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Generous

Brothers

Large Projects the Focus of Chapter Philanthropy

The philanthropy events that our chapter has worked hard to offer have positively impacted the community. Last spring, we worked hard to sell tickets, set up and cater the Chocolate Festival for the Donald Heiter Community Center. Through ticket sales the week before the event, and through sales and donations at the door, we were able to raise \$14,000 for the community center.

Currently we are working on two philanthropy events. We are continuing to support the local campus theater by helping to raise money so its backers can finish their renovations. We have also obtained the licensing rights to show *Dazed and Confused* in November.

One of our brothers who graduated last year lost his mother recently. To show our support in this difficult time, we are currently raising money to donate to her favorite library. We have chosen to focus our efforts and work on one or two large projects per semester, so that we can really make a difference in the areas we choose. ■

Special Thanks to Gerald Weidman '54

The Brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Penn Zeta Chapter, would like to offer a special thank you to Gerald B. Weidman of the class of 1954 for his generous donation of \$5,000 to replace the chapter house sign that was stolen last summer. The sign has been ordered and will be in place for Homecoming, the weekend of Nov. 5. ■

Letter From the President

Fond Memories of Summer Include Chicago Leadership Retreat

I hope each of you had a nice summer and that your fall is off to a great start. I had a wonderful summer – I managed to get back east a few times and see some old friends from the house, and I was able to get some time off to relax as well.

One of the highlights for me was a mini-reunion of our pledge class in Pittsburgh to celebrate the engagement and upcoming wedding of **Jeff Meyer '99**. It was great to see everyone and catch up; we need to do things like that more often. I also made it to Chicago as part of a trip for a volunteer education program at SAE National in Evanston, Ill. This tied into leadership school for the undergraduates, at which I saw **Dennins DeLuca** and **Alex Sadowski**, two of our actives. It was a great experience and it was fun to get back to the Levere Memorial Temple, where I saw the picture on the wall from our leadership school class when **Justin Jarkowski** and I were undergraduates back in the summer of 1997.

On a more somber note, I also attended a memorial service for Jared Rosner '02 in Connecticut in May. Jared passed away this spring following a skiing accident suffered at Lake Tahoe. It was good to see so many of our brothers at his service - the church was literally overflowing with people whose lives Jared had touched. Jared was a great friend to many of us and will be dearly missed.

I look forward to seeing everyone back at Homecoming; I hope you are all able to get back to the house and visit with us. We hosted a reception at SAE during reunion weekend and had a great turnout, in no small part thanks to the efforts of Scott Perricelli, our alumni treasurer, who was also the class agent at reunion for the class of 1994.

If that weekend was any indication, we should have a great turnout at Homecoming. I'm sure you'll receive plenty of notices about Homecoming from Bucknell, and the weekend is scheduled for Nov. 5-7; as usual, we will have an alumni and undergraduate chapter meeting at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6, with a reception at the house both before and after. I look forward to seeing you all there!

And keep sending in updates on our Web site at www.sae bucknell.com or through the mail, and don't forget to send us any donations you can afford. I hope all is well with each of you and hope to see you all soon.

Yours in the bonds,

Rob Brooks ■

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Community Service

Chocolate Festival Tops List of Community Outreach Programs

Once again, we kicked off our community service with the annual Chocolate Festival. And, once again, it was a huge success.

The Chocolate Festival is sponsored by the local community center, which is a non-profit organization that provides a place for children to play while their parents work. In the days prior to the festival, we organized tables and chairs in an old antique warehouse. However, most of our work was done during the actual festival itself, where we served desserts to the local townspeople who were in attendance. The Festival was a huge success – even our dean was impressed – and we raised more than \$14,000 for the community center.

Next on our agenda was the National Sigma Alpha Epsilon True Gentlemen Day of Service. We organized a downtown cleanup on a Saturday afternoon and picked up garbage on the streets around Bucknell. The members of the community

were very pleased by this act of generosity, which is of course the reason behind having an annual day of service.

This fall we are going to be teaming up with the campus theatre to sponsor a movie; we've decided to play *Dazed and Confused*. We bought the rights to the movie and will be selling raffle tickets after receiving donations from local businesses. The night of the movie we will help clean up the auditorium after the movie has finished. All proceeds will go toward the campus theater. Since we began raising money last year, we have provided theater proponents with their largest donation in years.

