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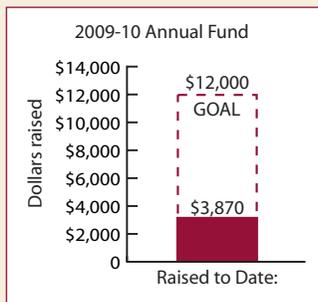


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## ANNUAL FUND

Support Our Efforts to Keep  
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Our 2009-10 annual fund has had a slow start since it began on September 1. Please help us to help you stay connected with Phi Phi and the friends you met there by making a contribution to the annual fund.



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## HOMECOMING 2009

### Back Where He Belongs

**Lt. Commander Harold R. M. Gilmore (Phi Phi '24) Portrait Returns to Greet Alumni and Undergraduates**

After its un-ceremonial removal by another fraternity a few years ago, the distinguished portrait of **Lt. Harold R. M. Gilmore (Phi Phi '24)** was recovered, restored and unveiled at this year's Homecoming celebration. His portrait is once again displayed in honor above the mantle in the Gilmore Library at 3809 Locust Walk. Before Brother Gilmore's untimely death in 1943, while serving in the U.S. Navy, he acquired a \$5,000 life insurance policy with the Sigma Chi Foundation as its beneficiary. His leadership and devotion to Sigma Chi, joined by many others over the years, has created an \$11M fund in Evanston. From the Phi Phi Chapter's account within this educational fund, the Phi Phi House Corp. awarded two actives with the inaugural "Gilmore Scholarships." In acknowledgement of their most improved GPA status, undergraduate brothers **Jonathan Green '11** and **Kenneth Csaplar '11** were each awarded \$500 toward their academic pursuits at Penn along with copies of a book authored by **Jon M. Huntsman '59**, *Winners Never Cheat: Even in Difficult Times*. These awards were presented by the brothers' fellow under-graduate scholarship chairman, **Tom Cassel '10**, on behalf of the House Corporation.

### Awarding Outstanding Phi Phi Alumni

Additional award presentations were also made to other alumni, as the chapter celebrated its continued International Fraternity leadership in numerous categories. With about 50 brothers and family members on hand, all retreated to the well-appointed Phi Phi Chapter Room for the occasion. In the shadow of our framed 1875 charter, **Jacques Gordon '78** was presented with the Significant Sig award by fellow Sig Sig, **Raymond Welsh '53**. Jacques was joined by his family and friends as we celebrated his distinguished career achievements at LaSalle Investment Management. A copy of Jacques'



*The distinguished portrait of Lt. Harold R. M. Gilmore '24 is back where it belongs: in the Gilmore Library at 3809 Locust Walk.*

award is now placed in the Founders' stair hall at Phi Phi with those of 26 other members of our chapter. Brothers **Marc Morris '90** and **Mark DeRosa '97** were also honored in this 2009 Sig Sig class and will receive their awards at an upcoming event.

Induction into the Order of Constantine is bestowed by the International Fraternity to those brothers who exhibit a sustained commitment to service on behalf of Sigma Chi. **Mark Kocent '82** received this award as part of the class of 2008 Constantine Sigs. He becomes the eighth Phi Phi to receive the Fraternity's highest honor award and was joined by fellow past awardees **Jon Greenawalt Sr. '61** and **Murray McComas '58**.

The Phi Phi Chapter House Corporation, officially titled The Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia, Inc., has the privilege of awarding the Phi Phi Chapter Award at the discretion of its Board of Trustees. In our chapter's 134-year history, this award has been given five times, most recently to **Murray McComas '58** in 1999. This year, the Trustees chose to honor **Jon Greenawalt Sr. '60** "in recognition and appreciation of his unselfish, sustained loyalty, devotion and service to the Phi Phi Chapter" as evidenced by his recently completed, eighth annual Leadership Development Program, managed for the undergraduate chapter leaders.

## SCENES FROM HOMECOMING 2009



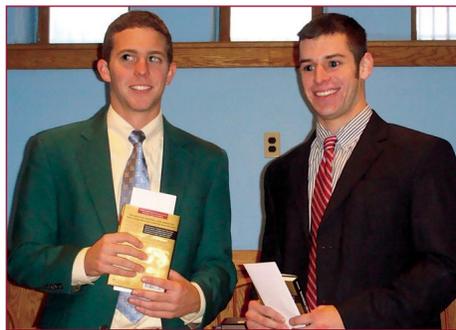
Significant Sig **Jacques Gordon '78** is flanked by (Lt to Rt) **Jon Greenawalt Sr. '61**, **Murray McComas '58** and **Ray Welsh '53**.



