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On Jump Day, October 5, 2019, Oregon Alpha welcomed 40 new members. They are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Brotherhood and COVID-19

Oregon Alpha Closed Spring Term, Evaluating Fall Term Opening

The world changed last March with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The members of Oregon Alpha were just heading into finals week and wrapping up a very successful winter term. Members then headed home for Spring Break while anticipating coming back to the chapter house to continue to build their brotherhood spring term. This all changed that week with the Governor's "stay at home" orders. OSU President Ed Ray told students that "if you are already at home, stay there." And the Benton County Health Department strongly recommended that "student housing — where residents utilize sleeping porches or any form of congregate living that does not enable appropriate social distancing — should be closed."

After much consideration and consultation with our House Corporation Board of Directors and the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life, we as a House Corporation Board, in the best interest of the well-being of our undergraduate members, closed Oregon Alpha for the upcoming spring quarter. As always, the chapter house is closed in the summer for annual maintenance, which has been completed as planned.

This decision was not made lightly. As we stated in an e-mail to all parents of members, the House Corporation is extremely proud of the current leadership team within the chapter. We know this closure of the fraternity was disappointing for the membership, but we as a board felt it to be a necessity, considering all that we knew then to be true and all that is still unknown about this virus.

With the continued uncertainty regarding the virus, we now look to the fall term and the decision regarding opening the chapter house. The members certainly want to return to campus and live together. The chapter leadership has created a COVID Team to work through the many issues of how they will live together successfully as the pandemic continues.

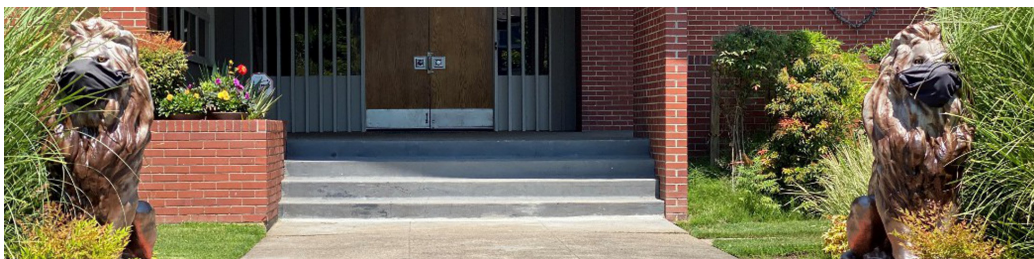
The House Corporation has taken steps to limit the number of members living in the study rooms to three, as well as configuring the sleeping porches with six feet spacing. The chapter house will receive extra sanitation and additional professional cleaning each week fall term.

There are many issues that fraternities across the country are grappling with. Many decisions have to be made regarding social distancing, use of masks, serving meals, how to hold chapter and initiation ceremonies, a policy for visitors, and safe use of the bathrooms. There are many issues that need planning and commitment by the members as they move back into the chapter house.

The House Corporation is committed to working with the chapter leadership team to make sure that plans are in place for a successful fraternal living environment at Oregon Alpha.

Phi Alpha,

— Scott Spiegelberg, '75
Oregon Alpha House Corporation President



In the COVID-19 era, masks and social distancing.

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SAE Mission

The Fraternity's mission is advancing the highest standards of friendship, scholarship, leadership and service for our members throughout life.

SAE Vision

The Fraternity's vision is True Gentlemen making our global community better.

SAE Creed: 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**

**Andrew Justin Jones '21
Karson Reid Klecker '22
Cade Michael Doan '22
Dawson Loehner '21**

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, November 25, 2019



Nearly 100 Oregon Alpha members attended the 20th edition of the annual Dining on Duck dinner held in the chapter house dining room November 25, 2019. The event founder and host Scott Spiegelberg '75 invited Lenny Holmes '79 (pictured to his left) to address the members and share his experiences as a member of the OSU football team and Civil War participant, as well as favorite memories of his time living at Oregon Alpha. Truly another great evening of brotherhood at Oregon Alpha!

You can see 20 years of Dining on Duck at

www.saeoregonstate.com/duck.

Welcome, New Members!

The Oregon Alpha Chapter completed recruitment week and JUMP on Saturday, October 5, and held SAE's formal initiation ceremony Sunday, October 6, 2019, in the living room for 40 new members!

