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2009 FOOTBALL

Sept. 19: Villanova
Sept. 26: at Lafayette
Oct. 3: at Dartmouth
Oct. 10: Bucknell
Oct. 17: at Columbia
Oct. 24: Yale
Oct. 31: at Brown
Nov. 7: Princeton
(Homecoming)
Nov. 14: at Harvard
Nov. 21: Cornell

Home games in bold.

ON THE WEB

Haven't yet registered on www.saeath.org? Find your Member ID for First Time Login above your name and address on this newsletter, and follow the instructions on the site.

GET PUBLISHED

We want to feature more alumni news, stories, photos and memories in *The Sigma Alpha Epsilon* and on our web site. Send your submissions to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention SAE Penn in the subject). Your submissions may appear in an upcoming edition of our newsletter or e-Letter.

ALUMNI REPORT

Stay Connected with Penn Theta Alumni Through Support of the Annual Fund and Online Social Networking

*By Steve Saltzman '85, President of The Penn Theta Alumni Association
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Spring has sprung, and I hope that the season is treating you well, no matter where life has taken you since graduation.

This is an especially exciting time for The Penn Theta Alumni Association! I would like to thank our alumni for their overwhelming response to our annual fund this year (see their names recognized on page 2). As of the time of this writing, our 2008-09 annual fund has achieved a record high total of \$11,030 – and there are still four months left in the giving year! The annual fund supports our efforts to keep you connected with SAE actives and alumni through *The Sigma Alpha Epsilon* and our web site www.saeath.org. If you haven't yet made a donation this year, please contribute to this record-breaking total. See page 2 for instructions on making a gift.

Speaking of staying connected, it seems as if the Facebook social networking phenomenon

has taken the world by storm! If you haven't yet used Facebook I encourage you to create a profile and reconnect with old SAE friends. You can also link your Facebook page with your profile at www.saeath.org, bringing you even closer with other Penn Theta alumni. More instructions for our new Facebook Connect feature can be found on our web site.

Please make an effort to come back to campus for Alumni Day on Saturday May 16th. I would like to particularly welcome back members of the classes of 1959, 1984, and 1989.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *The Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, and as always, feel free to contact me with questions. We're also looking for great stories and photos to publish in future issues, so please keep them coming! Best wishes for a great spring and summer season.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

We want to feature more great Penn Theta photos in our newsletter and on our web site. If you have great pictures from your fraternity days or of a more recent reunion, please email them to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com. Your submissions may be chosen to appear in an upcoming edition of *The Sigma Alpha Epsilon* or our monthly e-Letter.

In this photo:
Homecoming 2007.



ANNUAL FUND

2008-09 is a Record Giving Year!

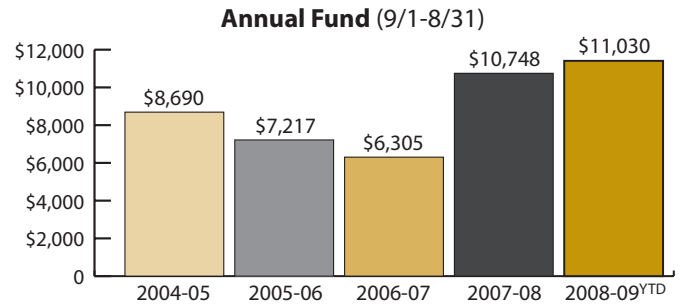
Special thanks to the alumni donors listed below for helping us to make 2008-09 a record giving year!

Because of their support, we have raised an outstanding \$11,030...and there are still four months left in the giving year! This already surpasses last year's total giving of \$10,748.

Help us to continue this great momentum by making your gift

before the giving year ends August 31. There are three ways to make a gift:

1. Online at www.saepath.org.
2. By calling 800-975-6699.
3. By mailing a check payable to "The Penn Theta Alumni Association" to the return address on this newsletter.



2008-09 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Thank you to the following alumni for their support in making this a record giving year!

Penn Theta Legacy Society (\$500 - \$999)

Timothy J. Ballard	1989
Harry J. Fisher	1989
Paul Reed Maurer III	1990

3908 Spruce Street Society (\$390.80)

James C. Warner	1959
Lewis D. Friedland	1981

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

Robert E. Lamb	1958
Jack D. Neal Jr.	1962
George R. Johnson	1964
B. Franklin Reinauer III	1965
Yon Ku Cho	1984
Eric J. Marsh	1984
James V. Rao	1989
Enrique Javier Abeyta	1995

Royal Purple & Old Gold Society (\$150 - \$249.99)

