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UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Dinner
September 24, 2007

Homecoming
October 20, 2007

Balanced Man Scholarship Awards Dinner
November 2007

McCron Dinner at The Penn Club in NYC
Spring 2008

Penn Alumni Weekend SigEp Reception at the Chapter House
May 17, 2008

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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Campaign for SigEp Formally Launched

Your Support is Needed to Keep the SigEp Penn Tradition Strong

By Brett Danko '90, President, Pennsylvania Delta Foundation

In July, our Campaign ventured forth from the “leadership” phase, where 38 leadership gifts and pledges approaching \$1,000,000 were secured, to the general phase where our entire alumni body was given an opportunity to contribute to the Campaign via the mailing of our “Vision for SigEp’s Second Century” fundraising brochure.

As a tribute to the leadership of the Class of '55, as pointed out by the brochure cover letter, I can report that many of the members of '65, '85, '90, '96 are having class conversations about class gifts to the Campaign to name a room or specific area in the newly-renovated chapter house—and those are only the conversations I know about.

We aim to secure \$2,000,000. If we are successful, this would provide enormous

flexibility for us to consider such possibilities of a “quasi-endowment” to assist the undergrads in the employment of a house man/caretaker in the Dorsey Baker tradition, the thinking being that if we make such a large investment in the physical house, it is clearly in everyone’s interest to do all we can to maintain it.

We trust that your reading of undergraduate Recruitment VP Logan Patrick’s recruitment article below will reinforce in the alumni mind how seriously the current chapter is engaging in the opportunity of SigEp at Penn.

And last, may I invite all of you to Homecoming on October 20th, where I trust we can not only acknowledge the University’s kick-off that day of its latest 5-year Campaign, but the anticipated success of ours.

Penn Delta Prepares for a Strong Year

Recruitment Plans Promise to Improve Rush Process

By Logan Patrick '08, VP Recruitment

2007 will be a monumental opportunity for recruitment at Penn Delta. As we enter the fall semester, the brotherhood is preparing to welcome the class of 2011 to the Penn campus. This fall, the chapter house will be near full occupancy, housing twenty-five brothers including ten seniors. This strong presence of seniors will provide guidance for the younger brothers as they assume leadership roles. In addition, our talented group of sophomores will be the key liaisons between the chapter and incoming freshmen.

To ensure an outstanding year of recruitment, we must bear in mind a number of important rules. First and foremost, we must remember that recruitment is our number-

one priority: a strong class of new brothers will not only provide manpower and financial resources, but will also protect the future of our organization. Second, we must be mindful that every aspect of our Penn careers—both as individuals and as a brotherhood—relates to recruitment. Through athletics, extracurricular activities, social events, and community service, we must continue to build our stature within Penn’s greek community and actively seek out talented freshmen.

As VP of Recruitment, I’m pleased to say the chapter is succeeding in putting these rules into practice. Last spring, SigEp led all Penn fraternities in community service, the highlight being a Locust Walk fundraiser with the Sigma

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Delta Tau sorority. Many of our brothers are members of Penn Baseball, Football, Rugby, Sprint Football, and are prepared to recruit new students from these teams. I believe the momentum we built last year has given us a tremendous head-start for the coming recruitment cycle.

This fall, the chapter will again hold the Balanced Man Scholarship and awards dinner, which recognizes Penn freshmen with outstanding achievements in athletics, academics, and extracurricular activities. Three sophomores—**Peter Krumbhaar**, **Ben Skarzynski**, and **Sohum Trivedi**—will lead the program. The interview process, which takes place in October, brings a large group of the most talented freshmen to our doorstep.

This year, we hope to take full advantage of the recruitment opportunity the Balanced Man program offers.

Brother **Jim Saksa**, a senior and the chapter's community service chair, has a unique perspective on fraternity recruitment. After spending two years at Villanova, he transferred to Penn. By the time he joined SigEp in 2006, he was 22 years old. "After I transferred, I had no intention of joining a fraternity. But some of the guys I met kept encouraging me to join SigEp," says Jim. As a transfer student, he didn't have the same recruitment experience that most new students do: living in freshmen dorms, walking in packs to rush, and receiving piles of flyers for fraternity events. But, Jim adds,

"After seeing the guys at SigEp and the way they interact, the way they enjoy each other's company... It made me realize I wanted to join a fraternity, and I wouldn't join anywhere but SigEp."

