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Upcoming Events

25th Annual Raymond C. McCron NYC Dinner
March 27

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Penn Alumni Weekend Gathering at the Chapter House
May 17

Homecoming 2014
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Penn Delta's 110th Anniversary
November 1

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House Renovation Update

Plans for Final Phase of 4028 Chapter House Improvements are Nearing Completion

Necessary Renovations to Ensure SigEp Remains Competitive Likely to Begin in 2015

Plans for the final phase of our 4028 chapter house improvements are nearly complete, and include filling in the Atrium (finally!), a redesigned parking lot with a Chancellor Street entry, various indoor modifications, and an addition that will include two more bedrooms, a chapter library with up-to-date communication and computer capabilities and a resident faculty/graduate student suite. The renovations are necessary to ensure we remain competitive as Penn moves toward a college house, living-learning system.

All the approvals and specs have not yet been made final; however, the University has determined that construction will likely begin in the spring of 2015.

Conversations and negotiations with the University, led on our side by **Brett Danko '90**, and the "legal/real estate team" of **Jeff Rotwitt '72** and **Tim Games '84**, have resulted in earmarking approximately \$650,000 in available "University" funds for our project. We will need to supplement that with additional

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Upcoming Event

*25th Annual NYC
Raymond C. McCron Dinner*
Thursday, March 27, 2014

We hope you join us as we kick off the 110th anniversary of continuous existence on campus, which will be formally celebrated at Homecoming in the fall. The McCron Dinner is an evening of warmth, fellowship, generational brotherhood and networking. We hope to see you there!

Reception at 6:30 p.m.,
Brief Program at 7:15 p.m.
The Penn Club, 30 West 44th Street,
New York City

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Chapter Eternal

Celebrating the Life of Jim Hughes Jr. '52

Penn Delta Legacy, Former Foundation President and One-of-a-Kind SigEp Never Missed a Moment to Tell a Story

Former Pennsylvania Delta Foundation Board President **James A. Hughes Jr. '52** entered Chapter Eternal on December 28, 2013. Jim's dad, Jim Sr., was originally a member of Penn Delta's class of 1919 (which included Pete Kramer, long-time Wharton faculty member) and who eventually graduated in 1921 because of WW1.

Jim is one of a handful of Penn Delta men who could say that his father was also his brother, a fact which delighted both Jim and his dad.

For 25 years Jim, who was encouraged to reassert his SigEp participation in the late '80s (after a career which took him all over the world) by **Don Bux '53**, carefully tended to chapter house improvements and was an effective and well-respected liaison to the University's fraternity affairs, student affairs, and financial departments. Jim served as a key member on the Penn Delta alumni board and stood firm on how important the chapter facilities are for our young men. **Dan Olson '99** recalls that Jim loved sharing a beer and burger after each meeting at Smokey Joe's to "catch up" on each other's personal lives. Jim never missed a moment to share a story.

In partnership with Don Bux, who handled our Delta Drive 90 fundraising, Jim carefully directed the scope and pace of early chapter house improvements as Penn Delta approached its 90th anniversary in 1994.

Jim, together with **Tim Games '83**,

Brett Danko '90, and **Brett Merves '05**, played key roles in the next chapter improvement phase, which was completed in 2011.

In 2009, Jim, **Dave Ffrench '51**, and **Don Sontag '53**, were honored and thanked at Homecoming for their deeply appreciated efforts on behalf of the chapter for a combined 150 years.

Jim also became a friend of countless undergraduates. His enthusiasm, "Brett Merves!" is how Brett remembers Jim's first response on virtually every phone call he made to Jim, both during his undergraduate term as house manager and subsequently as Jim's assistant, and now successor as Alumnus in Charge of The House. In May 2003, the day after all seniors had moved out, Dan Olson recalls that Jim Hughes led the charge in a house cleanup of epic proportions to make sure it was ready in less than a day for summer renters to move in. Jim simply rolled up his sleeves and got the job done. That was just the type of person he was.

Jim became a good friend of Jack Shores and was instrumental in seeing that Jack's kitchen was kept up to snuff from the early '90s until Jack's passing in 2012.

