Hiago Barreto is on the left and Connor Cink (philanthropy chair) is on the right. Collin Kerrigan did an amazing job getting this philanthropy event, and Connor Cink did a great job making sure the money got delivered to the right hands. When we visited on Tuesday, March 4th, Jenn gave a tour showing us how our donation helped. It was truly a great experience, they do so much to help the children and their parents deal with rough situations they find themselves in.
Mothers and sons at brunch on Sunday, Mar 9

26 mothers, and their sons, came to Clemson for Mothers of Minerva Weekend, Mar 8-9, 2014. Dinner was served at the Calhoun Corners Restaurant on Sat evening where chapter members, and several of their moms, were recognized for their volunteer efforts with chapter management and alumni relations. A brunch was also held at the Madren Center near the lake on Sunday morning.
Mothers of Minerva Dinner

At the Mothers of Minerva Dinner on Saturday, March 8, 2014 the following awards were presented:

Order of the Minerva, for our lady supporters, to Mrs. Debra Reinke and Mrs. Catherine Stuhr, representing the hard work they put in to organize the first MoM Weekend.

Academic Excellence, named after Mike Maxwell, to Branden Loren and Alex Savage for the highest GPAs.

True Gentleman Award, to Alex McKellar, for all he has done to support the officers with his many responsibilities

Big Brother Award, named after and in memoriam to Jacob Webb, and awarded to him as well.

Steve Fuller Athletic Award, a former SAE and Clemson Quarterback, to Connor Cink, for his athletic prowess in golf.
Wesley and Lauren Neese had their first child, Macintosh “Mac” Neese, on October 23, 2013. Wesley, Lauren and Mac live on Isle of Palms, SC where Wesley works for First Citizens Bank as a Treasury Services officer covering governmental accounts.

I retired the end of last year. If the first two months of retirement is a good barometer, this is gonna be great. Exciting news - my youngest daughter Emily and her husband Will Scott are expecting their first child (my first grandchild) on June 29th. A BOY!!!!!

—Danny and Brigitte Gregg
Congratulations to **Brian Cass ’05** who has been promoted to Assistant Director, Sheps Center at UNC Chapel Hill. Cheryl and he live in Raleigh. Reach him at brianocass@gmail.com.

Chris Majka has recently received a promotion to become a Senior Product Data Analyst with Mapfre/Commerse Insurance. He and his wife, Lisa, are expecting their first child (a boy) in August.

Brother Carl Reed Teague ’06 joined Ward Law Firm in Spartanburg, SC in 2011. Reed obtained his JD Law from the Charleston School of Law. Pictured are Reed and his wife Meghan.
“Old News” from Mike Maxwell:

Hello again, Numeral Society brothers from the '60's/early '70's and other friends,

Well, as often happens, my earlier news note elicited add'l great stories and info about more Numeral Society / SAE brothers from our era "back in the day," as folks responded back and sent me more stuff they wanted to share. Here below is all that add'l news (all generally "good" news like the earlier, although one or two are "bad-then-good"):

1) Turns out there were more of us at the UVA @ Clemson basketball game than I first saw. Among add'l attendees were Mike Caston, '78 (there with his son), Benson Overton '78 and wife Jan (veritable newly-weds!!!), and the Sparks brothers, John '72 and James '76, all also in attendance at the big Tiger victory (and maybe others? Who knows?)! We all need to find a better way to stay in touch when we’re all at the game(s), to do a better job of rendezvousing with each other. We should be enjoying a cold ale together at the Esso Club or Joe’s Place in the Madren Center or some such, when large numbers of us "Numbers" are in town simultaneously like that!

2) Michael J. "Mike" Gordon '67 writes with some bad-news-turned-good-news. He wants all to know that he was "the 1 in a thousand men" who was diagnosed with breast cancer. But, after a little (SUCCESSFUL!) surgery, which he calls "a nip and tuck," he is now free of all signs of the problem. "Whew!", Gordy says - "Now, I can look forward to many more years of retirement down on Lake Wylie. All Brothers are welcome, when it warms up!"

