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The Founders of Oregon Alpha with Billy Levere, March 19, 1915, at No. 3, Park Terrace.



Ground breaking for the Southern Colonial at 2929 NW Harrison was June 15, 1921. The house was aligned with Arnold Way.

The "new" chapter house was dedicated Fall 1959. The dedication ceremony included Ben Schumacher '22, Gap Powell '21, and James Crawford '22.



The current chapter house will celebrate 50 years of fraternity and brotherhood this Fall 2009. More than 1,150 members have called this house "home."



50-Year-Old ΣΑΕ House

When the Oregon Alpha chapter opens for the start of fall term 2009, the "new" chapter house will be 50 years old. SAE has made its home at 2929 NW Harrison Blvd. since 1921. In that year, Bill Heiss, chairman of the House Building Committee, purchased the 305x160 foot property from Mr. S.N. Wilkins for \$3,735. The old house was completed by Christmas 1921 and served as the chapter's home until it was demolished in December 1958.

In 1979, Brother Ben Schumacher '22 provided the following report on the then 20-year-old house:

"Construction on the new house was started in early 1959. There had been much discussion regarding the design of the new house. The building association was

evenly divided: the alumni favored another house similar in design to the Southern Colonial, while the undergraduates preferred the five-level contemporary design. A local architect, Chris V. Jeppsen, drew up the plans, while lumberman John R. Thompson loaned the building association \$110,000, at 5% interest, for an amortization period of 20 years.

The 72-man chapter house was built by contractor Quentin Greenough, for \$175,000, with another \$20,000 in furniture and fixtures. To offset this indebtedness, we had an \$110,000 first mortgage, \$30,000 in savings certificates, \$15,000 from the sale of the 100x100 lot across the street, \$10,000 in outright donations from alumni, and a \$14,000 second mortgage from SAE National, at 6 ½% interest, to be paid off in 10 years."

With a \$17,000 rental income the first five years from the active chapter, Brother Ben was able to pay off the loan from SAE National in three years. The mortgage on the new house was totally paid by the early 1980s, thanks to an anonymous donor.

Over the years, the house corporation has continued to invest in the chapter house, keeping it in top condition. Major improvements have included such safety enhancements as an extensive sprinkling and fire control system, emergency lighting, and new study room windows. While a new basketball court and bike shed have been added, the chapter house maintains its original design, and has provided a highly functional home to foster the bonds of friendship and brotherhood for more than 1,150 members.

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SAE Mission Statement

The mission of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is to promote the highest standards of friendship, scholarship, and service for our members based upon the ideals set forth by our founders and as specifically enunciated in our creed, "The True Gentleman."

The True Gentleman

The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe.

— John Walter Wayland

William L. Thomas Scholarship Recipient

This year's William L. Thomas Scholarship was awarded to:

Kenneth Wilson Cox '09

Kenneth received a \$1,000 scholarship provided by the endowment fund established by Bill Thomas '43 in 1992 with the OSU Foundation. It is a pleasure to be able to recognize and reward Kenneth's leadership and service to Oregon Alpha.

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History of Paul Herzberg and the SAE Lion Painting

Paul Herzberg (1888-1949) was the son of Carl and Margaritha (Heiman) Herzberg. Carl immigrated to this country from Prussia in 1874. Margaritha immigrated from Switzerland in 1887. The Herzbergs had three children: Paul, Margaret (my grandmother), and Otilda. Paul first learned to paint from his mother, and then attended lessons at the Portland Art Museum.

Paul was married to Georgette Anna (Dangoisre) Herzberg, and had two daughters, Marg and Louise. Marg is still alive at this writing, and is 90 years old. She lives with one of her sons, David Eakin, in the Tri-Cities area of Washington.

Paul's many paintings include Christ on the Mount and the Hereford Bull logo for



During the past year, the SAE Lion painting was completely restored, and now hangs proudly in the Oregon Alpha living room. A bronze plaque was added to the frame: "Painted by Paul Herzberg, 1888-1949. Donated by Roy H. Kruger, Oregon Alpha Class of 1960."

The "SAE Lion" painting was displayed for a time, along with other Herzberg paintings, in the Portland Art Museum. Paul probably painted the lion in the mid-1930s or earlier.

