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## CHAPTER REPORT

### Undergraduate Chapter Recruits Largest Pledge Class in Recent History and Raises Money for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation

Sigma Chi went above and beyond in the spring 2007 semester when recruiting a new pledge class. The Chapter successfully recruited a 21 member pledge class, which is the largest pledge class in recent Sigma Chi history.

The Chapter dedicated much time to philanthropy during the 2006-2007 academic year.

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The house raised money through a volleyball tournament in the fall 2006 for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. In the spring semester, the brothers conducted Derby Days and raised over \$1,000 for the Huntsman



*Sigma Chi at 3809 Locust St,  
c 1927*

Cancer Foundation also. **Tom Cassel '68**, (the father of this year's pledge class president) was in attendance at the initiation of the new members, and conducted alumni interviews.

The Phi Phi chapter house at 3809 Locust was among fifteen historic properties chosen for the annual University City Historical Society's 2007 University City Mansions Tour. On Sunday May 20th, the alumni house corporation hosted over one hundred local residents and historic home buffs. For many of the guests, it was their first opportunity to enter the 86 year home of the Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi. All left with a greater appreciation of our historic home and its illustrious past dating from the Drexel's ownership in 1892 to a glimpse of our plans for the future.■

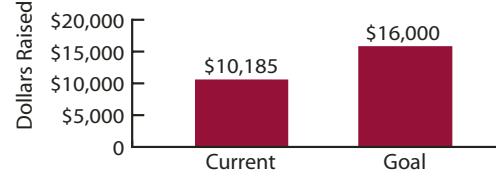
## ANNUAL GIVING

### Get Your Name on the 2006-2007 Honor Roll!

**Time is Running Out to Donate to the 2006-2007 Annual Fund**

Since 9/1/06 we have raised \$10,185 from 96 gifts. We need your support to reach our goal of \$16,000. Donate today by calling our toll-free hotline at 800-975-6699. Remember, the reason that you are reading this newsletter is the same reason that you should give today: to keep up with your relationships from your fraternity days and help provide the same experience for future Sigma Chi's.■

Sigma Chi Penn 2006-2007 Annual Giving



# ALUMNI PROFILE JOSEPH SHEETZ '89

## Building a Volleyball Court and Friendships that Will Last a Lifetime

### *Some of the Experiences that Joe Sheetz '89 Wants to Share with Future Generations*

#### Q: Why did you join Sigma Chi?

A: Shortly after I hit campus, I met **Jeff Bukowski '87**. Jeff and **Matt Millan '87** spent a lot of time with **Jon Rice '89** and I during the rush process. I give the credit to Jeff and Matt, as well as a great group of pledges that I hit it off with from day one.

#### Q: What was your favorite memory of Sigma Chi?

A: There are way too many to pick from and some I should probably keep out of print. If I had to say, I would pick my initiation or the summer we built the volleyball court next to the house.

#### Q: What type of influence has the fraternity experience had on your life?

A: I developed friendships that will last a lifetime. Beyond that, I learned quite a bit about dealing with people, budgets, conflict resolution, etc. that helps me in my career and in my personal life, even 18 years later.

#### Q: With whom do you stay in contact?

A: I talk with **Jeff Bukowski '87** fairly often. I actually trust **Matt Hipps '91** with some of my investments. **Heath Long '88** lives about 20 minutes away and I see him from time to time. We have a pretty good email chain within the classes of '89, '90, and '91 that keeps us up to date on each other's lives.

#### Q: Tell us about your family.

A: I met my wife Wendy when I was working for a consulting firm in suburban Philly. We have a daughter Delaney, 11, and a son Casey, 8. We live in Altoona, Pa., which is my hometown and headquarters for Sheetz, Inc.



Joseph Sheetz '89

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

A: A lot of my college experience revolved around the fraternity. I spent time serving as Steward and Quaestor, and enjoyed every minute of it.

#### Q: Did you have a nickname? If so, what was it and how did you get it?

A: Not sure who gets the credit for the nickname I had. I don't hear it much anymore but they called me "Satin" as in satin sheets.

#### Q: Did you live at the house? If so, who were your roommates? Tell us a memorable time with them.

A: I lived in the house for 3 years. Sophomore year I lived with **Jon Rice '89** who lived next to me in the freshman dorms. Junior year I lived with **Ed Lukas '89**. Senior year I had a single. We had such a tight class that it really did not matter who you roomed with. It was like one big (although sometimes dysfunctional) family. We took many trips to Atlantic City, many drives out to the suburbs or down to Pat's and Geno's for late-night

cheesesteaks. There were way too many good times to list them all.

#### Q: What do you do for a living?

A: I am EVP of Finance and Real Estate for Sheetz, Inc. We own and operate 330 convenience stores in PA, MD, WV, VA, OH, and NC. I handle finance, accounting, technology, and real estate.

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

A: I just finished my term as President of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce. I am Vice-Chairman of the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation, and I am Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Mount Aloysius College. I am also President of the local Little League.

#### Q: What hobbies do you enjoy?

A: When I find the time, I like to golf.

#### Q: What are your goals for the next few years?

A: I would like to continue to grow the family business and provide opportunities for our employees and for our younger family members.

#### Q: Why do you feel that it is important to support Sigma Chi at Penn?

A: All of the Phi Phi Brothers would tell you that Sigma Chi was a very important part of their college experience and in many ways, a part of helping them become men. There are future generations of leaders yet to step onto campus and we should make sure they have the same opportunities that we enjoyed.■

## WEB REGISTRATION

**Register on Newly Upgraded Web Site to Access Member Directory, Alumni Updates, Photo Albums and More!**

#### Are you registered on [www.phiphi-sigmachi.org](http://www.phiphi-sigmachi.org)?

Follow these instructions for your first time login to the site.

