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2005 Calendar of Events

Senior Dinner

Thursday, September 20, 2005

Homecoming (vs. Princeton)

Saturday, November 5, 2005

Shipwreck Diver Doug Roberts '83 Featured in Bestselling Book

Shadow Divers, a New York Times bestseller written by Robert Kurson in 2004, tells the story of a dedicated group of deep shipwreck divers who discovered, explored and eventually tracked down the identity of the German U-boat known as U-869, which sunk in 230 feet of water off the coast of New Jersey during WWII.

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The *Shadow Divers* crew: (Back row) John Chatterton, Kevin Brennan, **Doug Roberts '83**; (front row) Rob Kurson (author), Richie Kohler.

Capital Campaign Kicks Off at NYC Dinner

\$645,950 Pledged So Far!

Following several months of behind-the-scenes preparations, administrative tasks and soliciting selected prospects, One Hundred Years of Excellence, A Vision for Our Second Century: The Campaign for Sigma

Phi Epsilon at the University of Pennsylvania formally kicked off at the 17th annual Raymond C. McCron Dinner at the Penn Club in New York City on April 7, 2005.



(L-R) **John Venusti '89**, **Bob O'Brien '89**, **Mike Murphy '89**.

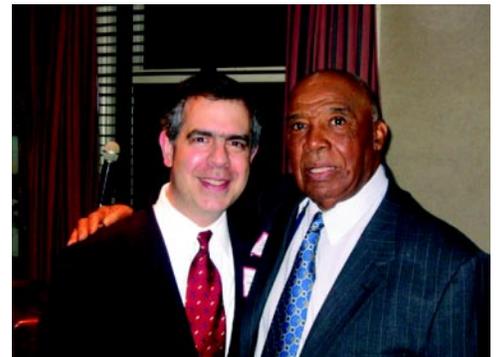
Nearly \$650,000 in gifts and pledges were announced as having been received to date. Penn Delta Foundation president and campaign co-chair **Brett Danko '90** spoke about the campaign and this auspicious start to raising enough

funding to substantially renovate the Penn Delta chapter house at 4028 Walnut Street.

This year the NYC dinner was a terrific, as well as timely, opportunity to announce to those present and, by way of this issue of *The Delta Penn*, the entire community of SigEps at Penn, that we have achieved initial success in our capital campaign, and we are well on our way toward our fundraising goal. It was also the culmination of more than a year of capital campaign feasibility studies, initial planning and selected visits with Penn Delta alumni who have supported the chapter over the years. The response so far has been most encouraging in this early stage of what will be a two-year fundraising campaign.

A crowd of more than 60 Penn Delta alumni, undergraduates and friends were on hand to

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Wayne Palladino '80 and **Jack Shores**.

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hear the good news of the campaign's formal and public launching. It is the first capital campaign for Penn Delta since the early 1990s. Those assembled applauded the news that \$645,950 had already been pledged to the campaign on our way to raising \$1.5 million or more to fund the most extensive renovation to the SigEp chapter house since it was acquired in the 1970s.

Planned major house improvements include enclosing the courtyard to create more space in the basement as well as on the first floor, building an additional wing at the back of the house for more bedrooms, moving the parking lot entrance to the back of the property (Chancellor



From left: **Dave Lloyd '74, Quang O '96, Steve Gresdo '96, Josh Krotec '01, Brett Danko '90, Jack Shores, John Venusti '89, Wayne Palladino '80, Nelson Yu '93.**

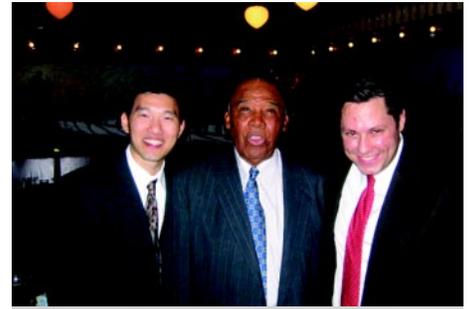
Street), and major upgrades to the infrastructure of the 106-year-old house such as electrical, HVAC and plumbing. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2007. **Due to numerous safety-code considerations enacted throughout the last decade, these upgrades are essential to a safe living environment and are required not only by Penn but by the state of Pennsylvania.**

Gifts to the campaign will be deposited in a specially designated account for Sigma Phi Epsilon at the University of Pennsylvania. The arrangement allows:

- All gifts to be tax deductible for donors.
- All gifts to qualify for applicable corporate matching gifts programs for those alumni whose companies have such programs.
- Most pledges to be made over multiple years, up to a maximum of five years.
- Numerous naming opportunities.