— Roy Kruger '60

Fulton Provision Co. in Portland. The latter painting hangs in the corporate office, and is depicted on all of Fulton's many trucks around the Portland area. Paul worked as a meat cutter for Fulton from the time it opened its doors in south Portland; only German was spoken in the shop.

Paul died of a heart attack in 1949, following minor surgery. Today's medical practices would probably have prevented such an incident.

Coming Events: Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, July 18, Portland Alumni Association Golf Tournament, McKay Creek, Hillsboro, noon

Thursday, July 30 - Saturday, August 1, SAE 153rd Anniversary Convention, New Orleans, LA

Monday, September 28, OSU Classes Begin

Saturday, October 31, Homecoming, UCLA vs. OSU

Saturday, November 14, Dad's Weekend, OSU vs. Washington

Monday, November 30, Annual Civil War "Dining on Duck" Banquet

Friday, December 11, End of Fall Term

2009 Oregon Alpha Officers

Eminent Archon

Jeff Whitman '10 Willamina, OR

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2009 Annual Award Winners



Brian Errico '11
A. Darrell Carlson
True Gentleman Award



Eric Kranda '10
Arthur "Skip" Bedell
Memorial I.M. Award



Mitch McClain '12
Robert R. Blair
Outstanding Freshman
Award



Jake Gudger '09
Benjamin F. Schumacher
Distinguished Service
Award



John Williamson '09
T. Burke Hayes
All-House Scholarship
Award

Welcome, New Brothers!



Initiated January 11, 2009

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Kevin Smith	2011	Redmond, OR
Cody Greenwood	2011	North Plains, OR
Brandon Fassiato	2011	Portland, OR
Robert Rudolph	2011	Portland, OR
Drew Olson	2011	Bend, OR
Mathew Habecker	2011	Gresham, OR
Chandler Duff	2011	Eugene, OR
Mitchell McClain	2012	Salem, OR
Jeremy Kreutzbender	2012	Amity, OR
Jeff Jansen	2012	Tigard, OR
Shane Lanser	2012	Beaverton, OR
Will Later	2012	Beaverton, OR
Samuel Haag	2012	Beaverton, OR
Trever Hickok	2012	Wilsonville, OR
Colin Snyder	2012	Lake Oswego, OR
Jake Peters	2012	Bend, OR
Matt Lorenz	2012	Bend, OR



Initiated April 5, 2009

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Julian Orozco	2011	Cali, Columbia
Timothy Whitman	2012	Willamina, OR
Samuel Rudolph	2012	Beaverton, OR
Scott Tobin	2012	Beaverton, OR
Josh Prockish	2012	Clackamas, OR
Derrick Dazey	2012	Gresham, OR
Nick Hart	2012	Spokane, WA
Mike Stormberg	2012	Bend, OR
Terry Miller	2012	Redmond, OR
Daniel Smith	2012	Beaverton, OR
Alex Pearsall	2012	Redding, CA
Jack Rasmussen	2012	Ashland, OR

Dining on Duck



The Annual "Dining on Duck" Civil War dinner was held at the Chapter House November 24, 2008. This year's honored speaker was All-American Jess Lewis '68, who never lost to the Ducks on the mat or the gridiron. Jess is pictured with Scott Spiegelberg '75, who has orchestrated the success of this fall tradition for more than 10 years.

600 ΣΑΕ Brothers Attend Leadership School 2009



Nine brothers from Oregon Alpha joined brothers from all over the nation at this year's 74th John O. Moseley Leadership School aboard the Carnival cruise ship Elation. The photo above was taken during a stop at Avalon, Catalina Island, June 2009.



Proud father Chris Haag '71 attended the winter 2009 initiation ceremony, and placed

the badge of membership on his son, Sam Haag '12.



Steve Rudolph '79 attended the spring 2009 initiation of his son, Sam '12.

EA Report: Large Pledge Class, Enthusiastic New Leadership

The 2008-2009 school year has been a remarkable one for Oregon Alpha, and I look back on my senior year as an SAE with pride, fulfillment, and joy.

