

Homecoming, Oct. 18 ...

Alumni/chapter meeting immediately following the football game (approximately 4:00 p.m.). Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres following meeting.

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Alumni Report

By Rob Brooks, President, SAE Penn Zeta Alumni Association

SAE Seeks Help from Alumni

As many of you know, we have made great strides in the last year to improve the quality of our fraternity in many ways. We've upgraded the physical structure and increased alumni participation and support, and our undergraduate brotherhood has continued its hard work and dedication. The past year has not been without its hardships and challenges, but I think learning from the experiences we've gone through together has made us a stronger organization. We've grown stronger through meeting challenges as they have arisen, and this will help us overcome even greater challenges in the future. I am proud to be a part of our wonderful fraternity chapter, especially as we celebrate its 110th anniversary.

The house is in great shape these days and I hope that many of you will return for a visit – not just for homecoming but at other times throughout the year as well. We could really use some leadership from the ranks of our alumni.

Henry Smith '86, who continues to serve as vice president of the Alumni Association, has left the Lewisburg, Pa., area to pursue a Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in music at the University of Kansas. Henry has been a wonderful asset to the chapter for the past several months as an active local alumnus, setting up forums with different members of Bucknell's faculty to speak on topics of interest to the

brothers of SAE. Now that Henry has left Lewisburg, our Alumni Association is hoping that all of you will step up and contribute your time and energy in any way you see fit. A short visit to the house while passing through Lewisburg can go a long way, and the brothers at the house are eager to interact with more alumni and learn from the experiences we shared in our time at Penn Zeta.

I strongly encourage anyone who can get back to Bucknell for homecoming to do so; as we celebrate our chapter's 110 years, remember that each of you contributed in some way to the direction that the house has taken. You should all take pride in your contributions to the house, and I think you will be proud of where the brothers who came after you have led the house and where it now stands. I look forward to seeing many of you the weekend of Oct. 17-18 at homecoming; you should have already received some information on the weekend and the activities that we have planned at the house.

If you haven't done so lately, give us a short update that we can include in the next Iris, or visit our Web site at www.sae bucknell.com and post an update there. And please stop by the house whenever you get the chance! I know you'll be happy you did. ■

Welcome Fall 2003 Pledges

Patrick Allinson
Ellicott City, Md.

William Bacheler
Cherry Hill, N.J.

Nick Bossert
Easton, Pa.

Peter Boxx
Latrobe, Pa.

Eric Brunton
McLean, Va. (soccer)

Robert Cannata
Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

Jeremy Chin
Macungie, Pa. (breakdancing)

James Egan
Ridgewood, N.J.

James Ernst
Cherry Hill, N.J.

Richard Eskelson
Kensington, Md.

Tim Faneck
Dallas, Pa. (soccer)

David Gregory
Philadelphia, Pa.

William Hairston
Pottstown, Pa.

Brian Matthews
Cheshire, Conn.

Joseph McCullough
Pasadena, Calif.

Colin McLean
Portland, Ore.

Steven Miller
Flourtown, Pa.

James Nekus
Ridgewood, N.J.

Timothy O'Neill
Point Pleasant, N.J. (soccer)

William Patterson
Yardley, Pa. (water polo)

Brandon Pierce
Harrisburg, Pa.

Matthew Pierce
Dover, Mass.

Mike Pisarcik
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Ryan Price
Huntingdon, Pa.

Andrew Rooke
Philadelphia, Pa.

Garrett Samuels
Solana Beach, Calif. (crew)

Andrew Schwenk
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Adam Seltzer
Altoona, Pa.

Robert Thompson
Lake Forest, Ill.

Taylor Yeaton
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.



Fraternity EVENTS

Old Friends Reunite at Alumni Barbecue

On May 31, 2003, the SAE Chapter House Association sponsored a BBQ on the house's front porch. It was a pleasure to see the following brothers and their families: Providence Archon **Ray Sewell '74**; Penn Zeta Chapter House Association President **Rob Brooks '99**; **Jack Brothers '58**; **Robert H. Burnett '58**; **Jeffrey Kennelly '83**; **Rob Constantini '83**; **Dr. Lon Castle '83**; **William "B.J." Anderson '94**; **Joe Klein '93**; **Chris Ketchum '93**; **Christopher Tackney**; **David Renken '68**; **Robert Bartow '43**; and **Jim Burt '50**, composer of "My Fraternity."

