



# THE LION'S TALE

SPRING 2013

## CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REMAIN STRONG AT ΣΑΕ

It's a better time than ever to be an ΣΑΕ at Purdue. Having made great strides in the past several years, especially in recruitment, we are proud to announce our chapter's role on campus, in alumni relations, and in philanthropy.

### BROTHERS GET INVOLVED WITH IFC

The results of Purdue's Interfraternity Council elections were favorable for our chapter. Among the four main executive members are ΣΑΕ's vice presidents of operations and membership, **Brad Templin '13** and **Neil Schaefer '15**, respectively, with **Andrew Vasquez '13** as director of risk management and **Justin Brzowski '15** as director of IT. **Eric Kluge '15** also serves on the associate board under Brother Templin.

### CONTINUED RECRUITMENT SUCCESS

Despite the absence of **Wayne McIntyre '64**, who helped us recruit 37 of Purdue's best young men in the fall, our chapter still excelled in recruitment. In addition to the 31 pledge members that we retained from the fall semester, we hope to pledge 19 new members to bring our total for the year to 50.

### JOIN ΣΑΕ FOR FOUNDER'S DAY, APRIL 6

We are very excited for our chapter's first Founder's Day Gala on April 6, which we hope will set the standard for all future alumni events. Organized by Vice President External **Derrek Staley '14** and the chapter's alumni committee, the Gala will celebrate both the national and

chapter founding dates with a formal black-tie (though suits are acceptable) dinner and ball.

### INDIANA BETA HOSTS NEW PHILANTHROPY

Along with co-sponsoring the campus' second-largest Greek-run philanthropy, Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash (a Greek community swim meet benefitting Service for Sight) this spring, Philanthropy Chairman **Eric Kluge** has headed the organization of the first Big Shot philanthropy. Co-sponsored by Pi Beta Phi, this new philanthropy, benefitting the Children's Miracle Network and the Pi Beta Phi Foundation, consists of a Greek community three-on-three basketball tournament. After a large showing at our Big Shot Gives You Wings all-you-can-eat wing dinner fundraiser at the Lodge in the fall, our chapter is optimistic that this philanthropy will join Purdue's long list of high-grossing annual philanthropies.

As always, I encourage alumni to come back to the Lodge to share in the success of our chapter. It is because of all of you that our chapter is able to be a part of so many great things today.

Be the One. Be a True Gentleman.

Phi Alpha,  
**Danny Romano '15**  
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## Undergraduates Make Big Plans for the Future of ΣΑΕ at Purdue

### PLEDGE/ALUMNI MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

This semester we are starting a new program for our pledgeship involving alumni. We will have our new pledge members call interested alumni to see how Purdue ΣΑΕ can help them in life. We want them to be even more excited about their future as a member of our fraternity and see that it can help them be successful. We also want them to get used to talking to alumni and networking.

The first call will contain general questions and we will give the pledge members talking points. By the last call (there will be four calls throughout the semester), we want there to be a relationship between the two so the conversation is completely up to the pledge member and alumnus. We will do our best to team up a pledge member with an alumnus who is in the field of his major and interest. When the Founder's Day Gala comes around, we hope that each of the alumni mentors can then meet the pledge member in person. Contact me if you're interested in getting involved. Volunteering for this is a great way to help out the chapter and our pledges, and it can also benefit you.

### HOMECOMING AND UPCOMING FOOTBALL SEASON

The fall football season looks promising with a brand new coaching staff and continued talent from the team, so make sure to book your tickets early. Homecoming is September 28 against Northern Illinois, and we will have a large event to celebrate. Stay tuned for more details over the summer. The chapter hosts a tailgate in the R lot just  
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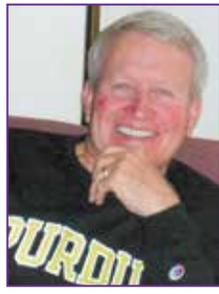




# A LIFELONG JOURNEY WITH ΣAE

## BY DON MECK '71

Pledging ΣAE, becoming an active and then an alumnus was the beginning of a journey that has never ended. After graduating from Purdue and joining the U.S. Air Force, I found myself in Texas. I graduated with a master's degree from St. Mary's University and a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. While completing my Ph.D. in psychology, a fellow ΣAE graduate student and I helped start the process of establishing an ΣAE chapter at Texas A&M (Texas Tau). That chapter is thriving, much like ours does today.



