



Alumni

Profile

Murray McComas

Always and Forever a Sig

Murray McComas graduated from Penn's Wharton School of Finance in 1958 and left to fulfill his Army ROTC commitment. But he has never left Sigma Chi. He has served as a member of the Board of Governors for the Sigma Chi Foundation since 1996; however, his "tour of duty" with the fraternity began as soon as he left the Army.

"There was a mild recession at the time. A staff member from headquarters who had visited at Penn remembered me, heard I was available and recruited me for headquarters staff," he said. "It was an interesting opportunity for me. I got to travel all over the country and learned a lot about meeting planning and leadership development at the time."

He has been involved ever since, serving as a regional advisor, on the Executive Committee and as a national officer. From 1993 to 1995, McComas was the international president and grand consul.

"It is the alumni who must maintain continuity within the fraternity," observed McComas. "Change and transition constantly affect every aspect of our society. For Sigma Chi to remain strong and true to its ideals, the brothers today must select young men who share the principles we believe in. But it is the alumni's responsibility to provide the motivation, the example that allows them to understand what it truly means to be a Sig."

McComas practices what he preaches. He served on the Leadership Training Board for several years and has been associated with the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop since 1962.

He followed the family tradition and attended Penn where his father, two older brothers and, later, his younger brother all graduated. But he broke with them when he chose to join Sigma Chi. "My family had all been Phi Kappa Sigmas before me," he said. "I guess I have started a new tradition. I am proud to say that my son, D.A. '97, followed at Penn as a Quaker Sig."

McComas returned to his hometown of Warren, Pa., in 1962 to begin a job in the advertising department for the Blair Corporation. In 1975 he became vice president of advertising and was elected to the board of directors in 1977. He served as president and CEO from 1987 until his retirement in 1999. He continued as chairman until 2003 and remains a director.



"Blair has experienced a real transformation over the last eight years or so," observed McComas, reflecting on the company which was founded, coincidentally, on the Penn campus in 1910. The business was a direct-mail operation for many years. "We have learned to change with the times. The company is now combining catalogue and Web-based sales. We have expanded our men's and women's clothing lines, and also carry home furnishings. It is a constantly growing business."

McComas is enjoying an active retirement. "My wife, Marie, says that she doesn't believe I have retired at all," he said. "I am enjoying dedicating more of my time to organizations such as the Community Foundation of Warren

County. I have been on the board for over 10 years now. It is an outstanding organization that manages a \$30 million fund serving 45,000 people in our area. Its founders were very farsighted in their planning, and citizens have been extremely generous over the years."

Of course, he also devotes much of his time to the Sigma Chi Foundation. "I am particularly eager to see the new Horizons Program for undergraduate brothers expand. The program has been operating now for five years. We send groups of about 60 young men at a time to Snow Bird, Utah, in the summer for leadership training," he said. "We want to strengthen the skills of our new brothers to build for the future of the fraternity. It is a wonderful opportunity. Unfortunately, with just 180 slots annually, we can only send one, or at most two, brothers from a chapter.

"Another effort we are just starting is a mentoring program. This is being tested now in California, and another trial program is scheduled for the Southeast. Our goal is to strengthen continuity within each chapter and build on that ongoing alumni involvement."

McComas offers this advice to brothers looking toward graduation or perhaps switching jobs in today's business climate: "Keep an open and optimistic attitude. Some young people know exactly what they want, but most of us don't. Some might think it's cool to be really laid back, but I advise young people to show that they are deeply interested and enthusiastic. Your firm handshake and open smile can make a tremendous difference. Learn from your fraternity experience.

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Update

The formation of the Phi Phi Alumni Advisory Board can be credited primarily to **Jon Greenawalt Sr. '61** and his desire to develop a well-organized group of alumni who can consistently provide mentoring and coaching resources to the undergraduates. The board was established April 25, 2003, during a meeting at the chapter house attended by six alumni and two undergraduates.

