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EVENTS

Fraternity Mark Your Calendars!

The Phi Phi seniors will be saying goodbye to their undergraduate days at Commencement on **Monday, May 19**. We look forward to seeing the future successes of our brothers.

As always, Alumni Day is the Saturday before Commencement (**May 17**), and the chapter would like to welcome any and all Sigma Chi brothers and their families to stop by the chapter house throughout the day to reunite with old friends as well as to meet the younger brothers of Phi Phi. ■

Alumni

UpDates

Lester R. Giegerich '40

(101 Long Neck Point Rd, Darien, CT 06820) Still working and enjoying lots of golf, some tennis and lots of travel. Not many places left that we have not visited. Would love to hear from any classmates.

David E. Brewer '50

(407 Portrush Loop, Pawleys Island, SC 29585; dbrewer1@sc.rr.com) I heard from **Milt Hudson '51** who is in Florida for the winter. He had a tough year as his wife, Barbara, struggles through her recovery from MRSA (the very bad staph you get in hospitals) and still needs a hip replacement as soon as she is well enough.

George S. Bowden '53

(12 Hubbard Park, Red Bank, NJ 07701-2324; pkgnet@monmouth.com) Enjoyed sailing for a week off the Dutch coast with my daughter who lives in Switzerland and 14 Dutch and Swiss in-laws. The boat was 60 feet long with huge sails built in 1900 and restored last year. Looking forward to my 50th reunion.

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Annual

Giving

By Mark Kocent '82

Phi Phi Alumni Achieving Our Goal!

We raised the bar for our annual campaign this year, and Phi Phi alumni have responded! The latest donation made by **Fred Sbrilli '56** has put us over top — exceeding our goal of \$12,000. Our success can be attributed in part to higher recommended contribution levels and also to many new donors who stepped up to show their support.

Here's a brief look at the figures to date ...

Last year at this time, we had received \$5,720 from 86 members. This year, as we go to print, we have received \$12,060 from 113 members — a \$6,340 increase in donations and a 31-percent increase in donors! At the end of last year's campaign, we raised \$9,310 from 127 donors. We need 14 more donors to equal last year and 47 more to reach the goal of 18 percent participation from our 885 active members. Let's not stop now; with four months to go, we can reach our participation goal among all Phi Phi alums.

Thanks to all brothers who have responded to the challenge. If you are not yet among those who have, please consider showing your commitment and having your name added to our record breaking Honor Roll for '02-'03. ■

Alumni Profile

Q+A with

Stephen T. Driscoll '81

Sigma Chi's Own Indiana Jones

*It's not the Lost Ark, the Temple of Doom or the Holy Grail. But what Brother **Steve Driscoll '81** "digs up" has an interesting link to his Sigma Chi roots. Currently living in Glasgow, Scotland, with his family, this researcher specializing in field archaeology is anxious to start a project focusing on the early medieval sculpture of Scotland. "This amazing body of material (over 1600 known) consists largely of crosses and other religious sculpture," says Driscoll. "There is a strange resonance with our Quest for the White Cross as pledges back in 1977 and my personal quest to do a worthwhile academic study on these Celtic crosses."*

Why did you join Sigma Chi?

During rush season, the Sigma Chi brothers were the ones with whom I clicked. I came from a small high school, St Anselm's Abbey in Washington, D.C., so I think that it was attractive to have a small intimate group to mediate the experience of being at a large university like Penn. What I didn't fully appreciate at the time was the mix of people; in particular, it was beneficial to be together with a bunch of people who were not studying archaeology or rowing. It was also good to meet people from other parts of the States.



Steve Driscoll in front of Castle Tioram in Moidart, Scotland

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Alumni

Report

By Mark Kocent '82

On January 25, 2003, the Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia's Board of Trustees met at the chapter house. In attendance were President **Mark Kocent '82**; **Paul Hertel, III '88**; **Ronald Woodmansee '82**; former Consul **John Hession '03**; **Mark Kramer '00**; **Tom Valenti '00**; **Reed Werner '01**; Consul **Andrew Little '04**; and Pro Consul **Sangeen Zeb '04**.

Following a description of the founding of the Sigma Chi Club by Mark Kocent, the Board of Trustees members, officers and related positions (as listed on this page) were nominated and elected in a unanimous vote.

Mark then presented a summary of the proposed chapter house renovation plans, cost estimates, fund-raising efforts and a tentative timeline. It was decided that no construction should be attempted for the summer of '03 and that we would continue to advance the "quiet phase" of the fund-raising efforts thru the spring and summer of '03.

