



Phi Phi Chapter's Newly Initiated Brothers

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STATE OF THE CHAPTER

Phi Phi Chapter Continues to Excel

Brothers Receive Multiple Honors at Greek Awards Ceremony, Initiate 18 New Members and are Recognized for "Outstanding Philanthropy"

By Robert Alexander '14, Consul

The spring of 2013 has been a busy and exciting season for the Phi Phi Chapter. March 17th saw the initiation of eighteen new members into the chapter. The newest members of our 138-year-old chapter hail from all over the country and represent various varsity athletic teams on campus: baseball, crew, football, golf, hockey, and tennis. (See list of all Newly Initiated Brothers to the left). A memorable moment in the Initiation ceremony was having House Corporation President **Mark Kocent '82** on hand to pin the White Cross on his son, **Matt Kocent '16**. Special thanks go to Mark and the following Quaker Sigs: **Paul Garvey '82**, **Ronald Woodmansee '82** and **Murray McComas '58** for their spirited participation during this spring's Initiation.

The chapter's leadership at Penn and in our province has been recognized with multiple awards this spring. **Kevin Gramza '13** was the recipient of the International Fraternity's Mid-Atlantic Provincial Balfour Award. This marks the third year in a row that the Consul of the Phi Phi Chapter has won this award. Kevin also received an award for "Outstanding Greek Leader" by the University during the 2013 Greek Awards Ceremony. The chapter also won the 2013 award for "Outstanding Philanthropy" among all fraternities and sororities at Penn. This



*Celebrating at the 2013 University of Pennsylvania Greek Awards Dinner: (L to R) **Bobby Alexander '14**, Consul; Dr. Scott Reikofski, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life; **Chris Weidner '14**, Pro Consul; and **Kevin Gramza '13**, Past Consul, Magister and 2013 Outstanding Greek Leader.*

award is a product of numerous philanthropic endeavors undertaken by the chapter: Derby Days, Relay for Life, "Movember," and individual community service efforts carried out by the brotherhood. Congratulations are due to our Philanthropy Chairmen: **Ray Andruszko '14**, **Eric Skoritowski '14**, and **Bruce Chanenchuk '15**.

Finally, the week of April 1st-6th marked the annual celebration of Derby Days for the chapter. Twelve teams of Penn women, each led by a Phi Phi captain, signed up to participate in the competition and assist in the cause to support cancer research. The chapter is still receiving and tallying donations from alumni and parents, as we hope to surpass our goal of \$15,000 to honor **Jon M. Huntsman '59** and his leadership of the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. We will publish a complete list of all donors in our next issue of the Quaker Sig. Should you still wish to contribute, please contact me at: alexanderro16@gmail.com.



*2013 Greek Awards Ceremony - Outstanding Greek Leader Award, given to **Kevin Gramza '13**.*

Phi Phi Chapter Has a Rich History with Balfour Award

Chapter Boasts 1959 International Balfour Award Honoree, and Mid-Atlantic Provincial Award Winners for Past Three Years

By **Mark A. Kocent '82**

Kevin Gramza '13 wins Mid-Atlantic Provincial Balfour Award, a remarkable three year consecutive achievement for Consuls at the Phi Phi Chapter



Kevin Gramza '13, recipient of the 2013 Mid-Atlantic Provincial Balfour Award

The Balfour Award is the annual designation by each Sigma Chi

chapter of its most outstanding graduating senior, and is based on his achievements in scholastics, campus and community involvement, and Sigma Chi leadership. The individual chapter awardees are then

nominated for further distinction within their regional Province. As reported on page 1, Phi Phi's **Kevin Gramza '13** was the successful recipient of this year's Mid-Atlantic Provincial Balfour Award. This marks the third year in a row that the Consul of the Phi Phi Chapter has won this Provincial award, with Kevin following in the footsteps of **Nicholas Rhodes '12** and **Jesse Taylor '11**.

Jon M. Huntsman '59 the only Phi Phi brother to achieve the International Balfour Award, delivered an inspiring acceptance speech at Grand Chapter

In the 83-year history of the Balfour Award, dating back to 1930, only one Phi Phi brother has advanced beyond the Provincial level and attained the highest designation as the International Balfour Award honoree. That brother was none other than **Jon Meade Huntsman '59**.

Jon Huntsman's successful career in business and philanthropy, and his commitment to cancer research, is an astounding legacy to us all. His is an exemplary life that has truly given new luster to the White Cross of Sigma Chi. A short time ago, Past Grand Consul, **Murray McComas '58** shared an original copy of the acceptance speech that Brother Huntsman gave in 1959 at the 52nd Grand Chapter, in Kansas City, Mo.

