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2008 Founders Day Celebration



The 2008 Founders Day Celebration will be held in Tulsa, OK on Saturday Evening, March 8th. We welcome you to join as well as your family. We will be having it in the same location as the 2005 event at the Summit Club in Downtown Tulsa. Time of the event and cost will be determined at a later date.



For 2008, we will be presenting those brothers who were initiated in 1982, 1983, 1957, 1958, 1947, 1948, 1937, and 1938 with their 25, 50, 60 and 70 year members certificates.

Please RSVP to Angela at 918-835-3999 or raustin@helicomb.com

HOTEL INFO - Want to stay the night?



Hotel Arrangements can be made at nearby locations such as the Doubletree at 918-587-8000, the Crowne Plaza at 1-800-Holiday, Ramada Inn at 918-585-5898 or the Hotel Ambassador at 918-587-8200



Pledge Brothers Prepare for Race through the Gobi Desert



A grueling 150 mile, six stage footrace through the Gobi Desert may seem like a crazy idea to some, but to Pledge Brothers Trevor Hudgeons (Woodward, '00) and Sean Jackson (Lindsay, '00) it's going to be the adventure of a lifetime. These brothers are heading to China in June 2008 to take on one of the "4 Deserts Challenges." The race consists of six stages, lasting 7 days, with distances ranging from 10 to 50 miles per stage. Competitors are required to be fully self-supported throughout the event and must carry their own food, gear and clothing.

In addition, Trevor and Sean, now residents of Tulsa, are using this race to raise money for the Make a Wish foundation. They've put together a great website, where you can view information about the race and their charity.

If you get the chance, check out www.tulsagobi.com to learn more.

Good luck and Phi Alpha to these brothers!



SAE's In The News...



Alcohol Awareness Event

The below Press Release ran in the Oklahoman in August 2007. By Sean Hubbard – NewsPress

Greek life sometimes gets a bad reputation for having out of control parties, where college students throw caution to the wind and tip back a few too many. To counter that image and increase awareness about the threat of alcoholism and drinking and driving, Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Oklahoma

State University is hosting its second annual All Greek Alcohol Awareness Program on Wednesday at 6 p.m. on the lawn of the SAE house, 1308 W. Third. The purpose of the program is to “educate our young people so they don’t make any drastic mistakes,” says Jim Skaggs, vice president of alumni corporation board for SAE. The program will follow much of the same schedule as last year, as Eddie Sutton will be the keynote speaker. Sutton had an impact on the students last year when he said he is pushing for the construction of an addiction center on campus. Also, Payne County District Attorney Rob Hudson will speak, as he did last year. There will be a new face to this year’s program, however, Serri Rogers, victim advocate for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, who lost her daughter five years ago to a drunk driver, will speak to the students. “I expect that to be very powerful,” Skaggs said. While this program is geared toward fraternity and sorority members, it will hopefully be expanding in the near future. “If someone wants to show up, we’re not going to turn them away,” Skaggs said. “One day we might take it campus wide. It would be nice if we could get the fraternities and sororities to make (attendance) mandatory.” During the inaugural program last year, approximately 1,700 students attended. Skaggs is expecting close to 2,000 of the approximate 3,600 fraternity, sorority and pledges to attend. Mike Ruby, president of the alumni corporation board for SAE, will serve as the emcee for the program.

James Pickel 1969 - Orchid Bouquets

James Pickel received wonderful bouquets at the Orchids in October luncheon at the Myriad Botanical Gardens. He wasn’t actually gifted with a bouquet of orchids. Rather, it was with a bouquet of speeches – and a crystal vase engraved with his name and the occasion. Pickel responded to his honor with appropriate humility graciousness, thanked everyone and everything about Oklahoma and Oklahoma City that he could think of. A longtime volunteer for the Myraid Gardens, Pickel is involved in many other civic and community celebrations, including the Allied Arts Fund Campaign, the Arts Council of Oklahoma City’s annual Spring Festival, Rotary Club No. 29 and the Cultural Development Corporation of Central Oklahoma, for which he is president. His honor is well-deserved. Major underwrites for the benefit were Devon Energy Corp., Mid-First Bank, Smith & Pickel Construction and Southwestern Stationery and Bank Supply. Platinum Orchid Patrons included the Jean I. Everest Foundation, The Oklahoman Foundation, Richard L. Sias, Beth and Jim Tolbert, Louise and Clayton I. Bennett and Chesapeake Energy Corp.



