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Strength in Brothers

By Kerry Small '87, Chapter Co-adviser

Spending Time with the Brothers Is Rewarding for Them and You

Spring has finally arrived in Happy Valley, and all of us associated with SAE feel as if we have emerged from the long winter with renewed optimism. We have worked hard to rebuild our relationship with the university and the IFC, and the physical structure of the house is good after extensive renovations and hard work by the brothers and pledges. Most importantly, the brotherhood is strong with 26 brothers and four pledges, all quality men.

Although Penn Alpha Zeta has come back strongly, there is still much more to do. The men need to have a great fall rush and, with many of them being sophomores and freshmen, they need guidance. The board and a couple of chapter advisers cannot help them alone, so I appeal to you for the following:

1) Become a mentor. This will provide someone to turn to for advice, while giving you an opportunity to help a promising young man. The TKE and Phi Psi chapter advisers claim that the mentoring program alone has helped improve their houses dramatically.

2) Commit to coming up and visiting the house for a weekend. Having an interested alumnus come by for the weekend and "hang out" is rewarding for them and for you, and it helps us all to have a responsible adult around the house. E-mail me and let me know when you might be available.

3) Come visit! I know that some of you haven't been back to visit for awhile. The new brothers have hospitality down and would love to see you. Please go to www.gopsusports.com to see the football schedule and www.therancher.org for the brothers' information.

Please contact me at ksmall123@yahoo.com, or Ryan Koseski at rpk128@psu.edu if we can be of any assistance.

See you in the fall! ■

Undergraduate Report

By B. Josh Macuga, Eminent Archon

SAE on the Rise at Penn State

This year has been a challenge for everyone, but I am confident in saying that we have risen to meet the challenge. After a successful fall 2003 rush and the initiation of our first pledge class in two years — 19 new members — I can honestly say that we all feel overwhelmed with anticipation for the future. Our 19 first-year brothers are just as excited as we are and are eager to move into the Ranch and become the fresh faces of SAE on the Penn State campus.

Spring rush was also not to go overlooked, run by two of our new members, **Greg Curran** and **Scott Glauberg**. These two men did an amazing job with limited resources and a slow spring rush campuswide. They arranged a great Superbowl Sunday, a snowtubing dated function at Tussey Mountain and a great brotherhood lock-in. Rush was short, but we gave out nine bids, with seven men accepting. Three men depledged, but I am proud of the four who have stuck with it, and we are equally as excited as they are to be initiated into our fraternity. The pledge program is being run this semester by **Wesley Merkle**. He is doing a fantastic job. The four men are learning what it means to not only be SAEs but, more importantly, True Gentlemen.

Each brother has contributed in his own way to the rebuilding of our chapter. **Jake Pinkus**, our steadfast social chair, has done an amazing job. With only eight brothers living in the house this spring 2004 semester, our budget has been extremely thin, but Jake and **Sean Wdowiak**, our treasurer, have worked out a budget that allowed us to have a formal, a great parents weekend and some great social events in the chapter house. We are doing Greek Week with Kappa Alpha Theta this spring, and next year Pi Beta Phi will be our partners for homecoming.

I would like to think that SAE is once again the shining beacon at Penn State, but my opinion is somewhat biased. We have had amazing support from our faithful alumni base this year, and I will continue to ask for your support in the future. We have all worked diligently to revive our chapter, and I have never been more proud of the men who live with me right now. Next fall will be my last semester, but I have never been as confident as I am right now that the men who are to be the future of this house have their hearts and minds in the right place, with SAE. ■



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Perspective

By B. Craig Feldmeier

Proud to Be a Member of SAE

I wanted to address all of you and let you know what it feels like to be a newly initiated brother of SAE.

It was an honor to accept my bid in the fall, and I really had no idea how much pledging would change my life for the better. I wasn't sure fraternity life was for me when I was waking up early in the mornings, spending hours and hours painting the house, and making sure the brothers were always happy. However, I couldn't have imagined that the 19 strangers I met back in early October would soon become my best friends. Pledging was definitely an experience I will never forget, and the bonds that were formed not only among my pledge class brothers but among the entire fraternity will last forever. Even the brothers whom I swore I would never be friends with, I welcome with open arms now that pledging is over.

