

## A Century of Corporate Existence

### The Centennial History of the Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta Association

By Fred Fellmeth

On August 4, 2006 the House Corporation turned 100 years of age. Formed in 1906 with the purpose of building what would become the Ranch, the Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta Association has continuously overseen the financial and physical operation of the house since that time.

The Minutes of the Association provide a (somewhat dry) history of our Chapter. Particularly striking is the obvious dedication of the men who worked for years to build the House. Their commitment is truly something to emulate.

As Alumni we each have our own perceptions of ΣΑΕ, and what has changed since our residence on East Beaver Avenue. Also interesting to note, is how much has *not* changed during the century of reporting. In 1926 the Board lamented: "Undergraduate drinking is excessive, particularly at Commencement". In 1946 the Actives (according to one Alum) had "failed to keep the House in good condition" (an oft repeated complaint). In 1968 the Board noted its perception of a diminution in the hospitality afforded Alums by the Actives. In a regulation that most of us would see as draconian, IFC currently restricts fraternities to a total of six "dated" functions per semester, each of which may only last a total of four hours. Of course, in 1956 women (university wide) had a curfew of 11 PM and fraternities needed a *weekly* grant of permission from the Dean of Students to even hold parties.

While we no longer use the BA in the manner that many of us experienced, and while we no longer have a Cook, the core values and principals of our Fraternity remain unchanged. What was for us Alums a positive experience that helped develop and define us as adults can and will be for our Actives.

One other thing that has remained immutable – the absolute need for Alumni involvement both financially and, more importantly, as active participants in our Fraternity. Many things have changed, but most really have not. We as Alums need to recognize those that have and both Actives and Alums must recognize those that have not and will not.



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## EMINENT ARCHON'S REPORT

### Strong Dedication and a Rich Sense of Brotherhood Setting New Precedents in the Fields of Philanthropy and Recruitment

By Joe Richey, Eminent Archon

We are in the midst of a very exciting time here at Penn State, not only as SAE's, but as Greeks in general. This year SAE has been serving as a showcase brotherhood for the rest of the Greek community, setting new precedents in the fields of philanthropy and recruitment. Our outstanding Recruitment Chairmen managed to find thirteen young gentlemen to pledge SAE this fall. We hold strong now with 57 total active brothers, and our strong numbers are due solely to the strong dedication and rich sense of brotherhood that can be seen throughout the present actives.

This past summer was an exciting one for Brother Drew Rascoll and myself, as we represented the Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta delegation at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual John O. Mosley Leadership School. Networking with the Supreme Council, and the hundreds of other SAE's just like us

across the nation, was very thrilling.

Though all this is great for our chapter, we still have several goals we are working to accomplish this year, including an intramural sports title that has eluded us over the past 2 years. Our most important goal for the near future, however, is the daunting task of mending ties between the active brothers and the alumni. Successfully managing strong alumni relations will serve as the catalyst that will carry our chapter forward over the next few years. That being said, I challenge all of you to check out our undergraduate website, which is being revamped over the next few weeks. This will provide you with the opportunity to learn about the active brothers, and get a recap of our recent, and upcoming, events. Thank you all, and I hope to see you out here at The Ranch sometime soon!

### Keep Connected With SAE! Check Our Website for the Social Calendar This Semester at Alpha Zeta

By Kyle Rogers and Sean Langton, Social Chairmen

We are well into the 2006/2007 school year at The Pennsylvania State University, and that means the social scene at Sigma Alpha Epsilon is in full swing. We have had numerous alumni events the past few football weekends. Recently, we held an alumni barbeque on the Penn State vs. Michigan weekend. In addition, we hosted a cocktail party that night with the ladies of Pi Beta Phi. The event was a great success, as many alumni turned out for the cocktail party, and everyone had a great time.

We also had a cocktail party after the

Temple game with the ladies of Chi Omega.

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The football season is over; however, we still encourage our alumni to come back with their families. We will keep an updated social schedule on the Rancher ([www.therancher.org](http://www.therancher.org)), so you will be able to plan

your visit accordingly.

Just around the corner, we have our annual Paddy Murphy formal. This is one of the most anticipated events of the year, and it looks to be even better this year. Again, we look forward to seeing alumni and their families at all of our social events.

## Brothers Working Hard to Make a House a Home, But It Takes More Than a Hammer and Nails

### *We Need Your Support!*

*By John Garretson, House Manager*

Overall the house is in good condition. With the help of brothers, alumni, and pledges alike, we are slowly making the house sparkle like it used to. With the addition of new curtains and a new ceiling fan in the Great Hall by Kerry Small '83, and the replacement of Pierre by pledge class 'STUDS', we are slowly restoring the tradition, and pride, of the past.