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Hogan Arthur	2023	Salem, OR
Dawson Barcroft	2023	Dallas, OR
Giovanni Bottero	2023	Medford, OR
Bryson Breeze	2023	Lake Oswego, OR
Matthew Campbell	2023	Lake Oswego, OR
Bryan Chapman	2022	West Linn, OR
Jacob Cole	2023	Sherwood, OR
Maxmillian Dammer	2023	Bend, OR
Trent DeBoer	2023	Medford, OR
Sean Delany	2023	Torrance, CA
Cade Dinsmore	2023	Hollister, CA
Rylan Fancher	2023	Bend, OR
Garrett Feusner	2022	Silverton, OR
Solomon Fechter	2023	Lake Oswego, OR
Alex Foley	2023	Sherwood, OR
Max Hart-Thompson	2023	Beaverton, OR
Joe Hicks	2022	Bend, OR

Bryce Hulse	2023	Tigard, OR
Pierce Hurych	2023	Tualatin, OR
Cole Hutslar	2021	Pleasant Hill, OR
Eli Ingram	2023	Beaverton, OR
Jackson Jeffries	2023	Lake Oswego, OR
Gabriel Klotzbach	2022	Beaverton, OR
Cole Kortge	2023	The Dalles, OR
Andrew Krakauer	2022	West Linn, OR
Zach Lame	2023	Sherman Oaks, CA
Andrew Malinowski	2023	Tualatin, OR
Ali Melli	2023	Beaverton, OR
Nicholas Miller	2023	Beaverton, OR
Lucas Ness	2023	Tigard, OR
Dane Norlin	2023	Tualatin, OR
Benjamin Rabbino	2023	Lake Oswego, OR
Jacob Reuter	2023	Sherwood, OR
Ryan Sandilands	2023	Sherwood, OR
Layton Schwenning	2023	Rocklin, CA
Jett Searle	2023	Tualatin, OR
Spencer Smith	2022	Tigard, OR
Cole Spires	2023	Tualatin, OR
Tyler Tropio	2023	Lake Oswego, OR
Jason Ward	2023	Bend, OR

2020 Oregon Alpha Officers

Eminent Archon	
Jack Imelio '21	Fair Oaks, CA
Eminent Deputy Archon	
Alex Matot '21	Salem, OR
Eminent Treasurer	
Joe West '21	Lake Oswego, OR
Eminent Chaplain	
Benjamin Rabbino '23	Lake Oswego, OR
Eminent Recorder	
Gabriel Klotzbach '22	Beaverton, OR
Eminent Chronicler	
Rylan Fancher '23	Bend, OR
Eminent Herald	
Pierce Hurych '23	Tualatin, OR
Eminent Correspondent	
Cole Kortge '23	The Dalles, OR
Eminent Warden	
Nick Savage '22	Tualatin, OR
House Manager	
Nick Brotton '21	Salem, OR
Member Educators	
Ryan Eddington '21	Bend, OR
Griffin Roach '21	Lake Oswego, OR
Recruitment Chairmen	
Jacob Howell '22	West Linn, OR
Jacob Leavitt '22	Tigard, OR

Scholarship Chairmen	
Cody Fretwell '22	West Linn, OR
Zach Lovell '22	Salem, OR
Eminent Preceptor	
Dane Norlin '23	Tualatin, OR
Philanthropy Chairmen	
Ben Gonzalez '21	San Diego, CA
Michael Everton '21	Tigard, OR
Social Chairmen	
Jacob Park '22	West Linn, OR
Andrew Ramey '22	Lake Oswego, OR
Risk Manager	
Joey Imelio '21	Fair Oaks, CA
Kitchen Steward	
Perry Van Houten '22	Salem, OR
Community Service Chairman	
Drew Malinowski '23	Tualatin, OR
IM Chairman	
Trent DeBoer '23	Medford, OR
IFC Chairman	
Max Dammer '23	Bend, OR
Brotherhood Chairman	
Evan Heimuller '22	Bend, OR
Live-out Chairman	
James Marshall '22	West Linn, OR

Eminent Supreme Chronicler Ben Johnson Speaks at Founders' Day Banquet and Visits Oregon Alpha Chapter House



ESC Ben Johnson meets with Oregon Alpha chapter leadership March 6.



Dick Thompson, ESC Ben Johnson, and PDX A.A. President Tyler Thompson.



Members of Oregon Alpha with House Dad Stro at Founders' Day March 5.



