

ALUMNI DAY

Note

Alumni Day 2020 has been canceled following the decision of the University to move students off of campus.

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STEVE SALTZMAN '85 STEPS DOWN

SAE Chapter Advisor and Corporation House President Hopes For "New Blood"

While cleaning my attic recently, I found a Penn Theta newsletter from Spring 1986. I had contributed an article as the house corporation president—34 years ago! I have been connected to Penn Theta since I was initiated in the spring of 1982. There are nearly 1,000 alumni of Penn Theta who may not know me personally, but when they stop by the Chapter House during either Homecoming or Alumni Day, they recognize my name from newsletters and periodic appeals for donations.

I attended a recent chapter meeting to give my semi-annual address to the undergrads – the gist of my speech was, as always, "Don't do anything stupid." But, before the full chapter meeting, I met with the executive committee and announced I would be stepping down as Penn Theta's Chapter Advisor at the end of this school year. During the recent Penn Hoops Weekend, when SAE alumni descend on Philadelphia to watch Penn Basketball at the Palestra (and quaff a few adult beverages both before and after the games) I had several conversations with SAE alums. I have known these guys since they were pledges (and had hair.) One alum pointed out that at my present age, Russ Heuer, SAE's guardian angel for 30+ years and my predecessor, had been dead for almost a year. That fact really floored me.

When Russ dumped this job into my lap in 1986, I thought it would be temporary, until someone older and more responsible took

over for me. I fear that I am fast approaching an age where I am no longer relevant to the current undergrads. Members of the current executive committee assured me that my participation was both valuable and appreciated, but I am older than most of their fathers. A fraternity's chapter advisor should be like an older brother or a young uncle, and definitely someone more facile with current social media communications.

The time has arrived for some new blood to take over as both chapter advisor and house corporation president. If you are interested in getting more involved, please contact any of the alums listed under the "Alumni Officers" tab at www.saepath.org. I don't think the expectation for the next chapter advisor should be to serve for 30+ years!

I wonder who will step up to the plate, but I hope I have set an example that others may follow. I have always seen my primary role as preserving the existence of Penn Theta, so that when an alum returns to campus, he has a place to go that he once called home. When I return to Penn for my 50th reunion (in only 15 years), I plan to quickly bail on the Old Guard tent on College Green and decamp to the Chapter House, drink a cheap beer (or two) and bore the undergrads with my stories.

I thank you for the honor and privilege of serving Penn Theta for all these years.
Phi Alpha!



Mission and Creed

Our Creed:
"The True Gentleman"

Our Mission:

The mission of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is to promote the highest standards of friendship, scholarship and service for our members based upon the ideals set forth by our Founders and as specifically enunciated in "The True Gentleman."



Embodying the Sigma Alpha Epsilon values isn't easy alone, but the support of our Brothers makes it possible

Nearly 129 years ago, a group of Brothers got together at Penn and decided they wanted to pursue the highest levels of friendship, scholarship, leadership and service. They felt well-equipped to cultivate, maintain and promote these core values and — you know what? — they absolutely were. That's why, 128 years later, the Penn Theta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Penn is still going strong and our vision remains to cultivate, maintain and promote our core values. That vision may even be what attracted you to the chapter.

Of course, you know now, that it was this vision that allowed the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Penn Theta Chapter to provide our Brothers with tremendous value in terms of enhancing the collegiate experience and then, after college, enhancing each Brother's life for years to come. The Penn Theta fraternity house produces men of character: caring husbands, compassionate fathers and community leaders — men who embody those ideals of friendship, scholarship, leadership and service.

That's why Greek life still matters, why we



still need fraternities for our young men and why we still need engagement opportunities for our alumni of all ages. No matter the walk of life, personal goals or background, qualities like friendship, scholarship, leadership and service are what separates the men from the boys. They set us apart as Brothers and equip us to lead our communities and families with character.

But we can't do it alone.

We rely on our amazing volunteers and alumni members. Because of all of these hard-working, dedicated individuals (not the University and not National!), who make a concentrated effort to embody the Sigma Alpha Epsilon characteristics and keep the Brotherhood — actives and alumni both — accountable, we've been able to continuously turn out generations of leaders from a fraternity house that we proudly own and call home.

Our vision is still to become the preeminent collegiate leadership development organization — aligned, focused and living our core values — and to develop values-based leaders committed to the betterment of character, campus and community. Make sure you keep sight of this vision, whether you graduated five or 50 years ago. After all, we all have big shoes to fill, as we strive to make that 1892 incoming class of Brothers proud.

Reconnect with your Brothers and the Penn Theta Sigma Alpha Epsilon mission and values. It starts with a visit to our chapter website, www.saepath.org.

THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF A THRIVING BROTHERHOOD

Why to Prioritize Your Sigma Alpha Epsilon Events This Year

The relationships that surround us are one of the most important keys to our enjoyment of life. We have communities that follow us through several seasons and those that come and go with our ever-changing lives. We hope you regard your Sigma Alpha Epsilon Brothers as those who are there for the long-haul. We all carry on with our lives away from the Penn campus that brought us together, but the Brotherhood formed there lasts forever. Yet, often, we men suck at staying connected. And now more than ever, your health depends on it.

