



Kovner 1993: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Temple University's Diamond Club provided the setting for the 1993 Kovner Banquet on November 17, and in typical Pi Lam fashion, we saw a bit of the good, the bad and the ugly.

The good...



Oz Packer '50 and Marv Welsch '49 discuss worldly issues at the banquet (or was it who's buying the next drink?)

This year's banquet brought forth a resoundingly positive turnaround from last year with attendance of over 80 undergrads and alumni, all bravely returning to the rather unpleasant streets of North Philly. The various classes were well represented beginning with the stalwart supporters of the mid to late 80s and continuing through our long, distinguished (or somewhat unsavory, depending on which era you may be talking about) past. Among those in attendance were: **Steven Furst '81, Murray Goldberg '81, Barry Gould '79, Brian Rittenhouse '79, Wayne Weaver '79, Terry Bitman '69, Dan Lynch '69, Irv Koffler '62, Lewis Schwartz '56, Bill Glosser '51, Oz Packer '50, and Marv Welsch '49.**

The evening was hosted by the ever-entertaining **Spencer Glass '83**, president of the alumni association. Spencer masterfully (and might I add with little heckling or hurled food stuffs) guided us through the banquet's itinerary with all the skill and grace of a Sylvester Stallone alliteration exercise.

After the complicated process of extracting Spencer from the podium, the evening proceeded onward to our guest speaker, the executive director of the International office, **Alan Wunsch (PA Delta Iota '86)**. Alan took the opportunity to address the state of the chapter, and you could clearly see the glimmer in his eye and genuine love in his voice when the words "financially current" came from his mouth. He continued saying that, barring a minor squabble with the Pennsylvania Pumpkin Growers Association, the chapter was moving in the right direction, and included that the banquet and alumni association in general deserved congratulations.

Honors were heaped (without charge) upon those few deserving members during the awards ceremony. **Fran McCafferty '85**, a former rex, presented the first honors of the evening, the Jerome R. Balka award (recognizing exemplary conduct under Pi Lam code of responsibility), to graduating senior **Andrew Lackman '93**. **Tom Monaco '84**, presented the Athletic Achievement Award to **Marc Bendo '94**, who upon acceptance, made a solemn vow not to graduate until his undergrad team could defeat the alums

in flag football (unfortunately you can't get student aid for that long). The Alumni Achievement Award was given by a man who has always been a credit to our letters, and quite frankly, needs no fanfare in these pages (actually, we can't remember who did the honors but we're sure he was very important and quite distinguished). The award winner was the incumbent rex, **Mick Edelman '95**, who was additionally recognized for his efforts with the Alfred "Koko" Kovner Memorial Award, presented by yet another past rex, **Wayne Weaver '79**.

Perhaps the most stirring portion of the awards presentation was the Alpha Delta Lifetime Achievement Award. This honor, first given to the late Isadore Wachs in 1988, was presented by another past recipient, **Marvin Welsch '49**. Brother Welsch went on to describe the award winner's exceptional commitment to the chapter and its members for over forty years. From organizing reunions of "the old house," to his most recent contribution in administering our chapter's first scholarship fund, this brother's contributions have been indispensable. The 1993 Lifetime Achievement Award went to **Bill Glosser '51**.

Bill, who is currently a U.S. Magistrate for the Western District of Pennsylvania, graciously accepted the award and turned out to be a real crowd pleaser as he described some of his less judicious acts as a brother in the 40s and 50s. His selfless efforts similarly continue to bridge the gaps between generations of Pi Lams by reminding us of that which we all have in common. Many thanks, Bill.

The bad...

In all seriousness, for many years, we have appreciated and supported the semi-irreverent and light way in which the



Terry Bitman '69, Dan Lynch '69 and Joe McGee { } admire one of the Diamond Club's lovely floral arrangements.

Kovner banquet was carried out in the past. And this model can be maintained without experiencing what we saw from a few participants this year: flagrant abuse of the host club's liquor policies, property damage, theft, and total disregard for common courtesy. Pi Lambda Phi is no longer permitted to host any event at the Diamond Club due to these

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Pi Lambeau Field Revisited

The 3rd annual alumni-undergrad flag football tournament saw an undergrad squad ripe for a victory — coming off of a first place showing in the All University Conference flag football league, and making the finals in the



The undergrads put on a display that would have made the Buffalo Bills proud.