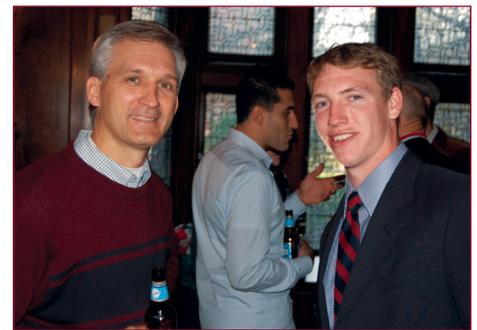
Homecoming reunion for (seated Lt to Rt) **Jim Anderson '82** and **Ron Woodmansee '82** and (standing Lt to Rt) **Mark Kocent '82**, **Dhan Pai '83**, **Jeff Houlihan '82**, **Thatcher Scharpf '84**, **Des Morrissey '82** and **Steve Adler '82**.



Significant Sig **Ray Welsh '53** presents the Significant Sig Award to **Jacques Gordon '78**.



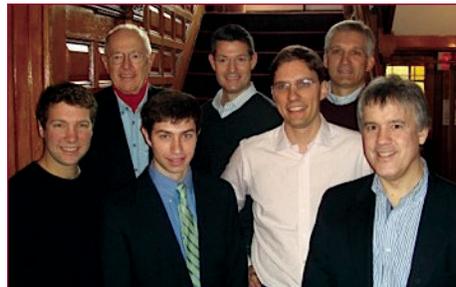
**Jonathan Kelly '11** and **Ken Csaplár '11** receive Gilmore Scholarships.



**Mark Kocent '82** chats baseball with **Will Davis '11**.

## HOUSE CORPORATION MEETING

The House Corporation met on the morning of Homecoming, November 7, 2009 and the minutes of our meeting can be found on line at [www.phiphi-sigmachi.org](http://www.phiphi-sigmachi.org) under the news section.



**Phi Phi House Corp Trustees Meet:** (L to R) Chapter Advisor **Nic Cary**, Consul **Jesse Taylor '11**, **Reed Werner '01**, Vice President and Treasurer **Jerry Knorr '82**, **Murray McComas '58**, **Jon Greenawalt Jr '91**, and President **Mark Kocent '82**.

## HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

### Window Restoration is First Step in Long-Awaited House Renovation

Following the awards presentation at our Homecoming celebration, a festive brunch and pre-game reception was enjoyed in the Hardwick-Wilson Dining Room. On display were the mounted drawings, illustrating the window restoration project about to commence. One of the Blue Room windows, recently restored as a mock-up for review by the Philadelphia



Historical Commission, was on view for all to examine first hand as well.



The window restoration project will be completed over the next nine months, and is the first step in our long-awaited historic chapter house restoration.

*Before and after mock-up of the restored window.*

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '60s

#### Anthony Hull '67

(21 Algodon Lane, Placitas, NM 87043; tony.hull@L-3com.com) I have just stepped down as Director and Program Manager for the optics build for the James Webb Space Telescope, the next generation after Hubble Space Telescope, but much larger and more ambitious. Working to develop the next project. This change allows me to live and work out of my house in the Sandia Foothills between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. I'm also doing archaeology research in Chaco Canyon and in California. I would love to hear from those who may remember me from Penn.

### '80s

#### Ron Caronia '81

(105 Coves Run, Oyster Bay Cove, NY 11791; rcaronia@optonline.net) On October 4, 2008, **Paul Downey '81** married Dawn Hebert on Sanibel Island, Fla. The event was outstanding and a great time was had by all. It was especially fulfilling since **Eric**



**Omsberg '81, John LaTourrette '81** and I were able to attend. It was the first time that four of us and our families were all together in about 10 years. Once a Sig, always a Sig.

### '90s

#### Marc Austin '92

(2522 1st Ave W, Seattle, WA 98119-2302; marc@austinhomework.org) I'm pleased to announce the launch of Canvas, a web site that you can use to turn any form or survey into an application for your BlackBerry or Windows Mobile Smartphone, with iPhone coming soon. I started the company earlier this year, and the service is now live at [www.gocanvas.com](http://www.gocanvas.com).

