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Derby Days

'Let's Get Down and Derby!'

The excitement for this year's Derby Days was quite apparent from the start of the week right up through the final night. The brothers in the house received a nice morale boost from the incredible amount in donations from alumni. This motivated the brothers to promote the week and sign up as many teams as possible. Our success was evident from the 17 enthusiastic teams of women that eagerly participated, with over 150 people taking part in our many competitions. For six consecutive nights, they showed up in masses wearing the shirts displaying this year's theme — "Let's get down and Derby" — as well as shouting the creative names they came up with for their teams.

Among the highlights was Karaoke Night, at which brothers sang songs with their groups of women. This energy flowed into

the next evening, Skit Night, where all 17 teams performed one entertaining skit after another. Friday evening saw the chapter house filled to its maximum for Casino Night. With blackjack tables, craps tables, a roulette table and a couple of professional dealers, you never would have guessed everyone was playing with fake money. The three winning teams were excited to take home the prizes, which included gift certificates to local places on campus and the grand prize of a \$100 gift certificate to Pod, the best restaurant on campus.

The brothers of Phi Phi would like to thank all the women who gave their energy and spirit to the week, as well as the alumni whose support for the event and for the Huntsman Cancer Institute was a source of pride throughout. ■

Derby Donors

Thanks to Our Generous Alumni!

The brothers of the Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity would like to thank all the teams whose efforts and participation made the 2005 Derby Days a complete success.

We would also like to thank our many friends, family and alumni for their generous support of this cause. Your help allowed us to raise over \$20,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

We would also like to thank and acknowledge brother **Jon M. Huntsman Sr. '59**, the principal benefactor of the Huntsman

Cancer Institute and chairman of the Huntsman Foundation, for his exemplary commitment to cancer research and his inspiration to provide hope to others in need, as well as for his ongoing support of Sigma Chi Fraternity and the University of Pennsylvania.

Special thanks also go to **Murray McComas '58** for his energy and commitment to this successful project.

The following Sigma Chi alumni contributed to the Derby Days campaign for the Huntsman Cancer Institute:



Penn president Amy Gutmann celebrates her support of the Huntsman Cancer Institute along with Sigma Chi junior Derby Days chairman Chris Gumiela (left) and consul Matt Berman '06 (right). Not pictured is senior Derby Days chairman Jeff Organisciak.

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| John W. Taylor 1929 | Merle Kohn 1958 |
| Lester Giegerich 1940 | Murray McComas 1958 |
| Edward F. Ryan 1943 | Philip G. Stevens 1958 |
| Cornelius E. "Neil" Smyth 1946 | Sesto E. Vecchi 1958 |
| John "Jack" McCloskey 1948 | Dick Shope 1960 |
| J. Joseph Tuohy 1949 | Robert A. Gleason Jr. 1961 |
| David E. Brewer 1950 | John Gonas 1961 |
| Richard Q. Kress 1950 | Jon Greenawalt Sr. 1961 |
| George Bowden 1953 | Thomas C. Hoshaw 1961 |
| Raymond H. Welsh 1953 | Paul Kelly 1962 |
| Ed Auer 1954 | Larry VanDeusen 1962 |
| Fred A. Sbrilli Jr. 1956 | Frederick A. Parsons III 1963 |
| James Shope 1956 | James W. Weitzel 1964 |
| Thomas W. Hoff 1957 | Willis Hesselroth 1966 |
| Robert Glesmann 1958 | Roger Rombro 1966 |

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Initiates

Welcome Our New Brothers

Greg Ambrogi

Havertown, Pa.
St. Joe's Preparatory

Jerome Brathwaite

Jamaica, N.Y.
Deerfield Academy

Andrew Chima

Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
Cranbrook Kingswood H.S.

David Cornbrooks

Baltimore, Md.
St. Paul's School

Pat Curran

Moorestown, N.J.
Moorestown H.S.

Jamie Greene

Hillsborough, Calif.
Sacred Heart Preparatory

Nate Keller

Palo Alto, Calif.
Crystal Springs Uplands H.S.

Gerardo Mancina

Garden City, N.Y.
Garden City H.S.

Max Mauro

Pouree Ridge, N.Y.
Fox Lane H.S.

Alex May

Furlong, Pa.
LaSalle College H.S.

Robb Milne

Pacific Palisades, Calif.
Harvard-Westlake H.S.

Dean Nacey

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Upper St. Clair H.S.

