



The Muse News

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Phoenix Project is Underway!

You heard it! The Oklahoma Mu Corporation Board announced a major effort to construct a new home for the chapter. The existing 12,000-square foot house is in near irreparable condition and will soon make way for a new 22,000-square foot facility.



SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON
Chapter House
Oklahoma State University

The new house will be constructed to survive 100 years of chapter use. The facility will incorporate many of today's campus housing needs, as well as technological advancements. It will sleep up to 65 members in suite-style living arrangements, similar to nearby fraternities and new campus dormitories. Other features include a full-service kitchen, chapter room/library, larger living and dining rooms and a computer lab. Each room in the facility will be wired for Ethernet connectivity, creating a direct link to the Internet and campus information opportunities.

It's no secret that this project is a major undertaking. Countless hours have been devoted by members of the Corporation Board, as well as many other active alumni. Without their help, we would not be moving forward with this project. The alternatives, however, include a minor renovation (forcing us to do this again in 10 years), or no

restoration at all. Per University mandate, we have until 2004 to address possible code violations, which may force us to abandon the facility.

As you know, we've spent the past four years working with Fraternity Management Group to prepare for this project. Over one-third of Oklahoma Mu, along with several parents, have

indicated their desire to help fund this \$4,000,000 construction effort. In our opinion, it will take these and more alumni and parents to bring this necessary project to successful completion.

We're calling upon all alumni to invest in the future of the Oklahoma Mu Chapter. The Corporation Board, many volunteers and several key alumni recently made contributions to the campaign, commonly referred to as the Phoenix Project. To date, the actions of these individuals have generated over \$370,000 in donations.

The Phoenix Project is gaining momentum and can only move closer to completion with the participation of all alumni. No amount is too large nor too small -- each dollar counts. Please read more about the chapter's success and campaign progress throughout the *Muse News*. More importantly, get involved. Through your help, we can create a better home for all of us on the OSU campus.

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Board Corporation Report

YOU ARE WHO YOU RUSH!!

We have all heard the saying "You are what you eat". In the case of fraternities, the saying should be "You are who you rush!" We've always known that, but didn't always remember it when the time rolled around. Some years we were more concerned about the quantity rather than the quality of new pledges. Thankfully, over the past three summers the young brothers have strictly followed a rush profile that has led to three extremely successful pledge classes. This year seems to be no different as the brothers have signed 36 pledges. Interestingly, as the quality improved, so did the quantity. It is easier to recruit when your chapter is filled with outstanding members like Oklahoma Mu is.

Last school year, the SAEs finished with a 3.08 GPA which ranked them fourth out of 20 fraternities and only .10 out of first place. With 82 actives on campus, no one finished lower than a 2.25 GPA. This was the sixth semester in a row that the grades were better than the semester before.

Besides grades, the chapter did over 2000 hours of community service, earned first place in People's Choice for house decoration, third place overall in Homecoming, and had exceptional performances in Varsity Review and Spring Sing. Several brothers were also involved in campus politics and other campus actives. This kind of activity explains why our chapter was recognized prominently at Leadership School this year.

This fall, the chapter will continue to host an "Alumni Tailgate Party" before most home football games. This is a great opportunity to see old friends and meet the young brothers who are doing such a fantastic job of caring on the SAE tradition at O-State. Tailgate parties will take place two hours before home games at the southeast corner of #3 Posse Parking on the south side of the stadium. Look for the SAE flag. Food will be provided. Bring your own beverages and chairs. Contact your old pledge brothers and have them meet you there before games. For more information, call Matt Mieir (EA) at (405) 624-1856 or myself at (405) 359-6969.

As you can tell, the brothers living at the old chapter house are doing great! What's not doing so great is the condition of the old chapter house. Each year the Board is forced to spend more and more money to hold the "Old Lady" together. If we don't raise enough money to build a new facility, it is estimated that we will have to spend \$100,000 to \$200,000 just to bring the old house up to code. That's not remodeling, that's just to make it functional and up to code! We would have to spend a lot of money on a house that won't last another 15 to 20 years.