Regretfully missing were brothers **Randall Post '86**; **Dan Jones '87**; **Brian Eifert '89**; **Leif Johnson '75**; and **Bob Thomas '68**, chapter house university advisor and New Hampshire Alpha, all of whom sent their written regrets.

Special thanks go to **John P. Fernsler '62** Penn Sigma-Phi, associate professor at Bucknell; and **James O. Holmes '47** California Gamma for their donations for the event.

Thank you to all who attended the SAE BBQ and we hope to see you at other future events.

Phi Alpha,

Henry H. Smith '86, Vice President
SAE Chapter House Association of
Penn Zeta ■

2003 Bucknell Bison Football Schedule

(home games in bold)

9/27	Columbia	7:00 p.m.
10/4	Fordham	1:00 p.m.
10/11	Pennsylvania	12:30 p.m.
10/18	Towson	1:00 p.m.
	(Homecoming)	
10/25	Colgate	1:00 p.m.
11/1	Holy Cross	1:00 p.m.
	(Parents' Weekend)	
11/8	Lafayette	12:30 p.m.
11/15	Lehigh	1:00 p.m.
11/22	Georgetown	1:00 p.m.

Rush

Report

By Nate Bridge, Rush Chair

Rush Chair Finds Unity Happiness Bond SAE Brothers Together

For 11 days, it was my job to find 30 gentlemen and extend to them an offer of membership into my fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. At least that was my understanding throughout the summer leading up to those 11 days. I soon came to understand my job lasted not 11 days, but rather the greater portion of four months, in which time I tried to come to some idea of what characteristics were most important to be a member of this brotherhood.

During the months leading up to rush, I realized that I had become so intent on creating an attractive image for the fraternity that superficiality had replaced my best intentions. I had lost sight of what Sigma Alpha Epsilon had taught me. I understood then that the power from which this fraternity draws its unity is in its ability to focus its attention and efforts on the happiness of its members. And with this understanding as the guiding force of all my decisions, I committed myself to helping the gentlemen who were interested in our brotherhood in making a clear decision on what would make them happy. I am proud to say that we have now accepted 30 outstanding gentlemen into our fraternity. And I am proud to say that the members of our brotherhood have welcomed these gentlemen into our fraternity and look forward to the day that we can initiate them as brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

For 11 days it was my job to find 30 gentlemen and to extend them an offer of membership into my fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. But it was also my job to help each one of them find what it was that made them happy. I am proud that I was able to help these 30 gentlemen with a decision that would not only govern their next few years at school but would guarantee them honor and distinction for the rest of their lives. And I am also proud that I have helped to contribute to an ever-evolving Sigma Alpha Epsilon. ■

Chapter

High Lights

By Garrett Samuels

Rush Week's Craziiness Proves All Brothers are Individuals

Five apples to a wild and crazy rush! For the past week, rushees have been frequenting every house from Fraternity Row to Downhill. There was a little bit of everything during rush, including great food, extensive conversation and entertainment. While I had various influences pulling me this way and that, I ended up at SAE and know I made the right choice.

With the termination of rush, my heart rate has dropped back to where it once was but, boy, my heart was beating as I went to check my mailbox for my bids. I got to thinking that maybe my rush strategy was faulty. Do I know enough of the brothers? The voting scene in "Animal House" played vividly in my head. You know, the one where beer cans are thrown at the projector slides of the doomed prospective pledges. I recalled mixing up a brother's name at one of the many rush rounds. For sure he wouldn't let me join due to my first impression. "Come on!" I thought, "please, please get the bid. Wait — am I sure I want SAE? My dad and best friend are Lambda! Maybe I should have shown them more interest!" But when I opened my mailbox to find the envelope that sealed my lifelong fraternal association, I gave the ultimate "phew," knowing that my projected picture was beerless, and that, after all, they really did get to know me and want me in the SAE pledge class of 2003.