Branden O'Gara

Dix Hills, N.Y.
Half Hollow Hills H.S. West

Sean Ryan

Rosemont, Pa.
St. Joe's Preparatory

Paul Schoemaker

Villanova, Pa.
Haverford School

Jeremy Steglitz

South Orange, N.J.
Columbia H.S. ■

Report

By Matthew Berman '06, Consul

Meet Our Undergraduate Officers

Although it is always difficult to see the end of the term of a bunch of quality officers as well as knowing the time to say goodbye to a great group of seniors has arrived, Phi Phi takes comfort in the fact that the new group of officers has the same enthusiasm and vigor as the departing officers, and the newly initiated class of brothers brings a great deal of excitement.

Here is a brief description of the new officers:

Consul: Matt Berman (me). I come from Lower Gwynedd, Pa., and attended Germantown Academy, where I played varsity basketball on a nationally ranked team for three years. I was also the captain of the baseball team during my senior year, completing a three-year stint as a shortstop and second baseman. I come from a big family, with four brothers and a sister. I am the second oldest. As an avid sports fan, especially of all four Philadelphia teams, I can always be found watching whatever game is on television. I am an economics major and would love to pursue a career in business.

Pro-Cosul: Justin Mascitelli. Justin is from New York City. He is a pre-med major who loves playing hockey and is the assistant captain of the club hockey team at Penn. He attended Lawrenceville Academy.

Treasurer: Joe Mirabile. Joe is also from Lower Gwynedd, Pa., and attended Germantown Academy with me. In high school, he was a standout tennis player, playing on the varsity team as early as seventh grade. He now plays tennis here. Joe is a PPE major, which a tri-major

program offered by Penn in philosophy, political science and economics. He has an English minor.

House Manager: Garrett Drinon. Garrett is from Chichester, N.H., where he attended St. Paul Preparatory. He was a 1,000-point scorer for his high school basketball team. He was also on the crew team at Penn during his freshman and sophomore years. Garrett is an English major.

Magister: Rich Repetto. Rich is from Margate, N.J., and attended Chestnut Hill Academy in Philadelphia. He played baseball and squash for Chestnut Hill. At Penn, he was a phenomenal four-year squash player. Rich graduates this spring.

Social Chairs: Weston Gaddy and John Stetson. Weston is from Albuquerque, N.M., and John is from West Des Moines, Iowa. They are the only two members in the house from those respective states. As sophomores, they are still undeclared regarding their majors. John is a member of the varsity tennis team. Weston, a Wharton student, is an avid reader and one of the smarter men in the house.

Philanthropy Chairs/Derby Daddies: Jeff Organisciak and Chris Gumiela: Jeff is a senior from Buffalo, N.Y. He swam during his freshman and sophomore years. He graduates this spring. Chris is from Garden City, N.Y., where he played football and lacrosse. Chris was a member of the lacrosse team during his freshman year and of the spring football team his sophomore year. ■

Chapter

Event

Undergrad Formal



Above: The undergraduate brotherhood at the formal.

Feft: Enjoying the undergraduate formal are (L-R) senior **Dan Tyrrell**, senior **Nate Bagnaschi** and freshman **Alex May**.

Brothers Are Proud to Support the Huntsman Cancer Institute

We have been making great strides in the philanthropic realm. Philanthropy chair **Jeff Organisciak** organized a tsunami relief event held at the house. It was extremely well supported, with over 100 people attending and making donations. We had several of Penn's best a cappella groups perform, and the Southeast Asian Student Society could not have been more gracious to us for hosting the event, particularly given that it was such a resounding success.

Our main philanthropic thrust is usually generated during Derby Days, and this year was no exception. We



Brother **Jon M. Huntsman Sr. '59** accepts a check for \$22,000 from the Phi Phi undergraduates and alumni in support of the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

were proud to announce that all proceeds from this year's Derby Days were donated to the Huntsman Cancer Institute. The brothers were very excited about the opportunity, and the morale in the house was immensely bolstered by the extraordinary generosity of so many alumni who donated. The sky is the limit for how effective and successful our involvement with the institute can be, and we are thrilled to have such strong support for such a worthy cause.

The Huntsman Cancer Institute is one of the nation's foremost research establishments coupled with a dynamic and comprehensive approach to patient care. The Patient Care Center includes examination rooms and a chemotherapy infusion suite with large picture windows and soothing views of landscaped foothills. The building's architecture features a "beacon of hope," a column brightly lit and visible around the Salt Lake valley, inspiring optimism in all those battling cancer.