Everyone is aware of the problems that SAE has faced in the past few years. I'm proud to say that the brothers did an excellent job of rushing a quality group of guys back in the fall. As I've interacted with other fraternities on campus, I'm always telling myself how lucky I am that I chose SAE, because the guys in our house are of a different caliber. We are excited to be the first pledge class after SAE's reinstatement, and we are ready to rebuild our fraternity with the finest group of gentlemen on campus.

We are all looking forward to the next few years, and we would like to see some more alumni interaction. I know we're currently planning some events for next semester, so hopefully we'll see you all out at the house at some point. I know all of us are looking forward to alumni weekend next year, but it's important to point out that there doesn't need to be a sanctioned weekend for any of you to stop by. Whenever you are in the area, please come by and visit the house; you are always welcome to stay as long as you like.

Now that SAE is revitalized, we are looking forward to a long and prosperous future. I hope everyone has a great summer, and I'm looking forward to seeing you in the fall. ■

Gentleman

By Matthew Meves, Pledge

The Hopes of a Pledge Brother

This spring semester, three other freshmen and I accepted our bids to pledge Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We are all quite honored to have been given bids to this truly great fraternity. Bid acceptance night was definitely an experience to remember and one that I am sure none of us will ever forget.

It was a very nice feeling to find that, with some hard work, we too would someday become brothers of SAE. So far, our pledging has been rather rewarding. It is obvious why the brothers love this house so much. We have really begun to see why brotherhood at SAE is cherished so much by alumni and respected by other fraternities on campus.

It has shown us that it is certainly a privilege to be a brother of SAE. We have been given the rundowns of all the brothers to help us learn more about them as individuals and their family backgrounds. The brothers also taught us the meaning of "The True Gentleman" and the importance it has for this fraternity. We have all committed "The True Gentleman" to memory, and it will remain with us for the many years to come. We have all been given inspiration from "The True Gentleman" that we may someday also be true gentlemen.

The camaraderie between the brothers is amazing. We are learning new songs every day to further understand what it means to be a brother in this fraternity. It seems that the more we encounter during our journey as pledges, the more we truly appreciate what Sigma Alpha Epsilon stands for. It is my hope, along with the rest of my pledge brothers, to one day become a brother of this pristine brotherhood. ■

All of Us

A Reflection on How Our Greek Experience Creeps Up on Us When We Least Expect It.

The average stay in a fraternity or sorority is two or three years, and these years occur during one of the most formative and most impressionable times in our lives. So it probably is not an understatement to say that almost everyday, something we do reflects just a wee bit of our Greek heritage. What did you do today that you can trace back to your Greek roots?

In your office. Are you more often than not the person that leads the meetings and makes sure that they are concise and to the point? Maybe this reflects back to when you had to cram house meetings in between a dull boring class and a wild and crazy party, but the point is, you know how to lead and lead well.

At home. Okay, besides making the meanest breakfast around for the 10 friends of your 8-year-old son who slept over last night, you probably can also help your daughter sell more wrapping paper than your neighbor's kid. Despite what they say, competition is good, even for 12-year-olds!

In your community. And who do they look to when your church or your child's school needs to raise funds for a major improvement? Yes, you have been there and done that.

In large gatherings. Whether it's for a group of friends, family or neighbors, you can organize the most elaborate tailgate, the biggest bonfire and the most creative golf tournament — and you can do it for

less money than any one would ever expect!

When a friend needs help. The bond was strong then and it's still strong today. Loyalty is a Greek virtue that lasts a lifetime and when a friend calls and says he or she needs help, you know you'll be there.

And last but not least. ... Fraternities did not get the "Animal House" label because they were dens of meditation. You knew how to throw a party then and you know how to throw one now! Does the name "Party Animal" style apply? Okay, so your friends of today are heading home now before you would even dream of going out way back when, but you still throw a mean one! ■

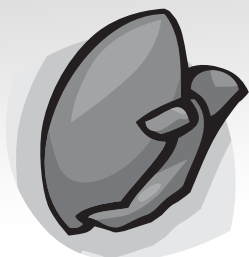
SAE Creed

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. ■

2004 PSU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent
09/04/04	AKRON
09/11/04	at Boston College
09/18/04	UCF
09/25/04	at Wisconsin
10/02/04	at Minnesota
10/09/04	PURDUE
10/23/04	IOWA
10/30/04	at Ohio State
11/06/04	NORTHWESTERN
11/13/04	at Indiana
11/20/04	MICHIGAN STATE

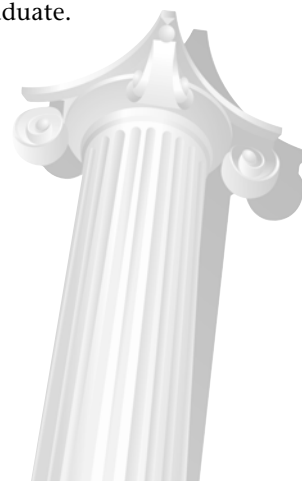


The Power of the Bond

Did you know ...

