

Message from the House Corp.

Penn Searches for New President

For those of you who have been reading my biannual letters for the past 17 years, you know that I keep my basic message simple and consistent — “Show your support for SAE by sending money.” However, every few years I use my fraternal soapbox for a more meaningful communication.

On June 20, 2003, Dr. Judith Rodin announced her intent to step down from the presidency of Penn in June 2004. The executive committee of the trustees appointed a Consultative Committee for the Selection of a President, chaired by Trustee Chairman James S. Riepe. Comprised of trustees, faculty members and students, the consultative committee is to present a roster of at least three candidates to the executive committee. The executive committee will in turn present its recommendations to the full board of trustees. The new president will be confirmed in early 2004 and will assume office in July 2004.

As an alumnus of both Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Penn, I want the next president of the university to be pro-Greek. If Penn’s new president is opposed to the continued existence of Greek organizations, then I foresee the demise of most fraternities and sororities at Penn within 15 years.

To me, a pro-Greek candidate will be someone who was Greek during their undergraduate days, and who is therefore naturally sympathetic to Greek life, who shows support for the positive contributions that Greeks make on campus (especially philanthropic endeavors), who makes decisions on campus policy affecting Greeks with the consideration and consultation of the Greek community, who includes Greek leaders (undergraduate, chapter advisers, national offices) in important university decisions (like selecting the next president), who ensures adequate funding for organizations that support Greek life (e.g., the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, the Interfraternity Council, the Bicultural Inter-Greek Council and Panhellenic Council), who ensures “open” management of the Greek system including conflict resolution, who participates in Greek-sponsored events and who is willing to

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Alumni Profile

Q+A with **Evan Roth '92 and Brett Barth '93**

SAE Means Friends, Family and Successful Business Partners

Evan Roth '92 and Brett Barth '93 are business partners and SAE brothers. Brett has a B.S. in economics from the Wharton School, while Evan has a B.S. in economics and a B.A. in international relations. This Q&A profile is designed to help you get to know them a little better.

Tell us how your friendship started.

Brett: We were definitely friendly in college.

Evan: I am a year older, and Brett always looked up to me.

Brett: But I am taller.

Evan: We worked at Goldman Sachs together, so that brought us together as well in '93-'98.

Why did you join Sigma Alpha Penn?

Evan: I grew up in the South where fraternity was essential for social life. At Penn, this was not the case. It was more that there was an appeal to SAE specifically, guys who I could have a good time with.

Brett: I would echo that. I was positively inclined to a fraternity. It was the function of meeting the people at SAE.

Tell us about your favorite memory of the fraternity.

Brett: Not many can be printed. Our house had more parties than any other house on campus. It was always open to everyone.

Evan: It was more just the guys in the fraternity watching basketball and “The Simpsons,” and attending fraternity meetings. I particularly remember **David Kaplan '92** and **Mike Feinberg '91**.

Brett: We have stayed in touch with them. You should do a story on Mike Feinberg. He was a presenter at the NRC. He was mentioned in a Bush-Gore debate.

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

Brett: My best friends from college by far are fraternity brothers. The thing I



Brett Barth (far left) and Evan Roth (far right) enjoy the Kentucky Derby with friends (including fraternity brother Marc Horowitz, second to the right).

associate most with my college career are my friends.

Evan: Not only are some of my closest friends from the fraternity but also family members. I married a girl I dated in college who came to Penn to visit her cousin, **Mitch Warren '90**. His little sister married another brother, **Gideon Alpert '91**. Family reunions are more like SAE reunions.

Brett: Our 10-year reunion was two weeks ago. I was the chairman of the reunion gift committee. I had to call everyone and harass. Almost all the proceeds go to undergraduate financial aid. We raised more than twice the previous record for a 10-year reunion class. I have been very active with the university, unlike Mr. Roth here. There were a number of pledge brothers who came back, five others — **Joe Ayers '93**, **Mark Sottosanti '93**, **Cecil Gouke '93**, **Chad Davis '93**, **Chris Theis '93**. We all hung out at the reunion.

With whom do you stay in contact?

