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100th Anniversary Events

Penn Delta 1904-2004

Reunion Weekend

Saturday, May 15, 2004

Senior Dinner

Thursday, September 16, 2004

Homecoming *

October 16, 2004

**Come join us as we celebrate
100 years of SigEp on Penn's
campus!**

* Hotel rooms are available. Please contact Brett Danko
at 609-912-1899 or danko1@mindspring.com

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Penn Delta WWII Book Completed

"Brothers in War 1943-1945," the book of edited letters sent by Penn Delta brothers to **Henry Pope '43** during WWII, is finally finished and available for sale.

This book is unique in that it is NOT a collection of memories from events that occurred more than 60 years ago and which may be tempered by time and subsequent life experience. Quite the contrary, this work is comprised of excerpts of the ACTUAL LETTERS these men wrote to Brother Pope during the war. This powerful narrative takes the reader back to 1943-1945 — the point in time when these letters were written.

Also, letters between soldiers and parents/loved ones have commonly been collected or published. However, original WWII letters between friends are rare. The historical significance of these letters is their frank depiction of the feelings of these men during wartime. Much of what is shared between friends at such a time in one's life does not necessarily duplicate those things about which a young soldier writes home to mom, dad or his "special girl."

We hope the brotherhood will enjoy reading this book as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Hard-bound copies are available for \$30 plus shipping and handling and can be ordered through www.polyglotpress.com or by contacting Brett Danko at 609-912-1899 or danko1@mindspring.com.

The Next Step for Another 100 Years at Penn

The Alumni Board is pleased to announce that we have hired Affinity Connection and Greg McElroy to complete our feasibility study for Penn Delta. As you may know, the goal is to raise \$1.5-2 million for the much-needed renovation of the chapter house. Proposed improvements include enclosure of the courtyard to create more space in the basement as well as on the first floor, the building of an additional wing to the back of the house for more bedrooms, moving the parking lot entrance to the back of the property (to Chancellor Street) as well as the upgrading of the

electrical and heating systems and other infrastructure of our 106-year-old chapter house.

Gifts are fully tax-deductible contributions to Penn, will count toward class gift projects, can be subject to matching employer gifts and can be made over a multiple year period (maximum five years).

Over the next few months, you may receive a call from Greg McElroy to discuss your thoughts and/or receive a brochure concerning this project.

We hope you will work with Greg as we strive to achieve Penn Delta's goal of creating the proper environment for the chapter's second 100 years.



L-R: Jon Pomeroy '05, Jon Kahn '04 (with the Buchanan Cup), Clarke Glennon '55, Dan Koken '04 (with the Madeira Cup) and Brett Merves '04

Scholarship Dinner Features Top Rushees

NBA great and hall-of-famer World B. Free was the featured speaker at SigEp's Balanced Man Dinner in November 2003. Over 30 freshmen scholarship finalists and 50 Penn Delta undergraduate brothers and alumni attended the event held at the Sheraton Hotel on Penn's campus. This event is a crucial rushing tool for the chapter.



Balanced Man Chair Greg Robinson with guest of honor World B. Free.

Initially, over 400 freshmen are introduced to the chapter, invited to various events, and interviewed. A list of finalists is prepared, and it is these potential brothers who attend the dinner. Thank you to all who helped make this a worthwhile and memorable evening.

Fall 2003 Dinner Honors Outgoing Seniors

Penn Delta alumni from six decades joined SigEp seniors for the Annual Senior Dinner. The event, which was held at the Union League in Philadelphia, honors seniors and aims to keep them active with the house during their senior year. Special thanks to **Craig Mills '84** for making this event such a success each year. The date for this year's Senior Dinner is Thursday, September 16, 2004. For more information, contact Craig Mills '84 (millscd@bipc.com) or Brett Danko '90 (danko1@mindspring.com) or 609-912-1899.



The SigEp senior class outside the Washington Room at the Union League in Philadelphia.

Welcome, New SigEp Brothers!

Joseph Ahearn
Briarcliff, N.Y.