- Since 1900, two-thirds of U.S. Presidential Cabinet members have been Greek.
- Since 1910, 85 percent of justices named to the U.S. Supreme Court have been Greek.
- 65 percent of U.S. physicians and 78 percent of U.S. lawyers are Greek.
- Each year, Greeks do more than 850,000 hours of community service.
- Greeks lead 40 of the 50 largest U.S. corporations.
- Thirty-three U.S. presidents were Greek.
- Two-thirds of the nation's most influential business and political leaders are Greek (Source: Fortune Magazine).
- 71 percent of fraternity men and 80 percent of sorority women graduate. For non-fraternity members, only 50 percent of men and 60 percent of women do.
- 52 percent of the U.S. Senate and 33 percent of the House are members of Greek organizations.
- The first female senator and the first woman astronaut were both sorority members.

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Thank you to the following brothers who have made a contribution as of 4/20/2004. We appreciate your generosity and support. These funds keep our alumni communications program running and support the efforts of the undergraduate chapter. Thank you for your participation, and we look forward to adding many more names to this list over the next few months.

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Alumni UpDates

Steve Jordan '57

(160 Connemara Rd., Roswell, GA 30075; s.m.jordan@worldnet.att.net) The house looks great, and I'm delighted with the progress the brothers and pledges are making. Keep up the good work.

Ronal Smith '61

(460 Gills Neck Rd., Lewes, DE 19958-9502; ronal@dca.net) I'm really glad you are getting things turned around at the Ranch.

Tim McAvoy '80

(351 Drummers Ln., Phoenixville, PA, 19460; timmcavoy@mpainc.com) Brother **Jeff Lyon** just became the head golf pro at Waynesborough Country Club, and last June 14 married Corey Burkhart. Congrats to Jeff on a great 10 months!

Mark S. Frisina '82

(785 Bair Rd., Berwyn, PA 19312; mfrisina@comcast.net) I opened my own marketing agency a year ago. So far, so good. I'm heavily involved in my kids' activities

(Connor, 10; Claire, 7). I enjoy spending time with other Phi Alpha brothers in the Philadelphia area.

John F. Semmer '88

(1001 Tyler Rd., Newton Square, PA 19073; john.f.semmer@accenture.com) Jill and I and our children are very happy to be back in the Philadelphia area. It's great to be near family and friends. I'm psyched to renew ties with fraternity brothers in the area.

Scott B. Wetherell '88

(4612 Quarter Charge Dr., Annandale, VA 22003; wetherells@cox.net) Cathy and I are now living in Virginia (Fairfax area) with our two daughters, Shelby (8) and Sally (3). We spent some time with **Scott Moon** during a high school reunion and would love to hear from any alumni or fellow NOMADS! The house looks great! What a turnaround. Thanks to **Kerry Small** for his help.

D. Austin Morrow '92

(16821 Fernway Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120; austinmorrow@ameritech.net) I recently saw **Mark Kashubie '90** at his newly

opened fly shop in Gates Mills, Ohio. It's a beautiful shop right on the Chagrin River.

Jerry Needel '98

(333 Riverstreet, Apt. 540, Hoboken, NJ 07030) As many of you know, my wife, Jaime (PSU '98), is in her last few weeks of treatment for cancer. We are planning on a full recovery! I want to thank you all (you know who you are) for the support, prayers, cards, phone calls, etc., that have been pouring in daily for the last year. Despite being away from the house for years, it never ceases to amaze me how strong and real our bonds are. Phi Alpha. ■

Chapter Eternal

Since publication of our last newsletter, we have learned of the death of

William J. Frank Jr. (7/18/02)

Sigma Alpha Epsilon mourns his passing and extends sincere condolences to his family and friends.

*SAE striving to return to
prominence at Penn State!*

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