

Eminent Archon

New Kid on the Block

By Mike Karam '06

Since I was elected EA of Penn Theta four months ago, many changes have occurred. **Sean Levy '05** held the position last year and provided the chapter with great leadership, which I have been doing my best to emulate. I thank the brothers for bearing with me during the transition.

Some of the changes within the brotherhood have been very good. Thanks to the combined efforts of our past EDA and current correspondent, **Joey Fehrman '05**, last semester's house renovation plans are becoming a reality.

Another great change I recently witnessed was the transformation of a group of 18 acquaintances into a proud and cohesive pledge class. The entire chapter is excited to welcome them. I am truly proud of the whole class and encourage you all to come to the chapter house to meet them personally.

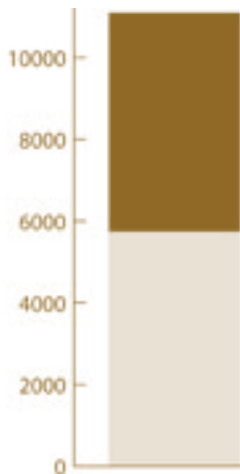
The initiation of a new class of brothers is always bittersweet. As we welcome them to our brotherhood, we must also prepare to bid farewell to our graduating seniors, all of whom have made great contributions to our fraternity over the last four years. Senior brothers, Phi Alpha. Your positive impact on our chapter during your tenure at Penn will not soon be forgotten. ■

GOAL!

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is well on our way to reaching our goal of \$11,100, which is a 25 percent increase over last year! There are currently 112 people who have given sometime in the last five years but not this year. More importantly, there are 664 people who have never contributed to the annual fund!

Now is the time to renew your commitment to those friends and our traditions by making a contribution of \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 or more! Add your name to the Honor Roll by using the enclosed envelope to send your check.

	Dollars	Donors
Current	\$5,725	77
Goal	11,100	177



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Alumni Relations

Strengthening the Alumni Network

This semester we are continuing our efforts to strengthen our alumni network through smaller interclass gatherings. On January 29, the brothers were fortunate enough to meet members of classes ranging from 1988 to 1994 during an annual reunion and basketball outing here in Philadelphia. Before watching the Quakers easily handle Brown at the Palestra, the brothers enjoyed food, drinks and stories of years past at Mad 4 Mex.

The evening continued after the game with a trip to the chapter house, where the undergraduate brothers had the opportunity to interact with our very welcome visitors. As always, we were thrilled to hear about the careers and past fraternity experiences of our alumni, and we look forward to more of these get-togethers in the future.

Additionally, we have been working with brothers **Leon Mielcarek '58** and **Gordon Pine '60** to coordinate an event for brothers who graduated in the late 1950s through the early 1960s. Getting in touch with as many brothers from these years is of the utmost importance, and any leads pertaining to contact information would be greatly appreciated. If you would

be interested in assisting with the planning for this endeavor, please feel free to contact us, especially if we have not heard from you in a while.

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Our New Web Site Offers So Much!

Now you can find your Penn Theta buddies in seconds with a new online member directory, plus send e-mail, read news and see photographs that your brothers have posted, and post some of your own. You can also read about upcoming events, see your name on the honor roll of contributors, make contributions online through our secure credit card service, help us find "lost" brothers, get the latest news on the house and the chapter ... and recapture some of the Penn Theta spirit!

Our new Web site is crucial to keeping us all connected. We hope you will support it. It costs much less than a printed directory and stays current as we update our information online. It's password-secure and for brothers only.

Reconnecting with your brothers is more than just nostalgia. It's an opportunity to rekindle friendships, spark business alliances and be an active part of an organization that's really making a difference in the lives of young men.

Getting Started

Follow these easy steps to register:

1. Go to the homepage at www.2stayconnected.com/sae-penn.
2. Click "Register" in the upper left of your screen.
3. Follow the online directions.

If you have any questions, please e-mail news@2stayconnected.com. ■

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Chapter Report

By **Joey Fehrman '05**,
Eminent Correspondent

House Renovations Going Well

Improvements to the chapter house are still being made. The living room renovation has finally started and should be complete by the end of the semester. The walls are being redone with new oak paneling halfway up the walls. We will have brass wall sconces, crown molding and two brass chandeliers. We also had a house improvement day on which we repainted the hallways on the second and third floors, and gave the house a thorough cleaning from top to bottom.



The second-floor hallway looks great after being repainted.

