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## Neil Batiancila '99 Gives Back: Carrying on SigEp's Vision of Brotherly Love

By Neil Batiancila '99, Deputy Director, City Year Greater Philadelphia



As I prepared to leave the hallowed (or holed) walls of SigEp six years ago, I was lucky enough to

be graduating into a fantastic job market. Despite the opportunities, I chose a different path – one of giving back.

I had plans for graduate school, but first, I wanted to distinguish myself from the competition. I joined an AmeriCorps program called City Year. City Year is a national program that recruits diverse young adults to spend 10 months of their lives as full-time tutors, mentors, and role models for children in cities across the nation. Here in Philadelphia, we have built the largest site in the City Year network and one of the most successful AmeriCorps programs in the country. Our "corps members" come from all walks of life – ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, educational – and work with kids from grades K-12, providing academic assistance, delivering character development lessons and engaging children in volunteer opportunities. They break down their social barriers through the common ground of community service.

The thing that is unique about City Year is that we see our work as part of a national service movement. Our vision is that some day the most commonly asked question of every young person would be, "Where are you going to do your service year?" We spread the word of our service through a high-profile advisory board, a network of community champions, and a corporate partnership program, which

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connects the corporate community with the work that our corps members do.

One of the true benefits of City Year is that it does, in fact, distinguish its members from their peers. From last year's City Year corps alone (2004-2005), we graduated two members with full-tuition scholarships to law school, one to the Graduate School of Education at Columbia University, another to medical school, and one to one of our biggest corporate partners, Comcast.

I personally benefited as well. I was awarded a scholarship to an MBA program in Boston, but I chose to stay in Philadelphia to keep leading our site. I currently serve as City Year Greater Philadelphia's Deputy Director, only five years after I did my AmeriCorps year with the program. There is nothing more gratifying than working with an organization that has the potential to change the world.

When I started, I remember thinking that I wanted to find a place where I could carry on SigEp's core values of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love. One of the things I appreciated most

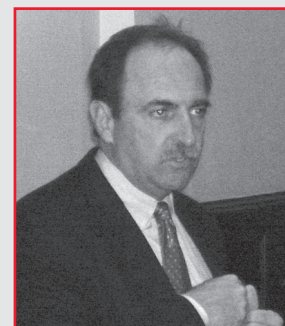
as an undergraduate was the gratification of brotherhood. At City Year, I am fortunate to have found that sense of brotherhood among the people who wear the City Year red jackets that you may see in the community. We all fight everyday for a cause larger than ourselves – the chance to make a difference.

I hope that some of you consider giving back for a year after you graduate. City Year would welcome any SigEp who

wants to make a difference – there are four SigEps currently at my own site. It's a small sacrifice for an experience that you can take with you forever.

You can learn more about City Year Greater Philadelphia at [www.whyiserve.com](http://www.whyiserve.com) or can contact Neil at 267-586-704 or via email at [nbatiancila@cityyear.org](mailto:nbatiancila@cityyear.org). AmeriCorps positions with City Year are available for the 2006-2007 year.

### Balanced Man Scholarship Dinner



Fran Dunphy – Penn Head Basketball coach – guest speaker

# *Penn Delta: Aiming to be the Most Balanced on Campus* By Alan Blank

This semester has started out on a terrific note for us here at Penn Delta. Our academics continue to thrive, our athletic teams compete at the highest level and we have spent many hours and dollars helping the community with our community service efforts.

## **Graduates**

We are very excited for the upcoming Homecoming Weekend to see alumni young and old. Some of our most recent alumni have gone on to do some fantastic things this year. **Tyler Tassin '05** is a first year law student at Harvard Law; **Frank Spelman '05** and **Jon Karmel '05** have started working at the prestigious investment banking Gliether Group in New York City; **Tim Earle '05** got married over the summer.

## **Athletics**

Penn Delta has performed above and beyond any other fraternity on campus so far this year. **Rob Eroh '08** and the varsity football team started the season out strong, unfortunately they were not able to capture the Ivy League crown. Our brothers **Andrew Gray '06**, **Mike Loyd '08**, **Tripper Sivick '08** and **Mark Sabat '06** from the rugby team recently came within one win of advancing in the playoffs.

## **Philanthropy**

In November, we joined Habitat for Humanity for a weekend to help provide a home for a family. The chapter also joined with the rest of the Greek community at Penn to raise over \$50,000 for Katrina relief efforts. We worked with other houses on campus to organize charity races, bracelet and t-shirt sales, and get pledges from local businesses to help the gulf coast in their time of need.

## **News on Undergraduates**

Congrats to **Jeffrey Greenwald '07** was recently chosen to assume the demanding role of sports editor for our school newspaper *The Daily Pennsylvanian*. He has done an outstanding job.

