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We all enjoy hearing from our brothers about where life has taken them since graduation - in their lives, careers, with their families, adventures, and more.

Send us your updates soon at alumniupdates@affinityconnection.com and we'll publish them in *The Delta Penn* via email, so keep an eye out!

NETWORKING

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If you're in the market for a new job or career opportunity, or if you are looking to hire new employees, be sure to join the SigEp LinkedIn group. This is a great place for SigEp brothers to meet, network, and share professional opportunities.

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SAVE THE DATE

Raymond C. McCron NYC Dinner is Back + Conrad's 80th Birthday Celebration



courtesy Penn Club

Dear Fellow Penn Delta Alums,

We are very excited to announce plans to celebrate **Conrad Eberstein's** 80th birthday at this year's Raymond C. McCron NYC Dinner at the Penn Club, 30 W 44th St, New York, NY 10036. The event will be held on **Thursday, March 30th** and we are working to make this a great event to remember. We plan on having a packed program with keynotes from Brian C. Warren (SigEp Fraternity and Educational Foundation CEO) and working on a few other surprises.

As many of you know, Conrad has been a very important leader for our chapter for many, many years. It is with great honor that we're holding this 80th birthday celebration.

Whether you are joining us or not, it would be great if you could drop him a quick message, picture or video. We have set up a kudoboard for you to share birthday wishes (Head to www.kudoboard.com/boards/7bpgEsAA and leave your message for Conrad). You can post pictures, videos, and/or messages celebrating Conrad's birthday. Or if you'd prefer, please feel free to send a note, picture or video by email to dolson04@gmail.com and we will put them together for Conrad.

We'll be sharing more details in the coming weeks, and we'd love it if you could join us in person. We're hoping to make this a giant reunion, for this is also the first NYC Penn Club McCron gathering since the start of the pandemic.

Please reach out to **Dan Olson** (dolson04@gmail.com) with any questions re: the event.

Looking forward to a night to remember!

HFF

The Pennsylvania Delta Foundation Board

Event Co-Chairs: Dan Olson '99 & Brett Danko '90

Honorary Chairs: Rod Vaughn '53, Clarke Glennon '55, Aram Jerrehian '55, Bob Johnson '55, Robin Wilson '66, Tom Post '66, Rick Davis '68, Gregg Monsees '71, David Lloyd '74, Tim Games '84, Alex Barnett '89, Jose Ibiatorremendia '90, Andrew Hua '92, Steve Gresdo '96, Josh Krotec, '00, Brett Merves '05, Tony Krumbhaar '12, Holden Rolfs '15, Dustin Klein '16, Jared Fenton '17, Matt Matese '24, Alex Chinae '25, and Chris Wun '25

PS - We collaborated with SigEp HQ to bring you a birthday invitation video from Conrad! Scan the QR code below to view the message!



Celebrating Clark's Many Accomplishments

By Dan Olson, '99,
alumni Communications VP

On Sunday, January 15th, **Clarke Glennon**, a member of the Special Penn Delta Class of 1955, a class which gave us so many participatory and loyal members and which banded together to provide a \$50,000 gift for chapter house improvements several years past, celebrated his 90th birthday at brunch organized by his wife, Irene McNeil.

Clarke was elected to the Pennsylvania Delta Foundation's alumni board, which eventually included fellow '55 classmates **George Quinn**, **Aram Jerrehian**, and **Bob Johnson** in the late 50's. Clarke served on the alumni board for nearly 50 years and through that time and even after he "retired" from Penn Delta alumni board service, Clarke participated in many of the events which brought alumni (and often undergrads) together.

Countless senior dinners, New York City gatherings, local Balanced Man Scholarship presentations dinners, and Homecoming gatherings were graced by Clarke's and often Irene's presence. (Who could forget the memorable Homecoming at 4028 Walnut Street many years ago, held on Hallowe'en, no less, when Clarke and Irene fronted in their Vampire best?)

I had the treasured pleasure to get to know Clarke over the 20 plus years since I graduated, learned of his family's Irish heritage on both sides of the ocean, and found that we shared a strong interest in Penn sports. At Clarke's 90th brunch, one guest recalled how one year, the entire crowd at a Palestra basketball game joined together in singing happy birthday to Clarke, an example of how well Clarke was known to and appreciated by Penn alumni.

I always looked for Clarke at Penn sport-



ing events and made sure to find him and say hello, for he always had something interesting to say, usually accompanied by his recognizable laugh and maybe even a funny remark or observation. His 90th brunch was no different.

Everyone was happy to share a story or two about how they knew Clarke. For those who may not know, Clarke's wife Irene is known for creating warm, welcoming, and engaging social times.

Brett Danko, '90, Pennsylvania Delta Foundation President, mentioned how Irene brought an Irish Dancer Troupe, bag pies and all, to Clarke's 80th birthday, leading all of us wonder what Irene may have had in store for

us this time for his 90th . . . and Irene did not disappoint: a Philadelphia Mummers string band trio dropped by and wowed us all.

Brett, fellow alum **Gren Foote**, '56, and I were so pleased to join Clarke's family and friends and beamed with pride as Brett spoke of how much Clarke means to our brotherhood. And Gren led the singing of "Drink a Highball" as we anticipated the "tossing" of specially made "toast" when that word was mentioned in one of Penn's favorite anthems. (See Penn Traditions - University of Pennsylvania Athletics (pen-nathletics.com))

The photo is a reminder of the long-term bonds that we have made over the years and represent one of the main reasons why I joined SigEp. The lifetime bonds we make "as kids in college" transcend time, and are a pleasure to share. And upon that nostalgic note, I hope all of us raise a golden goblet with the SigEp heart upon it to our dear friend and brother, Clarke Glennon.

