

SAE Spring 2010 Newsletter



Welcome

In an effort to more effectively reach our alumni base, the chapter has decided to transition from a printed newsletter to an electronic newsletter, which we will send out twice each year. Feedback is greatly appreciated and should be directed to the Eminent Correspondent, Jamie Mannion (jmannion@fas.harvard.edu). We hope you enjoy these changes that we hope will foster more regular communication and interaction between the chapter and our alumni.

Notes from the Eminent Archon

When I reflect upon the past semester, I cannot help but think that it has been my honor to be Eminent Archon of SAE Mass Gamma during one of the most exciting periods in recent history. There have been a multitude of new and innovative changes to the chapter, and it seems as if every month a different brother has stepped forward with an idea to change Mass Gamma for the better. I am proud to have been a leader during this historic time, but these changes are truly due to the stalwart dedication of our brothers to the ideals of service, academics, and brotherhood on which our fraternity was founded.

The first accomplishment of the 2009-2010 academic year was the location of a suitable off-campus property for the SAE house. When our chapter first rented property two years ago, it completely redefined the way that our chapter operated. Everything from alumni events to our weekly meetings was drastically changed for the better. I am proud to say that we will be continuing this proud tradition next year. Through the advice of recent alumni and the patience and determination of many of our rising seniors Mass Gamma will once again have a place to call home.

In other news, one of the newest priorities of our chapter has been to reach out to other SAE's in the greater Boston region. Our philanthropy chair spearheaded a coordinated community service event this year and almost 100 SAE's from 3 different chapters cleaned up the Charles River together. We are also planning on holding a group initiation ceremony in Boston next year. It will take place in the Gordon Chapel of the Old South Church in Boston and province leadership will be in attendance. It is our hope that this can become a tradition which will both make the initiation ceremony more special as well as foster friendly relations with other chapters.

While there have been many other important events during this year, I feel that our changing relationship with alumni has been the most significant. I do not believe that the previous semester could have been a success without the support that we received from alumni in terms of both donations and practical advice. We were also pleased to have ten alumni attend our annual spring yacht cruise and hope to continue with this success at our biannual alumni reception during Harvard/Yale weekend. All alumni are encouraged to attend as Harvard tries for its fourth consecutive win against the bulldogs. Please contact our Eminent Correspondent, Brother Mannion at jmannion@fas.harvard.edu if you are planning on attending or have any questions about other aspects of current alumni relations.

It is remarkable to think of the differences between the Mass Gamma of today and the group that I joined three years ago. Our membership has more than doubled, we have attained property, and dedication within the chapter has never been stronger. It is humbling to realize that many of the

successes during my time as EA have been largely dependent on the efforts of those who have come before, and I sincerely hope that as the next semester unfolds I can live up to the legacy of perseverance and dedication that has defined our chapter for many years.

Yours in the bonds,

Thomas Armistead Johnson
Eminent Archon

2010 Officers

Eminent Archon – Thomas Johnson ‘11	Eminent Correspondent – Jamie Mannion ‘11
Eminent Deputy Archon – Nick Ericksen ‘12	Eminent Recorder – Andrew Crutchfield ‘12
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Reflection of a SAE Graduate

While a time for reflection often lends itself to identifying what has changed, reminding oneself of what has stayed constant and true is often a more important endeavor. While we constantly strive to bring our chapter closer to many tangible goals, in hopes of strengthening our identity, it is more critical to preserve the fundamental construction of our order, because without it our brotherhood embodies nothing of value.

The experience I have had as a brother of SAE Mass Gamma is difficult to fully capture in words: there have been highs and lows, ups and downs, times of promise and times of despair, but despite this volatility, for me SAE has never once wavered in its commitment as a brotherhood. I will not list specific instances of any of these as, in my opinion, one of the most special parts of SAE is that it is a personal experience shared commonly and not simply something attributed to identifiable events or even ideas. While it would be perhaps entertaining to recount gavel stories or the great memories, I urge you to remind yourself of what it means to be SAE for you personally. Indeed, our national collective and rich history guide us in realizing what this is, but this framework is constructed, supported and decorated with the personal experience unique to every one of us. Its duality is a mutually reinforcing relationship, but the product should always singular: producing a better human, citizen, friend and brother.

