



# Oregon Alpha News

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### Six Oregon Alpha Brothers Attend Moseley Leadership School

More than 800 undergraduates, alumni, staff, and faculty attended the 78th John O. Moseley Leadership School, held on the Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Sea, this past August 5-9. Sailing from the Port of Miami, Florida, delegates explored their leadership abilities, learned new skills, and interacted with undergraduates and alumni from around the Realm.

In addition to an incredible line-up of speakers and leadership programming, delegates enjoyed a nightly coat-and-tie dinner with the entire Leadership School delegation. One of the memorable experiences of the annual event is participation in the model initiation ceremony. The Leadership School initiation demonstrates for members the power of our ritual and the realization that they are part of something so much larger than 2929.

Ben Fairgrieve '14, chapter scholarship chair, reflected on his experience: "Leadership School was an incredible experience I will never forget. It made me feel truly blessed to be part of such an incredible organization. Getting the opportunity to meet with hundreds of other SAE's from across the nation taught me a great deal about the similarities and differences between our chapters. I hope to implement what I learned from the guest speakers and other SAEs into Oregon Al-



pha this fall. I have many new ideas to try out as scholarship chairman, and feel well prepared to improve the academics within our chapter."

And Brad Hall '16 said: "I want to thank the alumni for giving me a chance to go on this leadership trip. It is definitely a highlight of my college career, and I will do everything I possibly can to apply

the skills I learned out there to make our chapter one of the best. It was a once in a lifetime experience. I loved every minute of it."

Oregon Alpha was also represented by Joey Spiegelberg '16, Mitch Vogt '16, Taylor Brunt '14, and George Vartanov '15.

#### Help Build Oregon Alpha's Chapter Endowment Fund

It costs more than \$600 in tuition for each delegate to attend Leadership School. Our six delegates' tuition was paid by your alumni contributions and funds provided by Oregon Alpha's Chapter Endowment Fund. Tax-deductible contributions can be made by mailing a check to the SAE Foundation, 1856 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201 (memo line: CEF 3369). Please consider this incredible investment in the future of our chapter in your annual charitable gifts, as well as your estate planning.

### EA Report: SAE Offers Unique Opportunities for Success

In my four years at Oregon Alpha, I was fortunate enough to attend Leadership School, the Inner Circle, and two national conventions. These unforgettable experiences would not have been possible had I not been a member of SAE.

Last summer, I attended the 77th annual John O. Moseley Leadership School with five other undergraduates from Oregon Alpha and 800 SAE undergraduate and alumni leaders from across the country. Oregon Alpha was awarded a Chapter Achievement Award, and **Matt Herndon '13** was recognized as Outstanding Eminent Treasurer. It is only through the generosity of the Alumni Association that members are able to attend Leadership School every year. Thank you!

In April, I was selected to attend the Inner Circle in Prince Frederick, Maryland. I was able to meet with the top undergraduate leaders from across the realm, the Supreme Council, and several influential alumni leaders including former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Richard Meyer. The group also visited the Naval Academy in Annapolis. This was an incredible weekend, and one of my best moments as an SAE. Thank you again to Oregon Alpha for facilitating this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and to **Ron Thiesen** (Chapter Adviser) for writing my letter of recommendation.

In June, I represented Oregon Alpha at the National Convention in Chicago, which I attended with my brother (**Jacob '16**) and dad (**Mark '83**). Visiting the Levere Memorial

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### ALUMNI OFFICERS

House Corporation President — Scott Spiegelberg '75  
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 Financial Advisor — Dave Gilbert '75  
 House Corporation Advisor — Chris Langton '73  
 Alumni Advisor — Bill Brennan '62  
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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 Recipients

**Michael Hales '13**  
**Nicholas Boring '13**  
**Joseph Dusevoir '13**  
**Michael Meade '15**  
**Robert Dusevoir '15**

Each received a \$1,000 scholarship. The funds for these scholarships are provided from an endowment that was established by Bill Thomas '43 in 1992 with the OSU Foundation. It is a pleasure to be able to recognize and reward the accomplishments of outstanding brothers of Oregon Alpha.