Fraternally,

Dan Olson, '99

Share your story

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“Without Sigma Phi Epsilon, I wouldn’t have made the long-lasting friendships I made.”

Daniel Olson '99 graduated from the Penn School of Engineering and Applied Science with a BSE in Mechanical Engineering in 1999. During his time at Penn, Dan played football and was part of the '98 Ivy League Championship team. Currently, Dan works as a Product Management Coach for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. He and his wife, Heather, have two children, Kyra (13) and Connor (9) that are active in sports and other activities.

When asked what impacted his decision to pledge to Sigma Phi Epsilon, he says, “I pledged SigEp because I was looking for an outlet from football and a place to call home away from home.”

Dan remembers countless memories and friendships from his time in Sigma Phi Epsilon. “The chapter was pretty great when I was at Penn. We had a lot of great guys, threw great parties, and really built life-long friendships. There are so many great memories, but one of my more wholesome and favorite memories was playing Axis & Allies in the 3rd floor alcove. It was a great way to relieve stress and we had a lot of fun with it.”

When it came to life after graduation, it was the friendships and connections with his brothers that he is most thankful for. “Some of my best and closest friends are SigEps. We used to meet up annually for a fantasy football



draft. We haven’t been as good at that lately but hope to restart again soon. I’m not sure exactly how SigEp prepared me for life after graduation other than I know that I always have brothers I can call upon in a time of need. I know if I asked anything of any of them, they would do their best to help out.”

According to Dan, there is a great amount of value and opportunity that comes from being a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon. “Times have certainly changed and I’m afraid that fraternity life is constantly being challenged. I think the true value of having Sigma Phi Epsilon on campus

in today’s world is what I feel it always has been, about building lifetime bonds and helping kids cope with the challenges of university life. SigEp has so many great programs that didn’t exist when I was an undergraduate and some that did, such as Carlson Leadership Academy, Ruck, Quest to Greece, etc. The national fraternity has really invested into great leadership programs for those that have interest.”

Post-graduation, Dan served as chapter counselor from 2001 to 2007. Since 2007, he has been the active VP of Communications.

As an alumnus, giving back to the brotherhood with both time and money is crucial to him. “I volunteer, because there were great people before me that volunteered and helped ensure we had a great place to live. I give back, because I feel it is the right thing to do. It is a small part that I can give back to the organization that gave me such a great experience. I think it’s important more now than ever to give back, because fraternity life is always under attack. It is how we keep great programs, and the house in great condition.”

Dan ends by saying, “Without Sigma Phi Epsilon, I wouldn’t have made the long-lasting friendships I made. I know so many people that graduated from Penn and don’t feel the same connection to the University or their friends as me and my brothers do.”



L-R: Joe Dobronyi, Bruce Yuen, Ken Meyers and Sid Bakst.

Brothers at the NY Jets

Brothers recently got together for the second time to watch the NY Jets game in late October.

JARED FENTON '17

Without Sig Ep, I wouldn't be able to impact others in the way I do today

Jared Fenton '17 (fentonjrd@aol.com) says that he gives back to Sigma Phi Epsilon because of the brotherhood. "The work of Sig Ep is crucial and personally meaningful. It has had a huge impact on guiding my work," he said. "Through Sig Ep, students engage in brotherly love. We help people flourish; we encourage them to be exactly who they are and love and support others as they do the same."

The decision to join Sigma Phi Epsilon was an easy one. They put value in the individual and who they are. "They wanted me for who I was rather than the person they, perhaps, hoped I could 'play'," he said. "They were really interested in getting to know the real me and they were presenting their true selves as well. That was kind and empowering."

The brothers supported one another through and through. The brotherhood and love are unrivaled. "Sig Ep sets itself apart in terms of genuine interest in each other and support and



care for one another," he said.

He shares a time when his brothers showed up for him. "I did psychology-based research and related to that, I founded a student club that I later turned into a nonprofit known as The Reflect Organization. At a time when mental wellness issues were often looked at with shame and stigma, it was so important to give students a space where they could remove their Instagram filter and just be themselves. I wanted people to show up to the very first Penn

Reflect event, so I stood in front of my brothers and asked for their support," he said. "My brothers showed up in a big way. They put themselves out there and dozens of them came to support me and help to shatter the stigma."

He says that the support and brotherhood that he experienced has driven him to be actively involved and become a board member. "The incredibly supportive culture at Sig Ep, to me, relates deeply to the idea of One Caring Person," he said.

Because of the love and support he saw while on campus, he has created a mental wellness movement that is reaching people nationwide. "I just want to express my deepest thanks to all members of the Alumni Board, the team at Headquarters, as well as my Sig Ep brothers present and future," he said.

Without Sigma Phi Epsilon, I wouldn't be the person I am today, impacting others in the way that I do.

GIVING

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With a fresh new start on the horizon, we want to give Sigma Phi Epsilon a running jump into the new school year and we can do that with your help! Your donations mean more to us than you think. They are proof that the bonds we made at Penn and the memories we have of the Pennsylvania Delta Chapter are still valuable to you. For the price of just one lunch a month, you can cover your alumni dues, and now you can set up recurring payments! Annual dues and donations support Alumni Board operating expenses including events (Homecoming, Reunion Weekend, Senior

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