50 years of fraternal friendship: Tim Tolan '73, Randy Freed '73, Dick Thompson '73, Rob Brown '73, and Chris Langton '73.

Nearly 70 brothers attended the March 5 Founders' Day Banquet held at the Tualatin Country Club. The gathering was hosted by the Portland Alumni Association, and the guest speaker was Eminent Supreme Chronicler Ben Johnson. Ben was elected to the Supreme Council last June at the SAE Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky. Ben also made time to visit with each of the three Oregon chapters (Willamette, OSU, and U of O). Members at Oregon State met with Ben in the chapter living room on March 6. Of course, the world changed the



SAE Founders: Noble Leslie DeVotie, Nathan Elams Cockrell, Samuel Marion Dennis, John Barrett Rudolph, Abner Edwin Patton, Wade Hampton Foster, Thomas Chappell Cook, and John Webb Kerr.

next week. The chapter was fortunate to be able to meet with Ben, ask questions, and show him around one of the top chapter houses in the realm.

In his address, Ben noted:

"The purpose for this Founders' Day gathering is to reflect on and honor what was created by eight young men in 1856. The purpose for every other day of the year is to live our lives according to these ideals. Together as one Fraternity we can achieve greatness, and together, set the



Brothers Clay Gustafson '78, Paul Jackson '76, John Thompson '76, and Jon Wissler '79.

course for future generations. Together, we can RISE ABOVE apathy, complacency, and indifference. Together, we can RISE ABOVE those who wish to hold us down and set us back. It is our duty to better ourselves and those around us by living our beliefs. Today, we challenge you to honor those eight men and, tomorrow, take the next steps with us in our collective journey to RISE ABOVE — because now, more than ever, the world needs True Gentlemen."

Oregon Alpha Annual Awards Winners, May 18, 2020

Without members at the chapter house last term, the Alumni Association was unable to hold its Annual Awards Banquet. But the membership completed the nomination and voting process, and this year's undergraduate award winners include:



Evan Kelchner '21, Ronald L. Thiesen Community Service Award



Wyatt Stutzman, '20 A. Darrell Carlson True Gentleman Award



Ben Rahier '20, Benjamin F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award



Nate Senger '20, Arthur "Skip" Bedell Memorial IM Award



Dane Norlin '23, Robert R. Blair Freshman of the Year Award



Zach Lovell '22, T. Burke Hayes All-House Scholarship Award

Wyatt Stutzman '20 and Ben Rahier '20 also received SAE's highest undergraduate award — the Order of the Phoenix — in recognition of their dedication, leadership, commitment, and service to the mission of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the building of brotherhood and friendship at Oregon Alpha.

100 Years of Success Managing Our Fraternity House at 29th and Harrison



The Oregon Alpha House Corporation of SAE has been an incorporated entity in the State of Oregon for 100 years (March 18, 1920). The property at 2929 NW Harrison Blvd. was purchased in 1920 and the House Corporation was established to build a chapter house which was opened in 1921. The Southern Colonial House, pictured above, served SAE members until it was torn down in 1958 and the current “new” house was opened fall term 1959.

The 2020 Board of Directors includes:

- Scott Spiegelberg '75 — Board Chair
- Dick Thompson '73 — Board Secretary/Treasurer and Alumni Association President
- Will Later '12 — Board member and Chapter Advisor
- Justin Strohmeyer '07 — Board Member
- Riley Allen '08 — Board Member

Greg Beamer '07 and Chris Langton '73 have recently completed their time as board members. We are certainly grateful for their years of service. And we welcome Riley Allen '08, who has recently joined the board.

John Thompson '76 (accounting/IRS advice) and Jaime Burnap '05 (website management) continue to provide their volunteer service as well.

And Oregon Alpha is the current holder of SAE's Most Outstanding Advisory Board Award!

Eminent Archon Report



The Oregon Alpha Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon had a tremendous year, highlighted by a successful recruitment drive, academic achievement, and community service.

Many thanks are due to the alumni who have advised and supported this fraternity and its chapter officers over the past year: Dick Thompson '73, Scott Spiegelberg '75, Will Later '12, House

Dad Stro, and Jake Hales '16. Our chapter owes them for all their time and dedication. They have helped us to grow and excel.