Jim's experience highlights perhaps our greatest advantage: each individual's commitment to the fraternity and the value we place on brotherhood is almost certainly the strongest at Penn. If we stay focused on recruitment, we can be the fraternity that every freshman wants to join. And if we continue our upward momentum as a leading presence on campus, we will truly be unstoppable.

ALUMNI DUES

Dues Are Vital to Penn Delta

Make Your Contribution Today by Sending in a Check with the Included Form

With each mailing of the Delta Penn, we ask alumni for dues. We've structured dues amounts in steps because we know that there are alumni committed enough and who have the ability to contribute at higher levels, for which we are exceedingly grateful. (We also know that there are alumni who contribute their dues every time they are asked, meaning twice a year.)

The Pennsylvania Delta Foundation board and the undergraduate chapter

thanks you all for your continuing support, for our dues support alumni communications system, our website, www.pennsigep.com, the Delta Penn and undergraduate/alumni events.

Specifically, as able, the alumni treasury underwrites whatever expenses are incurred at the annual senior dinner which contributions from individual alumni who attend do not cover. And the Foundation has been known to assist

the undergraduates with some of the costs associated with the Balanced Man Scholarship dinner, Homecoming costs, the New York City McCron Dinner costs, and the Alumni Weekend gathering every May.

As alumni consider a "significant" gift to the Campaign for Sigma Phi Epsilon, it is, frankly, important to remember to contribute to our dues program, for the dues provide the financial glue for us to stay in touch and to get together.

UPCOMING FIFTH YEAR REUNIONS

Penn Reunion Class Gifts From Classes Ending in "3" or "8"

Donations to Penn, Earmarked for SigEp Campaign, Count Toward Class Gift Total

May 2008, will mark the campus reunions of Penn classes ending in 3 and 8. By now, the classes have determined the scope and nature of their Quintennial Class Gift to Penn, and soon various leaders will be in touch with classmates to

encourage contributions (you may even be bombarded).

Please note the following "good stuff": 5th year reunion contributions to Penn and earmarked for the SigEp Campaign WILL COUNT in your class

total. Thanks to Brett Danko's skillful negotiation with Penn, SigEp Campaign gifts made in conjunction with a 5th year reunion augment your class's bottom line. So think big for SigEp!

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Thanks to the following brothers who made contributions to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Education Foundation to benefit Penn Delta.

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George L. Quinn Outstanding Senior Award

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PDF ASSETS

Summary of Pennsylvania Delta Foundation Funds

Excluding gifts to Penn for the Campaign

On deposit with the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation in Richmond:

- Balanced Man Scholarship Fund: \$42,000
- George L. Quinn Outstanding Senior Award: \$36,000
- Hindman Leadership Fund: \$15,000

On deposit with the National Housing Corporation in Richmond

- Savings \$116,000

The Undergraduate Chapter Investment Fund account in Richmond has \$7,000.

Annual McCron Dinner Was a Great Success

Stay Tuned for Details About the Dinner in 2008



SigEp pennant presented to the chapter by NY alumni at McCron dinner on March 15, 2007.

*Father-son team of **Gregg '71** and **Warren Monsees '43** at NYC's Penn Club for the annual McCron dinner in March.*



Penn Delta Tackles the Summer and Remembers What Brought Us Together

Undergraduates Boast a List of Impressive Summer Activities

This summer has been an interesting mix of relaxing days down on the Jersey shore and long hours in the office for many of the undergrads. And the one unifying factor in the experiences of each of us: our Cardinal Principles of Virtue, especially Diligence and certainly Brotherly Love.

Kyle Srivastava '10, who was pledge class VP, took summer courses at the University of Delaware and found enough time to get together with classmates **Pete Krumbhaar** and **Sohum Trivedi**.