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## Dining on Duck

Scott Spiegelberg '75 was the chapter's guest speaker at the annual Dining on Duck Monday night dinner just prior to the Civil War. The highlight of the evening was an audio tape that Scott played of former Coach Dee Andros' 1990 locker room "give 'em hell" speech, featuring his favorite charge: "There's going to be blood on the moon." Pictured at right are Scott and his son, Joey Spiegelberg '16.

Below: Oregon Alpha's chef Mitchell Culbertson '69 prepares duck breasts and his famous strawberry cheesecake.



## Coming Events: Mark Your Calendar!

**August 5-9, SAE's 78th John O. Moseley Leadership School, Port of Miami, FL.**

**September 30, Monday, Classes begin at OSU.**

**October 26, Saturday, Homecoming, OSU vs. Stanford, time TBD.**

**November 1, Friday, Dad's Weekend, OSU vs. USC.**

**November 25, Monday, Annual Civil War "Dining on Duck" Dinner, 5:30 p.m.**

**June 14, 2014, Saturday, OSU Commencement.**

## 2013 Oregon Alpha Officers

### Eminent Archon

Quinn McAndrews '14 ..... Springfield, OR

### Eminent Deputy Archon

Connor Munro '14 ..... Clackamas, OR

### Eminent Treasurer

Mike Meade '15 ..... Tualatin, OR

### Eminent Warden

Michael Mitchell '15 ..... Beaverton, OR

### Eminent Recorder

Mitch Vogt '16 ..... West Linn, OR

### Eminent Correspondent

Jacob Hales '16 ..... Pendleton, OR

### House Manager

Conner Schumacher '15 ..... Bend, OR

### Pledge Educators

Robbie Dusevoir '15 ..... Tigard, OR

Chris Hale '16 ..... Scappoose, OR

### Social Chairmen

Anthony Delie '15 ..... Sammamish, WA

Anthony Peaslee '15 ..... Tigard, OR

### Community Service Chairman

Matthew Fortier '16 ..... Seattle, WA

### Kitchen Steward

Zach Lucarelli '16 ..... Sammamish, WA

### Recruitment Chairmen

Jacob Peterson '15 ..... Pendleton, OR

Michael Mitchell '15 ..... Beaverton, OR

### IM Chairman

Joey Spiegelberg '16 ..... Corvallis, OR

### IFC Representative

Jacob Beck '15 ..... Sacramento, CA

### Philanthropy Chairmen

Eric Spaller '15 ..... Sacramento, CA

Jacob Beck '15 ..... Sacramento, CA

### Risk Manager

William Brunt '14 ..... The Dalles, OR

### Scholarship Chairman

Benjamin Fairgrieve '14 ..... Menlo Park, CA

### Brotherhood Chairman

Zach Lucarelli '16 ..... Sammamish, WA

### Tech Chairman

George Vartanov '15 ..... Corvallis, OR



# Oregon Alpha Annual Awards Banquet Held May 20, 2013



**Travis Felchin '13**  
Arthur "Skip" Bedell  
Memorial IM Award



**Nick Boring '13**  
A. Darrell Carlson  
True Gentleman Award



**Jacob Hales '16**  
Robert R. Blair  
Freshman of the Year  
Award



**Mike Hales '13**  
Benjamin F. Schumacher  
Distinguished Service  
Award



**Mike Meade '15**  
T. Burke Hayes  
All-House Scholarship  
Award

## Order of the Phoenix



Chapter Advisor Ron Thiesen '61 presented the Order of the Phoenix, SAE's highest undergraduate award, in recognition of their outstanding service and commitment to the fraternity, to EDA Nick Boring '13, EA Mike Hales '13, and ET Matt Herndon '13. These brothers provided exceptional leadership during their four years at Oregon Alpha.



Two generations of the Hales family — Jacob '16, Mark '83, and Mike '13 — attended the banquet.



Eminent Treasurer Matt Herndon '13 and Financial Advisor Dave Gilbert '75 look after the chapter's finances.