SAE's In The News (Continued)

Barry Bruce 1954

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The below article ran in the Oklahoman on Tuesday, November 20, 2007.
By Jim Stafford, Business Writer

Barry Bruce designed the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in 1998 and subsequently "retired" to a 20-acre property overlooking Lake Tenkiller to enjoy life near his children. Then the Oklahoma Heart Hospital called the 72-year-old again. When officials with Oklahoma Heart Hospital asked him first to draw up a 75,000-square-foot expansion of the hospital and then to repeat his hospital designs on a south campus near I-240 and Sooner Road, Bruce didn't hesitate to temporarily end his retirement. On Monday, Bruce was among about 100 well wishers who gathered at the south Oklahoma City campus to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new hospital. "We called him up when we started this expansion up north," said Dr. John Harvey, chief executive officer of Oklahoma Heart Hospital and master of ceremonies for Monday's ground breaking. "We said, 'Barry, you have to help us with this.'" An Oklahoma City native, Bruce designed the South Campus project in conjunction with WHR Architects, his former architectural firm in Houston before he retired and moved to eastern Oklahoma on land he bought that overlooks Lake Tenkiller. At 120,000 square feet, the new \$75 million South Campus hospital project will be a slightly smaller twin to the original Oklahoma Heart Hospital that opened five years ago. The new hospital is expected to open in the fall of 2009. "We tried our darndest to make it as similar (to the original hospital) as we possibly could," Bruce said of the latest project. The original hospital, on the Mercy Health Center campus, was the first Oklahoma hospital project Bruce designed since designing the University Hospital not long after he graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1960. "I was really excited about coming back and doing an important project in Oklahoma," Bruce said. "I knew I had a wonderful opportunity to do a really first-class hospital." Before retiring in 2004, Bruce enjoyed a 33-year career in Houston and owned an architectural firm until merging it with WHR Architects in 1992. He has designed hospitals in 33 states and eight foreign countries. But, with the Oklahoma Heart Hospital, the architect was able to produce a design that sort of broke the mold for hospitals and patient care. He created clusters of eight rooms surrounding a nurses' station that hospital officials call "pods." That was actually Barry's idea," Harvey said. "We had a pretty good concept when we were setting the thing up of how we wanted the work flow to happen. We knew we wanted certain nursing ratios and certainly wanted services for patients and their families to be close by." Oklahoma Heart Hospital has scored some of the nation's highest patient satisfaction ratings and staff ratings, which Bruce attributed to its patient – and staff-friendly design. "As far as I know, there are no other nursing units like the one here at Oklahoma Heart (Hospital)," he said. "There have been a lot of people who go through there and feel like the design of those nursing units give it the feel of a ... high-class hotel because you don't see patients as you go up and down the hall; you don't hear a lot of activity. "There is a higher initial cost, but the trade-off is what is it worth to you when you are No. 1 in the nation in customer satisfaction and what is it worth to you when you are No. 1 in the nation in staff satisfaction." Monday's groundbreaking ceremony was highlighted by comments from Lt. Gov. Jari Askins, who said the new South Campus would provide access to quality health care to many more Oklahomans from around the state.

Golf Anyone???

While in Virginia to attend the wedding of the daughter of Phil Pool '75, old roommate Bill Farrell '77, hit the links along with Brother Mike Claus, Iowa State '75. Last month, Jim Skaggs '74 hit the links with Phil. Who's Next?