The agreement and amendatory letter between The Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia and the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania was reviewed. A resolution outlining the board's consent was presented for signature by board members who were current as of March '02.

Mark also presented a brief review of the agreement negotiations concerning the area bounded by Sigma Chi, ATO and Hillel. It was

understood by all parties that this area would be subject to redesign and improvement in the near future and that Sigma Chi would be represented in this process to safeguard our rights and interests as defined in the agreements and amendatory letter.

Recent insurance rate increases have contributed to the increases in the undergraduate's liability policy to over \$14,000 per year. This policy is likely to increase again next year. As we near the annual budget-planning period, the fee for brothers not living in the house will once again be evaluated along with chapter house rents. The undergraduates will forward their input to Andrew Little.

In the fall of '02, the OFSA adopted a policy intended to proactively insure full occupancy for the coming year, thereby safeguarding the current revenue stream. Sigma Chi's stated goals are 100 percent full occupancy at 21 brothers with a 40-percent goal of upperclassmen and the balance being new initiates. Falling below 90-percent occupancy would trigger a raised fee for out-of-house brothers to make up the deficiency. As of April '03, the estimated 2003-04 occupancy for the chapter house is 19 members, or 90 percent of full occupancy.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees was tentatively set for mid-Sept. '03. ■

Chapter

Report

By Drew Crockett '05

Brothers of All Ages Ensure Success of Initiation

On Sunday, April 6, 2003, the chapter initiated 19 new brothers (see page 4). It was an opportunity for alumni to return and engage themselves in the affairs of the chapter. Former Consul **Jamie Allen '02**, former Magister **John Salvucci '02** and classmate **Andy Smith '02** returned to help with new member interviews. **Reid Werner '02** and **Mike Burleigh '02** also attended the ceremony.

As always, the presence of **Murray McComas '58** was felt with great appreciation. He returned to assist with the ritual, allowing everyone involved to reflect on their own Sigma Chi experience. This was especially true for the seniors who experienced initiation for the last time in their undergraduate careers. Their leadership will be missed.

Initiation provides an exiting experience for all, especially for the newly initiated brothers. The bonds of friendship that they have created are no doubt lifelong, and the shape and good character of the Phi Phi Class of 2006 is a reflection of the brotherhood, especially Magister **Ryan Ly '03**. Without Ryan's guidance, their transition into the brotherhood would not have been as easy, and his dedication to the fraternity is exceptional. On Sunday night, with the support of alumni contributions, the newly initiated class spent the evening at Bookbinder's Restaurant in downtown Philadelphia. This tradition started last spring under the guidance of **John Hession '03**, former Consul. **Andrew Little '04** and a few of the new initiates spoke about their experiences, while Murray McComas lent some words of wisdom about initiation being only the beginning of the Phi Phi Sigma Chi experience.

Much appreciation goes to **Rich Repetto '05** for organizing the event. All in all, newly elected Consul Andrew Little and the executive board have seen that the spring semester of 2003 has been a successful one. ■

Tell us about your favorite memory of the fraternity.

The strongest memories relate to the build up to the initiation ceremony, which involved lots of unpack behavior. It's probably all toned down now. But my favorite memories are of spending time around the pool table late at night.

What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

I think that participating in the running of the fraternity was a gentle way to build confidence in my ability to organize stuff. I was the steward in my final year, and I enjoyed the responsibility and the unique opportunity to get to know the enigma that was and is John Wilson, chef no. 1.

With whom do you still stay in contact?

I moved Scotland in 1982 to study at Glasgow (a one-way trip as it has turned out). So, I kept in touch with **Bob Mazurkiewicz '80** because he used to work for a Scottish distiller and periodically came to Scotland. **Tim Kulik '80** also spent a year in Britain during which time his cancer was diagnosed, so retrospectively it was great to pass the time with him the last time he was healthy. His death was a sad loss. Otherwise, I have had little contact apart from occasional messages from **John Halpern '80** and **Rick Mohler '80**, both of whom were memorable roommates.

Tell us about your family.

I am married to Katherine Forsyth who is a Scottish academic (a Celticist) and we have two girls, Frances (4) and Margaret (2). We would like a third if we could figure out how to skip over the first 12 months.

What other activities or organizations were you involved with during your college days?