During fall term we brought in a new-member class of 40 men, thanks to the efforts of recruitment chairmen Ryan Schmid

'21 and Evan Baughman '21. With their combined efforts and the assistance of the rest of our chapter, we recruited a new class who had a higher GPA than the All-University average for fall, winter, and spring terms. These young men have a bright future here at Oregon Alpha. Recruitment continues, and this summer Jake Leavitt '22 and Jacob Howell '22 are working hard to prepare for this fall's recruitment week while also abiding by COVID-19 guidelines.

This past year we earned chapter GPAs of 3.08 fall term, 3.14 winter term, and 3.36 spring term, due to the hard work and effort our members put into their studies day in and day out. In January, our GPA requirement went up from 2.7 to 2.8. As you can see, all of our members have taken that goal to heart, surpassing it by a significant margin. Our Scholarship Chairs, Zach Lovell '22 and Cody Fretwell '22, have been working hard to prepare our members for success in their studies.

Thanks to tuition scholarships given by our Alumni Association, we were able to send three members of our leadership team to the January Executive Academy in Evanston, Illinois. Attending were Eminent Deputy Archon Alex Matot '21, Eminent Treasurer Joe West '21, and myself. We had the opportunity to meet SAE brothers from all across the nation. We learned more about leadership and the responsibilities of our positions, and learned some recruitment techniques which we passed on to our recruitment chairs. I connected with Eminent Archons from a number of chapters, and have kept in contact with them during my tenure as EA.

We participated in 3,000 community service hours as a chapter, helping new students move into the dorms in the fall and doing our every-term highway cleanup. We won Delta Gamma's dodgeball tournament and Sigma Kappa's kickball philanthropy.

I have had the opportunity to serve and work alongside a great group of men. I am very thankful for the success we have had over the last year, and I look forward to continuing that success this next school year.

Thank you and Phi Alpha!

— EA Jack Imelio '21

Contribute to Oregon Alpha

- Mail a check (payable to Oregon Alpha of Sigma Alpha Epsilon) to PO Box 912, Corvallis, OR 97339.

- Use PayPal (you do not need a PayPal account). It is easy. Just go to <http://www.saeoregonstate.com>, click on “Donate” and use your credit/debit card.

- If you would prefer to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Oregon Alpha Endowment Fund, please make your check out to the “SAE Foundation.”

I hope many of you will renew your Oregon Alpha Alumni Association membership with a donation today!

It is a quiet summer in Corvallis. Stay safe, brothers! Phi Alpha, and Go Beavs!

— Dick Thompson '73

Oregon Alpha Alumni Association President
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SAE BY THE NUMBERS

215

Total groups

12,000+

Active collegiate members

348,000+

Initiated members since our founding in 1856

206,000+

Living alumni

Alumni Highlights and Chatter

Chapter Eternal members this past year include CLIFF CRANDALL '49, JOHN KEITH '50, RICHARD GUSTAFSON '56, MAX ALBERTSON '57, RICHARD MUTTER '57, VERN RIFER '61, FRANK HAMETNER '63, DUANE BARTON '69, RANDY SCHETKY '73, BILL OLIVER '74, Merit Key recipient DAVE GILBERT '75, HAROLD FREEMAN '76, and BARRY VARBEL '79. "Blessed are the ties which bind our hearts in Brotherly love."

CRAIG MCMIKEN '50 sends: "Married 67 years to Jeanne Zeller McMiken (KAT). Just celebrated my 94th birthday in Florence (Oregon). Still "running" (really a fast walk)."

DON BEALS '51 is retired Navy. "Oldest at ship reunion, oldest at OSC band reunion. Being 90 is a pretty good deal!"

EDWARD HILL '54 sends: "In 1950 I was attracted to Oregon State College by the course descriptions for the degree in Fish & Game Management. Although I was poorly prepared for the rigors of higher education, thanks to the encouragement of the AG Dean, a scholarship focus, and strict study rules in the fraternity, I completed the degree. Following five years as an artillery officer, aviator, and flight instructor, I returned to academia, receiving a MS and PhD from Auburn University. Among the research subjects addressed over some thirty years, 35 MS and PhD students, and 97 published papers, was the OSU mascot. I suppose it was fitting, perhaps ironic, that an old OSC grad was asked to write the BEAVER chapter (pages 256-281) for the first edition of the book *WILD MAMMALS OF NORTH AMERICA, BIOLOGY, MANAGEMENT, AND ECONOMICS* by J.A. Chapman and G.A. Feldhamer. In retrospect, the Oregon State experience, influence, and memories were and are very positive."