Here are the endearing and moving words of 21-year-old Huntsman, wise beyond his days:

WE ARE BROTHERS, ALL.

My Brothers,

It is with the deepest humility that I accept from you the coveted Balfour Award. I accept it in the knowledge of the responsibilities it perpetuates throughout our present Sigma Chis and Sigma Chis to come, generation after generation.

The influence and inspiration of the principles which comprise the foundation of Sigma Chi have and will continue to affect my life and I hope the lives of those with whom I associate and live.

May I for a brief moment take you back to the obligations we accepted when we first became brothers? You will never engage in anything that would compromise your character as a gentleman. Your motives will be pure and honest. Let your life be an exemplary one, in speech, in acts, in all relationships with society. Do you remember these? And do you remember and cherish the bonds that tie us together as brothers, all? The bonds of friendship and love, of sickness and health, of poverty and wealth through the years of our youth, our manhood and old age. These are simple principles which should direct the lives of truly honorable men everywhere.

I cannot see life ahead without the guiding light of such principles, nor can I see life without the abiding love of the Brotherhood of Man.

The last two weeks will stand as the most significant and important period of my life. Last Wednesday the University of Pennsylvania awarded me a degree, culminating four constructive years of my life at a great and respected university. The previous Tuesday I attended my last meeting as an active in the Phi Phi Chapter, whose undergraduates and alumni furnished me the necessary guidance and inspiration for this honor. Today I accept the Balfour Award, Saturday, in California, I will accept my life's partner in marriage. My

oldest brother is a Sig, my two new brothers-in-law are Sigs. It is only logical that my sons, should they prove worthy also follow in the White Cross.

A hundred years ago my family and others, bound together by these same bonds, trudged across the Great Plains and the wilderness of our land to settle in the Utah Territory. They crossed this very river. These were pioneers of an age now gone, but they left a wonderful heritage to others such as you and me and those who are to follow in another hundred years, to make our country grow and prosper and our land to be great and secure. This is our challenge today.

Therefore, Brother De Marr, I proudly accept on behalf of Sigma Chis everywhere, the 1959 Balfour Award and its responsibilities.

Goodbye. God bless you.



John M. Huntsman '59, recipient of the 1959 International Balfour Award

UNDERGRADUATE BROTHER SPOTLIGHT

Academic All-Ivy Honors, Winter Sports 2012-2013

Student-Athlete Dan Greenberg '13 Honored for Academic and Athletic Achievements

The Ivy League released its list of student-athletes selected for the 2012-2013 Academic All-Ivy honors in winter sports. The 80 men and women selected were starters or key reserves on an officially recognized Division I varsity team with a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average. Each institution nominated five men and women from its eligible student-athletes. Among Penn's selection was a

member of the Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity, **Dan Greenberg '13**.

Dan is a graduating senior in the College of Arts and Sciences, with a major in the Biological Basis of Behavior. He is the Captain of the Men's Squash team, where he played the entire season as the team's No. 1 player. With the regular season complete, Dan will move on to achieve Ivy top honors in post season play.



Dan Greenberg '13, Captain of Men's Squash

ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT

Phi Phi Alum Creates a "HubBub" in Philly

There's Quite a Buzz Surrounding the Gourmet Coffee Business Launched by Drew Crockett '05 on Penn's Campus and in Downtown Philly

Andrew Crockett '05 started serving HubBub Coffee in 2009, out of a bright red food truck parked about a block from the Sigma Chi chapter house. Four years later, the HubBub truck is still in full throttle—so much so that in January, Crockett opened the doors to a bricks-and-mortar HubBub Coffee in Center City.

Before rolling his coffee truck up 38th Street, Crockett spent four years on the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange. It was an exciting—and impressive—career path for the Penn grad, but he soon realized his passions were leading him away from Wall Street and back to the streets of Philly.

"I started to become very interested in the businesses that I was trading, as opposed to the business of trading," Crockett says. And, as he pondered these things on his way to work every morning, he'd grab a cup of joe from a man who had figured out how to put an espresso machine in his coffee cart.

"That was the underlying driver," Crockett explains. "I saw a different opportunity for a coffee experience that didn't exist in Philadelphia."

Now, Philly's no stranger to food trucks -- in fact (as you remember), they're an integral part of the Penn experience.

"Going to Penn as an undergrad, it's a very common part of everyone's day to get food, whether breakfast or lunch, from a truck on the street," Crockett says.

But curbside coffee? The streets were wide open.

When Crockett, who earned an MBA from Boston University, talks about his business, he's quick to emphasize that it's not just about a cup of coffee. It's about an experience. To make HubBub about more than just a cup of coffee, Crockett stands by three crucial elements: product quality, location, and preparation. HubBub Coffee comes from small-batch roasters, which Crockett compares to micro-breweries in the beer world. "They put a lot of thought/craft into what they're producing," he says. "Our coffee is exceptional."