City-Six tournament. They were confident... this year they had everything they needed to beat the alumni: ability, quickness, an attacking defense, a deep-threat offense, and a solid game plan.

As a spectator you may have agreed. The alumni carried 40 oz. bottles of malt liquor onto the playing field, sported beer bellies that made John Goodman look svelte, and sprained various semi-vital extremities in the act of suiting up.

But they had something over the hapless undergrads... more than knowledge, more than being wily from their years,

more than a copy of the undergrad playbook. Yes, the alumni had a pre-game cash arrangement with the referees and the unabashed will to cheat.

In addition to being unsightly, the alums were quite offensive, racking up points almost at will. Quarterback, **Tom Monaco '85**, attributed the success to his masterful play calling which went something like this, "I'll run around in the backfield for a while until you guys get open." The O-line, however insisted that they were the key. **John McKeon '86**, said he gave up eating between meals to get in shape for the game. **Fran McCafferty '85**, **Mark Levin '86** and **Mike Janzer '87** rounded out the offensive line allowing wide receivers **Tim Bryan '86**, **Joe Trautwein '87**, and **Trey Reynolds '86** to pick holes in the porous undergrad defense.

The alumni defense stymied any of the feeble attempts of the undergrad "chuck and duck" offense. The D-line duo of **Don "Chief" Serek '90**, and **Spencer Glass '83** proved that pent up anger from marriage can be vented creatively in the sporting arena, while **Dave McDonnell '89** and **Kevin Dwyer '87** controlled the middle of the field at linebacker. At D-back **John Goldstein '89** and **Joe McGee '00**

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occurrences.

... and the ugly

Yes, in addition to the bad, there were certain things that

we would term just plain ugly. The condition of the chapter house was unkempt at best; unsanitary and ungodly at worst. One particular alumni who shall remain nameless (OK, Marc Russo), showed us his best "drunken fetus" impression on one of the couches in the club lounge. And "when in Rome..." just didn't cut it as an excuse for

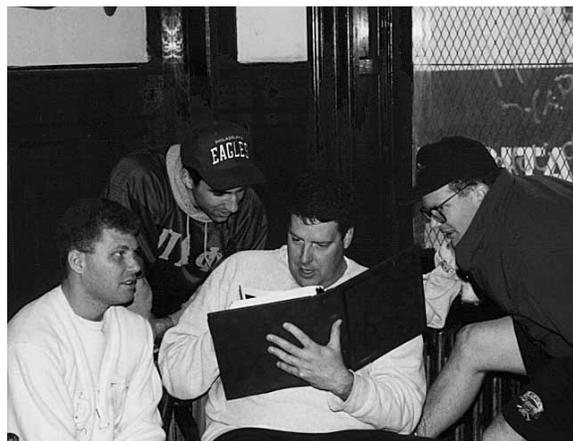
theft and vandalism, even though the event was held in North Philadelphia.

Understanding that for many of us, this is one of the few unsupervised times away from the spouse, family pet, or parole officer, it would benefit our organization if we could "self-police" those individuals who do get out of hand. The Kovner Association is currently considering moving the banquet back to a more controlled environment (e.g. the Vesper Club).

All in all, however, the banquet was a success of ample proportions. As long as we can continue hosting the event at places that don't know us (or know of us) we should be able to persevere long into the mid-90s.



Andrew Lackman '93, **Brian Trexler**, **Shawn McClure '94**, and **Brian Brignola '95** pose with an alumni who wished to remain anonymous.



Kevin Leckner '95, **Tom Monaco '84**, and **Mike Janzer '87** listen intently as **John McKeon '86** leads the traditional post-game reading of scripture.

displayed arguably brutal play that somehow went unnoticed by the referees, but may well have violated their parole.

But perhaps the most credit should be given to the second team reserves: **Al "Crazy Legs" Ciampitti '91**, **Scott Schied '93**, **James Marcitullio '89**, **Steve "Scramblin" Smith '88**, **Ronnie Savarese '91**, and **Shawn "Trash" Mahoney '92** who heckled the undergrads with such fervor and genuine malice that their play was visibly diminished.

Oh yeah, needless to say, the alumni won all three games played by the scores of: 57-6, 78-0, and 112-2. Better luck next year, undergrads.