The institute places the goal of sharing information and technology across traditional scientific boundaries high on its agenda, making it easier for doctors and scientists to work together in the most efficient manner. To learn more about the Huntsman Cancer Institute, take a look at their Web site at www.huntsmancancer.org. Phi Phi of Sigma Chi was honored to have such a noble effort to work toward, and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the Huntsman Cancer Institute in helping them in their battle. ■

Derby Donors

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James G. Colins 1968
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John Roth 1980
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Memorial Dedications

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Neil C. Estabrook Sr. 1924
Harold M. Gilmore 1924

Harry Hunsberger 1926
Frank E. Dean 1931
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Roland Whitridge 1938
John W. Eckman 1943
James F. Lunn 1943
James R. "Dick" Sterling 1944
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Don P. Hall 1955
Richard "Ollie" Whayland 1955
Kirby Fitzpatrick 1957
Joseph J. Heinlein 1958
Emerson "Sonny" Probst 1958
Jack C. Younkin 1958
C. Leigh Faldi 1960
C. James Kavle 1960
Eric S. Riester 1991 ■

Spring Semester Concludes with Film Crews, Parade and Graduation

The spring semester ended with a flurry of events at the Phi Phi Chapter house, as cleaning crews, filming crews, alumni, new graduates and parents all descended on 3809 Locust for a week-end of celebrations.

The festivities began in preparation of Friday, May 13, when brother **Jon M. Huntsman Sr. '59** returned to visit the chapter with a film crew to document Jon's Sigma Chi experience. The international fraternity recently announced that the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) will become one of Sigma Chi's officially recognized philanthropic recipients. In support of this cause, Jon offered to prepare a video of his family's commitment to cancer research and the inspiration that grew from his fraternal roots at Phi Phi.

Our historic chapter house, along with the perfect spring weather, provided an ideal backdrop for Jon's moving words and recollections. He graciously autographed copies of his new book, "Winners Never Cheat," taking time to personalize his greetings to each brother. The visit was complete when all present assembled on the front steps of Locust Walk and presented Jon with the Derby Days donation check to HCI, representing \$22,000 raised by undergraduates, alumni, family and friends.

On Friday evening, the Phi Phi House Corporation held its annual meeting at the chapter house. Since the organization's founding in 1912, the trustees of the Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia Inc. have acted as stewards of our venerable chapter house while providing alumni leadership to the undergraduate members.

The house corporation's meeting agenda included officer reelections; a report on the state of the chapter from the consul, **Matthew Berman '06**; a mention of our newly appointed chapter co-advisers, **Tom Valenti '00** and **Reed Werner '01**; and a detailed discussion of fundraising strategies to advance our planned house renovations.

We have a completed architectural feasibility study in hand and now look to realize the vision. As a first step, the board has decided to request a fee proposal for a professionally managed fundraising campaign consultant. We are likely to use Affinity Connection Inc., our primary alumni communications consultant, to conduct a preliminary phase, evaluating and confirming our goals. All alumni will be kept informed as this exciting fundraising effort for the long-awaited renovation project gets underway.

Saturday at Penn was the traditional Alumni Day celebration on campus, featuring the five-year reunion classes. Due to ongoing construction work on the high-rise dormitories, the Alumni Day "tent city" migrated to Hill Field and, with it, relocated the throngs of people normally passing 3809 Locust. This year's parade began at Hill Field, passed through College Green and turned south on 37th Street, culminating in the lower quadrangle.

Sunday featured numerous graduation ceremonies and Baccalaureate. On Monday morning, under a clear blue sky, the class of '05 proceeded to Franklin Field for the university's 249th commencement exercises, featuring an address by Kofi Annan, the United Nations' secretary-general.

Following the pomp and circumstance at Franklin Field, the Phi Phi graduates regrouped for a final feast at the chapter house, hosted by the seniors' parents and coordinated by **Dan Tyrrell '05**. Hopefully, this post-commencement celebration will become another welcome tradition in Phi Phi's illustrious history.

A final note and reminder to all alumni: **The 150th Anniversary Celebration of Sigma Chi will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, on June 24-25.** Past grand consul **Murray McComas '58** is leading the charge to reunite Phi Phis at this watershed event. Contact Murray at mkmquakersig@penn.com, or check out www.sigmachi.org for more information. ■

Alumni UpDates

Davis G. Durham '36

(901 Mt. Lebanon Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803; durham45@comcast.net) I live in Costa Rica six to eight months a year.

Lester R. Giegerich '40

(101 Long Neck Point Rd., Darien, CT 06820) I was 90 in May. I'm still working, buying and managing commercial real estate. Traveling, golf, tennis and skiing are still fun. I talked to **Spike Seeger '40** the other day and corresponded with **Bob Toro '40** about seeing each other at our 65th reunion. I hope it does not rain like at our 60th when we were drenched!

