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Penn Delta War Veterans Plaque To Be Unveiled at Homecoming 2000

Make Homecoming 2000 One to Remember!

Saturday, November 11

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ~ Meet at the House for coffee, juice, donuts and bagels

11:00 a.m. ~ Alumni Board meeting

12:00-12:30 p.m. ~ Leave for the game

12:30 p.m. ~ The Penn Quakers will face Harvard at Franklin Field (Tickets are available by calling the Penn Athletic Office at 215-898-6128).

Postgame ~ Return to the House for hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and jazz

5:30 p.m. ~ War Veterans Plaque unveiled by Henry Pope '43

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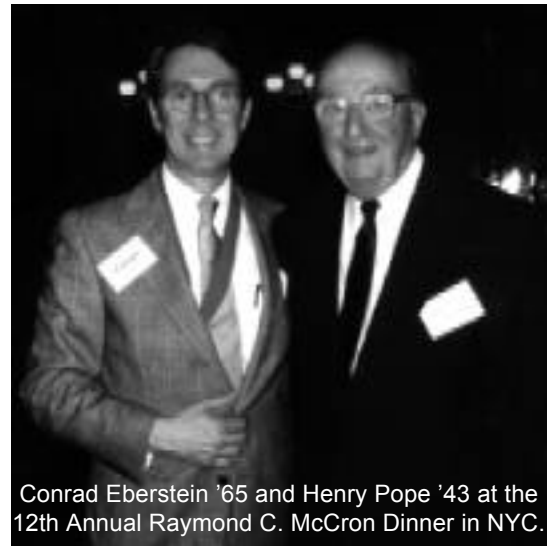
Please Join Us on November 11!

A Tribute to Penn Delta's War Veterans

In the last several issues of *The Delta Penn*, we have been publishing and updating a list of Sigma Phi Epsilon war veterans. With each publication of the list in *The Delta Penn*, numerous additions and revisions were forwarded to Craig Mills '84 and Tim Games '84. They have taken all of the information received from your calls, letters and e-mails over the past two years to compile a listing that we believe accurately represents the information available on those who served their country in the armed forces.

The Pennsylvania Delta Foundation has commissioned a bronze plaque listing the nearly 180 brothers who served their country during wartime. The plaque will be unveiled by Henry A. Pope, Jr. '43 this Homecoming, November 11, 2000. This date was chosen for two reasons: First, November 11 is the traditional Armistice/Remembrance/Veterans Day observed around the world as the official end of World War I. Secondly, in the last year of the 20th century, we felt it essential to honor those who have defended our freedom, including the seven Penn Deltas who gave their lives in the service of their country.

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Conrad Eberstein '65 and Henry Pope '43 at the 12th Annual Raymond C. McCron Dinner in NYC.

Conrad Eberstein '65 Honored at NYC Dinner

Over 130 family, friends and fraternity brothers gathered at The Penn Club in New York City on March 30 to honor and thank Conrad Eberstein '65, who had been awarded the national fraternity's highest accolade, The Order of the Golden Heart, at the Chicago Conclave in 1999.

For over 35 years, Conrad has gotten to know countless more senior alumni starting with Otto G. Wiedman, class of 1906, our chapter's first president, and just about every undergraduate who passed through Penn Delta's red door since 1962.

The citation that accompanied the Order of the Golden Heart read:

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, in Conclave assembled, confers upon Brother Conrad J. Eberstein of the Pennsylvania Delta Chapter, his fraternity's highest honor: The Order of the Golden Heart in recognition of his constant, faithful, and distinguished service to his brothers and to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Only 119 other Sig Eps nationally have received the Order of the Golden Heart — and Conrad is the sixth Penn Delta Sig Ep to have been singled out. The Pennsylvania Delta Foundation Board and the New York City Penn Delta alumni decided to celebrate Conrad's honor by having the 12th Annual Raymond C. McCron Dinner in his name. Henry

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Sigma Phi Epsilon's Three Cardinal Principles in Action

By Brett R. Danko '90, President, Pennsylvania Delta Foundation

Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love are the three cardinal principles of Sigma Phi Epsilon. One act of brotherhood during World War II truly exemplified these ideals. Though documented in the first history of our chapter — *Pennsylvania Delta 1904 - 1954* (The Golden Book), the deeds of Henry A. Pope, Jr. '43 remain unknown to a great number of Penn Delta brothers, especially those graduating over the last twenty-five years. Order of the Golden Heart recipient J. Bedford Wooley '16 wrote this about Henry Pope's contribution to our fraternity in The Golden Book nearly 50 years ago:

A very special service had been provided by Henry A. Pope all during the war period. Being unable to enlist in the service, he assigned himself to the task of keeping a contact among all of his fraternity brothers who had left "3909" to serve our country in the armed forces. The task was an enormous one, for they were scattered all over the world. He acted as a clearinghouse for all the news of those he could contact. He wrote many personal letters, insisting on replies and prodding them a bit when he did not get them. From all of the news items he could garner from the replies, he prepared a series of news bulletins and mailed them monthly. He conducted these morale-boosting messages always with the same assuring reminder that they would all meet again in a grand reunion "on the day of the first Penn-Cornell football game that was to follow the ending of the war." The day came and so did all of the boys who were able to get there, for on November 25, 1945, more than two hundred active members and alumni with members of their families and friends gathered for a most happy and memorable reunion party at the chapter house. It was indeed a Thanksgiving occasion, and although it will long be remembered as such, it should be recorded as one of the most eventful and productive gatherings ever to be held at "3909."

This recollection of what Henry did during the war years leaves out a few interesting facts. During most of the 27 months he published *The Delta Pen* (as it was known then), Henry was based in Cleveland or Chicago. Each month, he wrote the newsletter longhand, mailed it to his father in Red Bank, N.J., who took it to work and had it typed, copied and mailed to the 70-plus Penn Deltas serving in the armed forces around the world.

In the spirit of his gracious efforts to keep our bonds of brotherhood strong, Henry will honor us by unveiling the Penn Delta War Veterans Plaque this Homecoming, November 11, 2000, at the chapter house. Please join us to thank Henry and our veterans for their selfless acts so many years ago that serve as a beacon to all those who wear or hope to wear our fraternity's letters.

*Calling All
Sig Eps ...*

*Show Your
Penn Spirit!*

*Join the
tailgate party
at the
Penn/Princeton
football game
in Princeton, N.J.*

*Saturday,
November 4, 2000*

*Tickets are \$5 and
can be purchased
at the gate.
(Tailgate begins at
11 a.m. Kickoff is
at 1 p.m.)*

*RSVP to
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609-921-2216 (W)
609-912-1899 (H)*

*RSVP before
November 1, 2000.*

Can you name the brothers in this picture?



Send your answers to the address on Page 4 (bottom).

A Tribute to Penn Delta's War Veterans

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We hope with the dawn of a new century, that no plaque for the veterans of the wars of the 21st century will ever need to be commissioned.

Without a doubt, Homecoming 2000 will prove to be a very special one. We expect that a number of veterans from each war, except World War I, will be present for the unveiling of this plaque. It is our hope that everyone who is being honored with this plaque will attend. Additionally, we encourage all Penn Deltas who share the Sig Ep brotherhood with these distinguished men to attend and show their support for the event in honor of our war veterans.

An Evening with Congressman Vito Fossella '87

The Penn Club, NYC ~ October 19, 2000

As most of you are aware from a letter you have received in recent weeks, Pennsylvania Delta is coordinating an event for our brother, Vito Fossella '87. Vito hails from Staten Island, N.Y., and since 1997, has represented the 13th Congressional District which includes all of Staten Island and a small portion of Brooklyn, N.Y. Vito received a great honor this summer, speaking at the Republican National Convention in a prime-time slot just 20 minutes before Governor Bush's acceptance speech. Vito used the opportunity to speak about the important issue of Social Security, a program established when Vito's grandfather, James O'Leary, a Democratic Congressman from Staten Island, voted to enact it during the 1930s.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend or send a donation. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Conrad Eberstein at 212-534-0149 (H) or cje1901@aol.com.



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Rep. Vito Fossella of Staten Island got a prime-time slot at the GOP convention. ...

Fifth Annual Penn Delta Alumni Weekend a Success

One of the most endearing aspects of Penn Delta fellowship is how our alumni keep getting together. We must like each other a lot, for even beyond those formal occasions, such as Penn's Alumni Weekend in May, word filters back to Philadelphia of numerous Penn Delta gatherings ranging from backyard barbecues to tailgate parties, golf outings and family/group vacations.

Penn's alumni weekend this past May marked the fifth year a Saturday afternoon party was held for Penn Delta brothers and wives. This year, Jackie and Aram Jerrehian '55 hosted the party at their Wynnwood home and over 25 alumni and wives and new alumni brothers attended.

