

Chapter House Initial Design Phase Complete: Planning for Renovations Well Underway

By Mark Kocent, Board President, Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia

ur architects and their team have just concluded the preliminary design phase, including a thorough analysis of the existing building, current code implications, an expanded scope of work and the projected costs for the long-anticipated

renovations to the chapter House. We began last summer with the team led by Runyan and Associates, Architects, of Chestnut Hill and chartered them with the task of assessing the existing conditions of the second- and third-floor interior bedroom spaces and the exterior building envelope. Their team, including structural. mechanical and electrical engineers along with noted architectural



Architectural rendering of the renovated chapter house.

preservationist/historian George Thomas, have produced a comprehensive "blueprint" of where we need to go from here.

The project can be seen as three separate areas:

- 1. Restoring the existing exterior envelope of the house, built in 1884 with the dining room wing added in 1889. The scope of the work includes masonry cleaning and selective restoration, historically accurate window replacement with trim in deep red and black, leaded glass window repairs, and reroofing and copper fascia replacement as required.
- 2. Renovating and refurnishing all second- and third-floor bedroom areas to a level demonstrated in the Consul's bedroom project of 1998. This includes new hardwood flooring, extensive replastering, and wooden door and trim replacement. The goal is to

balance the historic quality of the chapter house with appropriate, cost-effective undergraduate residential accommodations. All bedrooms will receive electrical, telecommunication and Internet upgrades consistent with university standards.

3. A new addition to the rear of the chapter house is required to accommodate and comply with current fire codes and accessibility guidelines. This new addition must contain a new set of fire stairs, a new accessible entrance and an accessible bedroom. Further, it became clear that relocating the existing bathrooms to this location would be cost effective as well. As we evaluated alternatives for the addition, and considered the entire bedroom count and configuration, we concluded that adding a few bedrooms in this area would benefit the overall program as well as generate revenue.

Perhaps the most important component of this initial design phase is identifying the financial reality of what it will take to achieve all three of these goals. The preliminary cost estimates suggest

the following: exterior restoration, \$0.5 million; interior bedroom renovations, \$1 million; new addition, \$1.5 million. Our current project revenues, including \$125,000 in pledges, \$200,000 from the parking lot agreement and other funds in our capital improvement budget, together offer a balance of about \$500,000. We'll need much more to achieve our goals. So, our work is cut out for us.

In the coming months, we will begin the active phase of our fund-raising campaign. Further plans, drawings and documentation will detail the blueprint for our success. We will all be challenged to consider the rich 127-year history of Phi Phi at Penn, to remember our own inextricable link to that history and to support the opportunity for others yet to come. Let us prepare for the challenge!

House Corporation Concludes Agreement with University

By Mark Kocent, Board President, Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia

In November 2000, the University approached the Sigma Chi Club of Philadelphia (the legal entity of our house corporation) to inform us of their desire to close our chapter house parking lot, and, along with the adjacent ATO and Fels Center lots, assemble a development parcel to accommodate a new facility for the Hillel organization at

Penn. Over the course of the next 16 months, our board, acting in accord with our bylaws, has successfully negotiated an agreement with the university to resolve this important matter.

To assist the board, we assembled a team of Phi Phi alumni who generously offered their collective wisdom in real estate development, legal affairs and financial acumen. My sincere thanks to each member of our dedicated team: Murray McComas '58, Maury Nunes '70, Paul Garvey '82 and Jerry Knorr '82. Throughout the entire process, these brothers exhibited the true spirit of Sigma Chi, with an unwavering commitment to protect Phi Phi's current and (Continued on Page 3)

Profile: Richard Moss '40

Rushing Toward Ground Zero: Moss Remembers Nuclear Tests

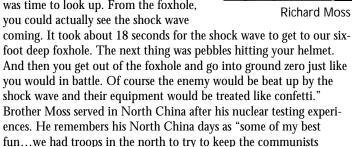
B efore September 11, 2001, the term "ground zero" referred to the center of a nuclear bomb blast. Dick Moss '40 knows the term well. He participated in four atomic bomb tests, includ-

ing one that called for him to rush to ground zero shortly after detonation. At age 85, Brother Moss looks back on that time and describes it as "fun, by the way."

"In the desert, my job was to see how it felt, and what you do, as a result of a 52-kiloton airburst weapon," said Brother Moss. "Then I could go back to my job as an instructor and tell them what it was like. Nobody was killed or wounded [in the test]."

