

# ETA-GRAM

Eta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu at Syracuse University

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## Eta Loses Two Distinguished Alumni

### Martin I. Glickman '39

Long-time radio and TV sports announcer Marty Glickman passed away on January 3, 2001, at the age of 83. Fra Glickman was the original radio voice of Madison Square Garden college basketball and served as the play-by-play announcer for the New York Knickerbockers (1946-1970), the New York Giants (1948-1971), and the New York Jets (1972-1979, 1987-1989).

Fra Glickman came to Eta Chapter in 1935 as an outstanding high school athlete. In 1936 he was named to the U.S. Olympic track team and was selected to compete in the 4x100-meter relay at the Berlin Games. Shortly before the relay trial heat, Fra Glickman and teammate Sam Stoeller—the only other Jew on the squad—were withdrawn from the race and replaced by Jesse Owens and Ralph Metcalfe.

Through the years Fra Glickman received many honors and awards. He was elected to the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame in 1992 and the American Sportscasters Hall of Fame in 1993, and in 1991 he received the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame's Curt Gowdy Award.

Besides his athletic achievements, Fra Glickman will be remembered by his Eta family for his warmth, modesty, and intelligence. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, four children, 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

### Alan Rafkin '50

The television industry has lost one of its most prolific and creative directors with the death of Alan Rafkin '50 on August 6, 2001. Fra Rafkin was 73 years old.

Fra Rafkin began his career in the entertainment industry with stints as a nightclub comic. One of his earliest jobs in television was stage managing the *Captain Kangaroo* show—days which are recalled in his 1998 memoir, *Cue the Bunny on the Rainbow*. He went on to direct episodes of more than 80 prime-time sitcom series, including *The Andy Griffith Show*, *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Laverne and Shirley*, *M\*A\*S\*H*, and *Suddenly Susan*. He won an Emmy in 1982 for directing in a comedy series (for an episode of *One Day at a Time*) and was nominated in 1988 for *It's Garry Shandling's Show*. He also won a cable ACE Award for directing the Shandling series for Showtime.

Somehow, Fra Rafkin found time in his busy schedule to serve on the Eta Foundation board. In 1998 Syracuse University awarded him the George Arents Pioneer Medal, which is given to SU alumni in recognition of excellence in their field of endeavor.

Fra Rafkin is survived by two daughters, Leigh Stillman and Drew Rafkin-Jackman; a brother, David; a sister, Clare Feldstein; and two grandchildren.

Come hang out with your Eta fraters at

**Homecoming**

**November 9-10**

We hope  
to see  
you  
there!

*Renew your acquaintance  
with alums from your era,  
meet the undergraduates, tour  
the chapter house, and see  
what's new around campus.*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

Alumni reception, 9:00 p.m.

*Dessert and coffee at the Sheraton University  
Hotel and Conference Center*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

Annual meeting of the Eta Chapter Foundation,  
10:00 a.m. at the fraternity house at 737  
Comstock Avenue • Brunch at the house,  
11:30 a.m. • Alumni/undergraduate buffet  
dinner, 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton •

**Football game, SU vs. West Virginia, time TBA**

*Please fill out the enclosed event and hotel  
reservation forms and return them to Bernie Fine,  
P.O. Box 6221, Teall Station, Syracuse, NY 13217.*

## From The Desk Of The Prior

It has been one year since Eta Chapter has been firmly established again, and I cannot say that I would like to see things any different than they are now. Once again Sammy is recognized as one of the leading fraternities on campus.

Sigma Alpha Mu leads the fraternities in recruitment and academics. This spring we initiated a pledge class of 19 men, bringing our total new membership for this year to 34. We anticipate that we will be the largest fraternity on campus next year. We have also maintained high academic standards.

Eta members are very involved in Greek life, intramurals, and other campus activities. We know the true meaning of a fraternity and do not lose sight of why we are at school. We guide each other through our intellectual journey as students and, in the process, establish friendships that will last a lifetime. It is a very exciting time for the members of Eta Chapter—and the future looks very bright.

