

Call to **Arms**

The Board Needs Your Support

For too long, we have all depended on a few (too few) individuals to provide the bulk of the active alumni involvement with the chapter. We all counted on these volunteers to rally support when needed, to make sure the basic fiscal structure was intact and to make those well-placed phone calls that would bail out the chapter in a time of need.

However, chapter operations at both the undergraduate and house corporation levels have become increasingly complex. This has been driven by internal and external factors. Internally, the general fraternity and the chapter have set high standards for operations. These standards are driven in part by our own goals but also by the external factors. All fraternities now must deal with state and local regulatory requirements that we alumni didn't even contemplate as undergraduates, not to mention the litigious environment in which we all now live. Lastly, all Greek organizations need to meet and maintain ever-increasing operating standards imposed upon them by their host colleges.

Continuing the current alumni support model — which depends on one or two brothers carrying most of the load as advisers, landlords and business agents — is unrealistic. This would only guarantee the burnout of the volunteer brothers and our jumping from crisis to crisis.

The short and simple of it is this: We, as alumni, must adjust our involvement to meet the current needs of the chapter. Toward this end, we are asking each and every one of you to please consider joining the alumni board. We are looking for a dedicated

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Alumni Profile

Q+A with **Bruce Stevens '64**

'I Loved Every Minute in SAE'

Born and raised in a small town in Iowa, **Bruce Stevens '64** began his college years at Iowa State. He became a member of SAE during his first two years of college in Iowa. He transferred to Penn at the beginning of his junior year.

For the past 20 years, Mr. Stevens has been president and CEO of Steinway & Sons. Prior to that, he was with Polaroid Corporation for 17 and a half years and had the opportunity to live with his family in Tokyo, Japan, in 1980-83.

Steinway & Sons is one of the top brand names in the world and is globally considered to be a musical treasure. Mr. Stevens considers himself a part of a beautiful industry, making music.

(Anyone interested in the history of Steinway & Sons and the outstanding pianos they make, be sure to visit their Web site at www.steinway.com.)

Why did you join the fraternity?

It was a great Greek system. There were many excellent fraternities at the time, but in my opinion SAE was one of the top two. SAE had great guys, and I loved every minute of my time in the fraternity. I loved my pledge class and have never been sorry I joined.

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

Being a farm boy, transferring to Penn was a big change for me! It was a class-act organization, and they really did try to get me to be more active but the change from a small town to a big city was very different for me.

Do you stay in contact with your fraternity brothers?

I really haven't stayed in contact with my fraternity brothers from Penn. I would love to hear from any brothers who remember me. I live a very busy life with traveling and have been on eight planes just this week, so it's not easy to stay in contact. I feel bad because I haven't stayed in touch, and I would urge brothers to build those relationships and keep in touch as you go out into the world and go your separate ways because, if you don't, they will be lost.

Tell us about your family.

I've been married to Terri for 37 years, and we have two adult daughters. Bekki (age 28) is a chemist and works for Clean Harbors in Boston. Julie (26) is a teacher and is recently married, and is also living in Boston. Her new husband is Brendan Callahan.

Did you live in the house?

I lived in the house at Iowa State for both years, but not at Penn. What affiliations do you currently have and/or public service do you participate in? In the past I was on the board of trustees of the Winchester Music School, and I am past president of the Piano Manufacturers Association International and on the board of directors of the area music conference.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

I love golf, road biking, skiing and outdoor sports.



Bruce Stevens '64

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Relations

By Cameron Johnson '06, Alumni Relations Co-Chairman

We Are Reaching Out to You

This semester has been extremely exciting in the department of alumni relations. Alumni chairs Cameron Johnson and **Scott Hong '06** have been working since summer to organize several events, the first having been a reunion for members of the '69-'74 classes.

The credit for this reunion has to go to **John Erdman '73** and **David Harris '72**. Harris, who currently resides in New York with his wife, expressed interest in the spring 2004 newsletter for gathering what he termed to be the "lost years" classes for a football game. Eventually Erdman contacted our current eminent archon, **Sean Levy '05**, who put him in contact with the alumni chairs. The alumni relations co-chairs were brought in, and a plan began to form.

