



THE LION'S TALE

FALL 2013

THE CHAPTER MAINTAINS TOP-TIER STATUS

ΣAE Purdue is doing well and continues to lead in every way. The chapter has every reason to be proud of its many achievements. As Eminent Archon **Danny Romano '15** notes in his letter in this newsletter, grades are way up, live-in headcount exceeds our targets, total chapter membership continues to climb, financials are healthy, and social activities place us in the lead at Purdue.

Just as importantly, chapter brotherhood and spirit are surging to new levels. When I returned to campus to work with the chapter during the critical first week of fall recruitment, countless brothers expressed to me their eagerness to excel in recruitment—both for ΣAE's benefit and to best other fraternities in pledging the best guys available. My goal had been to pledge 40 (up from last year's goal of 35), but the chapter consensus target quickly rose to 45. As a side note, our goal is to pledge approximately 65 men annually in order to become the largest fraternity on campus and to offset the unfortunate, but predictable, effects of attrition. Not only did the chapter meet its fall target of 45, but the chapter was also able to close recruitment after just two weeks instead of the four that most other

fraternities require. The chapter's spirit and can-do attitude was palpable, which made me proud to be an ΣAE.

The chapter continues to work hard to improve alumni relations, and you will find your hand gets a workout from shaking hands with all the undergraduate brothers who will greet you when you visit. Better yet, visit at a time when you can have lunch or dinner at the house so you can get a better feel for the great vibe at ΣAE Purdue.

The chapter's spirit, academic, and social strengths place ΣAE at the top of the Purdue Greek hierarchy. You should be proud of our chapter. I hope to see you this fall.

Phi Alpha,
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Looking Forward to a Successful Semester



All the new ΣAE brothers after their initiation at the Indiana Beta house.

The Purdue Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is getting back into the swing of things after a relaxing summer. I truly believe this will be a great year and I know we will continue improving ourselves and our chapter, further bolstering our position on campus.

BY THE NUMBERS

Indiana Beta has some good news to disclose. Our chapter had the 15th-highest G.P.A. last semester with a 2.81. We are ranked sixth for our cumulative house average of 2.92. We are striving to improve our grades even more this year. In order to continue motivating each other to succeed, a new scholarship program has been established, setting aside \$10,000 for prestige in academics and \$10,000 for prestige in leadership. For the greater good, we took in \$9,200, placing us third in dollars raised through philanthropies. Also, we were the fifth-largest fraternity on campus last year! Keeping this momentum going, we're seeing strong success in recruitment.

RECRUITMENT SUCCESS

At this time, we have 45 high quality men who have accepted bids. We're really proud of our recruitment efforts and look forward to our upcoming events to recruit even more quality future brothers.
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ΣAE brothers at a Purdue football tailgate.

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SPRING GALA

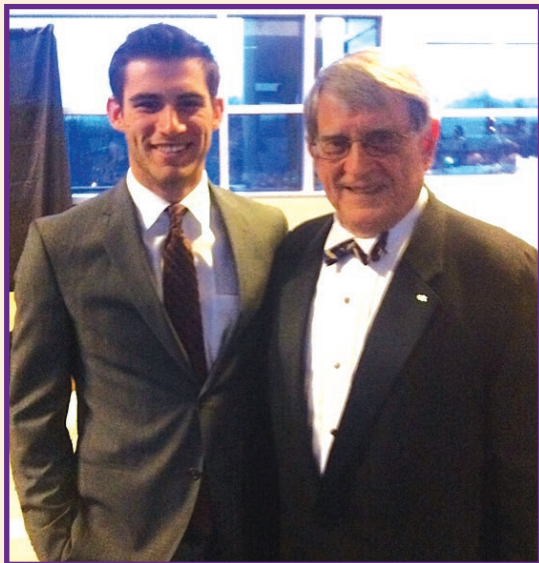
We are looking forward to a 1980s reunion in mid-February. If you're going to attend that reunion, please be sure to say hello to me; I would love to meet you. Also, for every home football game, we will be hosting alumni tailgates. Last but not least, the Gala will take place at the end of the spring semester again. All these events are a great opportunity to reunite with your brothers, take a tour of the chapter house, and meet the undergraduate membership. We would love to hear your stories!

