the Cocktail and Dinner Reception. We are planning an alternate activity for any non-golfers in attendance. More information to come via our monthly email communications.

Note: If you aren't getting our emails, please email **Scott Pierce** at piercepilot@comcast.net to ensure you are on our email list.

RSVP online by going to our website at www.saeapsu.com or send a check made payable to “PA Alpha-Zeta Corp of SAE” to Alumni Relations Processing Center, P.O. Box 7007, Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007. In the memo of your check, please write “Golf Outing.”



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

The reputation of fraternities seems to be crumbling, not just at Penn State, but across the country. We all have our own opinions about the recent incidents that have occurred, most recently with KDR at Penn State and SAE at Oklahoma.

But one thing remains true – it is up to us as alumni to determine the future of SAE at Penn State.

Stop for a moment and think about those alumni who supported our journey as undergraduates. Things have evolved over the years, and some things have stayed the same – both good and bad. Our alumni

made an investment in us that helped ensure we developed as new leaders, teachers, innovators, thinkers, husbands and fathers.

We, as alumni, have the power to pull together as a brotherhood to uphold our values as True Gentleman and hold our young active brothers accountable to our code of conduct of goodwill and an acute sense of propriety.

It starts and ends with us as alumni of this great fraternity. For more information on how you can get involved, email **Scott Pierce** at piercepilot@comcast.net.

ALUMNI UPDATES

William J Kirby '59

(70 Woodley Rd., Winnetka, IL 60093-3747; wjkirby628@gmail.com) Life in the winter months is much better in Vero Beach, FL, than Winnetka, IL. The Kirby boys have added two new grandchildren to our mix making: 10 in all, three of whom are in college, one is graduating from UVA in May.

Beyond that, missing too many SAE brothers from late '50s, especially two close friends, **Denny McArver '58** and **Charlie Muse '59**. Keep up the good work in State College!

Paul F. Gray '65

(21 Center Street, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675; graysintx@aol.com) In September 2014, members of the pledge class of 1962-1963 met for a reunion in Charleston, S.C. Nine brothers and their spouses attended including Dianne and **Max Beere '65**, Anne and Bob **Bried '65**, Barbara and **Nelson Brown '66**, Ellen and **Jim Eisenhower**, Barbara and **Paul Gray '65**, Kris and **Glenn McCausland '64**, Ann and **George Moellenbrock '64**, Gail and **Peter Nichols '65**, and Marcia and **Larry Ranieri**. Ursala and **Jack Uhl** and Mary Lou and **Ron Panner** had planned to attend but unexpected health issues prevented them from being there. **John Ringer '65** and **Dave Perez** also were dealing with health problems and were unable to be there.

Jim Eisenhower, who had lived in Charleston for 7 years, was the primary orga-

nizer. Events included golf, a walking tour of the historic area, a boat tour of the harbor, and dinner at three of the best restaurants in town.

Members of this same class also held a reunion in State College in 2012 and its success led to the one in 2014.

Another get-together is tentatively planned for 2016!

John Wyckoff '68

(5569 Republic Way, Bethlehem, PA 18017-9487; jwyckoff@ptd.net) I retired in July of 2011 and moved back to my hometown, Bethlehem, PA, in April 2012. I always wanted to return to Bethlehem, and my wife Ellen and I love it here. We built a new home in Traditions of America (TOA) at Hanover, which is a 55+ community. Still fairly active although I had my thyroid removed this past May and a double hernia surgery on 12/5. I'm on the mend, however.

Ellen, my second wife, and I have 5 grandchildren with my two children, Jennifer and Jay. Jay is relatively close living in Rye, NY, working for Black Rock. Jennifer and family currently live in Pensacola, FL where her husband, Russ, a career Marine, has his third command. They will be returning to the Pentagon within the next two years. SAE was a great life experience for me, not only for the brothers, but for life experience as well. I gained many positive things from my time in the house!

Over the years, I have reconnected with

Goose, **Chuck Raymond '67** and many others. I would love to hear from **Jack Maser**, my big brother. I would love to hear from anyone! Regards to all of you with the greatest memories!

Gary S. Hess '85

(803 Goshen Rd., West Chester, PA 19380-4314; ghessx@gmail.com) We all know the value of the relationships and the bonds we have built during the years spent at the Ranch and in the intervening years. But another "X" factor continues to pop up that amazes me with each occurrence, which is the instantaneous connection created with newfound brothers from other chapters. I was at a Flyers game recently at the invitation of a guy with whom I had done some business. During the conversation he tossed out a comment about, "one of my fraternity brothers..." I came back with, "What house?" and when it was established that he was an SAE, it was game on!

It's remarkable how the entire tenor of the conversation changed from the corporate blah blah blah to swapping war stories from back "in the day." It certainly made it a much more interesting and enjoyable evening, and I got myself a new drinking buddy.

