

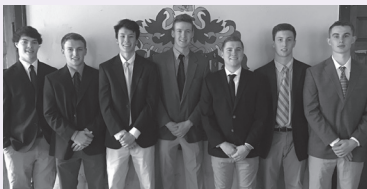
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## UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

PA Alpha-Zeta is proud to welcome our seven new members, who were initiated in February. Pictured from left to right, the new members are: Grant Wetterau, Tanner Seislove, James Hetherington, Will Buzan, Tyler LaFaver, Alex Freud, and Nick Chawaga. Welcome to SAE, brothers!



## CHAPTER ETERNAL

Brother **Jeffrey Steven Ward** (age 59) of Schuylkill Haven entered the Chapter Eternal on March 4, 2017, passing away unexpectedly at his residence. SAE mourns his passing and sends condolences to his family and friends.



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## EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

### Alpha-Zeta 125th Anniversary Celebration

**Join Us This Fall to Celebrate 125 Years of Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta!**

To all PAAZ actives, alumni, family, and friends—our chapter celebrates its 125th anniversary this year (1892–2017), and that is cause for a celebration!

**When:** October 6–8, 2017

**Where:** PAAZ Chapter House and Days Inn Penn State

The weekend will kick off with an informal social hour/cocktail party on the evening of Friday, October 6 at the chapter house. On Saturday afternoon, brothers and guests are invited to enjoy refreshments and watch the Penn State Football team take on Northwestern on TVs set up around the chapter house.

After the game, there will be some down time prior to the main event of the weekend—the 125th Anniversary Reception—a semi-formal event at the chapter house from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. The event will be attended by the SAE Supreme Council, PAAZ alumni, and many other distinguished guests.

The weekend will wrap up on Sunday morning,

October 8 from 9 to 11 a.m., with an open chapter meeting in the chapter house dining room where alumni, actives, and guests are invited and encouraged to participate in a “State of the Fraternity” and open discussion about chapter management, networking, volunteerism, mentorship, and the future of PAAZ.

Rooms have been blocked at the Days Inn Penn State and are available under the event name “SAE Anniversary Celebration.” Mark your calendars, brothers! We hope to see you there!

For questions or additional information regarding the PAAZ 125th Anniversary, feel free to contact the Planning Committee Chairman **Joe Richey (SUBS '09)** at [joerichey09@gmail.com](mailto:joerichey09@gmail.com). Be sure to keep an eye on your mailboxes and inboxes in the coming months for more information from us.



## ALUMNI UPDATES

### Find Out What's New with These Brothers

#### **William “Jay” Kirby '59**

Nothing on PA Alpha-Zeta, but merely info for the oldies among us that my grandson Andrew, a senior at Vanderbilt, is Eminent Archon of SAE's Tennessee Nu chapter. Thought that was kind of cool and have met a number of the brothers—all good guys. Happy 2017.

#### **Pete “Carp” Carpenter '62**

After graduation, I went off for a tour in the US Navy — Cuban Crises and early part of Vietnam. In the later part of my service, Janet Buck and I were married and began a 49 ½-year marriage. Three children and eight grandchildren (two of our daughters are Kappa's from the University of Arizona, son

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## TESTIMONIAL

### Lucky 13

#### 13 Unforgettable Years with Five SAE Sons

By Addy and Jay Rogers

In 2003, the first of our five sons elected to attend college at Penn State University. Little did we know, this was the beginning of a great journey as the remaining four sons would soon choose PSU.

It didn't take long to realize that Penn State offered the complete college experience: SAE, THON, academic excellence, tradition, football games, and much more.

Through SAE, our sons **Jay Rogers '07**, **Kyle Rogers '09**, **Todd Rogers '12**, **Kevin Rogers '14** and **Jack Rogers '16** were brothers in more ways than one.

For our family, the SAE experience began in 2003 as SAE was regrouping. Jack, our youngest and last graduate, had just turned 10 years old in September. Our family went to our first football game, and watched as our oldest, Jay, pledged SAE. This was the beginning of many great memories over the last 13 years at Penn State and SAE for the Rogers' family.

Words that come to mind when thinking of SAE over the years are: THON, canning weekends, parents weekend, semesters abroad, football

games, intramural sports, decorating the house for the holidays, Homecoming weekend/parade, socials, bringing up food, Spring Break, and Memorial Day weekend in Avalon.

The fraternity has provided our family with countless comical—some of which are better left unsaid—and ironic moments. Jay and friends found SAE

through a childhood friend. Kyle's friend **Sean Langton's ('09)** mom went to college with Kyle's

5th grade teacher,

who in turn was Jack's first academic advisor at Penn State. Todd (#3) during a canning weekend in Pittsburgh realized that **Taylor Krofcheck '12** grew up next door to us in Jamison but moved when he

was three years old. Kevin and his best friend **Cory Rundle '14** maintained their friendship as brothers at SAE. Jack, who chose to raise money while in high school for the Four

Diamonds Fund, completed his support as a dancer at THON 2016. These memories are endless and unique to SAE/Penn State.