CHAPTER HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

This year we allotted \$6,000 for our continuous repairs to the house. Recent updates include new cement in place leading from the side steps past the volleyball court and up to the front door. A railing now makes the side steps from Quincy Street to the side door much safer.

With over 80 brothers living in the chapter house and 127 active members this semester, we certainly expect a fantastic semester and year. We genuinely thank everyone for your continuous support.

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Greg Kenter '16 and Wayne McIntyre '64 at the Gala: Evening of Excellence last April.



ΣAE brothers recently initiated. They were initiated at Levere Memorial Temple.

CONGRATULATIONS, NEW INITIATES

Andrew Bruce '16*
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Building Construction Management
(Brother **Ashton Bruce '15**)

Allan Calomino '16
Fullerton, Calif.
Mechanical Engineering

Scott Campbell '16
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Mechanical Engineering

Alex Dunker '16
Rockford, Ill.
Computer Engineering

Keenan Feller '16
Chicago, Ill.
Industrial Management

Blake Halva '15
Edina, Minn.
Industrial Engineering

Micah Harner '16
Plymouth, Ind.
Economics

Jeff Hickey '16
Los Gatos, Calif.
Mechanical Engineering

Austin Kanarr '16
Bourbon, Ind.
Computer Science

Michael Kurfess '15
New York, N.Y.
Agricultural Economics

David Leguay '16
Newport Beach, Calif.
Selling and Sales Management

Cole Manschot '16
Wheaton, Ill.
Theoretical Mathematics

Matthew McNarney '16
Granger, Ind.
Turf Science and Management

Luke Richter '16
Carmel, Ind.
Mechanical Engineering

Jonathan Rudolph '16
Parkersburg, W.Va.
Mechanical Engineering

Ryan Stemme '16
Chesterfield, Mo.
Mechanical Engineering

Patrick Sullivan '16
Painesville, Ohio
Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering

Christian Young '15
Gary, Ind.
Communication

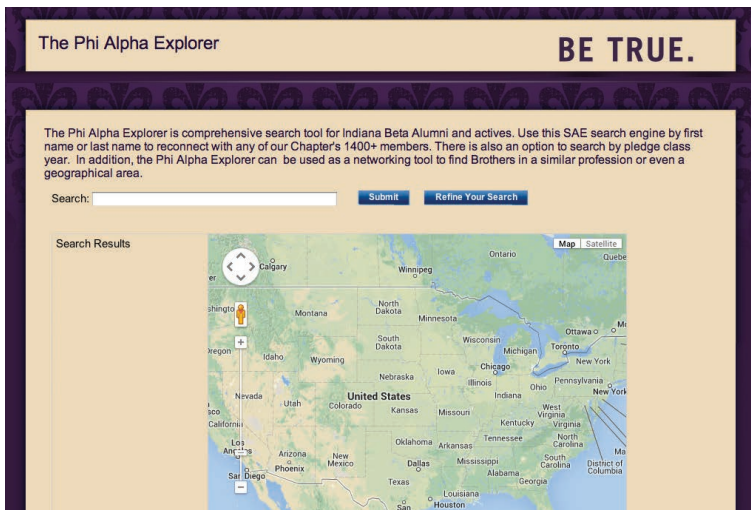
Brenden Zieg '16
Evansville, Ind.
Chemical Engineering

*Legacy; relative in parentheses

ANNOUNCING THE PHI ALPHA EXPLORER

We are pleased to announce a new feature on our web site, www.sae.purdue.com. You now have full access to our directory of Indiana Beta alumni using our new app, Phi Alpha Explorer. Try it today under the alumni tab. You can use this search engine to identify contact information for an individual, your pledge class, or graduation year. You can also locate Indiana Beta alumni by geographical area by selecting all in the pull down menus and then click on the specific map location.

