

# The Phi Phi Review

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## LOOKING BACK ON A GREAT YEAR

By Robert A. Rosenbaum '90, Past Alumni President

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Phi Phi Club, I hope the close of 1998 and the start of 1999 finds you and your families well. The past year has been another successful one for the Phi Phi Club. New events such as post-game receptions following football and basketball games have added opportunities for graduates and undergraduates to meet, and our old standards of Alumni Day and Homecoming continue their tradition of success. We hope you had the opportunity to participate in one or more of these events and encourage you to join us in the future if you have not. We will be having a barbecue for all alumni on **Alumni Day, May 15**, and we would love to have you join us.

Homecoming was particularly enjoyable this year. Philadelphia's weather was as unusually warm as the rest of the country's, making Penn's defeat of Yale that much more pleasant to watch. The event was surprisingly well-attended given the schedule conflicts many of us faced on Halloween weekend, and this year's new catering company treated us to some fantastic food. The house was in great condition both inside and out and served as a wonderful backdrop for this outstanding event.

Our undergraduates have also been enjoying an excellent year. The most recently initiated class was larger than usual and promises to yield strong fraternity and campus leadership. Upperclassmen continue to develop their tradition of assuming the interfraternity Council presidency and other important positions around campus. Rush began in January and the Board of Directors is committed to working with the undergraduates to have the house in its best possible condition to help the undergraduates attract the cream of the rush crop.

The Board has funded replacement of an aging boiler, and we will be replacing the gutters and roof to make certain the house is prepared for winter. We are actively pursuing refinance of our current mortgage (undertaken at the time of the basement renovations) and hope to have additional working capital for other major renovation projects in the near future. As always, your financial support is needed to help fund these projects and other purchases to keep our house at its best.

Finally, I chose to step down as president of the Phi Phi Club Board of Directors at our most recent Homecoming. I have enjoyed serving for the past five years and want to thank all of my fellow Board members as well as graduate and undergraduate brothers for their support. I am particularly grateful to current president John Hawkins '93, and I am confident his leadership as your new president will bring continued success to our organization.

## 1999 PHI PHI CLUB OFFICERS

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## COME TO A BOARD MEETING!

### 1999 PHI PHI CLUB MEETINGS/EVENTS

*Meetings are every other month,  
second Monday at 7 p.m. at the chapter house.*

Monday, February 8

Monday, April 12

**\*Saturday, May 15 ~ ALUMNI DAY**

Monday, July 12

Monday, September 13

**\* Saturday, October 30 ~ HOMECOMING**

Monday, December 13

**WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!**

**ALUMNI DAY BARBECUE**  
**MAY 15, 1999 ~ 12 P.M.**

**AT THE HOUSE**  
**HOPE TO SEE**  
**YOU THEN!**



## CHAPTER OFFICERS



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Business

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### CHAPLAIN

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Gary, Ind.  
Accounting

## RUSH, RECRUITMENT, RISK MANAGEMENT AND KEG STANDS

By Wayne Levy '99, Chapter President

The times they are a-changin', and we change with them. In past reports, the alumni have been burdened with reading about how the resident chapter was having problems. I do not have any sanctions or fires to report; I have only good news and high hopes. I would like to take this opportunity to tell a little about the house that all of you helped to build.

Two years into its second century, Phi Phi still lets its presence be felt on campus. The chapter has produced its second and third active members of Sphinx, its fifth consecutive Spring Fling director, and its second consecutive Interfraternity Council president. We are athletes, writers for the *DP*, and officers for community service organizations. Alpha Chi Rho has a representative on the Undergraduate Assembly and six of us have been honored by the Order of Omega, a Greek honors society. We still hold our prestigious address, which only got better with the addition of the new bookstore at 36th and Walnut streets.

I know that this is starting to read like a *Garnet & White* article from 1912, so allow me reassure you all that many other traditions are still alive. Yes, we still have parties here, but gone

are the days of kegs and in is BYOB. The structure of the event may differ, but the pride in our house remains. Alpha Chi Rho is still a prime social destination at Penn. We have addressed many risk management issues and the fraternity house is now a responsible, safe place to enjoy one's self. Rush is starting soon and Phi Phi is still making good men better. Getting new brothers is the lifeblood of any fraternity, and we have done it in style lately. Last year we took a bus trip to New York City as well as having a catered dinner in the house. This year we are hoping to get another great class. As always the fraternity is a place where college men get exposure to

campus leaders and great opportunities.