Now is the time to make your pledge for the future of your fraternity. In fact you should also be contacting a few of your old brothers to urge them to make their pledges. If need be, spread the donation over five years. This is a once-in-a-lifetime commitment to assure the future viability of SAE at Oklahoma State University. Look back at the lifelong friends you've made and what the SAE experience did to shape your life, then search your heart and give back to your chapter. If we don't do this now, it will be at least 15 to 20 years before the board will be able to try another fund raiser. By then the chapter may be in as bad a shape as the old house. Let's all step up and do our part!

Phi Alpha,

Jim Skaggs, President
Oklahoma Mu Alumni Corporation Board

From the Undergrads

Dear Alumni,

Here at the active chapter, the undergraduates are ready for another exciting and productive year. This summer's rush ended when we signed 36 of the most prominent young men. We are very optimistic about their future influence on the chapter. The diversity of the new pledge class is amazing, as you can see from the vastly different hometowns. In addition, we won several awards again at Leadership School: The Chapter Achievement, Noble L. DeVotie Award for Excellence in Ritual, and honorable mention in the John Baugh Award for Pledge Program. The chapter had a retreat for the weekend of the Aug. 25 to discuss our goals for this year, and we expect to have another strong, starting foundation for the upcoming year.

Additionally, the Initiation of *all seven* of last fall's pledge class' holdovers took place on Sept. 7. We are very excited to welcome these new brothers into our brotherhood. Also, the alumni cookouts will continue throughout the semester prior to the home football games south of Lewis Field. All alumni who can attend are strongly encouraged to stop by and fraternize with the active chapter, and join us for several winning games. During homecoming this year, we will be assisted by the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

This year is a critical one for Oklahoma Mu; last year we had the most philanthropy hours we have had in a long time, and also finished fourth in grades with a 3.08 GPA overall. We will definitely continue this trend because we are quite confident in our current chapter and keep high expectations for the new pledge class. I would personally like to encourage alumni involvement in everything I have spoken about; we realize that most of the things we do would not be possible without your help! Thank you to each person who has helped last year and so far this semester.

Additionally, we have many members of the chapter who are currently seeking jobs and internships for the winter break (Dec. 16 – Jan. 10) and, more importantly, summer break. If anyone has the opportunity to offer a job to any brother, we would certainly be very appreciative. On the following page is a list of active brothers, their tentative fields, office in the house, current year in school, and where they would prefer to work. However, if you are located elsewhere, please call, as several actives would be willing to travel. This will provide a priceless experience for the chapter. Please don't hesitate to call for more information on each particular brother; we can send resumes if necessary. The house phone (405-624-1856), office phone (405-377-1631), and my email address (mwmosu@aol.com) are available, and I will personally put you in contact with a brother to fit your needs. Hopefully, everyone can gain from this effort! Thank you all for your consideration.

Matt Mieir
Eminent Archon

Officers for Fall 2002

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| Eminent Archon | Matt Mieir | Broken Arrow |
| Eminent Deputy Archon | Mitch Harney | Tulsa |
| Eminent Treasurer | Micah Robinson | Bixby |
| Eminent Recorder | Taylor Upchurch | Woodward |
| House Manager | Cole Marshall | Enid |
| Pledge Trainer | Paul Klopftenstein | Shawnee |
| Co-Pledge Trainer | Tyler Wellhausen | Broken Arrow |
| Eminent Warden | Justin Swearingin | Broken Arrow |
| Philanthropy Chair | Clay Keith | Oklahoma City |
| Social Chair | Tim Martin | Oklahoma City |
| Eminent Herald | Nathan Mayenschein | Broken Arrow |
| Athletic Chair | Dusty Dorran | Alberta, Canada |
| Provost | Brian Fortier | Dallas |
| Alumni Relations | Rush James | Wynedot |
| Risk Manager | Drew Smith | Enid |
| Eminent Chaplain | Nathan Greer | Tulsa |
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| Eminent Chronicler | Chris Wilson | Fort Worth |
| Rush Chair Tulsa | Nathan Greer | Tulsa |
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| Rush Chair Stillwater | Taylor Upchurch | Woodward |