During my short time as a pledge, I have thought a lot about my decision. As I saw my friends in their respective fraternities, knowing the brotherly bonds that have already begun to form in mine, I have realized that none of us are a number or a label. We are each unique individuals proud to be sharing something inherently special: Brotherhood. ■

Brigade

By Ryan Sexton

Brothers Spend Spring Break Helping Nicaraguans

When I stepped from the dirt path through the screen door into the single-story, stucco-walled building that had been erected on the outskirts of the poverty stricken community of Nueva Vida, I knew, staring at the spotless floor, makeshift pharmacy and four examination rooms, that I could make a difference.

Last year, around this time, I learned of the Bucknell Brigade, an organization created in 1998 in response to the devastation wreaked by Hurricane Mitch. The organization works to provide aid to Nueva Vida, Nicaragua, a refugee community with a population of 14,000. Since its creation, the Brigade has provided much needed emergency aid and has sent two delegations of 20-30 students, professors and administrators per year (one over winter break and one over spring break) to assist the residents of Nueva Vida in the construction of temporary shelters and a functioning health clinic.

With the encouragement of brother **Dave Castle '04**, who was a member of the Brigade his freshman year, I and brother **Sam Ostroff '05** decided to apply to the program and were fortunate enough to be selected as members last fall. Over the course of the fall semester we raised funds and attended numerous lectures and seminars with the other Brigade members in an effort to immerse ourselves in the culture of Nicaragua. I knew very little about Nicaragua before attending these information sessions. At their completion, I felt I had learned quite a lot about the Nicaraguan people and the state of the country. Yet nothing could have prepared me for the shock that I experienced upon arrival in Nicaragua last March.

Nicaragua is a developing nation and most of its population lives in extreme poverty. The community that the Brigade assists, Nueva Vida, is no exception. I have trouble conveying with words the conditions in which these people live. Entire families live in single-room, dirt-floor huts constructed of scrap metal. They wear scraps of clothing and eat scraps of anything edible. And yet they survive. They smile and they survive. We help them do so.

During spring break, Sam and I worked together with the rest of the Brigade and the residents of Nueva Vida in the initial construction of a new women's health addition to an existing health clinic. We mixed and poured cement and added walls and floors to the foundation. We were also able to help administer primary health care to ill residents. Our participation in the Brigade made a positive statement for our chapter and for all Greeks here at Bucknell.

I am extremely grateful for the generous assistance made by our chapter's alumni who, through the Warren Webber Scholarship, were able to completely fulfill my monetary requirements to pay for housing and transportation. Thank you, alumni. I hope that in the future the alumni will continue to be able to assist brothers in meeting the financial requirements of the Brigade and other voluntary service programs. ■

Goals

By Jonathan Riskin,
Eminent Archon

SAE Sets Goals for Pledges, Alumni in 2003

After a very strong 2003 spring semester, the men of Pennsylvania Zeta look to the fall as a time to build upon the chapter's success. Complemented by 30 new pledges, we have outlined our goals for the upcoming months and believe that they can be accomplished at a level consistent with the ideals of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. We here at Bucknell are thoroughly determined to keep our brotherhood moving in the directions of positive alumni interaction, campus achievement and a rewarding and unique pledge program.

The first goal that was outlined when the brothers returned to campus was the running of a successful rush and pledge program. The first part of that objective has already been met, as our 30 new pledges are a motivated, intelligent and diverse group. The latter half of the goal is still under way, and we have created a basic framework from which we can work. Our pledge program will emphasize knowledge of SAE history. In addition, there will be a focus on house cleaning and maintenance. We believe that our house is the nucleus of our brotherhood, a place where we come together to share meals, make important decisions and enjoy spare time. Respect for the house should be shown through its appearance.

Our second objective for the fall of 2003 is to continue our progress in the areas outlined by the Plan for Prominence. We are currently one of the most active chapters on campus, leading all fraternities in the statistical categories of educational programming, total community service hours and total philanthropic dollars raised. Our last goal is to continue our improved relationship with alumni. Although attendance was lower than we had hoped, the house felt alive last year during our first-ever alumni golf tournament. It was a great way for alumni, parents and active brothers to come together and enjoy the hard work of SAE.

There are various opportunities for alumni to come back to campus this year and see in person the great strides Pennsylvania Zeta has made. The brotherhood is enthusiastic and prepared for the academic year and looks forward to living up to the standards of the True Gentlemen. ■

UpDates

Roland B. Hogan '43
(8 Frost Rd., P.O. Box 96, Center Ossipee, NH 03814-0096) Hope to have a visit from **Jack Bullock '43** this summer when he travels to New England.

