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UPCOMING EVENT

Homecoming 2008
November 1
vs. Brown

BY THE NUMBERS

Sigma Chi Undergraduates

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234 = Community Service Hours in 2007-08

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Celebrating 50 Years of Friendship and Brotherhood

Nine Members of the Class of 1958 Gather for Milestone Reunion

Nine Phi Phi Chapter Brothers who began their lifelong Sigma Chi journey as the pledge class of 1955 returned to the Penn campus in May to celebrate their 50th reunion.

"Use our online directory at www.phiphi-sigmachi.org to find old friends and begin making your reunion plans."

Following the festivities on campus they enjoyed cocktails in the Jon M. Huntsman Blue Room and a catered dinner in the Phi Phi Chapter House's Hartwick Dining Room.

Members of the 50 year reunion class on hand included: **West Faison, Dave Riker, Chuck Burnette, Merle Kohn, Tim Ware, Sesto Vecchi, Bob Johnson, Phil Stevens** and **Murray McComas**. Guests included **Bob Burian '56, D.A. McComas '97** and House Corp. President **Mark Kocent '82**. Several spouses and a daughter also joined the crew.

The University's Museum Catering provided all of the beverage and food services. They come highly recommended for future reunion class groups that might want to return to 3809 Locust.

Following dinner and a heartfelt "Good of the Order," **Bob Burian '56** led a rousing round of Penn song and the spouses were serenaded in the afterglow to "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi."

Many thanks to Brother **Murray McComas '58**, his wife Marie and son D.A., for hosting this memorable event. All present agreed that this was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together in the Chapter House. The House Corp. offered to continue to support this tradition for future reunion classes.

Want to have a reunion for your class? Use our online directory at www.phiphi-sigmachi.org to find old friends and begin making your reunion plans!



Members of the Class of '58 Gather on the stairs at the Chapter House

WANTED: Your Best Sigma Chi Pictures!

We need your help to build up our online photo archives. If you have great pictures from your Sigma Chi days or of a more recent reunion, please share them in our online photo albums at www.phiphi-sigmachi.org. Your submissions may be chosen to appear in an upcoming edition of *The Quaker Sig* or our monthly e-Letter.

In this photo: (Left to right) brothers Mike Kurowski '80, Charles Baugh '81, Ron Woodmansee '82, Jeff Houlihan '82, and Paul Garvey '82 at the LBI Reunion in 2007.



HONOR ROLL

Thank You, Donors!

Thanks to the following alumni we raised \$11,200 to the 2007-08 annual fund (as of August 14).

Gordon G. Long	1936	Philip G. Stevens	1958	Thomas P. Farrell	1968	Brian J. Scanlan	1984
Joseph A. Goodhue Jr.	1939	Sesto E. Vecchi	1958	George W. Morriss	1969	Lal Heneghan	1985
Lester R. Giegerich	1940	R. Timmis Ware	1958	Charles K. O'Neill	1969	Robert K. Mericle	1985
Roberto De Jesus Toro	1940	David F. Riker	1960	William M. Schmidt	1969	Walter S. Hulse III	1986
Edward J. Murtaugh	1942	Alvin V. Shoemaker	1960	Morris A. Nunes	1970	James E. Pass	1986
Edward F. Ryan	1943	David G. Fleshman	1961	Richard P. Klich	1971	Matthew D. Millan	1987
Cornelius E. Smyth	1946	Robert A. Gleason Jr.	1961	Robert M. Hellauer Jr.	1973	Paul R. Hertel III	1988
Lee M. Hale Jr.	1947	John M. Holliday	1961	J. Kevin Dolan	1973	Joseph S. Sheetz	1989
James H. Allen	1949	Fred A. Carpenter	1962	Vincent A. Kolber	1974	George J. Vassar	1990
Richard L. Hogoboom	1949	Ernest D. Preate Jr.	1962	Mitchell Bland	1978	Todd W. Bauer	1991
J. Joseph Tuohy	1949	Harry H. Rowland Jr.	1962	Jacques N. Gordon	1978	Sterling A. Lapinski	1991
Porter R. Taylor Jr.	1949	Frank B. Schmidt	1962	Michael Burka	1979	Brett A. Nakfoor	1991
David E. Brewer	1950	Lawrence R. Van Deusen	1962	Robert S. Haws	1979	Scott F. Brion	1992
H. Samuel Greenawalt Jr.	1951	Robert F. Ciapetta	1963	Michael E. Kurowski	1980	Alexander P. Doll	1992
Ronald R. Mullins	1951	Luther Johnson Clark	1963	John M. Roth	1980	Mark H. Carroll	1993
Donald P. Scanlon	1952	Robert B. Haig Jr.	1963	Ronald M. Caronia	1981	Brett A. Cohen	1994
George S. Bowden	1953	Bernard G. McGarry Jr.	1963	Steven M. Adler	1982	David C. Istock	1994
Raymond H. Welsh	1953	Frederick A. Parsons III	1963	Stephen J. Bujno	1982	Michael C. Leraris	1994
Fergus M. Sloan Jr.	1954	Michael A. F. Roberts	1963	Mark H. Carpenter	1982	Bryan Angley	1997
Frank K. Gabler	1957	Richard K. Rogers	1964	Gerald D. Knorr	1982	Donald A. McComas	1997
Thomas W. Hoff	1957	A. Parker Sharron	1964	Mark A. Kocent	1982	Kevin O'Malley	1997
H. S. Kirkpatrick	1957	James W. Weitzel	1964	Michael C. O'Neil	1982	Lucas J. Garman	1999
Charles H. Burnette	1958	John S. Sawyer	1965	Ronald I. Woodmansee	1982	Michael S. Grossman	1999
Merle G. Kohn	1958	Willis S. Hesselroth	1966	Dhananjay M. Pai	1983	Mark A. Kramer	2000
Murray K. McComas	1958	Thomas A. V. Cassel	1968	James R. Goodfield	1984	Thomas J. Valenti	2000
						Adair B. Newhall	2001