Alpha Delta Gram Unearthed

A little piece of history was recently revealed to us by Brother **Samuel Gamburg '45**. After reading the last issue of the *Alpha Delta*, he was quite incensed and thought he should show us a real sampling of quality journalism.

Combing his files, he came up with a few copies of the chapter newsletter from 1944-45, then known as the *Alpha Delta Gram*. Samuel served as editor of the publication through this very hectic and historical period for our country and our fraternity.

1945 saw the close of World War II and the fifty year anniversary of Pi Lambda Phi.

In that

volatile time, the letter was

comprised of stories of men who took it upon themselves to be

forthright and self-sacrificing, whether overseas fighting for

our country or on the homefront

persevering in their pursuits of education and fraternal tradition.

The names that appeared throughout the newsletter are those that are renown in our fraternal community for their lasting impression or contributions over the years: Marvin "Reds" Blumenthal, Alvin Krasne, Ted Halpern, William "Snap" Melnick, and of course Alfred "Koko" Kovner, among others.

In 1995, Pi Lambda Phi will be celebrating its centennial (that's a hundred years to you and me), and it puts me in somewhat of a reverent frame of mind. I would certainly like to believe that a Temple Pi Lam from the class of 2045 will be able to pick up this issue of the newsletter and similarly respond in kind about our generation and the efforts to relay our trials and tribulations in print. Of course, they'll more likely respond, "...what a rag... bad jokes, self-degradation, and grossly unamusing anecdotes. I can't believe that these losers called themselves Pi Lam."

Ah, what the hell does the unborn generation know anyway?

Thank You for Your Support

In our last newsletter, we introduced a fundraising program that produced an excellent response from a number of you (contributors are listed on page 6). A very special thanks goes out to our Century Club members (\$100 donors) listed below:

Bill Glosser	Jonathan Goldstein	Albert Kramer
John Lampi	Miles Lazervitz	David
McDonnell Robert Rosenthal		Marvin Welsch

A separate fundraising effort of importance is the Isadore Wachs Scholarship. This fund is being administered by Bill Glosser and the International office through the Pi Lambda Phi Educational Foundation. The following individuals have already graciously contributed:

Marvin E. Black	Louis Ferrante	Alvin Levin
Robert Rosenthal	Donald Serek	Vincent Truncellito
Marvin Welsch	The Isidore Grossman Foundation	

To show the undergrads that we are committed to the idea of awarding a scholarship, the first award of \$250 will be given directly from our general alumni account. I am confident that, over time, we will be able to consistently raise funds enabling our organization to provide a legitimate and perennial gift to a deserving undergraduate (to be selected by an alumni committee).

Your contributions to date have been used to cover the costs of mailings (a single issue of this newsletter can exceed \$400 in mailing and printing costs) and basic operating expenses. Your continued support will be much appreciated. Donations can be forwarded in the enclosed return envelope.

Summer/Fall Alumni Outings

The most recent Kovner Association meeting, held on April 11, brought forth discussion on something that has been lacking in our organization for quite some time — alumni gathering and events. The following activities are currently being considered. Please indicate your preferences (or add your own) on the attached return mailer.

△ Alumni vs. Undergrad Softball tournament during Fall rush (September 11 tentative date)

△ Golf Outing (currently being researched by Burke Miller and John McKeon and scheduled for September)

△ Summer Family Outing (picnic with family/friends)

