The Saer Memorial
Awarded Annually To The Person Who Has Contributed Most To The Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity

Donnie Saer (class of '55) was from New Orleans and was a member of the swimming team when he was struck with what proved to be terminal cancer in his third year. Although he could no longer swim, he was elected Captain for the following year. He returned to lead the team (once even ignoring his illness to inspire his teammates by diving into the pool to show them "how to do it" -- an act he couldn't repeat because of the bleeding that resulted). He was unable to finish the academic session and returned home. The DKE House meant so much to him that the following fall, knowing he had little time left, he made the long trip back to Carr's Hill "to sit on the steps again and have a last visit with his Deke family." He died shortly thereafter. Because of his love for and devotion to the DKE House, this award was established in his memory.

1956 - Joseph H. Call
1957 - John J. Polzer
1958 - Nathaniel H. Morison III
1959 - E. Allen Reynolds
1960 - Walter Klingman
1962 - Robert E. Biddinger
1963 - Richard P. Mergehenn
1964 - Robert B. Roberson
1965 - William D. Call
1966 - George H. Morison
1967 - John M. Freeman
1968 - Joseph P. Covington
1969 - Robert P. Green
1970 - Robert C. Rannigan
1971 - John B. Pinder
1972 - David C. Carter
1973 - R. Bayley Buck
1974 - Randolph Brown
1975 - Eric R. Oser
1976 - D. Scott MacDonald
1977 - E. Bradford Holbrook III
1978 - Eric R. Pfister
1979 - Thomas N. Rose
1980 - Eric P. Johnson
1981 - Robert W. Williams
1982 - Paul W. Hobby
1983 - Edward J. Pointer
1984 - Douglas L. Smith
1985 - Thom B. Barnhardt
1986 - John R. Simpson
1987 - H. Hughes Grehan
1988 - J. David Hopkins III
1989 - Christopher V. Moein
1990 - Michael B. Leggat
1991 - Thomas Erwin
1992 - Christopher K. Hill
1993 - Michael B. Erwin
1994 - J. Rider Wathen
1995 - Bernice C. Farmer
1996 - John F. Parrott
1997 - William P. Gibbons
1998 - Hamilton Duke Fox
1999 - J. Dudley Brundige
2000 - Wes H. Kaupinen
2001 - Ryan C. Temme
2002 - David B. Powers