ALUMNI UPDATES

'40s

J. Joseph Tuohy '49

(One Mendota Lane, Sea Ranch Lakes, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308) I've been employed by Citizens and Southern Bank of Florida.

'50s

George Bowden '53

(12 Hubbard Park, Red Bank, NJ 07701-2324; pkgnet@verizon.net) Retired since 1998 following a long career in cosmetic packaging as an agent for a UK manufacturer. Two marriages, nine children and 10 grandchildren keep me hopping.

Charles Burnette '58

(234 South 3rd St., Philadelphia, PA 19106-3811; charlesburnette@comcast.net) I saw most everyone at the 50th reunion except for

Frank Gabler '57.

Murray McComas '58

(398 N. Main Street, Russell, PA 16345-4116; mkmquakersig@penn.com) Attended my 50th Class reunion in May along with a large number of my Phi Phi pledge brothers. It was an uplifting experience. And I had my first legacy-grandson on June 24th!

'60s

Lawrence R. Van Deusen '62

(273 Hyde Park Rd, Landenberg, PA 19350-8325; lrvand@hotmail.com) Another of life's milestones - moved into a 55+ community. Great.

A. Parker Sharron '64

(112 Harrington Rd., Syracuse, NY 13224-1817 United States; parkersharron@gmail.com) My son was a Phi Phi, Class of '95 and my daughter was a Penn grad, Class of '98. **Stu**

Lollis '64, Harlow Prindle '64, Parker

Sharron '64 and others are calling all Phi Phi's from the early 1960's to come to Homecoming 2008! It's the Brown game the 1st weekend in November 2008.

'70s

Morris Nunes '70

(7913 Cypress Grove Lane, Cabin John, MD 20818-1001; man.apc@verizon.net) After Penn and a short series of financial jobs, I completed my law degree at Georgetown causing me to become a Washington area resident. I practiced law for 32 years. I gave up my law practice in April 2008 to become CEO for Bob Ross Inc., producer of the globally broadcasted "Joy of Painting" [U.S. on PBS]. I have two children: a son, Penn '06 and a daughter, Pitt '12. My nephew is a Sig at Pitt and I pinned him at his initiation.

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Ken Halbrecht '83 Carries the Influence of Morals and Ethics Learned at Phi Phi Throughout His Life

Ken's Adventurous Spirit Has Led to a Successful Career, a Wonderful Family and Commitment to Community Service

Ken Halbrecht '83 says that the highlight of his undergrad experience was seeing Jerry Knorr '82 returning from his travels putting up posters for a Sigma Chi Daiquiri Party night at the girls' colleges: Rosemont and Chestnut Hill.

"He walked through the front door with the front bumper of his car in his arms," recalls Ken. "Apparently a surface trolley had made a turn and pulled the bumper right off his car!"

"I am part of Penn's Athletic Advisory Council, which focuses on improving the University's facilities and connecting alums with undergrads."

Ken says this is just one example of the effort the Social Chairmen went through to assure a great time for the Sig-Machos or Blue Blazer Fraternity Bros, as well as the entire Philadelphia College population.

Ken was originally attracted to Phi Phi because he was impressed with the diversity of the house. There were sports, and of course, education; however, there was also a focus on having a good time and an awareness of the rich history of the chapter.

He lived in the house for three years, two which he spent as house manager. His roommates included John Gallop '83, Jim Newswanger '82, and Jeff Houlihan '82.

Ken was able to attend his 25th Homecoming and says he had a great time

seeing everyone including Mark Kocent '82 and Murray McComas '58, as well as meeting the current undergrads.

Since graduation Ken has worked for IBM, a career that now spans 25 years. He worked for them as a corporate strategic planner, Client Executive for Bank of America, and then Williams Sonoma. He now runs a piece of the Server Brands for the West.

Through it all he has managed to keep in touch with many of his brothers and still hopes to catch up with others.

"Jim Newswanger also works at IBM, so it's easy to keep in touch with him," says Ken. "Chuck Lessem '83 is local and we try to catch up over lunch when possible. I'd really like to see what Larry Lessig '83 and Lal Heneghan '85 are stirring up, and perhaps working on creating a Phi Phi Family West."