Science is Proving Our Need for Relationship

We are built for relationship and science is beginning to show just how important it is to both our short-term and long-term health. *The Harvard Health* newsletter in their "*The health benefits of strong relationships*" article highlights the importance of social communities.

"Social connections ... influence our long-term health in ways every bit as powerful as adequate sleep, a good diet, and not smoking. Dozens of studies have shown that people who have social support from family, friends, and their community are happier, have fewer health problems, and live longer."

The good news is, engaging with your community — in this case, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Brotherhood — is much easier than eating well, exercising and dropping your daily cigarette habit. By regularly

engaging with your Brothers through social media, alumni events and reunions, you can continue the common thread of community that brought you together in the first place and reap the health benefits in your life.

If that's not enough, you're also proven to be happier now, by reliving positive memories, which we have in excess as Sigma Alpha Epsilon alum.

Changing Times

In response to COVID-19, many cities across the country have urged residents to partake in social distancing. This can make getting in contact with friends rather difficult, even impossible. Now, more than ever, is the time to connect with your SAE Brothers over the phone, through email or however else you may choose to connect online. Visit our website at www.saepath.org to use the online directory and connect with your Brothers today.

If you can, do it! (And then visit the Sigma Alpha Epsilon alumni website and upload photos to keep the memories alive.) You'll never regret time spent with your Brothers. It's hard to make it happen. Life is busy and being intentional takes effort, but it's worth it! Take advantage of the natural community Sigma Alpha Epsilon creates. Brotherhood is a community you can count on for support, mentorship, friendship and now, a healthier, more meaningful life.

WHY I GIVE TO THE SAE FUND

Your SAE Brothers Share Why They Choose to Give Back

“ The fraternity was an important part of my experience at Penn. In these times, the entire fraternity culture is under constant threat from outside parties that want to see this element of campus life abolished. It’s important to me that the active brothers know the alumni community stands behind them, both in spirit and monetarily.”

~ Nick Calotta '12

“ I treasured the time that I spent with my brothers during my undergraduate years at Penn and I am and will be forever grateful that they gave me a place where I felt welcome, appreciated, and supported. That really says it all for me. I am proud to support SAE in the hope that it continues to provide the same benefits and cherished memories to young men at Penn now.”

~ Dalton K. Fine '87

“ Because of the fond memories and fellowship I enjoyed while a student and member of SAE”

~ Dan Povia '80

Have you been putting off giving to the SAE Fund? Don't wait another day. Honor all that SAE has given to all of us with a gift to our annual fund, which makes the Penn Theta Alumni Association possible. To contribute, visit www.saepath.org and click on the "Donate" button in the top right hand corner of the homepage.



Why do you choose to give to the SAE Fund? Let us know by emailing

alumninews@affinityconnection.com.

We want to hear from you!

2019-20 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank You!

The following Alumni are recognized for their annual fund contributions in 2019-20.

Reflects gifts received from September 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020.

To make your donation, visit www.saepath.org/annual-fund-donations/.

Founder Member (\$1,000 - \$4,999.99)

Steven Sloan 1977
Brian Roth 1996

Penn Theta Legacy Society (\$500 - \$999.99)

William Winder 1956

3908 Spruce Street Society (\$390.80)

Jack Neal 1962
Steven Saltzman 1985

Phi Alpha Club (\$250 - \$390.79)

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Ronald Bond 1959

Byron Tobin 1960

Richard Steinkamp 1963

George Johnson 1964

B. Franklin Reinauer 1965

Steve Ellis 1988

Enrique Abeyta 1995

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H. Craig Watkins 1959

John Meier 1959

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George Cole 1954

Steven Morris 1986

Other (Up to \$49)

Leslie Callahan 1972

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A PENN THETA PHOTO'S WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



Brother De Chan '83 recently submitted these photos from the Penn Theta house, taken in 1982 and 1983. Check out the hair, those knee socks, the shorts — not to mention the turtles.

Check out more great flashback photos like these when you visit our alumni website, www.saepath.org, and click on the "Photo Albums" tab. Better yet, submit your own Penn Theta photos for inclusion in our next newsletter or eletter, by emailing alumninews@affinityconnection.com.



ON THE WEB

Have You Registered on the Alumni Website?

Brotherhood is unique. We spend four years on a college campus with our fraternity Brothers, and as a result, we have a community for a lifetime. We want to make the most of those connections.

Our Brotherhood has a reach that extends across the country. It provides a resourceful network of support, professions and community.

We have provided an **online forum** on our website for you to connect with other alumni. By utilizing the alumni website, you can stay in contact with Brothers wherever life after graduation took them.

Register online for our password-protected platform, so you can **upload photos, utilize the searchable directory, and read and provide updates.**

Visit the alumni page and get connected today!

Register online and start the conversation that has been years in the making!



To Get Current News, Share Memories, See the Honor Roll, AND TO DONATE!

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