- Go to [www.phiphi-sigmachi.org](http://www.phiphi-sigmachi.org) and click on the First Time Login link in the upper left corner, and type in your last name.
- Once you select your record, you'll be asked to enter your Member ID, which can be found above your name and address on this mailing, or in our monthly eLetters. Your

username will be your email address.

- You can set the site to remember your password for next time, so there's no need to log in every time you visit.

If you any trouble with the registration process, click the Tech Support button at the top of the screen.■

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

### Brother Richard "Quig" Kress '50 Will Be Remembered for His Enthusiasm, Passion and Great Accomplishments

#### *Kress Leaves a Great Legacy to Inspire Other Sigma Chi's*

**Richard "Quig" Kress '50**, former president of Norelco, died October 14, 2006 in Greenwich, Ct. He was 78.

As President of Norelco, the consumer products division of North American Philips Corp., Brother Kress was said to have single-handedly driven the rotary shaver business throughout the 1970s. During his tenure at Norelco, Brother Kress boosted sales to over \$3.2 billion with 60% of the market share. He had a flair for the dramatic when it came to his annual sales meetings once donning a Patton costume to command his 'troops', another time dressing up as Super Man and flying between

two buildings. But perhaps he was best known as the "Norelco Kid" in his Stetson hat with the Norelco shaver heads hatband.

Born in Lancaster, Pa., he was the son of Charles E. Kress and May Quinn Kress. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1950 and an MBA from the Wharton School of Business in 1952.

In 1963 he joined North American Philips Corp. as director of advertising. In 1971 he was elected President of Norelco Consumer Products Division of North American Philips Corp. He retired in 1986.

Brother Kress received numerous awards for his service to N.V. Philips Corp. including being elected "Tax Free Citizen for Life" in Drachten, Holland and having a tulip named after him by Queen Juliana of The Netherlands.

He was a member of the Monomoy Yacht Club in Chatham, MA and the founder of the Connecticut River Foundation in Essex, CT.

Brother Kress will be missed by his Sigma Chi brothers. ■

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '70s

#### **Morris A. Nunes '70**

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I am pleased to report that four years of widowerhood came to an end on January 6, 2007 when I married Ruth Peterson Warsoff, formerly of New York City. Additionally, my son, Ryan, graduated in May from Penn. Meanwhile, I was delighted to attend the EX initiation of my nephew, Jarrett P. Ross, at Phi Phi and pin the white cross on him in November 2006.

### '80s

#### **James R. Goodfield '84**

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I am loving city life in Boston and spending time with my wife and two girls (7 and 4). It would be great to hear from any brothers passing through on business (glad to catch up with **John Gallop '83**, **John Weinkopf '84** and **Robert "Bob" Ziehl '85** this past year). ■

### What's New With You?

Your submissions are needed for future issues of The Quaker Sig and our Web site at [www.phiphi-sigmachi.org](http://www.phiphi-sigmachi.org). Do you know of a brother that would be a great candidate for a profile in our next newsletter? Do you have exciting news to share with the brotherhood? Please email all profile nominations and alumni updates to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (make sure to mention they are for Sigma Chi at Penn) or post them directly to the web. ■

## PHOTO ARCHIVE

### Revisit Your Past By Checking Out Our Photo Archives

Wouldn't you like to see photos of you and your friends on our Web site? You can make that happen by submitting them today. Visit [www.phiphi-sigmachi.org](http://www.phiphi-sigmachi.org) and upload your photos to your profile or send them to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com). Photos submitted to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) will be posted in the Group Photos albums and will be accessible to all members. Make sure to mention they are for Sigma Chi at Penn. ■



# UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE

## Nate Keller '08 Enjoys Derby Days, Studying Abroad and the Leadership Experience He Has Gained From Sigma Chi

### Keller Appreciates the Support and Communication Provided By Alumni

#### What semester standing are you, and what is your major?

Second semester junior majoring in economics

#### Why did you choose Sigma Chi fraternity?

It was the house that I felt most comfortable at and was the best reflection of what I wanted from a fraternity in terms of the brothers.

#### What is your favorite Sigma Chi event and why?

Derby Days, beyond a doubt. It allows us to have a great time raising money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute and establishes our presence on campus.

#### Are you an officer? If so, what is your position and what do you do?

I am the Pro-Consul which means I run a lot of the day to day administrative workings of the fraternity.

#### What activities are you involved in other than Sigma Chi?

Sigma Chi and school keep me very busy but I am a registered adult leader in my Boy Scout troop back home.

#### What are your plans for after you graduate?

I will work for at least two or three years and then decide whether or not to go to graduate school.

#### How do you feel Sigma Chi experiences will influence your future?

Taking on positions of responsibility in this house has given me a unique experience in delegation because the nature of everything we do requires some degree of effort on the part of many people.

#### Why do you feel it's important for the undergraduate chapter to maintain a close relationship with alumni?

The alumni, besides being a great resource for ideas, are also another channel to talk with our national office and our school administration. In both capacities they have been extraordinarily helpful from what I have seen in my years here.

#### When did you go abroad, where did you go, and why did you choose this place?

I went abroad in the fall semester of my junior year to Stockholm University in Sweden. I chose Stockholm in particular because part of my mother's family immigrated to America from Sweden in the late 19th century. I also wanted to do something unique from the majority of study abroad participants who choose the UK or Australia.

#### What was your favorite memory while abroad?

Swimming in the Mediterranean with two of my best friends from high school who were in Barcelona for the week that I spent there. ■



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