A late afternoon buffet and lively conversation added to the conviviality of the occasion. Bonnie and Vince Rettew '55 flew in from California and Vic Reigel '55 visited from Canada. Everyone who attends this annual Penn Delta party has a good time reminiscing with old friends and meeting new ones.

Rene and Dave Ffrench '51 have agreed to host next year's Alumni Weekend gathering as Dave celebrates his 50th reunion. So please save Saturday, May 19, 2001, at 4:30 p.m. on your calendars and plan to attend next year's event. It is bound to be a wonderful time.

Other Penn Delta Order of the Golden Heart Recipients

In the article describing Conrad Eberstein's Order of the Golden Heart, it was mentioned that he was the sixth Penn Delta alumnus to have been honored. As the president of our Sig Ep chapter at Columbia University observed, "Our chapter is a young chapter. Penn Delta has as many winners of the Order of the Golden Heart as we have alumni."

The five previous Penn Delta alumni similarly

honored are Charlie Thompson '14, longtime active alumnus and the first Penn Delta member to become Grand President of the national fraternity; Bed Wooley '16, another dedicated alumnus who also served as District Governor and as the National Ritualist (and who schooled Connie Eberstein in the delivery of the Ritual's interpretation) and also authored the first history of our chapter,

Pennsylvania Delta 1904-1954 (The Golden Book); J. Bernard Bradshaw '24, longtime chapter counselor of our chapter at George Washington University; Bob Jones '41, president of Richmond's housing corporation and later the second Penn Delta alumnus to serve as Grand President; and Ray McCron '43, who served as national's Grand Treasurer (and who hosted the first gathering of Penn Delta

alumni in New York City at the 1965 Conclave). Being the only living Penn Delta Order of the Golden Heart honoree still alive, Conrad would naturally like more brothers to join him in this distinction.

Incidentally, Penn Delta has more Order of the Golden Heart winners than any other chapter in the fraternity, save Mother Alpha at the University of Richmond.

The Road Less Traveled

Mark "Rex" Edelson '86 Master Brewer

As part of our continuing series highlighting the careers of brothers who have dared to be different, we travel to Newark, Del., where Mark "Rex" Edelson opened his first brew pub, Iron Hill Brewery, in 1996. During his years at Penn, Mark studied chemical engineering and was an active member of the undergraduate chapter serving as both vice president of alumni affairs and president. Mark also notes that during his years at Penn he "drank a lot of bad beer and didn't even know it." After graduation, Mark began a career in pharmaceutical manufacturing, and as a part of his ongoing quest to find something to drink better than Meister Brau, he realized after sampling many beers that he could probably make a better one himself. In 1988 he began experimenting with various home brews and a dream was born. Over the years, Mark has won several awards for his home brews in local competitions and even attended "beer" school — graduating from the esteemed Siebel Institute of Technology in 1996 (Summa Cum Foamy?). Along with partners Kevin Finn and Kevin Davies, he decided to pursue every Sig Ep's secret career goal: owning and operating his very own brew pub.

With the encouragement and financial support of family, friends and Penn Delta brothers, Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant was opened in November 1996 in Newark, Del. The brew pub quickly won the praise of critics for its creative menu, casual atmosphere and reasonable prices. Less than two years later a second brew pub was opened in one of the premier restaurant sites in the commercial heart of West Chester, Pa., and most recently a third location was



Bar at the Iron Hill Brewery in Media, PA.

opened in historic Media, Pa. Iron Hill Brewery has consistently won awards for service, food and yes, for the beer (four medals from the prestigious Great American Beer Festival). This author sampled all seven specialty beers, from the unique tasting Raspberry Wheat to the dark, full-bodied Pig Iron Porter, and enjoyed them all immensely. *Philadelphia Zagat Survey* weighs in with this review: "Foam fans feel this upscale brew pub is the best around with excellent beers, imaginative American food; a striking setting, live entertainment and reasonable prices lead loyalists to conclude it has it all."

Iron Hill Brewery is not about beer alone. Being an integral part of the communities where they are located is also a goal of the founders. Over the years, Iron Hill Brewery has supported many charitable events including sponsoring the Race Against Violence, an annual event that raises funds for a charity fighting violence in Delaware. Additionally, they have sponsored the West Chester Area MDA Lock-Up and have raised funds and awareness for Safe Harbor, a charity providing food, shelter and rehabilitation opportunities for the needy of West Chester.

