

# Eric Riester Memorial Fund

In memory of fellow brother, **Eric "Tex" Riester '91**, more than \$10,000 in collective donations were made by 35 Phi Phi alumni. At age 33, Eric's unexpected passing to the Chapter Eternal was a profound loss to his family, friends and brothers. In honor of his exemplary life and his commitment to Sigma Chi, the Phi Phi House Corp. will use these generous funds to make a permanent remembrance of Eric at the chapter house. As part of our planned renovations, we intend to dedicate the restored stained-glass bay windows on the main stairway linking the bedroom floors.

Sincere thanks are due to those brothers who gave unselfishly in Eric's name: **Chris Evans '89, George Vassar '90, Jim Andelman '91, Mike Bushman '90, Deric Emry '91, Greg Geib '88, John Mahon '91, Greg Myers '92, Brett Nakfoor '91, Craig Saunders '90, Joe Scheetz '98, Kevin Scheetz '92, Chris Shoemaker '91, Chris Glinski '92, Alex Doll '92, Matt Hipps '91, Dave Istock '92, Doug Kramer '92, Sterling Lapinski '91, Bruce Popko '91, Matt Millan '86, Marc Austin '92, Eric Beste '91, Jason Dial '91, Pete Eberhart '92, Eric Gurry '89, Mike Leraris '94, Murray McComas '58, Bill Thompson '92, Dean Decker '90, Finn Faldi '91, Brooke Hayes '93, Jon Copaken '90, Reed Werner '01, Loren Mendell '95.**

The fund was coordinated by **Jon Greenawalt, Jr. '91**.



*Jon Greenawalt, Jr. '91 presents Mark Kocent '82 with over \$10,000 donated by fellow brothers in honor of Eric Riester '91.*



## Generous Brothers

# Step Up To The Plate

## Classes of '82, '84 and '99 Lead the Way

In the fall appeal letter sent to all alumni, we set the goal for this alumni relations year: \$12,000 and 18 percent participation, surpassing last year's total of \$9,220 from 125 brothers, a 14 percent participation rate. How are we doing?

Last year at this time, we had \$3,910 from 59 donors. This year, as we go to print, we have \$7,135 from 75 donors - a \$3,325 increase in donations and a 27 percent increase in donors. At the halfway point in our campaign, nearly 60 percent of our goal has been reached!

Who is stepping up to the plate and giving back to Phi Phi? Among the 75 donors to date, we have heard from the "old guard" (**Miles McKee '31**) to recent grads (**Brian O'Malley '00**) and from across the pond (*London* - **L. John Clark '63**) to across the globe (*Australia* - **Bradley Bowton '83**). Thus far, the Classes of '82 (with **Ronald Woodmansee '82** giving twice!) followed by '84 and '99 are leading with the most donors.

Thanks to all brothers who have responded thus far with their donations to the Phi Phi of Philadelphia Annual Fund. We need everyone's help to meet our goal! ■

## Frankly

# Speaking

*By Mark Kocent, Board President  
Sigma Chi Club Philadelphia*

## Hard Economic Times Won't Stand in the Way of Progress

At Homecoming and in recent weeks, a few alumni have inquired about the status of our planned house renovation project while others have stepped forward to offer their assistance.

As reported in the last issue of the Quaker Sig, our schematic design and cost estimate are now complete, and we are eager to move ahead. The scope of our project requires university oversight and approval, and I have recently met with the university architect's office to review our plans for the renovation and addition. Along with the neighboring Hillel project under construction, planned site and landscaping improvements and our own designs for 3809 Locust, the chapter house's immediate environment will be significantly enhanced over the next few years.

Phi Phi House Corp.'s major focus is generating the funds to advance our goals. In every fundraising campaign, the public appeal is preceded by a "quiet phase" where significant donors step forward and show their support. We are in that phase now, and quite frankly, the uncertain economic climate has made it difficult for all to make the commitments that a few years ago were more realistic. As we look for continued support (and a brighter economic future!), we and our architects are re-affirming the project scope and reviewing potential phasing options that may commence with exterior phase restoration ahead of interior work.

Our board will be meeting in mid-January 2003 to review progress and to plan for the year ahead. Anyone looking to join the effort is welcome to contact me at (w) 215-487-0400, (h) 610-667-8409 or kocent@vsba.com. ■

# Chapter Officers

Serving Office in Fall 2002

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Newly Elected for Spring 2003

- Consul:  
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**Matt Haefner '04**
- Magister (for 2004):  
**Matt Haefner '04**

## Chapter

# Report *By John Hession '03, Consul*

## Alumni Play Key Role in Fall Semester Activities

Phi Phi Chapter's fall semester has involved alumni in many roles.