Several members of the capital campaign committee, all of whom have made monetary pledges, were in attendance at the dinner to help campaign co-chair **Brett Danko** proclaim the campaign's formal kickoff. They included **David Lloyd '74, Wayne Palladino '80, Rich Pzena '80, John Venusti '89, Nelson Yu '93** and **Steve Gresdo '96.**

Announced as the longest-distance



From left: **Quang O '96, Jack Shores and Steve Gresdo '96.**

traveler to the McCron dinner was campaign donor **Quang O '96**, who flew in from his consulting location in San Francisco to join his fellow brothers.

Our campaign coordinator, **Greg McElroy**, and members of the campaign committee will continue contacting selected alumni throughout the rest of the year, and all alumni will be informed more fully about the campaign as we go forward.

Any Penn Delta alumni wishing to learn more about the campaign, please contact campaign co-chair **Brett Danko** by telephone at (609) 912-1899 or e-mail at danko1@mindspring.com.

The campaign for Penn Delta is off and running, and we need the support of all SigEps at Penn!

Shipwreck Diver Doug Roberts Featured in Bestselling Book

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Brother **Doug Roberts '83** was part of the initial group, a daring team that risked their lives with every dive. The perils and exhilaration they experienced are chronicled throughout the book in vivid detail.

While there are as many as 10 million certified scuba divers in the U.S., only a few hundred dive deeper than 100 feet for shipwrecks. For these very few, the sport is an addiction. It has tested each of them against treacherous currents, freezing water, depths that induce hallucinatory narcosis, and navigation through wreckage as perilous as any minefield. These divers push themselves to the limits and beyond, brushing against their own deaths in the rusting hulks of sunken, sometimes forgotten, ships.

During his mid- to late 20s, brother Roberts regularly subjected himself to such dangers by exploring U-869 as well as the famed Italian oceanliner the Andrea Doria that lies 240 feet beneath the sea in the frigid Atlantic Ocean. He also explored other Northeastern shipwrecks including the U.S.S. Oregon, U.S.S. San Diego, the Arundo, the Choapa and the Ayuroca. He is a member of the Explorers Club for his participation the U-869 expedition.

Doug became interested in diving after graduating from Penn. He became scuba-certified, and dove in shallow depths and to various shipwrecks in the warm Caribbean with other Penn Delta SigEps, namely **Howard Gitten '82** and **Kenny Meyers '83.**

However, only Doug sought out the challenge of deep shipwreck diving, one of the world's most dangerous sports. It is said that if a deep-wreck diver stays in the sport long enough, he will likely see another diver die, or come close to dying or die himself.

Shadow Divers details a deep-wreck diver stays in the sport long enough, he will likely see another diver die, come close to dying, or die himself.

After the initial dives exploring the U-boat, Doug met his bride-to-be and opted to stop pursuing this death-defying sport. He still dives for pleasure.

The film rights to *Shadow Divers* have been purchased by Fox 2000, and brother Roberts has been doing several book signings throughout the United States while he is not busy operating his Web site businesses, www.smartcover.com and the soon to be launched www.channelcapitalresearch.com.

New Pledge Class Excels in Athletics and Academics; Brother Takes on High-Profile Role with Daily Pennsylvanian. By Alan Blank '06, Chapter President

This semester was terrific on all fronts for us here at Penn. Our academics improved, our various athletic teams had success, and our fraternity grew with a new and outstanding pledge class.