Owning and operating his own business is a full-time commitment that allows Mark to live out a dream in a job that he loves. The job comes with many challenges though. The restaurant business is highly competitive and with all the brewing done on location, maintaining high quality products and service demands constant attention. With the support of his growing family, Mark manages to keep things in perspective. He and his wife, Maureen, have recently moved to Landenberg, Pa., where they live with their three children: Ryan, 3, Genevieve, 1, and Mary Katherine, born in April. We wish him continued success in his ventures and congratulate him on the newest addition to his family.

Next time you find yourself in Newark, Del., West Chester, Pa., or Media, Pa., give Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant a try — you will be glad you did.



State-of-the-art equipment helps ensure beer of the highest quality.

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Brothers Cover the Country in Search of Challenging Opportunities

By Greg Slawsky '01, Chapter President

The yearly ritual of recounting summer experiences started as soon as the first guys began arriving at school on September 1, and as usual, everyone had plenty to say. Sig Ep undergraduates were all over the country. While there was a faithful group who stayed the course in beautiful West Philly, other brothers spent their summer in Oregon, California, Florida, Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming and Maine. Even those of us who spent our time in more mainstream places like New York City, Boston and Connecticut had memorable summers. A few of the more unusual stories that brothers brought back to Penn this fall:

Bryan Bogue '01, after hanging up his football cleats, decided to take on the minor league baseball business. He worked as a sales rep for the Class A Jupiter Hammerheads, and though he logged tough hours and dealt with some rather demanding customers, he is considering pursuing the business when he graduates this spring.

Aaron Tidman '02 spent the summer as an intern at the White House. He can often be heard lamenting the fact that he was (and continues to be) the butt of every Monica Lewinsky joke you can think of. Despite a lot of work, Aaron enjoyed himself and considers his summer a great learning experience.

Kevin Matthews '02 spent the summer working in downtown Philly for a Web development company, Biosupplies.com. He claims to have learned more in the first two weeks on the job than he has in his first two years of college. Kevin continues to work for Biosupplies and is logging close to 15 hours a week on top of his course load.

Following in the footsteps of former president and now Lt. Erik Doebel '00, Jerry Greco '03 spent a month in Norfolk, Va., in the Marine's CORTRAMID (Core Training of Midshipman) program. He studied each branch of the Navy and Marine Corps and even spent time aboard a nuclear submarine. Mark Hutson '03 came back to Penn touting an underwater demolition license.

Mark spent the summer working for Pisces Underwater Diving and Demolition Co. His primary task was demolishing boulders to increase the depth of harbor channels.

Jamal Swain '01 spent his summer working for the University of Pennsylvania genetics lab under the direction of Dr. Cecilia Lo. Jamal participated in research focusing on cardiac development. The hands-on experience he obtained as a team member in these research experiments was invaluable to his understanding of genetics. Jamal is now deciding if he should enroll in the University's biotechnology master's degree program. Josh Krotec '01 had a bit more of a traditional Penn summer as he worked for First Equity Development, an investment bank with an aerospace focus. Josh received an offer at the end of the summer and is therefore trying hard not to coast through his last year.

Seniors Eddie Bosek and Loren Buck together with Kyle Schroeder '00 went so far as to start their own company, S3 nutrition. S3 develops sport-specific nutritional supplements. Eddie and Loren are still very involved as they are about to begin marketing their product. Both enjoyed developing their own idea yet they admitted that it was, and continues to be, a lot of hard work.

Finally, I spent the summer working for Sikorsky Aircraft on the Comanche helicopter program. I got to see firsthand all of the red tape nonsense that goes along with big government contracts. However, despite feeling a little out of my league developing fire control algorithms for a turreted gun system, I like to think I put your tax dollars to good use (thank you).

Clearly few of us wasted our summer. In fact, for many of us, the days before classes started were our first real vacation days. Despite that, no one seems to be complaining, and we are all looking to the year ahead. I encourage all alumni to come by for Homecoming and find out for yourselves what the undergrads are up to.

I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming on November 11.

Penn Delta Alumni Lend a Helping Hand

By Aaron Tidman '02, Vice President of Finance

"So what are your plans for this summer?" asked Conrad Eberstein '65 as we sat down for dinner at the Carlson's Leadership Academy in Roanoke, Va. I told him that I was not sure yet, but that I was applying for a White House internship. Without hesitation, Conrad replied, "Here, let me introduce you to someone." We walked over to another table and he introduced me to Troy Queen, a Sig Ep from Florida who worked in the White House several years ago. We talked for a few minutes and before I knew it, I received my White

House internship acceptance letter in the mail.

