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Bedroom Renovation Project Gets Strong Support

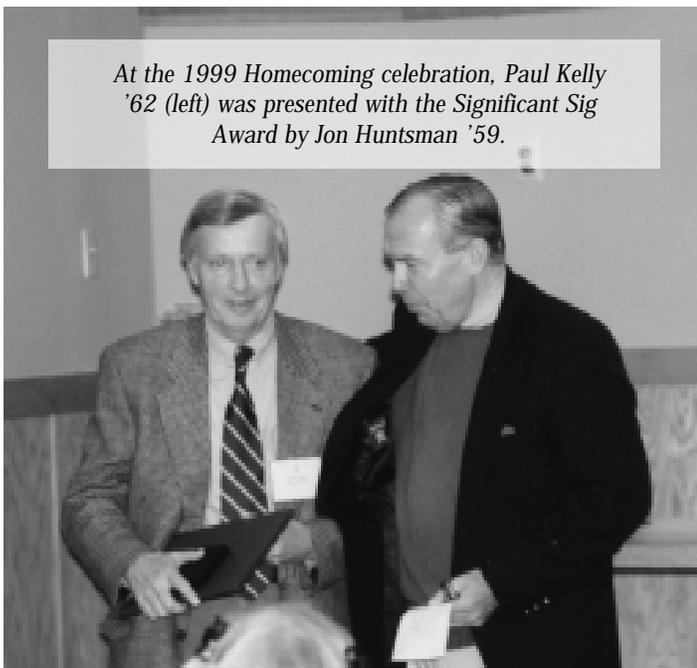
Fund-raising efforts to restore and renovate the second- and third-floor bedrooms were given a solid boost by commitments from Al Shoemaker '60, Jon Huntsman '59, Paul Kelly '62 and Ray Welsh '53. After touring the Consul's bedroom, already completed as a demonstration project, these four brothers stepped forward to offer \$25,000 each toward the cost of restoring four more bedrooms in like fashion. In addition, Al Shoemaker and Paul Kelly offered to augment their gift by joining together and pledging the cost of renovating a fifth bedroom in the name of their classmate, Leigh Faldi '60. These contributions, along with a recent generous donation made by Murray McComas '58 and ongoing reserves in our capital improvements account, bring our current project balance to about \$200,000. The overall project cost was estimated at \$725,000 in 1998. We are currently working with University development and facilities

planning officials to organize the commencement of full fund-raising, design and construction phases of the project. Our working schedule lists project documentation in the fall and winter of 2000-01, bidding and contract negotiations in spring of 2001 and a construction phase occurring in May through September 2001.



A big thanks to (L-R) Ray Welsh '53, Paul Kelly '62, Murray McComas '58, Al Shoemaker '60 and Jon Huntsman '59 for pledges and contributions toward the renovation of the second- and third-floor bedrooms.

At the 1999 Homecoming celebration, Paul Kelly '62 (left) was presented with the Significant Sig Award by Jon Huntsman '59.



Paul Kelly Presented With Significant Sig Award

A highlight of last year's Homecoming celebration was the presentation of the Significant Sig award to Paul K. Kelly '62 by fellow Significant Sig Jon M. Huntsman '59. Surrounded by family, friends and brothers in the chapter room, Paul became the 23rd Phi Phi to receive this distinguished award. (See Page 2 for a full listing.)

Excerpts from the text of his citation include, "In recognition of your success as president and chief executive officer of Knox & Co., an investment banking firm; also for your additional achievements as a co-founder of Peers & Co., an international investment banking firm, and for serving as managing director and member of the management committee of Merrill Lynch White Weld Capital Markets Group, responsible for all investment banking activities for financial institutions on a world-wide basis. ... In tribute to your work for your alma mater, which includes serving as a trustee and as benefactor for the Kelly Writers House..." (next door to the Phi Phi chapter house). A copy of Paul's citation was placed in the "founders" stair hall along with newly framed certificates honoring all Phi Phi Significant Sigs.

