

The Muse News

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ALL THE RIGHT STUFF

By Jim Skaggs, President, Oklahoma Mu Alumni Corporation Board

As alumni of Oklahoma Mu, some of us look at the old chapter and think that nothing really changes from year to year. Or we say things like “Today’s SAEs don’t have the passion or dedication to the fraternity that we did when we were in the house.” “Things were different then.” “We strove to meet those ideals that Sigma Alpha Epsilon and The True Gentleman embodied.” “All college kids want to do today is party, binge drink, and do drugs.” Hopefully, there aren’t many alumni of Oklahoma Mu that feel that way. I know that if you spend any time with the men residing at 1308 West Third Street, that you would realize they probably have a greater appreciation of what “fraternity” means than we ever did when we were in the house.

This spring many hard decisions were made by our chapter. They decided that drugs and drug users have no place in our fraternity. If a member felt that he couldn’t live in a “drug free” environment, he was given the opportunity to leave after the spring semester with the status of an inactive member. If he chose to stay and subsequently was caught with drugs, it meant automatic expulsion. Also, the SAEs were the driving force at IFC that led to what became a truly alcohol-free rush at OSU.

Grades have become a much more important issue, as well. Although grades improved over the spring semester, the target has been raised substantially. A new bylaw was passed in the spring that mandates that anyone with a grade point average under 2.3 from the previous semester must attend study hall five nights per week. Two consecutive semesters under a 2.3 would result in that person’s expulsion. This, of course, is just the minimum requirement to be an active member. As you can see, today’s SAEs seem to have “All The Right Stuff.”

On a much lighter note, the Seventh Annual SAE Oklahoma Open Golf Tournament was another great success. Because of their commitment and dedication to the fraternity in putting on this event each year, the Board was proud to award Chris Busby ’85 and Todd Farris ’84 with an Oklahoma Mu Alumni Association award. Keep up the good work guys! Another fun event to look forward to will be the “SAE Cook Out,” held before the

OSU home football game with Southwestern Texas State on September 16th. The fun will start three hours prior to “kickoff” and runs until game time. We’ll be serving burgers and hot dogs to all our brethren, family, and friends. The exact location has yet to be determined, but it will be close to the stadium, and we will announce it well before game time. Please use this event as an opportunity to see old friends, meet the young men in the house and of course to get some good chow! The old parking lot at the chapter house is getting a work-over this summer, thanks to a generous donation by Justin Hoose ’84. Phi Alpha, Justin!

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Summer Rush: A Huge Success

Summer rush was very successful, thanks to the efforts of rush chairmen Taylor Farr (Tulsa), Nathan Keholtz (OKC) and the rest of the actives who lived in the rush apartments. A big Phi Alpha goes out to all the alumni in Tulsa and OKC who took out rushees and hosted rush parties at their homes. The whole Greek system at OSU was challenged to keep rush alcohol free and our chapter did a great job in being creative and doing things different. The rush effort culminated in a statewide signing party at the Aquaticus Center at the OKC zoo, where we signed 24 pledges. As we go to press, here are the names and hometowns of our Fall 2000 pledge class:

Jason Miles

Scott Shepherd

Alan Graham

David Rogers

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Steve Burshek

Kyle Belitz

Chaz Privett

Justin Moore

Ryan Hybarger

Adam Hobbes

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Kremlin, OK

OKC-Putnam City North

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OKC-Bishop McGuinness

Broken Arrow, OK

Coweta, OK

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Drumright, OK

Fort Smith, AR

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WE WANT YOU!

We need updated addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses from alumni. Please call Fraternity Management Group at 800-228-7326 or contact via mail at 744 N. Stone Ave, Tucson, AZ, 85705, as soon as possible to make sure we have the latest information to keep you up to date on upcoming events at ΣAE! You can also e-mail Tony Marks at Tony@FMGTucson.com

2000-2001 SCHOOL CALENDER

FALL 2000

AUGUST

▶ August 21 School Starts

SEPTEMBER

▶ September 4 Out for Labor Day
 ▶ September 9 OSU at Tulsa
 ▶ September 16 OSU vs S.W. Texas State*
Cookout before game, details TBA
 ▶ September 23 Dad's Day (also Parents Day)
 ▶ September 23 OSU vs Mississippi State*
 ▶ September 30 OSU at Texas