Our new pledge class is sure to lead the house in positive directions. The class has athletes from the football, roller hockey and rugby teams, and academically they are all terrific. A good portion of our freshman class attended our annual New York dinner; we had more than 25 brothers go to the Penn Club in New York. Thanks again to **Brett Danko '90** for a night on the town with some of our distinguished alumni.

Right now we are wrapping up the year and getting ready to send our seniors off to bigger and better things. **Tyler Tassin '05** will be attending Harvard Law School next year, **Frank Spelman '05** and **Jon Karmel '05** will be starting work at the prestigious investment banking firm Gleacher Partners next fall, **Jon Pomeroy '05** will be headed to medical school and **Tim Earle '05** will be getting married. Everyone is preparing for the upcoming changes, and the entire house will be sad to see our beloved seniors leave.

As a house, athletically we have performed above and beyond any other fraternity on campus. **Rob Eroh '08** and the varsity football team came within one win of clinching another Ivy League championship. **Jon Pomeroy '05**, **Andy Zwecker '06**, **Tory Haavik '07** and **Jon Karmel '05** advanced to the semifinals in the Pennsylvania League roller hockey tournament. Perhaps most impressively, **Evan Swaine '06**, **Andrew Gray '06**, **Mike Loyd '08**, **Tripper Sivick '08**, **Tommy**

Richards '05 and **Mark Sabat '06** helped the men's rugby team come one game from advancing to the national tournament of the 36 best teams in the nation. They lost to #4 Penn State in a very close game.

Josh Stilman '06, our chaplain and philanthropy chair, did a great job this semester helping organize an interfraternity basketball coaching league. A number of fraternities on campus have gotten together to visit local middle schools in Philadelphia and coach basketball teams every weekend for the kids.

Jeffrey Greenwald '07 was recently voted by our school newspaper, *The Daily Pennsylvanian*, to assume the demanding role of sports editor, in which he has done an outstanding job.

Right now **Brian Long '06** is soaking up some European culture by spending the semester abroad in Greece studying a variety of subjects including his main interest, marketing. As for me, I am traveling with **Hampus Loftkus '07** to visit Brian in Athens right after school gets out in May.

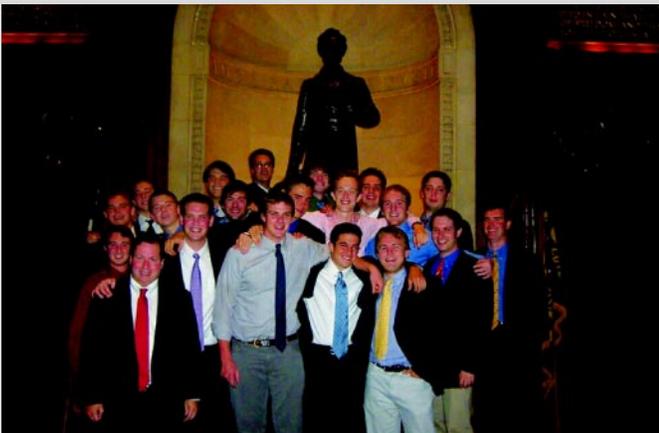
And, of course, our own **Jack Shores** is doing quite well. Jack went to the annual New York dinner and had a fantastic time. He is very pleased with the new brothers and enjoys their presence in the house every night at dinner.

As the new president of the house, I have worked this semester to strengthen our standards board in order to avoid the kind of situations we have all read in the news about SigEps and other fraternities getting into avoidable trouble. I know our house is headed in the right direction, and I am determined to see that it remains on track.

2004 Senior Dinner a Success

Penn Delta alumni joined SigEp seniors last September for the annual Senior Dinner. The event, held in the historic Lincoln Room of the Union League in Philadelphia, honors seniors and aims to keep them active with the house during their final year at Penn.

The date for this year's Senior Dinner is Tuesday, September 20. For more information contact **Brett Danko '90** at (609) 912-1899 or danko1@mindspring.com.



Find Old College Friends at www.pennsigep.com

Sigma Phi Epsilon is your strongest link to the University of Pennsylvania and the friends you made there. **We're on a mission to gather all the e-mail addresses of our alumni.** This will help you stay in touch with old friends and reconnect with others. We'll work to keep the list current too, so you'll always know where you can find a brother's e-mail address.