Before the start of the academic year, the Oregon Alpha Alumni Association helped send nine members to the John O. Moseley Leadership School. (Thank you!) As we learned from distinguished alumni and brainstormed with undergrads from across the country, Oregon Alpha was recognized with an honorable mention in Alumni Relations, and received the fraternity's Chapter Achievement Award, as one of the 20 best chapters in the realm.

The fall 2008 efforts of our Recruitment Chairmen, Jeff Whitman and Adam Aguilar, now EA and EDA respectively, resulted in the pledging of 41 young men. This pledge class was one of our largest ever, and one of the largest for any OSU fraternity. Other fall term highlights included an enthralling football season, a wonderful Homecoming, and a great Dad's Weekend.

For the second year in a row, the outgoing and incoming Executive Councils held an officer transition retreat in early February. We prepared the incoming officers for the work before them, and set the tone and direction for the year to come.

Early in spring term, we went off to Sunriver for our yearly goal setting retreat. After a trying winter term, it was beneficial for us to get away from the daily hubbub of the house and refocus on alignment. Executive officers hosted workshops and seminars on issues ranging from academics and chapter management to the deeper meaning of the SAE ritual and



how it relates to spirituality and goal achievement. As an older member, this session was the highlight of the year for me: I had an organized and structured opportunity to sit down and explain the larger implications of The True Gentleman and the ritual.

Naturally, there have been some changes and growing pains. Pledging 41 men in the fall came with its share of issues. Trying a new philanthropy proved, oddly, a bit uninspiring. Grades slouched fall term, but rose again in the winter and spring.

Despite these speed-bumps, the leadership at Oregon Alpha is doing the same thing it has done for decades: creating an environment where young men can grow, be prepared for life after college, and, most importantly, relish the bonds of friendship and brotherhood.

The new Executive Council is taking Oregon Alpha to new heights. Watching Jeff, our new Eminent Archon, grow as a leader has been a kick for me. As I write this, Jeff and the rest of the crew are returning from Leadership School with fresh ideas and renewed energy. I understand he has big plans for a refreshed Miss Minerva over fall term.

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Most of all, I'm optimistic about the next year at Oregon Alpha. This past year was a bit of a transitional period, but I have no doubt that '09-'10 will be far better. We believe that five seniors, 30 juniors, 30 sophomores, and a handful of freshmen will live in the house in the fall.

Yes, Oregon Alpha is growing and changing. I'm glad to have been a part of it, and I will enjoy watching the chapter continue to improve. Thank you and Phi Alpha,

— Jacob K. Gudger '09
EA 2008

A Letter to the Brothers of Oregon Alpha

I just received my June 2008 copy of the *Oregon Alpha News*, and am filled with overwhelming emotion. Truly, only two words can express the pride and joy that have come to me today:

Phi Alpha.

Phi Alpha to the current undergraduate membership, for carrying the torch to new heights. Although the bricks and mortar of 2929 NW Harrison Blvd. will always be the physical bond that ties us, you clearly understand the emotional, usually unspoken, importance of not only leaving a legacy (which you clearly have done), but also of establishing a strong, flowing, current of brotherhood that will be with you for the rest of your life. Look around you and be proud. Be proud of your accomplishments, be proud to be associated with the brothers you've come to know and love, and be proud of the national organization of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and everything it stands for.

Phi Alpha to the Alumni Association and House Corporation. Thank you for the years of leadership, dedication, ad-

vice, commitment, and love that you have put into the chapter, the Chapter House, and the membership. Thank you for your investments of time, energy, and money. Thank you for caring. Thank you for being there for us.

Phi Alpha to the brothers of my era who touched my life and helped make me the man I am today. Gentlemen, I am a better man today because of you. From you I learned. I learned that life is short. I learned there are things that simply matter a little more. From the juniors and seniors who ran the show when I pledged, to the freshmen who seemed so young when I left, and everyone in between, it continues to be a pleasure to know you and to have the opportunity to call you brothers.

Phi Alpha to the hundreds of brothers before me, whom I have never had the pleasure of meeting. You built a lasting legacy and foundation of unquestioned brotherhood, which gave me a chance to become an SAE. Although we've never met, we know a little some-

thing about each other — something that can never be taken away.