During rush, one of the most important points I stress to the freshmen is the benefit of being a brother in Sig Ep after the undergraduate years. Nationally, as the largest fraternity in the country, and locally, as the oldest chapter continually active, the Sig Ep alumni network is vast and, at the same time, tight. A Penn Delta interested in virtually any career has the ability to contact a brother in that field to seek advice, get the name of a contact person, or even pursue a job.

The greatest part of being in Sig Ep is the lifelong brotherhood shared with those you went to school with, those who walked Penn Delta's halls long before you, and those who will become brothers in the years to come. Evidence of the bond grows every year with the annual Raymond C. McCron New York City Dinner, Homecoming and other such functions. Every time I see a group of alumni together, it makes me proud to be a Penn Delta, and I thank the alumni board especially for all their hard work.

Mark your Calendars!

Thursday, October 19
An Evening with
Congressman Vito Fossella '87
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Saturday, November 4
Penn/Princeton at Princeton
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Saturday, November 11
Homecoming 2000
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We hope to see you at one of all of these great opportunities to get together!

Jason Wood '93 Selected For USA Rugby Squad

On September 25, 2000, Jason Wood '93 was named to the USA National Rugby Team. This is Jason's first selection to the National Team as a full squad member. The team will tour Scotland and Wales this fall and compete in five matches. The first and last matches are against the Scotland National Team and the Welsh National Team. The other three matches are against Scotland and Welsh development teams (2nd side teams). Jason's selection was a result of his performance in the National Club Championships this past spring in Manchester, N.H., where Jason's San Diego club, Old Mission Beach Athletic Club, finished third in the country. Jason was selected to captain the club in the third- and fourth-place games, filling the position of one of the National Team props (the name of Jason's position) who had recently injured his knee.

During Jason's junior year in college, Penn won the East Penn Championship as well as the Ivy League Championship where Jason was selected to the All-Tournament Team. That year the Penn team toured Scotland, where Jason and his teammates watched Scotland play France at historic Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh. Other Penn Delta

members of the Penn Rugby Team in 1992 were Dan Belcea '92 and Rick Thompson '95. Coincidentally, the site of the first international rugby game Jason attended is the stadium that will host the Scotland vs. USA match this fall. Jason also captained the Penn rugby team in his senior year when they won the East Penn Rugby Union Collegiate Championship.

After graduating from Penn, Jason continued playing for South Jersey Rugby Club and Philadelphia Whitemarsh Rugby Club before moving to San Diego. He also coached Princeton University's team. Over the years, Jason has been selected to various all-star teams, including the East Collegiate All-Stars (1992-93), East Seven-a-side All-Stars (1994), Mid-Atlantic Team (1995 — toured Bermuda), Southern California team (1997-00), Atlantis Seven-a-side Select Side (1995-96, an invitational team which participated in a tournament in Trinidad), and the USA Development Team (1996 — toured Australia).

Jason currently coaches the University of San Diego team and the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club's Seven-a-side team, which won the National Championship this past August.

We wish Jason and the team the best of luck!

Conrad Eberstein '65 Honored at NYC Dinner

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Pope '43 surprised everyone who attended by reading a letter Ray C. McCron '43 wrote for *The Delta Pen* (as the newsletter was called then) during World War II.

Seven generations of Penn Delta alumni attended, from Warren Monsees '42 to Aaron Tidman '02. Undergraduates and alumni alike recalled Conrad's service to the chapter and his steadfast friendship for his brothers, our chapter and other Sig Ep chapters.

Undergraduate President Greg Slawsky '01 remembered hearing about Conrad as a freshman, well in advance of meeting him, and expressed the chapter's gratitude for a long roster of alumni volunteers. Former Penn Delta Foundation presidents Tim Games '84 and Jim Hughes '52 recognized Conrad for his counsel and support, not only when they were serving as presidents, but before and after their terms as well.

The national fraternity's executive director, Jacques Vauclain, praised Conrad for his fraternal service not only to Penn Delta, but to New York City chapters at St. John's and Columbia, and noted Conrad's service as president of the alumni boards of both chapters as well as the Pennsylvania Delta Foundation. Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation chairman H. Clark, and its president, Chuck White, and their wives also attended and added their voices to reams of praise.

In his remarks, Conrad remembered alumni who had gone before — Charlie Hilton '29, Bed Wooley '16, Charlie Thompson '14, George Quinn '55 — and stressed the one unifying factor common to all: an undergraduate experience anchored in brotherhood and commitment, borrowing from earlier remarks of the undergraduate president.