Tributes to Jim included those of former SigEp District Governor Mitch Crane and current District Governor Joe Langella, who joined in acknowledging Jim's seminal contributions to Penn Delta and pointed to Jim's belief that a



Jim Hughes '52, left, with Jack Shores

well-maintained chapter house with attention to study areas and safety would contribute powerfully to the undergraduate experience.

Three current undergraduate brothers, along with Scott Reikofski and Beth Schnittman-Malm from Penn's Office of Fraternity Affairs and several Penn Delta alumni, attended Jim's funeral in Chadds Ford and the luncheon following to which Jim's dear wife, Madeleine, had invited everyone to attend.

Jim was a one-of-a-kind ideal alumnus who contributed his time and talents in ways that are still being remembered with deep gratitude by the hundreds of Penn SigEps whose lives he so positively affected.

Contributions in Jim's honor may be made payable to the SigEp Educational Foundation, earmarked for the Penn Delta Balanced Man Scholarship, and mailed to the Foundation at 310 South Boulevard, Richmond, VA. 23220.

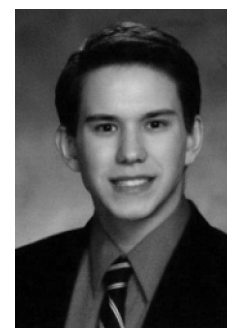
Remembering Tom Hartford

SigEps Pay Respects to Fellow Brother Who Passed Away Last Year

Contributed by David Chun '15

Tom Hartford '14 passed away on January 23, 2013. For those who knew him, Tom loved everyone and had fun with all he met. He is missed dearly among the brotherhood. To commemorate his passing, SigEp brothers, along with other students who knew Tom, visited his grave at United Methodist Church in Reeders, Pa., to pay their respects.

Afterward, under the planning of Vice President of Brotherhood Development **Chung Tee Lim**, brothers and friends returned to the manor to tell stories of Tom and honor his life. Pizza and wings were served, laughter was shared, and the brotherhood came together once more to remember the gifts and memories Tom left behind.



Tom Hartford

Alumni Events

A Super Reunion

SigEps Plan Gathering of a Lifetime at Super Bowl XLVIII

Contributed by Dan Olson '99

For most people, Super Bowl XLVIII was just another Super Bowl. Another championship, another day marked by over-eating and over-hyped funny commercials, but for me it was much more.

Super Bowl XLVIII marked the first Super Bowl played outdoors in a cold-weather city and the first played outdoors on artificial turf since Super Bowl X (1976). Despite all of the negative publicity of anticipated cold weather and winter storms, Super Bowl XLVIII was the most watched television program in US history with 111.5 million viewers, pitting the top seeds from each conference for the second time in 20 seasons. And I got to experience the big game and all it has to offer along with three other SigEps!

A few days after Denver and Seattle won their respective AFC and NFC championship games, **Jeremy Valentine '97** reached out to brothers in his SigEp network to see if they knew anyone who had tickets. Being a Bronco fan, I wished him luck in his search and mentioned to him if it weren't for the huge price tag I'd join him. A week later, Jeremy emailed me and said he had purchased four tickets, but was only planning to use three (Jeremy's father and brother Justin flew in from Washington State) and wanted to know if I'd like to buy the fourth from him at face value. Face value was \$800 for my Super Bowl

ticket, but for a fan of the NFL in general and of the Denver Broncos there was no way I could turn him down. I would never again have a chance to attend a Super Bowl close to my home in South Jersey to watch my team play for chance at the championship. I don't know when I'd have a chance again to go to the Super Bowl for such a great price!

As Jeremy and I discussed logistical arrangements for getting to the game over the next few days we came to realize that two other SigEp brothers of ours were also planning on attending: **Paul Godinez '96** and **Saam Farhang '99**. We settled on a location for tailgating, made the necessary agreements on who was bringing what and finished our plans for the big day. We later found out that **Brad Murphy '97** was also at the game, but were not able to meet up with him.

Just a brief side note: Saam and I also attended the same high school in Englewood, Colo., so he was also there



Left to Right: Saam Farhang '99, Dan Olson '99, Paul Godinez '96, Jeremy Valentine '97

to cheer on his Denver Broncos.