In addition, you have the ability to find ΣAE alumni by job function or industry. Use this as an addition to your other networking tools. Above all, please make sure your contact information is complete and current. You can do so under the alumni tab and be sure to opt-in to use your information in the Phi Alpha Explorer.



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ΣAE brothers at their formal event in downtown Chicago.

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

*Bill Kiesel '43 Embodied the
True Gentleman during WWII*

"I didn't know my name wasn't 'Shut Up' until I was 14," joked **Bob Kiesel '51**. By means of a lively phone conversation with Bob, I was fortunate to learn about one of our brothers' heroic war stories: that of Bob Kiesel's older brother, **Bill Kiesel '43**.

Bill spent his first year of college at the University of Pittsburgh where he played football in the early 1940s. His second year, however, he wanted to pursue an engineering degree. Thus, Bill found himself at Purdue where he became a brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Being 6'1" and extremely athletic, Bill played softball for the chapter in an inter-fraternity league. He could often be found spending time with his Theta girlfriend, whom many found to be quite attractive.

However, while Bill attended Purdue, war loomed in the horizon. It was the dawn of World War II. He decided it was his calling to fight for his country as a naval fighter pilot. After joining the Navy V-5 Program, Bill traveled around the country to complete various phases of his training. Bob notably recalls Bill spending time in Pennsylvania and South Carolina. Not to mention, Bill was known to enjoy playing football with the other Navy trainees at some of his locations. Eventually, Bill completed his training with flying colors, finishing in the top 10% of his class. Due to his excellent performance in training, he was granted the opportunity to choose what kind of plane he wanted to fly in the Pacific Theatre of World War II. Bill chose a gull-winged Corsair fighter aircraft. At the time, gull-winged aircrafts were top-notch. With slightly bent wings, the planes struck fear in the hearts of the Japanese as they were impressively quick and deadly.

Finally, the United States saw light at the end of the tunnel. Fantastic efforts by the Allies brought the Third Reich to its knees. Victory in Europe was declared on May 7, 1945. It was quickly becoming evident that the Axis Powers, though in many regards more militarily advanced than the Allies, could not deter the valiant bravery of men like Bill Kiesel, who fought to protect our freedom from tyranny. Allied morale was at a record high. Sadly, on July 24, 1945 (just weeks before Victory in Japan was declared), Bill was flying off the coast of Japan when a typhoon struck. William Kiesel was declared missing in action on this day. He would then be declared dead one year later at only 23 years of age.

Part of the True Gentleman reads, "...who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own." I am honored to have been given the opportunity to share the honorable life and death of Bill Kiesel, a man who thought of the needs of his country rather than his own. However, this story could have never come together without Bill's younger brother, Bob. Bob, who is also an Indiana Beta brother, graduated from Purdue in 1951. He resides in Chicago and is a friendly and detailed man. Bob has a grandson who is a Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the University of Montana. Phi Alpha, Bob!

Written by **Michael Cody '15**

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Gordon K. Van Gundia Jr. '50 entered Chapter Eternal January 14. He is survived by his two daughters, Cheryl (Richard) Perkins and Carol (Steve) Neely; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He married Reba Jean Hardy, who predeceased him in 2011. Van had much to be proud of in his lifetime, but his biggest joy was being a loving and kind husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Donald A. Roach '52 entered Chapter Eternal March 25. He and his wife, Nancy, had four children. Don recognized the benefits that he had received from his alma mater, and he gave generously to his school so as to ensure that others would have equal educational opportunities.

John R. Peterson '55 entered Chapter Eternal December 27, 2012 in Winter Park, Fla. He married Jean Anderson on June 8, 1955. After Jean's death in 1990, he married Carol Snelling Jenkins in 1991; she survives him. He leaves Jean and his three daughters: Janet, married to Victor Harouny, Emily, married to Dennis Coyne, and Katherine, married to Tom Gardner; a sister, Mary Jean Peterson; and nine grandchildren.

