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## ALUMNI REPORT

### Staying Connected with SAE in Our Alumni Years

By Steve Saltzman '85; [srsaltzman@comcast.net](mailto:srsaltzman@comcast.net)

Looking back on my college years, I can wholeheartedly say that Sigma Alpha Epsilon played a significant part of my life. I'm happy to say that the fraternity experience did not just last for my four years at Penn, but continues to be a part of my life today.

In this issue of *The Sigma Alpha Epsilon* you'll read the stories of how SAE continues to influence the lives of other alumni too. Some still fondly recall the best memories from their fraternity days. Others rekindle their bonds in their adult years by planning reunions with brothers from their era. And others realize the significant impact SAE has had on their lives, and how they wouldn't be who they are today if

it weren't for the Penn Theta experience.

Your past support proves that SAE still means a lot to you too. That's why you're receiving this copy of our newsletter exclusively, thanks to your past financial support. If you aren't yet listed on this year's Honor Roll to the left, I appreciate your contribution to ensure the future success of our alumni program, so we can continue to keep you connected with your SAE friends.

Feel free to contact me at any time with questions or for ways you can get involved. I'm looking forward to staying connected with you in our alumni years.

## ALUMNI Q&A

### "Close Friendships Always Seem to Pick Up Where They Left Off"

Thanks to **Richard Steinkamp '63** for answering a few questions about why he financially supports Penn Theta in his alumni years and how his life would be different today had he never joined SAE.

#### What is your best memory from your fraternity days?

We held the last TGIF before they were terminated the following week. Skimmer Day. (Not necessarily the clearest memory!). Generally, SAE had great parties and great meals in house.

#### How would your life be different today if you had never joined SAE?

A multitude of continuing close friendships that always seem to pick up where they left off, as evidenced by the great reunion in 2007 of the

classes of '57-'64.

#### What's happening in your life today? (family, career, etc.)

Continuing to sell real estate in Washington, DC area and spending more time in Little Rock, where we are from and intend to return.

#### Why do you financially support Penn Theta in your alumni years?

Shamed into it by obvious chapter need!

**Reconnect with Richard at [steinkamp@verizon.net](mailto:steinkamp@verizon.net).**

## IN MEMORY

### The Past is So Important

*We received the following note through our efforts to preserve the best stories from our chapter's history.*

"I had reported to SAE National that my husband, **Lee M. Craig '47**, passed away on August 16, 2009, but I guess the chapter was not informed. I truly wish he were here and was able to answer your questions. We were married for 61 years and I know how close he felt to many of the brothers. I recall being at the SAE house parties as an undergraduate. Great memories -- so long ago. Lee left Penn for the Air Corps during WWII and returned in the latter part of 1945 after his discharge.

This story is not about the fraternity, but he used to laugh about one of his fellow band members who said to him (after marching on Franklin Field) in astonishment regarding Lee's sousaphone, 'Gosh, you're really playing

it!; Lee then found out that the rest of the 'line' was merely carrying the big instruments to make it look good! The war affected student life in so many ways. Strangely, I was looking at Lee's 1943 Record yearbook this week and at the SAE picture in it. I felt saddened thinking how many of the men did not return from service, and how many are no longer with us.

I wish you much success in your project. Keeping records of the past is so important and we are so fortunate to have all the modern technology to do so."

Sincerely,

Mabel D. Craig (Mabel Daniell, CW Aug. '47)

## IN MEMORY

We have also learned of the deaths of the following brothers this year...

Breckenridge Jones Jr.

Allan Putnam '42

Daniel Deane Jr. '51

Myron Hafer Jr. '57

Walter Monahan '63

## REMEMBER WHEN?

### Alumni Share Their Best SAE Memories

#### *Describe the best party*

"The most enjoyable parties we had in my era were the spring outings to New Hope. We took a bus from the house after lunch and spent the afternoon wandering around the shops in New Hope. At dinnertime we had two barges that went on the canal along the Delaware. One barge had a combo on it for dancing. The other barge had drinks and box dinners with room to sit, eat and drink. A

bus home with an onboard nightcap topped off the day. It was a very popular event for the brothers and our dates." - **George Johnson '64**

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

"Lifelong friendships with a noble group." - **Leon M. Mielcarek, Jr., MD '58**

"Pinning my wife to be at Founders' Day." - **Daniel Povia '80**

"Organizing the interior house painting campaign." - **Jack Vander Wiele '63**

"Playing pick-up bridge after dinner in the living room...Hey John, just one hand ... r-i-i-g-h-t." - **John H. McConnell '62**

*Share the best stories from your fraternity days on the message board at [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org).*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Help us to preserve the best moments from our chapter's history that have been captured on film! Send the best pictures from your era to us for future publication. You can email your photos to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention SAE at Penn), mail them to the return address on this newsletter, or upload them to your personal album at [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org).