Loren Appin
Salisbury, Md.

Brendan Browne
Lakeland, Fla.

Taylor Buley
Milwaukee, Wis.

Eugene Gitelman
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jeffrey Greenwald
Cleveland, Ohio

Torren Haavik
Hailey, Idaho

Kyle Johnson
Oreland, Pa.

Jason Letts
Gresham, Ore.

Joshua Link
Philadelphia, Pa.

Hampus Lofkvist
Lund, Sweden

Patrick McGrath
Toronto, Canada

Jaime Montealegre
Costa Rica

Jeremy Mount
Port Jefferson, N.Y.

Joseph O'Neill
Philadelphia, Pa.

Stel Plakas
New York, N.Y.

Matthew Rosenfeld
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mark Sabat
Berwyn, Pa.

Eric Stone
Harrison, N.Y.

Talmage Sykes
Villanova, Pa.

Erik Trautman
Concord, Mass.

Jason Ursaner
Harrison, N.Y.

Scott David West
Harrison, N.Y.

Andrew Zwecker
West Hartford, Conn.

Two others not listed.



Homecoming 2003 united brothers from many decades along with families and friends. Make plans to attend our 100th-year homecoming celebration, Oct. 16, 2004.



ANOTHER Award-winning Semester By Jon Pomeroy '05, undergraduate president

The chapter had an outstanding rush this spring. Due in large part to the hard work of our current vice president of recruitment, **Francis Spelman '05**, and the enthusiasm of the house, this year we recruited 26 men including five sophomores (class of 2006) and 21 freshmen (class of 2007). Among the centennial class, we have members of the rugby team, the baseball team, track and field, and the hockey team. We are confident that many of these young men will become leaders in the house.

The chapter was well represented at this year's Carlson's Leadership Academy in Richmond, Va. Former president, **Dan Koken '04**, was the recipient of the prestigious Zollinger Outstanding Senior Award. Dan also received the George L. Quinn ('55) Award for being the chapter's most outstanding senior.

One of the most special events of this semester was the celebration of Jack's 80th birthday. Current brother **Jon Kahn '04** and alumnus **Aaron Tidman '02** put together a fantastic party at the house followed by a night on the town with Jack and his family. Jack has been with the chapter for 40 years and continues to play a special role in the brotherhood.

Penn Delta continued to improve its academic standing last semester, finishing with a chapter GPA of 3.274 which ranks the chapter eighth in the country amongst Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters and makes us part of the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse. Several brothers were also recognized as achieving honors in the top two percent academically in the Greek system here at Penn.

Community service has become one of the more important

priorities of the chapter. **Greg Robinson '06** is currently organizing a campuswide fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity, an organization that provides much-needed housing for underprivileged people. Brothers and new members are working around the clock on Locust Walk, selling raffle tickets for a Sixers basketball game. I am currently leading a trip to North Carolina in association with Penn's Alternate Spring Break. My group will complete various services for the town of Franklin, such as rehabilitation of housing and teaching at an early start program.

Many brothers have been seeking internships or applying to graduate, law, or medical school. Our seniors are pursuing a wide range of career paths. **Max Greenberg '04** was just accepted to Cambridge University and intends to study biological anthropology. Brother Jon Kahn '04 will attend medical school at Northwestern University in the fall. Many brothers will also be spending the summer in New York City.

Three brothers spent the fall semester studying abroad. **Jon Karmel '05** and **Chad Roosth '05** recently returned from Australia where they earned credit down under. **Max Wesman '05** further improved his Spanish speaking skills in Madrid.

We are fast approaching Penn Delta's centennial celebration. I am proud to be the president during this important step for the chapter and to watch the brotherhood grow through the 21st century. Remember that you are always welcome to come back to the house. There is always something new and exciting going on at Penn Delta. Thank you for your continued support, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Updates From and About Our Alumni



Annual gathering of the class of '99 and friends at the lake house of **Scott Emmick '99**.

