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ALUMNI REPORT

A Mix of Fun and Business at Homecoming 2010

The Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia, Inc. had a successful Homecoming meeting! Full minutes of our meeting can be found at www.phiphi-sigmachi.org. Here are just a few of the highlights...

Board Elections: See an updated list of officers to the left

Window Restoration Project: Mark Kocent '82 presented an update on the nearly completed window restoration project. After receiving approval last fall from the Philadelphia Historical Commission, we engaged Murphy-Quigley general contractors to provide and install new Kolbe and Kolbe custom insulated replacement windows in all bedrooms and Chestnut Hill Window Company to restore all windows on the first floor of the chapter house. The first floor oversized window sashes were removed and restored with carefully routed frames to accommodate new insulated glazing and custom trim. The overall total project budget was \$295,000. The Board had authorized using the balance of our Exterior Fund's \$135,000 and \$110,000 from our Res Ops/Maint budget. We also acquired a \$50,000 GreenFund "grant" (0% loan) from the University due to the project's intended energy savings. We are awaiting the completion of a few punch list items and have maintained a project surplus of approximately \$52,000 that will be returned to our Res/Ops Maint budget for future projects.

By-Laws Update: Mark presented a copy of our By-Laws and indicated that certain clauses such as membership were out of date and suggested it would be helpful to have a subcommittee review and advise on any proposed updates. **Ron Woodmansee '82** agreed to have the By-Laws retyped and forwarded to **Maury Nunes '70** for his review and suggested edits.

Tax Status: Jerry Knorr '82 reported that he is reviewing our tax-exempt status with the assistance of accountants and tax lawyers. Due



Reminiscing at Homecoming, from left to right, **Jon Greenawalt Sr '61, Ronald Woodmansee '82 and Dhan Pai '83.**

to the level of our annual gross receipts we are likely eligible for an exemption from filing. Jerry and Maury will continue to research this further.

Alumni Discussion Series: Mark suggested we pursue the opportunity to have Phi Phi alums meet with the undergraduate brotherhood on a casual basis to share their career lessons learned. Reed Werner had expressed an interest last year in helping to coordinate this effort. Mark has also offered to assist the undergraduate alumni relations chairmen to explore opportunities to invite Phi Phi alums back to the house, possibly beginning with a visit from **Paul Kelly '62** in February 2011.

New Business: The undergraduate leadership has requested that we purchase (4) study carrels for the Gilmore Library in the Chapter House. They are encouraged to use the library for individual study and possibly group study. Mark has researched University vendors for similar quality furniture used at Penn and has received competitive bids. A motion was made to utilize our Foundation Scholarship account funds in the amount of \$17,856 for the four carrels. The motion passed.

Find a full copy of this year's Homecoming meeting minutes at www.phiphi-sigmachi.org.

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A Full House at Phi Phi

By Kenny Csaplar '11, Chapter Historian

The Phi Phi Chapter continues to thrive. After the spring 2010 induction of 20 new young men into our order, the brothers returned to campus for New Student Orientation with academic, social, and philanthropic goals. With a full house of 23 brothers living in the chapter house this semester, a great opportunity arises for the strengthening of bonds between the classes.

Early in September, the philanthropy chair and now new Consul Nick Rhodes put on a very successful charity volleyball tournament. Various fraternities and sororities entered teams, but none could compete with the Sigma Chi home court favorites who captured local honors. In the course of the event, we raised \$250 for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. Furthermore, the brothers have

continued to prove Sigma Chi's focus on giving back to the community by contributing a staggering 500 hours of community service this semester!

Before Homecoming, **Jon Greenawalt Sr. '61** held his annual Leadership Development Workshop. The aspiring Phi Phi officeholders in attendance all learned valuable lessons in regard to leadership within the chapter, and also with regard to ways these young men will ultimately better campus and society on the whole. Thank you Mr. Greenawalt for dedicating a weekend to provide the current Phi Phis with these invaluable life lessons!

Arjun Pai, our new Risk Manager, found success in the recent Interfraternity Council elections. He will represent our chapter as the new Vice President of Community Service as

we look to expand our presence in IFC the community.

As the holidays approach, the brothers focus their efforts on their exams and final projects. The chapter has ordered new study carrels for the house's Gilmore Library to help the brothers in their academic pursuits as we strive to raise those GPAs! Furthermore, the Blue Room, to the left of the main foyer, now looks fantastic with the addition of a new 55-inch television and sectional leather sofa! Thanks to the House Corporation for their support in these improvements. We are excited for these new additions to the chapter house as they contribute to the daily life and spirit of our brotherhood.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Ways to Support the Phi Phi Chapter

By Mark Kocent '82; House Corporation President, Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia, Inc.

I am often asked how one might give financially to support the Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi at Penn. Here are the three primary options available:

Annual dues. Each year our House Corporation conducts an Annual Campaign soliciting what are essentially alumni dues. The Annual Campaign runs from September 1st to the following August 31st and is conducted by our alumni communications provider, Affinity Connection, based in State College, PA. We request dues of \$100 per member per year which can be made by mailing a check payable to "Phi Phi of Philadelphia" with the enclosed form and envelope or by calling 800-975-6699. Once collected, these donations are sent via Affinity Connection to our House Corp. treasurer and are used to cover annual communication costs such as the *Quaker Sig* and our web site. These dues are not tax deductible.