Apart from Phi Phi, my main non-academic activity was rowing for the lightweight crew. Looking back, I am quite amazed that I managed to scrape into the Second Eight. The 6-days-a-week training program seems impossibly demanding now. I tried rowing in Glasgow (when I should have been working on my Ph.D.). I was in Glasgow Uni's First Lightweight Four — altogether a more casual sporting regime. It was fun, but I missed the structure and the Schuykill River and only did it seriously in 1985-'86 when the Commonwealth Games were held in Scotland. We were not selected but did get to row in some top-class races and got to rub shoulders with Steve Redgrave (five-time gold medallist) when he was just coming into his prime.

What is your nickname, and how did you get it?

'Scol Man — it comes from the old R & B track "Soul Man" which was featured in "The Blues Brothers."

Did you live in the house? If so, who were your roommates? Tell us about a memorable time with them.

In my first year, I lived in the Gym with **Tim Kulik '80** and **Bob Isaacs '80**, both pretty serious students. Tim kept late hours like me, but Bob had a grueling engineering schedule and often slept through our inconsiderate late night antics. I have always felt guilty for that. As a junior, I roomed with **John Halpern '80** in the house, which was probably the greatest reward for being steward.

What do you do for a living?

I am a medieval archaeologist. I had a very enjoyable time as

a graduate student, finally getting my Ph.D. from Glasgow in 1987 after which I went straight into field archaeology. I have had the pleasure of working at a number of splendid castles, but Edinburgh Castle has to be a highlight. My monograph on these excavations was published in 1997 (*Excavations within Edinburgh Castle* with Peter Yeoman) and provides a sense of the historical atmosphere there. I also have excavated at Glasgow Cathedral, a 13th-century gothic masterpiece (report published in 2002) which was an equally rare privilege. I suppose my most distinctive accomplishment has been the establishment of a field archaeology contracting and consulting group known as GUARD (for Glasgow University Archaeological Research Division) which since I set it up in 1989 has grown to the largest such unit in Scotland with a staff of about 25. Thankfully, I no longer manage it on a day-to-day basis. I sit on the executive committee but spend most of my time teaching archaeology.

What affiliations do you currently have and/or public service do you participate in?

I have lots of professional archaeological memberships, but my main contribution is that I edit the *Scottish Archaeological Journal* for the Glasgow Archaeological Society.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

I have had to stop playing kids games — soccer and squash — due to a wobbly knee, so now my main recreation is cycling. I commute to work on two wheels. Since moving from our classic Glasgow tenement flat a couple of years ago, I have become interested in gardening. This is out of necessity as our moderately salubrious 1870s semi-detached villa sits on an acre of land — an astonishing amount for the inner city and a bigger commitment than I anticipated.

What are your goals for the next few years?

I suppose my immediate goals are bound up with the kids. I am learning Gaelic because our kids are in Gaelic medium education and I don't want to be left out. Strange to be learning a language for fun after all these years. I am also keen to spend more time in the States as my parents get older, so I guess I'll try to develop some academic links. I'd like to reconnect with Penn because I feel much of my work connects with the urban studies and historical archaeology traditions there. We will see. I'd also like to write a big book on medieval Scotland, but that may have to wait until after the girls are bigger.

One other project that I have been involved with but has yet to pull in the big money to make it happen concerns the early medieval sculpture of Scotland. This amazing body of material (over 1600 known) consists largely of crosses and other religious sculpture, much of it covered with fabulous interlace and fantastic beasts. Scotland is where the Celtic High Cross tradition started and flourished. There is a strange resonance with our Quest for the White Cross as pledges back in 1977 and my personal quest to do a worthwhile academic study on these Celtic crosses. This is a big, daunting task and I still don't know exactly how to go about it, but when it happens I think I'll know. In the meantime, I am enjoying living a small city with a vibrant population set in fabulous countryside. I can't imagine any place better to be living.

Brothers who would like to contact Steve can reach him at std@archaeology.gla.ac.uk. ■

2002-2003 New Initiates

Ben Martin
North Andover, Mass.

Matt Berman
Lower Gwynedd, Pa.

Brandon Adams
Lower Gwynedd, Pa.

Chase McGowan
Southington, Conn.

Doug Middleton
La Habra, Calif.

John Rhodes, Jr.
Mendham, N.J.

Garret Drinon
Chinchester, N.H.

Peter Lynch
Dallas, Texas

Justin Golden
Chester, N.J.

Chris Gumiela
Garden City, N.Y.

Ian Loizeaux
Phoenix, Md.

Justin Mascitelli
New York, N.Y.

Joe Mirabile
Lower Gwynedd, Pa.

Jorge Beruff
Washington, D.C.

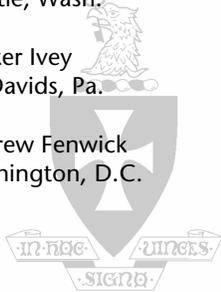
Kevin Scott
Radnor, Pa.

