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PENNSYLVANIA ZETA ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY AS TRUE GENTLEMEN

By Scott Pugh '00, Eminent Archon

It is my difficult responsibility to inform our alumni that we have encountered a rather serious disciplinary problem. It is only through the hard work and dedication of those who came before us that we are provided with this fraternity experience and all the opportunities provided therein. For all these reasons, we owe you an explanation of our mistakes, the consequences of those mistakes, and our plans to ensure that a repeat incident does not occur.

For several years, it has been a tradition among the fraternities at Bucknell to invite first-year males to formals to serve as bartenders. For our winter formal, we asked two freshmen and two sophomores who were not members of the house to tend bar for us. In doing so, we overlooked several risk management policies.

Unfortunately, one of the freshmen was making some drinks for himself during the night. He was intoxicated, and upon returning to his residence hall, became sick. Fortunately, he was unharmed,

but a report and subsequent charges were filed against our chapter. We violated risk management policies by allowing him to tend bar and consume alcohol while he was underage.

Although we are greatly embarrassed by what has occurred, we believe that in the time following the incident we have acted as only True Gentlemen can. The chapter has committed itself to accepting complete responsibility for all of our actions. We went to the Interfraternity Council

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PLEDGES TAKE ON BROTHER ROOM

By Hunter Kintzing '01

For this year's Super Phi Alpha weekend, the pledge class chose to remodel the brother room in the basement. As you all know, the brother room was in pretty bad shape and needed some renovation. The first thing on the agenda was to completely wash down the entire room. All the walls were washed and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon crest was repainted.

After the room was cleaned, new carpet was laid, which really makes the room look terrific! Couches were

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Scott Friedman '01, Mike Brophy '01 and Brendan Casey '01 work on building a TV stand to put in the new Brother Room during Super Phi Alpha Weekend.

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added to create a comfortable, club-like atmosphere. The pledge class also constructed a table to cover an old rusty pipe in the corner of the room. The table has a tile top and really looks great. Other additions to the room include a television stand and a unique bench that was designed to conform to the curvature of the wall. Thanks to the guidance of the aspiring engineers and the hard work of the rest of the class — whether in terms of design, ideas or construction — each member of the class contributed something different to this project. The brotherhood will reap the benefits of the new Brother Room for years to come.



s gather to cheer Bucknell to victory over Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., on November 7, 1998. From left to right: Calvin Lacy '65, "Fussy" O'Neil '66, Toby Decker '65, "Duke" Sheldon '65, Jack Finnerty '66, and Jim Dusenbury '66. Future Brother, Steve Decker, class of 2014, is front center. "Brother O'Neil regaled us with exploits of his days on the road as a dancing troubadour." Our thanks to Toby Decker '65 (19 Bennington St., Needham, MA 02194) for contributing the photo.

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BROTHERS ENJOY USE OF LIBRARY COMPUTERS

By Brendan Purcell '00, Eminent Deputy Archon

The brotherhood has been as studious as ever in recent weeks due to the addition of computers in the library. Thanks to the generous giving of our alumni, two Micron minitowers were purchased along with a Hewlett-Packard laser jet printer. In addition to the resources the computers alone can offer the brotherhood, the library was recently added to Bucknell's Residence Network or ResNet. Having networked computers allows brothers to check e-mail, use the Internet for research and gain access to files placed on the network by professors. These new assets will help the house maintain its strong academic standing on campus among both the Greek and non-Greek communities.



Chuck Williams '00 and Hudsan Yost '00 use the house's new computers during midterms.

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(IFC) and discussed the problem of having freshmen bartenders, and together with the IFC, we are working to eliminate the practice in the Greek system. We have scheduled alcohol awareness programs with Chapter Adviser Bob Thomas, the Bucknell's drug and alcohol counselor, and will be retraining every member of the house in the TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) program. For those unfamiliar, the TIPS program is designed to educate members on the dangers of alcohol and teach them how to recognize and intervene in problem situations.

The Community Judicial Board felt it necessary to make a statement to the entire Greek system when they met to decide the consequences. This is understandable in light of the recent alcohol-

related problems many universities have had to deal with. We received a one-year social probation and will not be holding any social events, including House Party or Homecoming, until January 1, 2000. In addition, we are required to do several university cleanups and educational programs.