Robins, Georgia. It is interesting to note that I attended law school with two other ΣAE brothers from Georgia Sigma whom I had never met before. We're now close family, as well as professional friends.

My journey to Georgia enhanced my interest in politics, so I ran and was elected to the local board of education. I learned quickly that people elect you to do what they want you to do, not necessarily what is right. That was enough for me and I served only one term. However, I did not leave politics altogether and was appointed to four terms (20 years) by four different Georgia governors to the Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

More recently, I was elected to the Board of Directors for the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, the professional organization that monitors and regulates psychology licensure in the United States and Canada. That position brought me to Chicago for a meeting where the Levere Memorial Temple is located. That experience was a lot different than I remembered as a pledge member, but it brought back the memories of our walkout and shared experiences, both before and after we left

the house. It made me reflect on the importance of our fraternity to the general history of our country, as well as our own personal histories. That's why I have enjoyed the resurgence of our chapter as a leader at Purdue and look forward to the opportunities to reunite with alumni and those who share our house at this time.

My wife and I are blessed with three sons and nine grandchildren. We have lived in Georgia since 1978 and consider this our home. We spend our leisure time playing golf, enjoying weekends hunting on our farm, vacationing in Florida, and attending the sports and other recreational activities of our grandchildren. All of our family lives in Georgia and we see each other frequently.

As I get older, family becomes more important to me, and I have started to expand my immediate family to include many of the ΣAE brothers. I've had the opportunity to reunite with many brothers during visits to our house. I attended many national and international professional meetings and vacations where I met other ΣAE brothers. The bond was immediate. We became instant friends and realized the importance and benefits of being an ΣAE, not just professionally, but also personally.

## Undergraduates Make Big Plans

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north of the stadium every game. Be sure to stop by for a free burger or hot dog if you're in the area. Some games we have chicken and ribs, as well. We hope to see you there! Phi Alpha!

### HOUSE BOARD MEETING

We will host our next House Corporation meeting on April 5 at the Lodge to make it convenient for alumni who are traveling for the Founder's Day Gala. Alumni are welcome to attend. If you would like to see minutes from the last meeting, please contact **Bob Parrin '72** at bobparrin@aol.com.

Fraternally,  
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## WELCOME, NEW INITIATES

**Jacob Azriel '16**  
*Vernon Hills, Ill.*

**Will Gerwing '16**  
*Katy, Texas*

**Joe Murphy '16**  
*Rossville, Ind.*

**Rehan Siddique '16**  
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*Bellaire, Texas*

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*San Jose, Calif.*

**Nick Naspinski '16**  
*Valparaiso, Ind.*

**Andrew Staley '16**  
*Butler, Ind.*

**Avery Carlson '16**  
*Parker, Colo.*

**Spencer Khoury '16**  
*Pasadena, Calif.*

**Matt Ostrowski '16**  
*Tinley Park, Ill.*

**Phil Treely '16**  
*Osceola, Ind.*

**Austin Cornell '16**  
*Guilderland, N.Y.*

**Grant King '16**  
*Lafayette, Ind.*

**Austin Potts '16**  
*Indianapolis, Ind.*

**Von Wiltman '16**  
*Sewickley, Pa.*

**Josh Flamme '16**  
*Crown Point, Ind.*

**Eric Metzelaar '16**  
*Lindenhurst, Ill.*

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## Remembering Joe Kulbacki '60, Former AFL Member and ΣAE Brother

**Joseph Kulbacki '60**, a conservative author who lived on a 50-acre farm in Colden, New York, and played halfback for the Buffalo Bills in the franchise's first American Football League game—a 27-3 loss at the New York Titans on September 11, 1960—entered Chapter Eternal on November 26, 2012, after a nearly decade-long battle against cancer.

