



Oklahoma Mu MUSE NEWS

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Dear Brothers,

I was a little bummed out when I realized I couldn't complete the mission I was given. That lasted for about 3 hours. Then like Tinkerbell, Minerva awoke me about 3:00am, stuck me with her scepter and told me what to do for the young men at SAE. "Don't risk the house, give them something bigger and better." Then she let 2 Lions in the window to chase me out of the house and get back to work. Sometimes the pressure of time forces decisions that ultimately are better than our original quest.

We have decided to give the Oklahoma Mu Chapter a 23,000 sq ft house instead of an 18,000 sq ft house. Sounds difficult as we have not raised the \$2.7 million needed to build a new 18,000 sq ft house.

We will build a 9,000 sq ft wing on the west side of the house. An example of the drawings for this plan were done in 1980 by Brother Don Davis. This new wing will house 30 men. It will blend in beautifully and match the existing architecture of our grand

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fraternity at Oklahoma Mu. It will cost approximately \$1.4 million and will have all of the latest amenities that students of the 21st Century will require.

The existing house will be remodeled to provide for students of today. It will cost approximately \$600,000. The current house holds 68 men. The remodeled structure will have the capacity of 54 men.

The new combined structures will have the capacity of 84 men. The total cost should be approximately 2 million and give us a chapter house that is 23,000 square feet as opposed to the current 14,000 square feet. We are extremely pleased with this plan and hope that you are.

As good stewards of the fraternity, we always knew that debt was something we could not risk. This will also save the active chapter from having to move out and scatter across the campus for one year. We fully expect that the men will be able to live in the existing house while the new wing is being built. As Mark Wilmes '84 commented, "This will be the New SAE Campus, instead of the New SAE House". Please feel free to email me or call me at (800) 727-4354 with any questions or ideas. Thank you for your contributions and I hope that this agrees with you. Phi Alpha, Bob Austin

Phoenix Campaign Club Listings

SAE Club

\$100,000 to \$249,999

A.F. Smith '31
Sherman E. Smith '42
Boone Pickens '49

The True Gentleman Club

\$50,000 to \$99,999

Frank Robson '48
John NiBlack '57
David Batchelder '68

Minerva Club

\$25,000 to \$49,999

Ed Robinson '50
Ron Taylor '66
Mark Snell '70
Robert R. Austin '73
Rick Cooper '73

Phoenix Club

\$10,000 to \$24,999

Jack Vassar '47
Bill Veazey '49
Darrell T. Bains '52
Thomas Weirich '66
Chuck Gall '69
Mickey Homsey '70
Lin Bacon '71
Steve League '71
Bill Starr '71
Mike Woody '73
Van Jones '74
John Polkinghorne '77
Joe Burke '78
William Hogan '82
Todd Farris '84
Justin Hoose '84
Bob Nickles '85
John Bax '88
Patrick Nickles '88
John C. Stobbe '88
Lance Hoose '90

Crest Club

\$5,000 to \$9,999

George Reeves '34
Robert M. Roberts '39
T.M. Carey '47
Roy Horne '48
Ferdinand Hassler '49
Neal A. Onstot '49
Joseph Cantrell '50
Frank R. Goley '52
Bob Hibbs '52
Charles Foreman '53
Barry Bruce '54
Gilbert Gibson '54
Bob Rader '54
Ronald Gibson '57
John Yeaman '59
Dick Ford '60
Bill Manera '63
Larry Akin '66
Janis Farr (LSOM) '66
Bob Geismar '66
W. Pat Moran '66
Jim Nelson '66
Robert H. Nelson '66
Jack L. McGinnis '67
David Peterson '68
Lee Rittenhouse '68
Paul Bryden '70

Crest Club

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Gary Conrad '70
Rod Edwards '70
Bruce Smith '72
Alan Ferguson '73
Clay Hartley '73
Robert P. Gephardt '73
Ken E. Dornblaser '74
Jeffery Fielding '74
Glenn Pappas '74
Lane Pennington '74
James Skaggs '74
David Towe '74
Russell Mulinix '75
Steve Reichert '76
Jess Storts '76
Bill Collier '77
Javier Gamarra '78
Mike Granstaff '78
Dan Hart '78
Charlie Clowe '81
Bill Collins '81
Doug McMahan '81
Chris Norris '82
James Bowen '84
Jeffrey Burwell '84
Todd M. Porter '84
Chris Busby '85