OCTOBER

▶ October 2,3 Fall Break
 ▶ October 7 OSU at Missouri
 ▶ **October 13, 14 Homecoming**
 ▶ **October 14 OSU vs Iowa State* (Homecoming Game)**
 ▶ October 15 Ok Mu Hall of Fame Induction
 ▶ October 28 OSU at Colorado

NOVEMBER

▶ November 4 OSU vs Texas A&M*

▶ November 11 OSU at Texas Tech
 ▶ November 18 OSU vs Baylor*
 ▶ November 23, 24 Off for Thanksgiving
 ▶ November 24 OSU vs OU*

DECEMBER

▶ December 2 Winter Formal
 ▶ December 4-8 Dead Week
 ▶ December 11-15 Finals Week

SPRING 2001

JANUARY

▶ January 16 School Starts

MARCH

▶ March 19-23 Spring Break

APRIL

▶ April 21 Moms Weekend
 ▶ April 26-28 Plantation Ball
 ▶ April 30-May 4 Dead Week

MAY

▶ May 7-11 Finals Week

**denotes home games*



Brother Ralph Goley '31

A FOUNDING FATHER OF THE FRATERNITY

Ralph Theodore Goley '31, who passed away at the age of 95, was the husband of the late Winifred White Morgan and Maguerite Humphries Goley.

Born May 23, 1903, in Perry, he was the son of Theodore Claudeous and Ida Elizabeth Renfro Goley. A graduate of Perry High School in 1921, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1928. While attending OSU, he was a member of the ROTC, graduating as a Captain, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

After graduation, Ralph Goley went to Hopewell Junction, New York, where he acted as Herdsman for the J.C. Penney Guernsey Farm until 1929. Upon returning to Oklahoma, he served as Secretary to the Sapulpa Chamber of Commerce until 1931. At that time, he moved to Enid to become General Manager of Gold Spot Dairy for 40 years.

He was director and president of the National Dairy Council, and director and president of the Oklahoma Agriculture Cooperative Council. He acted as president and directory of the Oklahoma Dairy Products Institute, and as director of the National Milk Products Association. For 35 years, he served as

president of the Sooner State Dairy Show Board.

Upon retirement from Gold Spot Dairy in 1971, the Associated Milk Producers Inc. of Oklahoma presented a plaque to Ralph Goley "in appreciation for a life devoted to unselfish service to the dairy farmers of this great state and nation." Meanwhile, he served on the Oklahoma State University Development Foundation Board, and in 1977, received the Animal Science Distinguished Graduate Award in agri-business and dairy manufacturing.

His commitment to community service included membership in the Kiwanis club for more than 50 years. He served as Lieutenant Governor of District 16, president, director and treasurer of the club, and chairman of the Interclub Committee.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite; a son, Gene Goley, and his wife, Laura, of Forest, Virginia; a daughter, Jody Brewer and her husband, Gene, of La Quinta, California; and a son, Frank and his wife, D'ella, of Lake Kiowa, Texas; one stepson Bill Humphries of Richardson, Texas; a stepdaughter, Marilyn Fish of Albuquerque, New Mexico; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Oklahoma Mu Hall of Fame

2000 INDUCTEES

John Hassler is memorialized as a 1931 initiate in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon history books, but he was one of the life-long Oklahoma Mus whose membership even preceded the beginning of the chapter.

In 1922, John started at Oklahoma A&M (as OSU was called in those days) at the age of 18 and joined the Chi Beta Fraternity. He served as chapter president of Chi Beta from 1926 to 1927, but he and his fellow brothers wanted to be a part of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Brother Hassler made a point of getting a charter from the fraternity secured for the Oklahoma brothers, and from 1924 to 1930, John attended every national SAE convention annually in hopes of getting recognition in the national fraternity.

“This was an astonishing effort considering he had to hitchhike (from Oklahoma) to Chicago while the Depression and Prohibition were going on,” said Bill Farr ’66, the chapter’s historian.

By 1930, the Chi Betas’ goal of affiliation with SAE was met, and the group received recognition as the Oklahoma Mu Chapter. According to S. Karl Bean, one of the fraternity’s first two pledges, John Hassler should get the largest portion of credit for the granting of the charter. Brother Hassler was also instrumental in convincing Katherine “Mom” Woods — the longest serving house mom in fraternity history — to be a part of Oklahoma Mu.