The last project we are thinking about doing is the haunted house project in which, with the help of the local community, we make a haunted house for the children of Lewisburg to come and see. It has been a big hit in the past and we are hoping to have similar results this year. ■

Homecoming Weekend - November 5-7, 2004

Friday, November 5

- Bucknell Symphonic Band concert
- Kaballat Shabbat Services and Dinner
- Late Night Music

Saturday, November 6

- Bison Chips 30th anniversary reunion concert
- Athletics Hall of Fame Induction (Cheer on this year's five inductees!)
- Alumni Booksignings
- Alumni Career Services workshops
- Tom Gadd Memorial Dedication NEW

- Football game (Bucknell vs. Fordham)
- All-campus post-game reception
- Zero Year Reunion for the Class of 2004

Sunday, November 7

- Women's Water Polo Tournament
- Rooke Chapel 40th anniversary service
- Catholic Mass



2004 Bucknell Bison Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Outcome/Time
09/02/2004	Villanova	Villanova, Pa.	L, 20-14
09/18/2004	Cornell	Lewisburg, Pa.	W, 15-9
09/25/2004	Columbia	Lewisburg, Pa.	W, 42-13
10/02/2004	Georgetown	Washington, D.C.	W, 35-17
10/09/2004	Pennsylvania	Lewisburg, Pa.	L, 32-25 (2OT)
10/16/2004	Lafayette	Lewisburg, Pa.	L, 14-13
10/23/2004	Lehigh	Bethlehem, Pa.	1:00 PM
10/30/2004	Holy Cross	Worcester, Mass.	1:00 PM
11/06/2004	Fordham	Lewisburg, Pa.	1:00 PM
11/13/2004	Colgate	Lewisburg, Pa.	1:00 PM
11/20/2004	Duquesne	Pittsburgh, Pa.	12:00

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Rush: A Recount

Excitement was imbued in all of the rushes that evening, like the static energy of men waiting to run in front of bulls at the sound of a horn in Pamplona. From within the group, a chanting erupted that was high and proud and mighty: "S A E!" We thundered through the night, stomping and shouting, with excitement twisting inside of us until the eagerness could be held no longer. There was a synaptic sprint from the sidewalk of the unaffiliated into the grand fraternity house, into the fraternity, its esoteric significances guarded by the noble gaze of stone lions at the gateway to the next quarter-decade of our lives. It was the last evening of rush.

There can be no feeling of anticipation in the world that can surpass that of a college man's entrance into a fraternity, especially one with as stable a foundation and as significant a history as Sigma Alpha Epsilon. For the class of 2007, rushing SAE was by no means a hassle. In addition to being amiable to all of those who posed even the slightest interest in their fraternity, the brothers were also interesting in conversation. On many occasions, I found myself deeply involved, chatting with a brother who I had never met before, laughing and joking and debating without the usual stresses of rush breathing intimidation or dilemma down my neck.

And as a consequence of the brothers' true interest in building a strong pledge class, one that will carry on the SAE tradition, I returned to the SAE house for almost every rush event planned during the week: for the excellent food, yes I'll admit the crabs were a delicacy, but especially

for the connectedness that one can immediately feel when joining an intimate organization. And while my membership into the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is not yet official, an essence of brotherly support can still be sensed. From this foundation of brotherhood, one controls his own

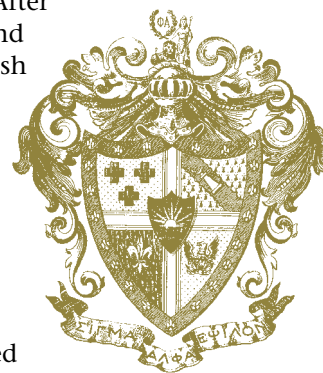
potential to do anything significant he wills and to become a true gentleman in society, with a house full of supporting arms to fall into if he fails, and the influence to push him back up to achieve great things.

Alex Penwill '07 ■

Stellar Rush Class Includes 25 Pledges

The fall rush for 2004 was incredibly successful. After initial meet and greet events at the Super Bowl and Final Four viewings last year for the freshmen, rush officially began on August 26.