3) Brother Dr. Arthur L. "Art" Bruce, '74 an Anderson / Pendleton dentist (for whom Harry C. "The Greek" Harritos '69 designed a new dentist office a few years back) advises that he's doing fine and continuing his dental practice there in the Tigertown area, plus has enrolled himself in a Dance Marathon for a great charity there in his hometown, the Anderson Free Clinic [http://andersonfreeclinic.org](http://andersonfreeclinic.org) in April, 2013. He asks any of his Brothers (particularly pledge brothers and also Numbers/SAE's that were already in the fraternity when he pledged, to consider supporting him - or really, the great cause - in this event, by pledging $ to see him dance (and, many say that indeed would be worth paying $$$ to see!!!!).

4) Brother Bill Thraves, '68, sends along great news from Seneca that he and Phyllis are doing just fine, and he also reports (GREAT NEWS!) a recent clean checkup update from the cancer doctors at MUSC, plus (on a lighter but equally good-news note) he says there was a great surprise birthday party for Phyllis last week in Seneca at the Sole Grill & Sushi Bar. Catch up with Bill (and Phyllis) at and also stop by and see him and Phyllis at the jewelry store in Seneca when you’re in town ("For all your fine jewelry needs!!!") - Valentine's Day is coming!), or, on his off days, catch him on his sailboat or pontooning on Lake Keowee!

5) Speaking of brothers doing Seneca lake-living, turns out Bill & Phyllis have some new "part-time neighbors." Brother Joe Harry "Dog" Dowling (approx. 1969, Clio, SC native and lately long-time Grand Strand resident) advises that he and his wife Kathy have purchased a 2nd home in the White Oaks Cliffs area in Seneca, which is the neighborhood where Thraves lives, and Joe Harry says he and Kathy intend to now spend more time in the upstate, nearer to Clemson, attending athletic events and catching up with old buddies, which he admits he's long overdue in getting back around to! He's already getting started, having been up for the Wake Forest @ Clemson basketball game last Tuesday (another Tiger victory!). So, we can all expect to see more of "Dog" Dowling.

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6) Brother Edgar McGee ’68 writes with some great news, to advise that he had a little "medical repair job" done, to fix an issue that’s been hampering him for a long time. He’d struggled for a few years with a “bum knee,” and finally last year had a partial knee replacement done "robotically" in Winston-Salem via a very new special procedure, and it's all going very well! In fact, it was doing SO WELL, he recently felt up to trying to get a “stuck” pick-up truck unlodged from being down in a sandy bog at a farm, and set his re-hab back a little due to pushing too hard ("literally & figuratively!"). But, he truly is "well on the mend" now, and is expecting - and already seeing - a much better situation with his knee. He says he'll be glad to share his experiences and "things to think about" if anyone is worried about similar stuff.

7) And, to end on a HIGH note, two REALLY "biggies" to report to you, on the matrimony front (listed alphabetically, by Brother), both over the Thanksgiving holiday:

a) Brother Marvin Jennings "Cogs" Caughman, ’70, married the lovely Ms. Rita Cullum, Esq., of Columbia, in a Thanksgiving Day ceremony. Rita has two sons from a prior marriage, plus her Mom was also there, and Marvin also has several children from his first marriage (you may recall Marvin’s first wife, Sally, passed away a couple of years ago). Both his family and hers were all on hand, the children “gave away” the parents, then they all returned to Marvin’s daughter Sara’s house for a Thanksgiving "feast"! See their lovely wedding photo.

b) Brother Dr. Robert Exley "Bobby" McCormick, ’72, PhD and CU Professor Emeritus of Economics, shares the wonderful news that he recently remarried, on November 24, 2012, to Ms. Valerie J. DeVries, a counselor/therapist in the Atlanta area, with a private practice & who also works with victims of violent crime and with abused kids. Valerie brings a son and two daughters to the family from earlier. She played basketball at Mich State and graduated from Univ. of Florida, and she is a HUGE Gator fan (Bobby shares that he wonders about ever playing them in football, "for I fear for our marriage should the Tigers win"). Valerie is also an amateur runner, a full-time college football fan, and has adopted orange as her second favorite color. Plus, she loves fishing almost as much as Bobby does, and has spent some quality time with him in Montana too. You may remember that Bobby, while now "officially" retired from the active CU faculty, is still very active as an economist and consultant, and he splits time between Clemson/Six Mile and Bozeman, Montana. Bobby also says "Valerie is a funny, smart woman, who" (APPARENTLY - my emphasis!) "occasionally lacks good judgment, as when she agreed to marry me." And, of course, they were indeed married on 11/24 which was a good day, but lacked perfection owing to 11 too few points on the football field.

