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PENN THETA THRIVING

By Steve Saltzman '85, Alumni Association President,
and Michael B. Schaedle '89

Despite the forces within the administration of the University of Pennsylvania that are determined to eradicate Greek life on campus, Penn Theta and many other fraternities are thriving. Their continued existence is dependent upon our support. Along those lines, I wish to extend my special thanks to Warren Lundsgaard '52 for his fund-raising efforts. Brother Lundsgaard's personal appeals guaranteed that the Russell P. Heuer Jr. Scholarship Fund would not revert back into SAE National's general fund. The scholarship fund was established by former ESA Ken Tracy '62 in memory of Brother Heuer '55; each year it helps to fund the tuition of undergraduates who attend Leadership School during the summer.

After the latest round of construction work, Pennsylvania Theta is now known as the fraternity with the best bathrooms on campus. To my utter amusement, our renovated bathrooms have become a positive factor during rush, since compared to the rest of campus (non-Greek dorms included) SAE's facilities are luxurious! A secondary benefit has been our removal from the EPA's list of Superfund clean-up sites (just kidding!).

The current undergraduates are serious about maintaining and improving the physical plant of the House. In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Penn Theta's founding, we are embarking upon a plan to renovate the rest of the chapter house, to ensure that it will survive for another 100 years. Alumni support will be critical. Soon, we will be soliciting volunteers to serve on the 100th anniversary steering committee. We look forward to meeting and working with some of the brothers who, until now, we have known only on paper.



(L-R) John Vosmek '61, Adam Boehler '00, Mrs. Vosmek, Rob Raney '00 and Richard Bartholomew '63 enjoy Alumni Weekend festivities, October '98.

STATE OF THE HOUSE

By Tom Parnell '01, Eminent Archon

So many things have happened to Penn Theta in the last year, it's hard to know where to begin, but here goes.

First off, we have had two great pledge classes. Last spring, 24 of my pledge brothers and I were initiated into the SAE brotherhood. We were the largest pledge class this house has seen in many years. We came into the house with many expectations and ideas, some of which were for the physical structure of the house, and others were for the brotherhood. Many of these ideas are becoming reality today. One of our many goals was to garner another strong pledge class. We have definitely achieved this goal. Currently, we have 20 outstanding pledges. Among the class are athletes, actors, singers and leaders. This pledge class accentuates one reason why Penn Theta is unique: its diversity in the brotherhood.

There have been many changes to the physical house in the last year, the biggest of these being the renovation of the second-floor bathroom. This much-needed renovation mirrored the renovations that were done the year before to the bathroom on the third floor. The bathroom looks great, and we all appreciate the help of those alumni who made it possible.

Next, anyone who has seen the basement in the last few years could tell you that it was not a place where anyone would want to spend time. Four weeks ago, we changed all that. We painted the room white instead of the old dreary blue. Next, a few brothers painted an impressive mural of two lions and a Phoenix on the wall. Finally, we furnished the room with couches, a Ping Pong table, and a dart board. More work is definitely needed, but we have turned the room into usable space.

We have been working hard in the last year trying to contribute to Penn and the surrounding community. Last fall, several

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SAEs celebrating at Winter Semi-Formal.

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STEPPING IT UP

By Jamin M. Byun '01, Scholarship Chair

As members of a fraternity at one of the most well-respected academic institutions in the world, brothers of SAE Penn Theta regard their education as a top priority. Our brotherhood boasts of Ben Franklin Scholars as well as Joseph Wharton Scholars. Our triumphs in academics is impressive.

This past fall, our fraternity achieved its highest grade point average ever (which is an arithmetic mean of all the GPAs of the brothers) of 3.24, up from 3.15 the preceding semester. This score ranks among the top 10 fraternities and is above the Greek male average of 3.18. Many brothers are on the dean's list for grade point averages of over 3.7 for the academic year.