JERRY HULSMAN '54 was honored at the Black and Orange Gala held at the CH2M HILL Alumni Center by the OSU Foundation this past September. Jerry was a recipient of the OSU Foundation's Lifetime Trustee Award. Jerry and Beth also celebrated their 60th anniversary July 11, 2019.

HAL ENGELEN '55 enjoys seven months in Oregon and five winter months in Arizona each year. Hal and NORB LEUPOLD '55 dropped in to "visit with young men of SAE" at last summer's Portland Alumni Association Golf Tournament in Newberg.

BILL HUFF '55 sent his donation "in memory of TYRRELL LOWRY '55, killed on the 1st B-52 raid on Viet Nam." In addition, "I am still trying to figure out what 'Thirsty Thursday' is in the house. I graduated in 1955 and went in the Air Force for three years, then flew for Northwest Airlines for 30 years. The Boeing 747 was the largest aircraft I flew, and the DC-3 was the smallest. I still fly my Beachcraft Bonanza at age 86. Pass up all the trucks on I-5."

BOB FOSTER '61 sent a note regarding the passing of VERN RIFER '61 on December 8, 2019: "He was my closest friend from Oregon State and we joined SAE at the same time in the fall quarter of 1957 and lived in the house until we graduated. I had a phone call with him just three days before he passed, and we kept in touch quite regularly. We had lunch with him and his wife Linda about two months ago in Portland. It was a great personal relationship that I had with him for the past 61 years, and I will miss his friendship greatly."

DICK ROY '61 is grateful for Oregon Alpha's alumni communications. "It is a source of inspiration and gratitude for all of us who received so much from the house... I married Jeanne Hawley, a DG Little Sister of Minerva. She has been a daily blessing for me for over 58 years at this point. In a book published in January, *A Generous Nature – Lives Transformed by Oregon* by Marcy Houle, we are two of 21 Oregonians featured for service work for Oregon. A mutual love of the state of our birth has been a compass we have shared."

BILL BOYD '62 sends: "Still living in my hometown of Bend, Oregon. A hello to the brothers from Bend who were in the

house in the late '50s and early '60s: BOB FOSTER '61, STAN NORTON '62, RILEY ALLEN '62, RICH HEMINGWAY '62, and BILL BRENNAN '62. Also, a hello to early roommates WALT SCHROEDER '62 and CHUCK SMOKEL '62. Hope all is well."

TOM DEARMOND '64, of Oregon Turf & Tree Farms, sends: "I still live on the family farm. 77 years. The next generation has taken over management (all Beaver supporters). The main crops are turf grass sod, landscape trees, and hazelnuts. All is well in Hubbard, Oregon. GO BEAVS!"

MIKE CUTTING '65 sent last fall: "In February (2019), Carmen (Phelps, Tri Delt '65) and I received the Martin Chaves Lifetime Achievement Award at the Destination OSU gathering in Dana Point, California, for our support of OSU Athletics. We have had a great time and great experience being part of Beaver Nation again after moving back to (Bend) Oregon after 40 years in Seattle."

RON EMMERSON '66 sends: "We ended up staying in Hawaii for almost 6 months. Overlapped on the Big Island with Barbara and RAY SHAW '66. Ray and I played quite a bit of golf. After 41 years of automotive racing with SCCA, IMSA, SVRG and other sanctioning bodies, I ran my last race in 2019. Started out in CP (became GT2) and GTU in IMSA, changed to Formula cars 20+ years ago running a Ralt RT5 (Formula Atlantic and Vintage Racing). Over the years ran at Road Atlanta, Riverside Raceway, Willow Springs, Sears Point, Laguna Seca, Firebird International Raceway, Seattle International Raceway, The Ridge, and of course Portland International Raceway. Tough to quit, but still have some fun sports cars to enjoy on back roads."

RAY SHAW '66 married a Little Sister of Minerva and member of Delta Gamma. He and Barbara are "celebrating our 50th anniversary this entire year. I continue to do a lot of photography, play pickleball and golf (shooting my age regularly), and split our time between Vegas and the Big Island of Hawaii."

