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Oregon Alpha Celebrates 100 Years of Brotherhood!



More than 160 alumni and undergraduate brothers, representing the classes of 1948 through 2018, attended Oregon Alpha's March 28 Centennial celebration.



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This past March, Oregon Alpha hosted two major events to celebrate the chapter's 100 years of honor, loyalty, friendship, and fraternity on the Oregon State University campus.

The first event was designed specifically for the current members of Oregon Alpha. A formal banquet was held on March 19 at the chapter house, exactly 100 years since the chapter's founding. In 1915, the special guest was SAE's Eminent Supreme Recorder, Billy Levere (see photo at right). This year, the chapter welcomed Eminent Supreme Archon Brad Cohen. Brother Cohen addressed the members for nearly an hour following the banquet in the dining room. After dinner, a special initiation ceremony was held in the chapter's living room for two non-student initiates, Rob Mullins and Bob Welch. This was a great way for the chapter to celebrate, as the evening concluded with the fraternity's ritual and the singing of "Friends."

The second event, designed for alumni, took place March 28 on the OSU campus. More than 160 members and guests enjoyed an open house, campus tours, and an evening banquet at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center. Brothers representing 70 years of membership (1948-2018) were in attendance. Ron Thiesen '61 served as master of ceremonies and provided the evening's opening welcome and introductions of special guests. Jeff Hart '75 delivered the invocation and led the gathering in the SAE Grace. Following dinner and the singing of "Come Sing to

Sigma Alpha Epsilon," Dick Thompson '73 recounted highlights from "100 Years of Oregon Alpha" (see page 3). The evening's program, "Decades of Reflection," was hosted by Scott Spiegelberg '75 and featured one hand-picked representative from each of the eight decades since the 1940s. The following brothers represented their respective decades at Oregon Alpha:

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| 1940s — Craig McMicken '50 | 1980s — Carl Casale '84 |
| 1950s — Jerry Hulsman '54 | 1990s — Joth Ricci '90 |
| 1960s — Bill Brennan '62 | 2000s — Brice Nesbitt '05 |
| 1970s — Tim Tolan '73 | 2010s — EA Jake Hales '16 |

During the evening's closing comments, Ron Thiesen made a surprise presentation, honoring Dick Thompson '73 with SAE's Order of Minerva, which recognizes an alum's outstanding commitment and loyalty to the Fraternity.

Both events provided a great opportunity for the current members and alumni to celebrate 100 years of brotherhood at Oregon Alpha. The Centennial Committee included Ron Thiesen '61, Bill Brennan '62, Dick Thompson '73, Scott Spiegelberg '75, and Will Later '12.

Congratulations to Oregon Alpha!



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ALUMNI OFFICERS

House Corporation President — Scott Spiegelberg '75
 House Corporation Sec./Treasurer — Dick Thompson '73
 Alumni President — Dick Thompson '73
 Co-Chapter Advisor — Ron Thiesen '61
 Co-Chapter Advisor — Will Later '12
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 House Corporation Advisor — Chris Langton '73
 Alumni Advisor — Bill Brennan '62
 Resident Advisor — D.L. "Stro" Strohmeier '78

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**

**Robert James Dusevoir '15
 Jacob Ryan Peterson '15
 Joseph Scott Spiegelberg '16**

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



On Monday night, November 24, 2014, Oregon Alpha hosted its 15th annual Dining on Duck dinner at the chapter house prior to Civil War weekend. This dinner has been a tradition each November since Scott Spiegelberg invited Coach Dee Andros to fire up the chapter in anticipation of Civil War week. This year's inspiration and special guest speaker was Craig Hanneman '71. Jess Lewis '69 joined Craig to share stories of fraternity, OSU football, and Civil War success. Nearly 100 undergraduate members were in attendance to hear from two of Oregon State's greatest football players.

Pictured above are Dick Thompson '73, Bill Brennan '62, Craig Hanneman '71, Jess Lewis '69, and Scott Spiegelberg '75.

