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PENNSYLVANIA THETA CHAPTER UPDATE

By Steve Saltzman '85, House Corporation President

On November 20, 1999, both undergraduates and alumni from the tri-state area gathered at Penn for the Province Rho-Eta Convention. The brothers of Penn Theta had volunteered to host this event, and they did a great job! Province Archon Ray Sewell led the assembly of almost 100 SAEs through a series of meetings that handled the business of the Province. Also during the day, a series of smaller breakout sessions covered such topics as chapter financial management and rush. Not to denigrate the business conducted that day, but in my opinion, the mingling of SAEs from different schools is always the most important aspect of these gatherings.

In other news, we had a good turnout for Homecoming, despite some grumbling caused by mix-ups in the planning and scheduling of the weekend. I take responsibility for the miscommunication and promise that we will not make the same mistakes again. A special note to the more recent alumni who were unhappy about the "Beer Die" prohibition: if the current undergraduates wish to maintain the cleanliness of the chapter house at a level that is higher than you experienced as an undergraduate, then as true gentlemen you should respect their decision. I am actually quite amused by this report, given the number of times in recent years that alumni have lambasted me over the poor housekeeping skills of the undergraduates; now alums are upset that the house is kept too clean!

May you all enjoy a happy and prosperous New Year. I trust that you will include SAE in your donation plans for 2000.

Fill out and return the enclosed form — be sure to include your e-mail address so that we can continue to build our on-line directory of brothers.

A COMMITMENT TO CHANGE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

By José Tümkaya '01, Eminent Archon

Upon entering the chapter house of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, one cannot help but notice the statues of none other than our national symbol, the lion. Conjured up in our minds as we pass these magnificent beasts are images of courage, pride and strength. Since the beginning of time, the lion has been known as King of the Jungle, and has come to symbolize most vividly Darwin's concept of survival of the fittest.

This past August, I, along with three other brothers from Penn Theta, had the pleasure of attending the 64th Annual SAE Leadership School, an experience that opened my eyes to many things. One idea that delegates were left to ponder, and which keeps me thinking to this day, was a theory proposed by a president of one of the nation's universities that concerned Greek organizations. According to this person, "Greeks are dinosaurs; they just don't know it yet!" Considering all the tragic accidents and negative publicity that fraternities have been faced with across the country in the past few years, this statement may not be that far-fetched after all. It seems that social Darwinism has taken a turn, and we are no longer the hunter, but the hunted.

With the tragic death of an alumnus of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity last year, the gravity of the situation is especially evident here at Penn. The implementation of a new alcohol policy has kept Penn's Greek system under the most strictly controlled and regulated environment that anyone here can remember. As a result, Penn Theta has been left with two simple choices: either adapt to the changing climate and adhere to Penn's new policies, or choose not to, and expedite the chapter's demise.

In addition to increased pressures from the University, Penn Theta has also been subject to greater scrutiny by our National

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PLANNING AHEAD FOR HOMECOMING 2000 • NOVEMBER 4

By Costas Constantinides '02, Alumni Chairman

The University of Pennsylvania's annual Homecoming football game and festivities will take place on November 4. In addition, we at the Pennsylvania Theta chapter are planning our own festivities for this big day. Starting at noon and continuing throughout the entire day, the undergraduates will be hosting a reception with plenty of food and drink for both alumni and their families at 3908 Spruce Street.

Join us for the first chance this century to see your old chapter house and to meet some new faces. We would like you to take

part in one of the finest days the University of Pennsylvania has to offer, and to give our newest brothers the opportunity to meet those who came before them. As our 100th anniversary approaches (in less than two years!), we encourage every brother of our great chapter to come together and commemorate the legacy that others have left before us.

We hope to see all of you very soon. If you would like to drop a line to say you're coming or ask any questions concerning the event, please call Costas Constantinides at 215-417-7011.

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TIME FOR CHANGE

By Costas Constantinides '02, Alumni Chair

Greetings, brothers, from the Penn Theta Chapter of SAE. Writing a letter to alumni around the nation is never an easy task. As the years have passed since you have left the University of Pennsylvania to begin your pursuits and lives of true gentlemen, many things about you have changed. From your families, to your homes, to your values — you are not the same person you once were. Time brings change, and our fraternity is changing too.