As a conduit of personal enrichment, SAE guides us in constantly improving ourselves and one another. While the Class of 2010 leaves the College, as generations have done before, we take the experiences that are SAE and will allow them to guide us as they have these past years. But ultimately, and regardless of what point I am at in my life, I will always look back on my time at Harvard with great regard and for that I am grateful.

Yours in the bonds,

Patrick Mulvaney ‘10
Eminent Archon Emeritus



In addition to Relay for Life, SAE Mass Gamma joined forces with the other SAE chapters in the Boston to area to participate in the True Gentleman Day of Service on Saturday April 24th. The brothers of SAE, along with many residences of Cambridge and Boston, picked up trash along the Charles River as part of region-wide Charles River Clean Up Day. Some of the Mass

Gamma brothers that participated that day are pictured above.

Spring Rush

We had another great Rush season this spring. We held an event at the Queens Head Pub, a date event at the Sheraton Commander Hotel, and a dinner at John Harvard's. In addition we had many small events where the rushes were able to get to know a group of brothers in a more casual setting. Please take a minute to read the bios below and get to know the newest brothers of SAE Mass Gamma.

New Brothers: Pledge Class of Spring 2010

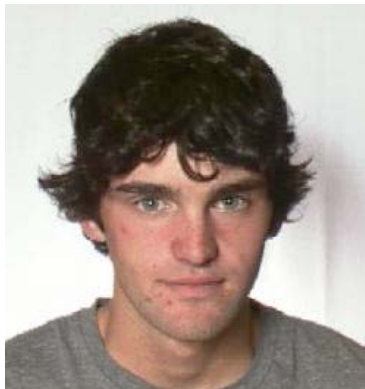


Yazan Al-Kaarablieh, originally from Jerusalem, is a sophomore living in Leverett House. He is concentrating in Economics and hopes to eventually get his PhD in Public Policy or Economics and become a policy maker. At Harvard Yazan has been a part of IOP, the Society of Arab Students, and Veritas Financial Group.



Ron Serko is a Sophomore from Alpine, New Jersey who concentrates in Economics. Ron lives in Cabot House and works as an undergraduate intern at the Harvard Law Review, and as a Peer Advising Fellow to freshmen in Straus. He is an Associate of Veritas Financial Group in the trading track, and the Publisher (handling funding/logistics) of a tiny liberal magazine called *Perspective*.

Jimmy Meixiong is a freshman from the South, having recently lived in Virginia, Alabama, and Georgia. Jimmy will live in Pforzheimer House this fall and is interested in concentrating in either MCB or OEB. He hopes to attend medical school after graduation.



Colin Santangelo is a junior from Boston, MA living in Leverett House. He concentrates in Mechanical Engineering and hopes to design boats after college. He is on the Harvard Sailing Team, participates in many Intramural sports, and has been involved in FOP.

Antonio (AJ) Carvalho is a freshman from Swansea, MA. He will live in Eliot House next fall and is interested in concentrating in a field related to pre-med either OEB or MCB. He is on the Harvard lightweight crew team.



Alumni Visit During Senior Dinner and SAE Cruise

During the last weekend in April, SAE Mass Gamma held its biannual End of the Semester/Senior Dinner. Fortunately for this dinner, some of the recent graduates of the chapter were able to join us at Lucia's in the North End. We had a great time, sharing stories and enjoying the food while brothers, including alumni and newly initiated members, connected through their SAE experiences. The picture taken below during the dinner was the first time that these four brothers stood together,

each having been or currently serving as the Eminent Archon of the Mass Gamma chapter.