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Below: All the collegiate members assembled before the Awards Banquet.





— EA Report, continued

Temple in Evanston was amazing. It's a breathtaking sight, and well worth the trip. Sharing the experience with my dad and brother made it even more special.

Participating in national events has helped me to realize how lucky we are here at Oregon Alpha. We truly have the best house dad, best cook, best looking house, and best alumni in the country. We should all be proud to say we are part of such a great organization. I can't wait to celebrate Oregon Alpha's 100th birthday in 2015!

Oregon Alpha remains active in the community and on campus. We participated in several community service events, including Adopt-a-Highway, Relay for Life, Blood Drive, and Special Olympics. We held neighborhood clean-ups after each home football game, and received recognition from the *Corvallis Gazette-Times*, Corvallis City Council, and a personal thank-you letter from the mayor of Corvallis.

We participated in numerous philanthropies, and hosted our own "Miss Minerva" philanthropy in the winter to benefit Community Outreach of Corvallis. We won Tau Kappa Epsilon's "Pledge Bowl" philanthropy for the third consecutive year. We remain competitive in intramurals, going undefeated in football and

making it to the championship game in basketball.

The chapter maintains a strong presence on campus, with many members involved with campus jobs, campus internships, and campus organizations. I serve as the Vice President of Standards and Regulations on the Interfraternity Council, while Ben Fairgrieve '14 serves as the Treasurer. This is the third consecutive year that SAE has had two members serve on IFC.

We ended the year with a spectacular awards banquet, which included several chapter and national awards, special guests, and delicious food (thanks, Mitchell!). It was a pleasure to have Will Keim as a guest speaker. Thank you to Will and all others who attended, and congratulations to all who won awards.

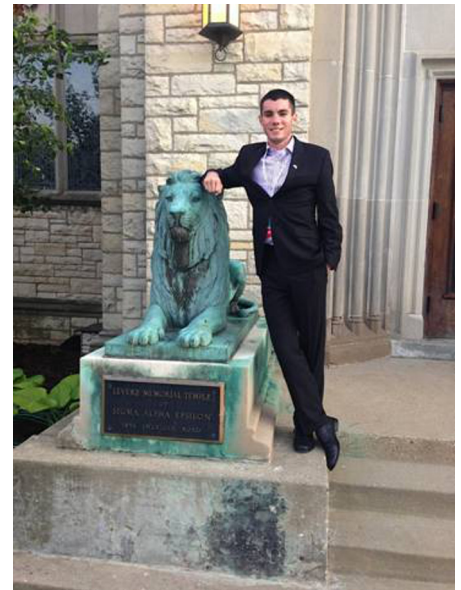
Joining Sigma Alpha Epsilon is the best decision I have ever made. I am tremendously grateful for all the opportunities, experiences, and relationships that Oregon Alpha provides me. Thank you to all who have helped me grow and develop over the last four years; I look forward to remaining involved with SAE for years to come.

Looking ahead, I am most optimistic about our outstanding underclassmen. I am constantly impressed by the dedication and leadership abilities of these

young True Gentlemen. The future is bright at 2929 NW Harrison!

Phi Alpha,

— Michael John Hales '13



EA Mike Hales poses with the lion at the Levere Memorial Temple in Evanston, Illinois, while representing Oregon Alpha at SAE's National Convention in June.



Above: Many alumni, parents, and friends attended the annual Oregon Alpha Awards Banquet.



Left: Oregon Alpha wins the Pledge Bowl for the third year in a row.