Winfield G. "Bud" Knopf '41 (233 Main St., Winchester, MA 01890-3004; budknopf@aol.com) This year, I anticipate cruises on the Mississippi River and to Bermuda. I am leading the good life as a retiree from the U.S. Navy and the New England Board of Higher Education. Active as board member of the Perkins School in Lancaster, Mass., and the Harvard Business School Alumni Association. Still hope to make it back to a future Penn reunion.

Marianne Quinn '55 (Visitation Monastery, 200 E. Second St., Frederick, MD 21701; 301-606-8429 mobile; 301-662-3322 room) Marianne has committed herself to a life of service and teaching by joining Visitation Monastery as a nun. Best wishes to her from the Pennsylvania Delta Foundation. (See *Quinn Fund donors on Page 5 for Marianne's generous contribution.*)

James M. Armstrong '50 (400 S. Florida Ave., Apt. 501, Lakeland, FL 33801-5263) I have been retired since 1991. I have four children and nine grandchildren. My son, Bruce, is a brother — SigEp (Delta at Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, W.Va.). Thanks to the fraternity for pushing me into campus activity. Ultimately, I became editor-in-chief of the Daily Pennsylvanian.

Thomas E. Tay '59 (1524 Wandering Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110-2974; ttay439253@aol.com) I'm retired, and it's great. We spend a couple of weeks in Mexico every winter to get out of the cold.

Jeffrey B. Rotwitt '72 (1056 King of Prussia Rd., Radnor, PA 19087-2839) Besides practicing law and running the firm, I'm involved in a few extracurricular activities. Spring 2004 will be my fourth year teaching a course on entrepreneurship at the law school. I continue as president of The Philadelphia KIXX, MISL team. (Dianne loves being the unofficial team mother for a great group of players!) Our youngest of four started college in the fall of 2003, but we're a long way from empty nesters!

John M. Millet '78 (15 Tallard Rd., Westford, MA 01886-4011; milletfam@aol.com) In lieu of my 25th reunion, we managed to make it to the Penn — Harvard game this fall. Our three talented children keep us very busy with sports and music activities. I see **Steve Swan '84** regularly in town since our daughters are teammates and friends.

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The 3,000,000th Soldier By Don Ziegler '43

My birthday is celebrated with other February “notables” at Brittany Pointe Estates, and our milestone is highlighted on TV and in the Brittany Pointer. This publicity is followed by a social hour, a festive dinner, live music, “class” picture, and the traditional birthday song. From our community’s standpoint, the transition to the next birthday year for each resident is painless but tasteful.

As I advance from the elite septuagenarial age, I remember one birthday that was unique. I am sure that each reader has one special birthday experience that will never be forgotten.

It is a fact that we Februarians are a different breed from people born in other months. You see, we have only 28 days to accomplish what everyone else enjoys in 30 or 31 days! Not that we aren’t among the talented and restless, to wit: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Ronald Reagan, Erma Bombeck, Tom Brokaw, Cindy Crawford, Barbara Jordan, Ed Kennedy, Ted Koppel, Ralph Nader, Arlen Specter, Donald Trump, Marian Anderson, Joey Bishop, Sidney Poitier, Leontyne Price, etc.

Ten days before my 24th birthday: the scene is a pier at the port of LeHavre, France. My Army unit of 99 men is in a line to board a huge Navy transport ship. While we endure a prolonged wait, not unusual in the Army, a wave of subdued excitement filtered back to the last man—Ziegler. The 3,000,000th G.I. would be announced after we boarded.

We finally reached our bunks, tiered four-high in 3D (which means three decks below in the bowels of the ship). Minutes later, a couple of reporters from Stars and Stripes, the military newspaper for Europe, were yelling for Ziegler. They rushed me topside to interview me for being Mister 3,000,000! They asked me if there was anything I desired with my new title. I

replied, “A stateroom,” which was nixed.

