

**150th
Anniversary
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House Corporation

Update

By Mark Kocent '82, Board President

Capital Improvement Feasibility Study Underway

The board of trustees of the Phi Phi Club of Philadelphia met during homecoming to discuss our capital improvement plans for the chapter house. Having already completed an initial architectural design study, we are now ready to move ahead with the next step to finance the campaign. After reviewing various proposals and options, we have decided to engage the services of Affinity Connection Inc. to conduct a financial feasibility study.



Greg McElroy of Affinity Connection Inc. will be leading the feasibility study.

The goals of the feasibility study, which is to be completed over the next four to six months, include surveying alumni interest in the capital campaign, developing relationships with potential donors and establishing a realistic financial target for the campaign.

The architectural goals of our project include a thorough restoration of our landmark chapter house at 3809 Locust Walk, an addition at the rear of the property to accommodate life-safety and accessibility upgrades, and a potential bedroom expansion.

We also seek to establish an endowment fund to ensure future maintenance of this valuable asset. Preliminary estimates of the project construction could total \$3 million, with additional revenues being directed into an endowment fund.

Our project director from Affinity Connection is Greg McElroy. Greg is a seasoned professional in the North American Greek movement, having served as the executive director of Zeta Psi and as president of the Fraternity Executives Association. In his professional fundraising efforts, Greg has raised over \$15 million in capital and deferred gifts for various fraternities. He is based in New York City and has gained a thorough knowledge of Penn via his ongoing membership on Zeta Psi's alumni board and his successful direction of the fundraising campaign for SigEp.

Greg's planned interactions with Phi Phi Chapter alumni over the next few months include a combination of personal meetings, phone surveys and interviews with a representative sample consisting of about 15-20 percent of our 1,000 living alumni. If contacted, please be honest and forthright with Greg. He is a tremendous ally in our effort to restore our chapter's home at Penn and guarantee its continued success in shaping future Sigma Chi leaders. ■

Chapter

Report

By Matt Berman '06

Fall Philanthropy and Homecoming Attendance Make Fall Semester Successful

It was another great fall semester for the chapter. The year got rolling with a huge beach party during the second week of school, for which the volleyball court outside the house was fenced in. It attracted almost 1,000 people and served to promote Hurricane Katrina awareness. An excellent cover band from New Jersey blasted music that had a crowd lined up all the way down Locust Walk.

The momentum carried right into Halloween weekend, when we teamed up with the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority in our annual haunted-house event. Underprivileged kids from Philadelphia lined up to walk through our "haunted" base-

ment before receiving candy, cupcakes and prizes in the kitchen. This event is our main philanthropy of the fall and is a great way to bring Halloween to those who are not fortunate enough to experience it otherwise.

The next weekend, a nice breakfast spread replaced the candy and cupcakes, as we had a great turnout for homecoming weekend. The attendance of so many alumni was greatly appreciated, as the younger undergraduates came away extremely impressed with their predecessors.

We ended the semester with our annual holiday party. The chapter is eagerly anticipating the spring rush process,

which occurs directly after winter break. As a result of all the exposure the chapter received this semester, we are expecting a very large pool of potential members.

Recently we elected the next group of officers, headed by the new consul, **Cameron Hoyler**. He is joined by pro-consul **Brian Cosio**.

On behalf of the current group of officers, it has been a challenging and humbling but rewarding year. We thank the many alumni who supported us during Derby Days and homecoming weekend, and with advice throughout the year. ■

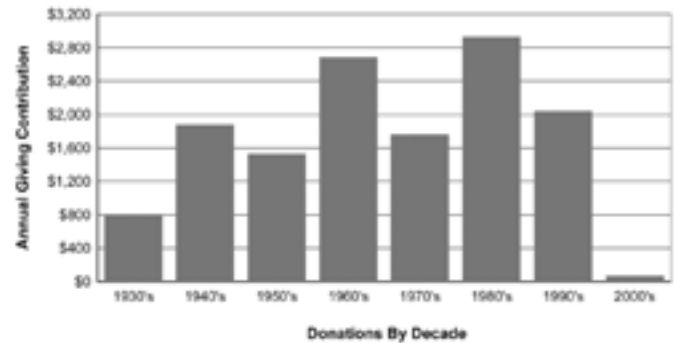
Annual Fund Donors

We would like to offer our deepest thanks to the following brothers who contributed to our 2005-06 annual fund as of December 2, 2005. The annual fund runs from September 1 through August 31.