(Left to Right: Thomas Johnson '11, Patrick Mulvaney '10, Ryan Newborough '09, and Blake Brown '09 taken during the End of the Semester Dinner)



With the help of Blake Brown '09 as the organizer of alumni donations, our chapter was also able to hold a Harbor Cruise this semester. The cruise was held Saturday May 1st, the night after our Senior Dinner, and again many recent alumni were in attendance. Brothers, their dates, alumni, and friends all danced throughout the night as we sailed the harbor aboard the *Samuel Clemens*.

(Brothers Danny Nally '10 and Pat Mulvaney '10 with some guests aboard the boat.)

True Gentlemen Around Campus

Brother Michael Stanton '13 finished first in both his diving events at the Ivy League Swimming and Diving Championship this past March. <http://www.gocrimson.com/sports/mswimdive/2009-10/releases/SDM100308> [All Ivy](#)

Brother Tom Eliopoulos received one of the W. Emil Forman Awards. Established in memory of Brother W. Emil Forman (Pennsylvania '29), this award recognizes brothers who have shown extraordinary commitment to their community and fellow man as demonstrated by community service work.

Brother Robert Corty '10 won a prestigious Hoopes Prizes this spring for his senior thesis on the biochemistry of dengue virus entitled "Studies on the oligomerization of the dengue envelope protein and their implications for the fusion pathway". He began the research that culminated in his thesis junior year. The thesis will be bound and stored in the Lamont library for two years and he will receive a small monetary award.

Brother Mark Rinaldi '10 organized, coach, and played for the Harvard Club Hockey team this year. Brother Rinaldi raised funds and maintained the organization after the college cut money for JV athletics.

Brother Gage Caligaris '10 was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society this spring. The Society looks to induct "the most outstanding students of arts and sciences at America's leading colleges and universities."

Brother Roy T. Willey IV '10 and the Harvard Polo Club held the Ariel Shaker Memorial Tournament honoring a member of the Women's Polo Team who passed away in the fall.

Brothers Rob Corty '10 and Zach Smith '09 recently launched GTROT, a website that combines social networking and travel planning. Check out the website: www.gtrot.com

The Game

This year's Harvard/Yale football game will take place on Saturday, November 20th at Harvard, with kickoff set for noon. Please look for an announcement with more information regarding Alumni Events and the Brotherhood Tailgate as this game gets closer.

Get Involved

Our chapter faces unique challenges in terms of alumni relations due to the approximately 25 year hiatus that ended when the chapter was re-colonized in 2001. As a result, our chapter currently operates almost entirely on active brothers' dues. In order to overcome this obstacle, the chapter must capitalize on its recent growth by working to establish a strong, sustainable alumni support system, which will hopefully enable the chapter to establish a scholarship program for potential brothers who may not be able to afford dues. Alumni donations will also help the chapter move closer to its ultimate goal of obtaining a permanent SAE property near campus. Here are some ways you can make a difference in the life of SAE Mass Gamma:

1) Donate. We hope you will consider donating to the chapter each year during the week of the Harvard/Yale football game. Every little bit helps. Checks should be made out to SAE Mass Gamma and can be mailed to our Eminent Correspondent, Jamie Mannion:

Jamie Mannion
283 Currier Mail Center
64 Linnaean St.
Cambridge, MA 02138

Donations can also be made online by visiting our website: www.crimsonsaec.com

2) Help us track down all SAE Mass Gamma alumni. National's records are often incomplete or inaccurate. As a result, we have lost touch with some of our alumni as they have moved or changed email addresses. In particular, please take a moment to review the list of emails this newsletter was sent to, and let us know if you see any errors or omissions.

3) Get involved and stay in touch. We hope to see all of you at the Harvard/Yale game or whenever your schedule allows you to make it up to Harvard. Also, please keep us updated on any developments in your lives. In future newsletters, we would like to include an "Alumni News" section.

Any suggestions on how to improve the newsletter and alumni outreach in general are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the chapter or how you can help, please do not hesitate to contact us. Feedback and questions should be directed to Thomas Johnson (tjohnson@fas.harvard.edu) or Jamie Mannion (jmannion@fas.harvard.edu).

In the bonds,

The Brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Mass Gamma