## Welcome, New Initiates!

### Initiation Winter 2013

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Jacob Beck	2015	Sacramento, CA
Eric Spaller	2015	Sacramento, CA
Lieden Cook	2015	Pendleton, OR
Mitch Vogt	2016	West Linn, OR
Braden Lambert	2016	Portland, OR
Mitchell Wallace	2016	Roseville, CA
Joey Spiegelberg	2016	Corvallis, OR
Michael Alessi	2016	Seattle, WA
Zach Roak	2016	Stayton, OR
Matthew Fortier	2016	Seattle, WA
Tim Meier	2016	Tahoe City, CA
James Baker	2016	Pendleton, OR
Jin Jin Levy	2016	Sammamish, WA
Weston Fassiotto	2016	Portland, OR
Zach Lucarelli	2016	Sammamish, WA
Jacob Hales	2016	Pendleton, OR

### Initiation Spring 2013

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Tilon Ward	2015	Tigard, OR
Brad Hall	2016	Tigard, OR
Thomas Hutton	2016	Tigard, OR
Andrew Bean	2016	Seattle, WA
Josh Aiken	2016	Seattle, WA
Scott Martin	2016	Wilsonville, OR
Max Rompa	2016	Portland, OR
Shane Wagner	2016	Pendleton, OR

## Alumni Highlights and Chatter

JOHN FENNER '40 died March 24, 2013, in Saratoga, CA. John and Dorothy's first date in January 1938 was a "tea dance" at the Benton Hotel in downtown Corvallis, dancing to the music of the then popular Jimmy Whippo Band. John gave Dorothy his SAE pin February 25, 1938, at an SAE skating party. They rode to the roller rink in FRED SCHUMACHER's '39 Model T Ford. They married in 1940. Following service in the U.S. Army's 15th Infantry, Third Division, during World War II, John became director of the OSC Alumni Association and editor of the alumni magazine, *The Oregon Stater*. For decades, John and Dorothy would lead the singing of the Alma Mater at Beaver gatherings. John received his law degree from Stanford University in 1951. For more than 50 years, John practiced law in Corvallis (at the firm Fenner, Barnhisel, Willis, and Barlow). John's service to OSU earned him the inaugural Dan Poling Service Award in 1989, and John and Dorothy were also awarded the Jean & C.H. "Scram" Graham Leadership Award in 2002 for their lifelong devotion to the Oregon State Alumni Association.



ROY YOUNG (New Mexico Phi '41) joined Chapter Eternal April 19, 2013. While Roy was a member of New Mexico Phi (NM St.), he spent much of his life in Corvallis and OSU, and was an advisor and frequent visitor to the Oregon Alpha Chapter over the years. He enjoyed attending the annual Awards Banquet and spending time with the members of Oregon Alpha. Anyone who knew Roy Young knows that he was the epitome of the True Gentleman. Roy served as acting President of Oregon State from June 1969 until July 1970. He received Oregon State's highest honor in 1985, the Distinguished Service Award. The award citation described him as one of the outstanding leaders in the history of OSU, and as a scholar, gentleman, and man of great talent and integrity. In 2004, he and Marilyn (who passed away this past June) were awarded the OSU Alumni Association Dan Poling Service Award, through which she was recognized for her integrity, dedicated service, and effective and gracious leadership.



CRAIG MCMICKEN '50 continues his competitive running and bested his Hayward Classic 5,000 meters (85-89) age group record time by 10 seconds. Speaking of football, Craig sends: "I take satisfaction that I played on Hayward Field in 1949 when the Beavers beat the Ducks 20-10. The Civil War was a highlight, but maybe the biggest win that year was in Multnomah Stadium when we beat Michigan State coached by Biggie Munn. It was Kip Taylor's first year, having been an assistant to Munn."

HAL ENGELEN '55 reflected on Roy Young's passing: "Roy and his wife were always, along with the Dr. and Mrs. Strand, chaperons at all of our dances during the '50s. Roy was a true gentleman."

PHIL SCHETCKY '52 also sent e-mail regarding Roy Young. "He was a great friend as well as a great fraternity brother. After graduation, we used to see him at Oregon State basketball games and always looked forward to that. Quite a guy. I still remember going over to their house for dinner, as they would often have a couple of house officers over. A wonderful couple."

MICHAEL BROOKS '61 sent that he and his wife Laura became LIFE Masters in the American Contract Bridge League in 2011.