During the last week of September and for the second consecutive year, a group of eight selected Brothers participated in the Phi Phi Chapter Leadership Development Project, organized and led by **Jon Greenawalt, Sr. '61**. The purpose of the LDP is to develop the brothers' grasp of leadership and to serve as a tool in strengthening the direction of the chapter. This year, the team made extraordinary progress in discovering their leadership potential and focusing on their individual PLVs, or personal life visions. Also attending this year's retreat was

**Carlos Kearns**, a fellow Sig from George Washington University; **Marc Lambright '93**, a fellow Sig from Penn State University; and **Mike Axt**, who is a fellow Sig and Balfour Graduate Fellow from Stanford University. As an added bonus, **Murray McComas '58** was able to join us on Sunday morning as we wrapped up the three-day workshop.

Taking a step back, this past summer's Balfour Leadership Training Workshop was hosted by Murray State University. Although the surroundings were a distinct change from Locust Walk, the Phi Phi group felt right at home among the 1,200 Sigs from throughout North America. The core sessions of the workshop dealt with such subjects as the basic teachings of the fraternity, effective



*The Phi Phi crew pose for a picture with past Grand Consul Murray McComas '58 and Balfour Leadership Training Workshop keynote speaker, Andy Cooley '94. From left to right: McComas, Zack Dietch '04, Dean Tallant '03, John Hession '03, and Cooley (University of Utah '94)*

communication, and quantitative goal setting. Of the many impressive talks lined up for the three-day workshop, most notable was a speech given by **Andy Cooley '94**. Andy spoke of several significant experiences that truly defined how being a Sigma Chi has changed his life. His words were both well delivered and inspirational.

As previously mentioned, the Phi Phi Chapter is fortunate enough to have been assigned its own Balfour Fellow for the 2002-2003 academic year. Mike Axt is an engineering graduate out of Stanford and is currently working toward his MBA at the Wharton School. Thus far, Mike has supported our chapter through his participation in the LDP and in his attendance at chapter meetings. Mike's focus this year will be career counseling

for upperclassmen and scholarship for the younger guys.

The dedication of Jon M. Huntsman Hall in October was another great event this semester. **Murray McComas '58**, **D.A. McComas '97**, and myself had the honor to join Mr. Huntsman along with friends, family and university officials at a pre-dedication gala. Mr. Huntsman's generous contribution to the Wharton School is a shining example of living our "Charge," and to his dedication to the advancement of the university as well as other philanthropic endeavors.

Phi Phi looks forward to closing out another successful fall semester and moving into the spring with an enthusiastic new pledge class. ■



*The LDP team poses for a picture on the final day of the workshop. Pictured from left top to right top: Mark Lambright '93, Drew Crockett '05, Sangeen Zeb '04, Scott Brown '05, Andrew Little '04, and Jon Greenawalt Sr. '61. Bottom left to bottom right: Matt Scattarella '03, John Hession '03, Chris Smith '03, and Ade Bakare '03.*

# Philanthropy

## Halloween Carnival Shows Kids a Scary Good Time

Our main philanthropic event for the fall semester, our annual Haunted House and Halloween Carnival, was held Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Sigma Chi house on 3809 Locust Walk. The event is designed to give local children from the West Philadelphia area and their families a chance to come to the university and spend the day together in a fun-filled environment. This year, we had a great turnout and hosted more than 50 children, who were mostly students from the Lea School at 47<sup>th</sup> and Locust.

The main dining room of the house was transformed into a carnival with face-painting, candy and music provided by the generous sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta and Tri-Delta. The entire basement and cold room of the house were transformed into a very spooky haunted house, which boasted

tons of props, scary stories and monsters, as well as a smoke machine! Brothers seemed to

really enjoy giving the kids a good scare, and the kids seemed very appreciative as well (they returned again and again to wait in line for a second run through the haunted house). The parents were also very grateful for our efforts to entertain their children, and the chance to spend time with them. ■



*Phi Phi Nate Bagniacchi '05 poses with a sister from Tri Delta and few scary monsters.*

### Share Your Wisdom and Experiences ...

We hope you are proud of the progress and the direction of the undergraduate chapter during the past few years. Our accomplishments are even greater when alumni share with us the wisdom and experience you have gained since graduation. You have learned tremendous lessons that can't be taught in school. As our alumni, we hope you are willing to continue to contribute to and participate in our success as individuals, and the success of our chapter. Please consider sharing your life experience in one of the following ways:

- Career Counseling for undergraduates via phone/e-mail/one-on-one
- Participation in one of our weekly chapter meetings
- Fireside chat with the pledges during the pledge process
- Participation in next fall's Leadership Training Workshop

Your participation in any of these activities is greatly appreciated by the brothers of Phi Phi. If interested, please contact:

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or

*Andrew Little '04, Consul-elect,  
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### Welcome

## Alumni Chapter Welcomes Brothers Home

In accordance with tradition at the Phi Phi Chapter, we experienced yet another successful Homecoming over the weekend of Nov. 1-3.

Nearly 100 alums were on hand to visit with current brothers, who welcomed them for a chapter meeting, a cocktail party, a pre-football game brunch and a dinner party to wrap up the festivities.

Alums returned to 3809 Locust Walk for yet another year, bringing wives and families in tow. With a group spanning nearly 50 years (brothers from the Class of 1953 as well as 2002 were in attendance), the tradition of alumni involvement in house matters and functions was perpetuated.