Brother Hassler was also key in maintaining the success of the chapter. In the first year following the SAE charter, some people assumed that since they had become Sigma Alpha Epsilons, prosperity would come automatically. And when John saw things going awry, he had no qualms about cleaning out a group of old officers and replacing them with more qualified people like Al Smith ’31, one of last year’s Hall of Fame inductees.

After college, John moved to Elk City, where he was city manager. At the time, he was the youngest city manager in U.S. history. He later received a law degree from Washington and went into the oil business — eventually owning Mohawk Drilling.

John Hassler passed away about 20 years ago, but his dedication to the chapter remained strong even through his last days. The legacy Brother Hassler built

for the Oklahoma Mu Chapter will live on in the hearts of all the undergraduates and alumni, and in the tradition of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Milford H. “Mickey” Smith ’40 describes himself as someone who is not likely to join up with groups, but his past — which includes establishing the Oklahoma Mu Alumni Association — shows otherwise.

Brother Smith served in the U.S. Infantry during World War II. Stationed in Europe, he was a member of the 99th Division and was a Combat Infantryman. He later graduated with an Economics major in 1949.

After graduation, Milford’s career included work with several companies beginning with General Mills, where he became member of the Board and vice president of General Mills Ltd. European operation based in London. Subsequently, he was vice president-marketing for Armour Dial, USA. His last employer was Western Publishing, where he became executive vice president. “We probably taught some of our younger brothers to read with our ‘Little Golden Books,’” he said. Western also published among other, “Betty Crocker Cookbooks.” He stayed busy with offices in New York, Toronto and Racine, Wisconsin. After doubling sales and profits, the firm was sold to Mattel.

While successful in the professional world, Brother Smith also helped his community as president of his YMCA, president of his country club and a board member of a local bank. He retired 20 years ago, and during that time served on the hospital board after being a member of the board and president of the Hospital Foundation. He was also a board member of an Oklahoma City Corporation.

His alumnus work with the fraternity has been equally important, as he was Chapter Adviser and was responsible for the founding of the Chapter Alumni Association. He said that his goal in establishing the association was to gather alumni and see what direction they could lead the chapter. He said he saw a lot of potential in the alumni, and he hopes they will improve the state of Oklahoma Mu.

“(Milford Smith) has become a critical and important

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link to the senior group of alumni. He finally makes the connection for all of our age groups," said Bill Farr '66, the chapter's historian.

Milford and his wife, Sally live in Stillwater and have been married for 53 years. The two were delivered by the same doctor, and they finally met in junior high. Milford says that he is very fortunate to have been with Sally so long. They have two children, Steven and Mary Catherine.

Jack Vasser grew up in and pledged the fraternity in 1946 initiating in 1947. His nickname was "Country Boy" because he was one of the few who didn't come from a large town. While an undergraduate, Jack held social chair and was on the upper council. He also played basketball under Coach Iba for a year.

Besides basketball he says his experience with SAE meant a lot to him. It opened up doors to lots of things that he might not have learned otherwise. The closeness and community of his brothers, learning manners, and making the best friend of his life, Bob Price '47, with whom he still talks frequently.

Jack graduated in 1950 and went into the military to fight in the Korean War. He stayed in the service for six and a half years.

When he got out, Jack went back to Perkins to work for his father's business, Vassar Manufacturing Company. The company manufactures farm equipment, and soon Jack took over and became president. He belongs to all the local boards including the Department of Commerce and Industry for Oklahoma as well as such organizations as the Stillwater Medical Center board.

In 1971, Jack was president of the Farm Equipment Manufactures Association, and in 1973, he was awarded the Small Business Man Of The Year award for Oklahoma. He continues an active role with the fraternity as an alumni as well, being on the Alumni board, the chapter advisor, and the campus Greek representative.

"Jack Vassar provided us with paint and materials and made it possible to open the house. He donated time and money... Without Vassar it would have been impossible to open our doors in the fall. He has enabled us to work through the ebbs and flows of a great fraternity chapter," said Bill Far '66.

He attributes his success largely to the fraternity for teaching him the necessary skills to deal with the business world.

Along the way, Jack met his wife Patsy, and he has four children.