At SAE, we make an effort to assist each other with our studies through study groups. One project of ours, which has been going on for years, is to compile previous practice tests and class notes into a file to provide a tangible resource for future classes. To recognize those who have achieved remarkable grades and those who have improved the most, each year we engrave their names on plaques to be displayed in the house. At SAE Penn Theta, our goal is to continue to learn and succeed into the future.

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brothers participated in the Philadelphia AIDS Walk. During the year, brothers have tutored at local high schools and volunteered at the local soup kitchen. Most recently we were one of four houses involved in a racial awareness week on campus. The week was a huge success.

Penn Theta has been blessed with strong leadership this year. Rob Raney '01, past semester's Eminent Archon, worked with our new chapter adviser, Paul Peters, to make officer transitions run much smoother. Treasurer David Albert '00 has tried his best to keep us on budget. House manager and Alumni Chair Lloyd Sommers '01 has managed to keep the house clean while at the same time working to build a stronger relationship with our alumni. Finally, Eminent Deputy Archon Zach Bornstein '01 has worked closely with me developing a good split of power between the two of us.

We are starting to make preparations for the 100th anniversary coming up in two years. Our house at 3908 Spruce has seen much better days in its 98-year existence. In other words, it is in poor physical condition. We are currently getting estimates for these much-needed improvements. We will be sending out more information in the coming months about our plans, so please look for the letter in the mail.

Penn Theta is going strong and only getting stronger. We remind alumni that brotherhood in SAE is for a lifetime, so please drop us a note and tell us what you are up to. You can also fill out an alumni form on our Web page at <http://dolphin.upenn.edu~sae>. Phi Alpha.

WELCOME OUR SPRING '99 PLEDGES

Charles E. Arris III '02 • Boston, Mass. • Communications
Spencer D. Byrnes '02 • McLean, Va. • Undeclared
Anthony J. Chirilus '02 • Boulder, Col. • Undeclared
Costas P. Constantinides '02 • Riverdale, N.Y. • Finance, Accounting, OPIM
Bret H. Crossland '02 • Fairfield, Conn. • Electrical Engineering
Brian S. Dubin '02 • Havertown, Pa. • Undeclared
Jason R. Dudas '02 • Erie, Pa. • Biology
Mark P. Hannah '02 • East Sandwich, Mass. • Communications, Philosophy
Erik T. Johnson '02 • Santa Barbara, Calif. • Modern American History
Daniel P. Jones '02 • Portland, Ore. • Economics
Zachary R. Kaplan '02 • Bethesda, Md. • Undeclared
James J. Ku '02 • Clemmons, N.C. • Finance, Real Estate
Andrew M. Morentz '02 • Potomac, Md. • Undeclared
Matthew T. Ragsdale '02 • Baltimore, Md. • Undeclared
Salem Samra '02 • Holmdel, N.J. • Biological Basis of Behavior, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
David R. Scheider '02 • Coral Springs, Fla. • Economics
Clark C. Severson '02 • Long Beach, Calif. • Undeclared
Adam J. Smiley '02 • Poughkeepsie, N.Y. • Philosophy, Politics, Economics
Andrew W. Tam '02 • Potomac, Md. • Undeclared
"Will" Sin Bon Yeugn '02 • Montreal, Quebec • Mechanical Engineering

GREAT TIME AT 40TH REUNION

Attending their 40th Reunion at Penn on May 15 and 16, 1998, were 13 members of the Penn Theta Class of 1958:

<i>Bill Beck</i>	<i>Erich Holzapfel</i>
<i>Ralph Bennett</i>	<i>Rick Lundquist</i>
<i>Walter Bull</i>	<i>Lee Mielcarek</i>
<i>Bill Clow</i>	<i>Ken Nicholson</i>
<i>Jose Espino</i>	<i>Lloyd Swaim</i>
<i>Bernie Gibson</i>	<i>Ken Thorn</i>
<i>Ed Ging</i>	

The members of the group attended the Class of '58 dinner at City Hall on May 15 and the University events on campus May 16 before gathering for their own dinner on Saturday, May 16, in Rittenhouse Square.