Among alums in attendance were former Grand Consul **Murray McComas '58** and his son **D.A. '97**, **Jon Greenawalt '61** and his son **Jon Jr. '91**, and **Morris Nunes '70**. Many recent alums made it to the festivities, some coming from as far away as California!

The weekend's events, planned by Alumni Chair **Allan Haldeman '04**, Consul **John Hession '03**, and Epsilon alum **Carlos Kearns**, were highlighted by the festivities on Saturday night, Nov. 2. Current brothers and alums alike celebrated Penn's victories over Brown on the football and soccer fields with an excellent catered dinner at the chapter house.

This year's Homecoming was quite a success, and we hope that next year we are able to welcome even more Sigs, as we continue to celebrate our chapter's 128-year history and ensure its success for years to come. ■

# Alumni UpDates

**Cornelius E. Smyth '46**  
(60 Montego Ct., Coronado, CA 92118-3248) As donor of your table-tennis table, I am proud to announce that I am currently ranked fifth in the U.S.A. in table tennis for players over 75. At the same time, my current rating in this sport is now higher than it was in my fifties when I won the national doubles title. Like a good wine, I seem to be improving with age.

**David E. Brewer '50**  
(407 Portrush Loop, Pawleys Island, SC 29585; davebrewer@bigfoot.com) Just visited Florida, celebrating our 50th anniversary. We spent time at Epcot and Sea World. I am glad to see the Phi Phi chapter is doing well and retaining its identity on the campus.

**Richard O. Kress '50**  
(27 Vineyard Ln., Greenwich, CT 06831) Skiing in the winter, fishing in the summer and traveling in between!

**George S. Bowden '53**  
(12 Hubbard Park, Red Bank, NJ 07701-2324; pkgnet@monmouth.com) I am looking forward to my 50th reunion at Penn in May 2003, with **Ray Welsh '53**, **Carl Sempier '53** and hopefully other brothers.

**John M. Holliday '61**  
(8 River Otter Ln., Savannah, GA 31411)

I retired in September 2002 and have relocated to Skidaway Island, Ga. (Savannah area).

**Clark R. Smith '61**  
(101 Federal St., Apt. 1900, Boston, MA 02110-1800) Looking forward to retirement next year!

**Richard P. Klich '71**  
(6502 76th St., Cabin John, MD 20818-1416; ndqa@aol.com) After private practice, international biotech, biomedical research and managed health-care quality assurance, now back to the corporate world — new dental company startup as dental director. Daughter Aryn finished first year at Penn as “walk-on” first boat heavyweight crew; summer with Vesper at nationals and Canadian Henley ... Hide your sons!

**Steven M. Frenkel '74**  
(6 Maltese Dr., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410-5815; frenkely@att.net) Launched Frenkly Speaking, a weekly financial newsletter, on February 1, 2002, which forecasts the stock market, gold, oil, interest rates and commodities, and provides a portfolio of stocks to take advantage of same. Also began as a manager of the Emerald Hedge Fund, division of Amethyst Fund, NYC.

**J. Buckner Brown '77**  
(308 E. 79th St., Penthouse West,

New York, NY 10021-0906; buckybrown@rnc.net) My wife, Jessica, and I are enjoying parenthood with our 1-year-old daughter, Julia.

**James Echikson '83**  
(c/o NFL, 280 Park Ave., New York, NY 10017-1216) Returned from Mexico after a two-and-a-half-year assignment to open/manage the NFL Mexico office. It was a great experience both professionally and personally.

**Stephen J. Ware '87**  
(434 Cedar Trace, Birmingham, AL 35244-4561) My wife, Kitty, son A.J. (age 6) and I are pleased to announce the birth of Spencer Thomas Ware on August 29, 2002.

**Jason Fritz '88**  
(152 Franklin St., #6, New York, NY 10013) I was married to Jennifer McKee of San Mario, Calif., on May 4, 2002.

**Michael J. Bushman '90**  
(6 CityWalk, 29 Seward St., London EC1V 3RF, England; michael\_bushman@hotmail.com) I recently visited **Peter Bierden '90** in Washington, D.C., where he is working for GE Power Systems. He is also the father of a brand-new son, Andrew Peter, joining his big sister, Meghan.

**Todd W. Bauer '91**  
(10243 Rosebud Ln., Missouri City, TX 77459) I just recently began a three-year surgical oncology fellowship at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

**Jon L. Greenawalt '91**  
(700 Old Marple Rd., Springfield, PA 19064; jgreenawalt@gapinter.com) My wife and I welcomed Julian Asher Banks Greenawalt on 3/28/02. He weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces. Future Phi Phi!

**Boyd Decker '95**  
(8433 Southside Blvd., #2002, Jacksonville, FL 32256-3627) I recently finished a six-month deployment aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt. Flew more than 40 missions over Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. ■



*The Class of '92 celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> reunion at the Phi Phi chapter house on Alumni Day.*