**Hampus Loftkus '07** is spending a semester in Hong Kong, while **Andy Zwecker '07** is in Seville. **Brain Long '06** returned from spending his spring semester in Greece to bring back a multitude of stories and pictures.

The seniors of the house have been doing some pretty exciting things this semester so far. **Brian Savage '06** and **Josh Stilman '06** have started up a band some guys from St. Joseph's University and have played a number of times at the chapter house, including the Katrina relief party we hosted. All of the seniors came together earlier this year at the Union League for the annual Senior Dinner. **Brett Danko '91** helped organize the event and we had

a spectacular turnout and a great dinner. All of the seniors also helped to put together a recent golf outing that we held. **Frank Olander '07** took home the trophy by hitting an outstanding 8 over par for 18 holes.

My goal as president is for the chapter to be the most balanced on campus. I believe that every SigEp needs a balance of academics, community service, athletics and social activities. I think we are headed in the right directions and I know that the next president of the house will work as hard as I have to steer us in the right direction.

No update would be complete without information about Jack. Jack is doing terrific. He continues to teach both us a thing or two about playing pool, as well as lifelong lessons. Jack has decided to come in every few Sundays to cook dinners for us before our house meetings and it has gone very well so far

## **Leadership**

We welcome the following sophomores to their new positions as leaders in our house!

### *Social Chairs*

**Tripper Sivick '08**  
**Rob Eroh '08**

### *Rush Chairs*

**Mike Loyde '08**  
**Ian Starling '08**

### *Steward*

**Jimmy Santomoura '08**

### *Athletic Chair*

**Bruce Hilman '08**

### *Balanced Man Scholarship Chairs*

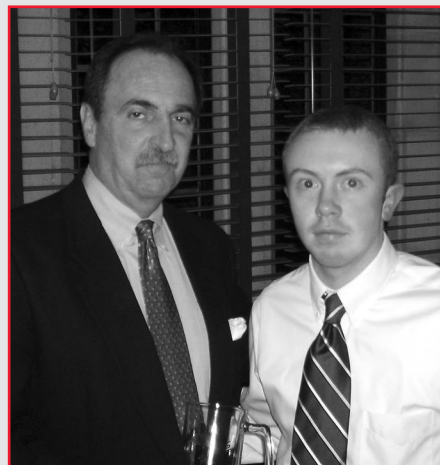
**Tripper Sivick '08**  
**Logan Patrick '08**

The sophomores have also taken great responsibilities as continued executive board members, social chairs and philanthropy chairs.

## **Balanced Man Scholarship Dinner**



**Fran Dunphy, Alan Blank '06**  
(President)



**Fran Dunphy, Logan Patrick '08**  
(BMS Chair)

## Remarkable Results

### *SigEpPlays 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. Long-standing codes of conduct are 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.

The results are remarkable:

- 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.

Greek organizations do a tremendous amount of good — for their members and for society as a whole. The ongoing support of dedicated alumni is crucial to making it possible for SigEp to continue providing these worthwhile opportunities for current and future generations of Greeks.

### Balanced Man Scholarship Dinner



Greg Robinson '06,  
Antonio Spigonardo '06



Scott Johnson '08, Donald Sivick III '08  
(BMS Chairs)

### Coming Soon: Major Enhancements to Our Alumni Website [www.pennsigep.com](http://www.pennsigep.com) Revamped Site Will Offers New Look, Added Features

We are excited to announce that at the beginning of the year we will be unveiling some much-awaited enhancements to our alumni website. It will have more robust features, increased flexibility and usability, and options for adding brand new features to our online community.

New features to [www.pennsigep.com](http://www.pennsigep.com) will include:

- blogging
- an organized photo album
- event calendar

Since we can't all get back to Penn as much as we would like, we want this website to be a place for brothers to come together and share memories, photos and updates about themselves! Watch your email and upcoming mailings for more details.



# Updates From and About Our Alumni

## John J. Huston '43

(1103 Hunters Ln., Oreland, PA 19075-2321; jhuston1@comcast.net) To those of us with fond memories of Penn: After 52 years at the same domicile in Oreland, Betty and I relocated to a retirement community near Valley Forge.

## Rogers W. Vaughn '53

(933 Copes Ln., West Chester, PA 19380-1943; Rwwaughn@comcast.net) My wife, Pat and I continue to live in West Chester, PA. I serve as president of the West Chester Area School Board and am running for another four-year term. I also continue to serve on the board of the Centreville, DE, school, a private school specializing in helping learning-disabled students. I occasionally see other SigEps who also live in this area.