Phi Alpha to those who have walked the chapter halls in the years since my class left — we too know each other. Each class is entrusted by its predecessors with the responsibility to maintain the strong legacy of SAEs at OSU. To me, you are that group. Look what you have accomplished. No one can argue that the past few years of Oregon Alpha have been some of the best we've ever seen. You deserve more than a pat on the back. Thank you.

I hope this letter finds all of you healthy, happy, and in good spirits. Never forget what the fraternity continues to mean to the hundreds of thousands of SAEs now spread across the globe, and what it means to you. Take a moment to call a brother and say hello. I'd love to hear from any and all of you.
Phi Alpha,

— Josh Huffman '01
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Noteworthy Achievements



Christian Anderson '09, Beaver John Williamson '09, and Jake Gudger '09 were awarded SAE's Order of the Phoenix at the Annual Awards Banquet, held

May 18th at the chapter house, for their outstanding leadership and service to Oregon Alpha.

Dick Thompson '73 was inducted into OSU's Greek Hall of Fame on May 16, 2009. He joins Brothers Ron Thiesen '61 and Bill Brennan '62 in receiving this honor. Selection is based upon "outstanding service to the University, community, profession, and fraternal world at large."



Alumni Highlights and Chatter

JOHN FENNER '40 celebrated his 91st birthday June 2, 2009. Although he no longer plays tennis, he still goes to work at the law firm every day, and frequently plays nine holes of golf at the Corvallis Country Club. John and Dorothy's granddaughter graduated from Stanford Law School in 2008, making three generations of Fenner Stanford Law grads — John '51, Tom '76, and Emily '08.

DICK HANSON '42 celebrated his 89th birthday this past May 31. Brother Hanson continues his fly-tying (Dick's Flies), and is an active member of the Rotary Club of Corvallis.

CLIFF CRANDALL '49 would like it noted that he and Linda make their home in Tigard, OR. "The last newsletter indicated that I was living in Iowa. That was true for a year and a half while we cared for Linda's mother. When she passed away, we decided to move back to our home in Tigard. Thank you, and congratulations on another good year."

CRAIG McMIKEN '50 reports: "Reading about the increased attendance at Leadership School, I'm reminded that I attended in 1947, by rail to Evanston. At present, I keep active as chairman of the Heceta Head Coastal Conference, serve as secretary for my golf club, and run 10 miles a week."

WILLIAM PENNY '53 writes: "Thanks for the newsletter. It sounds like the chapter is doing very well, especially scholastically and number of members. Way to go!"

BOB SHEPARD '53 passed on June 19, 2009. He was a longtime trust officer at US Bank, and is survived by his wife, JoAnn, and two children.

KEITH McKENNON '55 received the Lifetime Trustee Award, the OSU Foundation's highest honor, at the annual March 2009 Destination OSU event in Rancho Mirage, California. Prior to leading PacifiCorp, Keith worked for Dow nearly 40 years, retiring as chairman and CEO of Dow Corning Corporation in 1994. An eight-year member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, Keith served as President (1996-97) and Chair (1997-98). He and his wife, Pat, were one of three couples who chaired the \$47 million expansion and renovation of OSU's Valley Library, which just celebrated its 10th anniversary.

BOB SCHUMACHER '57 clarifies the timeline regarding the destruction of the "old" house and moving into the "new" house. "In the fall of '58, the members lived in the chapter house, and when they left for Christmas vacation, the fraternity started to dismantle the house. I recall that the city notified 'the Schu of 22' that they should have the house torn down by the end of the year to avoid taxes for that year. Ben got on the contractor, and it was pretty well down by the 31st of

December. Members then lived in a dorm that was established for SAEs that winter and spring term in 1959. The fall of '59 had the members back living at the new house."

WALTER J. HILANDS '58 passed away peacefully January 28, 2009 at his home in Seaside, OR. Walter was born in Portland, attended Washington High School, and graduated from OSU with a degree in business. He served honorably in the Navy, and had a successful career in sales with ADP, including national honors and many friends. Walt was an avid fan of all Beaver athletics. [From the Oregonian obituary]

ROB FOSTER '61 continues to teach at UCLA. He sends "Good comments about Leadership School. I attended in 1961, and still have a picture of the entire group hanging in my home office."