Fraternally,  
Adam Haenel

## New Members Beat All-University GPA

The Eta Chapter is continuing to lead the Greek community academically. We are recognized on campus for having one of the highest grade point averages among Greek organizations at SU. In order to maintain this high standard, our brothers were highly selective during the rush process, choosing those who also excel academically. As a result, our new members were able to exceed the all-university GPA of 3.09.

Several of our brothers applied for scholarships with the Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation this year. They will know the results within the next few months. Brothers were also recognized academically by being included in their college's dean's list. Lastly, Prior Adam Haenel is to be congratulated for attaining a 4.0 GPA in the fall semester 2000.

Scholarship is and will continue to be an important part of Greek life at SU. Eta Chapter is striving to make the difference.

Brian Kanziger '03  
Scholarship Chairman

## Eta Welcomes A Fine Spring Pledge Class

**DANIEL BEER** is a first-year management student at Syracuse University. He enjoys spending time with his friends and family because they are the most important thing to him. As a hobby one day, he hopes to own a microbrewery called "Daniel Beer" with his picture on the label.

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**JEFF BENESH** is a freshman from Bath, New York, and is majoring in finance and entrepreneurship. He hopes to continue on to achieve an MBA and go into investment banking.

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**LEE BERGSTEIN** is a freshman living in Flint Hall. He hails from Oceanside, New York, and would love to give mad "props" to his "boyz." His favorite band is Guns n' Roses, and his favorite wrestler is Kurt Angle.

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**RYAN FINKLE** is a freshman political science major from Merrick, New York. In the future he hopes to attend law school.

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**CRAIG KABRHEL** is a freshman from Philly. He hopes to transfer into Newhouse and the school of management. He dreams of owning his own magazine someday.

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**BERT KAUFMAN** is a freshman from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The grandson of Eta frater Sam Kaufman '38, Bert says he is happy to continue the Sammy tradition in his family.

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**JASON KACMARSKI** is a sophomore psychology major. He was born in Juneau, Alaska, and lived in such places as Panama City, Panama, and Taegu, South Korea.

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**MARKIAN KULYNYCH** was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He plans to go into the music industry and hopes to work for a major record label.

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**MATT MAUNEY** is a freshman IST major from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Although aspiring to be a rock star, Matt may have to settle for a well paying white-collar job.

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**JEFF MENARD** is from Holmdel, New Jersey (the Jersey shore, baby, got to love it!). He's an accounting and finance

major with a minor in economics.

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**TED RONES** is a freshman in the school of management. He likes to ski, play drums, and recently took up skydiving.

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**STEVE SIDOREK** is a freshman majoring in political science and geography. He was born on New Year's Day in Massena, New York, and has lived in Bloomington, Indiana, since he was six. An avid golfer, Steve hopes to work for the U.S. government.

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**JEREMY SCHLOSS** is a speech communications major from Rockland, New York. He is a diehard Yankees fan and hopes to be a filmmaker.

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**CARL SCHOENBERGER** is a civil engineering major from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He plays in the SU jazz ensemble and is very active in club and intramural sports. He hopes to design sports stadiums, especially one for his beloved Penguins.

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**ADAM SLATER** is a freshman political science major. He is currently president of his residence hall and was recently elected as a university senator. Adam is also looking to take an active role in the house in the upcoming years.

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**JASON VLADESCU** is from Binghamton, New York. He is greatly interested in emergency medicine and is currently an EMT. Jason hopes to move on to medical school.

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**ADAM WARD** is a freshman psychology major from Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is an actor and has a strong interest in music. He is a member of the Black Artist League and is president of Highly Motivated People Hungry for Original Performances (HIP-HOP).

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Freshman **MICHAEL WEXLER** is a finance and information technologies dual major. He is also a music industry minor. His hometown is Merrick, New York.

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**ANDREW ZIEKY** is a freshman speech communications major from West Hartford, Connecticut. A huge Yankees fan, Andrew hopes to work in the sports communications industry.