For now, that’s "all the Numeral Society news that’s fit to print." Stay in touch, hope to see you at a Tiger athletic event soon, and "Go, Tigers!", "Phi Alpha!", and "First & Finest!" at Clemson! Michael J. Maxwell
Congrats to these brothers who have a 3.5 or higher GPA for the Fall 2013 semester from reports:

Drew Dangerfield     Ryan Hale     Brandon Loren
Patrick Williamson   Alex McKellar  Jack Evans
Gregory Hale         William Norris Stephen Reinke
Alec Savage          John Hughart
Spring Activities

Meeting with alumni and advisors
Hello, Numeral Society / SAE brothers and friends.

Lots of the old gang have been sharing some good times this past Fall and now into the new year / Spring 2014, mostly at Clemson tailgates and the like surrounding Tiger football games and, more recently, similar fun at the basketball games, plus there are some other fun things that have been happening as well (Engram's son Ellis got married to Mollie, Bill Stevens retired last Halloween after a long and very successful career in banking - see photos - etc.) So, I thought I'd send along an e-mail & a few photos that have come my way from these fun times going on.

For the football, there are some snapshots from the opening-season UGA game, then later at Homecoming, at a big tailgate we had when Boston College was in town, and also some snaps from when Curtis & Julia Kimbrell went to the Clemson @ UVA game up in Charlottesville as our fraternity representatives up in the Commonwealth (where they live, of course, in Manakin-Sabot, near Richmond).

If you look closely, you'll be able to see your old fraternity brothers Wayne "Big Boy" Bell, Randy "Little Boy" Bell, Bill Thraves, Robert "R. C." Calhoun, Paul "PDQ" Quinn, Dr. Bill "Billy B." Bearden, Curtis "Big Daddy" Kimbrell, Harry "The Greek" Harritos, yours truly Mike "Mighty Max" Maxwell, etc., AND many of the ladies as well (Trisha Bell, Jacque Bell, Phyllis Thraves, Patti Bearden, Katherine Maxwell, etc., plus lots of additional friends and other family members) in these photos. There have been many more attending (Mat Self, Bill "Spanky" Stevens, Bill "The Cock" Hancock - sadly, now deceased -, Edgar "It's the Shoes" McGee, Hinchie McGee, Randall "Speedy" Brooks, "Dirty" Doug Moffat, Jimmy "Lefty" Engram, Bill Hendrix, Joe Swann, J. Calvin Rivers, etc., etc., etc., and many relations), but these are all the photos we could round up.

There's also some fairly recent news in the Fall re brother Mat Self and his Self Family Foundation's generous contribution to CU of an endowed chair in genetics, with a good photo capture below of Mat and past CU President Jim Barker (& the Foundation president Frank Wideman) sharing some good times at the announcement. Mat & Dixie have also been in attendance at many of last Fall's football games and some of the tailgates, plus basketball games as well, but we just didn't catch them in any of the football tailgate photos (they did make a basketball photo). Congratulate and thank Mat as you see him on the Self family's continuing good work in support of the University's efforts!

For the basketball season, there are a number of various snapshots, including one night when brothers Wayne Bell, Randy Bell and Mike Maxwell sat on row # 3, and C. J. Spiller and his family and extended group were sitting right in front of us on row # 2. That same night, Tuesday, March 4th, a bunch of the old gang (Harry "Greek" Harritos and his fiancée Carman - note that is NOT SPELLED CarmEn - Cal "Slick" McMeekin and bride Francis, Bill "Spanky" Stevens and Linda, Mat & Dixie Self, Robert "R. C." Calhoun, Joe Harry "Dog" Dowling, Danny Gregg, myself, and Joe Harry's friend "Muc" Muckenfuss) not only attended the basketball game (a great 58-54 win over Miami) but also had pre-game cocktails and dinner at The Blue Heron restaurant, swapping stories and telling lies. See group dinner photo for that.