The next morning, in the rain, my comrades had to debark and stand in formation for a ceremony, and I was presented with a watch and an unheard-of document. It read,

1) In recognition of the hand of fate and the bounties of Almighty God, which have made you the 3,000,000th American to trod a gangplank at the Port of LeHavre during this long and arduous war, the undersigned extend to you the freedom of the ship for the duration of the voyage to New York.

2) This document entitles you to buck any line which may occur among G.I. inhabitants, to be exempt from any work detail, and such other privileges and pleasures while you are on ship-board.

Now this may not read like a big deal and, at first, I didn’t think so either. Surely I would not push myself ahead of any soldiers in line for fear of finding myself overboard! However, the second day at sea, boredom set in. I decided to test whether my document and colorful armband, “Transport Commander,” was for real or so much hot air. I proceeded to cross “Do Not Pass” chains and climbed many flights to the bridge — that’s where all the action is. I was challenged by a Naval officer, and produced my document. I added that if I was off-limits, I would retreat to my hole to never be seen again. His reply shocked me: “The Skipper told us you are the only one allowed up here and to show you everything.” You cannot imagine the thrill of having the Navy crew show me the workings of the chart room, their dining areas, and the radio room ... and just being able to stick my nose in everywhere.

Two days before my birthday, the ship’s newspaper, The Porthole, wrote that I wished with all my heart to see

the Statue of Liberty on my birthday. For my birthday, the captain invited me to dinner in his spacious cabin. What a treat! Later, we ventured to the bridge with the ship’s photographer for pictures. He also presented me with a copy of a radiogram he had dispatched in “plain language” to COMDGENNYPE, 345 officers, 3116 enlisted men, 22 male civilians including 19 USO, a million government personnel and General Strawbridge for Walter Reed Hospital: Newsworthy soldier Donald Ziegler—3,000,000th embarked or debarked Port of LeHavre.

A bad storm delayed our arrival by two days. On a brilliant day, we crept into New York Harbor and formed my position atop the bridge, I waved to the Grand Old Lady holding the light of hope high above her crown, the fireboats spraying the sky, and the harbor pilots’ boats’ loudspeakers blaring “Sentimental Journey.” It was awesome!

You may recall a radio spot by a narrator named Paul Harvey. His human-interest documentary would come to a climax; then there would be a pause for a commercial. His return to the airwaves always started, “And here is the rest of the story!” About two years later, I reported to a telephone central office in Newark, N.J., to inspect a new switching apparatus. I spied the officer in charge of my unit on that eventful journey home. The rest of the rest of the story: He asked, “Do you want to know why you were 3,000,000th?” Of course I did. He told me that the port commander in LeHavre had asked him to select the soldier for this recognition. He knew that I spent nights in the office of the camp headquarters packing the vital records of the Field Artillery Group to which we had been assigned and that I typed the manifest for sailing. These actions speeded our exodus to the States and, therefore, I was so rewarded.

What a birthday!

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Pennsylvania Delta Foundation Financial Report

Below is a listing of Penn Delta's various endowment funds along with their purpose and December 31, 2003, account balances. Special thanks to the generous alumni who contribute to these specific endowment funds each semester (see names to the right).

Fund	12/31/03 Value	Description
Penn Delta Endowment Fund	\$104,600	General funding for special projects and events.
Balanced Man Scholarship Fund	\$28,572	Awarded to outstanding freshmen each year.
George Quinn Scholarship Fund	\$29,787	Awarded to the outstanding Penn Delta senior each year.
William Hindman Educational Fund	\$12,458	Supports undergraduate attendance at Carlson Leadership Academies and conclaves.

Please note: Alumni dues are used to support many events such as the senior dinner and homecoming as well as the publication of The Delta Penn. Your contributions are the major reason Penn Delta can continue these highly successful events and can keep you informed of brotherhood activities and achievements via this newsletter.

The monies contributed for annual dues and other endowments continue to be vital to the success of SigEp at Penn. We continue to count on your support through alumni dues during the year. Contributions to the capital campaign do not support the costs of the newsletter and other annual events.

And More Updates ...