Conrad noted that his efforts stood on the shoulders of those alumni and undergraduate leaders who set an example for him and revealed for the first time that he made a promise to Charlie Hilton that he would seek "to take care of Penn Delta."

"I worked to live up to that commitment," Conrad said, "and I urge the undergraduates of today to make that commitment — and more."

"Listen to me," Conrad urged those gathered as he concluded his remarks. "Make it your business to take care of each other, to look after one another, and not only while undergraduates, but for the rest of your lives. The rewards will come back to you in ways you cannot now see, and if you live up to taking care of one another and our university, you will lead a life so rich and so full that you will amaze even yourselves."



Paul Sottnek '65 (left) and Mark Kreher '68 (right) congratulate Conrad Eberstein '65 at the NYC Dinner in March.

Thoughts From New Zealand

By Rich Chou '99, Fulbright Scholar

When we speak of the land “down under,” a certain country—home to kangaroos, koala bears, and the 2000 Sydney Olympics—usually comes to mind. However, upon closer examination, one notices that also tucked away in the South Pacific is a small paradise known as New Zealand. A country famous for its rugby, sailing, millions of sheep, and natural beauty, New Zealand has been my home since this February—and a very kind, relaxing, and gentle home it has been indeed.

Joining Alex Ramos '97 among the ranks of recent Penn Delta Fulbright Scholars, my experience in New Zealand was made possible by an act of Congress sponsored by Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, and signed by President Truman in 1946. Thanks to our country's support, my experience has been everything I'd hoped it would be, and then some. While my enterprise out here has been primarily academic, it would be a lie to say that my time has been dedicated entirely to work. Rather, considerable time has been dedicated to play and exploration, for New Zealanders (commonly known as “Kiwis”) are famed for their easy-going and fun-loving outlook on life. New Zealanders are also constantly seeking adventure, and are avid world travelers in their own right. (I've been told that some 25 percent of New Zealand's citizens live overseas.) I climbed mountains, swam in the Tasman Sea, hiked through muddy rain forests, and strolled

through grassy pastures—New Zealand has offered me a smorgasbord of life experiences. But through my many travels, the most fulfilling parts have been those moments of introspection and deep thought that have oftentimes been inspired by such special experiences.

My time spent here has revealed a number of important personal truths and insights, one of which has centered on the significance of leading a healthy, “balanced” life. Fittingly, this ties in perfectly with the Balanced Man ideal that our fraternity holds dear. At the heart of this virtue is the lifelong continuation of a “happy balance,” which entails the maintenance of a sound body and mind. Whether it's between work and pleasure, family and the office, academics and extracurricular activities, rest and activity, or intellect and intuition, finding that balance is arguably one of the most difficult—yet important—tasks associated with living. Balance in this sense isn't merely about appearing balanced on resumes or the public image one might convey, but instead actually *being* balanced in the life one leads. Over time, I've observed that as much as we emphasize a balanced livelihood, we often forget that real balance ought to extend into all spheres of life and encompass more than credentials and surface appearances. This is the kind of balance I have personally found to yield the greatest happiness and contentment.

Another realization relates to *friendship*, which has been a recurrent theme underlying many articles printed here in *The Delta Penn*. To me,



Moments like these inspired introspection in Rich Chou '99. He stands atop Mt. Tongariro in New Zealand.

friendship is the essence of the human condition; it is largely what gives life its substance and meaning. Our relationships with parents, siblings, colleagues, girlfriends, spouses—and, of course, our fraternity brothers—all have at their core a common thread: friendship. Indeed, friendship is manifested in these relationships at varying degrees and levels of profundity, but all are nonetheless upheld by it. Friendship, however, isn't a static phenomenon; it constantly evolves, grows, strengthens and even withers when malnourished—in much the same way a tree might. Friendship requires (and perhaps demands) attention, sensitivity, and affection or else neglect might spell its demise. Moreover, true friendship transcends distance and time, and is much like an unbreakable chain. Mencius once wrote that two good friends are essentially like “one mind in two bodies.”

With these remarks, let me share a couple of personal questions that I have considered over the course of my journeys that might stimulate self-reflection for you, brother: First, when we closely examine the substance of our relationships, are we *truly* satisfied with what we find? Secondly, are we *truly* living “balanced” lives—and

realizing our Balanced Man ideal—in ways that go beyond mere appearances and superficiality? In the end, our responses to these questions will be unique to you; however, it is my hope that your individual answers will provide illumination (and, ideally, action) for: (1) the furtherance of our common ideals; (2) the betterment and enrichment of your life and those you love; and (3) the inspiration needed to continue building toward a promising future for Penn Delta, as well as our greater society.