Joseph A. Goodhue Jr. 1939
 Lester R. Giegerich 1940
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Campus Fire Safety Advocates Turn Heat On Washington

The Center for Campus Fire Safety, based in Amherst, Mass., is a nonprofit organization that includes fire safety professionals and advocates from across the nation. Ed Comeau is director of the Center, which maintains a Web site to provide information and resources on campus fire safety to parents, university officials and students. It also publishes *Campus Firewatch*, an online newsletter.

According to a fact sheet from the Center, **75 students have died in fires since the year 2000**. Off-campus housing is the highest risk area for students, with **75% of student deaths occurring off-campus; 13% in campus dormitories and 11% in fraternity and sorority housing**. April and May are the deadliest months for college students, with 21 deaths during those months since 2000, followed by August and September with 19 deaths.

Seven fatal fires have already occurred this academic year, killing 11 students:

- **Miami University**, Oxford, Ohio: 3 killed in an off-campus fire
- **University of Mississippi**, Oxford, Miss.: 3 killed in a fraternity fire
- **Georgetown University**, Washington,

- D.C.: 1 killed in an off-campus fire
- **Penn State**, State College, Pa.: 1 killed in an off-campus fire
- **Savannah College of Art and Design**, Savannah, Ga.: 1 killed in an off-campus fire
- **Southern Adventist University**, Collegedale, Tenn.: 1 killed in a residence hall fire
- **University of Maryland**, College Park, Md., 1 killed in an off-campus fire

When investigators are called to the scene of fatal fires in student housing, they commonly find **a lack of automatic fire sprinklers, missing or disabled smoke alarms, careless disposal of smoking materials and alcohol**.

The Center advocates a three-pronged approach to address the problem:

- 1. Prevention** to educate students, parents and administrators about safe fire behavior.
- 2. Detection** to provide early warning to students of the fire and notify fire departments to respond.
- 3. Early suppression** through the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in student housing.

Rep. Curt Weldon (R-Pa.) and **Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.)**, joined Tubb Jones at a press conference after the summit to highlight legislation they have introduced or plan to introduce:

The Campus Fire Safety Right to Know Act: Similar to the Clery Act, which requires universities and colleges to provide statistics on violent crimes on campus, this bill introduced by Pascrell requires schools to provide information about fire safety to the U.S. Department of Education, helping parents and students make informed decisions on the safety of schools. "We really don't know the current state of fire protection at our colleges and universities because they have not been required to make that information available," said Comeau.

The Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act: Introduced in the House by Weldon (H.R. 1131), this bill would reduce the tax depreciation schedule on the installation of fire sprinkler systems in buildings from 27 years to 5 years, encouraging owners of off-campus housing to install sprinkler systems. Similar legislation was introduced in the Senate (S. 512).

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Scenes from the 150th Anniversary of Sigma Chi

Here are the photos **Jon Greenawalt '61** took at the luncheon hosted by **Joe Tuohy '49** at Sigma Chi's 150th Anniversary Weekend. It was a great get-together — and we really enjoyed it, Joe. Just sorry you couldn't be with us. For others reading this, we're pleased to report that Joe not only survived the illness he experienced in June but also the last two hurricanes that blew through Ft. Lauderdale! ■



Left: Left to right: **Mason Marvin '53**; Frank Raymond (Penn State), president of the Sigma Chi Foundation; Bob Joseph (Willamette '57), 56th grand consul; and **Sam Greenawalt '51**.

Below: Bob Joseph (Willamette '57) and Frank Raymond (Penn State).



Above: Front row, left to right: **D.A. McComas '97** and **Murray McComas '58**, **Jon Greenawalt Sr. '61**. Back row: **Jim Kahl '54**, **Mason Marvin '53**, **Ted Pitt** and **Sam Greenawalt '51**.

Right: Left to right: **Ted Pitt** (University of Western Ontario), grand praetor of the Mid-Atlantic Province; **Dr. Jim Kahl '54**; **Murray McComas '58** and **D.A. McComas '97**.