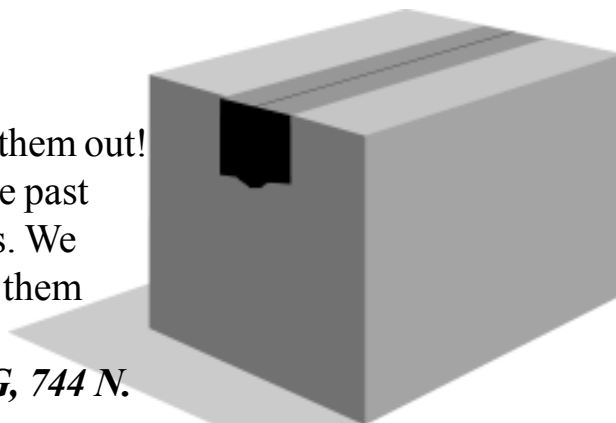
Actives in Search of Internships

| NAME | YR | OFFICE | INTEREST/MAJOR | LOCATION |
|--------------------|----|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Matt Mieir | JR | EA | Industrial Engineering and Mgmt. | Tulsa |
| Mitch Harney | SO | EDA | Business Management | Tulsa |
| Paul Klopftenstein | JR | Pledge Trainer | Industrial Engineering and Mgmt. | OK/Denver |
| Jeremy Bedwell | JR | | Law Enforcement | OK/Tulsa |
| Clay Keith | SO | Philanthropy | Mechanical Engineering | OK |
| Rush James | SO | Alumni Relations | Marketing/Management | OK |
| Adam Hill | SO | | Finance | OK/St. Louis |
| Justin Odell | SO | | Law Enforcement | OK |
| Micah Robinson | SO | Treasurer | Industrial Engineering and Mgmt. | Tulsa |
| Taylor Farr | SR | Rush Apt | Business Management | Tulsa/Dallas |
| Taylor Upchurch | SO | Rush Chair, | ER/Elementary Education | Woodward |
| Chris Holcomb | SO | | Mechanical Engineering | OKC |
| Trey Featherly | SO | | Construction Management | OKC |
| Jay Young | JR | Correspondent | Architecture | OKC |
| Colin Campbell | JR | | Architecture | OKC |
| Greg Escovedo | SO | | Summer Camp/Business | Dallas/Ft. Worth |
| Joe Rohr | SO | | Summer Camp/Education | OK |
| Ryan Hybarger | JR | Scholarship | Finance/Accounting | Anywhere |
| Justin Moore | JR | | Finance | OK |
| Bobby Hash | JR | | Industrial Engineering and Mgmt. | OK/Ft. Smith |
| Jason Miles | JR | | Finance | OK/Enid |
| Wes Temple | SR | Rush Chair | Law/International Business | OK |
| Cole Burdette | SR | | Industrial Engineering and Mgmt. | OK/Tulsa |
| John Hladik | SR | IFC Rep | Mechanical/Aerospace Engineering | OK/Enid |
| Tyler Wellhausen | SR | Pledge Trainer | Pharmacy | OK/Tulsa |
| Nathan Mayenschein | SR | Herald | Law Enforcement | OK/Tulsa |
| Jack Laubach | SR | Song Leader | Business Sales/MIS | OK |
| Justin Swearengin | JR | Eminent Warden | Law/Management/Business | OK/Tulsa |
| Adam Schriener | JR | | Finance | Tulsa |
| Aaron Bogle | SO | | Law | Tulsa |
| Rick Johnson | SO | | Accounting | OK |
| Blake Hall | JR | | Finance | Tulsa |
| Dan Cadenhead | JR | | Pharmacy | Tulsa |
| Kyle Belitz | JR | | Accounting | OK |

Call for Pictures

Are you hiding pictures of your time with Oklahoma Mu in some old box? If so, pull them out! The chapter is looking for pictures from the past and present to include in future newsletters. We will scan them and return them if you want them back.