Meanwhile Pete reports twice weekly rugby practices with **Len DeMalto '08**, **Jim Saksa '08** and **Tommy Richards '05** at a

nearby men's club. In August, Jim Saksa and **Jeremy Mount '08** represented the chapter at the 50th Sigma Phi Epsilon Conclave in Atlanta, Georgia.

Much of the seniors-to-be elected to try their hand at the financial services industry in New York City, with VP/Finance Jon Mark, at BMO Capital Markets; undergrad President **Tripper Sivick** at Deutsche Bank; and **Jose Sebastian Apud** at Lazare. **Jon Reinstein** also interned in financial services in NYC and spent a week in London. (Incidentally, BMOC chapter president Tripper Sivick is also captain of Penn's rugby team and Abbot of Friars Senior Society; nice going Tripper; good for

you, good for SigEp, good for recruitment.)

The above group of the class of '08 have gotten together with other brothers, in NYC including **Taylor Buley '07**, who interned at the Wall Street Journal; **Frank Olander '07**, **Matt Sabat '06**, **Elliot Feng '09**, who interned with a Manhattan Councilman; **Brian Long '06**; **Max Wesman '05**; **Doug Silverstein '09**; and **Andre LaMorgia '04**.

Demanding schedules were experienced by most of the NYC Crew, but all seem to have enjoyed themselves and many are anticipating continuing at their respective firms post-graduation.

Graduating Seniors Leave Penn with a Wide Array of Jobs and High Goals for the Future

We Wish These Brothers the Best in Their New Endeavors

The graduates of the Class of 2007 are just beginning their lives after college, but many have already started down illustrious and interesting paths. Four examples: **Jeff Greenwald**, former Executive Editor of the Daily Pennsylvanian and member of the Sphinx Senior Honor Society has chosen to enter the world of teaching, helping students as a member of Teach for America. Brother **Taylor Buley** is starting at Stanford's School of Journalism in the fall, but is spending

his summer as the Robert L. Bartley Fellow Intern at the Wall Street Journal. Already an accomplished author, Taylor is looking forward to studying the industry more and continuing to publish his work, which is politically based and aimed at younger individuals.

Scott West has chosen to follow his father in the diamond business. While it will be a demanding occupation with constant travel requirements, he seems excited to jump into such an interesting industry. Former

Chapter President **Frank Olander** will be based in the same area as Scott, New York City, until he enters law school in the next year or so. Frank is currently working at a top law firm in midtown.

All of this year's seniors will be missed for their dedication to SigEp, but all have chosen paths that will clearly lead to success. We hope they continue to be integral members of the fraternity, and that their work schedules don't keep them too busy.

CONCLAVE

Important Life Lessons Learned at 50th Conclave in Atlanta

Undergraduates Realize That SigEp is Forever

By Jim Saksa '08

Atlanta recently played host to Sigma Phi Epsilon's 50th Conclave, and along with **Jeremy Mount '08**, **Brett Danko '90**, **Quang O '96** and **Conrad Eberstein '65**, I was there to represent the PA Delta at this illustrious (and boisterous!) convergence of SigEp brethren. Adopting a better-late-than-never attitude, I arrived at the Conclave Friday evening, joining Brother Mount, who had been there since

Wednesday. Jeremy gave me a rundown of some of the great workshops on everything from study habits to workout tips. I was able to attend some further workshops and we're eager to spread the advice to the rest of the undergrads when classes reconvene this fall.

While those tips will surely be useful, we're taking back a much greater lesson to 4028 Walnut: SigEp is forever, not just

four years. Seeing the fraternity remain such a big part of the lives of many alumni was, by far, the best experience of the trip. Incidentally, one of many Conclave highlights was the presentation of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation for career achievement to Brother General Jim Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps. Very impressive: that shows us that SigEp is a lifetime opportunity.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

Warren E. Davidson '53

(P.O. Box 5337 Sarasota, Florida, 34277) I have been married 55 years to Ellen, who I pinned at the SPE House. I have five children: two daughters and three sons. I was commissioned 2nd Lt USAF, ROTC. I retired the bank VP in Arlington, VA, in 1971. I have been the owner of W.E. Davidson in Philatelist, Sarasota, FL since 1972. I have been a philatelic appraiser/buyer of postage stamp collections for local commercial banks and law firms for 33 years and am still very active.