JESS LEWIS '69 retired at the end of July from his position as athletic grounds maintenance supervisor at OSU. Jess recently celebrated his 66th birthday. On July 29, he celebrated his retirement with a large gathering of friends, family, fraternity brothers, former teammates, and Oregon State fans at the Val-

ley Football Center. "The plan was to do it at 66. That was my old football number." To read more about Jess and his remarkable story (and a great prank that he and JIM BLACKFORD '69 pulled on wrestling brother LAUREN JOHNSON '69), Google "Jess Lewis ready for the next chapter in his life," an article in the *Corvallis Gazette-Times*.

ALEX PAUL '70 sent: "I remember Roy Young well. He was acting President when RICK GAFFNEY '70 and I were in student government and were members of the Executive Council. When the students were killed at Kent State, Ohio, we had a meeting with him and other school deans. Rick and I were the only ones lobbying for shutting down the school as a memorial to the Kent State students. Roy was the one who had to decide. I always felt the bond that Roy knew he shared with Rick and me carried some kind of weight with him, because he decided, despite opposition from all the other student members and deans, to shut down the school for a day to mourn the deaths at Kent State. I felt that day that Roy Young stood very close to Jack Kennedy in moral fiber and a good heart. He was an exceptional man."

CRAIG HANNEMAN '71 sends: "For many years, I have intended to mention how much I enjoy and appreciate Stro's professional landscape maintenance of the grounds at 2929 Harrison. I drive by the house about five or six times per year, and never once has it been anything less than spectacular. I for one appreciate his dedication, hard work, and TLC, and am certain many others do too."

RICH HERGENRATHER '71 has sent this important health message to many brothers. "In January, I was diagnosed as having rapid and advanced kidney disease. At this stage of the disease, my doctors strongly recommend for me to receive a kidney from a live donor. This past June, I was extremely fortunate to have been accepted as a qualified kidney transplant recipient with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Live kidney transplants are safer, less expensive, pre-planned, and have substantially greater results. If someone you know would like to learn more about the kidney transplant process and donor experience, Mayo Clinic offers a toll free number at (866) 227-1569. This is strictly a confidential call with no obligation. I would greatly appreciate your sharing this message soon with any friends or acquaintances who may be interested as I am getting closer to requiring dialysis. With love and deepest gratitude, Hergie."

CHRIS LANGTON '73 recently retired following ten years as a project manager with T. Gerding Builders in Corvallis. Chris spent the last few decades working on the complete renovation of the Old School House at the Children's Farm Home. The school house was built in 1925, and stood vacant for the past few years. Chris' work creating a valuable community and family resource was recognized at the grand reopening on July 31.

TOM STARR '73 is keeping busy in retirement. "Last year, I had five part-time jobs involving teaching or coaching. It is nice to be able to say yes or no to a job offer."

BEN CORSETTI '74 lives in Tucson with his wife, Carol, and they are "enjoying ourselves in the Saddle Brooke Active Adult Community." Ben continues to watch Oregon State football on the TV and enjoyed watching OSU beat the Arizona Wildcats 38-35 last season. "I enjoy the *Oregon Alpha* newsletter and e-mails, as it is rewarding to see the chapter continue to thrive. The actions taken in support of Brother Dave Gilbert were heartwarming."

BILL "HOLLYWOOD" DONOVAN '75 passed away Sunday, July 21, 2013, at Providence St. Vincent Hospital in Portland. Bill is survived by his devoted wife of 31 years, Barbara, and sons Andrew, Thomas, and Sean. He owned and operated Hollywood's Design, which became ProReliance, custom remodeling group. Bill enjoyed the great outdoors, hunting, spiritual growth and spending time with friends and family. [Salem *Statesman Journal*].



SCOTT SPIEGELBERG '75 is back in football. After 18 months recruiting for the MBA program at OSU, Scott accepted a position with OSU football, working with student athletes to encourage their future success. Scott, the former Medford High Black Tornado quarterback, is working with his former Corvallis High rivals Mike Riley, Jay Locey, and Gary Beck. Google "Spiegelberg gets new job at OSU."