Not to be missed are the lifelong relationships all five boys have developed; their SAE brothers are a big part of that. They truly are a great group of "gentlemen," which speaks to their character and families. Now we get to see the graduates at the New Jersey shore, weddings, children's birthdays, return visits to PSU, and at local gatherings.

In December 2016, we celebrated Jack's graduation. There would be no more college tuition bills. The end of a great run but truly bittersweet. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, through our lens, is the place where our boys became men.

Thank you. It's been a pleasure.

*"These memories are endless and unique to SAE/Penn State."*



*The Rogers family*

## PAAZ ALUMNI BOARD

### Meet Our Newest Board Member, Dan Wright '07

Dan Wright is the newest member of the PAAZ House Corporation Alumni Board, elected in the fall of 2016. Dan is an accounting and finance consultant at a regional firm in Philadelphia primarily focused on advising companies going through acquisitions, divestures, spin-offs and IPOs. Prior to his current position, Dan spent over seven years gaining a variety of audit and advisory experience with Big 4 accounting firms. He graduated from the Smeal College of Business in 2007 with a degree in

accounting and a minor in international business. He is a member of the AICPA and is a licensed CPA in the State of Pennsylvania.

Dan is a member of the "DUECES" pledge class (Fall 2003) and served as Eminent Deputy Archon and Co-Social Chair during his time in Happy Valley. He married the love of his life, Mary (a

Penn State Pi Phi), in October 2016 and has continued to maintain close relationships with many of his pledge brothers and other Penn State alumni. Dan grew up in Wall/Manasquan on the Central Jersey shore, but has lived in Philadelphia since graduating from Penn State.

You can get in touch with Dan at [dgwright12@gmail.com](mailto:dgwright12@gmail.com).

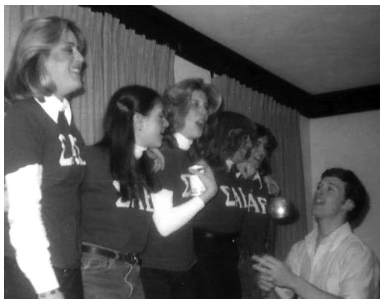


## SAE HISTORY

### What Was That “LSM” Thing?

By Jane Haller Miller '80, LSM (Chemical Engineering '80)

There's a small room on the first floor of the Chapter House at 200 E. Beaver Ave. It is just to the right of the phone/coat room and a pledge from the recent past was asked about it. He said, “It's the LSM room,” but when questioned further did not know what the



*Tim McAvoy '80, song leader, gives a pledge group their song test*

acronym stood for. It's somewhat humorous yet also disheartening to learn that an activity that was such a large part of my college experience has all but been lost to history.

LSM stands for Little Sisters of Minerva. According to remnants of pledge material I somehow managed to never throw out, LSMs were first

installed at Penn State in the fall of 1962. Women were extended bids by the brothers and when, say, six or seven had accepted, a pledge class was formed and a trainer assigned. We were initiated only upon completion of a “rigorous” pledge program. Initiation included a formal ceremony where you received flowers and a pin. At some point that night you were lifted up to kiss Pierre the Moose, after which you received all the benefits of membership, including being able to leave your stuff in the lockable LSM room during parties.

But just how rigorous (fun) was that pledge program? First, the class met and created a name—with two meanings—and then each pledge had to:

- Learn the fraternity history
- Learn the run-downs of every brother
- Make a paddle
- Obtain the “approval” of every brother, who could quiz you on any subject or fact about the fraternity he thought appropriate before signing your paddle
- Learn the dinner prayer
- Learn every PSU fight song
- Learn every SAE song

- Be prepared to perform all those songs as a class on demand on a night specified by the brotherhood, and to the satisfaction of the Eminent Song Leader
- Spend at least one evening on door duty
- Spend one overnight at the house and do wake-up calls the next morning
- Be part of orchestrating a successful pledge class prank

I'm fairly certain we probably drank some beer along the way, maybe even chugging a few, and yet the most insane thing I recall we were subjected to was a peach suck race against the brothers who were pledging at the same time. I don't recall who won, but the pre-race lube job will forever be burned in my memory as far less humiliating than the prank we pulled on the brothers that same night.

Why and when did this tradition stop? And might it be something that could be revived?