The weather on February 2nd could not have been any better for a winter day in the northeast. Despite all of the doom and gloom the media portrayed on the weather, we enjoyed a surprisingly mild day outside. Paul, Jeremy, Saam and I were able to catch up at the tailgate and head into the game. The game itself

was a disaster as I'm sure many of you remember. My team fumbled their first play for a safety and it was all downhill from there. While the game itself was not something I wish to remember, the experience I had will be remembered for as long as I live. For me it was not only about the game, but about the fact that this may be the first and last time a Super Bowl will be played in a cold weather stadium in the modern NFL era. It may be the only chance I have to see a Super Bowl live in person.

And the best part was that I was able to share it with my SigEp friends! And if it weren't for Jeremy reaching out to his SigEp network, I might have missed the memory of a lifetime.

Chapter Eternal

Remembering Oz

Former Pennsylvania Delta Foundation Board Member Played Vital Role in Keeping Chapter Going as a Student in the Late '50s

We are saddened to report the passing of former Pennsylvania Delta Foundation Board Member **W. John Oswald '60**, who died Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

Known by his fraternity brothers as Oz, he was an especially beloved friend and brother to everyone at SigEp, especially **Charley Wheeler '63**, **Jesse Cantrill '63**, **Bob Engstrom '63**, **Bill Schilling '66** and

Paul Patrick Oenrough Welsh '63. All of his brothers have wonderful, engaging, endearing stories about Ozzie, a brother and alumnus who played a vital - perchance "the" vital role, frankly - in keeping the chapter going in the late '50s/early '60s, a very difficult time for Penn Delta. Find a link to Oz's obituary on our alumni web site.

We have also recently learned of the passing of **Matthew Mackie Jr. '53**. The Pennsylvania Delta Foundation extends condolences to his family and friends.

Chapter President's Update

Building on Momentum

Chapter Achieves Successful Balanced Man Scholarship Program, Well-Attended Alumni Weekend, Good Grades and Athletic Ranks

Contributed by Joe Pasteris '15

Penn Delta entered the spring semester with excellent momentum from the fall, and the undergraduate brothers of the chapter have continued to build on that excitement since their return to campus. The chapter's biggest accomplishments from the fall include: a suc-

"The rush period proceeded smoothly and resulted in a new class of 18 freshmen and sophomores."

cessful BMS program with more than twice as many applicants as in 2012; a

haunted house philanthropy event that gained positive coverage in campus media sources; an alumni weekend event that attracted more alumni visitors than in previous years; semi-final appearances in inter-fraternity flag football and ultimate Frisbee; and a significant improvement in House grade point average.

Since the start of the spring semester, the undergraduate brothers of Penn Delta have continued to achieve a high level of success, similar to what they experienced in the fall. Most important, the rush period proceeded smoothly and resulted in a new class of 18 fresh-

men and sophomores. The Phi and Epsilon members of the chapter are very fond of their new brothers and look forward to working in conjunction with them to further improve Penn Delta in the months and years to come.

The chapter outlook is as positive as ever as the undergraduate brothers embark on a new semester that will include more philanthropy events and inter-fraternity sports, as well as a series of brotherhood development initiatives aimed at fully integrating new members into the House.

Chapter News

12 Penn Delta Delegates Attend Carlson's Leadership Academy

Undergraduates Learn Tools to Be Effective Leaders, Chapter Advisor Awarded for Distinguished Service

The chapter had 12 delegates attend this year's Carlson's Leadership Academy in Stamford, Conn. CLA was a positive experience for the 10 undergraduates and two alumni that attended. The new members were able to get a feeling for what being leaders in SigEp would be like, and we all hope that encourages them to keep up the enthusiasm with pursuing future leadership roles as they continue their time in the brotherhood.

The other upperclassmen found the officer training sessions to be quite useful. We then went through the various self-reflection and forward-thinking exercises, and many interesting ideas came from them, some from what the presidents of

other chapters had said at the meetings. The delegates feel confident they can use what was learned to enhance some key areas of our brotherhood, such as motivation to contribute/participate and setting clear goals for the direction in

which we want to go as a fraternity.

John Dougherty '05, our chapter advisor and Drexel graduate, won an award for Distinguished Alumnus for more than five continuous years of service to SigEp. Congratulations John!