## George B. Ramsey '54

(275 Forest Hills Blvd., Naples, FL 34113; gbr1931@aol.com) I retired after a 40-year career

in the investment business. My wife of 45 years, Josephine, and I live in Naples, FL, during the winter, and on the beach in Sea Isle City, N.J., during the summer. Our son Tim is a major in the Army, and is currently an air transportation officer in Kuwait. Our son Chris is a lawyer in Seattle. My phone number in Florida is 239-732-5504, and my number in New Jersey is 609-263-8437.

## Robert M. Johnson '55

(1555 Ulster Cir., West Chester, PA 19380-6840; montaguejohnson@cs.com) Brothers P. Clarke Glennon '55, Aram Jerrehian '55, Vincent Rettew '55, Harry Richards '55, Joseph Zahn '55 and I shared our 50th Reunion at Penn this past May. Several of us worked on the committees involved and it was a great weekend. I'd encourage other classes to participate when they get the chance.

## Bruce E. Dahlgren '66

(309 W. 5th, Apt. 1, North Little Rock, AR 72114-5459; harbard@aol.com) Two main things are new with me. First, I've moved to Arkansas. My new address is above, and my new phone is 501-374-0212. The other major news is that now I'm working full-time at the local NPR affiliates, KLRE-FM and KUAR-FM, filling in since the retirement of the former afternoon classical host.

Eventually they will post a new job, probably turning it into a proper program director position, which of course I'll apply for. For any who remember me, you'll appreciate that this is a satisfying and suitable work for this aging hippy and ex-archaeologist wannabe who grew up on a steady diet of the late Karl Haas and the like. Anyone who wants to listen to my output can go to [klre.org](http://klre.org), where streaming audio is available.

You can read and see more about me, my life up to now, my archaeological work in Eritrea/Ethiopia, etc., at my website (<http://hometown.aol.com/skipbdahlgren/skipdahlgren.html>). From there, please drop me a line. I look forward to hearing from my old SigEp brothers!

## Salvador A. Brau '67

(110 Tigertail Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90049-2706; salvo@labridge.

com) My career took a turn for the better in 1999 after I developed a new approach to the anterior lumbar spine to allow spine surgeons to perform anterior spinal surgery quickly and safely. Since then I have become the international authority on the subject and have traveled all over the country and the world presenting and teaching on the subject at spine society meetings and world congresses. I also developed the retraction system necessary to do these procedures with two patents to my credit. More importantly, my daughter and son each have a son and a daughter, so I have four beautiful grandchildren, Julian, 7, Isabel, 4, Jameson, 4, and Peyton, 1 1/2. They give me continued reason to live and they call me Pops. It is truly a blessing to have found a new professional niche somewhat later in life and to have these precious children near me at a time when I can dedicate myself to them even more than I could with my own children.

## Kenneth B. Marcus '72

(403 Wanao Rd., Kailua, HI 96734-3440; kennethben@mac.com) Our entire family (me, Gail, Josh, Rock and Amy) went east to attend Becca Rosenberg's wedding in June (the daughter of Robert "Buzz" Rosenberg '72) and took the

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When Jason Feldman '02 married Eileen McCarthy '02, the following brothers joined them to celebrate (L-R): Best Man Chad Roosth '05, Robert Payne '02, Paul Yakulis '02, Dustin Marshall '00, Josh Krotec '01, Jason and Eileen, Kevin Matthews '02, Aaron Tidman '02, Kyle Bahr '02 and Brendan Browne '07.

## Updates *(Continued from page 4)*

entire family on a tour of the old stomping grounds. Josh is in his second year at BU Law, Rock is a sophomore at Colorado College and Amy is a junior at Punahou Academy out here in Honolulu. Aloha to all!

**John E. O'Gorman '80**  
(26 Essex Road, Chatham, NJ 07928-2056; johneogorman@yahoo.com) I joined Madison Financial Aid Consultants in my hometown of Chatham, NJ, this summer as a college financial planner. This financial services boutique firm provides a comprehensive range of financial services, but specializes in the unique college search and financing area.

**Joseph R. Halprin '87**  
(4 Burnside Pl., Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706-3018; joseph\_halprin@mastercard.com) My wife Annette (Penn '88) and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our first child: daughter Quinn

Rickard Halprin. We suspect you will note a change in our annual Christmas letter due to our new bundle of joy. Also, based on current sleep deprivation, please call before 9:00 p.m. and don't expect us to close Smokey Joe's ever again. We just need a nice SigEp boy to meet her 20 years from now during new student week or at the drop/add, go-naked party (Not! Do they still have those?) We can be reached at the above email address and look forward to finally being able to share children stories with the rest of you.

## *In Memory*

**Charles E. Headley '33**  
(378 Franklin Rd., Denville, NJ 07834-3405) Deceased 1/7/2005 per his son.

## Balanced Man Scholarship Dinner



**Dan Olsen,  
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