Joe excelled at sports in high school, and, as a running back, he set records that still stand today. He earned several football scholarships, including one to Purdue University. After graduating from Purdue in 1960



with a bachelor's degree in industrial economics, and completing the Reserve Officers Training Corps, Joe was commissioned in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant.

That same year, he was drafted by the Washington Redskins in the 16th round of the NFL draft and the Boston Patriots in the newly formed AFL. He didn't suit up for either team in a game, however. Instead, Joe played 12 games for the Buffalo Bills during the team's inaugural year in the AFL after Buffalo obtained his draft rights from the Patriots. That would be Joe's lone season appearing in games for the Bills. Wearing number 43, he played in the first dozen of the team's 14 games, compiling 108 total yards in 41 rushing attempts.

After the 1960 season, Joe left the AFL to fulfill his service obligation to the U.S. Army. During his service, he was on the beaches of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, mobilized during the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He returned briefly to the Bills in 1963 before later forming his own engineering consulting company, Automation Integrators Inc., in Colden. Joe was a vintner who made his own wine and hosted many Buffalo Bills at his wine-making parties. He was also the owner of South Hill Farms—a blueberry and Christmas tree farm in Colden.

Among the many people Joe knew and enjoyed friendly associations with were Bills owner Ralph Wilson, longtime owner of the New York Yankees George Steinbrenner, and Hall of Fame NFL quarterback Bob Griese. Joe played under Steinbrenner when he was an assistant football coach at Purdue in the late 1950s. Then, in the 1960s, Joe went on to coach there while pursuing advanced academic studies at the university. He coached Griese in his freshman year for the Boilermakers.

"It's been very comforting to me to know how truly loved and respected he was," said Joe's wife, Judi, who has received calls from many former Bills players expressing condolences. "They said, 'We just remember him being such a man of integrity and honor.'"

In recent years, even while battling various forms of cancer, Joe's concern over the political and economic progression of the United States inspired him to pen "*America ... A Nation That's Lost Its Way*," a critical analysis of the nation's leadership structure, which Joe argues is increasingly politically self-interested and weak. He also makes the case that the principles on which the country were founded have been abandoned.

Joe is survived by Judi, and four sons: Tom, Chris DeVoss, Donald, and Kevin Kaufman.

## ALUMNI GATHER FOR '62 AND '63 CLASS REUNIONS

The brothers of ΣAE came together for a 50-year reunion weekend in September. Everyone had a great time catching up with each other and reminiscing about their time in the house. After an afternoon of tailgating and football, brothers gathered for dinner and a live performance by the Salty Dogs. It was a great weekend and we can't wait for the next reunion in Winimac.



*Ed Chouinard '63, Steve Luther '63, Bob Frushour '63,  
and Bob Sauer '63 at their 50-year reunion.*

## ALUMNI UPDATE

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

**Donald G. Spears '49** entered Chapter Eternal on March 2, 2012, at his home in Fort Wayne. He served in World War II in Italy, France, and Belgium with the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team and was a combat veteran of the Battle of the Bulge. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Juliette, daughter, Juliette, sons, Mark and D. Eric, and nine grandchildren.

**Robert M. Book '52** entered Chapter Eternal on December 9, 2012. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1948 and spent 31 years in both the Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve, retiring in 1983 with the rank of colonel. Bob is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jeanne, daughters, Mary and Nancy, sons, William and Bart, five grandchildren, and great-granddaughter.

### ALUMNI NEWS

**William D. Huls '41** and his wife, Barbara, are enjoying their health and each other. They live in a retirement home in Phoenix, Ariz.

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

**Christopher Johnson '66** is president at Trans World Productions. He is also a realtor at Rancon Real Estate. Chris and his wife, Stephanie, live in Murrieta, Calif. E-mail: cfj40305@verizon.net

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# ALUMNI UPDATE

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**Mike Kensill '71** and his wife, Susan, live in Greenwood, Ind., and have two children, Justin and Megan. As one of the builders of The Pit, he was happy to see it mentioned in the recent *Lion's Tale*.