The new class of Penn Theta is a good one, one that is capable of seeing our strengths and our faults. At the start of the school year, we made some changes that will ensure the glory and the pride of SAE. This letter is meant as an update for you, so you can see the changes that are occurring right now to make this chapter the very best it can be.

This past semester, the house has purchased four beautiful mahogany tables and 35 wooden chairs for our dining room. Now that the in-house brothers and some out-of-house brothers eat dinner together at 3908 Spruce Street, the room is slowly transforming. In the upcoming years, we hope to really change that room for the better, creating an atmosphere conducive to work and discussion, a place where brothers will want to congregate and where we can will be able to make wise and informed decisions.

Changes are not easy, as many of you know. The status quo can so easily act as an anchor, weighing us down and making it difficult to move into the future and away from some less than positive habits. This house has a new direction, and we are progressing — scholastically and socially. Mistakes were made in the past; corrections are being made now. Unfortunately, these corrections take time and they take money. With the hundredth anniversary of SAE at the University of Pennsylvania, we need your help to make our home a place of prosperity and learning.

Changes. They are happening right now to make this chapter all that it can truly be and more. If your memories of your college days are still true to your heart, think of us. Enable us to become the Penn Theta you once knew.

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Office. While some may see this as a burden and even a nuisance, those who truly care for this house have realized— or will come to realize — that this is exactly the sort of remedy that this chapter needs if it is to remain strong and successful into the next millennium. The road has been long and full of obstacles for our house, especially within the past couple of years, but we have taken it upon ourselves to change our chapter for the better. As the first step to achieving our goals, we have come up with a redevelopment schedule — a personalized version of National's "Standards Above Excellence" — whose every point we intend to follow.

Some of the important goals included in this plan are increased chapter communication with alumni, National and the University; new and improved rush and pledge education programs; increased community service and campus involvement; and better house management. Although many of these goals may seem difficult or impossible to accomplish, it is my belief, and I speak on behalf of my brothers, that Penn Theta can turn itself around and achieve the greatness that it once knew so well. Having said all this, we invite you, our alumni of Penn Theta, to partake in our endeavor to keep this chapter alive for another hundred years. Your active support is more than welcome and will be much appreciated.

WELCOME OUR INITIATES

CLASS OF 2002

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| Charles E. Arris • Boston, Mass. • Communications | Zachary R. Kaplan • Bethesda, Md. • Economics |
| Anthony J. Chirikos • Boulder, Colo. • Finance | James J. Ku • Clemmons, N.C. • Finance/Real Estate |
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PENN THETA TAKES PHILANTHROPY TO NEW LEVELS

By Jason Dudas '02, Philanthropy Chair

Pennsylvania Theta has a booked calendar of community service and philanthropic events, and the Brotherhood is already hard at work volunteering — starting from practically day one! We are taking full part in the University of Pennsylvania Greek system's "2000 in 2000" commitment. This is a promise among all Greek chapter houses to collectively offer 2000 hours of community service within the next year. To do our part, Penn Theta is working closely with the Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia; we had three workdays with the House before Thanksgiving. We are also eagerly awaiting our turn to volunteer for Philadelphians Concerned About Housing, a residential renovation program. Penn Theta was actually asked to forfeit our already scheduled date for that program to another fraternity because we have so many ongoing projects and the other fraternity had none. Clearly, Sigma Alpha Epsilon is a leader in this area too, as well as in many other aspects of fraternity!

Besides our involvement in these Greek-affiliated programs, we have our own impressive work in progress. Penn Theta was proud to host a Halloween activity day at the chapter house on Friday, October 29, from 2 to 6 p.m. We were partners with the dedicated women of Phi Sigma Sigma to provide a day of fun for West Philadelphia children, including trick or treating, pumpkin carving, face painting and cookie decorating.

In November, we had two parties to raise money for the Sigma Alpha Epsilon charity, Children's Miracle Network. The first, our downtown party with Alpha Phi, was at Philadelphia's "Polly Esthers" on November 18. All of SAE's proceeds went straight to the Children's Miracle Network to help with the health care costs of needy children. What a great way to have fun and help kids at the same time! Two days later, we provided the venue for a non-alcoholic social event featuring several of Penn's talented musical groups and, of

course, great food. We received outstanding support from both the Penn student body and administration in this endeavor; we hope it will be the first of many.

Because every little bit of help counts, several Sig Alphas are taking advantage of other campus community service opportunities. Penn Theta brothers are volunteering at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, working on the University's Drug and Alcohol Resource Team, and serving as peer advisers.