There are things that need help though; help that the brotherhood can't afford right now. The first, and most pertinent, is the

decision by the State College Borough to make it mandatory for all fraternity houses to have full and working sprinkler systems by the fall of 2008, lest that fraternity house be closed.

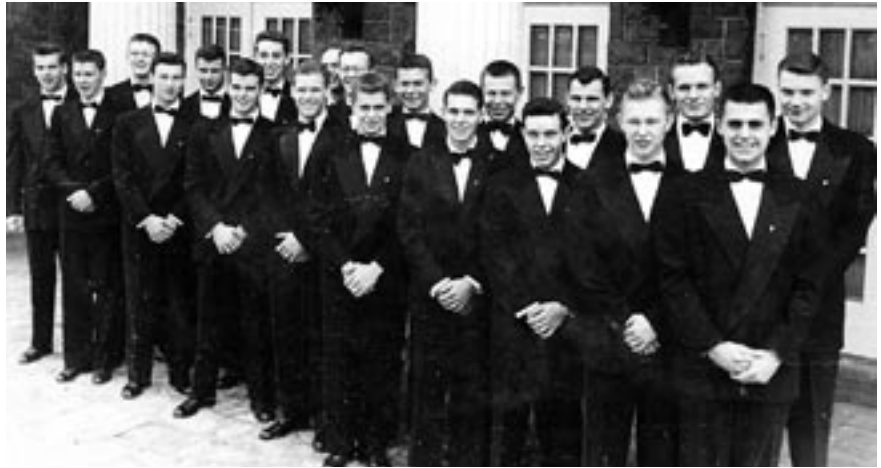
Another concern is the deterioration of the hard wood floors on the first floor. The floors have been sanded to the full extent, and can now only be replaced. The last problem that the brotherhood faces is the disrepair of the linoleum floor in the kitchen. It has been ruined due to water leakage from both the rig and the ice machine.

On a better note, the brotherhood has dedicated itself to repairing the damage that has befallen the chapter room due to years of moisture problems. Like I said at the beginning of this report, the house really is in good condition, and is only getting better. All it needs is support.

If you have any questions pertaining to the house condition, or what you can do to help, please feel free to give me a call at 412-596-9660.

### Share Memorabilia from Your Days at Penn State

Pa. Alpha-Zeta is looking to rebuild its legacy by collecting old photographs and other items you may have saved from your years at Penn State. Specifically, we are looking for photographs to represent each decade of our history! Please submit scanned or digital photos from your era, online, by emailing them to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com).



## TREASURER REPORT

### Strong Funding Leads to Great Events This Year

#### *Brothers Committed to the House's Financial Well-Being*

*By Dan McKelvey, Eminent Treasurer*

This fall we welcomed back thirty-two brothers into the house. For many of the brothers it is their first semester living in the house, and they are adapting well. Financially, the house sits in a strong position due to the number of actives residing within, and outside, of the house. The financial position has allowed us to have numerous social events throughout the semester, including rush events, and football game day activities. One of the reasons the house is doing well financially

is due to the brothers' commitment to making their rent payments upon arriving

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at school in late August. To carry out the rest of the semester, the fraternity has many

events planned, and these events have been worked into our budget to accommodate utilities and food costs. On a related note, our alumni have been very supportive over the years, providing both guidance and leadership. We welcome the continued support of our alumni base as we enter the remainder of the semester.

## Thirteen Proves to Be a Lucky Number for this Year's Pledge Class

### Pledge Class BANDITS Well on Their Way to Earning Their Stripes

By Andrew Sharp, Recruitment Chair

This year's recruitment period came and went with great success. Currently, there are thirteen pledges (pledge class BANDITS), and, even though it is still early in the pledge process, they are continually proving to us that they deserve to be brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Alpha Zeta Chapter. I think it is safe to say that we had one of

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the most successful recruitment periods in the whole Greek System here at Penn State, and it is evident in our new pledges. They come from a variety of areas spanning from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, and also into New Jersey and Maryland. One of the pledges is a brother to an active member, while two



*Pictured here: Gary Warren (Doylestown, PA); Chris Kelly (Vorhees, NJ); Luke Pierce (Doylestown, PA); Elliot Dubowitch (Vorhees, NJ); John Sitarski (King of Prussia, PA); Michael Schwartz (Vorhees, NJ); Evan Reese (Pittsburgh, PA); Ben Jacobs (Huntingdon Valley, PA); Mike Doman (Pittsburgh, PA); Gary Farley (King of Prussia, PA); Jeff Scypinski (North Potomac, MD); Nick Downs (Jenkintown, PA)*

*Not Pictured: Scott Fellmeth (Jenkintown, PA)*

others are sons of Alpha Zeta alumni. The other ten gentlemen were the product of a strong, successful recruitment period. We, the brothers, are thoroughly happy with the new pledge class, and are excited to see them

complete the pledging process, and enter into our brotherhood as true gentleman. I feel as though the alumni who have visited this year would agree.