(L-R) Walter Bull, Ken Nicholson, Bill Clow, Bill Beck, Ken Thorn and Lloyd Swaim.



Rick Lundquist, Ken Thorn, Walter Bull and Bill Clow.

(L-R) Lee and Eileen Mielcarek, Ed Ging and Nancy Bull.



(L-R) Erich Holzapfel, Bill Beck and Lloyd Swaim.

Alumni News

Edmund E. Pendleton '43 (6915 Lemon Rd., McLean, VA 22101) is having a good time consulting for non-profit corporations in places such as South Africa, Uganda, Angola and Kyrgyzstan.

In recognition of his volunteer work for Helping Hand of the North Strand, **Walter Z. Motson '44** (N. Riverside Section, 1608 27th Ave. N., North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582; wzmots@juno.com) was presented the Bright Light Award last summer. The honor was publicized in *The Sun News* and on local television for a month.

Norman Stevens '50 (1024 Nicholson Rd., Wynnewood, PA 19096) is busy traveling, skiing with his season pass at Stowe, Vt., and flying his Bonanza A36 airplane. He likes to keep in touch with old friends.

In his retirement, **W. Lester Bowlus '52** (The Jaski House, 1027 Premier Rd., North Bay, Ontario P1A 2H9, Canada) volunteers with handicapped persons and sponsors deserving young people in Canadian snowmobile racing.

Our condolences to **Ray A. Rinne '52** (10736 Trego Trl., Raleigh, NC 27614; rinne@ibm.net) on the loss of his wife, Joan, a former "Sweetheart of SAE." The couple were married 45 years and raised six children. When he wrote last fall, Ray was expecting the arrival of his ninth grandchild.

After 25 years in the computer business, **Leonard E. Anderson '54** (314 Gettysburg Rd., Littleton, PA 17340) retired with his wife, Betty, to grow and sell mail-order Christmas trees from their farm. The couple have five children and 11 grandchildren. They enjoy a fair amount of travel.

Nancy and **Walter B. Bull Jr. '58** have moved to 197 Knoll Rd., Southern Pines, NC 28387. Walter notes that the golf is great and that **Ken Thorn '58** is nearby in the Chapel Hill area.

Richard O. Lundquist '58 (450 Lake Shore Dr. W., Dunkirk, NY 14048) has been elected to the board of directors of the National Fulbright Association in Washington, D.C. He is also the leader of "Independence Jazz Reunion," the dixieland band known as "Pennsylvania's Six Pense" in 1957-59. The current group has had a number of concert hall engagements this year and last.

Lloyd B. Swaim Jr. '58 (55 Blackberry Ln., Framingham, MA 01701; lbswaim@aol.com) reports a good turnout at his 40th Penn reunion in May 1998. Including Lloyd, 13 Penn Theta alumni from the Class of 1958 were in attendance.

Physician **Charles E. Hansing '60** (5055 88th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island, WA 98040) continues to practice cardiology. He also enjoys travel and hiking.

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Last September, **Jan A. Van Amerongen '60** (5284 Sea Chase Dr., #2, Amelia Island, FL 32034; ojjava@aol.com) played golf with **Jim Tito '59** in New Jersey. "Neither of us were able to shoot our ages, but we did show them!"

Richard D. Sawyer '61 (2018 Quarter Mile Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18015) is now executive director of the Healthcare Marketing & Communications Council, an educational trade association.

After 33 years at Penn, 23 as managing director of the Annenberg Center, **Stephen Goff '62** (277 Beechwood Dr., Rosemont, PA 19010) has retired and is enjoying the extra time off.

"All are thriving and turning my hair gray!" notes **Stephen H. Paneyko '65** (30 Duncan Ln., Skillman, NJ 08558), referring to his three daughters. The youngest, Julia, will be 2 in May.

Don O. Burley '71 (3624 Brandywine St. N.W., Washington, DC 20008; burleyd@finnegan.com), a lawyer, is a partner in the intellectual property law firm of Finnegan Henderson.