We expect the remainder of the semester, and the year for that matter, to be just as active and exciting as these few couple of months. Look forward to hearing about more great events as the year progresses, including a Habitat for Humanity project, our community-oriented pledge program, and our Children's Miracle Network signature fund-raiser! We hope that all alumni are as proud as the undergraduate brothers of all the hard work going on at Pennsylvania Theta. Phi Alpha!

ALUMNI NOTES

H. Dorn Stewart '28 (2311 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601) reports that his grandson is an SAE at the University of South Carolina and his granddaughter's husband is a member of the chapter at Ohio Wesleyan.

"I am still alive and glad of it," announces **Douglas M. Montgomery '38** (9922 Tezel Rd., San Antonio, TX 78250).

In September, we learned that **Frederick N. Oettinger Jr. '38** was seriously ill and had been in the hospital since June. Cards and notes can be sent to him and his wife, Mary Anne, at P.O. Box 876, Clarksville, VA 23927. The couple have four grandchildren.

Erwin J. Antoni Sr. '48 (501 Ascot Rd., Oreland, PA 19075) was inducted into the University of Pennsylvania Athletic Hall of Fame last year and has been elected president of the Girard College Alumni for 1999-2000.

Stanley P. Mayers Jr. '49 (648 Wiltshire Dr., State College, PA 16803) is professor emeritus and associate dean emeritus at Penn State. The University has started an endowed fund, the S.P. Mayers Excellence Fund, in his honor. Not long ago, Stan received the award for "Outstanding Career Achievements" from his high school in Philadelphia.

Our condolences to **John C. Bowen '50** (2895 Tower Rd., Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006; jbowen@seas.upenn.edu) on the loss of his wife of 45 years in November 1998. He is a chemical engineer and a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania. For the last five years, John has been helping the Mechanical Engineering Department by running their senior design projects.

Robert H. Yard '50 (Apt. 155, 845 First Colonial Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23451; ryardlong@aol.com) is retired as a newspaper and magazine editor and a public relations manager at New Jersey Bell, now Bell Atlantic.

W. Lester Bowlus '52 (The Jaski House, 1027 Premier Rd., North Bay, ON P1A 2H9, Canada) has been in touch with **Jimmy Fisher '52**, his college roommate of four years. "We only have fond memories of Penn Theta."

In the fall of 1998, **John S. Rankin '52** (407 Rolling Ln., Louisville, KY 40207) enjoyed a group lunch organized by **William Warner '55** at the Jefferson Club. Joining the brothers were **Warren Lundsgaard '52** and his wife who were passing through Louisville on their annual trek to their winter home in Florida.

R. Drew Kistler '54 (58 Hoodridge Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15228) and his wife returned to Penn for Drew's 45th Reunion in May. **Gilbert Snow '54**, **Richard Searles '54** and their spouses also attended. They made a visit to the house.

Richard C. Pisano '56 (341 Baltustrol Cir., North Hills, NY 11576), president of

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Alumni Notes

Citrus & Allied Ess. Ltd., continues to be active in the flavor and fragrance industry trade associations. With his work as a member of the board of directors, serving on many boards, he travels to many parts of the world with his wife, Joanne. The couple now have eight grandchildren, the three youngest of whom are triplets.

As president of Pennbrook Associated Ltd. in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., and a resident of the Tar Heel State, **Walter B. Bull Jr. '58** (18 Lake Pinehurst Villas, Pinehurst, NC 28374; 71270.3037@compuserve.com) is running his business long distance.

Richard O. Lundquist '58 (450 Lake Shore Dr. W., Dunkirk, NY 14048) remains active with the "Independence Jazz Reunion." The Dixieland band has had successful concert presentations and received great reviews in both Canada and the States. The group was scheduled to play at Lambs Theater in New York City in late September.

When we heard from **Kenneth A. Thorn '58** in September (100 Waterside Dr., Carrboro, NC 27510) he was looking forward to retirement in October and spending more time with his grandchildren.

In July of this year, **J. Cannon Carter III '60** (28150 S. Woodland Rd., Pepper Pike, OH 44124) became a grandfather when his youngest daughter, Helen, welcomed the arrival of a little girl, Lillian.