Beginning as far back as June, Erdman worked with Harris to gather a core group committed to the event. Using an alumni contact list (generously assembled by the University's alumni relations department), the two began to mail out letters asking for participation and listing those who had already agreed to attend. By August, a healthy group had been listed and, on October 2, 2004, 25 brothers and their families gathered at the chapter house for cocktails and the Dartmouth football game.

The cocktail hours before and after the game allowed brothers who hadn't seen each other in more than 30 years the opportunity to catch up. Brothers pinned pictures of their younger selves to their jackets in order to avoid awkward reintroductions.

Undergraduate brothers also attended the event. They were impressed by foreign policy consultant **Bill Martin's** insights on the North Korea situation. He managed to attend the event before flying to North Korea as part of a delegation with the task of solving some of their social and economic problems. Brothers also learned something about cool from **Gordon Travers '73** ... respect. The undergraduate brotherhood is very happy to know that the alumni brothers have proven to be very successful, with jobs ranging from

judgeship to foreign policy service to investment banking.

This event was very successful. The targeted approach allowed a very close-knit set of classes to return and catch up with each other at a small, intimate event. We at the chapter would like to continue this new tradition. Currently we are in contact with **Gordon Pine '60** and **Leon Mielcarek '58**, and will hopefully have an event for the classes of '55-'65 in the spring. This is a great way to catch up with your classmates. **If you are interested in planning a similar event please contact Cameron Johnson at cameron5@sas.upenn.edu or Scott Hong at scottdh@sas.upenn.edu.**

Homecoming also went well. While alumni attendance was somewhat sparse, the brotherhood still had a good time. We had a few brothers from the classes of '49, '60, '86, '95 and '97. We also had a significant turnout from the young alumni (2000-04). The day started off with beer and barbecue at the chapter house, then the homecoming football game and then the '80s party that night. Unfortunately Sunday's golf tournament had to be canceled because of low interest. If you're a golfer, please RSVP next year!

Brothers, we at the chapter are making an honest and very determined effort to reestablish contact with our alumni. Please give us feedback on the events we have planned and events you would like to see. We want to know what will get you to revisit the chapter after many years.

The house is making massive strides in regard to both the physical property and the brotherhood. Last year's pledge class was excellent, and we would like to recruit another great class. Part of doing that is by showing rushes that we have a strong connection with our chapter and the fraternity's past. That is where we need your participation. We will continue to reach out to you; please reach back.

If you would like to contact us or to make a donation, please send your correspondence to Alumni Relations, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 3908 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104.



L-R: Kevin Solinger, Andrei Nechkin, John Eanes '04, Matt Pascale '04 and Mike Karam '06.



L-R: Amir Vardi '04, Sean Levy '05, Dave Holop '05, Timur Kocaoglu '05 and Dave Thornton '05.

Fall Semester Coming to a Close

Greetings to all from the Pennsylvania Theta Chapter! As the newly initiated brothers of our spring 2004 pledge class joined the ranks of our fraternity, they were greeted with many improvements both in terms of brotherhood and our beloved chapter house.

Thanks to **Joey Fehrman '05**, our eminent deputy archon, we now enjoy catered dinners at the house three times a week, which is helping us strengthen the bonds between brothers and come together as a fraternity. Also largely due to Joey's efforts, our chapter house is becoming a nicer place to live; we have a cleaning staff attending to the house's custodial needs three times a week, and we are planning to have our TV room renovated as well. The refinishing of our pool table and the addition of new, elegant furniture has also added to the quality of life here at the house. I think I speak for our whole organization when I say Phi Alpha, Joey, on a job well done!

Earlier in the fall, we were honored to meet many of the alumni from the classes of '69 through '74. They, along with their families, seemed to have a great time at our morning and afternoon cocktail parties, and at the football game against Dartmouth where dear Pennsylvania emerged victorious in a 35-0 rout. Hurrah for the red and blue! For more about this alumni event and others, please see the alumni relations article written by alumni relations co-chairman **Cameron Johnson '06**, elsewhere in this newsletter.