Homecoming & Dad's Weekends: Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, October 24: Homecoming (OSU vs. Colorado)
 Friday-Sunday, November 6-8: Dad's Weekend (OSU vs. UCLA)

2015 Oregon Alpha Officers

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| Eminent Archon
Jacob Hales '16 Adams, OR | Scholarship Chairman
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Oregon Alpha Annual Awards Banquet Held May 18, 2015



Gage Casal '18
Arthur "Skip" Bedell
Memorial IM Award



Jake Hales '16
A. Darrell Carlson
True Gentleman Award



Ben Peters '18
Robert R. Blair
Freshman of the Year
Award

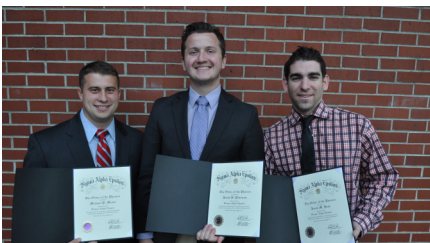


Mike Meade '15
Benjamin F. Schumacher
Distinguished Service
Award



Zach Lucarelli '16
T. Burke Hayes
All-House Scholarship
Award

Order of the Phoenix



Three brothers were awarded the Order of the Phoenix at the annual Awards Banquet for their outstanding commitment and loyalty to the Fraternity. L-R: Eminent Archon Mike Meade '15, Eminent Deputy Archon Jacob Peterson '15, and Eminent Treasurer Jake Beck '15.

National Scholarships

Two Oregon Alpha members were awarded 2015 scholarships by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation.

Mitch Vogt '16 received the Richard Generally Leadership Award (\$2,000) for outstanding leadership to his chapter, community, and school.

Jacob Hales '16 received the Warren P. Poslusny Award (\$1,000) for philanthropic service, scholastic achievement, and personal integrity.

These brothers excel in their personal and academic pursuits, and their accomplishments have earned them recognition among their peers across the country.

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.

Historical Highlights: 100 Years of Oregon Alpha

November 12, 1909: First meeting of "local fraternity" Delta Omega, founded by nine OAC students.

December 1914: SAE Convention held in Chicago. By a vote of 104-2, Delta Omega is given a charter in Sigma Alpha Epsilon at 1:30 p.m., December 23, 1914.

March 19, 1915: 21 undergraduate members and 15 alumni of Delta Omega were initiated into Sigma Alpha Epsilon. ESR Billy Levere performed the ceremony, taking the part of Eminent Archon. SAE became the first national fraternity on the OSU campus at the time.

March 18, 1920: The Oregon Alpha Association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was incorporated for the purpose of building a chapter house on property at 29th and Harrison. The Southern Colonial house was completed in December 1921 for \$40,000. Members paid \$17.50 per month for room and board.

1926: Brother Ben Schumacher '22, "the Shu of '22," becomes secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Alpha Association, a position he held until 1978 when he retired and was awarded SAE's highest alumni honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

1942: Dr. John O. Moseley, founder of SAE's Moseley Leadership School, visits Oregon Alpha.

December 1958: House Corporation tears down the Southern Colonial house (built in 1921) and builds the current "new" house. Building cost was \$170,000. Rental income from members

totalled \$17,000 per year, and each brother paid \$85 per month for room and board.

November 22, 1959: Oregon Alpha holds dedication ceremony for the "new house."

March 9, 1978: 160 attend Founders Day dinner on the OSU campus, with ESA Lou Smith presenting the Distinguished Service Award to Brother Ben Schumacher '22.

Early 1980s: An anonymous gift pays off chapter's mortgage.

September 15, 1983: ESR Ken Tracy presents SAE's DSA to George A. "Gap" Powell '21 at a banquet held in Long Beach, CA.

June 18-20, 1987: Oregon Alpha's Co-Chairs Tim Tolan, John Thompson, Gordy Winterrowd, and Jim Rector help to host the SAE Convention in Portland.