The board's power arises solely from its ability to be perceived as a valuable resource that the undergraduates seek out. The board is set up to work collaboratively with the undergraduates in undertaking meaningful activities that contribute to the overall well-being of the chapter and fraternity. The board has no disciplinary function, nor can it unilaterally direct the undergraduates to do anything. Any specific directives will still be the domain of the chapter advisor, Grand Praetor, house corporation and general fraternity, who do have defined roles and powers. The alumni board will communicate closely with these groups and the undergraduates to identify specific areas with which the board should assist, and to avoid any duplication of efforts among the groups.

The board is composed of five to seven regular members who will fill specific positions and have specific responsibilities. The positions and corresponding responsibilities are as follows:

1. **Chapter Advisor** — leads, manages and coaches the officers and members of Phi Phi in the achievement of the chapter's mission, goals and commitments, as well as other roles as defined by the fraternity.
2. **Public/Community Relations Advisor** — coaches the appropriate chapter officers/brothers in the development and achievement of sound, effective public relations within the university and the West Philadelphia community. Also, assists the chapter officers/members in the development and implementation of an effective alumni relations program.
3. **Risk Management Advisor** — advises the officers in the key elements of the development, implementation and monitoring of the chapter's risk management policy and plan.
4. **Pledge Advisor** — coaches the magister in the design

and implementation of a pledge program based on mutual respect, trust, dignity and cooperation.

5. **Rush Advisor** — assists in developing and conducting an intelligent, aggressive and effective rush in full compliance with the existing university regulations.
6. **Ritual Advisor** — inspires and trains the members to understand the principles of the ritual, its practical application in day-to-day interactions and activities, and the richer meaning of its values and ideals.
7. **Financial Advisor** — assists the quaestor in developing the financial standards and controls of the chapter, as well as in budget planning and reporting.

The current regular board members are **Jamie Allen '01**, **Mike Axt '98** (Stanford), **Reed Werner '01**, **Andy Smith '02**, **Jon Greenawalt Sr.**, **Tom Valenti '00** and **Marc Lambright** (chair). **Drew Crockett '05** (current consul) and **Andy Little '03** (immediate past consul) are ad-hoc members. **John Hession '03**, **Carlos Kearns '85** (George Washington University) and **Chris Carroll '00** are alternate members who are also available to assist the board.

To date the board has made progress in recruiting board members, drafting and approving bylaws and defining its role. We are currently focusing our efforts on developing and improving relationships with the undergraduates and targeting specific areas in which the undergraduates desire to work with the board.

In addition to coaching and mentoring the undergraduates, another objective of the board is to foster alumni involvement. The board provides alumni an additional opportunity to be involved with the chapter specifically through board membership. Also, the board has the goal of generally increasing alumni involvement by acting as a conduit to the undergraduates.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the board, please send me an e-mail at MarcLambright@hotmail.com. If you would like to lend your support in some manner to Phi Phi but are not specifically interested in board membership, please contact either myself or any other board member. We would be happy to hear from you. ■

