

2003

Reunion

Class of '58 Ready to Celebrate!

The Class of '58 will be celebrating its 45th Reunion at Penn this year. Plans are well underway for their anniversary gathering at Penn, and it looks like they will again have a good turnout.

So far, 10 members of the SAE Class of '58 have indicated they will be there in May. They plan to join the Penn class reunion activities on **Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17**, and have their own dinner on Saturday night.

If you would like to join the festivities, please contact **Lloyd Swaim** at (508) 385-1305. ■

Alumni

UpDates

Edmund E. Pendleton '43

(6915 Lemon Rd., McLean, VA 22101-5424) I worked last year in Zambia and Tajikistan as a consultant on food aid.

Alfred Vogel '49

(9 W. Welling Ave., Pennington, NJ 08534) I am, of course, retired but I teach part time at Rutgers, Writing for Business & Professions — a course for juniors and seniors which focuses on writing proposals. My wife also teaches an English course at Rutgers.

John C. Bowen '50

(2895 Tower Rd., Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006) I retired from Ametek in 1991 and have been running the Senior Mechanical Engineering Design course here at Penn since 1993. My wife died from breast cancer in November of 1998. I have three married children and nearly seven grandchildren. Some day, I will stop up to 3908 and see the house (when the snow melts).

Richard J. McPhillips '56

(W73 N. 1010 Poplar Ave., Cedarburg, WI 53012-3225; dicknmarylou2@aol.com) I have been retired two years and am loving it! Muscular Dystrophy (Kennedy's Disease) has slowed me down, but I can still get around.

Nicholas B. Hill '56

(6425 Eastleigh Ct., Springfield, VA 22152-2425) After a 30-year selling career with American Cyanamid Co., and 14 years with Fairfax County Park Authority, I will retire on

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Alumni Profiles

Q+A with Jack Shanafelt '54

Penn's Last Football All-American

In the fall of 1953, his senior year, Brother Jack Shanafelt '54 attained All-American honors as a tackle on the Penn football team. Because players filled both offensive and defensive roles at that time, the All-American team was made up of only 11 players, making it more difficult to achieve such recognition.

*Shanafelt is Penn's last All-American football player. Brothers who would like to support the efforts of other brothers to get Shanafelt into the University of Pennsylvania's Athletic Hall of Fame can write the director of athletics, **Steve Bilsky**, at **University of Pennsylvania Athletic Department, Weightman Hall, 235 South 33rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19104-6322**.*

Now please take this opportunity to catch up with Brother Shanafelt as we interview him about his days at Penn Theta, his career and his memories. The entire profile can be seen on our Web site at www.2stayconnected.com/sae-penn.

Why did you join Sigma Alpha Epsilon?

I was from Akron, Ohio, and there was a fellow from Canton, Ohio, who had a car, while I didn't. He found out that I was on the freshman football team on scholarship and offered to give me a ride home for the holidays. I said fine! He belonged to SAE, and I had a natural "in" through him. He was a year ahead of me and was already in the fraternity. I checked it out. It was unique at the university because it wasn't one of the "jock fraternities." I figured that I had spent enough time with the jocks with football practice, meetings and games, so I decided on a fraternity where I could be with people who had other ideas, ambitions and thoughts. It gave me a little balance.

What is your favorite memory of the fraternity?

One of the highlights was playing Georgia during my junior year. Miss America was from Georgia that year, and she was at the game on the Georgia side. There was a place at the end of the stadium where friends and family could wait for players after the game while we showered. When I went in there, Miss America was there, so I started chatting with her. I told her I was an SAE, which is an old Southern fraternity, and asked her if she would like to go up to the fraternity house. To make a long story short, she agreed and her chaperone even let her come alone. Everyone had to come over and meet her. It was fun and one of those things you don't expect. Of course, I got ribbed and razzed by my teammates. When we were going over game films, someone made the comment, "Where was Shanafelt on that one?" He was indicating that I had made a mistake on the play. But one of the other guys said, "Oh, that was when he was over on the sideline making his date with Miss America!" But that's part of the fun. During my senior year, strange as it may seem, Miss America was from Philadelphia, and she was dating one of the fellows on the team. She married him. It's funny to think that I've met two Miss Americas.

What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

The fraternity gave us a large social structure. There were about 40 of us who lived there, and we were a big, happy family. It helped me to grow and get along with other people from all parts of the country. We all came from different backgrounds and experiences.

With whom do you stay in contact?

I stay in touch with **George Balbach '53**; he was a wrestler. When I was with

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Senior Bios

To the Class of '03, All Our Best!

As twilight falls on the 2003 spring semester, eight Penn Theta seniors are preparing to graduate in May. These men have done nothing short of upholding the values that have made SAE one of the most enduring fraternities on the Penn campus.