Evan: I stay in touch with some of the finer brothers, some of the most committed brothers — **Saul Sommers '92**, **Momma**, **David Freedman '92**, **David Kaplan**, **Smedley**, **Gideon Alpert '91**, **Marc Horowitz '94**, **Doug Epstein '94**, **Adam Feldman**

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Keeping in **Touch**

By Sean Levy '05, Eminent Archon

Our Diversity Is Our Success

There has been quite a flurry of activity coming out of SAE since the commencement of the 2003-04 school year here at Penn.

Our real strength on campus lies in our diversity — diversity in personalities, in areas of study and in interests at Penn. From the sprint football team to a cappella groups to the student body president, Sig Alphas have a profound impact at Penn. It's always nice to see articles in "The Daily Pennsylvanian" on our brothers, and I'd like to say Phi Alpha to all of them.

To you, our alumni, I extend an invitation to hear about what we are doing on campus and how proud we are to be wearing the royal purple and old gold. It is through our diversity that we succeed as we move forward from Penn. Whether it be in a professional field or a program in which you are involved that you think would be of interest to our brotherhood, I encourage you to get in contact with us and let us know. We are always looking for ways to branch out and get in touch with our brother graduates.

Please feel free to contact me through e-mail at sdlevy@sas.upenn.edu, whether just to get back in touch with the current undergraduates' activities or to make us aware of anything you might think would be of interest. ■

Undergraduate **Report**

News from the Chapter

With great pride, selected brothers of SAE were recently recognized by the university for outstanding academic achievement among the Greeks here at Penn. The five SAEs were commended for reaching a spot in the top five percent of the undergraduates. Phi Alpha to **John Eanes '04, Sumner Garber '05, Jared Lazarus '04, Jamie Helwig '05** and **Michael Siddiqui**.

In sports news, three brothers will be playing their final season for Penn's sprint football team. **Chris Caputo '04, John Goldschmidt '04** and **Brett Smiley '04**, among 10 other seniors, hope to end the season on a high note. The Red and Blue look to retain their hold on the Ivy League Sprint Football Trophy as they match up for their final game at Princeton. Notably, John was awarded Defensive Player of the Week for his devastating defensive efforts. As freshmen, Chris Caputo and Brett Smiley were part of the last class to clinch the Collegiate Spring Football League Championship. Phi Alpha, guys!

Brothers **Brad Henis '04** and **Jason Vitullo** recently put on another hilarious performance with the Mask and Wig Club. This year's fall show was entitled "Donkey Donuts." I watched the show and still have no idea why that was the title. I guess that's all part of the hilarity.

As the second semester draws near, the house eagerly awaits rush. We're hoping to draw in large numbers for the new class. The two weeks of rush look to be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to continue building upon lasting traditions under the judicious and wise eye of Minerva.

Don't forget we always welcome alumni to stop by and see the house and meet the current brothers. It's great to hear about how the fraternity ran decades before. Just recently two brothers who were from the class of '59 stopped by! ■

Alumni **UpDates**

Lloyd B. Swaim '58

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Eight members of the class of '58 from SAE returned to Penn in May for our 45th reunion. Attending were **Bill Beck, Ed Ging, Bernie Gibson, Bob Lamb, Jose Espino, Erich Holzapfel, Lee Mielcarek** and myself. *(Continued on Page 4)*

Class of 1958: (L-R) Bernie Gibson, Bill Beck, Ed Ging, Jose Espino, Lloyd Swaim, Bob Lamb and Erich Holzapfel (Lee Mielcarek not pictured).



Homecoming **2003**



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'94, Dr. Ethan Pines (a recent Ph.D).

Brett: Adam Feldman — we accidentally showed up at his bachelor party in Vegas.

What other activities or organizations were you involved with during college?

Evan: I was scholarship chairman. We had a program where the highest-GPA guy competed with a lower-GPA guy.

Brett: I held a few offices. I was president, vice president, social chair and pledge master.

Evan: Rowing and the fraternity were the big ones. I had the "Score Card," a weekly program on a local station about sports. McNugget was a regular caller.

Brett: Wharton activities.

Tell us about your family: Have you married? Children?

Evan: My wife is Lindsay. She is a psychotherapist in private practice in the city. We live in Greenwich Village. My younger brother and sister also live in NYC. We recently lost our dog, Babe.

Brett: I am married to Natalie, who works for Morgan Stanley in the strategic banking division. We also live in the city. NYC is going very strong, and people should come and visit.

What do you do for a living?