DUANE BARTON '69 passed away at age 73 on May 14th from Alzheimer's Disease. Duane played fullback, and his brother, GARY '70, later played quarterback for the Beavers. They were star multi-sport athletes at Baker High School, and both graduated from OSU as did their younger brother, RONNIE '72. Duane was enrolled in the Navy ROTC program and flew for the Navy after commissioning, and then had a career as a pilot for Alaska Airlines. Duane and Gary, besides being great athletes, had wonderful voices and were key members of the SAE team that won or placed highly in the annual IFC Sing for several years. ALEX PAUL '70 added: "Gary and I stood to Duane's right for the IFC sing. Both Gary and Duane had such strong voices that it was a joy to stand between them and DOUG HARDESTY '71 and sing right with them. I remember always enjoying Duane because he had a quick wit and great sense of humor." Gary Barton gave this account of how Duane got his nickname Thumper. "The Thumper nickname came from the Disney movie Bambi. If you recall, there was a cute little cottontail named Thumper living in Bambi's forest. Among the burly football jocks at OSU, Duane was like their Thumper, both in size and perhaps even more so in personality. However, he also gave one a memorable 'thump' when he hit you on the football field."

RICK GAFFNEY '70 makes his home in Kailua Kona, Hawaii. He sends: "Sold my yacht brokerage business and retired into consulting in sports fishing and ocean recreation. Have clients all over the Pacific."

KEITH SWENSEN '70 is a retired attorney living in Portland. "Enjoying retirement. Staying busy and healthy by a combination of coaching high school rugby (11th year at Oregon City HS) and gardening. Strange combo, but it works."

STEVE ATHAY '72 and Vickie live in Corvallis. Dr. Steve recently retired from a long and successful career as an internist at The Corvallis Clinic. Steve threw the discus for the OSU track team, then spent four years at OHSU where he earned his Doctor of Medicine. He completed an internal medicine

residency at Providence in Portland, and when his U.S. Army commitment ended, he started his career taking care of people at the Clinic in 1981. He and Vickie's plans include travel, visiting their daughter and four grandchildren, doing activities with friends, and attending Beaver games.

BRAD BLAKELY '73 was in Portland last fall visiting from Las Vegas. "I attended Brother BILL OLIVER'S '74 ceremony October 20, and I was honored to be there. That was a beautiful ceremony, and was well attended by his SAE brothers. I have rarely traveled north from Las Vegas since 1991, but Brother Oliver's ceremony and my 50th Sunset High School reunion coincided. Bill and I were good friends during our tenure at Oregon Alpha together. We often played music together in the chapter room after dinner hour."

RANDY SCHETKY '73 entered Chapter Eternal April 3. Randy's two sons wrote: "Randy grew up in the bus business, and in 1975, after graduating from OSU, began working for Schetky Northwest full time. Randy's first job was selling school buses, and in the 1980s, he launched Schetky's commercial bus division. During his tenure as President of Schetky, Randy took what was a regional dealership and grew the business into one of the top selling dealerships in the nation. Randy took great pride in providing the industry's best after-the-sale support. It was his focus on customer service that led Schetky to grow from one service facility to five, spanning the Northwest and Arizona." Randy's wife Lindley said the photos and words shared "were very touching to me and to Randy's brother STEVE '69. SAE provided Randy with a very important circle of friends. Such great guys, and such great stories (now heard MANY times). He coveted those friendships. SAE had a large influence on Randy's life."

DICK THOMPSON '73 has recently accepted an offer to become an honorary board member of SAE's Financial and Housing Corporation Board of Directors.

DOUG TODD '73 and his wife Nancy live in Arlington, Virginia. They met DOUG BLAIR '73 and Bob Keith in Starkville last February for the Oregon State vs. Mississippi State baseball series. Doug sends: "Playing lots of golf. Had my first ever ACE a few weeks ago. Didn't blade it either. Hit a nice 7-iron 155 yards on the green and it rolled about 20 feet into the cup. A big thrill."

COURT CARRIER '74 is "living the dream" in his third retirement. "Kathy and I bought a home in the heart of West Slope, just a few minutes from downtown Portland." Court is the new Director of Tourism for Forest Grove.

JOHN THOMPSON '76 has retired from his longtime CPA business and past three years with Perkins & Co. in Portland. He will have more time for his golf game. John was presented with the fraternity's Order of the Lion at the Portland Alumni Association Founders' Day Banquet this past March at the Tualatin Country Club (his home course). The Order of the Lion recognized his sustained service as an alumni advisor. John has volunteered his time as an accounting advisor to the House Corporation, and has prepared the required annual IRS 990 forms for more than a decade for both the House Corporation and Oregon Alpha Chapter.