In 102 years, Penn, Philadelphia, America and the world have changed, and Phi Phi has kept up. Alpha Chi Rho still stands for something. We are leaders of campus, friends, teachers and above all, brothers. Alpha Chi Rho means something different to each of us; what that is must be answered individually. Phi Phi has initiated almost thirteen hundred brothers over the years, and each of them took something from their time here. A common experience for all of today's undergraduates is that this is a great time for Alpha Chi Rho and the future is bright.



A recent Phi Phi Club meeting.

## WELCOME OUR SPRING 1998 INITIATES CLASS OF 2001

*Aditia Divgi* • New York, N.Y.

*Brett Dunn* • Kensington, Pa.

*Jason Ebert* • Kutztown, Pa.

*David Graff* • San Diego, Calif.

*Peter Hicks* • Gary, Ind.

*Bradford Hirsch* • Dallas, Texas

*Peter Holst* • Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

*David Khantsis* • Tel Aviv, Israel

*William Klotzbucker* • Intercourse, Pa.

*Andrew Mandelbaun* • Staten Island, N.Y.

*John McKenzie* • Dallas, Texas

*Ryan Orr* • Wichita, Kan.

*Veeral Rathod* • Dallas, Texas

*Nimesh Shah* • Staten Island, N.Y.

*Michael Silverstein* • Canton, Mass.

*Charles Wachtel* • New York, N.Y.

## D. SAMUEL BARTON '98 RECEIVES COVETED BROTHERHOOD AWARD

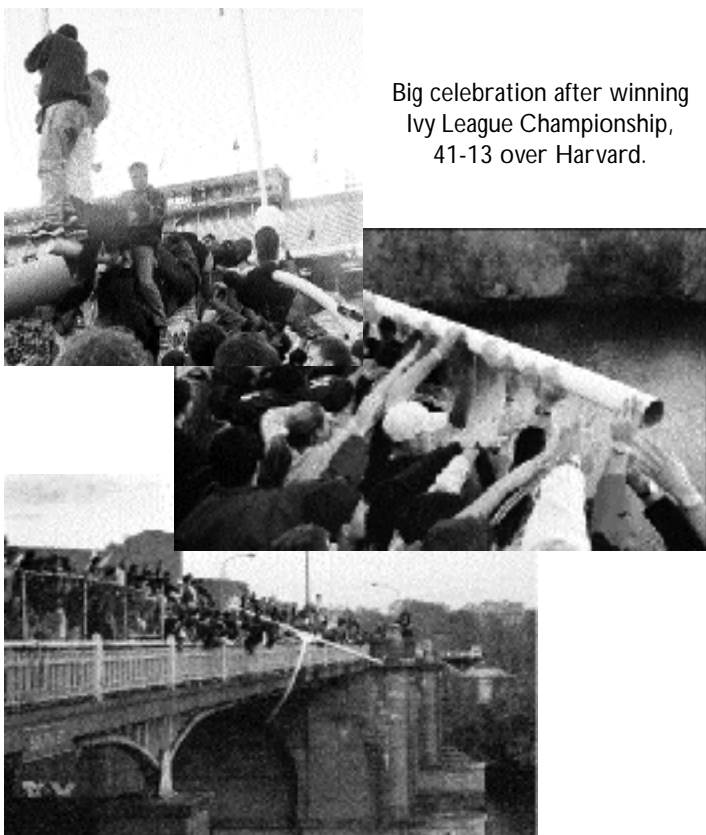
**D**. Samuel Barton '98 was awarded the Brotherhood Award at the annual Neophyte Banquet in April. The award is the highest honor that the resident chapter can bestow on one of its brothers. Sam held the offices of Postulant Educator, Member at Large, Ritual Office and President in his three years of distinguished service to the fraternity. This award is voted on with no discussion and is not given annually, only when the majority of the brotherhood votes for someone on the first ballot. Sam's energy and dedication will be missed by the brothers of Alpha Chi Rho and all of us wish him well.