Although change is inevitable, I know one change our brotherhood won't be welcoming — **Sean Levy '05**, our eminent archon for the past three semesters, will be stepping down from his position and passing the gavel on to a yet-to-be-determined brother, as he will be graduating this upcoming May. Although we will be sad to see him leave this post, we are sure he will be very involved during the spring semester as one of our new-member educators. On behalf of the fraternity, Sean, Phi Alpha for your strong leadership over the past year. We trust that your replacement will follow well in your footsteps.

Speaking of change, the fall semester is coming to a close; in a few short weeks, we will once again be involved in the process of rushing and pledging new members into the ranks of our great fraternity. To facilitate this, our rush chairmen **Timur Kocaoglu '05** and **Dave Holop '05** are working hard on identifying potential candidates for rush, while at the same time increasing the fraternity's exposure in the Penn community. We hope that their efforts, along with the support of the entire brotherhood, will be successful in bringing in another strong pledge class next semester.

Once again we want to remind everyone that we always welcome alumni to stop by and see the house, as well as to meet current brothers in the house. It's great to see and hear from brothers from years past; we all had a great time during the Dartmouth game as well as at homecoming. Hopefully this newsletter finds you all in good spirits. Phi Alpha.



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Eminent Archon's Report

By Sean Levy '05

Preparing to Hand Over the Reins

Elections were held the night of Sunday, November 14, at 3908 Spruce. The race for eminent archon was a tight one, indicative of the vigor the house now possesses. Congratulations to **Mike Karam '06**, who I am sure will do a fantastic job in his new role. I also want to congratulate and thank **Cameron Johnson '06** for the outstanding work he has done for this house and the efforts he will continue to put in.

But it wasn't the outcome of the election that was so exciting. The thing that really struck me was the intense debate and discussion over this very important decision. It was inspiring to see the brotherhood take such a strong interest in the decisions of Penn Theta as a chapter. Congratulations also to our new EDA, **Nikhil Bhat '07**, and to the rest of the newly elected officers.

As this is my last column for this newsletter, I reflect on the three semesters I have sat as eminent archon of Penn Theta. While there have certainly been ups and downs to the

job, ultimately I will hand the reins over with confidence that our chapter is in a better place now than it was last fall when I came in. Our relations with the University and our national office are strong, our social reputation on campus is positive and we are making concerted efforts to reach out to you, our alumni, to bring our chapter closer together and to instill a sense of pride in being part of not just any fraternity but brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and not just brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon but brothers of the Pennsylvania Theta Chapter.

There is no doubt in my mind that the chapter will continue to grow with a great pledge class this spring and that SAE will continue to be a force to reckon with, both on this campus and throughout the realm. Phi Alpha.



House Update

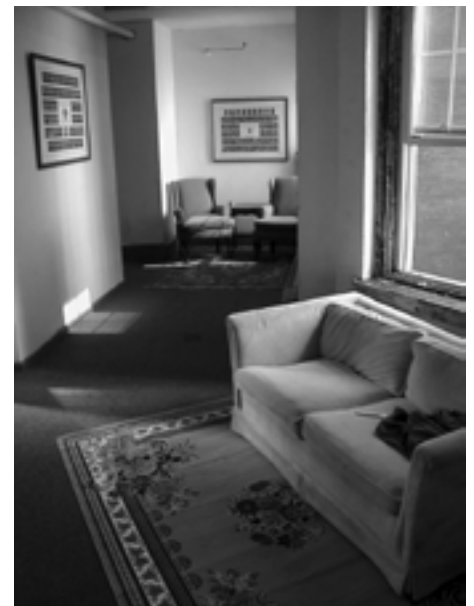
By Joey Fehrman '05, Eminent Deputy Archon

The House Is Looking Great

This semester has been a very good one for improvements to the fraternity. Here are some of the accomplishments:

- We now have three dinners a week where the brotherhood eats together. It is catered, and we are able to charge it to our Penn bursar account.
- We rearranged the budget so we now have the house cleaned professionally three times a week.
- The pool table has been fixed. We put purple felt on it and gold trim.
- We bought new furniture and have done some decorating to the house. The house looks the best it has in many years.
- The whole front of the house has new landscaping, and it looks very nice.
- We have a renovation plan to redo the living room. It is a \$30,000 project, and we are just waiting for the "money people" to approve it.

