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Penn Alumni Weekend

May 14, 2011

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ALUMNI REPORT

The SAE Experience Didn't End at Graduation

By Steve Saltzman '85; srsaltzman@comcast.net

How are you enjoying the alumni experience?

That's a question I often ask other brothers, as I personally realized a long time ago that my membership in SAE didn't end when I graduated. I've been honored to have been involved as a volunteer working with the active chapter, and with maintaining the friendships I've made so long ago (and, of course, forming some great new ones).

I recently attended the wedding of **Harry J. P. Fisher '89**. I first met Harry when I was newly installed as the President (for Life) of the Penn Theta House Corporation (not as glamorous as the title suggests) and he was the undergraduate who oversaw the installation of fluorescent purple shag carpeting in the pool room.

We have maintained both a business and personal relationship over the years; this connection allowed me to develop a closer bond with many of the brothers who graduated in the late '80's and early '90's than might otherwise have happened. There were nearly twenty SAEs at the wedding; when Harry returns from his honeymoon in Hawaii, we'll post some pictures to the website.

On a sad note, I would like to acknowledge

the untiring work of Ray Sewell whose obituary appears on page 2. Ray was a "behind-the-scenes" supporter of Penn Theta over the years. I considered him to be both a friend and a mentor. I was shocked by his announcement in December that he was stepping down as Province Archon for health reasons and saddened when he passed away a few weeks later. I will miss his counsel.

Our alumni program serves as a catalyst to keep you connected in your adult years, through our newsletter, our web site at www.saeath.org, and alumni events. I hope that you'll take advantage of the opportunity to benefit from your lifelong commitment to SAE.

Inside this newsletter you'll find examples of how other brothers are participating in their alumni years – from sharing their news and memories, to financially supporting our efforts, to providing guidance to the active chapter. To those of you who are already enjoying the alumni experience, thank you. To those of you who have yet to get involved, please take a few moments to reflect on your SAE days, and consider renewing those bonds in your adult years. I guarantee you'll be glad you did.

CHAPTER UPDATE

SAE Makes Headlines for Inaugural Haunted House

From The Record

Pennsylvania Theta partnered with the sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta to create the first SAE/Theta Haunted House. In partnership with Community School Student Partnerships, the groups entertained 48 grade-school children from nearby Lea Elementary School. Attractions included face-painting, cookie-making, pumpkin-carving and a dance party - all in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter house spooked out with Halloween decorations. The group also brought the University of

Pennsylvania's a cappella group "Off the Beat" to kick off the festivities for the haunted house.



IN MEMORY

Longtime Volunteer Passes to Chapter Eternal

EVANSTON, IL – The Fraternity Service Center has learned that longtime volunteer and former Province Rho-Eta Archon **Raymond George Sewell** (Drexel '74) has passed to our Chapter Eternal. He died peacefully at home with family and loved ones by his side. Sewell was diagnosed with cancer several years ago and fought courageously throughout his treatment. He was 58 years old.

Sewell served in a number of leadership roles with Sigma Alpha Epsilon besides Province Archon, a position he held for 14 years. He worked with various committees and was most proud of his work with the Extension Advisory Committee, saying he loved to teach new brothers how to become a good chapter. Sewell also served as a chapter adviser for our chapters at Villanova, Albright

and Drexel.

He was also instrumental in the return of his alma mater, the Pennsylvania Epsilon chapter at Drexel University, in recent years. Sewell earned the Merit Key Award in 2003 and our highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, in 2005 for his loyalty and dedication to the Fraternity. Years later, Sewell said he had no clue he was going to receive the DSA and felt ill-prepared for his acceptance speech. He continued to work with undergraduates and alumni until his passing, keeping his spirit and bonds of brotherhood strong as ever. Both of his sons became members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon as honor initiates during the installation of the chapter at West Chester University.

Sewell worked for Foreman Group, an architectural engineering and construction-

management firm, for 16 years as a project executive. He also served 24 years as a Eucharist minister with St. John the Baptist de LaSalle in Shillington, Pennsylvania. He taught CCD classes for more than 20 years. He married Donna Geiss in 1978 and joked that he would miss their anniversary every other year due to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon conventions.

We have recently learned of the deaths of the following brothers...

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David Purdom Jr. '51
Walter Hynoski '55
Paul B. Kuper '63

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- Log on to www.saepath.org.
- Call 800-975-6699.
- Mail your check payable to "Penn Theta Alumni Association" to the return address on this newsletter.

FROM OUR ALUMNI BROTHERS...

Remember When?

I guess one of the funniest episodes was the time our pledge class (class of 1958) stole one shoe from every brother in the house. Of course this was not well received and we suffered consequences of water baths in the house courtyard and in the botanical garden pond (is it still there near the Med School?). Sorry, no photos available.