Significant Sigs Phi Phi Chapter

(In order of award
selection date)

- 1950 ~ Roger Ferger '16*
- 1965 ~ John Mayer '32*
- 1975 ~ James Alsdorf '35*
William McIntosh '16*
- 1981 ~ John Eckman '43*
Richard Kress '50
James Lunn '44*
- 1984 ~ Jon Huntsman '59
Alvin Shoemaker '60
- 1985 ~ Cornelius Smyth '46
- 1985-86 ~ Charles Butt '59
- 1986 ~ J. Joseph Tuohy '49
- 1986-87 ~ Jack McCloskey '46
- 1988 ~ H. Samuel Greenawalt '51
- 1989 ~ Davis Durham '36
Murray McComas '58
- 1993 ~ L. John Clark '63
John Goldsmith '63
- 1994 ~ James Cacheris '55
Raymond Welsh '53
- 1995 ~ Edmund Auer '54
Sesto Vecchi '58
- 1999 ~ Paul Kelly '62

* Now deceased

Murray McComas '58 Presented the Phi Phi Chapter Award

Following the Significant Sig presentation (see article on Page 1), Murray K. McComas '58 was asked to step forward and receive the Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia - Phi Phi Chapter Award. Murray's untiring dedication to the Phi Phi chapter places him in the select company of only four other recipients of this award; Millard Orr '20, Jean Lutz '21, Harold Fehr, '23 and Eugene DeVol '34. Jon M. Huntsman '59 made the official presentation to Murray amid of room of strong arms and tender hearts led by Murray's son, Donald A. McComas '97.

Reading from Murray's citation: "In recognition and appreciation of his unselfish, sustained loyalty, devotion and service to the Phi Phi Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. ... Murray has consistently supported the Phi Phi chapter in his capacity as an officer of the General Fraternity and as a true friend to hundreds of Phi Phi brothers. His commitment to the Phi Phi chapter includes a steadfast promotion of ritualistic integrity, forthright leadership, and mutual respect among undergraduates, while coordinating multiple facets of alumni relations. All honor to his name!"



Congratulations, Murray McComas '58 (left), on receiving the Phi Phi Award at Homecoming!

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Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

September 29-31, 2000

Tentative date for celebrating Phi Phi Chapter's 125th anniversary at the University of Pennsylvania. Stay tuned for more details!

November 11, 2000

Homecoming 1999 celebration, featuring a 12:30 p.m. kickoff between the Penn Quakers and the Harvard Crimson.



The Quaker Sig is published for the members and friends of the Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at the University of Pennsylvania. Address changes, news items, contributions and photographs are welcome and should be sent in the enclosed envelope or mailed to Sigma Chi Fraternity, Alumni Records Office, P.O. Box 2515, Southeastern, PA 19399-2515.

Undergraduate Sigma Chis Aim to Strengthen Brotherhood

By Tom Valenti '00, Consul

The years spent as an undergraduate Sigma Chi brother are some of the best years of a man's life. Sigma Chi gives one the opportunity to make friendships that last a lifetime while being part of an organization greater than any individual brother. Over the course of the academic year, the Phi Phi chapter has focused on strengthening and intensifying the sense of brotherhood not only among the undergraduates but with our alumni brothers as well.

There was great skepticism and reluctance in the hearts and minds of Pro Consul Mark Kramer '00, Quaestor Steve Harris '00 and I as we traveled to Manhattan, Kan., during the summer of 1999 to attend the annual Leadership Training Workshop. It was difficult to get the time off from our summer internships, and because of Phi Phi's recent strength, the necessity of Leadership Training Workshop was not obvious in our minds. The thought of living in dorms in the sweltering heat of summer did not sound very appealing as well.

However, the week turned out to be tremendously beneficial. During those few days in August, Mark, Steve and I met with Sigs from all over the country and learned leadership

skills from some of the most impressive men I have met. The days were long and the food was bad, but through it all one thing really stuck out in the minds of the Phi Phi representatives and that was the sense of brotherhood among the nearly 1,400 attendees. For me, it changed my vision and viewpoint of Sigma Chi and the Phi Phi chapter forever.

Our goal is, once again, to attain the Peterson Significant Chapter Award. But our means to achieve this goal have shifted from concrete and tangible steps like increasing rush numbers and raising our GPA to promoting and actively encouraging strong brotherhood within the chapter and beyond. Measurable accomplishments are still relevant, but it is our belief that attitude determines one's success, and by establishing an attitude focused on striving to be a good brother, all other things will fall into place.

We developed three events aimed at fostering stronger brotherhood. The brothers held a retreat in mid-September. In addition, Tribune Andy Smith '02 worked hard to promote a sense of brotherhood during Homecoming. By promoting Homecoming, a new concept of extending the bonds of brotherhood beyond the undergraduate

chapter walls began. On March 24, 2000, the Phi Phi chapter started a tradition of strengthening that bond with the first annual Phi Phi chapter alumni gathering at the Penn Club of New York. We hope and expect that these events will bring this chapter to new levels.