We hope to make even more improvements. If you have any ideas or would like to help, feel free to contact me at jfehrman@seas.upenn.edu or 267-235-5594.



Alumni UpDates

Edmund E. Pendleton '43

(6915 Lemon Rd., McLean, VA 22101-5424) I am still consulting; the latest is in Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan.

John C. Bowen '50

(2895 Tower Rd., Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-5011) I have been running the senior mechanical engineering design classes (MEAM 445-446) for the past 10 years after retiring as technology director at Ametek Inc.

Charles T. Hill '52

(31 Detweiler Ln., Ambler, PA 19002-5205) Fully retired and tied up with my grandchildren and a little golf. Our '52 class lost **John Rankin '52** this year.

Richard Lundquist '58

(Duncans Hill, 10865 Center Rd., Forestville, NY 14062-9766) In December 2003, I completed service as national president of the Fulbright Association of the U.S. in Washington. Vacationed in Thailand. In March 2004, the Independence Jazz Reunion performed in Las Vegas, Ohio, Florida, Iowa, New Mexico, Texas and Canada.

Daniel W. Povia '80

(4323 Thetford Rd., Durham, NC 27707-5701; danpovia@aol.com) Hi, everyone. Just wanted everyone to know that I now have two kids in college. Samantha is in her fourth year at North Carolina State, and Matt is a freshman at Appalachian State University in the mountains of North Carolina. As for me, I transferred to Eisai's

headquarters in Teaneck, New Jersey. If you're in the greater New York area, please look me up. My work number is 201-287-2342.

Kenneth V. Athaide '84

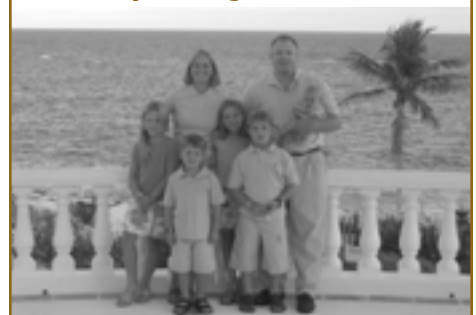


(215 Danbury Ln. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30327-3406; athaidek@bellsouth.net) I've done a lot of traveling in the past year. In December 2003 I took my father to his early childhood home near Mandalay, Myanmar. This year Cathi and I had a chance to attend meetings in Cairo, Egypt, and Cape Town, South Africa. Saw lots of interesting sights including the Pyramids, the Sphinx and a nature preserve in South Africa. Here's a picture of us in front of the Sphinx.

William J. Lohr '85

(7480 Bobedge Dr., Gainesville, VA 20155-1933; harboz@aol.com) After totaling a car, I got tired of the commute into D.C. and joined my wife selling real estate in northern Virginia. I'm having a blast. It's like being rush chairman again.

Christopher Kager '90



(70 Eshelman Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601; ckager@lancspine.com) We had a baby girl, Sophia, in May (our fifth child). My wife and I ran our first marathon in October (Chicago) and have two more planned for 2005.

Lance Scott Jacobs '91

(10804 Gainsborough Rd., Potomac, MD 20854-2510; lsjacobs710@hotmail.com) Recently joined PwC after almost seven years with Deloitte. Happily married with two kids: Zach, who's almost 5, and Allison, whose almost 2. If you ever get to the D.C. area, give me a call.