May 19, 1990: Over 200 celebrate Oregon Alpha's 75th Anniversary at the Corvallis Country Club.

January 22, 1992: William L. Thomas '43 provides two gifts to benefit Oregon Alpha: a \$25,000 scholarship endowment managed by the OSU Foundation, and \$50,000 to fund Oregon Alpha's Chapter Education Fund, managed by the SAE Foundation.

Summer 1993: Elinor Denton begins 10 years of service as Housemother.

November 4, 1997: Brother Ben joins Chapter Eternal.

November 13, 2000: Scott Spiegelberg '75 hosts the first "Dining On Duck" Civil War dinner, featuring guest speaker Coach Dee Andros.

June 2001: At the SAE Convention in Orlando, Ron Thiesen '61 is elected to SAE's Supreme Council. Ron served on the Council for six years.

Summer 2005: Under the leadership of Chris Langton '73, the House Corporation invests \$180,000 in a sprinkling system and additional "life safety" enhancements.

December 9, 2006: Astronaut Billy Oefelein '87 pilots the space shuttle Discovery with an **Oregon Alpha/SAE banner on board.**

Summer 2007: Stro Strohmeyer is hired as Resident Advisor and continues today as the chapter's "House Dad."

March 10, 2012: ESA Ken Tracy visits Oregon Alpha.

March 19, 2015: Oregon Alpha is 100 years old. ESA Brad Cohen visits Oregon Alpha, and Oregon Alpha holds a special initiation ceremony for Rob Mullins '01 and Bob Welch (son of Marolyn and Warren Welch '49, nephew of Bob Schumacher '57, and grandson of Brother Ben). Bob Schumacher placed Brother Ben's membership badge on Bob Welch and announced that the newest member of Oregon Alpha holds the lowest pin number!

There have been more than 2,300 members of our Oregon Alpha chapter. Approximately 1,600 are still living. For 2014-15, rental income from the chapter house is \$12,000 per month, and each member's room and board bill is \$750 per month.

Centennial Speakers from Eight Decades

On March 28, alumni representing the decades since the 1940s spoke at Oregon Alpha's Centennial alumni gathering.



Ron Thiesen '61 was Master of Ceremonies.



Jeff Hart '75 delivered the invocation.



Dick Thompson '73 recounted highlights of Oregon Alpha's 100-year history, and was awarded SAE's Order of Minerva.



Scott Spiegelberg '75 hosted the "Decades of Reflection" portion of the program.



Craig McMicken '50 represented the 1940s.



Jerry Hulsman '54 spoke for the classes of the 1950s.



Bill Brennan '62 represented the 1960s.



Tim Tolan '73 was the 1970s speaker.



Carl Casale '84 represented the 1980s.



Joth Ricci '90 was chosen to represent the 1990s.



Brice Nesbitt '05 represented the 2000s.



Chapter EA Jake Hales '16 spoke for the current decade.

Welcome, New Initiates!