"We were 7,000 yards from designated ground zero," he said. "We looked down and waited till we saw the glow in the bottom of our foxhole [from the initial flash of the bomb] and then it was time to look up. From the foxhole, you could actually see the shock wave

behaving."



Much of his career was spent in the fields of nuclear, biological and chemical weaponry. He came to Penn from the Navy, served in the Army while at Penn, and was graduated from Penn into the Marines. "I came up from two years at the U.S. Naval Academy. I did three years at Penn, where I joined the ROTC, and got an honor appointment to the Marine Corps from the Army ROTC. I started as an apprentice seaman and got in the Naval Academy through examination. I had to leave the Naval Academy because of defective vision — which was a bunch of baloney. So I went to the University of Pennsylvania."

While Brother Moss has had virtually no contact with Sigma Chi in the 62 years since graduation, he remembers why he joined.

"They looked like a good bunch of people to be with," he said. "They had some very interesting athletes who were quite colorful — good athletes."

"We had some good parties. They were really whoppers," he said. Asked to define a good party in the late 1930s, he said it would consist of the presence of "the ladies" and "a little drinking going on." Because he was a local resident, Moss never lived in the chapter house.

"I was from Philadelphia," he said. "A lot of the fraternity brothers thought people from Philadelphia were terrible and people from the Naval Academy were worse. The athletes were not like that. It was the little pipsqueaks. You know the kind." While he's not in touch with the fraternity brothers with whom he graduated, he is in regular contact with the Navy men with whom he was denied the privilege of graduating.



"I keep in contact with my Naval Academy graduates from class of '39 who still consider me part of the class of '39. We have a lunch once a month," he said, "and unfortunately we have a lot funerals.

Our activities are limited to lunching and dying. It's an eternal fraternity as far as the armed forces are concerned. We are one."

Brother Moss also enjoys gardening with his wife of more than 44 years, Aileen.

"She's a wonderful person, and was in the armed forces herself," he added. "She has participated in operations in Europe and Japan and was born in the [Panama] Canal zone."

Aileen and Dick Moss have four sons and eight grandchildren.

"I take care of most of the maintenance of my home that I can, and I enjoy it. I'd like to keep as healthy as I can and have fun around the house and take as good care as I can of my offspring. My number four boy has two degrees from the University of Maryland and is with Lockheed Martin – you've heard of them — and is doing quite well with them. He has put missiles on five Japanese ships and five U.S. ships ... tube-launched weapons."

Dick Moss's Address: 4519 Yuma Street NW, Washington DC, 20016-2043

Welcome Dinner



Undergrduate brothers and alumni welcome newly initiated members at a lobster dinner in their honor.



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Phi Phi Scholarship Program Rewards Academics, Service Chris Smith '03 and Justin Brown '03 Earn Fall 2001 Scholarships

ur chapter's new scholarship program will award those brothers who demonstrate impressive dedication to their academics, house commitment and extracurricular involvement. The brothers of the Phi Phi Chapter feel that it is important for those who demonstrate extraordinary merits in these three areas to be rewarded. The specifics that are taken into consideration for this scholarship are as follows, weighted according to rank:

1. Academic performance and integrity: The recipient of the scholarship must have achieved a semester GPA of 3.3 or higher while taking at least four classes. Naturally, those who have achieved higher GPAs and/or other academic honors will receive more attention.

2. Involvement in house activities:
Certainly the recipient of the scholarship does not have to be an officer in the house, yet that brother will have to have demonstrated leadership and house commitment in other ways. House commitment is an integral component to this scholarship program: a brother needs to lead in the house and in the classroom simultaneously to receive the award.

3. Involvement in extracurricular affairs: Many brothers in the house have commitments outside of the classroom. We honor these commitments and place value on the role(s) that they play in our brothers' lives. Indeed, if brothers have devoted a significant amount of time to obligations other than

academics – whether it is to sports or other organized student activities – we should also value these commitments alongside their academic ones.

The scholarship currently provides \$250 per semester to the recipient. The scholarship winner will be chosen immediately after grades come out, and the money awarded will either be sent to the brother's parents or be taken off his dues. The fall semester recipients of this scholarship were Chris Smith '03 and Justin Brown'03. Both brothers achieved a 4.0 grade average last semester and are active participants in the house. Chris has recently taken on the position of Pro Consul and Justin is one of our new philanthropy chairmen.

Agreement with University ...