Campus Fire Safety Advocates Turn Heat On Washington (Continued from Page 2)

Declaration of September as Campus Fire Safety Month: Sen. Mike DeWine (R-Ohio) and Tubbs Jones announced plans to introduce in a bill in both houses to provide an annual national platform for promoting fire safety for students at our colleges and universities.

Due to recent publicity of deaths in off-campus and on-campus fires, traffic at the Center for Campus Fire Safety's Web site has been busy, Comeau said. Since the beginning

of the year, the site has received 300,000 hits. "We have **a log of fatal fires** that's publicly available that's been downloaded 10,000 times; we have **questions parents should ask when they visit schools** that have been downloaded a thousand times," Comeau said.

For more information, call the Center at 413-323-6002 or e-mail ecomeau@campusfire.org. ■

Alumni Updates

William T. Hiering '39

(9 Central Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753) I am still practicing law as head of my firm in Toms River, N.J. I am in my 60th year, and I do not intend to retire. I noted that many of my classmates of 1939 spent time in the Aleutian Islands in the second World War. I served as a Navy lieutenant in the Aleutians for two years and then in Seattle, Wash., where I spent time seeing my good friend **Len Bernbaum '39**, who was a Naval officer. I have been active in the county college system in New Jersey and served in the state legislature from 1960 to 1972 as a senator representing Ocean County. I am currently chairman of the board of trustees of the college.

John Bath '42

(8 Ontario St., Worcester, MA 01606-2118) I am still in regular touch with **Lyman D. Gridley '42** and **Edward Murtaugh '42**.

Thomas Nicholson '44

(1011 River Trl., Vero Beach, FL 32963-3939) I am retired and too old to remember much.

Walter E. McGervey '46

(183 Los Cerros Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94598) I gave up smoking in November 2000 by using Nicoderm patches, which I highly recommend. However, I didn't stop soon enough, as I went on oxygen in May 2003, with the same ailment as Johnny Carson. Need I say more.

Richard L. Hogoboom '49

(28 Wyckoff Way, Chester, NJ 07930-2477) After 55 years in the investment business in Pennsylvania, I finally decided I could never figure it out. So I quit on January 1, 2005. Millie (Newitt) and I celebrated 50 years of marriage on September 17, 2004, and we moved to New Jersey two weeks later. I lost a close friend when **Edward "Ed" Miller '49** died this past spring in Shelton, Conn.

D. West Faison '58

(11211 Twain Dr., Montgomery, TX 77356) I retired from legal practice and started a travel agency with my wife Sharon.

Jon Greenawalt Sr. '61

(4050 Stoneleigh Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-2018; jgreenawalt@pmpcoach.com) I was just appointed the new grand praetor for the Eastern Michigan Province. I am still going strong, working full time with my leadership development consulting firm, PMP Inc. Retirement? Ugh! Never!

J. Gardner Colins '68

(3937 Henry Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19129) I am completing my second (and last) term as president judge of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. I always enjoy seeing my Phi Phi brothers from all classes. May I extend my congratulations to the chapter for their

wonderful Derby Days charity work on behalf of the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Todd Bauer '91

(3208 Turnberry Cir., Charlottesville, VA 22911; todd@tbauermail.com) I just relocated to Charlottesville, Va., with my wife Abbey and kids, Jon (2) and Sarah (6). I joined the faculty at U.Va., specializing in pancreas and liver surgery and cancer research.

Joshua A. Daniels '92

(353 G Ave., Lake Oswego, OR 97034-2266) I recently moved to Lake Oswego, Ore., and have three boys: Riley (less than a year old), and Carter and Jake (3-year-old twins). I founded a private equity group focused on buying and operating small private companies. ■

In Memory

Since publication of our last newsletter, we have learned of the death of

Eugene C. DeVol '34 (12/10/05)
*He was an influential fundraiser for Sigma Chi Fraternity and served on its national board.

Raymond L. Beck '71 (4/7/05)
Sigma Chi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their family and friends. ■

Old Photo Album

Memorabilia Needed from Your Days at Penn

Phi Phi Chapter is looking to rebuild its legacy by collecting old photographs and other items you may have saved from your years at Penn. Specifically, we are looking for photographs to represent each decade of our history! Group shots of parties, mixers, dances, etc., are also sought.

Please submit photos from your era to our alumni relations office along with the enclosed form. Your efforts could help rekindle some warm memories within our Phi Phi brotherhood! ■