- Lloyd Swaim Wh '58

Alumni Update

Harold A. Denmark, Sr. '52
(10930 N.W. 12th Place, Gainesville, FL 32606-5460; denmarkh@bellsouth.net) I completed a 10-year project, "Phytoseiidae of North America and Hawaii," a 451 page book about the taxonomy new genera and species from the above area. It will be used as a text book and reference that includes the

drawings, descriptions and keys to genera and species of all known species in North America and Hawaii. The book was mailed to libraries and individuals in January 2011. It was coauthored with Dr Greg Evans of the US National Museum.

Share your news, memories, photos and more at www.saepath.org!

ON THE WEB

Send Us Your Email Address!

By updating your email address with Pennsylvania Theta, you'll get much more than just our monthly eLetter communications.

Other benefits include:

- You'll be reminded when we're about to publish a newsletter, so you can submit your news, photos and stories

- Your email address will be available to other alumni in our (password protected) online directory
- You'll help the alumni association save money on paper, printing and postage (and be utilized for other things!)
- You'll be the first to know of the latest news, updates and event details from the alumni and active chapters

As a reminder, our database is used solely for SAE communications. Update your email address online at www.saepath.org, or send it to feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention SAE at Penn).



In the Words of Our Brothers

How Are You Enjoying the Alumni Experience?

We want to feature more alumni news, photos, memories and stories on our web site and in our monthly eLetter. Please take a moment to share your story by completing the following questions.

Please answer one or all of the following in your submission:

What is your funniest memory from your SAE days?

How have you kept your connections to brothers in your alumni years?

What is the one memory that you will share/have shared with your children and grandchildren?

What about your membership in SAE makes you the most proud?

What's new in your life today? (Weddings, babies, career changes, etc.)?

Return this form to our alumni relations firm:
SAE at Penn, Alumni Relations Office, P.O. Box 296, State College, PA 16804-0296.

SAE IN THE NEWS

Minerva Initiatives, Class Boards to Conduct Book Drive for Kenyan Hospital

From the 12/12/10 issue of The Daily Pennsylvanian

A new book drive for finals this year promises donors a “tangible result.”

Philanthropic organization Minerva Initiatives has teamed with the Class Boards of 2013 and 2014 to raise money to build a maternity ward in a Kenyan hospital, to be named after the Penn Classes of 2013 and 2014.

Minerva Initiatives is a nonprofit founded last year by Wharton sophomore Brian Powers that aims to raise money for sustainable projects in developing countries.

Powers first learned about the hospital this summer, when he interned with LiveWell Health Clinics near Nairobi, Kenya.

The group recently drew up plans for the hospital, which will cost \$50,000 to construct. Powers aims to raise \$5,000 through the book drive this December, which will be allocated to the construction of the maternity ward.

Powers first came up with the idea of a book drive last fall to raise money for general relief in Haiti, utilizing contacts he had made on a visit the summer before.

He collected books from residents of Kings Court College House and sold them back to the Penn Bookstore and Penn Book Center.

Powers said he raised around \$700. The money was used to fund food and supplies in Haiti.

Seeing the drive’s success — and following a devastating earthquake in Haiti last January — Powers founded Minerva in February and conducted another book drive in the spring.

The Class Board of 2013 partnered with Minerva by putting collection boxes in several other college houses and using the Class of 2013 listserv to publicize the cause.

Students were told to leave their books outside their rooms for pickup and to indicate to which of four organizations they wanted the money from their book to go: Doctors Without Borders, Save the Children, Partners in Health or the American Red Cross.

The drive raised about \$3,000 and profits were donated about evenly among the four, Powers said.

Powers and Class of 2013 President Jonathon Youshaei, a Wharton sophomore, agreed that the class board was effective in

raising publicity.

“I think it’s very cool to do something the class is doing [as] opposed to something more individual,” Youshaei said. “When a class gets behind a project, I think it’s much easier to want to give.”

This year, the team has doubled in size by including the Class Board of 2014.

CEO and co-founder of LiveWell Liza Kimbo confirmed that if Penn raises \$5,000, the clinic will name a part of the maternity hospital after the Penn Class of 2013 and 2014.

“We highly appreciate the support of the Penn students in this endeavor to support safe motherhood in our country where maternal mortality is higher than 400 per 100,000” she wrote in an e-mail.

Class Board of 2014 President and Wharton freshman Spencer Penn said he is excited about the project.

“There is no question where the money is going,” he said, adding that the program will bring “incredibly tangible results.”

*Editor’s Note: Both **Brian Powers** and **Jonathon Youshaei** are members of the Penn Theta Chapter of SAE.*

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