Capital Improvements. If you are interested in making tax-deductible donations that support capital improvements to our chapter residence at 3809 Locust, these can be made to the "Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania." Be sure to include the budget code, #600631 on the check, in order to direct the funds into an account for exclusive use in the upkeep of our chapter house. These checks can be sent to me (Mark Kocent, 45 East Levering Mill Rd, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004) or directly to the Development Office at Penn, or online by visiting the University web site, www.makinghistory.upenn.edu. Our House Corp. actively works with University Fraternity Affairs staff to steward these funds for important capital improvements, such as the recent window replacement project at our historic chapter home.

Scholarship and Leadership. The Sigma Chi Foundation, based in Evanston Ill., maintains

an educational fund for the Phi Phi Chapter, which is also tax deductible. Contributions to this fund are used for leadership programs, scholarships and improvements to the Gilmore Library at 3809 Locust. As an example, we recently inaugurated a program that rewards the undergraduate brother who has achieved the most improved GPA among his peer brothers in successive terms. Funds to support this account can be sent directly to the The Sigma Chi Foundation, c/o Phi Phi Chapter, 1714 Hinman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

Thank you for considering the Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi in your charitable contributions!

Phi Phi Awards

The following awards were presented at this year's Homecoming celebration:

Jon Grennawalt Sr. '61 acknowledged those who participated in the LDP program this fall

Jesse Taylor '11 awarded the Gilmore Scholar to **Michael Brooks Russell '12** for achieving the most improved GPA

Murray McComas '58 honored **Maury Nunes '70** with a Grand Consul's Citation for his commitment to the Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi

Jerry Knorr '82 became the 28th Phi Phi alumni brother to receive the Significant Sig Award.



*Top Left: Consul Jesse Taylor '11 announces the 2010 Gilmore Scholarship winner is Michael Brooks Russell '12. Brooks raised his GPA 1.3 pts over the last two successive terms and was awarded a \$500 grant and a copy of Class of '59, Jon M. Huntsman's book, *Winners Never Cheat, Even in Difficult Times*.*

Top Right: Awards presentation at Homecoming 2010 (left to right) Mark Kocent '82, Gerald Knorr '82 (recipient of the Significant Sig Award), Maury Nunes '70 (recipient of the Grand Consul's Citation) and Murray McComas '58.

Bottom Right: Murray McComas '58 (left) presents a Grand Consul Citation to House Corporation Trustee Maury Nunes '70 in honor of Maury's distinguished commitment to and legal services provided on behalf of the Phi Phi Chapter

FINANCIAL UPDATE

How Are Alumni Donations Utilized?

At our Homecoming meeting, **Jerry Knorr '82** outlined our 2010 annual dues and communication expenses, as well as our long-term continued strong financial position. In the annual membership campaign, which concluded on August 31, 2010, we received \$8,320 from 78 gifts. Our alumni communications program expenses, including the *Quaker Sig* and www.phiphi-sigmachi.org.

www.phiphi-sigmachi.org web site, cost \$12,681.

Moving forward for 2010-2011, we have deleted one newsletter and reduced our budget target to \$8,140. We maintain a balance of \$26,433 in short-term assets and \$35,534 in long-term investments.

Other assets include: \$101,000 in the Phi Phi Foundation Education and Scholarship Fund managed by Sigma Chi, and in assets

managed by the University on behalf of Phi Phi we hold \$84,606 in the Residential Operations and Maintenance Fund and \$22,740 in our Capital Improvement Fund.

ALUMNI STORIES

Remember When?

Thank you to **Maury Nunes '70** for submitting the following...

Here are a few memories that should make you smile if you enjoyed the period 1966-1970:

- ✓ Football on our knees in the 2nd floor hallway
- ✓ The Great 1967 Pledge Raid and the Revolt of the Slaves

- ✓ Golfing on the Roof
- ✓ The Chaplain's Nanny
- ✓ Black Light Parties in the Chapter Room
- ✓ Any Pledge Follies Show
- ✓ Elray Runs
- ✓ President Harnwell's last Fraternity visit
- ✓ To the Schuykill for Skimmer by U-Haul
- ✓ Kawasaki bombs and refrigerator explosions
- ✓ Any Sweetheart Ball
- ✓ Whale's Tales

- ✓ Ties at dinner - just ties
- ✓ Bolero - that catchy tune

What are the best memories and stories from your era? Share them on the message board at www.phiphi-sigmachi.org, or submit them using the enclosed form and envelope.

ON THE WEB

Send Us Your Email Address!

By updating your email address with Phi Phi, you'll get much more than just our monthly eLetter communications.

Other benefits include:

- You'll be reminded when we're about to publish a newsletter, so you can submit your news, photos and stories
- Your email address will be available to other

alumni in our (password protected) online directory

- You'll help the House Corporation save money on paper, printing and postage (and be utilized for other things!)
- You'll be the first to know of the latest news, updates and event details from the alumni and active chapters

As a reminder, our database is used solely for Sigma Chi communications. Update your email address online at www.phiphi-sigmachi.org or on the enclosed form and envelope.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Love old photos? So do we. That's why we need your help to preserve the best Phi Phi moments that have been captured on film.

Send the best pictures from your era to us for possible publication in a future newsletter. You can email your pictures to content@affinityconnection.com (mention Sigma Chi at Penn) or mail them using the enclosed form and envelope. You can also upload pictures to your personal album at www.phiphi-sigmachi.org.

In this photo: The Phi Phi Chapter in 1960. *From The Record.*