**In this photo:** Brothers play cards in 1950.

*From The Record.*



## HOMECOMING 2010

Thank you to our alumni brothers who returned to celebrate Homecoming 2010 at SAE...



Do you have pictures from Homecoming weekend? Send them to us at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention SAE at Penn), or upload them to your personal album on our web site.

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '50s

#### Ken Thorn '58

(100 Waterside Drive, Carrboro, NC 27510; [bobbkat@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobbkat@bellsouth.net)) Brothers **Ted Mook W'56** and myself, along with 34 co-sponsors, nominated brothers **Jack Shanafelt W'54** and **Walt Hynoski W'55** for selection into the Penn Athletics Hall of Fame. Jack's and Walt's credentials were printed in the May 2010 SAE newsletter.

Shanafelt seemed a shoo-in, having been a first team All American tackle on Penn teams that played a big time schedule including Notre Dame, Penn State, Ohio State, and many other. Hynoski seemed an excellent choice having also played on a big time

schedule and having earned first string All East honors. Congratulations (posthumously) to Brother Walt Hynoski on his selection to the Penn Hall of Fame, class of 2010. Brothers supporting the nominations were stunned to learn that Jack Shanafelt was passed over for selection. Brother Mook has written to Director of Athletics Bilsky inquiring why a first string All American had been excluded from selection. A response has not yet been received.

### '80s

#### Steve Wendel '84

(101 Townsend Farm Rd., Boxford, MA 01921; [steve.wendel@db.com](mailto:steve.wendel@db.com)) I can't discuss my funniest memory in a family magazine. I

do keep in touch with **Yon Cho**, **Eric Marsh**, **Ken Athaide**, **Greg Herr** (moonlighting as my brother-in-law) from Penn Theta '84, and **Steve Saltzman '85**. We try and get together at least once a year. Unfortunately, my oldest daughter Lane didn't want to attend college in a city and just started at Cornell; she has been to the SAE chapter there a few times already! I have two more daughters so I will keep trying...

#### What's New with You?

Share your news, memories, updates and photos at [www.saepath.org](http://www.saepath.org)!

## UNDERGRADUATE Q&A

Thank you to current undergraduate brother and EDA Jonathan Skekloff for participating in this Q&A profile...

### Why did you decide to join a fraternity and SAE in particular?

I was looking to join organization that provided something more than simply a social scene. SAE, more than any other, offered a brotherhood and a larger purpose worth working for.

### What has been your favorite memory so far?

My favorite memory so far is any one of the brotherhood barbecues we have had. Our house opens up so well and provides an ideal setting for cookouts. There's truly nothing better than a sunny day, a burger and brothers.

### What are some of your future plans to improve the house or how SAE is run?

In my time as EDA, I've had the pleasure to work with a lot of determined people to set up a more organized and efficient governing system for the house. I look forward to

seeing this put to use. Additionally, I hope to continue to formalize our game room. We now have a pool table, a beautiful new piano, and the classic fireplace; we will keep making it better.

### What is your favorite thing about being in a fraternity?

The people make it what it is and the people are great. In all honesty, I couldn't have asked for a better pledge class - it's extremely rare that you can put 22 people together in a room and have everyone get along and truly connect.

### Why would you recommend that other Penn students to join SAE?

Not only does SAE provide amazing social opportunities, but also a phenomenal alumni network and the knowledge that you are living with a group of people who all share similar values, ethics, and goals.

### How has being involved in SAE affected

### your college years so far? How do you think it will affect your years after college?

I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that it has improved my experience dramatically. I have yet to go a day without having a great time. I know that this will continue to hold true for the remainder of college.

### How has SAE progressed since you've been involved? What have you done to contribute?

As a sophomore, I'm still relatively new to the house, but I can say that I have put a great deal of time and effort into improving the house. I believe most everyone in the Fraternity can say the same... That's why we've come so far in such a small amount of time in the last couple of years. I believe that we will continue to grow and pull strong pledge classes long after I'm gone because each class will fight to make the house the best it can be.

Thank you to the alumni who returned for Homecoming 2010! See more pictures on page 3.



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