Initiated October 12, 2014

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Ian Anderson	2018	West Linn, OR
Hayden Bailey	2018	Colusa, CA
Ray Barlow	2018	Tigard, OR
Connor Bettencourt	2017	Echo, OR
Jake Biglow	2018	Tigard, OR
Gage Casal	2018	Sammamish, WA
Chad Casebeer	2018	Salem, OR
Ryan Cavanagh	2018	Oregon City, OR
Ryan Cleveland	2018	Tigard, OR
Ryne Deyoe	2018	Gresham, OR
Daniel Eckhardt	2018	Gresham, OR
Cam Ferguson	2018	Eugene, OR
Nick Finley	2018	Bend, OR
Joey Fishback	2018	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Sam Hart-Thompson	2018	Beaverton, OR
Nick Hines	2018	Tualatin, OR
Nicholas Jacobs	2018	Tigard, OR
Markus Kaelin	2017	Bonney Lake, WA
Andrew Kimmer	2018	Beaverton, OR
Ryan Lonsway	2018	West Linn, OR
Zach Malvar	2018	Wilsonville, OR
Donavan Manning	2018	Portland, OR
Tyler Martin	2018	Wilsonville, OR
Jacob Meek	2018	Gladstone, OR
Duncan Miller	2018	Agoura Hills, CA
Sam Parker	2018	Wilsonville, OR
Ben Peters	2018	Bend, OR
Blake Reser	2018	Tigard, OR
Bailey Sadorf	2018	Portland, OR
Lucas Schiltz	2018	Newcastle, WA
Connor Schumock	2018	Salem, OR
Tyler Snyder	2018	Tualatin, OR
Jimmy Spiegelberg	2018	Corvallis, OR
Jake Stevens	2017	Boise, ID
Kiuna Talalemotu	2018	Beaverton, OR
Taylor Talent	2018	Gresham, OR
Eli Twain	2018	Beaverton, OR
Braden Vogt	2018	West Linn, OR
Janak Ward	2018	Tigard, OR
Kenny Whitbey	2018	West Linn, OR
Dalton Wood	2018	Millilani, HI
Cam Yarnell	2018	Tigard, OR

Special Initiation March 19, 2015



Oregon Alpha held a special initiation ceremony for two "non-student" members on the night of the chapter's 100th anniversary. Pictured above are Bob Welch (L) and Rob Mullins, pledge '01 (R), with ESA Brad Cohen.

EA Report: Thriving in the Face of Adversity

This last year has been a wild roller coaster ride, not only for Oregon Alpha, but for the entire



realm of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We faced many challenges and bore the brunt of much scrutiny. However, through this adversity we still continued to grow, volunteer, and, most importantly, exemplify the ideals

set forth by our founders which are most conducive to the welfare of our Order.

As I am sure you are aware, an event occurred this past March, on our fraternity's Founders Day, that rattled our entire realm. A video emerged of a few past members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon joining together in a song that can only be described as inappropriate, distasteful, and outright hurtful. This ten-second clip created a storm that lasted weeks. Our entire realm came under fire, and our principles and beliefs came into question. I am confident in stating that every brother, especially from Oregon Alpha, knows that the incident did not reflect the true values of SAE, and still knows what we stand for as an organization. Even 2,000 miles away, I was contacted by more than 12 news outlets that wanted to know my side and statements. In this modern era of technology, a few seconds can ruin decades' worth of work. As a chapter, we attended a Corvallis Town Hall discussion based on diversity and inclusion. I spoke on behalf of our

chapter and joined the discussion to work at making Oregon State an environment free of prejudice.

The True Gentleman Experience, introduced a year-and-a-half ago on Founders Day 2014, is here to stay. Last fall, we initiated 42 new brothers into Oregon Alpha within 96 hours of them accepting their official bids, in compliance with SAE's new policy. The True Gentleman Experience has proven beneficial across the realm. We have had fewer legal incidents, our GPA has increased, our philanthropic and community service involvement have increased, and, most importantly, the quality of our membership has skyrocketed. The new class of Oregon Alpha freshmen brought great changes to our chapter. Their overall GPA was well over the Oregon State all-men's average and our own chapter average. Along with great scholarship, they have brought great intramural performance, beating both our upper-class Oregon Alpha teams in football and basketball. I am extremely pleased with this great class, and can say with confidence that the future of Oregon Alpha is in great hands!

This summer, four brothers attended the 80th John O. Moseley Leadership School, held on a cruise liner! They earned two national awards (see article below), and are bringing back a lot of knowledge to help Oregon Alpha continue to shine.