The influence of the fraternity has stayed with Ken throughout his life. He really admires the morals and ethics that guide the fraternity and he sees those standards in Significant Sigs like Spike Shoemaker '60, and Jon Huntsman '59.

Ken has been married to his wife Eileen for 15 years. He calls their two daughters Kyle, 10, and Erin, 13, their "two little rock stars." Supporting his kids' activities, such as attending weekend swim and soccer events are an important part of his life.

In addition to working full-time and spending time with his family, Ken still finds time to give back to the community and to the fraternity.

"I am part of Penn's Athletic Advisory

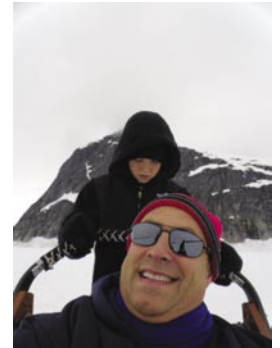
Council, which focuses on improving the University's facilities and connecting alums with undergrads," he says. "We are also working to reorganize the school district in Walnut Creek, and support increasing funding for our schools."

Ken says that Wharton Alumni programs also keep him connected and that he interviews a dozen or more High School Seniors each year as part of the Penn Admissions process. His work in the community includes serving as a Parks Commissioner in Walnut Creek for three years. He is working to help revamp some of the city's extensive resources.

Even after all of that, Ken makes time to enjoy a few hobbies such as swimming, traveling and going out on his 78-year old Chris Craft boat. In fact, the picture above is from a recent trip dog sledding in Alaska! Ken's sense of adventure is evident in everything that he does.

When asked about his goals for the next few years, Ken says he wants to continue his work with the city and supporting local schools.

"And of course get the idea of a Phi Phi West going!" he exclaims.



ALUMNI UPDATES (Continued from Page 2)

(Nunes '70 Continued). After the crushing cancer death in 2002 of my college sweetheart wife, Janie, I remarried in 2007 to a NYC nurse, Ruth Peterson. She has relocated to D.C. as an operating room nurse at the National Institutes of Health.

Jacques N. Gordon '78

(1116 Greenwood Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091-1620; jgordon@lasalle.com) Managing real estate

investments in 25 countries for pension funds and endowments including the Penn Endowment.

'80s

Lal Heneghan '85

(50 Ashfield Road, Atherton, CA 94027-3806; lal.heneghan@niners.nfl.net) Steve Novick '85 and I had lunch recently, and we wondered how Brother Reverend Terrence Marcelle '85 is doing?

'90s

Mark Carroll '93

(675 Ridgedale Ave., Birmingham, MI 48009-5766; mcarroll@questorfund.com) My wife gave birth to our third child, Heidi Jane Carroll, in June. Charlie, 6, and Ashley, 3, have welcomed her with open arms. This fall I enjoyed a fantastic golf weekend in Kiawah Island with Paul Arrovot, Dave Parsky '93, and Todd Wilson '93.

We recently asked our alumni donors “Why do you support the annual fund?”

Here’s what some of them had to say...

“I support the Phi Phi Annual Fund for three reasons: First, it is the only time we are regularly asked to support chapter alumni activities—and, in doing so, fulfill the obligation we accepted as Sigs. Secondly, I want to insure the opportunity to give future Penn students the Sigma Chi experience. And, finally, it is a way of acknowledging all the support we enjoyed from those Phi Phi’s who preceded us.” – **Murray McComas ’58**

“As a preservationist I am constantly involved with maintaining the historic fabric of buildings in Red Bank. The Phi Phi house is embedded in my memory as an integral part of my days at Penn. I still recall all the interior features including the grandfather’s clock at the entrance foyer, my bed-

room facing Locust, the kitchen where I washed dishes, and, of course, the chapter room with memories of debate and finger snapping. I will never forget the Sig experience.”

– **George Bowden ’63**

“Being a Phi Phi was an important part of my years at Penn. It is gratifying to be able to help others grow and benefit from the principles and traditions of Sigma Chi.” – **George Morriss ’69**

I remember that we always had more good ideas than money, especially to maintain and furnish the house.”

– **Robert Hellauer ’73**

“If it were not for Sigma Chi, I doubt I would have stayed four years at Penn. At a huge urban university, a self-gov-

erning residential community can be essential toward learning life skills of friendship, leadership, hard work, and self-reliance. I know it was for me. The Phi Phi Chapter helped me deal with the challenges of undergraduate life at one of the nation’s most demanding universities. I give to the University because of the academic education I got from Penn. I give to Sigma Chi because of what I learned about how to get along with others.”

– **Jacques Gordon ’78**

“Supporting the annual fund is an opportunity to preserve Sigma Chi’s greatness at Penn. It also relieves the guilt I’ve felt for late-night raids on Wilson’s french fry freezer when I wasn’t on the meal plan.”

– **Lal Heneghan ’85**

Why do YOU support the annual fund? Let us know at www.phipi-sigmachi.org!

*See page 1 to find out!
Which class celebrated its milestone
anniversary reunion this spring?*



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More News from Your Undergraduate and Alumni Brothers!***

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