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Mike Maxwell, Billy "Little Si" Harper, and Dave "Dirt" Merry went in on three good basketball seats (like I say, only 3 rows back) this past season (in retrospect, a great idea - go to a third of the games but not all, and enjoy your buddies! - y'all should do it next year) - and there are some shots of some of those games. I also tossed in the one photo that shows the close-up of the Clemson cheerleader in spandex because it was sent in by brother Wayne Bell, who said he thought that this viewing aspect was the best part of the good seats we had.

Also, Harry "The Greek" Harritos is now actually working for the Clemson Athletic Department in his late career, helping 'em with their architectural and building construction issues as they continue to build and improve existing facilities in the continuing CU "wars" versus the other universities for the best athletic facilities for recruiting, so he has an "All Areas" pass to get him into and all around all athletic event (except they won't let him on the field at football games - they remember all to well the late 1960's incident at Grant Field in Atlanta where he attacked a 70+-year-old Georgia Tech fan after an excruciating Tiger loss). But, the net for you is, sometimes Greek has an extra ticket to some events for his old buddies, so give him a call!

Speaking of brother Wayne Bell, there's also a great shot of him and his family on a visit to Washington, D. C., to see the sights and visit his Congressman, plus a shot of Wayne and brother Edgar McGee with Miss South Carolina Ali Rodgers (there's a theme developing here with Wayne and the photos he likes).
Of course, everything is not all good news. We've lost several brothers and loved ones since I last wrote, including Benson Bagwell, Billy Hancock, Bo Shaw's wife Vickie, Speedy Brooks' wife Jo-Ann and others going further back - I don't remember exactly when I last wrote you all re how far back to go - and so we have a heavy heart for those gone on to Chapter Eternal. Plus, none of us are getting any younger, so we're all getting more aches and pains, plus some are working harder to fight more serious issues. On that front, brother Bill Thraves is fighting the cancer issue in his throat again, and it's a tough battle, so reach out to Bill and go see him when you're in the Clemson / Seneca area. He's in the jewelry store for his half of the days, but has the other half off while wife Phyllis runs the biz for her days in the store, so Bill has time to visit with you if you're in the area, if you schedule it.

Good news on the medical front is brother Mike Gordon - who's also made a Tigertown game or two recently - is doing MUCH better after some fairly serious medical issues with his leg.

The net of all the above is, there's a lot going on with the old fraternity gang that is an opportunity for fun these days. If you're not participating in some of this fun stuff, you're missing out on lots of good times and happy days with your oldest/best friends. Take advantage of this as you can, in spite of the fact that there's sometimes some "not-so-good" news that we forward as well. You need to be a part of these good times, as well as the not-so-good! Slick McMeekin has a new "catch-phrase." QTL" (that's "Quality Time Left"), that's a real winner, so I've adopted it as my current motto as well. Come on and join in the fun, and let's maximize our QTL together!

Basketball is done now, except for post-season, but we're just starting the spring Tigertown baseball season, and there's nothing like a baseball game on a warm spring day in Clemson, maybe with a little chow and cordials before or after (or both) with your friends. Plus, tickets are easily available, so it's a great chance to get out and join in with your old buddies and their ladies. Come on and join in! Lots of great times and good memories!!! Plus, we "ain't getting any younger!" If you want to go, let's get in touch and organize a group thing. It's GREAT how much fun we had recently at the dinner then basketball!