In February, eight brothers attended the Western States Leadership School in Las Vegas, Nevada! Braden Vogt '18,

Matt Fortier '16, Shayne Wagner '16, Tim Meier '16, Kam Brant '17, Mark Hall '17, Cam Platner '17, and I were given the opportunity to represent Oregon Alpha for the first time at this great school. This summer, I also attended our biennial National Convention in Newport Beach, California, and was fortunate enough to sit on the Resolutions Committee and address the entire convention. Along with Alumni Association President Dick Thompson, we represented Oregon Alpha and our province very well.

This past March, Oregon Alpha celebrated its centennial, and we continue to set the benchmark for all fraternities. We held two large events to celebrate this amazing milestone in Oregon Alpha history: please see the lead article on page 1, and additional photos on page 4. These two nights made Oregon Alpha's centennial a celebration that no brother will ever forget. Here's to the next 100 great years!

Although we were faced with challenges, Oregon Alpha has managed to thrive and continues to improve in all aspects of fraternal operations and life. I am proud of every single member of our chapter for continuing to live up to our creed, the True Gentleman. I am honored to be able to call myself Oregon Alpha's Eminent Archon. The future is bright as long as we don't lose sight of our goals. GO BEAVS!

Phi Alpha!

— Jake Hales '16,
Eminent Archon

Oregon Alpha Honored With Two National Awards at Leadership School!

Oregon Alpha sent four undergraduate members to the 80th John O. Moseley Leadership School this past August 3-7. More than 700 undergraduates, alumni, staff, and faculty set sail from the Port of Miami on Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Seas to explore their leadership abilities, learn new skills, and interact with brothers from around the realm.

Representing Oregon Alpha were Daniel Eckhardt '18, Brad Munson '17, Mark Zollner '17, and Weston Fassiotto '16. Daniel commented that "I feel like I learned a lot that I will be able to take back to the chapter. Thank you so much for this opportunity. I thoroughly enjoyed it, and I believe I am coming out of it a much better-rounded individual with aspirations to run for a leadership position." And Weston added, "I think I speak for all of us when I say leadership

school was an amazing experience and a lot of fun. I appreciate the generosity that our Alumni Association demonstrates by paying our tuition for the school."

This year, Oregon Alpha was nominated by the national fraternity as one of the John O. Moseley Zeal Award chapter candidates. Zeal chapters are model chapters in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. They excel in operations and brotherhood, and fulfill the vision of the Founding Fathers by having a membership that meets True Gentleman standards. While the chapter did not land in one of the top three spots, it was awarded a Chapter Achievement Award (awarded to the top 10% of chapters) recognizing excellence in the management of chapter operations.

Additionally, Oregon Alpha was awarded the Robert C. Cousins Recruitment Award for its outstanding recruitment program, led last summer by

Recruitment Chairs Mitch Vogt '16 and Joey Spiegelberg '16. With the help of the rest of the chapter, they recruited and initiated 42 members into the fraternity this past year. Mitch and Joey were able to recruit a strong freshman class (the vast majority of whom lived in the dorms to participate in OSU's First-Year Experience) and nearly fill the house, with 68 members now living in. Due to high member retention, the house will be full this September.

Participation in SAE's premier leadership training program is made possible by alumni contributions and by endowed funds from the Oregon Alpha Chapter Education Fund (CEF), managed by the SAE Foundation. Alumni contributions cover most of the members' participation expenses, and ensure that Oregon Alpha is well represented at Leadership School each summer.

Alumni Highlights and Chatter

ROBERT C. CHURCHILL '48 attended an OSU Beaver baseball game this past spring. In attendance was Don Bower, a teammate in 1942-44 and the first recipient of the Vic Brown Memorial Trophy. "Vic ('44) and I were teammates at OSC and Portland's Franklin High." Bob also was the chapter's senior member at the Centennial Banquet.