Phoenix Campaign Club Listings Continued

Crest Club
\$5,000 to \$9,999

Andrew Solomon '85
Rod Coulter '86
Frank Kimmel III '89
Brad Clowe '90
Chris Kelley '90
Derek Villanueva '94
D. Brenner Farr '96

A. Warren Morey '40
Bob Fickett '43
Gerald Bradshaw '46
Richard Chambers '48
James A. Debois '48
Richard Thompson '48
Bill Siler '49
Tom Brown '52
Keith Hinchey '52
Jack Bedingfield '54
Gerry Mayfield '54
Jon Bedingfield '57
Daniel Stough '57
Jim Nelson '63
Harry Saunders '64
Halsey Settle '64
Preston Jones '65
Richard A. Wagner '66
Ted Carey '67
Carl Ellspermann '67
Gerald Eubanks '67
Don Wiechmann '67
Dick Graham '69
Steve Bell '72
Mike Garrett '72
Phil Hershberger '72
Brad Petty '72
Fredrick Simmons '72
Mark Gish '74
Mark Grober '75
Bruce Hall '75
Michael R. Jones '75
Mark Newman '77
Randy Buckley '78
Brad Fielding '78
Scott McCann '81
John Blevins '84
Eric Stall '84
Todd Carey '85
Warren Hammert '86
Brett Benton '87
Brett Hayes '88
Shane Holley '88
Mark Dunlop '89
Keith Goggans '90
Tony Woods '90

Purple and Gold Club
\$2,500 to \$4,999

Louis Hunsucker '93
Ashton Jenkins '95
Cody Graham '96

Loyal Oklahoma Mu Club
\$1,000 to \$2,499

Mont S. Johnston '36
Robert Smith '36
William Stephens '38
Herb Ingham '39
Wallace McMillin '40
John R. March '41
Bill Ditzler '43
Bill Halley '43
Jack Morey '43
Milford Smith '43
Sam Stone '43
Robert Waldrep '43
John Carey '46
Harry King '46
Arthur Rigg '46
Jack Bales '47
Pete Clark '47
Donald D. Doty '47
Walter Kline '47
Ed Loosley '47
William Ossenkop '47
Tom White '47
Montie Box '48
Harold Everett '48
Gilbert Fitzgerrell '48
Jim Hembree '48
Donal Loosley '48

Loyal Oklahoma Mu Club
\$1,000 to \$2,499

Raymond Loyd '48
Raymond Balcer '49
Don Butler '49
Ray A. Edsel '49
James C. Taylor '49
Bill Bourland '50
Terry Diacon '50
Larry Hoecker '50
Mike Jones '50
John Anderson '51
Kenneth Kent Jr. '51
Enloe Baumert '52
Franklin Heath '52
Russell Jones '52
Edwin Word '52
Ed De Bois '53
H.C. Casey '54

Loyal Oklahoma Mu Club
\$1,000 to \$2,499

Tim Andrews '84
Michael Duffy '84
Doug Konarik '84
Mark Wilmes '84
Bill Chandler '86
Ian Chapman '86
Byron Corwin '86
Jeff Henricks '86
Darren Murphy '86
Jason Sutton '86
Randy Benson '87
Randy Cowan '87
Tim Matthews '87
Craig Worley '87
Trent Fryar '88
Scott Leming '88
Craig McElwain '88
Mark A. Regier '88
Rob Williams '88
Bret Bagley '89
Eric Fahnestock '89
Justin Phelps '89
Derek Urban '89
Chip Hughes '90
Ben Juen '90
Mark Lawrence '90
Brent Wiseman '90
David Dillon '91
Chad Schmidt '91
Michael Jacobson '92
Jay Reed '92
Marcus Billing '93
Brannon Brittain '93
Greg Golden '93
Cody Griffin '96
Robert Baker '98
Matt Muehleisen '98
Chris Parker '98
Billy Lindenborn '98