Most importantly, we wish to apologize to the alumni for our actions. We realize how poorly they reflect on us all. Our alumni can rest assured knowing that we are doing everything we possibly can to regain our respected standing in the Bucknell community. Our morale is maintained by trying to view the situation in the best possible light. Without the distraction of parties, we will have more time to work on improving the most important aspects of our house — brotherhood, honesty, respect and

fraternity. I can assure you, we are committed to doing just that. I have been keeping in close contact with the national office and our alumni corporation. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Dave Skena or me.

Now for some good news: the GPA tallies are in, and for one of the first times in recent history, SAE is ranked second overall with a GPA higher than the all-men's average!

The chapter is involved in several areas of the Bucknell community. Numerous brothers are involved in varsity athletics, student government and other extracurricular activities. The chapter is once again dominating the intramural scene. We are currently in the planning stages of making some changes to the offices of the chapter. Recognizing a

greater need for community service and philanthropic efforts, we are working hard to improve our contributions in these areas. In addition, we have been planning and working on several improvements to the house. To put it simply — the chapter is strong and is determined to grow stronger.

The coming year will be challenging, but exciting. In the face of many hardships already faced, we have strengthened the bond of brotherhood that will remain forever unbroken. Only through challenges will an organization grow. With the largest brotherhood on campus, the most dedicated leaders, and an incredibly enthusiastic new class of True Gentlemen, Sigma Alpha Epsilon will continue to grow in strength and integrity to reclaim our place in the Bucknell community.

SAE: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

By Jeff Meyer '99

As I enter my third year as a brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, I have seen and experienced many different events that will be with me forever. Whether it be pledging, the brotherhood, the house, road trips, formals, or just sitting around watching the game, everything is embedded in my memory to impart on future classes of SAEs. This is what makes the Penn Zeta Chapter what it is today: the stories, the personalities, and friendships that transcend generations. Without this, the tradition that binds us all as brothers would not exist.

The key ingredient to this mixture is, of course, the alumni. If the Penn Zeta Chapter did not have the active and enthusiastic Alumni Corporation that the brotherhood enjoys, this house would not be where it is today. Without these graduates instilling the wisdom, responsibility, and determination into the undergraduate brotherhood that they carried with them during their years at the house, we would not be the leader of the campus that the brothers are now.

Every year, as a new class of young men join the

realm of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, another chapter is added to the already long and prolific history of the Penn Zeta Chapter. Each class, and each brother for that matter, has their own goals and plans for the future of the house, with the common objective being success. Whether it be in the classroom or out of it, brothers of this house have proven their worth to both the University and the Fraternity. This tradition has carried on for years, and will continue as long as the traditions and heritage of the Chapter live.

As I recount my time as a brother here, I think back to the Homecomings and Alumni Weekends of which I have been a part. If I can appreciate my years as much as those before me, I'll know I've done it right. As I pass through the doors of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for the last time as an undergraduate, and the first time as an alumnus, I hope I can instill in future classes of SAEs what has been instilled in me: a sense of brotherhood and tradition that will endure forever.



ALUMNI NEWS



James R. Frith '39, the owner of Skyline Evergreen Farm (Box 86, Bentonville, VA 22610), has a small business growing and selling nursery plants and Christmas trees.

Our condolences to **Joseph S. Burkart '40** on the loss of his wife, Mildred, in August 1998. Joe is living in a retirement community at 845 First Colonial Rd., Apt. 156, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

C. Martin Neff '42 (640 Woodland Ave., Dallastown, PA 17313) is retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves. He served as mayor of Red Lion, Pa., for four years and on the Red Lion Borough Council for eight.

Keeping busy in his retirement, **Kenneth Warren '44** (33 Hollywood Pl., Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423) is active with his computer and in the National Associates of Investment Clubs. He has many good memories of SAE.

Paul W. Layden '46 (6726 Manchester Beach Rd., Fairview, PA 16415) is looking forward to catching up with old friends at Homecoming 1999. He sees **Bob '46** and **Jack ('43) Bullock** in Venice, Fla., and has heard from **Jack Peoples '50** and **Dave Grimm '50**. Paul would love to see former roommate **Phil Morton '47**.