Leslie G. Callahan III '72 (6100 River Chase Cir., Atlanta, GA 30328), of First Colony Financial Corp., reports that **Tal Dryman '71** has joined the company as controller.

With his new job as a vice president at D'Accord Financial Services Inc., **Andrew J. Donnelly '81** (41 Beekman Rd., Summit, NJ 07901; dcdandboys@worldnet.att.net) has relocated from Illinois to the Garden State with his wife, Deb, and three sons.

Joan and **Yon Ku Cho '84** (119 State St., Apt. 1, Brooklyn, NY 11201) announce the birth of their daughter, Clara, born October 1998.

Lisa and **Albert Chen '86** (1745 Goodman Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278) announce the birth of a daughter, Veronica, in April 1998. Albert would like to hear from brothers via e-mail at achen@fourthtier.com. He updates us on three classmates: **Ken Brunetti** is a lawyer in San Francisco; **Rich O'Neill** is a vice president at NationsBank in New York; and **Dave Marx** is a research engineer in the Los Angeles area.

Stephen W. Ellis '88 (474 Fairway Oaks Dr., Hernando, MS 38632; elliss@internetmci.com) welcomed the arrival of his first son, Robert, in January 1998 and was looking forward to graduating from the Executive Master's of Business Administration Program at the University of Memphis in the spring of that year.

Involved in both the design and construction process, **Matthew J. O'Connell '89** (632 Summer St., Arlington, MA 02174; matthew@mtruant.com) is in private practice as an architect with A/O Associates and working as a project manager with Marc

Truant & Associates. "Brothers contemplating construction in the Boston area are welcome to contact me."

Paul F. Schuster '89 (5840 Willowood, Dallas, TX 75252; pfschuster@lprh.com) is a lawyer with Locke Purnell Rain Harrell. He and Shannon have a new family member - their son, Collin, was born in May 1998.

Paul S. Baker '90 has moved to a new house at 13 Greenwood Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052. You can reach him electronically at paul.baker@painewebber.com. Paul has enjoyed visits from **Dave Frame '90** and **Chris McLaughlin '91**. [We need addresses for both Dave and Chris. Can anyone help?]

Investment banker **Eric D. Friedlander '91** (13 Laguna Ct., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) is a corporate finance associate at Bank of America. He and Heather are planning to be married in May of this year. Brothers can give Eric a call at 310-796-5858 or drop him an e-mail at eric.friedlander@bankamerica.com.

We have learned that **Christopher B. McLaughlin '91** and Lynn Leubuscher wed in September 1998 and have moved to Portland, Maine. Chris is an associate in the trial department of Verrill & Dana. [Chris is on our "lost" list. If you have an address for him, please send it our way.]

Evan M. Roth '92 has a new job and address. He is director of private accounts at Global Asset Management Inc. and residing at 12 Charles St., Apt. 4-D, New York, NY 10014. Evan and Lindsay Berkman were planning to be married in October 1998.

Last year, **Jeff Lichtman '93** (807 Church St., #301, Evanston, IL 60201) was in New Orleans during Mardi Gras for the bachelor party of **Mark Sottosanti '93**. Classmates **Joe Ayers**, **Jeff Rozic**, **Cecil Gouke** and **Chad Davis** were also present. Mark and his fiancée were to be married in August 1998. [We need addresses for Cecil and Chad.]

Richard Worley '95, who is working in real estate development with Harley Property Investors, has relocated to 324 Pitt St., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **Donald W. Drummond '26** (8/29/97), **W. Harold Riggs '26** (8/19/98), **Robert H. Ivy Jr. '36** (12/8/97), **Robert W. Troup Jr. '41**, **John W. Bryfogle '46**, **Henry T. French '46**, **Jesse L. Barrow '47** (11/5/98), **Robert N. McKenzie '47** (11/8/97), **Donald R. Chapman '49** (7/4/98), **Glendon T. Odell '50** (7/97) and **Andrew G. Pavlovsky '89** (11/97).

Sigma Alpha Epsilon mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

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