Brett: We manage money for 35 wealthy families, \$1.1 billion in investments. Evan is responsible for client relationships. I am responsible for the investment management. We started in February 2000 and have 17 employees. We have grown very significantly, about 50 percent each year for three years.

Evan: This is a good environment for us. We provide advice

on a wide range of issues. The more confused they are on the markets, the better for us.

Brett: Some relationships are indirectly Penn-related.

Evan: There's no question that having a Penn degree helps with the business. The investment minimum is \$10 million. We are accepting new clients.

What public service do you participate in?

Evan: I am vice president of the Kentuckians of New York Society, a charity that helps the underprivileged in New York. All the members are from Kentucky.

Brett: I am involved in the UJA Federation of New York, a charity similar to the United Way. My wife and I are very active in MOMA.

Evan: We're members of the Women in Prison project, helping women understand their rights.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Brett: My wife and I have a home in the Hamptons. That's our biggest hobby.

Evan: Playing cards, regular poker games, I've run in a few marathons, and I'm an avid body builder — I work out at least twice a day.

What are your goals for the next few years?

Brett: I hope to be alive in five or 10 years. People who know me from college would understand that.

Evan: My goals are more ambitious than Brett's, but more of the same.

Brothers can reach Brett and Evan at 212-313-9867. ■

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work with national Greek organizations.

I also will demand that the new president repeal the "collective responsibility" rules that apply only to members of fraternities and sororities. This clear example of bias against Greeks has galled me for years.

An anti-Greek candidate would develop campus policies that impact the Greek system without Greek input, will refer to unfavorable Greek system attributes without acknowledging the positive aspects and merits, will allow the closure of fraternity and sorority chapters without supporting the establishment of new ones, will give sororities and fraternities incomplete details of relevant issues and will continue the status quo of inadequate/unequal funding of the Greek system, including housing budgets.

Dr. Rodin has shown no bias during her tenure. However, her laissez-faire approach to Greeks has allowed the entrenched anti-Greek elements within the university to continue their war of attrition against the system. A pro-Greek president will dampen overt anti-Greek agitation in the near term. In the long term, pro-Greek individuals will be able to survive within the institution to become integral parts of both the administration and the faculty. My ultimate goal is to change the essence of the university's career administrators and tenured faculty in order to save the Greek system.

I spent several hours at the house during homecoming. Despite feeling relatively old, I enjoyed myself. In 20 years, I still want to be able to stop by the house, quaff a cheap

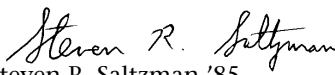
beer, reminisce over the old composites and bore the undergraduates with my stories! I believe most of us feel the same way. So, not only do I ask you to show your support by sending in a contribution, I also ask you to contact Jim Riepe. Here is his address, phone number, and e-mail:

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Tell Chairman Riepe that you want a pro-Greek candidate to become the next president of Penn. Also, if you know any trustees personally, call them and say the same thing. (To see a full list of trustees, go to www.upenn.edu/secretary/trustees/TrusteeNameList.html.)

The future of the Greek system at Penn, including SAE, is dependent upon our acting now.

In the bonds,


Steven R. Saltzman '85
President, Penn Theta Alumni Association ■

Alumni UpDates ... continued

John Vander Wiele '63

(8215 Sullivan Hill Rd., Atlanta, GA 30350) I have regular phone contacts with **John Vosmek '61** and **Xavier McGeady '62**, and I visited **Lou Off '64** in Tybee Island, Ga. All three are doing interesting things in spite of the years.

Richard S. Carmichael '65

(106 Meeting House Rd., Bedford Corners, NY 10549) One son is living in Taiwan, and the other is studying for the bar exam. R.S. Carmichael & Co. will celebrate its 27th anniversary this year. My 35th wedding anniversary is coming up next year.

Bruce P. Lebens '72

(109 E. 79th St., New York, NY 10021-0323; blebens@aol.com) I see roommate **David Harris '72** frequently and speak with **Bill Reed '72** occasionally. Still living in NYC, sailing and have one child — a son, Edward.

Yon Ku Cho '84

(8 Manor Hill Rd., Summit, NJ 07901-2430; ycho@lehman.com) We had our third child, William Francis Cho, born 1/14/03, joining Clara (4) and James (2). I am planning a golf outing with **Eric Marsh**, **Ken Athaide** and **Steven Wendel** (all class of '84) in May in Vermont.