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long-term interests at Penn. I would be remiss not to highlight the extensive contributions of brother Nunes, our legal counsel, who guided us through the delicate legal framework, and also to acknowledge our most significant alumni who, when called upon in time of need, are ever ready to support the good cause.

The new agreement acknowledges and builds upon past agreements that the Sigma Chi Club has made with the university. In brief, the club deeded the property to the university in 1926, but has retained certain rights and reversionary privileges by way of four subsequent agreements. The highlights of the new agreement include our discontinuation of use of the lot for undergraduate parking, and we released a small piece of land about 1/10th the size of our lot as part of the new building's footprint.

In return, we will receive a one-time payment of \$200,000, to be held in our capital improvement fund for planned chapter house renovations. Moreover, we have acquired a revised service vehicle driveway from 39th Street and limited parking privileges for our kitchen staff, for delivery needs and to accommodate the undergraduates annual move-in and move-out. In addition, we have retained and reinforced, when possible, our existing rights and privileges to the remainder of our property and to the continued occupancy of the chapter house itself. Finally, we have carefully acknowledged that the land currently occupied by the sand volleyball court between Sigma Chi and ATO will eventually be improved and relandscaped with our full involvement, but without granting any rights of access to others and with further assurances that the university will not erect any buildings on this site.

Acting in accord with the recommendation of our team of experts, our full board of trustees voted in unanimous support of their efforts as drafted in the final documents, and we officially signed off on March 14, 2001.

Preliminary site excavation work on the new Hillel Center began in late March, and after a stop for reading days and final exams, will return to its 14-month construction schedule. Completion is expected in the summer of 2003.

Share Your Wisdom and Experiences ...

Te hope you are impressed with the progress the chapter has made during the past few years. We are quite proud of our accomplishments, but we could do even more if our alumni could share with us the wisdom and experience you have gained since graduation. You have learned tremendous lessons that can't be taught in school. As our alumni, we hope you are willing to contribute to and participate in our success as individuals, and the success of our chapter. Please consider sharing your life experience in one of the following ways:

- Career Counseling for undergraduates via phone/ e-mail/one-on-one
- · Participation in one of our weekly chapter meetings
- Fireside chat with the pledges during the pledge process
- Participation in next fall's Leadership Training Workshop

Your participation in any of these activities is greatly appreciated by the brothers of Phi Phi. If interested, please contact me at,

John E. Hession '03, Consul, Phi Phi Sigma Chi, 3809 Locust Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19104 or e-mail jhession@seas.upenn.edu

As many of you are aware, brother and friend Eric Riester passed away unexpectedly on March 11, 2002. He was 33 years old. A flier is enclosed in memory of Eric inviting you to demonstrate respect for Eric and his family by giving to the newly established Eric Stanley Riester Memorial Fund. Please consider what you can do to contribute to this fund and uphold our common dedication to Sigma Chi.

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New Pledge Committee Focuses on **Developing Good Brothers**

he brothers of a fraternity are the key to its success. The initiation of a pledge into the fraternity should be one of his most defining moments as an undergraduate. In order to ensure the continued success of our fraternity, it was decided last fall that there would be a Pledge Program Committee to reorganize and polish the traditional pledging of the Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi.

Led by Chairman Rocco Santangelo '02, the committee, consisting of three elected members from each class as well as the officers of the fraternity, held weekly meetings last

semester. The goals of the committee were numerous, with the overall focus to be increased emphasis on brotherhood during pledging. As our new members have just recently begun their pledging process, the efforts of the Pledge Program Committee are already quite evident. The new and improved process seems to be taking the stress off pledges becoming good pledges and placing it on pledges ·IN·MOG becoming good brothers.

Newest Brothers

All Class of 2005 Tobe Allen Nate Bagnaschi Scott Brown Drew Crockett Joshua Duyan Nick Gianos Aaron Gomes Brian Gumberg Chuck Manning Gabe Mirabella Jeff Organisciak Zandy Reich Rich Repetto Dan Tyrell Connor Welch

Haunted House and Halloween Carnival Are Tops!

By Graham Lyles '02, Fall 2001 Philanthropy Chair



Philanthropy Chair Graham Lyles '02 played a major role in organizing the event.

ur main philanthropic event for the fall semester, our annual Haunted House and Halloween Carnival, was held on Saturday, October 27, at the Sigma Chi house on 3809 Locust Walk. The event is designed to give local children from the West Philadelphia area and their families a chance to come to the university and spend the day together in a fun-filled environment. This year we had a great turnout and held host to over 200 children, who were mostly students from the Lea School at 47th and Locust. Our local newspaper, The Daily Pennsylvania featured an article about the event (see below).