George V. Gerber '49
(375 Camino Elevado, Bonita, CA 91902-2430) I attended my 60th high school reunion this spring and will attend my 55th at Bucknell next year.

George J. Akerhielm '50
(7636 Sturbridge Dr., Manlius, NY 13104-9515) I'm a retired director of engineering for Carrier Air Conditioning. I now serve as

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Alumni UpDates

chairman of my military unit reunion group, an army security agency intercept station in Helemano, Hawaii.

John W. Peoples '50
(3320 Chiswick Ct., #61-3A, Silver Springs, MD 20906-1636) After skiing for 45 years on more than 100 mountains on four continents, I finally quit. In March 2003 I blew out my right knee skiing in Innsbruck, Austria. Now I have had total knee replacement. I was the founder and first president of the Bucknell University Ski Club in 1949.

Thomas T. Balog '52
(511 East St., Pittsford, NY 14534; ttbassoc@aol.com) I just returned from five days of wonderful golf in Scottsdale, Ariz. My work is now golf – I managed to get in 100 rounds at my club last year, which is not bad for our short season. I'd like to say hello to all the brothers in the class of '52.

Donald A. Booth '59
(8948 Winegar Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848; archbooth@voyager.net) I retired in January 2002 and now enjoy my five grandchildren and "working" on our homestead on my retirement gift, a 30-horsepower Kubota tractor. When Michigan thaws we retreat to Torch Lake, just north of Traverse City, where we reside in a 70-year-old log cabin. It looks like the chapter is in great shape. Congratulations! As a former Marine infantry platoon

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commander ('59-'62), I am pleased to see that tradition continuing.

Paul J. Holenstein '84
(9 Paul Nelms Dr., Downingtown, PA 19335-2295; paul@holenstein.com) I would like to get contact information for **Larry Greenwald '83**, e-mail preferred. I can be reached by e-mail or by phone at (610) 647-6250, extension 233.

Thomas J. Wyka '88
(1 Bennett Ct., Parsippany, NJ 07054; wyka@optonline.net) Tyler is a year-and-a-half old and has a daddy who has not held a permanent job in Tyler's whole life. But I do have a paycheck at the moment, courtesy of Schering-Plough's e-business area. I like the folks and the work but, considering the shape the company is in, I may be looking for work again at the end of the year. Oh well. Everyone is more or less well and happy. I'd love to hear from anyone and would love to send a photo, but the scanner took a permanent vacation. Just for those who have not experienced it – poverty sucks! Phive Apples, Pholks!

Arthur Pajak '89
(10938 Avenida Playa Veracruz, San Diego, CA 92124-4110; apajak@mail.sdsu.edu) My wife, Melinda, and I welcomed a baby boy, Benjamin, on Feb. 7, 2003.

John F. Presper '97
(75 Oxford St, Apt C-6, Hartford, CT 06105; jfpresper@hotmail.com) I graduated from the University of Connecticut's

law program. Upon my return from a phenomenal spring semester in Amster ... I mean, the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, I took a few bar exams and am working in-house as a patent attorney for Pratt & Whitney in Hartford, Conn. If anyone is in the area, turn around and go home ASAP. I see Buggie every now and then, when he's not with his new live-in. YaShoes fell off the planet and has a punching coming to him when I see him for not returning my calls. I saw Rose, Behrens, Darryl and Klatt in New York right after the bar, and Wood opened up a different kind of bar in Springfield, Mass. That's it for now.

Justin Jarkowski '99
(2844 Wisconsin Ave., Apt. 409, Washington, DC 20007; justinjarkowski@hotmail.com) I got engaged this past summer in Napa Valley. I will be marrying Hope Smith, a lawyer, in July 2003. My friends tell me I am "playing above the rim." **Jeff Meyer '99** is a groomsman, although I am not sure how his chin will fit inside the church.

Michael A. Fusarelli '02
(105 Augusta Dr., Moorestown, NJ 08057; fus3343@yahoo.com) House party rocked.

In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the deaths of **Jack A. Flaugh '40** (2/19/03) and **Jack R. Rott '52** (5/13/03). Sigma Alpha Epsilon mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends. ■

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