Building Patron Club
\$999 and less

James Wilcoxson '31
Carl Blackwell '38
Robert Burnham '39
Andrew Askew '41
William Haight '41
Norman Harrison '41
Franklin Lawyer
'41 Barbour Cox '43
E. Vincent Stratton '43
Charles Taylor Jr. '46
Gene Van Dyke '47
Jack M. Wikoff '47
Joe Nanny '49
Edwin D. Fisher '54
Robert Yeaman '56
Ray Asfahl '57
David Walker '57
Bill Johnson '62
Olie Olsen '63
Larry O'Byrne '64
Donald Bentley '65
Donald Klovstad '65
Louis Hays '66
Randy Lawson '68
Ed W. Shockley '68
Mike Bradley '76
Robert Walker '76
Mike Ray '77
Myron Watkins '80
Kirt McCabe '81
Chris Hulen '84
Ronnie Lorenz '84
R.D. Farr '85
Graham Chandler '86
Wayne Hurst '86
Brent Adams '88
John Bello '88
Lance Schneiter '92
Eric Cappetta '93



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Ron Taylor was initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon on March 5th 1966. Recently Brother Taylor stated: "The SAE Fraternity was a significant factor in shaping my life and career. Many of us learned leadership and socialization skills that simply are not taught in college classrooms but are probably as consequential in our careers as anything we learned during our time at OSU. I always look forward to annual meetings of a "study" group that is comprised of 12 Oklahoma Mu Brothers who have met for 30 years to rekindle the SAE spirit." He is grateful for the lifelong friendships that began at 1308 West Third."

Brother Taylor has business interests in privately held companies, commercial properties, and natural gas production. Brother Taylor has held many community service positions such as: Vice President of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Board Member of UNC-Greensboro Business School Board of Advisors, Vice President of Human Environmental Sciences Foundation Board-UNC Greensboro and SAE National Leadership School Faculty Member.

Brother Taylor resides in Greensboro, NC has been married for 30 years to wife, Carol and has three sons ages 24, 22, & 17. He enjoys saltwater fishing, hunting, golf, leisure travel, water and snow sports, and non-fiction reading.



Michael E. Woody graduated from McAlester High School in 1972. He then went on to attend Oklahoma State University. He was initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon in March 1973. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1976 with a BS Horticulture / Landscape Architecture. He has been married to Susie for the last 26 years and they live in Tulsa, OK.

Brother Woody is a Registered Landscape Architect in Oklahoma & Texas. He is a Certified Playground Safety Inspector by National Playground Safety Institute. He is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and a member on the Board of Directors, Sooner Chapter of Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Brother Woody enjoys motor sports, traveling and reading.



Tom Weirich was initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon March 5, 1966. Tom is very active in the fraternity and is currently one of the fire ants for the Phoenix Campaign. He stated that his Fondest Memory of the fraternity was "Walking around the corner on bid house day and seeing all the guys at the house welcoming me to the fraternity. It continued to be a wonderful experience all the way through, and even up to the present day when we were able to renew so many old friendships at the SAE Reunion on September 13, 2003." He adds, "Management, organizational and social skills initially learned in the fraternity continue to be assets."

Tom has been in a private practice of Orthodontics in Oklahoma City since 1974, and also teaches part time in the graduate orthodontic department at the O.U. Dental School. Tom has been involved in numerous community activities, such as Boy Scouts, Heritage Hall School and Westminster Presbyterian Church. He is married to Harriet KAΘ (Little Sister of Minerva) and has 3 sons: Dan, age 30; Kent, age 27; and Phillip, age 18. He also has a four-month old granddaughter, Anna. An interesting fact about the Weirich family is that Tom is an SAE, his brother, Scott, is an SAE, both of his brothers-in-law, Van Jones and Bill Collier, are SAE's, and his nephew, Drew Collier, is currently a pledge in the SAE House.

After all these years, Tom still enjoys reuniting with his SAE Brothers for their annual ski trip.