Phi Phi Sigma Chi Initiation

By Chris Dougherty '05, Magister

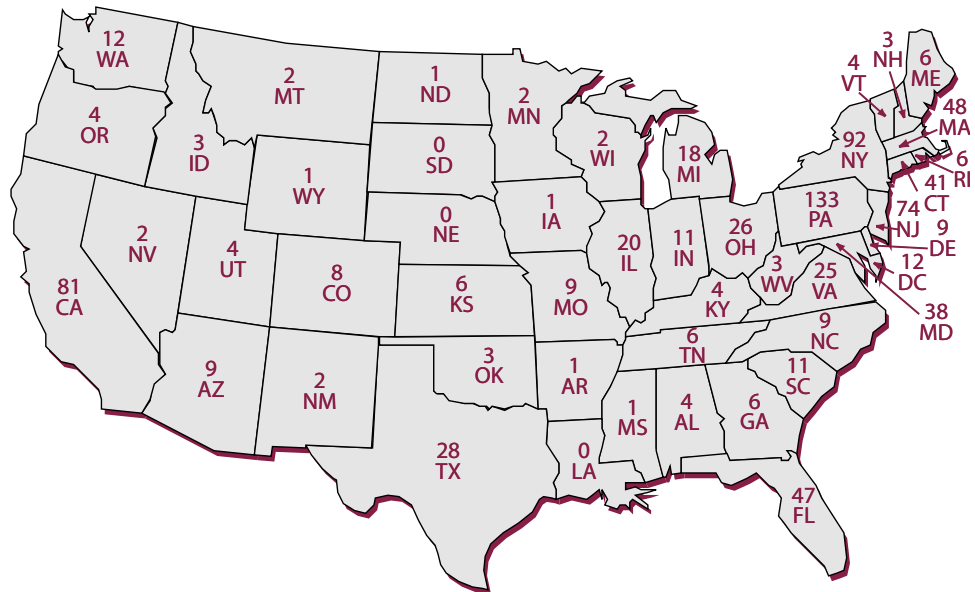
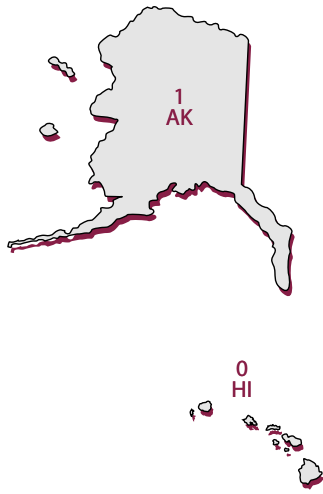
The Phi Phi Chapter initiated its 20 new members on March 21, 2004. The house is proud to call these fine young men brothers of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Some of our alumni were present to help instill the tradition of the Sigma Chi Fraternity to our new members. Present were former Grand Consul Murray McComas, D.A. McComas, former Consul Jamie Allen, and former Magister Ryan Ly, whose help and guidance was and is greatly appreciated by the brothers of the Phi Phi Chapter.

The new members include:

Mark Becker, Syracuse, NY	Andrew Matheson, Orlando, FL
Brian Cosio, Ridgefield, CT	Sam Oher, Chappaqua, NY
Alan Eberstein, Dallas, TX	Ryan Rayfield, Linwood, NJ
Kevin Fives, Pittsburgh, PA	Alexander Salihi, Baltimore, MD
Beau Fowler, Birmingham, AL	Edward Sears, St. Louis, MI
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Francis Lane, Philadelphia, PA	Ned Swanson, Boston MA
Alexander MacKenzie, Wlmngtn, DE	Duncan Swanston, Baltimore, MD

We are proud to have these young men as brothers and future leaders of the Phi Phi Chapter. As individuals they bring various qualities and dynamic personalities into our brotherhood. Their values and leadership qualities will demonstrate to other members of the University of Pennsylvania community the standards and beliefs on which Sigma Chi Fraternity was founded. ■

Where Phi Phi Alumni Call Home (at least where they get their mail)



The Count

862 Active
21 Undergraduate

Through the dedicated support of our alumni, the Phi Phi Chapter continues its prominent role on the Penn campus. We deeply thank all alumni who have donated generously over the years.

You make it possible for the principles and ideals of Sigma Chi to be carried on for generations to come. Below is a list of this year's (9/1/03 - 8/31/04) donors as of 4/26/2004.

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Alumni Profile: Murray McCormas

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He is planning more yard time and would like to travel abroad and across the States in the future. "I've been to many places in 47 states, but it seems I was always on business and never really got to experience the country." He and his wife expect to continue to attend football and basketball games and alumni events. There are no grandchildren to entertain yet — just the granddog, Fenway.

Of course, he'll have more time for all these things one of these days, when he really retires!