## New York City Reunion Draws 50-Plus Alumni

On Wednesday, May 9, more than 50 Eta-SAM alumni gathered at the Friars Club in Manhattan for the 2001 New York City Reunion. There was an especially strong turnout of alumni from the classes of 1986 to 1993, thanks in no small measure to the

efforts of Reunion Co-chairs Scott Bloom '88 and Jason Simon '90. The fraters enjoyed an evening of fine food and convivial conversation, of renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. Will you join us for the next one? We hope so!



*Eta fraters gathered at New York City's Friar's Club on East 55th Street on May 9 for a memorable reunion.*

*Above: The classes of 1948 to 1951. Below: The classes of 1980 to 1990.*



### NYC Reunion Attendees (listed by class year)

Edward Polsky '37	Jeff Klein '68
Seymour Mann '38	Neil Schlesinger '68
Leonard Rubin '39	Barry Kirsh '69
Monroe Adlman '44	Jerry Krevit '69
Irv Rosenthal '48	Bob Vogel '69
Lester Weindling '48	Gabby Golan '70
Henry Yusen '48	Elliot Satsky '70
Bill Engelman '48	Michael Serdrish '70
Ben Feldman '48	Dean Mandel '86
Roy Frankel '48	Henry Goodman '86
Robert Jurick '49	Lance Charen '86
Daniel Zirinsky '49	Greg Jaron '86
Arnold Rosenbaum '49	Larry Leonard '86
Marshall Gelfand '50	Doug Wright '88
Harry Lowy '50	Scott Bloom '88
Robert Ehrental '51	Steve Halper '88
Don Cronson '54	Ira Kerner '88
Mike Fishbach '60	Ed Wallach '88
Gary Grossman '61	Jeffrey Singer '88
Steve Berni '61	Neil Brand '89
Robert Fagenson '70	Chad Cagan '89
Donald Schupak '64	Brian Zimmet '89
Michael Richman '65	Todd Krawchick '90
Bernard Hyman '65	Jason Simon '90
Fred Klein '65	Michael Beyer '90
Bernie Fine '67	Scott Buchwald '91
Bob Dubin '68	Jason Greenberg '92
Steve Green '68	Steven Kritzman '93



# New York City Reunion

# Alumni Write From Far And Near

As an undergraduate, DAVID BECKWITH '47 had a radio station at 712 Comstock—and more than half a century later, he's still busy with his ham radio hobby. He also plays golf and is involved in his community. Drop him a line at 3115 NW 13th St., Delray Beach, FL 33445 (w2qm@aol.com).

HERBERT M. BENTON '49 lives in Wachtung, New Jersey (75 High Oaks Dr., 07060), where he works as a CPA and attorney with his son and partner, Andrew. The firm specializes as fidelity and surety bond consultants. Herb attended the New York City reunion in May and enjoyed the company of old friends, some of whom he hadn't seen for 50 years. He writes, "Nobody aged; everyone looked the same." Send e-mail to Herb at abenton2@cs.com.

When we last heard from ROBERT H. JURICK '49, he and his wife, Lyn, were looking forward to hosting a class of '49 reunion party at their home in Manhasset. To find out how it went, write to them at 33 Evergreen Circle, Manhasset, NY 11030 (bjurick01@aol.com).

ARNOLD M. ROSENBAUM '49 spent 40 years with Gimbels in New York and then did consulting with a number of different firms in children's wear and ladies' accessories. He retired in January 2000. He now spends a lot of time on the tennis courts and doing league development for senior tennis for the U.S.T.A. Arnie and his wife, Carol, have two children, Andy and Amy, and four grandchildren, and they make their home at 51 Sealy Dr., Lawrence, NY 11559. E-mail reaches Arnie at arnie51@opton line.net.

Stay in touch with ALAN GREENE '51 at 875 E. Camino Real, Apt. 6H, Boca Raton, FL 33432 (gamaf@aol.com).

A partner in the New York City firm of Fishbach, Hertan & Ives, MYRON FISHBACH '60 can be reached at FHandI@aol.com or at 1086 Rockrimmon Rd., Stamford, CT 06903.