Let me close with one of Albert Einstein's favorite quotes: “Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts.” Through my experience, I have found that friendship and a balanced life are among such entities. May you, too, then, find and cherish those things that count in life.

Biographical Information: *Rich is in Hamilton, New Zealand, writing his master's of philosophy thesis on the country's electoral system and its implications for public policy. He is presently based at the University of Waikato and is also co-teaching a freshman political science course entitled, “Playing Politics.” He will be returning to Oxford, England, next January to complete his degree.*

ALUMNI NEWS

Richard C. Kmetz '43 resides at 69 Sheffield Ave., Longmeadow, MA 01106. He can be reached via e-mail at dickkmetz@aol.com. Dick, who has been a widower for 25 years, met his wife, Betty Ann, through the fraternity in 1945 while on military leave. He has many happy memories of their years together.

Robert T. Mullen Sr. '50 (339 Perron Ave., Somerset, MA 02726) is president of Mullen Bros., a retail jewelry business. On a trip to Penn last May, he stopped by the house and was pleased to note his name on the plaque of Friars members.

Attorney **Paul Welsh '63** (319 Cox Rd., Lambeth Riding, Newark, DE 19711) sends best wishes to all. After 28 years as a partner in Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell, he retired in December 1999 and was looking forward to becoming active in public service. When he wrote this past spring, Paul had launched his candidacy for the Delaware State Senate. He and his wife, Linda, have two daughters.

Mark Lieberman '69 (684 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, NY 11230; MarkL684@aol.com) has been elected a director of the Citizens Union in New York City, originally an offshoot of the City Club of New York, and presently the oldest good-government organization in the city. Mark was also recently elected treasurer of the Brooklyn Public Library where he has been a trustee.

The original "Vice President Lieberman," Mark is senior vice president, credit and risk-management coordinator of The Dime Savings Bank of New York.

In February 2000, **Robert H. Mayer '71** (1105 Park Ave., #14D, New York, NY 10128; robert.mayer@grubb-ellis.com) was appointed director of the appraisal and consulting division of Landauer Realty Group Inc.

You can write to **James H. Brothers IV '74** at 11719 Heathmere Cres., Midlothian, VA 23113; jhbiv@erols.com. He has three daughters.

Jeffrey B. Whiting '81, student placement coordinator for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is in the last year of his MBA studies at UNC-Wilmington. He remains active in the Naval Reserve and will soon mark his 20th year of service. Jeff had surgery for bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome last winter and is pleased with the results. With wife Jenni, he lives at 7127 Orchard Trace, Wilmington, NC 28409. E-mail for him can be sent to jeffwhiting@netzero.net.

John Paul Basile '86 (300 E. 34th St., #19G, New York, NY 10016; jpbasile@aol.com) has moved back to the Big Apple and joined Feld Entertainment Inc. as vice president of Northeast marketing.

To take a new job with carOrder.com, a subsidiary of Trilogy Software, **Andrew B. Brody '88** (1106 W. Sixth St., #212, Austin, TX 78703;

Southern California Golf Day To Be an Annual Event



Brothers gathered in December last year for a day of golf and companionship. Another gathering is planned for early January 2001. Identified from left to right, they are Matt Silk '98, Darryl Myrose '95, Francis Costello '90, Jack Friend '96 and Jason Wood '93. See story below for contact information. (And thanks to Jason for sending this photo and story!)

By Jason Wood '93

For many of us here in sunny Southern California, it is hard to get back to Philadelphia and the chapter house as much as we'd like. I personally seem to only get back during the summer or over Christmas, and with the culmination of the rugby season being May — reunions are impossible for the next several years.

Last fall Jack Friend '96 and I decided to get as many of the boys together as possible for a round of golf, dinner, and yes, a few drinks. Four of us (Jack Friend '96, Jason Wood '93, Francis Costello '90 and Darryl Myrose '95) got together one Saturday morning last December to get this thing going. Unfortunately it was the coldest day of the 1999-2000 winter (it was probably about 55 degrees). Darryl was the big winner and left the golf course with a few dollars from each of us, but he was going to pay for it later.

Matt Silk '98 joined us at my house before we ventured down the Mission Beach boardwalk to get some chow and enjoy the sunset. We then went down to my favorite local bar, the Beachcomber, where Darryl not only blew all of his winnings from the golf course, but blew our chance of closing the place by getting kicked out. We were all glad he didn't push things too far with the two Navy Seals he was "bantering" with.