Hunting Trip

L to R: Thomas Gish '06, Mark Gish '74, Ed Horkey '75 and Jim Skaggs '74 - Together for their annual pheasant hunt in Kansas. Mark, Ed and Jim have been hunting together for 30 plus years.



SAE Tailgate

Below:
Our Hero!!
Dick Ford '60



Pictured Above LtoR: Bob Curnutt '54, Bob Rader '54, Dale Ozment '54 & Barry Bruce '54

Pictured Below LtoR: Jimmy Box, Monte Box '48, Gary Dickinson '72, & Mike Ruby '72



Pictured Above LtoR: Charlie Prather '74, Lisa Prather, & Brad Fielding '78



The SAE Tailgate!



Remembering Tom Weirich '66

On Saturday, November 10th. Over 50 alumni, actives, family members, co-workers and friends of the late Tom Weirich '66 joined together to co-dedicate the multi-purpose room in the new annex. The room had been dedicated in memory of Brother Ron

Taylor '66 in November 2006 and it was only appropriate that these lifelong best friends shared the same honor. Many memories were shared about Brother Weirich and Brother Taylor. Following the room dedication, most guests went to the SAE Tailgate and then onto the OSU Football Game.

Hello to all our dear friends at SAE, brothers we may or may not know well, and those family members and acquaintances who have traveled there this weekend to honor Tom. I know the only thing sadder to me than being in Stillwater for this occasion IS not being in Stillwater for this beautiful occasion! It is KA Parents' weekend at Georgia, so I am sharing the day with Stephen in Athens. As some of you might remember, Tom and Jay Dingee drove from OKC to Dallas this time last year to rescue me as I sat stranded at the airport at 2 a.m. That was Ron's weekend to be so



Harriet Weirich & Bill Farr '66

dearly remembered and honored at the house. I was already a little emotionally "fragile", and a day of late flights and missed connections did not help much. When I called Tom to tell him I probably would not make the ceremony, he said, "No problem... we are coming to get you." With coffee, donuts and tunes he drove through the

night and we arrived back in time to take a shower and head to Stillwater. It is all too ironic and heartbreaking that you are all gathered there again this year to celebrate Tom's love of and contribution to SAE. As I have told Harriet, the only people happy about this are Ron and Tom. They are with you in that room - you just can't see them, but I know you feel their presence and hear their booming voices. Over many years and many late nights, I remember Tom talking about what the brothers and SAE meant to him and to his life. It was a true love affair that does not happen to many young men.

These were truly a band of brothers who realized what the fraternity did for their personal development and friendships - and south to nur-

ture it in keeping the chapter and its well being close to their hearts as they got older. Tom was also relentless in persuading Ron to part with some of his cash for the future generations of SAE - and we all know how hard that was to do! Tom was a brother in every sense of the word - fun loving, honest, a risk taker, dare devil, serious when he needed to be, solid, generous, dependable, optimistic, energetic, caring, wise and never the - but always the same! He never really changed from the day I met him in 1969 - more mature, yes, but always solid as a rock. As a matter of fact, he and Ron acted like they were back here in Stillwater when they got together on the ski slopes, at the beach, and many, many place in between. Harriet and I have the gray hairs to prove it! My best wish for all of you there the young and the younger is that you cherish the values of SAE and hold dearly to your friends over the years, as Tom did so well... and you continue to do today. It takes work, lots of time, optimism, patience, character, love of family and friends to give back to Tom's memory what he gave us all in spades for so many years. From Matthew, Phillip, Stephen and Me, Love and Thanks to you all - and from Ron, "Phi Alpha" (Written by Carol Taylor)



Senior Information

Know anyone who is hiring?

Below please find some of the graduating Seniors who are interested in a Job.

Congratulations
Seniors!!