BILL BOYD '62 is a retired teacher in the Salem and Bend school districts. "I am glad to see that the house is doing well, and that we have members from Bend. During my time in the house ('58-'62), several members were from Bend, including BILL BRENNAN, BOB FOSTER, RICH HEMMINGWAY, STAN NORTON, and BUD SELL. An additional greeting to the Class of '62 — a great group of brothers."

LOU FASANO '64 writes: "Margaret and I continue to be happily retired. We enjoy activities with our grandchildren, and fishing our mountain stream in the summer. We regularly see many good friends from our college days."

JOE STONECYPHER '68 reports: "The Oregon Alpha Class of 1968 held its 40th year reunion in Sunriver this last fall, October 2nd - October 6th. Seventeen brothers and their wives met for four days of nostalgia and laughs. This was, with the exception of one or two, the entire class, which is a bit astounding. Those attending included CLYDE SAILOR, CLYDE SMITH, JOE STONECYPHER, RON HOLLOWAY, DON GALLAGHER, CHRIS WAHLE, KARL WEIDE, STEVE WOODS, DON WELCH, GARY WILKIN, RALPH STOVALL, BILL DURETTE, CHUCK ROUSE, TERRY TRI, PAUL NORRIS, DENNY YOUNG, and BOB FRANZ."

LARRY BARNES '69 passed away at his home, at the age of 61, on August 5, 2008. Larry was born in Napa, Idaho. He graduated from Madras Union High School in 1965, where he excelled in athletics as quarterback for the football team, point guard for the basketball team, and shortstop for the baseball team. He attended OSU from 1965 to 1969, when he was drafted into the Army. He joined the Marines on April 1, 1970. Following his military service, he returned to OSU and

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graduated in 1974. He married Norma Patchen on August 15, 1975 in Santa Ana, CA., and was the father of four children. Larry worked in Portland for North Pacific Lumber and Westvaco before returning to Madras in 1992. He worked for Madras Produce Company and Madras Farms Company. Larry particularly enjoyed football trips and fishing trips with his fraternity brothers. [From Madras obituary]

STEVE DAVIS '69 invites his lost brothers to contact him at stevend@qualcomm.com. Steve was hired out of college as a Special Agent with the US Secret Service. "My work took me all over the world, including a four-year assignment at the White House during the last year of President Carter's administration, and the first three years of President Reagan's administration. The San Diego office of the Secret Service was my final assignment, and I retired there in 1997." Steve is now a VP with Qualcomm. He and his wife, Kathleen, have a second home at Eagle Crest in Redmond, OR.

ALEX PAUL '70 writes: "Our son LOUIE '06 got married March 22, 2008 to Amanda Herbert (marching band leader at OSU). Last fall, the three of us hunted elk in Idaho, where Louie got an elk. We fished for salmon off the coast of Astoria with LONNIE BARRON '70. Sadly, a few weeks later, we traveled to Madras for the funeral of LARRY BARNES '69. I continue to write and invest, Lori is still painting, son Sean (SAE, Chapman University, Orange, CA) finished his first documentary film, *The Cycle 2012*, and our daughter is a pre-med student at the University of Oregon."

BEN CORSETTI '74 is a senior account executive for LifeWise Assurance Company in Scottsdale, AZ. "My wife, Carol, and I have lived and worked in Scottsdale since 2001. We will be moving to Tucson, and while not retired, we have found a great community to retire in there. I am still a sports fanatic, and will attend all of the Arizona Cardinal and University of Arizona football games again this year." Benny hopes to bring a group up to Corvallis for the OSU/Arizona football game this fall.