"Go, Tigers!", and "First & Finest!" at Clemson. MJM

Fall 2013 Tailgate for Boston College

Curtis Kimbrell and family at UVA Game

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SAE Soccer Team Takes Men’s and Coed Championships in the Same Night

Recently, we played in both the coed and men's league outdoor championships and took them both. The games were back to back with the coed championship at 8 and the men's league right after at 10. Our men's team consists of: Alex McKellar, Andrew McKellar, John Mackowiak, Thomas Touma, Christian Oelsner, Hiago Barreto, James Hottensen, Stephen Reinke, Davis McNair, Michael Reifeis, McLain Reese, Brandon Cook, and Brandon Burkholder. The men's championship was a 1 to 0 victory with the goal being a penalty kick scored by Brandon Burkholder. For the coed team we teamed up with members of Tri Delt. Their names are Ingraham Loper, Megan Farrel, Bailey Hudgens, Melissa McCool, Annie Peeples, Haley Williams, and Nora Bishop. The score was 5 to 2 with goals being scored by Brandon Burkholder (1), Melissa McCool (2), and Alex McKellar (2).
FSU Game from the SAE student seats

Mountain Weekend November 15-17th

From left to right: Geoffrey Clark, John Mackowiak, Collin Kerrigan, and Vas Gnanadoss
Dr. Benson Bagwell passed on to Chapter Eternal at his home in Clemson on October 1, 2013. Benson had successfully run his own dental practice in Clemson for decades, and he was an active and supportive member of the Clemson community (both "town" and "gown"), supportive of many causes and involved in many community organizations and activities. While Benson had had some issues with depression for several years prior to his death, he had remained active with these community activities and events, plus he (along with his wife Mary Ann and his son and daughter) was a regular attendee at Clemson University sporting events and related social activities (tailgates, etc.) with his fraternity brothers and other friends.


J. William (Billy) Hancock, Jr., class of 1967, originally from Greenwood, SC, and for many years a lawyer in Rock Hill, SC, died on Jan 3, 2014. While Billy's condition and prognosis had not been good, this was far more suddenly than many of us had expected. Some of us had even seen and had a fun visit with Billy in the fall of 2013 at an-early season Clemson football game, and he was also in Clemson in October for the memorial for Benson Bagwell, looking and doing well in both cases. His obituary is available at http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldonline/obituary.aspx?pid=168889359

Mrs. Vickey Shaw, longtime wife of Bartow S. "Bo" Shaw, Numeral Society brother from Sumter, Sumter resident and Clemson supporter. Vickey had been struggling with cancer, and died Monday at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, surrounded by Bo and her family. Services were held in Sumter Saturday February 15, 2014 at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter.
Connor Cink & Father Win PGA Tournament

Stewart and Connor Cink, '15 SC Nu/Clemson, won the PNC Father/Son Challenge on Sunday, Dec 15, 2013 making two eagles in their final five holes for a three-stroke victory in the scramble event.

Connor Cink, a Clemson freshman who preferred hockey over golf as a teen, put the duo in front with a 30-foot eagle at No. 14. His father capped the day with a 20-foot eagle putt at No. 18, the last of nine consecutive 3s in a back-nine 27. They finished with an 11-under 61 for 22-under total.

"We just hit our stride out there," said Stewart Cink, the 2009 British Open winner. "That back nine was just a blur."

Steve and Sam Elkington and Vijay and Qass Singh tied for second. The Singhs shot 61, and the Elkingtons had a 63.

"Connor and Stewart were too strong today," Steve Elkington said. "Who would have picked the Cinks to win the tournament starting the week? And here they did it. They did it easy.

New SAE Faculty Advisor

Jason Thatcher is the new SAE Faculty Advisor. Dr. Thatcher holds degrees in History (Cum Laude) and Political Science (Cum Laude) from the University of Utah as well as a M.P.A. from the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the College of Business at Florida State University. Dr. Thatcher is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and the PhD Project. He was a participant in the 2001 ICIS Doctoral Student Consortium. Dr. Thatcher teaches courses in Management Information Systems (MIS) and Strategic Management. Prior to joining Clemson University, he won a teaching award at Florida State University. Dr. Thatcher won the College of Business and Behavioral Science 2008 Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award at Clemson University. He is a member of the Circle of Compadres for contributions to mentoring minority Ph.D. students in Information Systems and related STEM disciplines. You can learn more about Dr. Thatcher at [http://www.clemson.edu/cbbs/faculty-staff/profiles/profile.html?userid=JTHATCH](http://www.clemson.edu/cbbs/faculty-staff/profiles/profile.html?userid=JTHATCH).
Update on SC Nu Chapter at Clemson

This newsletter might be confusing as it shows a lot of activity both by the alumni and the current chapter. Many of you have heard of various problems with the active chapter. John Stringfellow has been very active in getting us back on track. In February, John wrote a summary of those issues. That summary has been edited and updated and combined with notes from Austin Hicks (EA) and follows:

Advisors

Brother Ron Theiling is now the chapter advisor, supported by Dave Merry, Stephen Cromer, Garry Sheppard, Zach Miller and Bob Clark. Jason Thatcher is Faculty Advisor. It will take some time for the committee to work with the chapter on the plan (click here for a copy) that we created. But they are dedicated alumni and volunteering their time.