John D. Meier	1959
James L. Tito	1959
Charles H. Bolton III	1961
Kenneth A. Pipher Jr.	1961
Stephen Goff	1962
Richard B. Steinkamp	1963
John Vander Wiele	1963
Dudley H. Moeckel	1965
Andrew J. White	1965
Steven R. Sloan	1977
Brett Barth	1993

Minerva's Circle (\$100 - \$149.99)

Richard R. Brown	1946
William D. Bain Jr.	1947
William T. Green	1951
Ray A. Rinne	1952
George C. Balbach	1953
R. Drew Kistler	1954
Edward D. Ging	1958
Erich G. Holzapfel	1958
Kenneth J. Nicholson	1958
Lloyd B. Swaim Jr.	1958
H. Craig Watkins	1959
Jan A. Van Amerongen	1960
John J. Vosmek Jr.	1961
William P. Whitaker	1961
John H. McConnell	1962
Alan H. Tracy	1962
Michael W. Fisher	1965
James A. Thompson Jr.	1967
Steve Sloan	1977
Edward A. Mule	1984
William J. Lohr	1985
James J. Waters	1986
Jeffrey M. Karp	1988
Christopher D. Kager	1990
David Kaplan	1992
Cecil G. Gouke Jr.	1993
Doug Epstein	1994
Timothy B. Guild	1999
Vijay Singh Chattha	1999
Timur Kocaoglu	2005

Penn Theta Supporter (\$50 - \$99.99)

Charles S. Schwarz	1936
Allan Ray Putnam	1942

David E. Jones	1946
Raymond L. Mossing	1946
William B. Grant	1949
Stanley P. Mayers Jr.	1949
Norman Stevens	1950
Robert K. Sperry	1951
Harold A. Denmark Sr.	1952
Raymond M. Dorsch Jr.	1952
Charles J. Tornetta	1953
Joseph S. Cain	1955
Robert W. Kinloch	1955
George Schall	1956
Richard Lundquist	1958
Kenneth A. Thorn	1958
Ronald M. Bond	1959
Charles E. Hansing	1960
Jere Blackwelder	1963
Daniel W. Povia	1980
Howard Tai	1982
John K. Mak	1983
Lawrence B. Shaffer Jr.	1986
Eric H. Berger	1987
Michael Harris Feinberg	1991
Jonathan Michaels	1994
Joe Fehrman	2005

Other

Emery W. Wheeler	1944
John W. Laufer Jr.	1950
William A. Meredith	1952
Leonard E. Anderson	1954
G. William Cole	1954
Ronald E. Ditz	1962, 1967
Leslie G. Callahan III	1972
Steven F. Morris	1986

Reflects gifts received as of April 17.

ALUMNI MEMORIES

Those Were the Days...

Stories from the Penn Theta Chapter in the 1950s

Special thanks to **Raymond M. Dorsch MD '52** for submitting this story. He writes "A vignette from the Dark Ages... is shows that your grandfathers also had some wild times."

In early 1952, the brothers had been needling the pledges about having no spirit as a group. They disproved this by making off with all the bed linens and blankets from the sleeping dorm (we all slept in one room at the time) and hid them in a room in the Quad. We recovered them, but plotted revenge. This consisted of kidnapping the two ringleaders and hauling them off. Both were blindfolded, and then one was taken to New Jersey and the other to Maryland.

The NJ group of brothers and the pledge went in two cars, but had to stop for gas after crossing the bridge. The pledge managed to get the car window open and yelled out "kidnap!" The brothers thought this was funny, but the gas-station owner did not. He called the state police. The cars took the pledge to the Pine Barrens and dropped

him off. He bolted before the blindfold was removed and his tied hands freed, but he was able to remove them shortly. He was found walking down the road by a passing car, which took him back to civilization. Meantime, the police apprehended the villain brothers - with guns drawn - at a traffic circle and hauled them off to jail for the night. The EA had been part of this affair, but he did not return directly to the campus. He went to see his girlfriend in NJ and was arrested at her house by the police. Everyone eventually made it back to school the following day -thoroughly chastened.

The Maryland boy was taken to an area near the Conowingo Dam and released on a back road. Everything was taken from him but his cigarettes. Having had a premonition of something like this adventure, he had secreted a ten-dollar bill in one of his cigarettes. He walked down the road and came to a farmer working in his barn. The farmer directed the pledge to walk across a couple fields to US 1, where he was able to

flag down a bus. He made it back to campus only a short time after his abductors.

The NJ kidnapping caused a campus furor and resulted in an editorial and political cartoon in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* about college boys playing around while other boys were dying in Korea. The result was a five-day suspension for the culprits and six weeks of social probation for the house. Those involved in the Maryland stunt escaped detection - and punishment - which was fortunate because I was EDA and had been part of that affair. I had to humbly represent the house to the dean and promise no further such high jinks.