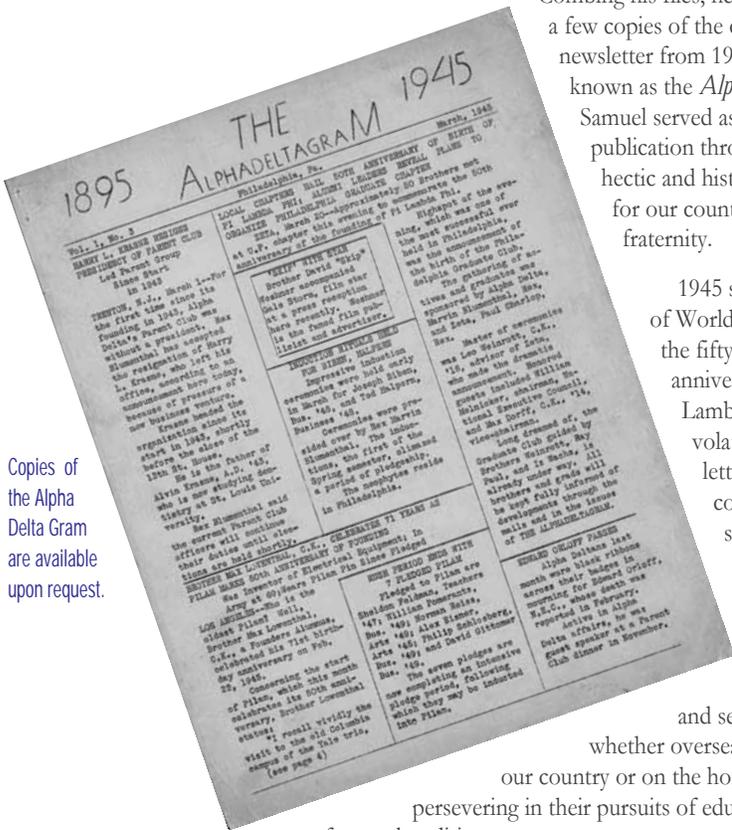
△ Pi Lam nights at local watering holes

Copies of the Alpha Delta Gram are available upon request.

Reunion of The Old House

On Friday, May 13 from 12:00 to 2:00, members of "the old house" will be meeting at the Locust Club (1614 Locust Street, Philadelphia). This group consists of members of our chapter from year 1 to 55. If you would like to attend, please R.S.V.P. by May 1st:

Bill Glosser
430 Main Street
Johnstown, PA 15901



Chris Gannon: Armed and Dangerous?

Some time ago, a young married couple named Mahoney decided to call their child "Shawn." Twenty-some odd years later, he asked me to submit a column for his quarterly Pi Lam newsletter.

They both made mistakes. His was asking me in the first place. Their's was a blatant disregard for birth control. One must accept these things and move on.

I used to look forward to correspondence from Pi Lam with the joyous anticipation of a long overdue dental cleaning. For many years the newsletters were written in a standard format, e.g. "Dear Alumni, We wanted to know how you were and how much you'd be sending us this year... on second thought, just tell us how much you'll be sending." At first this was amusing. But, being a recent graduate, I kept thinking, "you're whipping a dead horse." I have no money. My credit rating had a date with Jack Kervorkian. And, I'm on a first name basis with Collections Department Managers at VISA, Discover, Toys R Us, and PHEAA. "Calgon, take me away!"

Thank you Shun, for turning the newsletter around. Not that its no longer a shameless plea for financial assistance. But, that it's an entertaining, informative, professional, shameless plea for financial assistance.

Which brings to my next topic — gun control. Mentioning gun control after talking about Shun is as natural as mentioning abortion after talking about Scott Schied, or hair care products and Rob Kwortnik.

It seems that a growing number of citizens are growing tired of freedom and, above all, the responsibility that goes along with it. "We'll make it a crime to own a gun. Therefore if you commit a crime with a gun, you're committing two crimes!" This may stall your average librarian who, like most of us, is just looking for a good time. But I really believe that rational thought is beyond the grasp of the people we would like to protect ourselves from.

The fact is that over 90% of the guns used in crimes are not

legally owned. Making gun ownership illegal is unconstitutional. We all agree on that (and if you don't you should be air-dropped into a Jakartan leper colony). Taking that gun away from you makes you one thing, unarmed. Petitioning to have that gun taken away from you makes you unarmed *and* stupid.

Please research the statistics yourself before you become one. People who legally own guns tend to respect the power of the weapon and the responsibility that goes with it. Accidents are not as common as the media would have you believe. On the other hand, criminals love defenseless prey. Quite rare is the story of the agitated loner who, armed with a .22 revolver storms a police gun range in search of hostages. The defenseless are potential victims, PERIOD. If mice could heft pistols there'd be a lot of dead pussies in the street.

It's not time to ban handguns, it's time to severely punish those who misuse them.

Editor's Note: The above piece was submitted by **Chris Gannon '89**, comedian/actor/writer and estranged loner, whose talents are fortunately not limited to editorials.