Brothers can contact Murray and Marie McComas at mkmquakersig@penn.com. ■

State of the Chapter

By Andrew Crockett '05, Consul

We're Now 66 Men Strong

The Phi Phi Chapter has had another successful semester. We started off with the introduction of new officers including myself. The other officers taking over for the 2004 campaign are **Dan Tyrrell '05** as pro consul, **Nick Gianos '05** as quaester and continuing in the trustworthy position of houseman is **Scott Brown '05**.

We then headed into two solid weeks of rush, during which we recruited 20 young men we found worthy to enter our brotherhood. I am happy to say that, just a short time ago, we initiated all 20 pledges into the Phi Phi Chapter. Various groups are represented among them, including sports teams such as baseball, squash, lacrosse, ice hockey and football, to name a few. Right now we are in the midst of Derby Days, which is proving to be a success.

Over the past few months, our officers have participated in the Regional Leadership Workshop at which various

topics were discussed including, but not limited to, recruitment, pledging and postinitiation training. Our officers also participated in a transition meeting where our Balfour Fellow, **Mike Axt**, a 1998 alumnus of Stanford's Alpha Omega Chapter, and our leadership consultant, **Ben Christianson**, were present and willing to give some great advice.

The brotherhood now stands 66 strong, awaiting the graduation of 15 seniors this spring and one next December. One of the illustrious class of '04 has already graduated.

Nick Harnsberger '04 graduated a semester early this past December and has been traveling between his hometown of L.A. and our campus in West Philadelphia until he begins work. The presence of this year's senior class will be missed but, as always, we wish them the best of luck in all their endeavors! ■

Alumni UpDates

Gordon G. Long '36

(315 S. Lake Dr., Palm Beach, FL 33480-4525) Things are quiet, but pleasant, during the summer months in Cleveland, and winters in Palm Beach are busy with lovely parties, interesting cultural events and even some dancing at age 90.

Cornelius E. Smyth '46

(1288 Lost Arrow Pl., Chula Vista, CA 91913-2800) Still playing in table tennis tournaments and holding my own in the 75-79 age group. At the same time I am treasurer of the San Diego Table Tennis Association (420 members) and a director of Venture Catalyst Inc. (operators of Barona Indian Casino and creators of software for the gaming industry including for customer relations). Two of my 19-and-a-half grandchildren are marrying this month, so maybe I'll be a great grandfather one of these days.

Richard O. Kress '50

(27 Vineyard Ln., Greenwich, CT 06831) I am now 77 years old, and the wheels are getting loose but they haven't fallen off as yet. I am still skiing (slowly), fishing and traveling.

William A. Kattermann '52

(118 James St., Dover, NJ 07801) I continue to operate my business with two sons as partners, Karl W. (Penn '75) and Emil G. (Lehigh '75).

Donald P. Scanlon '52

(11 Archer Rd., Harrison, NY 10528; donandmerc@aol.com) Golf and travel, five healthy kids, nine grandchildren. Follow Penn basketball closely. Retired!

George S. Bowden '53

(12 Hubbard Park, Red Bank, NJ 07701-2324; pkgnet@monmouth.com) The big event of the year was my golden 50th reunion including wearing the cap and gown for commencement on Franklin Field. It was a great gathering with brothers **Ray Welsh '53**, **Carl Sempier '53** and **Dale Summerbell '53**. Ironically, Ray sat next to me when I graduated in 1953.

Raymond H. Welsh '53

(518 Mulberry Ln., Haverford, PA 19041; raymond.welsh@ubspw.com) I am coming up on my 49th year in the investment business as a senior vice president of UBS Financial Securities, and plan to stay fully active in the business. Also continue to be very active in charitable activities including United Way, Episcopal Community Services, Boy Scouts and Bancroft Neurohealth, where I serve as vice chairman of the board of trustees and chairman of The Bancroft Foundation. Penn activities include emeritus trustee and trustee of Penn Medicine.