William J. Lohr '85

(7480 Bobedge Dr., Gainesville, VA 20155-1933; harboz@aol.com) After my time in submarines, I settled in Manassas, Va., with my wife, Alexandra, and three daughters ages 10, 6 and 2. We have a small horse farm and never seem to have enough time.

Eric H. Berger '87

(376 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840-1536; eberger@usrealestateacq.com) This year, 2003, has been a year of major changes. My wife, Marci, and I left our jobs in Morristown, N.J. I opened a real estate company in Metuchen, N.J., where we live. Marci will be returning to school for a doctorate in public policy with a focus on public health. Our 3-year-old son, Jake, started in a new day-care facility, and our 6-year-old son, Reiss, started first grade in the local school. The new commute of less than five minutes has been a godsend compared to the prior one-hour commute.

Jeffrey M. Karp '88

(249 Long Hill Dr., Short Hills, NJ 07078-1520; jkarp@karpassociates) **Chris Kager**

'90, **Brad Wieboldt '90**, **Mike Pelzar '90**, **Paul Baker '90**, **Mitch Warren '90**, **Peach**, **Ross Schaufelberger '89**, **Harry Fisher '89** and I, along with various wives, girlfriends and kids, made the annual Philly pilgrimage to the Palestra in mid-February. Penn beat Yale and a good time was had by all. For details on future trips, contact Paul Baker.

James Newsom '95

(23 W. 87th St., Apt. 4R, New York, NY 10024; jhnewsom@earthlink.net) I got married in April to Susanna, a classmate from Washington University Law School, and we now live in New York where I am an associate with Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in the bankruptcy group. Susanna received quite a rendition of "Violets" at the reception, sung by me, Z, Lurch, Troll, Naked, Miggs and Thumper (a.k.a. **John Zdrodowski '95**, **Tom Murtaugh**, **Ed Vincent**, **Dr. Steve Gunn '96**, **Matt Brown '96** and **Steve Byrne '95**) as well

as the best man who is an SAE from Duke.

Jan A.T. van Amerongen

(Legal Arts Building, 1225 King St., Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801; jatvalaw@aol.com) Kathryn and I are pleased to announce the birth of our third son, Schuyler Andrew Taets, on June 12, 2003. Kathryn, Schuyler, and big brothers Jan and Christian are all doing well. ■

In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

Alfred E. Pfeifer '33 (1/12/03)
Robert T. Bennett '38 (5/29/02)
Paul E. Drury '43 (11/30/00)
Joseph F. Saraceno '48 (3/24/03)
Kenneth C. Gifford Jr. '49
Brian B. Bucklee '51 (3/22/03)

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

Alumni Volunteers

Is There a Mentor in You?

Have you ever been responsible for hiring someone? If you have, you know that the process can be complex and something not to be taken lightly. In fact, often several people are involved in the process.

As we think about building a strong, progressive chapter, the quality of our team is just as critical. So, why leave it all up to the rush chairman? Why leave the undergraduates responsible for squeezing in these priorities among the countless others they already have? Why not help?

Rush — or recruitment — was once considered to be a process that lasted only a few weeks and left a chapter in a very reactive position. In attempts to become more proactive and in control of the results, we are appealing to you — our brothers — to play an integral part in the growth and sustenance of the chapter. No matter where you live, you can make a difference.

Have you considered referring potential rushees to our chapter? Often chapters struggle to find quality men through their existing recruitment processes. Potential members may live in your neighborhood, attend your church or sleep in the bedroom right down the hall. Make sure to offer recommendations in a timely manner and help potential brothers get the exposure they need.

As a mentor, you may attend recruitment events and assist younger brothers in understanding the value of their lifelong connection to the fraternity. Or you could host recruitment functions or invite prospective rushees to your home. A great place to start is by contacting your chapter to see if there are men enrolled who are from your city. This is an excellent way to help these potential prospects relate to a brother — even without your stepping one foot on the campus.

Your contributions don't have to stop there. Most definitely, you have other talents from which brothers — pledges and undergraduate members — can benefit. Whether you can help with academic support, job networking, life skills, leadership or other areas, please contact one of our board members.

"Hide not your talents, they for use were made. What's a sun-dial in the shade?"

— Benjamin Franklin ■