Stephen Ellis
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Brett Rogers
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Neil Shibley
May 08 - Marketing
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Ryan Voegeli
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Monthly Alumni Luncheon



L to R: Bob Nash '59, Gerald Bradshaw '46 and Sherman Smith '42



John Hatheway '49 & Ed Robinson '50



Jack Fredenberger '33

Every 2nd Monday of each Month, the 1931 - 1960 Alumni Members meet together at the Green Onion in Tulsa, OK for great stories and great food. Anyone is welcome to join and we do have some brothers who drive from Stroud, Chandler, Stillwater, and other areas of the state. If interested in further details & to attend one of these luncheons, please call Rich Thompson '48 at 918-743-4518 or Terry Diacon '50 at 918-747-8950.



Brothers in the Military

Right: Brother Nathan Greer '02 is currently stationed in Iraq. He proudly displays his SAE Flag on his helicopter.



Thank you to Brother Eric Stall '84 who recently shared with us an email sent to him by his Brother Doug Stall '82. Doug is the Commander of the 279th Infantry Battalion, 45th Army National Guard. The letter is below.

Thank you for sharing Doug's letter. I was a year ahead of him at OSU and am proud to have him representing us and our country. I'm sharing his letter with my two boys (ages 14 and 11) so they can better understand how great men like Doug help us sleep better at night. - David Russum '81



That is great news about Doug -I just took Bn command myself on 9 Dec 07, I have the 1st BN, 382 REGT, at Ft Sill, its a reserve Logistics Support BN. I am mobilizing to active duty again but will stay at Sill - supporting units who are deploying - like Doug's. My family is staying in Tulsa and I will Mon-Fri commute to Sill. Not like deploying overseas, but still a sacrifice. I am very proud of Doug!!! Anybody coming thru Lawton Ft Sill area call me at 580.340.0174. Phi Alpha! -Scott Morris '83

This is 'Creek Six,' - 20 November 2007

It has been a while since I was on active duty for an extended period so life is now a little different than the civilian life to which I have grown accustomed. No more hours to bill; just work to be done. Days generally start early with breakfast in the dining facility, or "DFAC" (pronounced "dee fact") as it is commonly known. The food is reasonably good, and I have not yet gone hungry. Then we train. I currently have more than eight hundred soldiers in my Battalion, so there is plenty to do. Our training includes weapons qualification, IED training, convoy operations, close quarters combat techniques, communications, Combatives, language and cultural training to name but a few. Fortunately, the weather is getting cooler so the body armor we wear is much more tolerable for now.

We are training in a desert environment, so it looks very much like our final destination. As part of the largest mobilized force from Oklahoma since the Korean War, I count myself fortunate to take part in this deployment and historical event. The soldiers are motivated and proud to represent Oklahoma. I hope you are as proud of them as I am. It is difficult to appreciate the challenges confronting soldiers who are going to war unless you have done it, so please keep your citizen soldiers in your prayers. They are working hard in difficult circumstances and stressful times, and doing a very fine job.

As I approached a barracks the other day, I noticed a 9x12 aluminum cake pan shaped like a large dish sticking out of a window. Finding this odd, I investigated. Evidently, one of my Sergeants had successfully captured the wireless Internet signal from an adjacent building several hundred yards away using this makeshift dish. Internet access is like gold and "Joe" is ingenious.

In this picture, I am talking to some of my troops after rewarding two of them for a job well done. The reward...? a Benchmade switchblade knife, which has been very popular among the soldiers. I am wearing ballistic eye protection and gloves for additional safety. These are standard items of apparel along with the vest in theater. Attached to my right leg is my 9 mm pistol in a drop holster that was given to me by my good friend, Dr. George Brain. I carry my weapon 24/7, and the holster works well, George.

Thanks to everyone who has emailed me. Though it is sometimes hard to respond since my Internet access is sporadic, I enjoy receiving news from home. I hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving, and enjoy your family. More later. 'Creek Six', out. - LTC Doug Stall



Christmas Time at the SAE House.

The house always looks lovely during the holidays. This year's decorations are one of the best. Drive by the house during the evening hours and get a spectacular view.

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