Throughout the course of their undergraduate years, these men have comprised the heart and soul of what is consistently a solid and respected Greek organization. Along with their dedication, each of these seniors has brought intangible things to the house, including their unique personalities and humor.

Many of them have already made career or graduate school plans. However, as several continue to network and secure a post-graduate position, we are hopeful that graduate brothers will seek to be of help in any way possible.

On behalf of all brothers, we wish these soon-to-be graduates the best of luck as they continue to build on the foundation that is Penn Theta.

Doug Calidas will leave Penn with finance and international relations degrees from Wharton. He would like to work in New York City, either returning to work for the city government (Dept. of Small Business Services) or working as a paralegal. He plans to begin law school in the fall of 2004. Brothers can reach him at dougcalidas@hotmail.com, calidasd@wharton.upenn.edu, (610) 212-3560 (cell) or (610) 631-9473 (parents' home).

Bob Pavlacka will graduate with a degree in materials science and engineering. He can be reached at 31 Daisy Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

Nick Stipp will graduate with degrees in management, international studies and French. He is currently with Thomson Scientific in acquisitions and business development but is looking for jobs in technology consulting or marketing. He can be contacted at nicholas.stipp.wh03@wharton.upenn.edu, (267) 738-1011, or 4063 Sansom St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Dwight Swaney is a history and economics major. He would like to find a paralegal position in Colorado. He can be

reached at (609) 936-0935 or 7 Partridge Run, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550.

Brian Cooper will graduate from Wharton with dual degrees in finance and accounting. He will join Financo as a financial analyst in their investment banking operations. He can be reached at (502) 423-1969 or 3726 Hillsdale Road, Louisville, KY 40222.

Russ Dickhart will graduate from the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences with degrees in chemical and biomolecular engineering. He will join ExxonMobil as an industrial sales engineer in Fairfax, Va. He can be reached at rudickha@seas.upenn.edu.

Randy Kessler is a finance and legal studies major at Wharton with a minor in psychology. He will be working at Lazard, LLC, in New York City in mergers and acquisitions. He can be reached at randall2@wharton.upenn.edu.

Dmitry Koltunov is a computer science and economics major who will be working in Morgan Stanley's IT division. Brothers can contact him at dmitryk@seas.upenn.edu or (516) 532-7721. ■

Chapter Report

Remembering a Brother Who Would Have Been Proud of Penn Theta

In memoriam of our late brother Yash Vithal Kasbekar '04, who would have celebrated his 22nd birthday on February 10, we held a brother-only ceremony incorporating the ritual into the service and having brothers reflect on this promising young man's life and his tragic death last year. Following that service, we held a memorial that was open to the whole University. This was well attended by Yash's friends.

We had a very successful rush this year, with a promising new pledge class of 19 new brothers representing, as always, a broad range of personalities and interests — everything from varsity athletes to members of a cappella singing groups.

Our chapter house at 3908 Spruce Street was the focal point of a block party organized by the University. It was held during

GreekWeek, on Saturday, March 22. Additionally, we held our annual Paddy Murphy Party the following Saturday, March 29. This continued tradition remains the largest and best social event on Penn's campus.

We will be holding our third annual Philanthropy Rocks event to benefit our national charity, The Children's Miracle Network (CMN). This extremely successful event brings together a number of budding musical groups on Penn's campus in collaboration with the CMN whose proceeds will help sick children at a number of our nation's hospitals, including the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia right here on campus.

Thanks to all alumni for their ongoing support of our chapter. We continue to strive for excellence and to follow in their footsteps. ■



Brothers gather to remember lost brother, Yash Kasbekar



(L-R): Matthew Frohling (senior), Ravi Bellur (junior), Bob Pavlacka (senior) and Paul Babb (senior) during this year's rush activities

Goodrich and was traveling all over the country, I would try to get in touch with people who might be there.

What other activities did you enjoy in college?

Football was my main extracurricular. I was a tackle on the line, playing some offense and some defense each year. My senior year, I usually played all 60 minutes. I started every game I ever played in. There were articles about "Ironman Shanafelt," but I was fortunate that I was never injured badly enough to miss games. The worst thing that happened to me was that I broke my nose a couple of times. I was lineman of the week a couple of times, and one time coach grabbed me and told me we were going up to New York to do a couple of sports shows, which was nice.

My junior year I was Honorable Mention All-American. I was All-American in my senior year. And at that time, all of the All-Americans were on the "Jackie Gleason Show." We were on one Saturday night. It was interesting because Gleason was quite a character and was in charge of everything on the show. He insisted that everything be authentic, which meant he wanted us all in our full uniforms, including cleats. It is not easy to jog on the stage in cleats. We were on after a group of dancers, so the floor was slippery. Believe it or not, nobody fell.