*SAE was featured in a November 2006 issue of The Collegian for their philanthropy efforts. Congratulations!*

We wish to thank the brothers of  
**Sigma Alpha Epsilon**  
For their hospitality, support and hours of hard work.  
The Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund Tailgate was a great success.  
We couldn't have done it without you!  
Thank you for being such great neighbors and Helping families in the Centre Region.  
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## Where Have You Been?

We need your news! Have you recently gotten married? Had a baby? Become a grandfather? If so, your SAE brothers want to hear about it!

Submit your update to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (be sure to mention SAE at PSU, and include your full name and address information). Your update may appear in the next issue of *The Rancher*.

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '60s

#### John Baroni '69

(3 Crazy Possum Lane, Savannah, Ga. 31411. 912-598-4335) Retired, and now living in Savannah, Ga. The hurricanes have chased us out of Jupiter, Fl. Now living in a golfing community called 'the Landings,' and working on lowering my handicap. Looking for any brothers in the area...

### '90s

#### Matt Sirianni '91

Still living in New York City, and married to his wife Frankie. In February 2006 they welcomed their first child, a curly headed baby boy named Luca. Matt is continuing to work as an Assistant Director in the Film & Television business. If any SAE Brothers pass through New York please feel free to give him a call and catch up. [mattandfrankie@yahoo.com](mailto:mattandfrankie@yahoo.com)

## IN MEMORY

Over the Past Year, the following brothers have left us. We extend our warmest condolences to their friends, brothers, family and loved ones.

**Donald Leroy Stevick '70**, Camp Hill, PA.

**Robert Casselberry '40**.

Brother Casselberry is survived by two brothers, also SAEs:

**Howard Casselberry '43**, Lock Haven, PA.

**Calvin Casselberry '42**, Naples, Florida.

## Fond Memories Behind and Great Challenges Ahead Making SAE a Place Where Our Children and Grandchildren Could Live

By Kerry Small '84, Chapter Advisor

### A Time When Youth and Adulthood Intersect

The BA, IM's and Study rooms. Pierre. Brother Hero, Homecoming and the Regatta. Catered dinners, pledge duties and pranks. Paddy Murphy, Rex and Leo. Dated functions. Thon, alumni and parties. Pinning and sorority socials. Phi Psi 500 and Brothers Only Events. Dear Old State... Getting in...

These are the memories we have. Many of them are shared memories of a time when youth and adulthood intersect for that brief, magical moment. Although some of the experiences that we have during those college years have changed the essence is the same. It is a time of freedom, growth, wonder, joy and many other emotions, and our time at SAE is a part of that experience.

As chapter advisor I was trying to

think of what to write that would have some meaning, and explain where we are now. Elsewhere in the Rancher you may see that SAE is currently #1 in IM's, #9 in Greek GPA and participating in the most Philanthropic events ever. The house is filled with great guys and great pledges. They were recently nominated for the Mosley, and are well thought of throughout State College. They're what's good about Greek life.

### The Long and Winding Road

When I became involved with SAE about 5 years ago, I was much less optimistic. There were great challenges, but there were many brothers who cared, and wanted a return to glory. The board has spent the last five years of fighting the IFC, Penn State and the Borough, to finally reach a point where, I believe, SAE is a valuable and respected partner with all three.

But there are still great challenges directly ahead. The brothers need your guidance, experience, wisdom, tradition and support. Ask yourself: "Did SAE mean something to me?" I was never Brother Hero, but I realized five years ago that the house needed me, so I stepped up. The house needs you now. Please go to the website, [www.therancher.org](http://www.therancher.org), register and read more about where we are, and what you can do to get involved. It won't take much of your time to mentor or join the House Corporation and really make a difference at this critical juncture

A few years ago I brought my, then 4 year old, son into SAE. Where I saw disrepair, he saw beauty. He said that he wanted to live here some day. I laughed, and thought that he should get that chance if that was what he wanted. All of our children and grandchildren should get that chance if that is what they want

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for All the Great Things Going  
on at the Ranch!*