John D. Liber '60 entered Chapter Eternal July 23. He was a resident of Naples, Fla., at the time of his passing. He and his wife, Nancy have three children.

ALUMNI NEWS

A. Bernie Keller '40 is 96 years old and lives in an assisted living community in Carmel, Ind. Bernie and his wife, Mary Ann, have three children: Marilyn, Stephen, and Patricia; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. E-mail: ambakabk@aol.com

Donald L. Shaw '51 is "living the good life at Sun City Hilton Head in Bluffton, S.C." He has two daughters, Kathryn and Carol. E-mail: dshaw1@hargray.com

Edward F. Trares '51 is "still doing a bit of traveling, but not much as the years go by and we slow down." He and his wife, Leanore, live in Villa Rica, Ga. E-mail: trares@bellsouth.net

Charles E. Baer '55 and his wife, Joan, live in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and have four children. They spend their winters in Florida and enjoy spending time with their nine grandchildren. Charles is the chairman at Eutectic Engineering Co. E-mail: qrbaer@aol.com

Robert F. Lark '56 lives in Eden Prairie, Minn., with his wife, Madell. "I would love to hear from friends and classmates



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David A. Bigler '58 still enjoys golfing and traveling. He and his wife, Carolyn, recently visited the Grand Canyon. They live in Jensen Beach, Fla., and have two children, Lynn and Liz. E-mail: dabigler@4kcc.com

John H. Hager '58 works with a community nonprofit as well as takes part in political activities around Virginia. In 2012, he was named Outstanding Virginian and inducted into the Richmond Business Hall of Fame. John and his wife, Margaret, live in Richmond and have two sons. E-mail: johnhager1@comcast.net

Robert J. McElvain '58 is a chairman on the Sedona Parks and Rec Commission and volunteers as a tax preparer through AARP. Bob is an avid tennis player and resides in Sedona, Ariz. E-mail: bobnsharon@q.com

Lloyd C. Cooper '59 and **Bob McElvain '58** (his ΣAE roommate) get together several times a year. Lloyd and his wife, Judith, live in Gilbert, Ariz., and have two sons, Tom and Jon. E-mail: goodolcoop@aol.com

Thomas F. Hanshaw '60 and his wife, Nancy, live in Huntington, Va., and have two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth, and nine grandchildren. Tom retired in 2011 and enjoys music, cycling, outdoor activities, and his involvement with Boy Scouts of America. E-mail: tn2104wb@comcast.net

William R. Litzler '63 recently completed his term as president of the Westwood Country Club in Rocky River, Ohio. He and his wife, Joyce, live in Westlake, Ohio. They have eight grandchildren, ages 7-17. E-mail: cyrilwill2@hotmail.com

John A. Jaffurs '71 is looking forward to retirement after 40 years with GM and Delphi Corporation. He and his wife, Sheri, live in Harrison, Mich. They have two children, Nicholas and Alexis. E-mail: jjaffurs@gmail.com

Timothy B. Bailey '79 coaches high school football and girls fastpitch softball, in addition to running construction projects in and around Detroit. He also gives fastpitch and pitching lessons at Michigan Sports Academy. Tim and his wife, Janet, live in Howell, Mich., and have three children: Hannah, Mitch, and Will. E-mail: baileygold@comcast.net

William C. Meirink '89 has run 12 marathons and competed in more than 20 triathlons. He served as grand knight to Knights of Columbus from 2008 to 2010 and is an assistant scout master. William and his wife, Katherine, live in St. Louis, Mo., with their two children, Zachary and Anna. E-mail: wcmeirink@gmail.com

Brian J. Barrett '96 and his wife, Libby, live in Greenwood, Ind., with their two children, Henry and Evelyn.