The brotherhood retreat took place in late September 1999 and was facilitated by Past Grand Consul Dick Hester. After talking with Brother Hester's predecessor and our Phi Phi brother, Past Grand Consul Murray McComas '58, Mark, Steve and I thought that a weekend retreat was much needed. As our numbers continue to grow and the limitations of our chapter house require that a majority of brothers live off-campus, it appeared necessary that the brotherhood learn to come together outside of social gatherings once again. The retreat exceeded all expectations. Brother Hester turned out to be a master in the art of communicating to a group of undergraduates. His mix of witty humor and his ability to capture one's mind on a serious note was exactly what the Phi Phi chapter needed.

The newfound spirit that materialized at our retreat was carried over to our Homecoming celebration on November 6. Paul Kelly '61 was presented with his Significant Sig Award by fellow Significant Sig Jon Huntsman '59. We were honored that Paul Kelly chose the chapter house as the venue to receive his award and that Jon Huntsman took time out of his busy schedule to return once again. To all of you who came, we thank you. It is always great to see you and your families return to a place of brotherhood that obviously means a lot to you.

As mentioned before, strengthening the brotherhood is our focus this year

and into the future. It is important that brotherhood does not end on graduation day. We hope that the strong sense of brotherhood felt by the undergraduates will encompass and spread to our alumni brothers as well. Realistically, we know that our alumni brothers are all very busy, and for what reason would an alumnus want to strengthen his ties to a point in his life that is well in his past? An alumnus brother is always welcome to stop by the house. It is our hope that our alumni brothers will be able to call the chapter house "home" once again.

In order to develop those relationships, we organized our first Alumni Gathering at the Penn Club of New York on Friday, March 24, 2000. Andy Smith and Pro-Consul Mark Kramer worked for months on the informal but first-class arrangements. We hope you enjoyed it and that you look forward to it as an annual event.

In closing, you may not realize the respect and admiration we as undergraduates have for our alumni brothers and their accomplishments. The purpose of attending this Ivy League institution is to learn skills in all facets of life that will contribute to our success in the future. Sigma Chi is educating men in a facet of life that cannot be taught in the classroom: leadership, loyalty, integrity. We need your input, support and interaction to attain all of our educational goals. I hope you will join with us and feel that sense of brotherhood once again. If you have any comments, suggestions, or even complaints, we want to hear from you. You can contact us through mail or e-mail (riders@dolphin.upenn.edu). Please visit our updated Web site at <http://dolphin.upenn.edu/~sigmachi> as well. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you back at Penn next year.



During the Leadership Training Workshop held at Kansas State this past year, Todd Johnson '85, Tom Valenti '00, Murray McComas '58, Steve Harris '00 and Mark Kramer '00 spend time together.



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Wade Vandegrift '02

Rush and Philanthropy Keep Chapter Busy

Rush 2000 was very successful for the Phi Phi chapter. The brothers and rushees enjoyed an interesting scavenger hunt, numerous house parties, and topped off the events with a good, old-fashioned rodeo. At the end of a nearly flawless rush, we handed out 25 bids of which 22 were accepted. We feel that they make up one of the most enthusiastic and driven pledge classes in recent history. They have already voluntarily painted our Ping Pong tables to display the letters of our fraternity, along with the Sigma Chi seal. The effort that they put into this early project bodes well for them and for us. We are confident that they will make great brothers.

We at Phi Phi found time in our busy schedules to participate in a campus-wide philanthropic event. Junior Dan Leberman helped to arrange Campus-Organized Lectures on Racial Sensitivity, or COLORS. Sigma Chi, along with the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, collaborated to arrange a week of events that focused on diversity and integration. The events included an open forum for students to express their sentiments on racial tensions on campus, as well as a lecture by David Dinkins, the first black mayor of New York City. We ended the successful week on a leisurely note, enjoying ourselves at a downtown party.

With the warm weather came volleyball and barbecues, as well as our biggest philanthropic event, Derby Days, with Dave Pitluck '00 at the helm this year. The event featured 30 teams of 285 women (up from last year's 240) participating in a variety of games and contests, and benefitted the Children's Crisis Treatment Center.

Welcome Pledges!

Ade Bakare '03 ~ Harrisburg, Pa.

Matt Bryant '02 ~ Pueblo, Colo.

Alex Bush '03 ~ Chevy Chase, Md.

Owen Callahan '03 ~ Montclair, N.J.

Spencer Driscoll '03 ~ Seattle, Wash.