We have had some successful events as well. The sororities on campus and our girlfriends loved it when we serenaded them on Valentine's Day. The brotherhood paintball trip was fun though slightly painful at times. We have been participating in the interfraternity sports league and have been relatively successful in flag football, soccer and softball. ■

Penn Football Schedule 2005

Date	Opponent	Location
Sat, Sep 17	DUQUESNE	FRANKLIN FIELD
Sat, Sep 24	Villanova	at Philadelphia, Pa.
Sat, Oct 01	Dartmouth	at Hanover, N.H.
Sat, Oct 08	BUCKNELL	FRANKLIN FIELD
Sat, Oct 15	Columbia	at New York, N.Y.
Sat, Oct 22	YALE	FRANKLIN FIELD
Sat, Oct 29	Brown	at Providence, R.I.
Sat, Nov 05	PRINCETON	FRANKLIN FIELD
	Homecoming	
Sat, Nov 12	Harvard	at Cambridge, Mass.
Sat, Nov 19	CORNELL	FRANKLIN FIELD

Spring 2005 Pledges

Daniel Solomon Balk
Needham, MA

Gregory Brandon Dreyfuss
White Plains, NY

Evan Christopher Fenaroli
Niskayuna, NY

Jeremy Michael Friedmar
Plantation, FL

Aron Gera
Fremont, CA

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Adam Matos
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Upper Montclair, NJ

John William Peregrine-Smith

London, England

Benjamin Charles Swomley
Englewood, CO

Benjamin Franklin Tracy
Philadelphia, PA

Robert Michael Tuchman
Carmel, NY

Charles Evan Weinberg
Tampa, FL ■

Opportunities

What's In It for You?

It's a legitimate question. With careers, family lives and commitments in the community, why should alumni get involved?

Volunteering for the board or to lead or join a project team doesn't just benefit the fraternity:

- For young alumni, it offers a unique opportunity to gain resume-building skills and experience they may not be offered in their career for several more years. Leading successful projects related to mentoring, financial management and event planning can make you more marketable in your chosen field.
- Being an active part of a diverse team of alumni offers personal, career and business networking opportunities for alumni at all stages in their life and careers.
- We all enjoy admiration and acknowledgment. Succeeding at such a challenge earns recognition from your brothers and the entire Greek community who will look to our fraternity as an example.
- Studies show that volunteer activities and being part of strong social networks can improve health. People who volunteer report feeling less stressed, getting sick less frequently and enjoying better nights' sleep.

There are a lot of ways to get involved:

- Join the board or a project team
- Lead an outreach effort to get the word out

- Donate your brainpower, knowledge or expertise
- Utilize your business contacts to get in-kind donations
- Encourage other brothers to join you in getting involved

Major time commitment and lots of traveling are not requirements for volunteering. For what you put in, you get twice as much back. What will you get back?

How Can You Fulfill Your Lifelong Commitment to Sigma Chi?

- By volunteering to play a leadership role in the Penn Theta Alumni Association.
- By joining the mentorship program to keep our alumni network alive by pairing undergraduates with successful alumni.
- By organizing events including pledge class reunions and homecoming celebrations.
- By assisting in the direction of our alumni relations and communications programs, including our *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pennsylvania* newsletter and Web site (www.2stayconnected.com/sae-penn).
- By working to develop strategies for our financial plans and fund-raising initiatives.
- By serving as a chapter advisor to provide academic support, leadership training and more.

A Few of Our Undergraduate Brothers



Above Right: (L-R) **Jason Vitullo '06, Dinesh Thirupuvanam '06, Marc Dickstein '06, A.J. Kaynatma '07.**

Above Left: (L-R) **Mike Karam '06, Marc Dickstein '06, Sean Levy '05, Brian Walsh '06.**

Left: (L-R) **Rich Chapple '07, Ryan Budd '07, Jason Ginsberg '08, Dave Himrod '07.**

Alumni

UpDates

John F. Perry '72

(204 Highland Ter., Pittsburgh, PA 15215-1716; jperry2325@msn.com) Still living in Pittsburgh and cheering on the Steelers. Have retired from the practice of law and am now trying to figure out what I want to do when I grow up. One wife, zero children, two dogs. Trying to play lots of golf, but with the recent weather that has been tough.

James Newsom '95

(5 Mountain Ash Ln., Apt 175, Goffstown, NH 03045; jhnewsom@earthlink.net) I left Sidley and NYC last August to move to New Hampshire. Had a nice six-month "vacation" while searching for a job and now am working at Rath Young & Pignatelli in Concord.

To read additional alumni updates, or to post one of your own, please visit our Web site at www.2stayconnected.com/sae-penn. ■

Alumni

Relations

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These recent efforts have begun to make a very positive impact, as we have been hearing from more and more Penn Theta graduates who are interested in becoming more active in alumni affairs. Also, our chapter was recently recognized for Outstanding Alumni Relations by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs here at Penn. While we are honored by this award and very thankful to those alumni whose time and effort were crucial to reaching this point, every brother here realizes that this work will have been of little meaning without continued dedication toward reestablishing and maintaining the ties with those who have passed through our ranks.

Renovations to the chapter house are finally underway, and all of us at Penn Theta would be glad to have you visit and see the changes that are taking place if and when you have the chance. Thank you for your continued involvement — we look forward to seeing or hearing from you soon!

In the Bonds,

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Send Us Your Email Addresses!

We're on a mission to gather the e-mail addresses of all our alumni. This will help you stay in touch with old friends and reconnect with others. Only members of the Pennsylvania Theta Chapter will have access to this information. You can update your address at our Web site (www.2stayconnected.com/sae-penn) or on the enclosed solicitation form. ■

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