Bradford L. Klassman '92

(4 N. Hampshire Ct., Wilmington, DE 19807-2535; b.klassman@att.net) All is well in the state of Delaware. Please check out our new Web site: www.delawareperiodontics.com. Love to hear from any alumni.

Jonathan Michaels '94

(Hanover, NH; jon_michaels@hotmail.com) I left the Marine Corps last spring after nine and a half years. Can't believe I've been out of school that long! I am now a student at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. It's great to be a fulltime student again. The workload is intense, but I am having a great time. My liver is almost back to the level of function it had when I was living at 3908 Spruce. I have a new hobby up here: ice hockey. It's a great way to blow off a little steam after class. If anyone finds themselves up in Hanover, N.H., please contact me at jon_michaels@hotmail.com or jonathan.michaels@dartmouth.edu.

Gregory A. Friedman '00

(236 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19106; gregyo@lycos.com) Just moved back to Philly after four years in Boston, Seattle and Pittsburgh. If you're reading this message and you live in town, I'm always up for some spontaneous beer. Send me an e-mail.

Ike A. Eichelberger '61



(15 Woodhaven Ln., Stroudsburg, PA 18360; cincyike@yahoo.com) Recently relocated to the Pocono Mountains to be closer to my daughter, Kristin, Dan, Joshua (7) and Jacob (4). Kristin works for M&M Mars Company in Hackettstown, N.J., about 35 minutes from our home in Stroudsburg. I'm married to the former Gail Shelly from York, Pa. I lived in York also, and my father was a physician and mayor of York. Gail and I have been married 44 years in December. We have a son, Mark, who lives in Los Angeles, working for Bay View Bank. All is well in retirement so far. Phone is 570-421-2627.

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group of five to 10 individuals to help run the board's vital functions and to ensure the continuing health of the chapter.

One of our goals is to increase involvement so that all of the undergraduate officers have an ongoing alumni contact or mentor. The board members will support the undergraduate officers in the execution of their duties, help them develop procedural mechanisms to work more efficiently, ensure the smooth transition of undergraduate officers and incorporate all of our activities into a solid and ongoing fraternity education program.

As we think about building and maintaining a strong, progressive chapter, the quality of our team is just as critical. We are appealing to you — our brothers — to play an integral role in the growth and sustenance of the chapter. You can make a difference. Most definitely, you have many talents from which our undergraduate brothers would greatly benefit. Please step up, and take your place on the board. We're waiting to hear from you.



Several of the current undergraduate members (L-R): Elliot Dawson, Timur Kocaoglu '05, David Thornton '05, Mike Karam '06, Clark Porter '05, Tom DiGiano '05, Geoff Anello '05 and Sean Levy '05.

Alumni Q+A with Bruce Stevens '64 (Continued from Page 1)

What are your goals for the next years?

My goals are for my family and I to have great health as we go forward. I enjoy Steinway very much; I enjoy what I do, and I hope my health continues to be good so I can continue doing what I love for the next three to five years.

What advice would you give the current members of the undergraduate chapter?

Take the time to grow up. Savor every minute of fraternity life — it's fleeting, and it goes by so fast. Establish some relationships for the long term. It's an important time for you, and you should have fun and enjoy it. What you learn now will carry you into the real world on your own.

What advice would you give the directors of the alumni association?

Give the right guidance, vision and strategies to these young men. The fraternity system needs discipline and focus, and it needs advisers giving firm perspectives about what is acceptable and what is not acceptable in Greek life. Because if firm, tough perspectives don't exist, Greek life will begin to decay and go away, and that would be unfortunate.

What advice would you give to a brother who is still in college?

I think young brothers should take one step at a time, don't try to take short cuts; if you do the basics you will succeed. Go out and get your first job — you may hate it, but it's your first step. Be an honest, trustworthy person and if you do your best, everything else will take care of itself.

Brothers interested in contacting Bruce Stevens may do so by writing to his home address at 7 Robinson Circle, Winchester, MA 01890; or by calling his home number at 718-729-9363; or by e-mail at bstevens@steinway.com.



The family of Bruce Stevens '64

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