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The house is getting several other face-lifting features this summer. Be sure to stop by and take a look at the "Grand Ol' Lady" if you're in town. A quick comment on Rush: FANTASTIC!! As you can see in this addition of The Muse News, there is a lot of good news and information about upcoming events. I believe, however, the best news is yet to come. In May, the Board voted to start a feasibility study with the purpose of building a new SAE house, or remodeling the current Chapter House, or remodeling and expanding the current Chapter House. The study will be done over the next six months. We will be using FMG for the study. They are currently the company that does our alumni communications and directory. If the study is favorable for the building program, construction would start no later than the end of the spring semester 2004 with a completion date no later than the beginning of the fall semester 2005. Optimistically, it could be much sooner.

In closing, I want to thank all of those brothers, both active and alumni, who have worked extremely hard to keep the SAE light burning bright. I also want to encourage those alumni who haven't been able to participate in the SAE experience recently to do so this year. You owe it to yourself.

Phi Alpha, Jim



Sigma Alpha Epsilon

“SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON”

by Russell Williams
The Redskin 1935

“Sigma Alpha Epsilon was founded on March 9, 1856 at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It was the desire of eight boys of the University of Alabama to perpetuate their friendship that led to the founding of the fraternity. At the time of the Civil War, S.A.E. was southern order and practically all of its members were called upon to fight for the Confederacy. After it was over only one chapter, located in Washington DC, survived and it became the nucleus for rebuilding the fraternity. During the world war, members of S.A.E. formed alumni associations all over France and men who had been pledges at the time of enlistment were initiated.”

“THE CHI BETA FRATERNITY”

from the 1999
 Hall of Fame Program

In 1921, a small group of men joined together to form the Chi Beta Fraternity. These gentlemen established a Housing Corporation for the chapter and led a successful petition to the national Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. By 1930, their goal of affiliation with SAE was met, and the chapter received recognition as the Oklahoma Mu Chapter. The brothers were finally inducted into the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity in February of 1931. Later, Chi Beta became the ownership name of Oklahoma Mu's property. In 1940, the chapter saw the final days of the original Housing Corporation, but its end gave way to the Oklahoma Mu Alumni Association. Most of the original founders have passed away, but live on in memory and the legacy they left with the Oklahoma Mu Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

ΣAE PLEDGES SNEAKED TO LAKE MURRAY LODGE

author unknown
The Redskin 1969

“Sig Alph pledges discovered the strong grips of Sig Alph members as pledges scrambled to escape on their pledge sneak. They spent a pleasant weekend at Lake Murray Lodge before tackling the house cleaning job that awaited their return. With the pledge sneak behind them, pledges, members and officers Bill Farr, pres; Ron Ensicott, v.p.; and Kent Woodman, sec., looked forward to spring
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Katherine “Mom” Woods