Roberto De Toro '40

(Palma Real 15G-H, 2 Madrid St., San Juan, PR 00907) My residence continues to be in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where I live with my wife Sylvia, my two boys and two girls,

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Undergrad Snapshot

By Matt Berman '06

Where is the most popular hangout for Penn students?

For freshmen, anywhere in the quad. Sophomores through seniors can usually be found on various spots outside and around Locust Walk in the spring. When it's cold, Houston Hall is always packed during mealtime hours. On weekends and nights, Smokey Joe's is always popular.

Which fraternity is Sigma Chi's biggest rival?

Phi Delt.

How many brothers live in the house?

Nineteen.

What is the biggest campus activity?

It's Spring Fling, which is attended by many of the students here as well as by

many students from area colleges.

What is the biggest trend in clothing?

The bracelets initially made by Nike with Lance Armstrong to support cancer care, now made in the colors of local sports teams and universities. Also, "popped" collars: Wearing collars up on golf and polo shirts.

What is the most fun party that Sigma Chi hosts?

Anything during Derby Days week. However, more recently, a holiday party right before Christmas is thrown at the chapter house. The house is festooned with lights and many other decorations. We have done this two years in a row, and the event has been packed both times. ■

Profile

Reed Werner '01

From Political Adviser in Iraq to Counterterrorism with the DOD

When someone tells you their job is with the Department of Defense working on counterterrorism policy, but that it's less exciting than an earlier job he had, you know you're talking to someone with a colorful resume. That's certainly the case with brother **Reed Werner '01**.

Reed voluntarily left his political appointee post with the State Department in Washington, D.C., to spend eight months in Iraq. If he was looking for adventure and experience, he found it.

"I first arrived in Baghdad in mid-January 2004 to work as an adviser to the Ministry of Finance," he said. "I helped put together the 2004 national budget — the nation's first after Saddam Hussein's overthrow — and worked to help the Ministry manage the execution of this budget. It was quite a Herculean task."

Reed was working for the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), the organization that oversaw the creation of the interim constitution, the transitional national assembly, and provincial and municipal governments throughout Iraq. Once the budget was in place, Reed was ready to move on to assist with governance issues, still with the CPA.

"I first signed up to go to Karbala, but during my transit there from Baghdad the infamous Ashura bombings occurred, killing scores of people in downtown Karbala," Reed said. The resulting public outrage and violence caused Reed to ask for assignment elsewhere. He wound up in the rural southern province of Qadisiyah, located just east of Najef and south of Babylon in the Shia heartland, where he served as deputy governorate coordinator of the governance team for five months.

"My team's responsibilities included establishing a governorship, deputy governorship, provincial council and municipal councils," he said. In other words, Reed helped design and

form their governing bodies. "We also worked to help Iraqi leadership reestablish workable institutions such as the Iraqi police and Iraqi Property Claims Commission." The Property Claims Commission is a CPA initiative to oversee the legal distribution of property to those who'd lost it to the Ba'athists.

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The CPA also supported efforts to develop a center for strengthening women's rights, a center for tribal democracy, and a center for youth and sports.

By April 2004, the Sadr insurgency had escalated, and Reed and his team were faced with daily violence. In response, they focused increasingly on economic development projects designed to alleviate the disenchantment with high unemployment levels. They were also hoping to dispel the widespread skepticism about U.S. motives.

Reed found his time on the front lines outside Baghdad to be rewarding, challenging and somewhat frightening.

"At the height of the Sadr insurrection in late April 2004, we went without sleep for 11 out of 13 nights because of continual mortar and RPG [rocket-propelled grenade] attacks on our camp. These nightly attacks were coupled with ambushes on our convoy movements during the day. It made for a stressful couple of weeks that I won't soon forget," he said. "However, it's in circumstances like these that I learned the most about myself and others, especially in terms of an individual's capabilities and limitations under pressure."

Reed returned to the United States toward the end of last summer and immediately jumped into another battle zone: the Bush reelection campaign in Ohio. He's now at the Department of Defense, where he intends to stay for another year before returning to graduate school. He's also currently exploring an opportunity to return to Iraq to serve under Ambassador Negroponte's successor. However, he said, "This will require much thinking over. One can only test fate so many times."

Reed is hoping to inspire more Phi Phis to consider government service. "Though government service is never as alluring as making millions in New York, it has its own charms that our country's future leaders need to be aware of," he said.