Over the course of a week, we sponsored five rounds of the rush period. Highlights included a three-on-three basketball tournament, the annual SAE crab bake and SAE Live. For the crab bake, many brothers helped out, driving to Baltimore to buy the crabs, cooking and waiting the tables where rushes ate and getting to know the future brothers. The whole process culminated with SAE Live, with prerecorded and live skits put on by the brotherhood. A lot of work went into this final night, and it went off without a hitch. Preferential Night was nerve-racking for us rush chairs, but we ended up with a stellar class of 25 pledges. They are:



Gus Ahrens
Terry Austin
Kerim Aycibin
Lee Edwards
D.J. Guba
Mike Hirsch
Todd Ives
John Kimball
Fritz Konker

Kevin Joyce
Steve Marino
Scott McClure
Chris Mollica
Peter Morrison
David Myers
Devin Otway
Chuck Paindiris
Alex Penwill

Natty Piel
Michael Rossos
Oliver Schipper
Tom Sherman
Cory Sidelsky
Alejandro Ugarte-Limer
Kevin Zymunt

Overall the whole experience was intense, with more than three hours each day devoted to setting up the events and getting to know the rushes, but we are proud to have a very strong pledge class that will represent all the ideals of a True Gentleman.

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Alumni UpDates

George V. Gerber '49

(375 Camino Elevado, Bonita, CA 91902-2430) I just got back from India, where I installed a parts conversion system. India is a great place for those on the top. We had a good time and saw all of the sights, including the Taj Mahal.

Ray W. DAmato '52

(149 S.W. Leland St., Port Charlotte, FL 33952) I had my fifth hole-in-one in October 2003 at Lemon Bay Country Club in Englewood, Fla. In July, my wife and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary by taking all our children, grandchildren and their spouses on a cruise to Alaska. Two-and-a-half years ago I had a heart attack, but thanks to my wife and some fine doctors here I am still playing golf twice a week and riding my bike five days a week for five to eight miles a day, despite five by-passes. Thank god for modern medicine.

C. Mitchell Pennington '87

(P.O. Box 1073, West Tisbury, MA 02575-0638; mitchpennington@yahoo.com) Holly and I celebrated 15 years of marriage this past summer by sailing in the Caribbean. It's a bit colder here on our island of Martha's Vineyard. I started my own property management and remodeling company. We always love to see friends visit.

Richard A. Bacz '88

(13060 Gorham Way, Woodbridge, VA 22192; j_bacz@hotmail.com) I just moved

my family to Woodbridge, Va., where I became the director of bands at Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria. I had enough of the heat and the mosquitoes the size of small birds. I would love to hear from all of you; with the price of real estate, I would especially love to hear from the financially minded brethren to help me find a way to get a house! Hopefully, I will be able to make a reunion now and reunite with you all. Phi Alpha!

Scott D. Richardson '88



(11728 Stuart Mill Rd., Oakton, VA 22124-1221; scott.richarson@capitalone.com) The exciting news is that we had our second child, Lauren, in March. And I thought we weren't getting enough sleep as it was! It looks like there will be no Richardson "legacies" at SAE, but having two girls is great fun. We're still living in Oakton, Va., where we just completed a home addition project (the house, that is, not the baby).

Robert H. Kay '89

(6207 Riverfront Dr., Palmyra, NJ 08065; RHKAY@aol.com) Hey guys. Maya; our two sons, Ryan, 4 1/2, and Matthew, 2; and I took a hiking trip at Batso State Park in New Jersey last fall. Phi Alpha!

Jason C. Gish '91

(88 Mount Vernon St., Apt. 21, Boston, MA 02108; jason@jgish.com) I am still living in Boston, but much has changed for me recently. Most importantly, I got married on March 27 to Joan Wasser. You can read about the wedding if you search the New York Times, which published a short blurb on us March 28. We honeymooned in Australia and had a great time diving in the waters off the Great Barrier Reef and checking out Sydney. I also founded a new business and intellectual property law firm with two of my former colleagues. Our offices are located in downtown Boston in Quincy Market. You can see more information about the firm at its Web site, www.ggulegal.com. Phi Alpha. ■

In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the deaths of **Jack R. Rott '52**, **Edward M. Butler '56** (11/13/03), **Jacob Deerhake '96**, and **Jared Rosner '02**. Sigma Alpha Epsilon mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

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