Share your news for the next edition of The Rancher by email at alumninews@affinityconnection.com!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

William S. Miller III '50: Contractor, Fisherman, Dedicated SAE Alum

What do fishing, general contracting work, and uranium mining have to do with SAE? For Brother **William S. Miller III '50**, these all represent major parts in his life and his work.

Miller, now 88, chose to join SAE many years ago because his friend that he grew up with in Paxtang Burough, **Harold Pickel Jr. '43**, had invited him to pledge. It also helped that Betty Miller, a sister from Chi Omega, whom Miller knew, said it was the best fraternity on campus. After one year at Penn State, Bill went into the army, but came back to finish in 1950. After he graduated, he went to work with his father who was a general contractor.

He went back into the army for a short time before his father retired in 1968, and he took the business over from his father. As a general contractor, Miller helped do work for schools, colleges (including Penn State – Harrisburg), and churches, and became a notable expert in building damages. Around 20 years ago, he retired, although he does get involved with the business now and then.

The company that Miller was born into had a long lineage (founded in 1895 by his grandfather, William S. Miller Sr.). Since then, the business has prospered and done very well.

After all these years, did Bill think that

SAE had an influence on him?

"I think it had some bearing on it, yes. I met some really good, fine fellas there. Four or five of 'em became my best friends for a long time. Unfortunately, they're all gone now... but this'll happen when you're 88."

Those best friends were **Fred Daggett Jr. '49** and **Daniel Kline**. They did a lot together, hunted, fished, and had a good time. They remain the best times that he had with anyone at the fraternity.

But, perhaps the person who has made the largest impact is his wife, who he claims played a large role in his success. His wife is

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William S. Miller III 1950

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from his hometown, had gone to Gettysburg College, and then to Los Alamos Laboratories to test uranium. Upon return, they started seeing each other. "The game was up for me!" Bill said with a laugh.

As a sorority sister at Gettysburg, they shared the bond of Greek life. On one occasion, they had both visited the Great Bear Lake in the Northwest Territories in Canada, where they had stumbled upon the Eldorado Mine, where uranium had been mined for the use of nuclear weapons in World War II, including Fat Boy and Little Man, the bombs

that dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Interestingly, that same uranium would be taken to Port Uranium and shipped down to Los Alamos Laboratories for Bill's wife to test.

The US was trying to reopen this mine, but several indigenous groups had protested, saying that the mine gave their people radiation poisoning, which would end up costing them their lives.

Controversy and nuclear science aside, Bill has found that at this point in his life donating to SAE is important to him. "I support good foundations like the NRA, SAE,

my Presbyterian Church, Wounded Warriors and things like that," he said. "I put SAE in that category of good foundations."

The last remark he made was advice for the undergraduate brothers.

"Don't go to Oklahoma. Fraternities are not in a big favor like they used to be when I was in school. I hear this from students there all the time. Represent the positive spotlight, and you can't go wrong."

Want to reach out to Bill? You can email him at jim444@yahoo.com.



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THON 2015

Raises Almost \$200k With Pi Beta Phi for THON 2015

This year, Sigma Alpha Epsilon once again dedicated countless hours to raise money for THON. THON raised \$13,026,653 of which SAE and our sorority partner Pi Beta Phi raised almost \$200,000.

10. Phi Mu and Phi Kappa Tau \$157,780.00
9. Theta Delta Chi and Alpha Delta Phi \$158,102.39
8. Pi Kappa Phi and Alpha Chi Omega \$159,697.85
7. **Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Pi Beta Phi \$174,136.57**
6. Sigma Alpha Mu and Alpha Phi \$209,456.01

5. Kappa Delta Rho and Sigma Delta Tau \$211,249.97
4. Acacia and Gamma Phi Beta \$239,690.46
3. Sigma Chi and Alpha Omicron Pi \$246,786.66
2. Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Sigma Alpha \$266,983.46
1. Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Tau Omega \$319,949.85

That's right! SAE and Pi Beta Phi came in seventh for Greek donors! They've done a splendid job fundraising, and they've

worked very hard to achieve these results! Congratulations gentlemen and ladies!



UP AND COMING IN HAPPY VALLEY

Liberty Craft House Opens! Barrel 21...Coming Up Soon!

If you are planning to make a trip back to Penn State this spring or summer, grab your friends and check out two hot spots that are new to the Happy Valley scene.

Liberty Craft House opened on Valentine's Day weekend at 346 East College Avenue. It combines prohibition-era accoutrement with innovation to create a one-of-a-kind experience. Their draft innovation features a 47-tap draft system that has been intricately designed to pour ale, lager, wine, soda,

coffee and cocktails correctly. (That's right! Mixed cocktails and coffee from a faucet!) Each draft is displayed on HD screens above the bar with information on what is tapped, including a live image of what remains inside each keg.

Coming Soon! **Barrel 21** (2235 N. Atherton St., State College) Otto's Pub and Brewery is opening an upscale distillery and dining experience across the street from their present location on North Atherton. Slated

to have a locally-sourced menu (just like Otto's does), the distillery will offer locally-sourced fruit brandies, whiskey, rum and gin.