SCOTT SPIEGELBERG '75 lives in Corvallis and is a recruiter for Jeld-Wen. He sends his congratulations to House Dad Stro for the job he is doing maintaining the lawn and appearance of our property. Stro has taken the maintenance of the yard on as a matter of personal pride — and Brother Ben would be proud! Many comment that, with the sprinkler system, green manicured lawn, and new trees, the intersection at 29th and Harrison Blvd has never looked better. "I couldn't be more proud of the way the house looks. Tremendous!!" Scott also reports that the MOE-Morial was a big success. The Second Biennial MOE-Morial Golf Tournament was held this past June 6 at the Emerald Valley Golf Course in Creswell, Oregon. More than 40 golfers came out to pay tribute to our late SAE fraternity Brother, TOM MOORE '75, or "Moe" as he was affectionately known by his SAE Brothers. JEFF HART, JIM GAHLSDORF, TOM BARBOUR, RON CLUSTER, MIKE SAUNDERS, T JAY MORRIS, DAVE LITTLEFIELD and Scott joined several Medford High School classmates for a wonderful round of golf and barbecue. Many "Moe Stories" were shared, and his love of Oregon State, SAE and the game of golf were celebrated. Moe would have been especially proud of the amazing turnaround by the OSU Men's Basketball team this season. Make plans to join other SAE's in June of 2011 for the 3rd Biennial MOE-Morial.

DAN PEARSON '80 is an engineer with Pacific Gas & Electric in San Ramon, CA. "I have two kids in college. Kelly is at SMU in Dallas. Lucy is at Northwestern in Chicago. Joe is a sophomore in high school. Still having fun!"

CARL CASALE '83 received the Innovative Business Leader Award representing the College of Agricultural Sciences at the 2009 OSU Alumni and Business Partner Awards dinner in Portland, May 7th.

JIM BAUMGARDNER '84 was named to American Ecology Corporation's newly created position of President and Chief Operating Officer, effective January 5, 2009. Jim will be responsible for sales and marketing, as well as disposal site operations. The company headquarters are in Boise, Idaho. Jim holds a MBA and BS from Oregon State, where he was a two-time All-American wrestler. He is also a member of the Oregon State Athletic Hall of Fame.

JOTH RICCI '90 was named President and CEO of Jones Soda Company effective May 1st, 2009. Jones is a leader in the premium soda category, and is well known for its unique branding and innovative marketing. While Jones headquarters are in Seattle, Joth makes his home in Portland with his family — Robin, Anna and Joe. Joth was the keynote speaker at the OSU Business Roundtable, held April 29th at the MAC in Portland.

TAD KITZMILLER TRUAX '92 is living in Lake Oswego and working in Salem as VP of Merritt #1 Inc., and is co-owner of a petroleum transportation company. "I am most excited to announce the arrival of our first child — Georgia Grace Truax."

SCOTT BRENTON '93 is in sales for Macadam Floor & Design, and makes his home in Tualatin, OR.

TAL WOLD '94 is a fifth grade teacher and head boys' basketball coach at Stayton HS.

BROOKE KNIGHT '94 is founder and principal broker for Knight Financial in Lake Oswego. Brooke is also general manager and head coach for the Corvallis Knights, a summer wood bat baseball team for college eligible student-athletes. Last season, Brooke was named the 2008 West Coast College Baseball League Coach of the Year, as his team went 22-6 at Goss Stadium and 39-16 overall. The Knights captured their first WCCLB Championship Series. Brooke was the keynote speaker at the March 6th Portland Alumni Association Founder's Day banquet.

CHAD LAYMAN '95 is president of Marquam Group, a Portland based developer of IT strategies and technology services. Chad sets the strategic direction for the company, and is responsible for overall company performance. Under Chad's leadership, the firm has grown into one of the Northwest's premier IT professional service firms. Chad is the father of two young children.

JOSH HUFFMAN '01 lives in Portland with his wife, Lyndsay. Josh is director of account services for Direct Focus Marketing Communications. He recently completed his MBA from Portland State, with a concentration in international business.

ROBERT OTTAWAY '04 is a software engineer for O'Reilly Media in Sebastopol, CA. He married Haley Jones (OSU KKT) in Bakersfield, CA May 5th, 2007. "We're loving life in wine country."

JUSTIN STROHMEYER '08 is an admissions counselor at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Oregon.

MATT DERR '09 recently graduated from OSU, and has accepted a job with JP Morgan in Miami, FL. "It's a three-year analyst program in Morgan's Private Bank. It should be a great learning experience. I'm going to be training in NYC for most of the summer, and then moving to Miami in late August. I hope to get in touch with the SAE alumni network." Congratulations, Matt.