The parking lot and upstairs of the house were transformed into a carnival with games

such as doughnut races, a jack-o-lantern bean bag toss, a cake walk, and "mummy" wrappings. Of course, a main draw for the kids was all the free candy that they could win at the games! The entire basement and cold room of the house were transformed into a very spooky haunted house, which this year had tons of props, strobe lights, scary stories and monsters as well as a smoke machine. Brothers seemed to really enjoy giving the kids a good scare, and the kids seemed very appreciative as well (as they returned again and again to wait in line to go for a second round). The parents were also very grateful for our efforts to entertain their children, and the chance to spend time with them.



Ian Bowman '02 monitors the crowd of children from West Philadelphia as they shuffle through the house.



The Sigma Chi fratemity house transformed into a fun-filled spook-fest for local children.

By Christina Yang

Over 200 local children invaded the Sigma Chi fraternity house on Saturday, hoping to be-come mammics. Actually, that's toilet paper

mammies.
West Philadelphia children and families celebrated Halloween early this weekend, courtesy of the Sigma Chi and Zeon Beta Tau frateralties and the Delta Delta Delta and Kapabaka. pa Alpha Theta scrorities, all of which worked tegether to spensor a haunted house and

carnival.

The participating Greek organizations converted the Sigma
Chi basement into a haunted house, while the upper levels served as a carnival with different games, activities and, of

course, candy.

The haunted house was quite popular with those in atten-dance. A large mob surrounded the staircase leading down to the haunted house, since only

The line down to the haunted house was chaos," Sigma Chi Philanthropy Chairman Gra-

ham Lyles said. "So many kids wanted to go in." Mothers Sonia Bishap and Mary Dicks bewaght five chil-dren with them to the Sigma Chi-house, and said that all of them were having the. The kids "are enjoying the hausted have the most." But-

with doughnuts hanging from strings, and five kids race at a time," said Theta sister Dana Vetter, a Wharton suphamore. "I as played that. "Hundreds of

In other rooms, some children had their faces painted by Greeks, while others tried to win play musical chairs and doce

ZBT brother Jon Schotten-siein, a Wharton sophomore, saw the day as an opportunity

"We get so caught up in veryday life that it's nice to ive back to the community."

eman Jen Deniow agreed. "It was just a good way for

sisted of distributing flyers at the Lea School, located at 47th and

to second- through fifth-graders," Lyles, a College se-nior, said. "There were about

According to Lyles, many of the children brought friends and

the children brought friends and countra as well. "I think it went really well," Lyles said. "The turnout was a let better than we expected Even toward the end, there

'All four houses had a gr

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Great Accomplishments, New Ideas Mark 2001: Look for More of the Same in 2002!

By John Hession '03, Consul

fter a year filled with great accomplishments and new ideas, the Phi Phi Chapter looks to continue its success in 2002 under new leadership and with an exceptional group of new members. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of last year's officers, the chapter has an even stronger foundation on which to build its future. In particular, the Leadership Training Workshop and such philanthropic events as our annual Halloween Carnival and Haunted House are two examples of our accomplishments.

As the warm weather gradually returns, Phi Phi looks forward to undertaking its usual second semester activities. Pledging is well under way with a new class of 15 guys; we have great expectations for all of them. This year's pledge process is being guided and slightly reformed by the newly created Pledge Program Committee led by Rocco Santangelo '02. The committee holds weekly meetings and consists of two brothers from each class, as well as the consul and pro consul. Thus far, the process has been smooth and rewarding for both the pledges and participating brothers.

Derby Days is also quickly approaching. After last year's impressive donation of just over \$2,500 to the Children's Crisis Treatment Center in downtown Philadelphia, we are confident that this year's festival will be an enormous success. Our goal is to raise over \$3,000 in donations for the Children's Crisis Treatment Center. The five-day charity drive will be headed this year by Jon Blotner '02, Ben Cruse '04 and me.