W. Barry Rank '65

(12 Fox Run Rd., Pennington, NJ 08534; wbarrybanjo@aol.com) Just returned from Florida where we visited Jean and **Barry Anstine '65** in Palm Beach Gardens. We played golf twice with them at Jonathan's Landing where they live during the winter months. Anstine and I both have wives named Jean and a son named Jonathan. We then went to Naples and spent three days with Susie and **Harlowe Prindle '64** at Collier's Reserve. Over the years I have managed to see both Anstine and Prindle on a regular basis and, of course, we are in constant touch by e-mail. Prindle was my big brother at Phi Phi, and Anstine was my roommate during my senior year at 4400 Walnut Street — the off-campus Sigma Chi hand-me-down top-floor penthouse. Our daughter Jessica is a first-year law student after working in Manhattan for two years, and our son Jonathan graduates from Hobart in May — as yet with no future plans.

George W. Morriss '69

(61 E. Gate Rd., Guilford, CT 06437; gmorriss@aol.com) I'm looking forward to attending my 35th reunion in May and hope that a lot of my Phi Phi brothers will be there as well. Being retired has been terrific. It has been great to be able to spend time with our first grandson, Jack. Last fall my wife, Sue, and I

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History

Early History of Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Penn

Penn's Phi Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi was established on Sept. 27, 1875, and appeared in The Record of that year. The national organization was founded in 1855 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. The Phi Phi Chapter disbanded ("stepped out") in the 1877-78 academic year and was dropped from The Record. Twenty years later the Phi Phi Chapter was re-established at Penn, and Sigma Chi reappeared in The Record of 1896. It remains active at Penn in 2004.

Sigma Chi was the third national fraternity founded at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. It followed Beta Theta Pi (1839) and Phi Delta Theta (1848), but its birth was far more difficult than either of its predecessors. In June 1855, seven men — Thomas Cowan Bell, James Parks Caldwell, Daniel William Cooper, Isaac M. Jordan, William Lewis

Lockwood, Benjamin Platt Runkle and Franklin Howard Scobey — withdrew from the Miami chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon and formed a new fraternity they named Sigma Phi. In January 1856, however, members of a rival fraternity stole Sigma Phi's ritual and other private records, which required the founders to rename their organization and adopt a new constitution, bylaws and ritual. Sigma Chi emerged from this ordeal and soon flourished, with 12 chapters in existence by the time of the Civil War.

In their first years, Sigma Chi and the other Miami University fraternities appealed primarily to midwestern and southern colleges. Sigma Chi planted chapters in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia and Mississippi. Soon, however, there were chapters

at the Pennsylvania colleges of Bucknell, Dickinson, Gettysburg, and Washington and Jefferson.

In 1875, 12 Penn students formed Sigma Chi's Phi Phi Chapter. They were drawn nearly equally from the college, the law school and the school of medicine. They included **William Burling Abbey** (LL.B. 1876), **Simon D. Addis** (M.D. 1875), **Cicero D. Brodhead** (M.D. 1875), **Frank Eyre** (M.D. 1875), **Walter Lowrie Finley** (class of 1877), **James Milo Giddings** (M.D. 1875), **Isaac Newton Gordon** (class of 1877), **Dwight Morris Lowrie** (LL.B. 1875), **Henry Albert Potter** (class of 1877), **Earl Milton Wilkins Seitz** (class of 1877), **Amos R. Shalkop** and **Joseph Warner Yardley** (A.B. 1877). The founders of the Phi Phi Chapter did not recruit well, however, and when the class of 1877 left campus, the chapter essentially disbanded.

For nearly 20 years, Sigma Chi was not represented among Penn's fraternities. Then in May 1893, a Philadelphia alumni chapter was organized, and in May 1896, 15 students, assisted by five alumni members, reorganized the Phi Phi Chapter.

By 1905 the Phi Phi Chapter was renting a house at 3311 Walnut Street before locating at 3604 Walnut Street. In 1920, Sigma Chi took possession of 3809 Locust Street, built by Anthony J. Drexel for his daughter Frances Drexel and son-in-law James W. Paul. The Phi Phi Chapter has remained in that great brick mansion to the present time.