NORB WELLMAN '54 joined Chapter Eternal on August 8, 2015. Norb was co-founder of Ferguson Wellman Capital Management, one of Oregon's most prominent wealth management firms. He was an active supporter of Oregon State athletics, the Oregon State Foundation, and the Western Rivers Conservancy. Norb was a starting pitcher for the Beavers on the 1952 College World Series team and received the Martin Chaves Award in 2011 for his support of Beaver athletics. He was named a Lifetime Trustee in 2007 for his outstanding leadership on the OSU Foundation Board of Trustees, including service as chair of the board. Norb was an avid fisherman and a director emeritus of the Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC). In 2013, the WRC dedicated a stone to Wellman along the lower John Day River in Cottonwood Canyon State Park, naming it "Wellman's Drift." Norb was a true gentleman.



BOB NELSON '57 lives in Gearhart on the Oregon coast. Over the weekend of January 2-4, 16 family members helped Bob celebrate his 80th birthday.

JAN WARD '60 joined the Chapter Eternal on January 4, 2015. Jan graduated from Bend High School. His drive and vision led to a series of housing developments in Bend including Mountain High, Nottingham Square, and Timber Ridge. Jan and his wife, Jody, contributed generously to charities all around Bend, including the restoration of the old gymnasium downtown that is now home to the Boys & Girls Club.

BOB FOSTER '61 celebrated his 75th birthday last fall and sends, "still working full time as a full professor at the UCLA Anderson School of Management." In 2014, the Chancellor of UCLA awarded Bob an Outstanding Teaching Award, selected from all of the schools at UCLA. Bob was also knighted by the Finnish government as a Knight First Class, Order of the White Rose, for his 15 years of consulting service to over 150 high technology companies in Finland (Bob's service is related to his teaching of MBA students).

JON MASTERSON '61 sends, "I am proud to say I have kept in contact with brothers Benninghoff, Fifer, D. Pahl, Foster, R. Christensen, and Roy for over 53 years! Phi Alpha to all."

GEORGE GNOSS '63 and ANDY ANDERSON '65 hunt, fish, and travel together. "Did a great safari with John and his wife, Marsha, last August — Zambia and South Africa."

RON EMMERSON '66 is "currently involved as a mentor for two startup companies in the OSU Advantage Accelerator Program, which is focused on high-growth, trade sector startup, and early stage organizations."

DON TOLLEFSON '67 makes his home in Venice, CA, and can be contacted at dontol@verizon.net.

KEITH SWENSEN '70, an attorney in Portland, "retired early 2015 after 38+ years of 'balancing the scales.' Now gotta balance the bathroom scale. Played last rugby match at age 64 and now going into my sixth year of coaching Oregon City HS rugby."

DON WILLIAMS '70 hosted a gathering of brothers at the Buffalo Gap in Portland Friday night prior to the Centennial Banquet in Corvallis on March 28, 2015. "Since you as upperclassmen at the SAE house told our class (1970) not to be last, I immediately followed up on Chuck Rouse's suggestion to investigate a venue for an SAE get-together in Portland on Friday, March 27 — the day before the Centennial celebration in Corvallis. As Chuck mentioned, one of my retirement hobbies is visiting and reviewing bars, taverns, and pubs. In 3½ years, I've posted 95 reviews on Portland watering holes and a number from visits in Europe, Alaska, eastern Oregon, the central Oregon coast, and Washington. The historic Buffalo Gap was one of my early bars visited." See <http://thebeerchaser.com>. Brothers attending the "pre-function" included CHUCK ROUSE '68, DOUG HARDESTY '71, RON HOLLOWAY '68, JINX GALLAGHER '67, CHARLIE "BUCK" ADAMS '69, DEXTER GALENTINE '72, RICK WILLIAMS '74, LONNIE BARRON '70, CRAIG HANNEMAN '71, TIM GLEESON '69, TOM VANDERZANDEN '67, and PETE ELLINGSON '69.

CHUCK MCCULLOUGH '73 is a vice president and financial advisor with Wedbush Securities, Inc., in Salem, OR. Following the events at the University of Oklahoma SAE chapter last March, Chuck sent the following: "I know now how the eight SAE's who fought for the union must have felt. In looking back at the past couple of weeks it has been obvious to me that good behavior is something to be taught. The lessons of being a True Gentleman have never been so relevant. I wish for Oregon Alpha's continued success."