Noteworthy Brothers

Greg Chianetta '13 donated his entire \$1,000 award for winning the Quinn Award to the Pennsylvania Delta Foundation to help pay for undergraduate attendance to the NYC McCron Dinner and the Senior Dinner. Special thanks to Greg for this selfless act! Excelsior!

Leadership Academy attendees (L to R): Matt Triano '16 (new member), Chuck Lazarus '17 (new member), Dustin Klein '16 (House Steward, active committee member in Programming, Recruitment, and Member Development), Ayo Fagbemi '17 (new member), Grayson Sessa '17 (new member), Tadas Antanavicius '16 (VP of Finance), Conrad Eberstein '61 (Alumni Board Member), Doug Yamamoto '17 (new member), Adrian Lievano '15 (active committee member in Recruitment, Member Development), Steve Acchione '17 (new member), Gannon Killion '16 (active committee member in Programming, Recruitment); not pictured, John Dougherty '05 (Chapter Advisor).

Recruitment Update

Penn Delta Welcomes 18 New Members

Our New Brothers are a Diverse, Eclectic Group, Hailing from Philly and All Over the World

Contributed by David Chun '15

Pennsylvania Delta's recruitment was a success. Thanks to an abundance of planning and leadership by Vice President of Recruitment **David Ibarra '15**, the house recruited 18 new members this spring. Held during the first week of the semester, Spring Rush included an open meet-the-brothers event at the SigEp House and a dinner out for brothers and rushes. The brotherhood is excited about integrating the new members into the house and looks forward to their future contributions to the house

Our Newest Brothers:

Andrew Rho '16

Seattle, Wash.; OPIM, Finance
Interests and Activities: Church, tennis, singing.

Austin Grant Gwiazdowski '17

Philadelphia, Pa.; Mechanical Engineering
Interests and Activities: Penn Rugby, Penn Band, Penn Flute Ensemble.

Ayo Fagbemi '17

Valley Stream, NY; Finance and Accounting
Interests and Activities: Black Wharton, Wharton Trading and Investment Group, Wharton Finance, Penn Fashion Collective, Penn Stim Children's Theater

Chuck Lazarus '17

Philadelphia; Undecided
Interests and Activities: PEG, UNI, Urban Nutrition Initiative, Intramural Sports

Douglas Yamamoto '17

Glenolden, Pa.; Finance
Interests and Activities: Wharton Investment and Trading, Penn International Internships, Intramural Sports

Drew Lilley '17

Chatham, NJ; Physics and Mechanical Engineering
Interests and Activities: Ware outdoors, Engineering Competitions

Grayson Reid Sessa '17

Philadelphia; Finance, Management
Interests and Activities: College Republicans, Wharton Ambassadors, The Statesman Business Law Association, Football

Jacob Wax '17

Greenlawn, NY; Biology/Finance
Interests and Activities: Penn Glee Club, Wharton Investment and Trading Group

Jared Michael Fenton '17

Penns Valley, Pa.: Undecided
Interests and Activities: Civic Scholars, WWE Club, PYFD, Fitness, Bartending

Jorge Villarreal '16

Monterrey, Mexico; Mathematics
Interests and Activities: Quidditch Club, Penn Aikido, Computer Science

Matt Triano '17

Hillside, NJ; Biological Basis of Behavior
Interests and Activities: Kite and Key Society, SPEC Jazz and Grooves, HUP Medical Research, DJing

Mazin Blaik '17

Philadelphia; Mechanical Engineering
Interests and Activities: Webmaster on PASS Board, Intramural Soccer

Ninad Singh '17

Dubai, UAE; Economics/History
Interests and Activities: Art Appreciation Society, AIS, Underground Economics Society

Terry Lin '17

Woodlands, Texas; Finance/Marketing
Interests and Activities: MUSE, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Wharton Business Law Association

Tim Yoon '16

Cherry Hill, NJ; Finance
Interests and Activities: Wharton Asia Exchange, Church, USBC

Steve Acchione '17

Mt. Laurel, NJ; Economics/Political Science
Interests and Activities: Wharton Investment and Trading Group, Kite and Key, Penn Microfinance, Penn Investment Alliance

Young Joon Shin '17

Perkasie, Pa.; Biomedical Engineering
Interests and Activities: Biomedical Engineering Society, Volleyball, Church, Research

Werner Glass '17

Miami, Fla.; Economics
Interests and Activities: Wharton Latino, Government and Politics Association, Wharton Investment and Trading, Basketball, Soccer, Billiards, Poker, Guitar

House Renovation Update... *Cont. from page 1*

funds to reach a goal of \$1,500,000 to fully secure the project and attendant house maintenance.