Pictures can be sent to Pete Parker at FMG, 744 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705-8351.



Phoenix Project Progressing Nicely

The fundraising campaign to provide a better Chapter House for all Oklahoma Mu's has been underway just a short time but has already yielded promising results. To date, over \$370,000 has been generated from just 67 contributors. We haven't even asked one-quarter of all Oklahoma Mu brothers.

We have been focusing our attention on board members, volunteers and prospective major contributors to solicit gifts. We're now ready to invite all brothers to participate in this exciting and meaningful opportunity. We're perceiving this as a once-in-a-

lifetime project where we're creating a lasting impression on the Oklahoma Mu chapter.

We have accurately detailed the details of the project in a professionally prepared campaign brochure. Each alumnus and parent will be invited to contribute to the campaign, likely through the receipt of the campaign packet and a call from a fellow brother or Fraternity Management Group (FMG). For more information, please contact Pete Parker of FMG at 800-228-7326 (pete@fmgtucson.com).

| Giving Breakdown | Lower Limit | # Rec'd | \$ Pledged | Donation Review | |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------|------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Founders' Club-Gold | \$1,000,000 | 0 | \$0 | # Donors: | 67 |
| Founders' Club-Silver | 500,000 | 0 | 0 | Pledged: | \$373,950.00 |
| Founders' Club-Bronze | 250,000 | 0 | 0 | Avg Gift: | \$5,581.34 |
| SAE Club | 100,000 | 1 | 100,000 | Lgst Gift: | \$100,000.00 |
| The True Gentleman Club | 50,000 | 2 | 100,000 | Solicitation Review | |
| Minerva Club | 25,000 | 1 | 25,000 | Pledge / Gift Made: | 67 |
| Phoenix Club | 10,000 | 3 | 30,000 | Verbal Pledge Made: | 32 |
| Crest Club | 5,000 | 13 | 66,000 | Asked, Considering: | 53 |
| Purple & Gold Club | 2,500 | 7 | 19,250 | Denied Pledge / Gift: | 25 |
| Loyal Oklahoma Mu Club | 1,000 | 30 | 32,000 | | |
| Building Patron Club | 1 | 10 | 1,700 | | |

Campaign Contributors

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|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| A.F. Smith '31 | Robert Yeaman '56 | Scott McCann '81 |
| Mont Johnston '36 | John Niblack '57 | Michael Duffy '84 |
| Carl Blackwell '38 | Mike Roys '58 | Justin Hoose '84 |
| Robert Roberts '39 | William Johnson '62 | Ron Lorenz '84 |
| David Dunlap Jr. '43 | Robert Nelson '66 | Todd Porter '84 |
| Bill Halley '43 | Gerald Eubanks '67 | Mark Wilmes '84 |
| Charles Taylor Jr. '46 | Jack McGinnis II '67 | Chris Busby '85 |
| Pete Clark '47 | David Batchelder '68 | Bill Chandler '86 |
| Ed Loosley '47 | Chuck Gall '69 | Ian Chapman '86 |
| Richard M. Chambers '48 | Thomas Wolff '69 | Warren Hammert '86 |
| James Onstot '48 | Kent Yoesting '71 | Jeff Henricks '86 |
| Richard E. Thompson '48 | Steve Bell '72 | Jason Sutton '86 |
| Neal Onstot '49 | Robert Clark '72 | Trent Fryar '88 |
| Terry Diacon '50 | Michael Ruby '72 | Brett Hayes '88 |
| Kenneth Kent Jr. '51 | Bob Austin '73 | Craig McElwain '88 |
| Darrell Bains '52 | Van Jones '74 | Rob Williams '88 |
| Frank R. Goley '52 | Jim Skaggs '74 | Eric Fahnestock '89 |
| Franklin Heath '52 | David Towe '74 | Frank Kimmel III '89 |
| Edwin Word '52 | Rick Hundley '76 | Justin Phelps '89 |
| Charles Foreman '53 | Russ Finney '77 | Lance Hoose DC '90 |
| William Morse '55 | Keith Morse '77 | David Dillon '91 |
| Frank Nelson '55 | Bradley Fielding '78 | Marcus Billings '93 |

Thank You!