In September 2000, the chapter celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding at Penn. It remains the 34th installed chapter within the Sigma Chi Fraternity and the fifth-oldest fraternity at the university. ■



Sigma Chi, 3809 Locust Street, c. 1927



Insignia of Sigma Chi Fraternity reproduced from 1901's "The Record." (Courtesy of the University Archives and Records Center, University of Pennsylvania)



Sigma Chi, 3604 Walnut Street, c. 1905

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spent a Sig weekend with brothers from the University of Oregon and attended the Oregon/Stamford game. I hope to see many brothers for our 35th reunion in May.

Ronald L. Huling '70

(43672 Jernigan Terr., Leesburg, VA 20176-1279; rhuling951@smartneighborhood.net) Continuing to provide employee-benefit consulting services but have also taken on the head softball coaching responsibilities at Yorktown H.S. in Arlington, Va. I would love to see **Scott Norris '70** and the guys in the house from 1967 to 1971.

Morris A. Nunes '70

(9220 Briary Ln., Fairfax, VA 22031-3870; man.apc@verizon.net) I have launched Board Boost, providing consultation seminars to boards of directors (both for-profit and nonprofit organizations) on information and decision making in light of Sarbanes-Oxley. All brothers are invited to take the Sarbanes-Oxley survey at www.boardboost.com.

Richard W. Koontz '71

(10351 Tennyson Ct., Westminster, CO 80031) The year 2004 arrived with my product, Spy Sweeper, emerging as the

leading anti-spy product for the PC. At this time we are also rolling out our Amber Alert product for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and nationwide distribution. Finally, if anyone wants their eyes opened, run "Exposed!" (it's free) on your kid's PC.

Dhananjay M. Pai '83

(52 E. 72 St., 9th Floor, New York, NY 10021; dmpai@aol.com) I recently decided to leave the investment banking world and joined a \$600 million event hedge fund that focuses on M&A and distressed debt.

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William W. Caughell '89

(1431 Oberlin Ter., Lake Mary, FL 32746-5933; wcaughellj@aol.com) My wife, Mary, and I have three children — step-daughter Jamie (17), and sons Billy III (7) and Jacob (3). I completed my M.A. in educational leadership/administration in 2000. I am head football coach at Lyman H.S. (the alma mater of **Mike Henley '89**). We just won the third district championship in the school's 80-plus-year history — understandable if you know Mike. I would love to hear from everyone.

Jon Copaken '89

(605 W. 56th St., Kansas City, MO 64113) My wife, Shelley, daughter Alexander (3) and I recently welcomed William to the world, born on Oct. 8, 2003. All is well, and I am busy with family and work.

Eric A. Gurry '89

(1640 N. Burling St., Unit E, Chicago, IL 60614; eg@houseofgurry.com) I am spending my days investing at a deep value hedge fund in Chicago, and my nights and weekends trying to raise Lili (6), Mason (4) and Penelope (5 months). Somewhere in there I also occasionally spend some time with Suzi, my wife (of 10 years as of July 2004!). Had a great Sig mini-reunion in Chicago last year with **Jon "Cope" Copaken '89**, **Ed Lukas '89**, **Brendan "Elmer" Kelly '91**, **Paul "Konks" Konkel '89**, **Mike "Morti" Morrissey '89** and **Greg "Geiber" Geib '88**. From what little I can remember (or care to divulge), a good time was had by all. Newsflash: There IS life after 36 (can't vouch for what happens after 37, however)! In hoc, Gurs.

Gregory B. Galusha '92

(509 Beirut Ave., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272) My wife, Devon, and I are enjoying raising our 10-month-old daughter, Hope, in Manhattan Beach, Calif. I continue to work in real estate finance. Enjoying the company of the Nakfuttys in So. Cal.

Mark H. Carroll '93

(675 Ridgedale Ave., Birmingham, MI 48009-5766) I'm living outside of Detroit with my wife, Amy, and 2-and-a-half-year-old son, Charlie. We're expecting baby number two in July. I work at Questor Partners in Detroit. We acquire distressed

companies and turn them around. Feel free to look me up if you ever make it to the Motor City!