Debt

We still owe the National Fraternity about $12,057.20, which represents fees from the fall of 2013, the spring 2014 invoice, and new member fees. This does not include initiation fees of about $9,000 for the fall 2013 new member class and previous brothers that were never initiated. So our total approaches $21,000.

Membership & Dues

It appears that we still have an attitude that some members don’t have to pay to be a member. These individuals will be removed. I anticipate our membership will be around a total of 55.

Rush & Pledging

We ended up with 2 new members. While we were disappointed in the number we are excited about the quality. Welcome our newest members, spring 2014 pledge class: Brian Nix and Chase Pritchett. Big brothers assigned are Richard Slay and Drew Dangerfield. Considering our rebuilding semester and our on campus/off campus reputation, it has been a challenge to recruit. The good news is we have a written, documented pledge/new member program that has been implemented, and we hope this will prepare us for the fall.
Parents

The Mothers of Minerva had a dinner on campus, Saturday, March 8, 2014. Pictures are included. We encourage the parents and spouses to sign up on our web site at www.clemsonsae.com. This can be a strong and badly needed support group for the chapter. Credit for starting this goes to Catherine Stuhr and Debre Reineke. With tours around campus, dinner at Calhoun Corners, and brunch at the Four Seasons, the weekend proved to be beneficial to both the 30+ mothers in attendance and their respective sons and brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The event raised the much needed $2,000.00 for missing/old ritual equipment.

Philanthropy

The Roast of Matt Poletti in the Fall of 2013 was executed to perfection. The event, held at downtown Clemson’s Wingin’ raised almost $1,000.00 towards the Children's Miracle Network (Sigma Alpha Epsilon’s most donated to charity). Our Philanthropy Chair Connor Cink and IFC Representative Hiago Barreto presented the check in March of 2014.

Alumni

This is an area we are sadly lacking, and we hope that the golf tournament and the fall Homecoming Float can be events that will rebuild trust and respect for the new members.

Leadership

The chapter is virtually ALL sophomores, as are the officers. They have a great attitude toward reaching our new goals and improving relations with the University, But they can’t do it overnight. I have noticed a lot of stress and pressure on the executive committee with all of the things we have expected, so they need a break in coming to terms with our plan. We will refocus on several key goals which are all chapter management: Paying off debt and budgeting accurately; proper decorum and respect in meetings with better organization; holding general meetings every 2 weeks while the exec committee meets every week; defining the roles of officers and keeping them accountable; and growing their alumni/parent relations.

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Ritual Equipment

Every SAE chapter should have all of its ritual items. What we have now has been neglected and mistreated over the years. So another goal this semester is to update what we have, or replace and purchase new robes.

Province and National

The chapter is required to attend all regional and national events. EA William Bresnihan was at the Eminent Archon Institute in St Louis last weekend, which was the first of its kind. The province meeting and school is coming up next weekend in Winston-Salem, and registration for the National Leadership school is coming for August.

Donations

Soon we will be able to accept donations online via a PAYPAL account on our web site that has been set up by the chapter. Any contribution will go into a special alumni account controlled by the chapter treasurer, Ben Taylor. Our hope is that we can re-start the annual dues that used to be part of the alumni program years ago to fund Leadership School scholarships and alumni socials.

While we have a ways to go, I am happy with some of the progress, and looking forward to improvement in some other key areas.

Meanwhile, remember we have a web site. Please visit often to www.clemsonsae.com, and update your profile. Access is via your email and 5555 is the default password (you might have to request a new password).

In closing, your comments and criticism are welcome!

Thank you and phi alpha!

John Stringfellow