Did you live in the house? If so, who were your roommates? Tell us about a memorable time with them.

Yes, I lived in the house. I had one roommate, **Jim Cartwright '55**, and he was from Youngstown, Ohio. That worked out well for traveling home for the holidays. One time, we got a ride as far as the end of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and then we hitchhiked the rest of the way home. The fellow that picked us up was a salesman, and he had a brand new car. He said he was tired and was going to Detroit or somewhere. He slept in the back and had us drive the car. I guess that kind of thing was safer back then.

Tell us about your family.

My wife is a nurse and does some work part time. We had two girls and a boy. My oldest daughter has some handicaps, so she still lives with us. But she is able to work part time. My son was active with Little League Baseball and, in college, ended up going to the national finals. He is now a doctor and has an office here in town. He married a nurse. They have two children: Noah and Alexandria Marie. And they live about 10 blocks from us, which is great. My younger daughter became a physician's assistant. She married another P.A., and they moved to Oklahoma. She is expecting twins now.

Can you tell us about your career?

I went to work for B. F. Goodrich in their Industrial Products Division until Goodrich went out of business. That was kind of devastating. I went to work with a friend of mine, got an insurance and securities license, and sold life insurance, mutual funds and IRAs. I still dabble in that now.

Brothers who want to get in contact with Jack can phone him at (216) 650-4107. ■

Cash is Not the Only Answer

The Penn Theta House Corporation is always appreciative of your contributions. Additionally, brothers who have included the Penn Theta Chapter in their estate plans have made a thoughtful gesture toward the fraternity and have established a method for supporting the organization in the future.

While SAE can't provide legal counsel, advanced technical support, complicated trust agreements, or a thorough knowledge of tax laws, we can, however, promote the idea that a simple bequest — a gift to SAE in your will — is a method of supporting the fraternity in a significant way.

For example, did you know that the Penn Theta Chapter can be included in your will with only a minimal amount of wording? All that is necessary is the language to include the correct legal name and address of the fraternity.

A simple example of an outright or general bequest would be: "I give, devise and bequeath to the Pennsylvania Theta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity located at 3908 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, the sum of \$X (or, X percent of my estate) to be used for general purposes (or to establish a scholarship, for physical plant maintenance, etc.)."

A portion of your residuary estate — whatever is left after specific bequests have been paid — can also be designated to the Penn Theta Chapter. Sample wording to do this would be: "All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal property of whatever and wheresoever situated, which I may own or have the right to dispose of at the time of my death, I give, devise and bequeath to the Pennsylvania Theta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity located at 3908 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, to be used for X reason."

Using this sample language can greatly reduce the potential for legal disputes during probate. It can be shared with your attorney should you be interested in providing for the Penn Theta Chapter in your estate plans.

We encourage you to contact the **Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation** if you have any questions or have already made a bequest to SAE. For information about the SAE Foundation, and more specifically, the PATH Chapter Education Fund (#349), please contact Matt Spencer, Director of Annual Giving & Foundation Services at 800-233-1856 x203, or via e-mail at [mspencer@sae.net](mailto:m Spencer@sae.net). And, of course, it is important that you consult with your attorney and financial advisor.

To those of you who have already provided for the chapter in your estate plans, you have made a very important commitment to your fraternity — we appreciate your generosity. ■

Alumni UpDates

June 30, 2003. We plan to take a trip to northern Italy in 2003. My wife Kay and I have three children: Kathy, Nick Jr. and Diane.

Robert E. Lamb '58

(P.O. Box 8068, State College, PA 16803; Relamb@stamps.org) After retiring from the Foreign Service in 1994, I became executive director of the American Philatelic Society, the national stamp collecting organization for the United States. Our 50,000 members include a number of brothers including some from Penn Theta. Any SAEs who are interested in stamps are welcome to visit our headquarters in State College, Pa. In 2004, we expect to move into our new headquarters building with a museum, exhibition space and a training facility. In 2002, our family added four additional grandchildren, bringing us to a grand total of seven. I enjoy hearing news from Penn Theta. Phi Alpha.

Ronald M. Bond '59

(14112 S. 33rd Ave., Bellevue, NE 68123-2686) I retired on May 11, 2002 after 42 1/2 years in flying jobs. I am now working on my model train layout.