We found the need for this kind of service as we built the BlackBerry business at AT&T. We then found how expensive and time-consuming it was to develop mobile business solutions for customers like Verizon and Vodafone using other technologies. Canvas solves both problems, now making it possible for any business professional to have the same kinds of Smartphone applications that large businesses have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars developing. You can choose a form that meets your needs from our library, or you can publish your own using a web browser. No technical skills are required. It typically takes 30 minutes or less to design your own application and start using it on your BlackBerry or Windows Mobile Smartphone - even less if

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#### Ryan Smith '95

(229 E Ridgely Rd, Timonium, MD 21093-5236; rwealth@hotmail.com) After eight years, I recently left my position at UBS Financial Services and established my own firm, RS Wealth Management. Although it was risky to make this change during such a turbulent time for the markets, I'm pleased to report that it has gone very well so far. My new firm provides personalized financial planning, investment advice, and portfolio management services to individuals and families and I'm always willing to help a fellow alum.

#### We Need Your News!

This is an alumni *NEWS*letter after all! So please submit your news, updates, stories, memories and photos for publication in the next issue of *The Quaker Sig*. Send your submissions to our editors at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention Sigma Chi at Penn) or upload them at [www.phipi-sigmachi.org](http://www.phipi-sigmachi.org).

## ALUMNI REUNIONS

### The Sigma Chi Experience Lasts for More than Your College Years

We all know that the friendships formed at Sigma Chi last well into our alumni years, and these graduates from the class of 1984 prove it!

Thanks to Brian Scanlan for submitting this picture from the 25th Penn Reunion on campus in May 2009.

**In this photo (L to R):** Deborah Croarkin Svedlow (little sister), Laurie Nicholas Rabe, Bruce Rabe, Brian Scanlan, Jim Goodfield, Ashton Goodfield and Cynthia Chang Scanlan.



## CHAPTER REPORT

### Phi Phi Raises \$1,500 through Charity Tournament, Provides Leadership Development Workshop for Emerging Leaders

By Jesse Taylor '11

The fall 2009 semester has been another eventful chapter in the Phi Phi of Sigma Chi story. With brothers involved in a multitude of various activities across campus, Sigma Chi has had a very exciting start to the school year. Here are some of the highlights for the chapter.

Welcoming everyone back to campus and capitalizing on the beautiful September temperatures, we decided to throw a charity volleyball tournament. With teams participating from other fraternities, sororities, and multiple sports teams, this tournament was very successful and we were able to raise \$1,500 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

In an effort to provide a more convenient pledging option for spring athletes, we decided to conduct a fall rush and take a fall pledge class. We succeeded in getting four pledges that are currently in the midst of their pledge process, with initiation tentatively scheduled for early December.

This pledge class, which will complement last spring's class, includes three sophomores on the lacrosse team and a sophomore on the club hockey team.

More recently, seven hopeful Phi Phi leaders, along with Chapter Advisor Nic Cary and Grand Praetor Tony Altimore, committed two full days as part of Jon Greenawalt Sr.'s annual leadership development program held at Houston Hall Undergraduate participants included: Tom Cassel, Tim Donnelly, Jesse Taylor, Martin Weigand, Arjun Pai, Mason Rippey and Jeff Westcott. This is the eighth consecutive year that Mr. Greenawalt graciously offered his time as an outlet for potential fraternity executive board members to develop their leadership qualities.

Building from the momentum of this leadership conference, the chapter recently held elections for next year's executive board.

The fraternity's new officers are:

- Consul - Jesse Taylor
- Pro Consul - Tim Donnally
- Quaestor - Scott Israelite
- Magister - Terrance Ferrant
- Risk Manager - Will Davis
- Social Chairs: Scott Hernandez, Mason Rippey, and Jeff Westcott
- Rush Chairs: Mathew Brennan, Tom Jackson, John Kelly, Alaric Smith

Homecoming was another very successful weekend with a better turnout than in recent years (find much more info inside this newsletter). In the last few weeks of the semester, as everyone starts gearing up for finals, the chapter is looking forward to our annual Secret Santa and winter formal and our festive Sigma Christmas celebration, which has become a staple on the Penn social calendar.

*Find more Homecoming details  
(and many more pictures!) inside...*



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