LENNY HOLMES '79 sends: "On July 11, Joe Boyle and I left Bend, Oregon, to travel east across the United States on our motorcycles via paved roadways (approximately 8 days and 3,000 miles). Once we get to the east coast, we will change our tires from road to dirt tires and then head back west. We will be traveling on about 90% dirt roads as we trek across our beautiful rural America (approximately 30 days and 4,500 miles)! This has been a 10-year dream of mine, and my riding partner, Joe Boyle (an accomplished motorcycle rider), is joining me on this BAMR – BIG AUDACIOUS MOTORCYCLE RIDE!"

D. SCOTTY AFONG '81 is still working as an engineer with the National Nuclear Security Administration Production Office in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. "The plan is to still retire in 2021. This will be my second retirement, as I retired from the Navy after 30 years of active and reserve duty in 2012. I've been married for 35 years

to my wife, Kimberly, this November. She is from this area, so she was absolutely thrilled to return to Tennessee in 2005. Have two grown daughters who are married with kids, and both live in the local area. Our pastime is enjoying family activities, especially our three grandchildren (all under four). Still have fond memories of my time at OSU and our chapter. If you are ever in eastern Tennessee, you are always welcome here!"

DAN JARMAN '88 serves on the OSU alumni board and executive committee. "I'm also the board's new liaison to the OSU Foundation. I own Crosswater Strategies, a government affairs firm working with clients advocating for public policy changes at the local, state, and federal levels. I've been involved with politics and policymaking for 40 years, working in Washington, DC, and Oregon. We now live in Lake Oswego."

KEITH LEAVITT '88 was recently elected to the OSU alumni board. Keith is the Chief Commercial Officer for the Port of Portland. He has worked in various roles at the Port since 1999. His son, JAKE LEAVITT '22, is Oregon Alpha's recruitment chair and entering his junior year.

TIM MARSHALL '90 has a son, JAMES MARSHALL '22, and a nephew, ANDREW MARSHALL '20 (son of MIKE MARSHALL '88) living in the fraternity house. Regarding the closing of the chapter spring term because of the coronavirus, he sent this message to the House Corporation. "Gentlemen, a big shout-out and Thank-You for all you do for the SAE boys. I know shutting down the house was not an easy decision, but it's the right one. We know you put in a ton of time with the house and don't get a lot of recognition. I can only imagine the amount of time that you spent working on this decision, and I just wanted to let you know it doesn't go unnoticed. Thanks again. I look forward to toasting you guys with a cold beer once all of this settles down. Stay safe and healthy!"

CHAD LAYMAN '95 attended the Founders' Day banquet this past March 5th. He sent DICK THOMPSON '73 this note regarding receiving SAE's Distinguished Service Award: "I just wanted to drop you a line to say thank-you for everything you do for the fraternity. Your service has been noble, substantial, and sustained, and a great many men are the better for it." *[As editor, I received many wonderful e-mails of congratulations. I must say I was really moved by this one from Brother Layman.]*

JAKE GUDGER '09 sends: "I live in Orange County now, and am in the customer success/account management department at Houzz (a directory of home improvement professionals), working with contractors and builders. Even though it's Southern California, I love it here."

RYAN CLEVELAND '18 is an accountant for Price Waterhouse and lives in San Francisco, CA.

JAKE RIDER '19 is living in North Beach downtown San Francisco, and working as "a sales representative for a company called Granular. We sell software systems to help improve efficiency and profitability for farms and their operations. Started in February and only had time to work in the office for two weeks before the widespread shutdowns. So I've been working from home in downtown SF."

JACK LOBERG '20 is a recent graduate, and has started his career with Northwest Mutual in the Lake Oswego office.

BEN RAHIER '20 sends "I just moved to Reno, Nevada, to start work as a sales representative for TTI (power tools). My first day on the job is July 13, and I'm looking forward to making some more friends in a new city!" Ben is a former Recruitment Chair and is this year's recipient of the Benjamin F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award. "I can honestly say these last four years of college have been the greatest years of my life and that is all due to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. I have made the greatest relationships that will last a lifetime within our brotherhood, and will cherish all of the memories I have made and will make with these guys forever."