Charles E. Hansing '60 (5055 88th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island, WA 98040), a cardiologist at Bellevue Cardiology Clinic, is looking forward to seeing the brothers at their 40th reunion next spring. Chuck's son, Duncan, is a freshman at Penn.

Frederick C. Norcross '60 (1621 Buckingham Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052) has been practicing general pediatrics at the same location for 28 years. Now that his children are through college, he is planning to retire in a few years.

While visiting friends on Cape Cod, **Jan A. Van Amerongen '60** (5284 Sea Chase Dr., #2, Amelia Island, FL 32034; ojjava@aol.com) was surprised to discover that Ann and **Lloyd Swaim '58** lived next door. Jan and the Swaims enjoyed cocktails together.

James T. Cobb '61 (231 Perrin Pl., Charlotte, NC 28207; jamestcobb@worldnet.att.net) is a broker with CTJ Real Estate Inc. At his Vail, Colo., home in March 1999, he enjoyed a wonderful ski week with Lucy and **John Vosmek '61**.

Randy S. Strich '80 reports a new address: 408 Chapel Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027. He was recently promoted to full member with tenure at the Institute for Cancer Research at Fox Chase Cancer Center. His e-mail address: r_strich@fcc.edu.

Yon Ku Cho '84 and his family were planning to move this fall from Brooklyn, N.Y., to 8 Manor Hill Rd., Summit, NJ 07901. Yon continues to work for Lehman Brothers.

"Back to real estate," says **Steven R. Saltzman '85** (937 Bowman Ave., Wynnewood, PA 19096; srsaltzman@home.com). He joined WP Realty, Inc. in Wynnewood, Pa., as property controller. "The best part is that my new office is only four minutes from home!" he adds.

Daniel B. Schlager '86 (P.O. Box 2495, Jackson, WY 83001) received his black belt in judo not long ago and got together with classmates **Josh Harris** and **Tony Ignaczak** in Las Vegas earlier this year. When he wrote this past summer, Daniel was planning to relocate to northern California to take a new job as director of the California Program for the Pacific Forest Trust. He and his wife, Julie, were expecting their first child.

Attorney and real estate developer **Eric H. Berger '87** (376 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840; eric_berger@msn.com) is associated with the firm of Berger & Bornstein. He was expecting his second child this December.

Robin and **Jeffrey M. Karp '88** (249 Long Hill Dr., Short Hills, NJ 07078) announce the birth of their son Andrew Bernard, born July 15, 1999.

Harry J. P. Fisher '89 (3312 Guilford St., Philadelphia, PA 19136; harry.fisher@parexel.com), a vice president at Barnett International, was happy to see Maria and **Mike Schaedle '89**, Kelly and **Lee Shavel '89**, **Ross Schaufelberger '89** and **Dan Bettsack '89**

at the 10-year reunion. Harry sends congratulations to Ross and Jesse Teitz on their engagement.

In May 1999, **Christopher B. McLaughlin '91** (88 Park St., #52, Portland, ME 04101) had a great time at the wedding of **Dave Frame '90**. Also in attendance were **Mike Pelzar '90**, **Paul Baker '90**, **Mitch Warren '90** and **Paul Maurer '90**.

Dentist **Bradford L. Klassman '92** (211 North Rd., Wilmington, DE 19809) has completed post graduate training in periodontics at Penn and is limiting his practice to periodontics and dental implants. In March of this year, he and his wife, Lisa, welcomed the arrival of a son, Carter.

"I am practicing real estate law in North Jersey. Anyone in need of a real estate attorney, commercial or residential, give me a call," reports **Evan Glanz '94** (45 Wilfred #4, West Orange, NJ 07052; 973-403-3124; eglanz@bracheichler.com).

Van Menard '97 (9446 S. Spring Hollow, Germantown, TN 38139; vanmenard@yahoo.com) is now living in Zurich, Switzerland. His work phone is 011-411-285-6445. "If anyone is passing through this side of the ocean, let me know."

John Seitz '98 (220 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; seitz_john@hotmail.com) has started medical school at Tulane University. This past summer, he enjoyed a backpacking trip with a couple of Penn Theta brothers. Pictured left to right are **David Cotterman '99**, **Hadley Harris '99** and John.



We regret to inform you of the death of **Noble Hall '30**, **James L. Clements '36** (5/15/98), **James B. Brooks '44** (4/30/99) and **A. B. Virkler Legate '46** (3/22/99).

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