

SAFEGUARD OLD STATE

Preserving the Rights & Traditions of Penn Staters

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SOS ANNOUNCES PENN STATE SCHOOL SPIRIT CAMPAIGN

'For The Glory, Know The Words' Initiative Aims To Bring Fight Songs To Beaver Stadium

All media are invited to join Safeguard Old State today at approximately 1:15pm (or immediately following Coach Paterno's press conference) outside of Beaver Stadium's Gate A – the home of Paternoville – for a press conference on the details of "For the Glory ... Know the Words."

University Park, PA – On the evening of Saturday, September 27, over 100,000 white-clad Penn State football fans, packing the "White House" for a convincing win over the Illinois Fighting Illini, filled the misty night air with strains of Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Have You Ever Seen the Rain?"

At a press conference today (Tuesday, October 14) immediately following Coach Paterno's press conference (approx. 1:15pm) Safeguard Old State will announce a campaign to recapture the electricity of those moments while reclaiming one of Happy Valley's time-honored traditions.

With its weeklong "For the Glory ... Know the Words" initiative, Safeguard Old State and interested student advocates will engage in an advocacy and education blitz across the campus and community to help all Penn Staters learn or relearn the words to Old State's two most popular fight songs, "The Nittany Lion" and "Fight On, State."

We can build the energy and excitement that will have the entire student section – dubbed the best in the land by multiple sources – belting them out during Penn State's next home game, a Homecoming clash with the Michigan Wolverines.

"We've got the best student fans in America," said Safeguard Old State Executive Director Chris Morell, "but to stay on top, we've got to keep elevating our game. If Michigan's student section can do this, I know we can do it better."

Joining Safeguard Old State in brining the PSU fights songs to Beaver Stadium is The LION 90.7fm, the campus radio station as well as others on campus, including Joe Veltre, the founder of the annual State Patty's Day student celebration.

"This effort is certainly in keeping with Safeguard Old State's core mission of preserving and rediscovering the traditions of Penn State University," said Thomas A. Shakely, Safeguard Old State Chairman and founder.

Based in State College, Safeguard Old State is a coalition of Penn Staters who share a desire to rekindle the spirit of the classical university as a home to provocative discourse and personal growth and who believe that Penn State is uniquely suited as a place to begin this journey.

From exposing the shortcomings of the modern "big box" approach to college education to rediscovering the long-lost legends of the Nittany Valley, Safeguard Old State aims to bring about a renaissance in Penn State life, fueled by Penn Staters, from the ground level up.