The chapter was very excited to receive a handsome plaque recognizing past Consul James Casey '01 as our chapter's 2001 Balfour Award winner. We are currently in the process of evaluating the records of the graduating seniors in this year's running. On the topic of awards, Phi Phi's most important goal for this semester is to achieve the Peterson Significant Chapter Award. An enormous amount of effort was put forth last semester by the chapter to fulfill the criteria for this prestigious award. As the newly elected consul, I hope to further this effort and successfully complete our application for submission to the Grand Praetor in early May.

Our other significant goals for the upcoming year include continued improvement in alumni relations and more participation by our chapter in events organized by Penn's Greek community as a whole. I strongly feel that the future of Greek organizations at Penn largely depends on our ability to work together in our efforts to give back to society. I personally look forward to the challenge of leading this great chapter and working to ensure its existence and success at Penn for another 125 years.

Phi Phi Leadership



At the Phi Phi Leadership Development Project we established goals for the betterment and leadership of the chapter. From left to right: Jon Greenawalt Sr. '61, Andrew Smith '02, Jon Greenawalt Jr. '91, Benjamin Cruse '04, Reed Werner '01, Jamie Allen '02, Paul Henry '04 and Todd Johnson '95.

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Walton H. Kling '40 (1000 Vicars Landing Way, Apt. F110, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082) I'm enjoying retired life in Ponte Vedra, Fla., with my wife, Ruth. Yes, we've been married 58 years! I became a Life Loyal Sig a few years ago. Our "children," Courtney and Brad, live in New York (Shelter Island) and Fort Worth, Texas, respectively. We have the Tournament Players Club (golf) and the Association of Tennis Professionals in our vicinity here at Sawgrass — keeps us busy volunteering.

Richard I. Moss '40 (4519 Yuma St. N.W., Washington, DC 20016) Retired as a colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. As you know, we (D.C.) got attacked at the Pentagon. This is a few miles from my home. My solution is to take the terrorists "back to the Stone Age." My last years in the Marine Corps were devoted to planning deployment and defense against nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

Cornelius E. Smyth '46 (60 Montego Ct., Coronado, CA 92118) I continue to win gold medals in 75-year-old-plus table tennis events. I won gold in singles at the San Diego Senior Olympics and the Old Olympics in September 2001 and at the Nevada Senior Olympics and the Huntsman World Senior Games in October 2001. Jon Huntsman '59, founder of the latter, is a Phi Phi Significant Sigma Chi. This year, over 6,000 athletes participated in over 20 sports. I am an honorary member of Zeta Chi, the Sigma Chi chapter at UNLV, and attended their homecoming event in October 2001. At Phi Phi, I hope all of the brothers are enjoying the table tennis table. I appreciated their letters of thanks and the photos. On November 25, 2001, I am expecting Tom Burns '46 to visit me.

Ronald R. Mullins '51 (143 Old Stage Rd., Orwell, VT 05760; cegmarkintrm@aol.com) President of Cegmark International Inc.

Although I continue to keep an office in New York City and have an apartment just below Lincoln Center (what easier way to see the operas at the Met), I must admit to spending more time at my dairy farm in Orwell, Vt.

Edmond P. Rochat Jr. '51 (36 Lake End Rd., Green Pond, NJ 07435; eprjr@aol.com) After having been the husband of a University of Vermont college queen, the proud father of nine beautiful babies (one deceased), paid for seven college educations, sold insurance for a living and served as mayor of a New Jersey community, I've retired. And that's it. brothers.

Alvin V. Shoemaker '60 (8808 First Ave., Stone Harbor, NJ 08247) I spend half the year in Sun Valley, Idaho, and half the year in Stone Harbor.

Morris A. Nunes '70 (9220 Briary Ln., Fairfax, VA 22031; manarc@cox.rr.com) Attorney. I was presented with the Patrick Henry Award by Virginia's Governor Jim Gilmore for "exceptional service to the Commonwealth" in my tenure as chair of the Virginia Board for Professional and Occupational Regulation, where I continue to serve.

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Address changes, news items, contributions and photographs are welcome and should be sent in the enclosed envelope or mailed to

Sigma Chi Fraternity, Alumni Records Office, P.O. Box 2515, Southeastern, PA 19399-2515. Matthew D. Millan '87 (39 W. Gravers Ln., Philadelphia, PA 19118) Architect with Matthew Millan Architects Inc. I have finally completed a long transition of moving my home and business back to Philadelphia after six years in Vermont. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with brothers now that life is settling down.

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Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

Joseph J. Heinlein '58 (7/4/01) and Eric S. Riester '91 (3/11/02).

Sigma Chi mourns their passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.

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