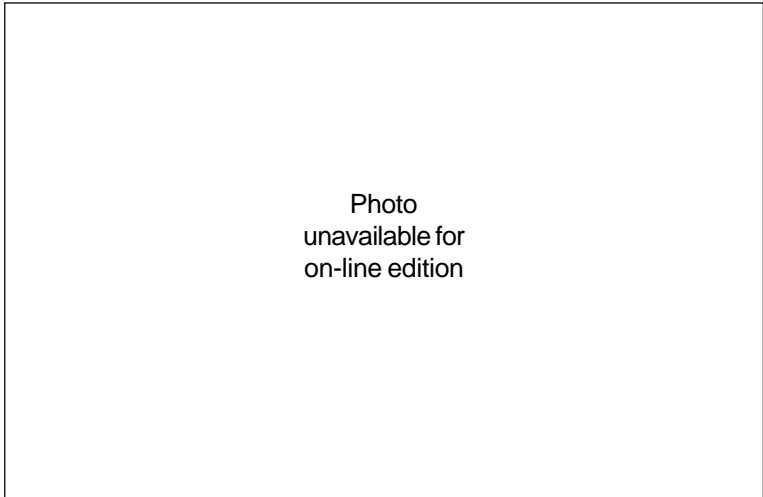


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1970 Dean Tower Award

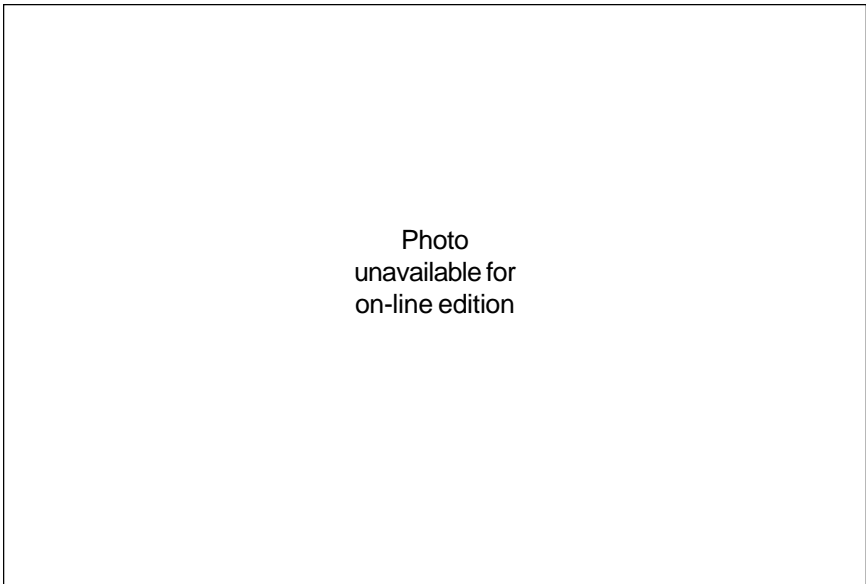


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ΣAE House 1935

OUR HISTORY

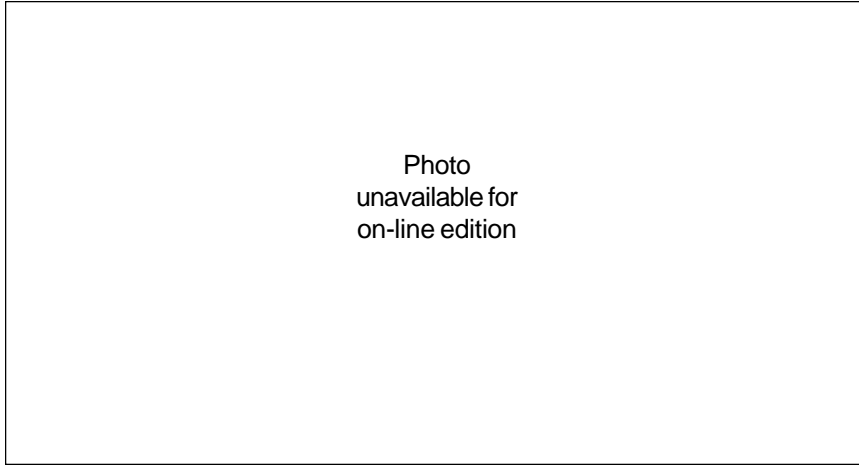


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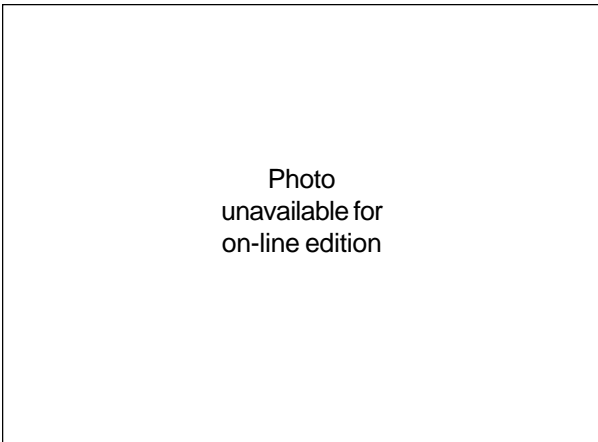


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Polishing the Trophies in 1950

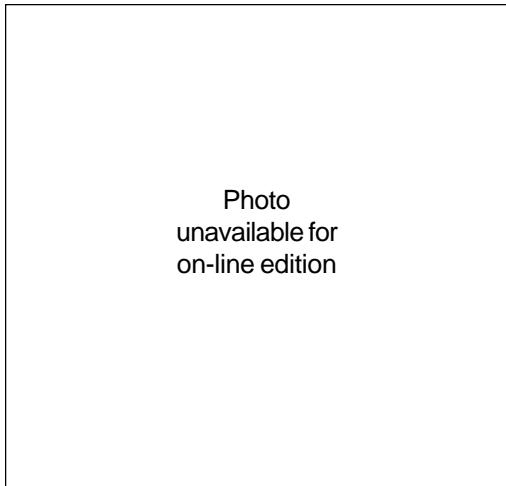


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Sigma Alpha Epsilon Men 1972