Ryan Feeney '03 ~ Hawaii, Hawaii

Dave Giancola '03 ~ Brooklyn, N.Y.

Duncan Gilchrest '02 ~ Tallahassee, Fla.

Zach Haran '03 ~ San Diego, Calif.

John Hession '03 ~ Syracuse, N.Y.

Mike Hsu '03 ~ Baltimore, Md.

Robb Jankura '03 ~ Woodbridge, Va.

Billy Libby '03 ~ Chevy Chase, Md.

Andrew McCreery '03 ~ San Diego, Calif.

Matt Mufali '03 ~ Vineland, N.J.

Mike Rogers '03 ~ Baltimore, Md.

Matt Scattarella '03 ~ Minneapolis, Minn.

Chris Scherman '03 ~ Pittsburgh, Pa.

Nick Stoffel '03 ~ San Diego, Calif.

Dean Tallent '03 ~ Los Angeles, Calif.

John Walsh '03 ~ Princeton, N.J.

Conor Wilson '02 ~ Seattle, Wash.

Past Grand Consul Dick Hester addresses undergraduates at the Brotherhood Retreat held last fall.



2000 Penn Football Schedule

September

16 at Lehigh
23 LAFAYETTE
30 DARTMOUTH

October

7 at Holy Cross
14 COLUMBIA
21 at Yale
28 BROWN

November

4 at Princeton
11 HARVARD (Homecoming)
18 at Cornell

All HOME games played at Franklin Field.



Seniors gather for a photo. They are (L-R): Chris Carroll, Mike O'Connor, Peter Wang, Andy Stevens, Tom Valenti, Mike Kramer and Dave Jones.



We didn't want to miss thanking Jon Copaken '89 for his contribution during the 1998-99 giving year. His check was in the mail when last year's honor roll was published.

Alumni News

During the colder months, **Robert W. Lade '37** (7003 Hummingbird Ct., Milwaukee, WI 53223) can be found in Palm Springs, Calif. Last summer, he took a river cruise down the Rhone in France.

Joseph A. Goodhue Jr. '39 (683 Main St., Leominster, MA 01453) was given a surprise party for his 85th birthday. To celebrate the day, more than 100 friends gathered at his summer home on the lake.

Walter E. McGervey Jr. '46 is hoping to get to the East Coast this year. Correspondence for him can be sent to 183 Los Cerros Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Keeping busy in retirement, **Thomas W. Hoff '57** (108 W. Ann St., Milford, PA 18337) is president of the Historic Trust of Pike County, president of the Twin Lakes Conservancy and vice chairman of the Milford Water Authority. He enjoyed a visit

from Joan and **Charlie Mitchell '57** in the spring of 1999.

Joseph J. Heinlein '58 (174 Candee Ave., Sayville, NY 11782) is executive vice president at Progress International, a company that manufactures and markets gifts and home furnishings. He also serves on the board of Mercy Center and has been elected to the board of Peaktop Ltd. Joe and Lorraine spend the winter at their home on Hutchinson Island, Fla.

Jon M. Huntsman '59 (3049 Sherwood Cir., Salt Lake City, UT 84108) is founder, chairman and CEO of Huntsman Corp., the largest privately held chemical company in the U.S. In September 1999, he opened the Huntsman Cancer Institute, a six-story addition at the University of Utah campus. Jon donated \$151 million toward the construction of the center and this year pledged an additional \$125 million. Through

the years, Jon has made many generous contributions. In 1998, he donated \$40 million to the Wharton School.

After 37 years of service, **David F. Riker '60** (161 Albany Shaker Rd., Albany, NY 12211) has retired from the City of Albany Community Development Agency and the Albany Industrial Development Agency. You can contact him by e-mail at davidriker@juno.com

Morris A. Nunes '70 (9220 Briary Ln., Fairfax, VA 22031) is now an adjunct professor at Georgetown Law School. He served as exhibits judge for National History Day and as appellate judge for the Sutherland Cup Moot Court competition.

When he wrote last fall, **Richard W. Koontz '71** (260 Cimarron Rd., Apple Valley, MN 55124) was preparing to launch another small company, a new Internet venture. You can check out the Web site at www.plantfloor.com.

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J. Buckner Brown '77 (308 E. 79th St., Penthouse West, New York, NY 10021; buckybrown@earthlink.net) is a managing director in the investment banking division of ING Barings. He and Jessica Owen were planning to be married in May 2000.