Undergraduates

2004 OFFICERS

Rush James '02 (Eminent Archon) Wyandotte, OK
Adam Hill '02 (Treasurer) St Louis, MO
Andrew Zinga '03 (Eminent Deputy Archon) Broken Arrow, OK
Daniel Brauer '03 (Eminent Recorder) Jenks, OK
Adam Scheiner '02 (Risk Manager) Tulsa, OK
Rush James '02 (Rush Chairman) Wyandotte, OK
Taylor Upchurch '02 (Rush Chairman) Woodward, OK
Matt Wilson '03 (Rush Chairman) Stroud, OK
Byron Chavez '03 (Pledge Trainer) Oklahoma City, OK
James McSpadden '03 (Pledge Trainer) Richardson, TX
Brian Jones '03 (Social Chairman) Oklahoma City, OK
Kyle Houston '03 (Scholarship Chairman) Sherwood, AR
Chad Frampton '03 (House Manager) Tyler, TX
Chase Hundley '03 (Eminent Correspondent) Enid, OK
Andy Donahue '03 (Alumni Chairman) Enid, OK

RUSH

The life blood of the fraternity. If you know of any young men that would be an asset to Oklahoma Mu, please contact EA, Rush James at 405-377-1631 or email to: rush22_2@hotmail.com



2004 INITIATION

The following young men were initiated on Saturday, January 24, 2004.

Jeremy Almon - Oklahoma City, OK
Brett Askins - Bartlesville, OK
Chase Bennett - Tulsa, OK
Colt Braden - Borger, TX
Chris Brett - Enid, OK
Drew Collier - Kingwood, TX
Kevin Digney - Edmond, OK
Jason Durrett - Oklahoma City, OK
Brian Eagleston - Oklahoma City, OK
Jeff Horrocks - Elk City, OK
Chris Isaacson - Tulsa, OK
Jarod Jones - Muskogee, OK
Jordon Loudermilk - Kingwood, TX
Ross Martin - Oklahoma City, OK
Josh McCabe - Edmond, OK

Stephan Mullinax - Ketchum, OK
Ben Oller - Andover, KS
Jeff Paczkowski - Tulsa, OK
Patrick "Randy" Randall - Oklahoma City, OK
Adam Ray - Broken Arrow, OK
Kyle Reichert - Omaha, NE
Sean Robertson - Blue Springs, MO
Michael Schultz - Coppell, TX
Corey Scott - South Lake, TX
Chris Sheehan - Yukon, OK
Patrick Shortess - Bixby, OK
Bat Shunatona - Tulsa, OK
Michael Towe - Lawton, OK
Patrick Vermillion - Bixby, OK
Rob West - Altus, OK

HOMECOMING 2004

OSU Homecoming is scheduled for October 15th and 16th. We have reserved rooms for SAE Alumni at the Fairfield Inn and at the Days Inn. To reserve a room at the Fairfield Inn call 405-372-6300. To reserve a room at the Days Inn call 405-743-2570. Rooms are reserved under the name Bob Austin, you can easily take one of these rooms and change the reservation name.

Make plans now to attend Homecoming 2004, check out the construction at 1308 W. 3rd and meet old friends at the tailgate location.

Shakers and Movers Club

Tom Weirich '66 – from Crest Club to Phoenix Club
Van Jones '74 – from Crest Club to Phoenix Club
Ron Taylor '66 – from Crest Club to Minerva Club
Jeff Fielding '74 – from Building Patron Club to Crest Club
Charles Foreman '53 – from Purple and Gold Club to Crest Club
John Bax '88 - from Crest Club to Phoenix Club
John Stobbe '88 - from Crest Club to Phoenix Club
Sherman Smith '42 – from Purple and Gold Club to SAE Club
Terry Diacon '50 – from Building Patron Club to Loyal Oklahoma Mu Club
Rick Cooper '73 – from Phoenix Club to Minerva Club
Dick Graham '71 – from Purple and Gold Club to Crest Club
Cody Graham '96 – from Purple and Gold Club to Crest Club
David Peterson '68 – from Loyal Oklahoma Mu to Crest Club
Robert Roberts '39 – from Loyal Oklahoma Mu to Crest Club
Brad Fielding '78 – from Building Patron Club to Purple and Gold Club

Chapter Eternal

Oscar G. Ballard, August 7, 1934 - to December 7, 2003. Brother Ballard was initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon on March 20, 1954. His love for flying began during his service in the U.S. Navy from 1957 to 1961 when Lieutenant J.G. Ballard flew reconnaissance missions for the VS-23 Squadron aboard the U.S.S. Yorktown CV-10. Over a 37-year career he was a Claims Representative for Crawford and Company and retired from the Hartford Insurance Group. After retirement he regained his love for flying and pursued it as a favorite hobby. He was a devoted family man, an avid reader and loyal OSU fan. He was an honorable and decent man who will be greatly missed.