As a full-time volunteer to the Boy Scouts of America, **Loren S. Riggins Jr. '49** (464 Ithaca St., Vineland, NJ 08360) serves as vice president of endowment and capital development for the Southern New Jersey Council and has

been elected as the endowment chairman for the Northeast Region. Every year, Loren enjoys returning to Bucknell and meeting with the brothers at Homecoming.

Hugh J. Worthen '53 (210 Willis Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776) commends the brothers of Pennsylvania Zeta for their accomplishments both at Bucknell and on the national level.

"Congratulations on having such a great chapter," notes **Ronal W. Smith '61** (460 Gills Neck Rd., Lewes, DE 19958).

After 25 years of creating new pharmaceuticals for several large companies, scientist **Arthur F. Michaelis '63** (126 Iron Bark Ct., Collegeville, PA 19426; afmich@bellatlantic.net) started his own business in prescription and over-the-counter drugs. His most recent company, Oakmont Pharmaceuticals Inc., has started operations in a 300,000-square-foot plant in Pittsburgh. Art and his wife, Judy, have two children.

Vincent E. Nurney Jr. '64 (P.O. Box 1614, Crystal Bay, NV 89402), CEO of Rainbow Properties, is looking forward to seeing his contemporaries at the reunion in 2000.

Stuart A. Flavell '81 (64 Cromwell St., Hartford, CT 06114; stuff@mindspring.com) has been chairing two large federally-funded HIV care programs.

When we heard from him in December, **Paul J. Holenstein '84** (9 Paul Nelms Dr., Downingtown, PA

19335; pjh@compuconservices.com) was expecting the arrival of his third child in only a few days. He, **Victor Berutti '85**, **Russ Cherry '86** and their families attended the annual picnic hosted by Carol and **Dave Hoffman '86** last fall. Paul notes that Dave has started a vineyard in southeastern Pennsylvania.

David W. Novack '88 (50 Brantwood Pl., Clifton, NJ 07013; dnovack@kesslerlaw.com) graduated from the Seton Hall University School of Law in May 1998 and is now an attorney with David Kessler and Associates.

Michael J. Wynne '89 (1000 E. Vermont, #5102, McAllen, TX 78503; michael.wynne@usdoj.gov) has been appointed an assistant U.S. attorney in the Civil Division for the Southern District of Texas. He is stationed in a town on the Mexican border.

After his patent law firm merged with a litigation and labor law firm, **Christopher A. Michaels '90** (1430 Ellis Hollow Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; michaels@bpmlegal.com) was named president and treasurer of the new firm of Brown, Pinnisi & Michaels. His practice is focused in biotech patent law and corporate law.

Steven B. Waltman '92 (610 Toftrees Ave., Apt. 255, State College, PA 16803; sbw120@psu.edu) is a second-year graduate student at Penn State and planning to complete his MBA in May of this year.

Last fall, **Gordon A. Brott '96** moved in with **Seth**

Grossbard '97 and **Chuck Steinhäuser '97** at 219 E. 89th St., Apt. 3W, New York, NY 10128. Gordon and **Brad Peterson '96** have been working on an Internet project and hope to have things up and running by late spring. You can check out their progress at www.eboard.com.

Dan Kahle '97 is now a student at the Colorado State University. Brothers can write to him at 3106 Appaloosa Ct., Fort Collins, CO 80526.

Justin R. Northeim '98 (5811 Rosecliff Dr., Lorain, OH 44053; justin@kellnet.com) is taking a year off from his studies to apply to medical school. He is working full time on an emergency paramedic squad, doing an internship with Metro Life Flight, and volunteering with the local free clinic.

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

William H. Druckemiller '35

(September 25, 1997),

John P. Davis Jr. '36

(July 21, 1998),

William M. Hoffman '38

(March 28, 1998),

J. M. Sogorka '41

(August 2, 1998),

Maynard C. Sommer '48

(April 18, 1998),

Henry Stubba Jr. '49

(January 1, 1998),

George W. Ketterer Jr. '50

(August 17, 1998),

Frederick C. Murnane '52

(May 7, 1998) and

August St. John '52

(July 17, 1997).

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