Only members of the Pennsylvania Delta Chapter will have access to this information.

You can update your address by visiting our Web site at www.pennsigep.com or by indicating any changes on the enclosed solicitation form.



Updates From and About Our Alumni

David L. Bickelhaupt '51

(2239 Buckley Rd., Columbus, OH 43220-4613) Congratulations on Penn Delt's 100th. The newsletter was informative and well done!

Thomas E. Tay '59

(1524 Wandering Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110-2974; ttay439253@aol.com) I am retired and enjoying it. My wife and I have been spending as much of each winter as possible in Mexico since I retired in 1999. Last May we cruised to Bermuda.

David N. Jehn '85

(1516 E. Mayfair Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004) After six years living in New Zealand (and Australia), it is a huge change of pace to move back to the U.S. It will be good to reconnect with family and old friends, especially my SigEp brothers.

Joseph R. Halprin '87

(4 Burnside Pl., Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706-3018; joseph_halprin@mastercard.com) Joe Halprin and Annette Quinn welcomed daughter Quinn Rickard Halprin on December 8, 2004. Congratulations to them both!

Seth M. Popper '88

(35 Oxford Rd., Manalapan, NJ 07726) Jake Popper was born on April 1, 2005, to Seth and his wife Stacey.

Brett R. Danko '90

(39 Green Ave., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-1623; danko1@mindspring.com) Brett and his wife Dawn D'Orlando are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Nicholas Danko on May 9, 2005. Nicholoas joins sister Abby (3).

Eric M. Nadler '90

(57 Lockwood Ave., Old Greenwich, CT 06070-1710) I have two children, Benjamin (6) and Samuel (3). Started a new job in July 2004 — hedge fund, SAC Capital Advisors. I manage emerging market bonds.

Peter J. Sunenshine '91

(194 Cedar Ln., Closter, NJ 07624; sunenshi@umdnj.edu) Pete and his bride Jamie are proud to announce the newest member of the family, Jacob, born in December 2004. Jacob joins his sister Zoe and dogs Redd and Blu.

Charles R. Cain '92

(1302 Heritage Mist Ct., Mableton, GA 30126; chuckcain@hotmail.com) Since I last saw most of you at the 2002 alumni weekend, much has happened. In fact, it started that weekend when I reconnected with Erica Levi, a fellow 1992 graduate. This prompted me to move to Atlanta last fall. Erica and I were married in May 2004. In July we welcomed a wonderful

niece, Taylor. In October Erica changed jobs and is incredibly happy. In November I left my position as COO of Alpha HomeCare Services to join the retained executive search firm Harvard Group International as a partner. And, finally, last week my in-laws decided to retire and move from New York to Atlanta, increasing our family in town. All in all, it's been an amazing year with lots of change



In February, **Neil Batiancila '99** made an appearance as a rabid Eagles fan in the *New York Times*, in an article about Super Bowl mania.

and excitement. I look forward to seeing you all in the near future. If anyone is coming to Atlanta, get in touch with me.

Andrew S. Hua '92

(225 South Tower Dr., Unit 302, Beverly Hills, CA 90211-3439; andrewhua@yahoo.com) Andrew and his wife Vivian are thrilled to announce the birth of Madison Charlene Hua on February 21, 2005. (Note: Andrew, who manages his own investment firm specializing in the Asian equity markets, has been the treasurer of the Pennsylvania Delta Foundation for the past seven years. Despite living in Los Angeles, where he is unable to attend regular meetings, Andrew has been a tremendous help to the Foundation, and we hope he will remain part of the alumni board for many years to come.)

In Memory

We regret to inform you of the death of **Carlton Waters '36**.

Penn Delta mourns the loss of our brother and extends condolences to their families and friends.



Attending the August 28, 2004, wedding of **Dan Olson '99** are (kneeling, left to right) **John McCarty '99**, **Scott Emmick '99**, **Neil Batiancila '99**, **Saam Farhang '00**; (standing, left to right) **Rob Fuller '99**, **Randy Hsia '99**, **Keith Lotman '99**, **Ryan Hummer '99**, **Dan Olson '99**, **Dan McCaughey '99**, **Justin Huhn '01**, **Dan Rosen '99** and **Bryan Bogue '01**.