Physician **Mark H. Princell '81** (107 Ryans Run Ct., Greenville, SC 29615; mprincell@stfrancishealth.com) is medical director of emergency services at St. Francis Hospital.

James R. Goodfield '84 (2 Hawthorne Pl., Apt. 16M, Boston, MA 02114; jimgoodfield@hotmail.com), vice president of marketing at Crabtree & Evelyn Ltd., enjoyed seeing classmates **Sid Steinberg**, **Thatcher Scharpf** and **Brian Scanlan** at their 15-year Penn reunion in May 1999. He is pictured below, second from right, with wife Ashton, Brian Scalon (middle), Brian's wife Cynthia and son Kevin, class of 2014.



Deb and **Steve Oroszlan '84** (2214 78th Ave. N.E., Medina, WA 98039; oroz@visto.com) announce the birth of a son, Alexander, in September 1999. The Oroszlan's welcome visits from brothers traveling to the Seattle area.

On a new assignment with the Department of State, **N. Thatcher Scharpf '84** (American Embassy Zagreb, Dept. of State, Washington, DC 20521; scharpfnt@state.gov) moved to Croatia in August 1999 to serve as second secretary in the American Embassy in Zagreb. The previous month, he and his wife, Donna, welcomed the arrival of their second child and first son, Holden. Thatcher and his family are enjoying life in Croatia and have traveled to Vienna and Venice.

When **Matthew D. Millan '87** (71 Lakeview Ter., Burlington, VT 05401) and Elizabeth Oettinger married in January 1999, **Jeff Bukowski '87**, **Steve Harmon '87** and **Chris Gubeno '90** were in attendance. After the wedding, the newlyweds honeymooned in Costa Rica.

Suzi and **Eric A. Gurry '89** have a new home at 1640 N. Burling St., Unit E, Chicago, IL 60614. Their second child, Mason, was born this past November.

Michael J. Bushman '90 (455 Hope St., #4B, Stamford, CT 06906; bush@wdr.com) returned from England in the summer of 1999, just in time to celebrate our nation's birthday. It was his first Fourth of July in the States in four years. Last fall, Michael enjoyed visits from **Peter Bierden '90** and **Douglas Campbell '91**. (Douglas is on our "lost" list. If you have an address for him, please send it our way.)

Deric G. Emry '91 (210 Chancery Rd., Baltimore, MD 21218; demry@abscapital.com) is now a principal with ABS Capital Partners. He and Felicia have bought an old house and are busy renovating. Deric notes, "There is always a bed for a Sig."

In the summer of 1999, **Joshua A. Daniels '92** graduated from Stanford Business School and married. He and his new wife, Laurie, have moved to 4028 Farm Hill Blvd., #7, Redwood City, CA 94061. Josh is now an associate at @Ventures, a venture capital firm affiliated with CMGI. He can be reached on the Internet at josh@ventures.com.

Adam Greenberg '92 (2039 San Sebastian Way S., Clearwater, FL 33763) has gone into business with a friend. He is a technical recruiter and senior account manager at U.S. Consulting Services.

In a new position, **Mark H. Carroll '93** (1760 W. Wrightwood, Apt. 204, Chicago, IL 60614; mcarroll@chsonline.com) is an associate at Cide Hennessy & Simmons, a private equity firm. He was married in July 1999 and thanks **Paul Arrouet '93**, **Brooke Hayes '93**, **David Parsky '93** and **Joe Kelly '92** for serving as groomsmen in the wedding. Mark is also grateful to **Herald Chen '93**, **John Clement '92** and **Sean Bidic '92** for making the trek to northern Michigan for the big day. (We need an address for Herald. Can anyone help?)

Mathew Astrom '95 (654 Willowby Run, Pasadena, MD 21122), a science teacher at Gibson Island Country School, was planning to be married this past December. In the summer of 1999, he celebrated with **Kenny Andreijko '94**, **Matt Sharron '95**, **Jason Diaz '95** and **Todd Johnson '95** at the wedding of **Dave Yucha '95**. (Todd is also on our "lost" list.)

Jon L. Jachman '99 (235 W. 48th St., Apt. 42M, New York, NY 10036; jachman@ms.com) is an investment banker with Morgan Stanley. He sends us a photo from graduation day in 1999. L-R: **Bobby Dziedzic**, **Mike Grossman**, **Jon**, **Mike Goldberg**, **Bart Hacking**, **Alex Rouse**, **Scott Glosserman**, **Colin Bradley** and **George Clark**.



We regret to inform you of the death of **Gary A. Kindrasky**. Sigma Chi mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.