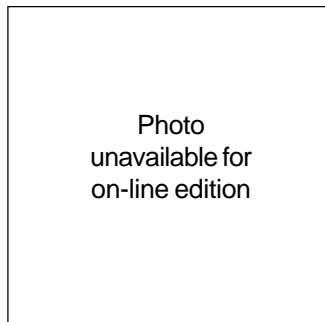


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Sigma Alpha men of 1947

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and the Plantation Ball. White picket fences and a southern banquet served on the veranda and lawn carried out their theme. Sig Alph's became southern gentlemen when they vacated their home to house their southern belles. The fraternity house was turned into a girls dorm for the Plantation Ball."

"VICTORY HALL NO.4"

author unknown
The Redskin 1945

"This is the house in which Jack and Bill and Jim lived with their Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers. [1308 West Third Street] When Jack Bill and Jim were called to defend their country, their home was changed by the needs of war into a house for the co-eds, now called V-Hall 4. The beautiful southern mansion, which rocked with clatter and clash of boyish laughter, and smelled of hair oil and men's colones, now rings with girlish laughter and oders of delicate feminine perfumes permeate the house. The SAEs could not be prouder of their home the are we girls. We cherish and take care of it in order that the boys may find things as they left them. So Jack and Bill and Jim we thank you for the use of your house. We have tried to hold up your standards for it. Although we have enjoyed every minute of our college year in V-4 and will hate to leave, we are looking forward to the day when World War II ends, and V-4 again becomes the home of Sigma Alpha Epsilon men."

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

author unknown
The Redskin 1973

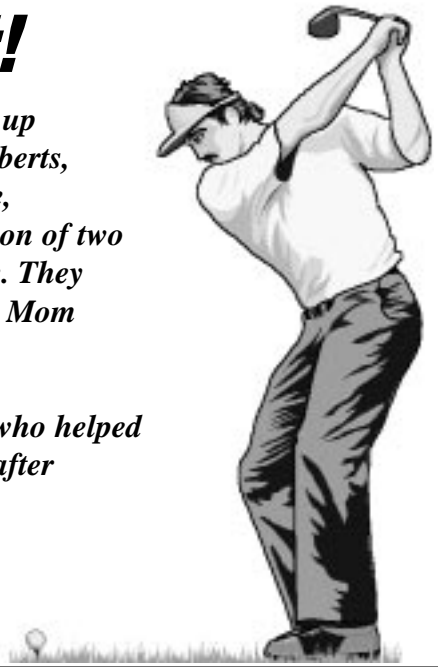
"Honored by the presentation of the John O. Moseley Award - given each year to the most outstanding national chapter... Inventive ideas set new precedents, such as joining the women of Wentz for Spring Sing - a new step forward for Greek-Independant relations... Joint efforts with Kappa Alpha Theta on Homecoming decoration captures first place trophy...Rounding out the pledge program, the pledges with the Iron Man Trophy for their outstanding efforts...Showing concern for the community by promoting can and clothing drives for the unfortunate" Sigma Alpha Epsilon men lead the way for the standards in strong fraternity organizations.

Golf Tourney was a Blast!

The golf tournament was a big success. We had 85 players show up and the weather cooperated. The first place team was 18 under (Roberts, Guyer, Smith & Bradley), and second place was at 16 under (Clowe, Fahnestock, Wilson & Woods). The sale of mulligans and the auction of two golf bags allowed us to pay for a cleaning service at the SAE house. They spent 2 1/2 days there, cleaning windows, vacuuming, dusting, etc.. Mom Askew said the place looked really nice!

Thanks to everyone who showed up and special thanks to those who helped sponsor the tournament with prizes. See you next year...two weeks after Memorial Day.

*Phi Alpha,
Chris Busby*



The mailing service for this publication was the Beacon Foundation, a non-profit organization offering sheltered employment, vocational training and supportive services to adults with developmental disabilities.

Note to Parents: If your son is still attending the Oklahoma State University, this newsletter is intended for you. If he is no longer in school, please send us his permanent address.
Thank you!

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