Michael A. Rosenblum '79 (5815 Summit St., Kansas City, MO 64113-1141; michael.rosenblum@att.net) I met up with **David Sickle '81** in Chicago over Thanksgiving weekend and shared some time with his wonderful children and delightful wife. All of our children had a fun time together romping around the Vice Presidential Suite of The Intercontinental Hotel.

Tristan M. Hoag '87 (526-A W. Grant Pl., Chicago, IL 60614; tristan.hoag@sei-it.com) My family is moving into a new stage; the twins (son Connor, daughter Payton) are now 4 1/2 and enjoying school. My wife, Stephanie, is working part-time as an anesthetist. I recently started a new job at SEI running their IT consulting and outsourcing divisions. I'm back running marathons and recently completed the Chicago Marathon in 3:14. I stay in touch with **Curtis Lightburn '87**, **Eytan Tigay '89** and **Bryant Goodridge '87** and look forward to seeing them.

Steven C. Kessel '88 (102 Weaver Dr., Marlton, NJ 08053) Congratulations to Steve and wife, Nina, who are proud to announce the birth of Rachel Faye Kessel, born on 11/20/03.

Eytan A. Tigay '89 (329 W. Fourth St., New York, NY 10014-1901) Eytan and his wife, Rachel, are happy to announce the birth of their third child, Mae Esther Tigay, born on 1/25/04.

Charles R. Cain '92 (1302 Heritage Mist Ct., Mableton, GA 30126; chuckcain@hotmail.com) I got engaged in May 2003 (wedding in May 2004 in Tarrytown, N.Y.). Also, I have a new job as COO of a small home health care company in Atlanta, Ga. I moved to Atlanta from New Jersey in October for the new job and my fiancée.

Duff J. McDonald '92 (217 West 15th St., #4, New York, NY 10011) Duff has accepted a position writing a finance/money column for a start-up magazine to be named Best Life. It will be positioned as an upscale (e.g. GQ, Esquire) men's magazine. Best of luck!

Kenneth F. Hoskin '00 (460 Ena Rd., Suite 203, Honolulu, HI 96815; kenh@alumni.upenn.edu) I have moved from NYC to Honolulu. If anyone is planning a trip to Oahu, I would love the chance to meet up and offer any great advice on what to see and do.

Generous Brothers Who Have Given to Our Endowment and Scholarship Funds

(September 1, 2003 – March 16, 2004)

Balanced Man Scholarship Fund

James A. Hughes Jr. 1952
William J. Maxwell 1952
Donald A. Bux 1953
Earl C. Conway 1954
Vincent E. Rettew Jr. 1955
David E. Callahan 1960
Bruce D. McCormick 1960
Henry F. Guckes III 1961
Daniel H. Van Winkle 1962
Conrad J. Eberstein 1965
Garrison T. Russell 1966
Jeffrey R. Lehman 1972
Andrew B. Brody 1988
Brett R. Danko 1990
Glenn T. Preston 1990
Nelson N. Yu 1993
Richard C. Steinmeier 1996
Mark P. Nevitt 1997

George Quinn Scholarship Fund

Donald A. Bux 1953
Earl C. Conway 1954
Marianne Quinn 1955 *
Vincent E. Rettew Jr. 1955
Frank C. "Duke" Taylor Jr. 1958
David E. Callahan 1960
Bruce D. McCormick 1960
Conrad J. Eberstein 1965
William M. Schilling 1966
Jeffrey R. Lehman 1972
Timothy A. Garvey 1980
Timothy R. Wilson 1987
Andrew B. Brody 1988
Brett R. Danko 1990
Nelson N. Yu 1993

* Special thanks to Marianne for her generous \$10,000 donation to the Quinn Fund.