It was an enjoyable day and evening. We had the chance to catch up with each other, talk about old times, and just get out for some fun. If anyone's interested in joining us this year, I plan to host the event again in early January. Send me an e-mail at jwood@kilroyrealty.com.

abrody@austin.rr.com) has relocated to the Lone Star State. "If anyone is heading down to Austin, look me up and we'll head out for a beer, some ribs and some live music."

Kyle Stephenson '89 (1621 Logwood Cir., Richmond, VA 23233) was married in Richmond, Va., during the summer. Attending from Penn Delta were brothers **Eytan Tigay '89**, **Sean**

Mahoney '89, Art Gravanis '89, Joe Sacca '89, Alex Barnett '89, Brett Danko '90, Michael Murphy '89, John Venusti '89 and Jim Gruskin '89.

Physician **John J. Orris '90** completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology in June of this year and is now in a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the University of Connecticut Health Center. He and his wife, Michelle, have moved from Pennsylvania to 73 Mallard Dr., Avon, CT 06001. The couple have two young children, Olivia and Zachary. Brothers on the Internet can drop John a line at orris@nso1.uhc.edu.

Peter Belk '92 (434 W. 120th St., Apt. 1G, New York, NY 10027; pib2@columbia.edu) is spending the fall semester of his last year at Columbia Law School at the Office of General Counsel in the White House and is attending George Washington Law at night. Peter doubles as the resident scholar for the Sig Ep chapter at Columbia University and asked his friend and colleague Paul Aronsohn, a member of the staff of UN Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, to speak at Columbia's Balanced Man Award ceremony in September. **Rob Belk '95**, currently a helicopter pilot and a lieutenant in the Navy in Florida, attended the Columbia chapter's Balanced Man Award ceremony as well.

Richard B. Thompson '95, a surgeon at Duke University Medical Center, now resides at 3 Silverwood Ct., Durham, NC 27713. His e-mail address is rbjtat@aol.com.

Richard C. Steinmeier '96 (1730 N. Clark St., Apt. 3804, Chicago, IL 60614) and Heather Schuetz were to be married in August 2000. Both were planning to attend the Stanford Graduate School of Business this fall.

We regret to inform you of the death of
Harold H. Ranger Jr. '38
(3/25/00),
Eugene F. Baker '39,
John H. Carroll '39
(4/16/00).
Sigma Phi Epsilon mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Brothers Gather for Wedding of Jarret Adams '90 and Heather Smith



Jarret Adams '90 and Heather Smith were married in Killington, Vt., in August. Several brothers attended the wedding and festivities. From left to right, they are Jarret Adams '90, Matt Sanger '91, Paul Vaccaro '90, Brett Danko '90, Pete Sunenshine '91 and Tom Carroll '88.

Dan Kenny '51— One of Our Most Beloved Brothers



Dan Kenny '51

On the morning of July 7, 2000, we received the sad news that Dan Kenny had finally succumbed to pancreatic cancer after a valiant fight. Dan continued his interest in Penn Delta throughout his lifetime. During the almost 50 years after his graduation, Dan has always been there for us when we called on him and when we didn't. Dan will be remembered as being generous with his time and resources beyond all reason. In the spring 2000 issue of *The Delta Penn*, we learned that Dan is sponsoring a Native American scholarship fund at the

University of Pennsylvania. Dan made a final journey to his beloved Ireland last month to wrap up his personal affairs and dispose of the farm where he spent much of his time in recent years.

Dan often came down from Connecticut to help us run alumni reunions by manning the table at the door. He spent a good part of his professional life as a local justice of the peace and tax accountant in Old Lyme, Conn. In this capacity he was entrusted with the probate of wills of many people with modest estates. He used to regale us with tales of the reactions of big city lawyers when he denied the exorbitant fees they attempted to charge the estates of local citizens, all of whom found themselves in Dan's benevolent care. He did the tax returns and managed the finances of these fortunate people. He worried over their affairs as if they were his own.

We had the privilege to visit Dan several months ago at new London Hospital, where he had just gotten back on his somewhat unsteady feet after life-saving emergency surgery. His major concern at the time was who is going to take care of the widows whose financial and tax affairs he had been nurturing in recent years. Talk about a generous spirit! Here was a man facing the gravest challenge of his life, concerning himself with the well-being of others. We can't think of a better example of this man's character. We all loved him, as I'm sure his clients did. Wouldn't we all like to be remembered this way? There has to be a special place in Heaven for you, Dan, with cigars and potato chips. God bless you, good friend.

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