ALUMNI

U P D A T E S

Blue Anderson '56 started working for Republic National Bank after graduating with a degree in marketing. After that, he moved on to the insurance business. He is currently President and CEO of Corporate Benefit Alternative Inc. He and his wife, Mary Alice, have been married for 37 years and have two sons, John, 18, and Jay, 20. Brother Anderson golfs, fishes and plays tennis in his free time. (PO Box 28985, Atlanta, GA, 30358, H: (404) 394-4496, email: blueanderson@mindspring.com).

Dick Soergel '58 took his shot at athletic glory after graduating with a degree in business administration, trying out for the (then) Boston Patriots of the NFL. He was released after a few months, however, and now works as a Senior Vice President at Liberty Bank. He and his wife, Gwen, have been married for 45 years. He has one daughter, Sandy Warner. His son Rick passed away. Brother Joergel has five grandchildren. He plays tennis and golf, reads and plays with his grandchildren in his free time. (11712 Rushmore, Oklahoma City, OK, 73162, H: (405) 728-0074).

Charles Drake '59 began his career in civil service with the U.S. State Department after graduating with a degree in Business Economics. Following his time spent in the government, Brother Drake worked in private practice as a general counsel for 27 years. He and his wife, Phyllis, have been married for 41 years and have two children, Kelley and Julie. They also have five grandchildren. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf. He remains in contact with Brother John Yaymen. (1102 Oakridge, Stillwater, OK, 74074, H: (405) 624-0192, email: cedrake@okstate.edu).

Lynn Anderson '61 graduated with a Business degree and began working in the Sales department for Supreme Printing and Stationary Company. His happily married to Ruth Ann and in their spare time, they enjoy

bicycling, woodworking, golfing and messing around with their computer. Brother Anderson tries to stay in contact with other alumni when time permits. (5815 E 57th St., Tulsa, OK, 74135, H: (918) 494-9600).

Bill Spielberger '68 has come a long way since earning a business and marketing degree. Following graduation, he went to work Zenith where he held the position of Local Distribution Representative for seven years. He is now the President of Triangle Royalty, a company that deals with oil, gas, and mineral royalties and contracts. Brother Spielberger and wife Mary recently celebrated their 20th anniversary. They are the proud parents of daughters Amy, 19, and Leigh Ann, 17. In his free time, Brother Spielberger takes time out to golf. He also stays in contact with many Oklahoma Mu alumni whenever possible. (4306 Red Bud Place, Edmond, OK, 73013, H: (405) 340-8680, email: trirowcrop@aol.com).

Tony Benwey '71 currently works at Citgo Petroleum as Manager of Transportation and graduated with a History degree. He and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 28 years and have two children, Staci, 21, and Holly, 19. In his free time, Brother Benwey enjoys golf, skiing and traveling. He remains in contact with Brothers Paul Bryden and Chris Dunkleberg. (4338 E 69th St., Tulsa, OK, 74136-4639, H: (918) 492-5785, email: tbenway@citgo.com).

Mike Jones '75 graduated with an Accounting degree and later earned an MBA in Finance. Following graduation, he began working for Huntington Energy. He now holds the position of Controller. Brother Jones and wife Cindy have been married for 23 years and have two children, Jessica, 19, a Kappa at OSU, and Alex, 15. In his free time,

Brother Jones enjoys sailing and scuba diving. He remains in contact with Brothers Jim Skaggs, Mark Grover and Bill Farrel.(1333 Harding Ave, Edmond, OK, 73013-6349, H: (405) 341-2601).