William Hindman Leadership Fund

William Hindman 1939
William H. Gelbach Jr. 1943
Earl C. Conway 1954
Vincent E. Rettew Jr. 1955
Bruce D. McCormick 1960
Conrad J. Eberstein 1965
Andrew B. Brody 1988
Brett R. Danko 1990

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To those brothers who have illustrated their commitment to our annual fund and alumni communications efforts, thank you! Many of us are inspired by the great feats of others ... the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" by the U.S. Olympic Hockey Team, the survival and rescue of nine Pennsylvania miners in 2002, and the challenges faced by the flight crew of Apollo 13 in 1970. These success stories were all a result of a "dream team" – a group of men – brothers – who came together, elevated those around them to do great things, and accomplish their goals. Our SigEp brotherhood is no different. Can we add your name to the list?

Stuart R. Trottmann Jr. 1939	Henry F. Guckes III 1961	Richard S. Pzena 1980
Donald J. Keiser 1941	John A. Bryson 1962	Douglas S. Roberts 1983
Winfield G. Knopf 1941	James E. Fanning Jr. 1964	Timothy E. Games 1984
Harry G. Arthur Jr. 1942	Terry N. Rahmeier 1964	Brian T. Henebry 1984
William H. Gelbach Jr. 1943	William H. Bateman 1965	Ivan M. Kessel 1984
Warren R. Monsees 1943	Conrad J. Eberstein 1965	Alan M. Abrams 1985
Henry A. Pope Jr. 1943	David N. Woodyatt 1965	Richard J. Mosley 1985
Frank H. Batchelor 1944	Calvin D. Bamford Jr. 1966	Mark Rex Edelson 1986
John M. Bixler 1949	Garrison T. Russell 1966	James F. Burns 1987
Albert J. Pope Jr. 1949	William M. Schilling 1966	Tristan M. Hoag 1987
Charles R. Shubert 1949	Paul W. Sottnek Jr. 1966	Timothy R. Wilson 1987
Robert L. Anderson 1950	Salvador A. Brau 1967	Andrew B. Brody 1988
James M. Armstrong II 1950	Dallas L. Smith 1967	Steven C. Kessel 1988
William M. Wheaton 1950	Richard K. Davis 1968	Arthur N. Gravanis 1989
David L. Ffrench 1951	Philip R. Lezenby Jr. 1968	Matthew T. Ciesla 1990
James N. White 1951	Mark E. Lieberman 1969	Brett R. Danko 1990
James A. Hughes Jr. 1952	H. Lee Roussel 1969	Glenn T. Preston 1990
William J. Maxwell 1952	Harold T. Baker II 1970	Paul Vaccaro 1990
Donald A. Bux 1953	Michael R. Greenwald 1970	Edward R. Burns 1991
Matthew D. Mackie Jr. 1953	William K. Tripp 1970	Joel T. Frauenheim 1992
Joseph R. Burns 1954	Bernardo Beyer 1971	Nelson N. Yu 1993
Earl C. Conway 1954	Kenneth P. Frankel 1972	Darryl H. Myrose 1995
Donald T. Floyd 1954	David M. Kohen 1972	Richard B. Thompson 1995
Victor O. Reigel 1955	Jeffrey R. Lehman 1972	William H. Choi 1996
Vincent E. Rettew Jr. 1955	Jeffrey B. Rotwitt 1972	Stephen J. Gresdo 1996
E. Kendall Lorenz 1956	James H. Brothers IV 1974	Tolga M. Latif 1996
Carroll P. Andres 1957	Howard Katelansky 1975	Richard C. Steinmeier 1996
Carl O. Foley 1958	Joseph S. Magnano 1975	Nick Bhuta 1997
William M. Rivel 1958	Kevin C. Duffy 1976	Jason D. Kirschner 1997
Frank C. "Duke" Taylor Jr. 1958	Lawrence J. Bove 1979	Grant C. Geisen 1998
Thomas E. Tay 1959	Anthony N. Mishik 1979	Joshua T. Thimons 1998
Henry J. Wilewski 1959	Michael A. Rosenblum 1979	Richard T. Chou 1999
David E. Callahan 1960	Timothy A. Garvey 1980	Daniel J. Olson 1999
Bruce D. McCormick 1960	Wayne A. Palladino 1980	Garry Clayton Kief