RANDY SCHONING '76 is a principal broker with John L. Scott in Bend.

JOHN GEORGE '77 is Vice-President of Operations for Pogoda Company, and lives in Farmington Hills, MI.

DANFORD SCOTTY AFONG '81 is an engineer with the National Nuclear Security Administration in Oak Ridge, TN.

CARL CASALE '83 is president and chief executive officer of CHS, Inc., St. Paul, MN, a Fortune 100 energy, grains, and foods company, and the nation's largest member-owned cooperative.

MARK HALES '83, along with sons MIKE HALES '13 and JACOB HALES '16, attended the 157th Anniversary Convention of our great fraternity held this past June 29-July 1 in Chicago. Mark had the convention vote for the Oregon Alpha Alumni Association, and Mike was the official delegate for the Oregon Alpha chapter. Probably the biggest decision made was Proposal #21: "All chapter housing, whether leased or owned, must be alcohol free." The proposal did not pass. A convention highlight for the delegates included an evening at the newly renovated Levere Memorial Temple, SAE's headquarters in Evanston.

PAUL MEADE '87, whose son MIKE MEADE '15 is the current Eminent Treasurer, is the CFO for Columbia Distributing.

BRIAN JONES '87 stopped by the chapter house with his daughter Katherine and mother Connie this summer on a campus visit, and shared stories with House Dad Stro. Brian is a partner with Kotzin Valuation Partners in Scottsdale, AZ.

GUNNAR HANSEN '90 is Chief Operating Officer for G5, the leading provider of Digital Experience Management® (DXM®) software and services in the property management sector. G5, with headquarters in Bend, was recently named one of the fastest growing private U.S. companies by *Inc. Magazine* for the third consecutive year.

JOTH RICCI '91 is the immediate past president of the Oregon State University Alumni Association board of directors. And in a February press release, Joth Ricci has left First Beverage Group, the investment and consulting firm where he was a managing partner, to become the president of fast-growing "third wave" coffee company, Stumptown Coffee Roasters, in Portland.

Many of you learned through the Oregon Alpha e-News about the climbing tragedy in Argentina that claimed the lives of brothers ERIC NOURSE '93 and DAVID REINHART '93. Dave and Eric passed away near the summit of Aconcagua in Argentina December 29, 2012. GREG NOURSE '93, Eric's twin brother, survived the trip. Many brothers gathered for a Celebration of Life for Dave and Eric on January 12 at the Multnomah Athletic Club. SCOTT BRENTON '93 said: "It was a celebration of life for two amazing, adventurous, fun-loving guys who were dedicated to friends and family and who lived life to the fullest. They were True Gentlemen."

NATE LUNDY '96 is program director and host for 104.3 "The Fan" in Denver. He is also the "lead freak" on FOX Sports Radio "Fantasy Freaks," heard coast-to-coast for three hours every Sunday at 9 a.m. Eastern Time and 6 a.m. Pacific Time.

ROBERT OTTAWAY '04 is a software engineer with Netflix in San Jose, CA.

JUSTIN STROHMEYER '07 returned to Oregon last summer. His two years in Tucson earned him an MA in Higher Education Administration from the University of Arizona, two years of

great work experience with Student Leadership Programs at the U of A, and more than a few adventures as Chapter Advisor for the Arizona Alpha Chapter of SAE. Being back in Portland for a year now has brought exciting new opportunities and challenges. Justin currently works in the Admissions Office at Portland State University, and has turned his passion for SAE towards the Portland Area Alumni Association.

RYAN BERG '08 is an inventory accountant for NIKE and makes his home in Tualatin.

KENNETH COX '10 is a licensed Physical Therapist, having graduated with his doctorate in May from the University of Rhode Island. He recently passed his board exam and is planning to move to Boston to do travel PT.

## Jump Day 2012



Oregon Alpha pledged 33 new members this past fall. Pictured here is legacy Joey Spiegelberg at Jump.

## Centennial Approaching



Oregon Alpha will be 100 years old on March 19, 2015. The founding class of 1915 is pictured above.