Reed joined Sigma Chi in the spring of 1999, after transferring from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill the previous year. He chose Sigma Chi because he found the members were "grounded." He said, "They liked to have a good time but never felt compelled to spend lavishly to have it." He was also impressed with the house's traditions and the brothers' commitment to worthwhile extracurricular activities.

Despite his busy schedule, he tries to stay in touch with chapter friends and plans to travel back to campus for homecoming this fall.

He should have some good stories to tell. ■



Reed Werner '01 (third from left, first row) with his Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) provincial governance team in Qadisiyah, Iraq. The civilians seated in the front (without guns) are foreign service personnel and retired military. "The men with guns are our security detail including Navy SEALs, Army Rangers and Chilean Marines," said Reed. "An odd coupling, but they did the job."

Alumni UpDates

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and 11 grandchildren. I am now completely retired, and enjoying good health in my "golden years." I still keep in touch with some of my brothers spread all over the United States. We all have the fondest memories of our Penn years and our beloved Sigma Chi.

Edward J. Murtaugh '42

(304 Fischer Cir., Portsmouth, RI 02871-5400; edward912@webtv.net) I am retired and living in Portsmouth, R.I., with three months in Vero Beach, Fla. I am in frequent contact with **Lyman Gridley** and **John Bath**. John and I went to the Penn/Yale football game and to the Newport Music Festival. I hope to see **Bill Ogden** in Florida. All of us are from the class of 1942. We are lucky.

William C. Bates '43

(1770 Avenida del Mundo, Unit 100, Coronado, CA 92118-4006) I went to the University of Maryland for three years (1939-1942) and to the University of Pennsylvania for a semester (1946-1947). I met my wife Jane there and did not graduate but went back to the U.S. Navy. I had many fine times at the Phi Phi house during my short stay. I lived on Locust Walk but not at the house.

Lee M. Hale '47

(925 Wyandotte Tr., Westfield, NJ 07090-3732) I live in Westfield for eight months per year (May through December). I'm involved with Echo Lake Country Club and the Downtown Westfield Corporation

(which won the Great American Main Street Award from the National Historic Trust in 2004). I spend four months per year at the Venice Golf & Country Club in Venice, Fla. I visit the New York Penn Club (44th Street) overnight a couple times a year.

Thomas W. Hoff '57

(108 W. Ann St., Milford, PA 18337) Jean and I are retired in a 1765 house in Milford, Pa. We still have our summer place nearby at Twin Lakes. My career was in pharmaceutical advertising, and I retired from Hoffmann La Roche as a vice president. I have gotten the volunteer bug and am president of the Twin Lakes Conservancy and the Pike County Historic Preservation Trust, and vice chair of the local water authority. We have two children, one in Atlanta with our two grandchildren. Our son, Tom Jr., is engaged and lives in Red Hook, N.Y. Saw Joan and **Charlie Hetchell '57** a couple of years back. Whatever happened to **Hal Brent '57**?

Murray K. McComas '58

(398 N. Main St., Russell, PA 16345-1418; mkmquakersig@penn.com) I was back at Penn in May when **D.A. McComas '97** received his MBA. Soon I'll be off to Cincinnati on June 24 for the 150th birthday party of Sigma Chi's founding. I hope to see lots of Phi Phis there.

Steven M. Frenkel '74

(6 Maltese Dr., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410-5815; frenkely@att.net) My favorite memories are of searching for White Cross in Center City, hell night blindfolded to Balero and the interview by brother **Morris Nunes '70** from "national." I am a newsletter writer

and financial analyst. I would like to see the whole class of 1974.

J. Kevin Dolan

(446 Redwood Rd., Venice, FL 34293) I am a friend of Phi Phi and a member of the Mu Chapter (Denison '73). I enjoyed the brothers while I shared lunches with them at the house when attending the Wharton Graduate School of Business (Wharton '81). I want to congratulate Phi Phi on being such a fine chapter. It has been my pleasure to have been included on the mailing list all these years since 1981. ■

In Memory

Walton H. Kling '40

(1000 Vicars Landing, Apt. F110, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082) We are saddened to report that Walton passed away on July 16, 2003. He leaves his wife, Ruth (married 60 years), daughter Courtney Luddecke and son Bradford Kling. He was drafted before Pearl Harbor in 1941 and rose to the rank of captain in the United States Air Corps; he was honorably discharged in 1945. In business, Walton was president of The Wharton Company until he retired in 1984. The couple then moved from Worthfield, Ill., to Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., where he was active as a volunteer in the Tournament Players Club golf events. He died of cardiac arrest. Walton is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, where the services were held. If anyone would like to get in touch with his wife, call Ruth at 904-285-2611. ■

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