Charles E. Hansing '60

(5055 88th Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040-4643; hansing@attbi.com) I have been a practicing cardiologist in Bellevue, Wash., a suburb of Seattle, since 1972. My youngest daughter, Maggie, graduated from Penn seven years ago, and my youngest son, Duncan, is a senior at Penn. So, we will be trekking back to Philly in May to watch him graduate. Maggie and her husband, Justin, who is also a Penn grad., are in New England. Justin is frosh crew coach at Yale, and Maggie is getting a master's degree at Harvard. My wife, Ruth, and I do a fair amount of traveling. We've been to China for several weeks, done a Panama Canal Cruise, went on a hiking trip to the Amalfi coast of Italy, went on a trip to Paris, Berlin, Prague and Vienna several years ago, etc. Here at home, I play some tennis and try to do some hiking every year. Will probably be back for the reunion in 2005. Since I went to Berlin as an exchange student between my first and second years of medical school, the graduation dates are five years apart, so I can see both undergrad and medical classmates at the same reunion.

David T. Harris '72

(325 E. 79th St. #16B, New York, NY

10021-0954) I have a new job with Tocqueville and serve on the board of the New York Society of Security Analysis. I have a wife, two children, two cars — the usual stuff — and enjoying it. Working hard, playing hard — usually vice versa.

Daniel W. Povia '80

(4323 Thetford Rd., Durham, NC 27707-5701; danpovia@aol.com) All is well with the Povia family. Our eldest daughter Samantha is now a sophomore at North Carolina State University. As to myself, I was recently promoted to senior director of finance, IT and administration at RTP's North Carolina site.

Daniel B. Schlager '86

(1025 S. Cook St., Denver, CO 80209; danschlager@attbi.com) I just spent a long weekend skiing in Vail, Colo., with **Josh Harris '86** and **Tony Ignaczak '86**. With the abundance of powder and reminiscing about SAE, it was both a great time, and it felt like old, fun time.

Stephen W. Ellis '88

(Westacre House, North Street, Winkfield, Windsor, Be., England; swellisu@yahoo.com) I have recently moved to London with my company, Gate Gourmet, to take over the finance director role for the UK and Ireland region. I am looking forward to seeing pledge brother **Doug Jabara '88** on my trip to NYC at the end of March.

Socrates Kyritsis '88

(59 Walnut Cir., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920; socratesk@comcast.net) I work at Schering-Plough doing pharmaceutical process development. We live in Union, N.J., No kids, no wife, but am working on it! Haven't really kept in touch with anyone except for **Russell Langsam '88** who I see periodically.

Jonathan Allen '93

(4443 Hampshire Pike, Hampshire, TN 38461; bayouvoodoo4443@yahoo.com) I still live on my farm in middle Tennessee but have been working for the last year as an emergency physician in south Louisiana about an hour from New Orleans. I have also started a kennel business and have been breeding and training German Shorthaired Pointers for upland game and waterfowl hunting. I am always very busy but I enjoy my life very much. Anyone can feel free to contact me by phone (931-285-9356 or 931-698-1810) or by e-mail. "Grumpy"

Jonathan Michaels '94

(Cape Harbor Dr., 7000W, Wilmington, NC 28411; jmichaels@ec.rr.com) The summer of 2003 will mark my ninth year in the Marine Corps. I have decided that it is time for a change and will be getting out of the Marines in June 2003. I have been accepted to the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and will begin working towards my MBA in the fall. In the meantime, I will continue to live in Wilmington, N.C.

Reid Schneider '98

(1982 West Bayshore Rd., Apt. 112, East Palo Alto, CA 94303; rws360@hotmail.com) I am working at BAM Entertainment, a video game company, and living in the Bay area. At BAM, I am producing new games for the PlayStation 2, designed for "hard-core" gamers.

In Memory

Laurance F. Jackson '32 (4/23/02)

G. Gordon Urquhart II '44

Robert H. Yard '50 (6/26/02)

Charles I. Bertolet '54 (10/29/02)

John S. Rankin '52

(407 Rolling Ln., Louisville, KY 40207-1807) John Settle Rankin, 72, died Monday, March 3, 2003, at Jewish Hospital. He was a native of Louisville and the retired president of the old Almstedt Brothers, Inc., brokerage firm. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a member of the Mask and Wig Club and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He was a lifelong member, elder, deacon and treasurer of Second Presbyterian Church. He served on the boards of Jewish Hospital Healthcare Services and Presbyterian Homes and Services and formerly served as chairman of both Jewish Hospital Shelbyville (Ky.) and Presbyterian Homes and Services. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, Louisville Country Club and the Pendennis Club. He is survived by his wife, Martha Driskill Rankin; children R. Alex Rankin, Thomas S. Rankin, John Almstedt Rankin, Jane Lee Rankin, James Edwin Rankin IV and Ann Rankin Fleming; and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Second Presbyterian Church, with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the John S. Rankin Nursing Scholarship Fund, c/o Jewish Hospital Foundation, 200 Abraham Flexner Way, Louisville, KY 40202.