Having grown up under the umbrella of his family's business, Crockett has been nurturing his business sense since childhood. "It doesn't dawn on you that your friend's family isn't having that conversation (about business) at Thanksgiving," he states.

But business sense is only part of the equation. Leadership skills are essential for entrepreneurial success, and Crockett credits Sigma Chi with shaping him into a strong leader. During his time as Consul, Crockett learned to mediate and motivate—two qualities he uses daily as a business owner. He also learned the value of a lifetime relationship with his Sigma Chi brothers—even those he's just met.. It's not unusual

for active Sigma Chi brothers to stop by the HubBub truck for a cup of coffee and a quick conversation. That's something that comes full circle for Crockett, who was always impressed when brothers who had graduated would stop by the chapter house when they were in the area, even if they didn't know anyone who lived there.

"There's this instant connection," Crockett says. "Whatever it is—whether it's the tradition of dinners or chapter meetings—whatever it is, there's a bond that connects everybody."

That's certainly true for Sigma Chi brothers. And, given the hubbub surrounding HubBub, it's also true for people who know where to find a great cup of coffee.



Drew Crockett '05 in his new gourmet coffeehouse, HubBub Coffee in Center City Philadelphia

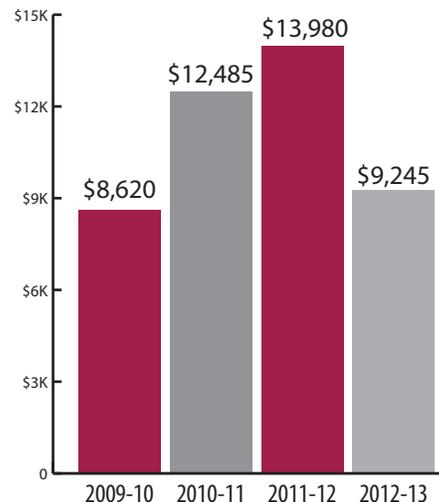
ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Phi Phi Chapter Needs \$5K More to Surpass 2012 Annual Fund Record of Nearly \$14K

During last year's 2011-2012 fundraising year, brothers were able to raise a record high amount of nearly \$14,000 for the annual fund. As of April 2013, we have raised a little over \$9,000 for this year's 2012-2013 giving season. If we can raise an additional \$5,000 before the giving year ends in August 2013, we will have set another record this year!

The money raised for the annual fund goes toward continuing important alumni communication programs, like this newsletter, the monthly e-letters and the alumni website

(www.phiphi-sigmachi.org). The money also helps to organize and carry out Homecoming events. Both of these efforts help to maintain open channels of communication among alumni, increasing the opportunity for connecting with lifelong friends while encouraging undergraduates to maintain the Sigma Chi legacy for future generations. Lastly, the annual fund contributes toward important chapter house ritual regalia reinvestment, helping to make the active chapter more meaningful for new recruits.



ALUMNI UPDATES

Bob "Batman" Burian '56

As reported by Neighbor **Paul Hiller '65** (2745 Burr St., Fairfield, CT 06824; philler99@aol.com)

Bob suffered a major seizure in October 2012. He then had surgery to remove a non-malignant brain tumor, and shortly after developed pneumonia. The Burian and Hiller homes are close, so I've been able to visit. Through the grace of God, the Batman has shown major progress, with everyday bringing small improvement. Should you have a moment, a card, phone call or email would dearly brighten Bob's spirit. His contact info is:

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John Goldsmith '63

(1 Beacon St., Boston, MA 01208; jgoldsmith@capitolsecurities.com) After 50 years of running two regional financial service firms, Prescott Ball & Turben and Tucker Anthony, I decided to give it a break for a while. Prescott (PBT) was a very successful Cleveland based, regional firm with offices all the way from Ohio to the east coast.

After 16 years of great returns, we sold the firm to what turned out to be a Swiss Insurance Company. I was lucky because at the same time John Hancock was looking for someone to run their brokerage firm. Many of the people who helped make PBT successful joined me in New York and Boston, and we helped develop Tucker Anthony into a very successful company. Around 1995,

management and employees bought the firm from John Hancock. I stayed for a year and a half, and then decided that was enough. Since then I have tried to stay busy helping several groups of younger guys get their new businesses started.

Chapter Eternal

Donald McGovern '44
Henry H. Simpson Jr. '46
Donald Bridge '54
Bernard McGarry Jr. '63

Phi Phi Chapter mourns their passing, and extends condolences to their families and friends.

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