Generous Brothers Who Have Given to Our Endowment and Scholarship Funds

Balanced Man Scholarship Fund

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C. Crandall Shaffer '43
David Ffrench '51
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Robert Johnson '55
Daniel Van Winkle '62
Conrad Eberstein '65
Garrison Russell '66
Jeffrey Lehman '72
Brett Danko '90
Eric Nadler '90

George Quinn Scholarship Fund

William Roberts '34
William Hindman '39
Matthew Mackie '53
Rogers Vaughn '53
Robert Johnson '55
David Callahan '60
Terry Rahmeier '64
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William Schilling '66
Jeffrey Lehman '72
Brett Danko '90
Eric Nadler '90
Daniel McCaughey '99

William Hindman Leadership Fund

William Hindman '39
C. Crandall Shaffer '43
Conrad Eberstein '65
Brett Danko '90
Eric Nadler '90



Remarkable Results: SigEp Plays Important Role in Building Integrity and Character

Some people in today's society may think it's old-fashioned to discuss morality and integrity, but the reality is that good morals, good manners and good behavior will never go out of style. On college campuses, fraternities and sororities offer a great foundation for developing these ideals.

While it must be acknowledged that some Greek organizations fall woefully short in this regard, and that many — maybe most — have experienced at least a few challenging incidents, the Greek system is still driven by values-based programs.

Learning about responsibility, honesty, courtesy, respect, justice, community service, philanthropy, academic achievement, cooperation, diversity and tolerance is simply part of what it means to go Greek. There are long-standing codes of conduct in place to uphold these cherished values, and new members are instilled with the importance of maintaining their organization's venerable traditions and good reputation.

Peer pressure of the right kind has a positive impact. Since the actions of each individual reflect on the group as a whole, members influence each other to do right. They encourage each other to strive for good grades and to contribute to the welfare of the group and the community, and they discipline those who step out of line.

In fact, far more behavioral guidance is evidenced in Greek houses than in the average dormitory or student-occupied apartment building, not just through peer pressure but also through the steadying influence of each chapter's board of directors, the codes of conduct endorsed by each organization's national office, the campus's interfraternity council and, most important, the active support of each chapter's alumni.

- Greeks often outperform the general student population in academics, with many Greek organizations mandating higher

grade averages from their members than the averages among the rest of the student population.

- Greeks far surpass every other student demographic group when it comes to community involvement. They raise untold millions of dollars for charitable organizations and annually donate millions of hours of their time to worthy causes of all kinds, from Big Brothers/Big Sisters to Habitat for Humanity to local food banks, and so many more.
- Greek organizations are also training grounds for leadership, teamwork, problem solving and time management. Through chapter leadership positions, undergraduates develop advanced human relations skills that will be invaluable to them throughout their lives, both in business and in their personal relationships.

Statistics from the North-American Interfraternity Conference reveal that nearly half of all U.S. presidents, 30 percent of members of Congress, 40 percent of U.S. Supreme Court justices and about 30 percent of Fortune 500 executives have Greek roots. How can two percent of the overall student population have become so dominant in public life? They have their character-building experiences in fraternities and sororities to thank for that.

From national headquarters to local chapters, Greek organizations demand that their undergraduate members be accountable, involved, hard-working and caring people. By providing nurturing environments with high behavioral expectations, fraternities and sororities are shaping the leaders and responsible citizens of the future.

The ongoing support of dedicated alumni is crucial to making it possible for us to continue providing these worthwhile opportunities for current and future generations of Greeks.

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"Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be so." – Charles De Gaulle

We would like to acknowledge the following alumni who have contributed to our 2004-2005 annual fund as of May 16, 2005. Because of their support, we are able to stay connected to you through publication of The Delta Penn and other alumni communications. If you have not yet made a contribution to our annual fund, please consider making a donation to help support our future at Penn. Thank you

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