I recently took advantage of Chris' comedic talents. You see, the ominous and omnipotent CEO of my company was retiring, and I was placed in charge of organizing a roast in his honor. To make a long story short, at the roast Chris proceeded to blithely and wilyly humble the man (known affectionately by his friends as "that bastard") to the overwhelming approval of all those who toiled for him over the years. Needless to say, Chris made me look good and was showered with lovely parting gifts for his efforts. And now, a shameless plug:

Look for Chris to be appearing soon in your living room. Not to worry, he'll be on the television screen. Chris is currently featured in a series of wacky and, dare I say, madcap commercials for MCI's 1-800-COLLECT campaign.

Yes, I am interested in contributing to the Kovner Association* (or at least I'd like to see my name in the next newsletter)

\$100 Century Club \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10 Kovner Ass'n Membership Other.....

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News, Happenings.....

Message to Classmates, Favorite tradition or story.....

Suggestions for Alumni Events.....

Please send replies in the enclosed return envelope to the Kovner Association c/o Shawn Mahoney

Whereabouts Unknown...

The last mailing produced a good response from those brothers who knew the addresses of some of our MIAs (in fact, one of our brothers in the federal witness protection plan turned up, but don't worry, your secret is safe with us Mr. Jones). The individuals listed below are similarly lost from our mailing list. If you know the whereabouts of these or any other brothers who may not be receiving our mailings, please let us know.

Robert Arnold	Phil Baker	Dan Belsky
Herman Berger	Harris Blender	Bernard Brenner
Harry Cohen	Sean Dunn	Shelly Feldman
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Ups and Downs at 2000 North Broad

Between bringing things down and fixing things up, there has been a lot of activity at 2000 North Broad Street this year.

After a long and bureaucratic series of events, requiring the cooperation of the International office, the Philadelphia Historical Commission, the City of Philadelphia and the chapter, we were able to see to it that the Carriage House was brought down safely.

The historical commission was gracious enough to allow us a cursory hearing in front of the preservation committee, and after a short series of name calling which ended in threats to certain family members, the committee finally saw things our way (conditionally... we had to agree that no Pi Lam would ever date any daughter, niece, spouse, or step-relative of any member of the commission). In December the carriage house was demolished, finally disproving the speculation that it was the final resting place of Jimmy Hoffa.

The International office seems committed to not only removing liability, but also to reinvesting in the chapter house itself. The Alpha Delta housing corporation has agreed to borrow funds from a sister organization and set aside \$20,000 for desperately needed roof repair. These extensive repairs are currently being quoted. In the fall, refinancing seems imminent and other improvements such as electrical, safety and interior renovation will be studied.

Of additional note: Kevin Dwyer and Shawn Mahoney were appointed to the housing commission, which should ensure representation from the chapter and alumni association in future decisions regarding the house. But fear not, conjecture that we suggested "razing the whole damn place and putting up condos" has been highly exaggerated.

Disclaimer

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And furthermore, we would like to see the abolition of: midget tossing, Oprah specials, pre-marital sex (or similar unauthorized exchanges of bodily fluids), indiscriminate use of the word "dude," feminine hygiene commercials, and sellin' out to da man.

This newsletter is intended as an informative and entertaining report for alumni on persons or events, either actual or fictitious. We sincerely hope it will be taken in the satirical fashion in which it is written.



Spencer Speaks:

A Note from the President of the Kovner Association

Dear Brothers,

Just a short note: Ha!

It's April already, and I'm still hearing remnants of the disasters that occurred at our last Kovner Dinner. I suppose, not being the event coordinator has allowed me to wear blinders and not notice some of the usual goings-on.

I had a great time as many others, however, it seems inane that we have to change our venue every year or so, unless we go to the Vesper Club at 65 bucks a pop! Do I sense prohibition at Kovner?

Shawn and company are doing a great job with the brotherhood and the housing corporation. Check the rest of this letter for some of the upcoming events this Summer and Fall.

Finally, don't miss this year's Kovner... things should be burning.

Fraternally,
Spencer Glass

Some Pi Lams Are Doing Great Things, While Others...

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Leonard London '53 noted that we were out of contact with **Miles Lazerwitz '49** and updated us on his whereabouts.

Miles Lazerwitz, DDS '49 (that fifth dentist who does not recommend sugarless gum for his patients who chew gum) wrote in seeking the whereabouts of one Mort Stanley (sorry, the best we can do is somewhere in Michigan). Miles was greatly relieved that we found him and to celebrate, he plans to have a Pi Lam dental special featuring discounted bridge work and all the Lavoris you can drink.