FRED C. KLEIN '63 wrote to thank

again the many Sammy brothers who contributed to the Friends of the High School for Leadership and Public Service Fund. A managing partner at Klein, Zelman, Rothermel & Dichter, LLP, Fred's e-mail address is fklein@legal.org. Send "snail mail" to him at 33 The Birches, Roslyn Estates, NY 11576.

NEAL SCHNOG '81 reports that he and his family moved to Las Vegas in December 2000. He writes, "While my existing businesses are still fun, I am happy to report that I recently completed the launch of my newest cable television venture with the purchase of 8,400 existing customers in 13 Oregon communities. The new company is called UVISION, LLC, and I'm excited about its prospects. With several follow-on acquisitions already planned, I believe UVISION will have over 23,000 customers by year's end and a total capitalization of almost \$50 million." Friends are invited to visit the new house and enjoy the swim-up bar at 3457 Lupine Bush Court, Las Vegas, NV 89135 (e-mail: schnogger@aol.com).

Travelers to SU from New York City or New Jersey are encouraged to stop in the Binghamton area to visit H. SONNY SPERA '85 (1828 Sylvia Dr., Endwell, NY 13760). Sonny writes that he's been very busy working and watching his three kids grow up. Stay in touch with "Fast Eddie" at sspera@stny.rr.com.

"We had a baby girl, Taryn Arielle, on May 10, 2000, and we moved across the country to Virginia in July 2000," reports HOWARD SEGAL '86 (1453 Kingstream Dr., Herndon, VA 20170; hgsegal@aol.com). "I took a new job as an associate with Booz, Allen & Hamilton and am the engineering program area lead for the Public Safety Wireless Network (PSWN) program office. Now that we're back on the East Coast, we'd love to hear from old friends."

Kudos to BRUCE FRIEDMAN '87, who was recently promoted at Northern Trust to head the trust department at the Oak Street Financial Center. He and his wife bought a new house in March, and in April they welcomed their third child, Katie. Send best wishes to the Friedman family at 575 Green

Bay Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035 (bjf@ntrs.com).

Mail reaches SCOTT M. BLOOM '88 at 301 E. 79th St., #5C, New York, NY 10021.

Janet and EVAN COLMAN '91 are proud to announce the birth of their twin boys, Sam Zachary and Justin Matthew, on January 5, 2001. Employed by Schering-Plough, Evan can be reached at evan.colman@spcorp.com or at 30 Schindler Terrace, West Orange, NJ 07052.

An associate with Merrill Lynch, JEFFREY S. LIPKIN '92 resides at 227 Light-house Terrace, Edgewater, NJ 07020.

In January, DOUG SILVER '92 wrote that he was about to leave for a one-month job in Mali, Africa. "I'm camera assisting on a pilot for a travelogue show called *Journeymen*. I land in Bamako February 2, travel overland through Segou and Mopti, then travel up the Niger River to Timbuktu (assuming there's enough water in the river—it's the middle of the dry season). If the show sells, I expect to make four or five trips a year." For details of his African adventures, contact Doug at 3822 Canot Lane, Addison, TX 75001.

AARON ALPER '96 is in his first year of medical school at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. We don't yet have his Florida address, but friends can reach him by e-mail at alperaar@iwon.com or through his parents at 6320 Wellesley Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48009.

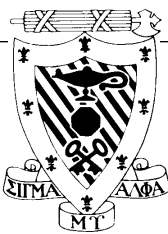
About 15 Eta brothers made it to Boston for JOSHUA S. YOUNG's ('97) wedding last December. Writes Josh, "Despite blizzard-like conditions, we had a great time, and it was nice to have such a significant Sammy contingent at my important day." Josh works for Aspen Technology, where e-mail reaches him at joshua.young@aspentech.com, and he and his bride reside at 100 Phelps St., #8, Marlboro, MA 01752.

## DECEASED

*We regret to report the death of the following alumni:*

THEODORE ADOFF '34  
MARTIN I. GLICKMAN '39,  
*January 3, 2001*  
RICHARD M. JACOBS '49,  
*January 18, 2000*  
SAMUEL KAUFMAN '38  
ALAN RAFKIN '50, *August 6, 2001*

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