The end of the school year was not far away, but the probation cramped our social life. Other houses helped, and we survived.

We want to know the best stories from your SAE days! Send your submissions to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com.

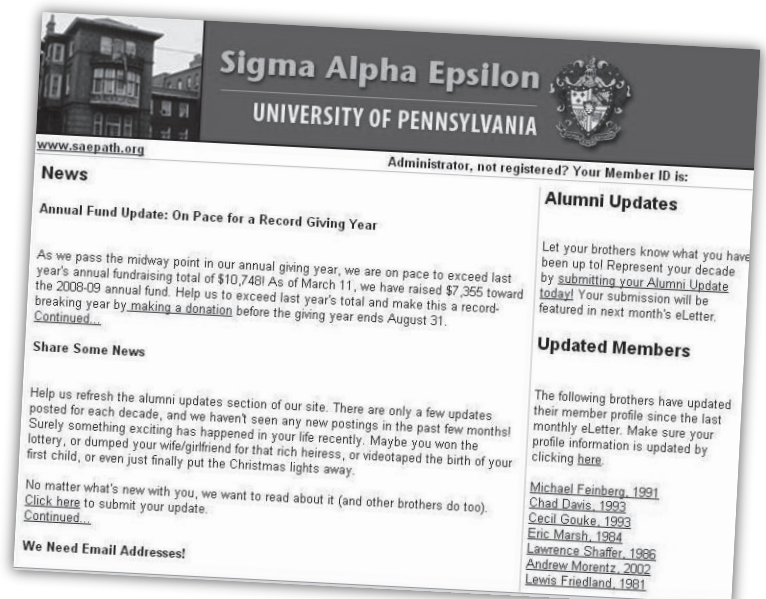
EMAIL DATABASE

Are You Receiving our Monthly e-Letter?

If Not, It's Because We Don't Have Your Email Address!

We are missing email addresses for 71% of our alumni! If you haven't been receiving our monthly e-Letter, be sure to update your email address today to get on the list. You can update your contact information at www.saepath.org by logging in then clicking on the Edit Info button at the top of the page.

By increasing our email database we can communicate more frequently at less cost than with print publications. Help us in our efforts to "go green" and put our alumni donations to other uses by supporting our electronic communications efforts!



ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

Ron Bond '59 reports that he and Suzanne took part in a 6,000 mile Amtrak trip in October 2008. He writes "We were in three private cars behind the Amtrak train. Stops included San Francisco one night, Portland, OR four nights and Glacier National Park one night and then back to Chicago. Our three cars were parked in the Portland Station four days. We were able to contact **John Vosmek '61** and his wife Lucy. We had a SAE get-together at a very popular restaurant called Jakes. It was great meeting a brother after 49 years. We were able to learn about other brothers and SAE activities."

Reconnect with Ron at ronsuzbond@cox.net.

We want to know what's new with you too! Submit your update online at www.saeath.org.

IN MEMORY

Since publication of our last newsletter we have learned of the deaths of the following brothers:

Denis Boyd '12 (12/27/08)	Malcolm Ward '50
John Laube '31	Walter Whetstone III '51
George Kohl '36 (3/17/07)	Robert Jackocks '53 (10/15/08)
James Carothers '41 (3/8/08)	Stephen Tietje '55 (7/9/08)
Rix Yard '41 (1/9/08)	Frederick Nill '56 (5/13/08)
Henry Harding '43 (3/28/08)	Richard Ramsey '57
David O'Dell '45	David Whittaker '61 (1/12/09)
Thomas Wilson '47 (5/30/08)	
Robert Preis '48 (5/6/08)	
Norman Stevens '50 (1/15/09)	

LOST LIST

Help Us Find a Lost Brother

We've lost touch with the following alumni and need your help to find them! If you know of their current whereabouts, send an email to our alumni relations office at feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention SAE at Penn in the subject).

Francis B. Kribs '36	William Watts Jr. '54	William Acker Jr. '68	Rana Prasad '96
Frederick Vallspinosa '36	William Clow '58	Nathaniel Loomis '68	Edward Vincent '96
Fred Harris '39	Axel Jonasson '58	William Martin '72	Cameron Reilly '97
Thomas Gilliams '42	Robert Kilpatrick '61	Gordon Kletz '73	Sergio Laprade-Velasco '98
William Croom '45	Lane Collins '62	Christopher Raborg '73	John Eanes '04
Howard Huxster '46	William Snodgrass '63	John Baudouin '82	Tom DiGiano '05
Christopher Devine '51	Peter Humbert '65	Thomas Raiser '89	
W. Bowlus '52	N. Snow '66	Marcus Acheson '94	
Ernst Ritt '53	Michael Melaugh '67	Richard Worley '95	

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