Phoenix Campaign - Thanks

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that have brought us to the current level of 1.6 million dollars. The Oklahoma Mu Corporation Board, The Active Chapter Members, and the Fire Ants, have been working hard to take the Campaign to new heights. There have been many Alumni who have made a significant contribution and sacrifice to help put the Fraternity on a new and firm financial footing.

Calendar Of Events

Founder's Day

Saturday, February 28th

Founders Day will be held at
The Clarence E. Page Building
Wiley Post Airport
5810 Tulakes Blvd
Oklahoma City.

Dinner includes Prime Rib and
Chicken Picata and sides.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

Social Hour: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Dinner: 8:00pm

Please contact Bill Farr '66 at
(918) 622-2211

SAE Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 5th 2004

1:30 p.m.

Brothers interested in playing should sign up
by contacting Chris Busby '85 at 405-234-
5809 or Todd Farris '84 at 405-528-8271
Also, anyone interested in sponsoring a hole,
donations are now starting to be collected.
Last year, donations varied from \$50 in cash
to free golf at Golf Club of Oklahoma to a vin-
tage Lincoln Continental.

SIGN UP NOW



Comments From Brothers

I have to admit that I have been sitting on the sidelines making excuses (2 tuition bills, apartment in Tulsa, car insurance, blah blah) waiting for someone else to make that huge contribution that will put the fund-raising effort over the top. Guilty!! So here is our contribution and commitment over the next few years to the effort. I say that it is "our" contribution because Valerie and I both have made so many fond memories of the house and the friendships we made during those short 4 years, the pledge really is from both of us.

It is not often that we get the chance to recall so many great times but your letters and the remarks from others has really brought back some strong feelings about the house and the friends that were made from 1974 through 1978. I can still remember being rushed by Keith, Doug and yourself and moving into what I thought was a terrific room, only to later learn that my mom cried all the way home thinking what a horrible place I was living. Mike Jones and I lived in the 3rd floor Northeast room and one morning we awoke and I would swear ice had formed on the outside of his fish tank. Fish tanks? The night we were told we were to be initiated someone broke Mike Walkers fish tank and well we were certain there would be no initiation. The Fox, Pokes, Hideaway, Spanish Landing and the Mason Jar and yes my doctor says my liver is just fine! The homecoming house decoration that needed some non-mechanical intervention to work. Ed Horkey, house manager extra ordinaire!! I had the opportunity to park in the SAE parking lot on Bid Day (another Theta in the family) and met some of the Brothers living in the house and what a super group of guys. They related their experience at Leadership School and I could feel their pride in winning the Moseley Zeal Award. It is only fitting that we see to it that future generations of young men have the opportunity to experience being an SAE. - Mark A. Grober '75

This is awesome and just as I remember it. I vividly recall looking at this architectural rendering back in the mid 80's and wondering if it would ever happen. Let's make it happen now! No one should second guess the project. I now like it more than razing the existing house and building anew. We keep the history and the memories and can start new ones. - Eric Stall '84

Blast from the Past

A Memory from Brother Bill Siler '49.....

Back in 1949 Oklahoma Mu entered the Inter-Fraternity Sing. The two songs we decided to sing were the new SAE Sweetheart song as our warm up and Fred Waring's arrangement of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic". I was privileged to be chosen to sing the solo in the Battle Hymn. We really practiced long and hard on both of them. As a freshman and SAE Pledge, I was not only honored but also nervous about my part in the "Sing". Brother Dick Thompson was our Director and he was very patient with me.

As I recall, in the draw we were the last group to go on stage to sing. So we had a fair amount of standing around time and fidgeting to go through before we "were on". Finally our big moment was at hand as we waited in the wings of the stage.... next to go on. Right before that big moment, a Senior SAE member moved over closer to me to say "Okay Siler, no other fraternity has had a soloist so if we don't win, we'll know why". If I'd had time to analyze his logic, I would have realized that it didn't hold together too well. But on the heels of that devastating statement we walked on stage and did a great job singing our Sweetheart Song followed by a slam-dunk Battle Hymn. I had settled down pretty well on the first one and gave it my all on the second. Not that I made that much of a contribution in either case but we WON the Inter-Fraternity Sing that year and I got to stay!

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