Boyd Decker '95

(3913 Ingraham St., Apt. U205, San Diego, CA 92109-5921; boyd_decker@msn.com) I am in my ninth year as a pilot in the Navy. Recently, I began training in the Navy's newest fighter aircraft, the F/A-18 Super Hornet. I am getting married this May. I recently got to hang out with fellow brothers **Patrick Goodwillie '95** and **Steve Scharff '95** at my bachelor party in Las Vegas.

Chris Casamassima '97

(2294 Ronda Vista Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90027) On August 31, I married Lindsay Dinn in Malibu, Calif. Less than a month later, my old roommate, **Jon Cusson '97**, tied the knot as well. Many Sigs were in attendance at both weddings, and a very good time was had by all.

Colin B. Bradley '99

(302 W. 12th, Apt. 9A, New York, NY 10014; colin.bradley@instinet.com) I was married July 26, 2003, to Sarah Elizabeth Ashmore at the Metropolitan Club in NYC. **Tim Filla '98** and **Chris Carroll '00** were members of my wedding party (groomsmen). A number of other Phi Phis from '98-'00 were in attendance.

Michael S. Grossman '99

(36 Holyoke St., Boston, MA 02116; grossman76@hotmail.com) I am still in Boston — five years straight since graduating and still in the same apartment! After a three-year term with Putnam Investments, I am now an equity analyst at Essex Investment Management, a smaller money manager. I am hoping to finish off my CFA this June and start B-school at night next fall. I continue to play hockey each week and enjoy catching up with my Phi Phi brothers. An annual fishing trip in Connecticut is now in its fourth year, with brothers **Jon Jachman '99**, **Bartley Hacking '99**, **Alexander Rouse '99**, **Scott Glosserman '99**, **George Bell '99**, **Lucas Garman '99** and **Benjamin Miller '99** on the rods and reels.

Ryan C. Granito '00

(9551 Las Flores Cir., Villa Park, CA 92861; ryangranito@hotmail.com) I live down in Carlsbad working for Greystone Homes/Lennar Communities in their

project management division. I still stay in touch with quite a few Sigs living both in New York and California.

Michael S. O'Connor '00

(139 Garden St., Hoboken, NJ 07030; msocon@hotmail.com) I just started working at the N.Y./N.J. Metro Stars of major league soccer after two years at Madison Square Garden's ad sales department. Even though I'm not making my living on the soccer field anymore, it's great to be around the game and to help it grow in the U.S. If any Sigs are ever in the NYC area and want tickets, shoot me an e-mail.

Michael P. Bland '01

(29177 Flowerpark Dr., Canyon Country, CA 91351-4403; mbland@alumni.upenn.edu) Next year I will be attending the Anderson School of Management at UCLA. I'm excited to go back to school. This summer I'm going to be traveling throughout the Mediterranean region after the wedding of **Ali Mirza '01**. Along the way I'm planning on getting together with Sigs in France and Turkey. It should be a good time.

David A. Giancola '03

(64 76th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209-2902; pennp@aol.com) I am happily married and living in Chicago. I can't wait to come back to see all of my fraternity brothers during Spring Fling. Go Sigs! ■

In Memory

Jack Cunningham Younkin '58

All honor to his name! Brother Younkin passed away Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, after a long bout with pancreatic cancer. Jack never lost his interest for Pitt, the Steelers and the Pirates — not his love for all things Sigma Chi and Penn. In respect to true friendship, lift a glass in remembrance and toast to a wonderful man.

The Phi Phi Chapter has a scholarship fund with the Sigma Chi Foundation that would be very appropriate for a memorial gift if you are so inclined. These can be made to The Foundation, Box 469, Evanston, IL 60204-0469. Checks should be earmarked for the Phi Phi Scholarship Fund.

You can also send messages to Peg Younkin, Box 270-A, RD #2, Elysburg, PA 17824.