Dan Hart '78 took his Business Administration Management degree and went to work for Guardian Life, one of the largest insurance companies in the U.S. He is currently a Regional Manager with the company. Brother Hart and his wife, Kim, have been married since 1983 and have two children, Lighanne, 16, and Lauren, 14.(2137 E 32nd St., Tulsa, OK, 74105, H: (918) 712-2288, email: dan_hart@glic.com).

Todd Farris '84 traveled and played Rugby after graduation until he attended Chiropractic College on scholarship. He currently works as a chiropractor for Broadway Clinic, and has worked with various sports teams during his tenure there. He and his wife Melinda have two young children, three-year-old Isable and two-year-old Luke. When Brother Farris isn't chasing the little ones around the house, he plays golf and stays active in church. (1008 NW 14th, Oklahoma City, OK, 73106, H: (405) 319-9212).

Todd Carey '85 went on to graduate school after earning a B.A. in chemical engineering. After that, he began his career with Radion International Environmental. He has been the Engineering Section Manager there for 3 years. In his free time, he enjoys diving and taking wave runners to the lake. He has one son, Cole, 8. He maintains contact with Brother Kirk Keaton. (1709 Dayflower, Cedar Park, TX, 78613, H: (512) 797-9975, email: todd.carey@motorola.com).

Brett Benton '87 earned his degree in marketing, and began working at The Nordam Group where he still works to this day as the Director of Sales and Marketing. He and his wife, Staci, have been married

for five years. He has three children, Connor, Barret and Bailey. Brother Benton enjoys golf when he has some free time, and says he maintains contact with many Oklahoma Mus. (5117 E 92nd St., Tulsa, OK, 74137, H: (918) 493-5004, email: bbenton@nordam.com).

Brett Hayes '88 earned a degree in industrial engineering. He worked for Baker Hughes as a Manufacturing Engineer when he graduated. He now works with Horse and Cattle Whips. He and his wife, Pamela, have been married for 12 years and have two children, Allison, 8, and Trevor, 6. In his free time, he enjoys coaching tee-ball and soccer. He maintains contact with his Oklahoma Mu Brothers at the yearly pledge class reunion and a golf tournament. (PO Box 262, Miami, OK, 74355, H: (918) 540-2127, email: bhayes@totealong.com).

Bret Bagley '89 and his marketing degree first began working at Ogden Inc., a CPA firm, after graduation. Brother Bagley now works with Doerner, Saunders, Daniel and Anderson LLP as a systems analyst. He has one daughter, Alyssa, 8. In his free time, he enjoys water skiing. He maintains contact with Brothers Kevin Creegen, Scott Simmons, Justin Phelps and Branden Hamar via phone and lunches. (7517 N 134th E Place, Owasso, OK, 74055, H: (918) 274-4631, email: bbagley@dsg.com).

Eric Cappetta '93 graduated with a degree in mathematics. After graduation he moved first to Santa Fe, N.M., then to Texas. He currently works for JJ Pierce Richardson. He and his wife, Jordan, have been married for two years. Brother Cappetta enjoys hunting, fishing and snow skiing in his free time. He maintains contact with Brothers Lance Schnieder and Justin Lyles. (2702 Orchid Drive, Richardson, TX, 75082, H: (972) 671-6526).

Send Us Your Email Addresses!!

The Oklahoma Mu Chapter would like to increase the amount of valid emails we have for our alumni. Send us as many addresses for active chapter brothers as you can find! You can send them to Oklahoma Mu Chapter c/o Fraternity Management Group, 744 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705-8351 or email Pete@FMGTucson.com.

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Football schedule



QB Josh Fields leads the Cowboys on to victory!



Remaining Games

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|---------|----------------|
| Sep 21* | SMU |
| Oct 5 | @ Texas |
| Oct 12 | @ Kansas State |
| Oct 19* | Nebraska |
| Nov 2 | Texas A&M |
| Nov 9 | @ Texas Tech |
| Nov 16 | @ Kansas |
| Nov 23* | Baylor |
| Nov 30 | Oklahoma |

* Taigate parties with the Chapter

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

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