'60s

Eric Gall '62

(1221 Checkerberry Ct., Libertyville IL, 60048-5315; egall@aol.com) returned to Philadelphia for his 40th medical school reunion in May. Eric is a Master in two national organizations:- the American College of Physicians and the American College of Rheumatology and is the seventh longest sitting chair of a Department of Medicine in the US (at Chicago Medical School, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science). Eric is also as chair of the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. Granddaughter Talia Theiss Gaul was born in 2005 to son Michael and wife Marita, who work in public health in Split, Croatia.

'70s

James Brothers IV '74

(11719 Heathmere Crescent, Midlothian VA, 23113-2419; jhbiv@erols.com) shouts, "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last. A bit over the top, but after being separated from my wife since 2001 and going through a grueling divorce (remember: only the lawyers win!), I'm happy it's finally over." News of Jamie's three daughters: Nancy is a B-51 crew chief in the USAF; Meredith is earning an RN at John Tyler CC and plans to transfer to Virginia Commonwealth for her BS; and Elizabeth will head to Tulane in the Fall, planning an International or Middle Eastern studies major. James V will be a seventh-grader in a gifted program—he has visions of becoming an engineer. ("Where did I fail?" Jamie asks.) As for Jamie himself, he is teaching middle school science and social studies and doing archeology on the side.

John Donnelly '75

(46 Fieldbrook Pl., Moraga CA, 94556-1102; john.donnelly_iii@novartis.com) notes that daughter Ann graduated from college in May and is living in CT and son Jimmy will be a junior at Arizona. "Hard to believe we are empty nesters, at last. Betsy and I are living in Siena, Italy, where I am on a 2 year assignment for Novartis," John concludes.

'80s

Joe Halprin '87

(4 Burnside Place, Hastings-on-Hudson NY, 10706-3018; halprin@optonline.net) "Annette and I are thrilled to confirm the arrival of Quinn's little sister, Kendall Maxine, on Bastille Day, 2006, 8 lbs, 4 oz. After several months with two under two, we realize just how 'old' we are and how time flies, especially after our 20th Reunion this past May. Give us a ring (914) 479-1427 if you are in the NYC area...we don't get around much anymore."



Kendall Maxine Halprin

'90s

Jarret Adams '90

(6072 Heathwick Ct., Burke, VA 22015-3266) and wife Heather are happy to announce the birth of Felicity Lana Adams on May 31, 2007. Felicity joins Brother Jackson in the Adams Family household. (two snaps)

Rich Steinmeier '96

(10 Green Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ, 08648-1624) is proud to announce the birth of Grace Helene May 22, 2007. Rich, Mom Heather and sister Kate are all proud as can be.

Octavio Molmenti '98

(400 Chambers Street Apt. 8H, New York NY, 10282-1007; octavio.molmenti@citigroup.com) celebrated his 31st birthday at a trendy Soho restaurant in NYC at the end of July.

Rob Fuller '99

(1901 Post Oak Blvd #4307, Houston TX,

77056-3949; rpowel2@hotmail.com) came up from Houston and **Conrad Eberstein '65**, came down from 90th Street to wish Octavio the best. "He's not CEO of Citigroup... yet," added Conrad.

Dan Olson '99

(15 Forrest Hills Dr., Voorhees NJ, 08043-3911; dolson04@hotmail.com) recently went on a business trip to China, where he was able to tour various cities. For more information on Dan's trip, please visit www.pennsigep.com.



Dan Olson with his personal Chinese tour guide

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Since our last publication, we have learned of the deaths of the following brothers:

Robert C. Buehler '54
Garrison T. Russell '66

SigEp mourns their passing their passing and send condolences to their family members and friends.

What's New with You?

Your submissions are needed for future issues of *The Delta Penn* and our Web site at www.pennsigep.com. Do you know of a brother that would be a great candidate for a profile in our next newsletter? Do you have exciting news to share with the brotherhood? Please email all profile nominations and alumni updates to content@affinityconnection.com.

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