Steven Klaiman
Bellaire, Texas

Matt Martin
Seattle, Wash.

Tucker Ivey
St. Davids, Pa.

Andrew Fenwick
Washington, D.C.



Alumni UpDates

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George L. Gettemuller '56

(220 10th St., West Palm Beach, FL 33401-3502; ggetemulle@aol.com) Trying to get a cure for cancer re-evaluated. It is proven to be 100 percent effective on cancer tumors and cells by killing the viruses that cause cancer. I was cured by this means.

Fred A. Sbrilli '56

(1607 Highway 27, Edison, NJ 08817) Retirement is not for me. I enjoy my real estate investment and sales operations too much. Besides, I still have to support my Sigma Chi son, Chris (Florida State '92), now in his umpteenth year of schooling at the the University of Berlin. God bless America!

David G. Fleshman '61

(1619 Seignious Dr., Charleston, SC 29407-9662; dfleshman@comcast.net) We have settled into our new home after 40 years in California. We love it here in the South Carolina low country and are delighted to return to the "right" coast.

Charles K. O'Neill '69

(189 Rugby Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11226; coneill@chadbourne.com) Our oldest daughter, Alenna, was married in October. Attending from Phi Phi with their spouses were **Frank Tracy '68**, **Jim Colins '68**, **Tom Farrell '68** and **John Dickerson '69**. The reception was held at The Andes Hotel in Andes, N.Y., owned by my son, Edward O'Neill, and his wife, Sally.

Morris A. Nunes '70

(9220 Briary Ln., Fairfax, VA 22031-3870; man.apc@verizon.net) After the delight and excitement of the admission of my son, Ryan, to UPenn in April, we were stunned when Janice, my wife of 32 years and a contender for the 1970 Sweetheart, was diagnosed with liver cancer and died of liver failure on Aug. 20, 2002. Thanks to brothers **Gary Eames '70** and **Ron Huling '70** for their attendance at her funeral and to the house and all who expressed their condolences.

William N. Preucel '81

(728 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303-3911) I am getting in lots of miles on my road bike (about 6,000 in 2002) and am enjoying some continuing education courses at Stanford in marketing. I have enjoyed riding in rural Tuscany, touring in Paris and riding double centuries. Especially enjoy staying in close touch with brother **Jeffrey Harlan '82** and his family.

Jeffrey D. Bukowski '87

(2521 Simon Dr., Reading, PA 19608-9166) Effective Jan. 1, 2003, I became a shareholder of

the law firm of Stevens & Lee. Recently, I visited **Matt Millan '87**, his wife, Liz, and their beautiful 3-month-old baby girl, Isabelle Rose.

Matthew D. Millan '87

(39 W Gravers Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19118) Elizabeth and I welcomed our first child, Isabelle Rose, on Oct. 9, 2002. I am working hard at balancing the demands of my architectural practice with time at home.

Deric G. Emry '91

(210 Chancery Rd., Baltimore, MD 21218; bogartemry@aol.com) We welcomed our second son, Cole Christian Emry, on October 17. Felicia is enjoying a break from the practice of law to spend time with Grant and Cole. I continue at ABS Capital Partners. Please visit if you are in the Baltimore/Washington area!

Ryan Smith '95

(3028 Acton Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234) Sue and I welcomed our first child, Benjamin Carroll Smith, on Nov. 27, 2002. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and has a full chest of hair just like his father.

Steven D. Fallon '96

(7604 Hungery Ridge Terrace, Glen Allen, VA 23060; fallonsteven@hotmail.com) I am currently in the middle of a four-year oral and maxillofacial surgery residency program at the Medical College of Virginia. My wife, Moria, and I are extremely excited about the arrival of our first child this June.

Miguel Ignacio Rionda '96

(1526 Pennsylvania Ave., Apt. 1A, Miami Beach, FL 33139-3628; miguelrionda@hotmail.com) I graduated from architecture school in January 2003. Currently I am practicing architecture here in Miami Beach.

Hardy M. Viener '96

(10 Pineapple Ln., Stuart, FL 34996; hardy_viener@hotmail.com) Met up recently in Manhattan with **Joe Gelbard '96**, **Chris Greene '96** and **Tim Fazio '95**. We were all shown great hospitality by the "King of New York," **Liam Goodwin '96**. ■

In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **William R. Jobson, Jr. '37** and **Philip G. Gillig, Jr. '42**. Sigma Chi mourns their passing and extends sincere condolences to their families and friends.