COURT CARRIER '74 retired last fall after 27 years teaching and directing the Mt. Hood CC Hospitality & Tourism Program. Court accepted an offer from Cannon Beach to serve as its Chamber of Commerce Executive Director starting last October. He invites everyone to visit!

RICK WILLIAMS '74, after retiring from the Navy as a Captain and having served as the skipper of a nuclear submarine, is now working for Leidos Maritime Solutions, a defense contractor, and lives in Oregon City. Recently, the Oregon Wave Energy Trust (OWET) renamed its annual leadership award in honor of Rick — the Captain Williams Ocean Energy Leadership Award.

JOHN GEORGE '76 is VP of operations for Pogoda, Co. and lives in Farmington Hills, MI. Pogoda specializes in self storage and manufactured housing. John is looking forward to seeing many brothers and Beaver fans in Ann Arbor September 12 for the OSU/Michigan football game.

JON WISSLER '79 this past year celebrated 20 years as CFO at PNGC Power. He also got in some steelhead fishing with brothers RON HILLER '79, MIKE HOLLOWELL '79, TOM SPELMAN '79, and ROB TWAIN '79. "Drove by the house before a Beaver game and it looks awesome."

BRAD ZAKES '86, along with wife Nancy, created the Ethan Zakes Foundation in memory of their son, Ethan, who lost his life in 2011 to ALD at the age of 10. It is a 501(3)(c) nonprofit charitable corporation established for the purpose of funding newborn screening programs for rare childhood diseases. This past March, Oregon Alpha contributed over \$5,000 to Ethan's foundation from its annual philanthropy, Miss Minerva.

CHAD LAYMAN '95 is CEO of the Marquam Group, an information technology (IT) consulting company that develops technology solutions, custom software and applications, and infrastructure. Chad offered this perspective following the incident involving a racist chant video from the University of Oklahoma SAE chapter: "As a proud native son of Medford, Oregon State, and Oregon Alpha, my 'non-white' experience gives me a somewhat unique perspective. In those circles, the subject of diversity is not always cut and dried or even pretty for that matter, but I firmly believe that the fraternity should be viewed as an important part of the solution rather than the presumed epicenter of the problem. I would be happy to lend a voice to the diversity conversation, whether that is directed to the current membership, the university administration, or both."

JOSH HUFFMAN '01 and his wife, Lyndsay (KKT); son, Owen; and daughter, Isabel, live in Portland. Josh is a Business Segment Director for Blount International.

JED WILSON '04, after more than nine years with the Albany Police Department, took a job in April 2014 as a Deputy Sheriff in Clackamas County. Jed, his wife, Amy (AΦ '02), and their two boys purchased a new home in Oregon City one year ago.

REID PAULSON '15 has started his career as a sales consultant for the Phoenix Suns. Reid manages hospitality options that include full season memberships, group outings, partial ticket memberships, and premium opportunities.

JACOB PETERSON '15 served the chapter as EDA and graduated this past spring with a bachelor of science in psychology. The following are comments he provided to the local alumni leadership regarding his time at Oregon Alpha. "I want to thank each and every one of you for not only all the hard work that you guys have done but for being beyond positive role models that I look up to. When I came into the fraternity, I was a little lost in my life. I didn't know what I wanted to do for the rest of my life; I was scared being in a place by myself; I was lonely and lacked friends at the time. This house opened its arms to me and gave me so much that I could never repay it. This experience has shaped me into an honest, hardworking man that I am proud of. The majority of thanks go to you guys for not only being role models but for being like a bunch of second dads for me. I can honestly say that I will miss you once I graduate, but the beauty of fraternity is that it is lifelong and I hope to continue this amazing experience until I am ultimately laid to rest by my brothers. Thank you, gentlemen, for not only giving me the tools to succeed, but for also changing my life."