Our preliminary fundraising committee, comprised of **Conrad Eberstein '65**, **Neil Batiancila '99**, **David Lloyd '74**, and **Jeff Rotwitt '72**, have been negotiating with SigEp National Housing in Richmond to secure a bridge loan to cover any immediate difference in available funding, given the University's policy that all funding needed for any on-campus project must be in hand before any shovel goes into the ground.

Stay tuned...and if anyone wishes to volunteer or participate, take Jim Hughes as an example to step forward, OK?

SigEp Correspondence

A Note from Jack's Daughter

Brett Danko and wife Dawn received the following card from Marlene Rice-Whittaker, Jack Shores' daughter, and wanted to share it with the brotherhood.

The Penn Delta Foundation continues to pay a "pension" to Jack's beloved widow Lou for all his years of service to SigEp. These monies are paid from the donations given after Jack's death.

The inside text reads:

Thank you again and again for your help in covering mom's expenses. My daughter Staci and I are forever grateful. Your continuing caring and support has been so awesome. I know that Daddy Jack is smiling down on you all. May God bless and continue to keep each and every one.

Sincerely,
Marlene & Staci
(Jack Shores' daughter
and granddaughter)
Jan. 2014



Alumni Connections

Celebrating Nearly 60 Years of Brotherhood...and a Big Birthday! Alumni Gather to Honor Clarke Glennon '55 as He Turns 81

Several Penn Delta SigEps gathered to celebrate the 81st birthday of **Clarke Glennon '55**. Pictured here (L to R) are **Bob Johnson '55**, **Conrad Eberstein '65**, **Aram Jerrehian '55**, The Birthday Boy Himself (**Clarke Glennon**), and **Joe Zahn '55**.



Share your reunion stories for possible publication in an upcoming newsletter eLetter. Share them online at www.pennsigep.com, or email them to our editor at jessica@affinityconnection.com

On Brotherhood

Routine Mock Interview Leads to a Unique SigEp Connection

Tadas Antanavicius '16 Paired with Hank Guckes '61 to Prepare Him for Interviews in the Field of Engineering

Current brother **Tadas Antanavicius SEAS '16** recently shared with us a unique connection he made during a recent interview. He writes, "I had a mock interview with a Penn Engineering alumnus to prepare myself for On Campus Recruiting interviews in the coming weeks. We began the mock interview, and a couple minutes in, the alumnus noticed that I was a SigEp. Coincidentally, he was also a SigEp: **Hank Guckes '61**. He went on to tell a little tale about one of his memories of SigEp."

Hank serves as treasurer of Penn's Engineering Alumni Society Board, which he joined to have some fun and also help support the University and its faculty and students. We reached out to Hank to learn a bit more about him and the role he plays mentoring engineering

students at Penn.

"The most rewarding part of the role is the interaction with a lot of smart, interesting people—a feeling that I am helping, in a small way, to improve the University," Hank said. "I enjoy the mock interviews as they allow me to meet the students and hopefully help to prepare them for their interviews."

On the unique SigEp experience he recently had with Tadas, Hank said "It was great to meet Tadas and make the connection with SigEp. I suggested to him that he continue to be himself in his interviews since he has very good communication skills and very good presence."

Following graduation, Hank's career led him on a path from the Philadelphia Electric Co., to IBM, to technical support and management within insurance

companies. He retired from Independence Blue Cross as Senior Director of Technology, where he was responsible for the technical areas within the Information Systems Organization, and currently works at Allied InfoSecurity as a consultant.

"I have a very satisfying career and there is nothing like hard work and good luck to accomplish that," he said. "But watching **Conrad Eberstein '65** and **Jim Luther '62** operate was an education in itself!"

Of his SigEp experience, Hank says that his best memory is of the many great conversations with friends, and also when his brothers asked if they could nominate his girlfriend Ida for Interfraternity Ball Queen. She was selected for Queen's Court. They have now been married 53 years!