Angelo Zarra '91, after sending a round of snaps for the Fall '93 issue of the newsletter, complained that since leaving North Philadelphia he has had no luck finding the Julius Erving style Jerry Curl (for sensitive hair) that he was so fond of in college.

James Cliff '72 recently gave up pedaling bicycles in New Jersey and headed to Boca Raton. His message to classmates: "don't let your meat loaf" (to our knowledge, this is not a reference to the hefty lead singer).

Also hailing from Florida, **Al Kramer '57** has made a name for himself in securities, though were not sure if he has the flair for investments displayed by our first lady. Al let us know the whereabouts of **Martin Wood** and believed that **Arnie Schusterman** was last seen in Chicago. He suggested that we hold alumni events in Miami (does Disneyworld have a liquor license?).

Bob "Sporty" Hoch '87 dropped us a line from the other coast just to let us in on this true fact: it took him less time than his roommate, **Rob Kwornik**, to get his first California girl (just under a full calendar year). Said Bob, beaming over his victory, "now I know why they called this place Silicon Valley."

Jerome Cohen '55 sent his wish for good health and success to all members of the fraternity. Jerome is an attorney in Wilkes-Barre and though we'd like to report some fabricated tale of impropriety, as an editorial policy we do not make defamatory comments towards anyone involved in in either law or organized crime.

After reading our L.A. Stories in the last newsletter, **Doug Geffner '80** wrote in to point out that he too was doing great things in California. When asked to name a few of those achievements, he stared blankly and replied, "gimme a minute." Doug was, however, fortunate enough to find a lovely Latin girl from Cali, Columbia who agreed to marry him. As a result, he is now fluent in Spanish, and has two virile boys who are being taught all the finer aspects of being a Pi Lam.

Greg Granger '88 followed his musical pursuits south to Myrtle Beach where he currently manages the Alabama Theater. Said Greg of this fine entertainment mecca, "we gots both kinds of music here — country and western... and there ain't no finer in all the United Statés, cept'n maybe

Graceland."

Soon after college **Joe Abruzzo '90** reluctantly gave up his dream of attaining the Mr. Universe title after learning that the judging committee frowned on chemical enhancement of the physique. However, Joe did bounce back by doing what every Pi Lam dreams of — investing in a bar. You'll find him spending most of his time at *The Bayou* in Manayunk (behind the bar, not passed out on it).

Stephen B. Gordon '66 is the director of Behavior Therapy Associates, P.A. in Somerset, New Jersey. It seems that his experiences in Pi Lam drove him into intense therapy and, ironically, he enjoyed it so much that he chose it as his profession. Stephen boasted a large endowment that he wished to leave the chapter, but we fear he may just be playing with our heads.

Sean "Boom Boom" Eisele '92 has redirected his destructive energies to more constructive ends in his career. Sean has given up his favorite childhood pastimes of making fragmentary explosives and bad moonshine (much to the relief of his neighborhood buddies who have been bombed in one way or the other by these activities). His only regret in taking his new job as an Applications Engineer at Dialogic, Inc. is that he had to relocate to a foreign country — New Jersey.

Mike "Ike" D'Angelo '90 is dangerously close to completing nursing school at Thomas Jefferson. Ike said he was first drawn to the field after seeing the film, *Naughty Nurses in Bondage, Part III*. Mike was engaged to Tina Wetterholt in January, and with their "spending money" the couple purchased a house in Drexel Hill.

Nate Ross '84 recently changed his residence to Wayne, Pennsylvania. But that isn't the only thing Nate will be changing, his "first and last" boy, Brett David, was born in December 1992. Nate is also celebrating his ninth year at the *New Wave* at 3rd and Catherine and welcomes any brother to "hang out and have a beer... on the house... uh, nevermind."

Brian Brignola '95 has declared his candidacy for state representative in the 184th Legislative District in South Philly. Running on the republican ticket, he plans on using the campaign slogan, "If Frank Rizzo weren't in a box, he'd be endorsing yours truly."

Jeff Frake '88 admits to becoming "a relatively boring person" since college. These days his exitement is supplied by his six month old boy, Christian.

Bob Cembalest '79 has officially established himself as Pi Lam's oldest living neophyte. Homesick for an impoverished setting, he returned to Temple to finish his RTF degree. Asked why he allowed Bob to return after his hiatus, Rex Mike Licianca said, "we need the dues."