Times have changed, and pledging Greek is not what it used to



*The LSMs on the veranda, 1977 or 1978*

be, but becoming an LSM had a profound impact on my life. It's been many years since my class, FUDGIES, “went through,” but I have been lucky to maintain close ties with several of my pledge class sisters, and I've found several more LSMs through social networking like LinkedIn and Facebook. We always look forward to any event where the brothers and LSMs can gather and catch up. And while I'm sure we've all forgotten much more than we remember, the bonds of fraternity we share will never be broken.

**Forever \* United \* Devoted \* Girls \* in \* Excellent \* SAE.**

## HEAD BACK TO HAPPY VALLEY

### Blue-White Weekend

One of the best weekends of the year is almost here! Blue-White Weekend 2017 will take place over **April 21–23**, with the game scheduled for **Saturday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m.** As always, admission to the game will be free. You can find parking information and other details at [gopsusports.com](http://gopsusports.com).

Will you be heading to Happy Valley for Blue-White this year? Are you interested in getting together with other brothers while you're there? Let us know by emailing [alumninews@affinityconnection.com](mailto:alumninews@affinityconnection.com) so we can spread the info!





## GIVING BACK

### Another Incredible THON in the Books

#### SAE Raises \$133,080

Our active brothers made us incredibly proud once again this year at the 45th Penn State Dance Marathon. The total for THON 2017 was an amazing \$10,045,478.44. SAE raised a total of \$133,080 with our partner sorority, finishing in the top 10 highest amounts among the Greek organizations.

Brothers **Nick Piccolo**, **Connor Riddle** and **Mike Sunyak** danced on behalf of SAE. Connor—whose life was forever changed by the loss of his father to pancreatic cancer a few years ago, and then by his 14-year-

old cousin's diagnosis with leukemia just a month later—recalled how honored he felt when he learned that he had been chosen to dance.

“Cancer has played a major role in my life,” he said. “Words could not express the pride that ran through me, knowing that I would be out there dancing with the support of my brothers, the people who have given me the best four years of my life.”

Read the rest of Connor's powerful story at [www.sae PSU.com](http://www.sae PSU.com).

Thank you to our three dancers and to all of our THON participants for representing SAE so well this year.



## ALUMNI UPDATES (continued from page 1)



*Pete and Janet Carpenter*

a Kappa Alpha) and a lot of experiences on the East Coast and now 45 years living in Scottsdale, Arizona. On August 20, 2011 my SAE Sweetheart, Janet Buck Carpenter, passed away after a brief illness.

#### Raymond Ford '62

Since retiring from active pediatric practice I have been leading medical teams to Haiti 4 or 5 times a year ([www.thehaitimission.org](http://www.thehaitimission.org)). I am also president of the Robert Ford Haitian Foundation, sponsoring over 1,500 rural Haitian young people ([www.fordhaitianorphanage.org](http://www.fordhaitianorphanage.org)). I spend a lot of time down there! Brothers, look us up and join in!



#### James Lovejoy '63

Love was in the air in the early '60s. These couples met at SAE and are still together after 50 years:

- Kit & Robin Carson '63
- Jim & Betsy Lovejoy '63
- Marty & Ellie Strayer '64
- George & Ann Mollenbrock '64
- Don & Patty Noerr '64
- Dick & Diane Ward '64
- Larry & Nancy Ranieri '64
- Nelson & Barbara Brown '65
- Bob & Ann Bried '65

There may be a few more ... I hope I didn't forget any. Other romances occurred in this timeframe but are not together after 50 years.



*The Browns, Nichols, Strayers, and Lovejoys in Ocean City, NJ, two years ago*

#### Richard Guida '69

We are organizing a luncheon reunion on May 20, 2017 in Hummelstown, PA

We expect at least 20 to attend. Also, in June of 2018, we're organizing a weekend reunion in State College with at least 25 attending. This is for classes '67-'70, but is open to anyone. Email me if you are interested: [rguida@comcast.net](mailto:rguida@comcast.net).

#### Mark Christie '78

I live in Pittsburgh and own an insurance brokerage firm, Christie & Associates. Brother Tom Chaffee's son and fellow SAE, **Dan Chaffee '11**, is one of my associates. We are lucky to have many SAE alumni in the Pittsburgh area, so I get to see a couple of guys I graduated with frequently to grab a beer or a ballgame. Several of my children have attended Penn State so I have been going back to State College regularly for many years. My son, **Kevin Christie '15**, also joined SAE. I'm proud to have him share some of the great SAE experiences I had.

#### John Semmer '88

I entertained Brother **Dan Morris '84** for the PSU-Iowa wrestling duel on January 20 to cheer on the Lions' win. We plan to repeat the plan for NCAAs, hopefully joined by **Doug Beatty '88**.

On the paddle tennis court, I have been learning by watching one of the best in the area, Brother **Tim McAvoy '80** at Waynesborough Country Club. It will take a lot of work to get to the level of Tim or Brother **Jeff Lyon '85**, who is another leading player in the Delaware Valley.