**Grant T. McBee '80** married his longtime girlfriend, Miriam, in December 2011. He has two daughters, Stephanie and Johanna, and lives in Lafayette, Ind. E-mail: gtmac1957@aol.com

**Mark D. Mochel '93** works at Compliance Systems Inc. as vice president of professional systems. He and his wife, Mary, live in Grand Rapids, Mich., and have two children, Kali and Alexander. E-mail: mamochel@gmail.com

**Daniel R. Byles-Smith '09** works at Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner. He and his wife, Jill, live in Hamburg, N.Y. "It's great to see so many successful alumni who care and are getting involved." E-mail: dbylesm@gmail.com



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# Join ΣAE for Founder's Day Gala and Evening of Excellence

On April 6, we are hosting our first ΣAE Founder's Day Gala and Evening of Excellence. You should have received a couple of letters in the mail with the details of the event. This elegant night of dinner and dancing, which will take place on the fifth floor of the Ross-Ade pavilion, is in celebration of our fraternity's local and national founding dates and a chance for you to reunite with fraternity brothers. It also gives you an opportunity to come back to see Purdue and the Lodge.

We will honor past EAs of Indiana Beta and reward active brothers who have succeeded scholastically. There will also be recognition for accomplished alumni and those who have given back. Guest and alumni speakers, such as **Wayne McIntyre '64** and **Roger Gatewood '68**, will be present, and a memorial for those who passed on to Chapter Eternal in 2012 will occur. We will end the night with the Lion's Ball, so wives are encouraged to attend. The cost for dinner is \$46.23 per plate, which will get you an exceptional dinner provided by Levy Restaurants in Ross-Ade Pavilion.

RSVP to **Derrek Staley '14**, at [dstaley.purdue@gmail.com](mailto:dstaley.purdue@gmail.com) who can answer any questions or address concerns you may have. I hope that you will share in this very elegant evening and one of the largest alumni events the chapter has ever hosted.

Phi Alpha,  
**Stephen Hack '91**

## FOUNDER'S DAY WEEKEND ITINERARY

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

**3:30 p.m.:** House Board meeting at the Lodge. All Brothers welcome.

**Evening:** Informal gathering at a watering hole TBD.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**8:30 a.m.:** Golf Outing at Kampen Golf Course This includes one hour of unlimited range balls, personalized golf carts and cards, and \$5/person prize fund for longest drive and longest putt. Please include a check to Sigma Alpha Epsilon for \$75 at the time of RSVPing to ensure your spot if you decide to participate in the outing.

**Time TBD:** Campus tours for non-golfing Brothers and spouses. We have arranged a tour of the **Roger B. Gatewood '68** Wing of the Mechanical Engineering Building, plus other major developments on campus. Please note your interest with your reservation.

**4-5 p.m.:** Mingling hour on 5th floor of Ross-Ade Pavilion (black tie preferred, suits are acceptable)

**5-6:15 p.m.:** Founder's Day Banquet  
Please select one of the following: roasted

chicken breast, grilled flat iron steak, or Miso glazed salmon. All entrées will include Caesar salad, warm artisan rolls, delicious vegetables, and garlic mashed potatoes. Bringing a date is encouraged; please indicate an additional plate. Include a check to Sigma Alpha Epsilon for \$46.23 per plate at time of RSVPing.

**6:15-8:15 p.m.:** Guest and Alumni Speakers/Awards Banquet  
Guest and alumni speakers, including **Roger Gatewood '68** and **Wayne McIntyre '64**, brother and alumni awards banquet, and past EAs recognition

**8:15-11 p.m.:** Lion's Ball  
ΣAE's formal dance to end a great night.

During the Gala we will display slideshows. We have some photos but could always use more. We will also have a short memorial for those brothers who have passed to Chapter Eternal. If you know of and have any pictures of alumni that have passed, please send them so they can be honored at the gala. Please send any pictures you would like to share to my correspondent, Rehan, at [rehans890@gmail.com](mailto:rehans890@gmail.com).

Phi Alpha,  
**Bill McConnell '80**