### THANK YOU ...

In 1997 we raised \$4,435 from 74 alumni and in 1998 we raised \$4,430 from 62 alumni out of a total of 627 active alumni. Your continued support of our alumni relations program is vital to our success. We encourage you to support us in 1999. Our sincere thanks to all who contributed.

VISIT THE PHI PHI CLUB WEB SITE AT  
**[www.axp.ml.org](http://www.axp.ml.org)**

for newsletters, meeting dates, pictures, links and e-mail addresses for alumni. It even has a chat room!



Big celebration after winning Ivy League Championship, 41-13 over Harvard.

Students throwing goalposts off South Street bridge after win over Harvard.

# Alumni News

"Glad to see the U of P Alumni Club of Lehigh Valley functioning and doing so well," writes retired physician **Robert E. Lentz '37** (2004 South Fifth St., Allentown, PA 18103).

**William Craemer Jr. '38** (222 Perrin Pl., Charlotte, NC 28207) notes that he and Betty enjoyed their trip to Philadelphia to participate in his 60th reunion.

Retired from DuPont after 39+ years, **Melvin W. Westley '50** (7743 E. Cleary Way, Tucson, AZ 85715; melwestley@aol.com) and his wife are now living in Arizona. Mel and Hannah have three children.

**Daniel G. D'Imperio '53** (4001 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104) reports that every two years or so, 15 brothers (classes of '52 through '55) and their wives get together for dinner following homecoming. "Friends made during my fraternity days still endure today after 50 years; without a doubt, the best of a lifetime. We are still very close today. They have outlasted business associates, military and social groups."

Cars have always been of special interest to architect **Stuart M. Resor '64** (1268 Blue Sky Dr., Cardiff, CA 92007; resors@cts.com). In 1995 he started the Toyota Owners and Restorers Club (T.O.R.C.) which now has about 1,100 members worldwide.

Attorney **Brian J. Heisler '65** (28714 Fox Canyon, Spring, TX 77386) serves as in-house corporate counsel at AMOCO during the day and teaches part time at North Harris Community College in the evenings.

**Robert G. White '66** (La Rue Route de Collex Bossy, 01210 Versonnex, France) has been working as a staff member of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees since 1981. Bob and his family have lived in different countries, mainly in Africa and France, because of his work with refugees in different parts of the world.

Cardiothoracic surgeon **Brent A. Grishkin '69** (8918 Hemingway Grove Cir., Knoxville, TN 37922) is now in practice with former Army colleagues at University Heart Surgeons. He was formerly with the Army Medical Corps and also had private practices in Augusta, Ga., and Huntington, W.Va. Brent notes that **John Baxter '69** was his best man when he and his wife, Lois, were married over 28 years ago. They have three children.

**G. Donald Allen '70** (3 Hattie Ln., Billerica, MA 01821; leaseman15@aol.com) is a medical recruiter for Sales Consultants of Boston. Don always enjoys the newsletters and has fond memories of being social chairman in 1968 and playing Santa at the infamous house Christmas party. "Hello to **Mike Karpinski '70, Don Kilpela '70, Larry Caputo '70, John Hanson '70, Jeff Roughgarden '71, Don Dinan '71, John Kelly '71, Dave Mudge '73** and all. The flame still lives!"

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# Alumni News

**John R. Fitzgerald Jr. '71** (26 Hunting Cir., Wellesley, MA 02481) is chief operating officer of Tru-Fit Marketing Corp. He and his wife have been married over 22 years and have three daughters.

A partner in Miller & Miller CPAs, **Ronald L. Miller '71** (630 South Broad St., Lititz, PA 17543; ron@mmcpa.com) reports that **Jared E. Miller '95** was wed to Megan in May 1998 and their new address is 32 Brookview Dr., Lititz, PA 17543. He notes that **Howard Ellis '72** was also married in the same month.

Retired Navy Lieutenant Commander **Scott Calisti '77** (2018 Commonwealth Ave. #28, Brighton, MA 02135) is "going high tech." He has been admitted into an executive development training program sponsored by a consortium of New England-based computer software companies. When he wrote in October 1998, Scott was awaiting a final interview with a company that produces facilities management software.

**Michael H. Diamant '78** (1638 Eagle Nest Cir., Winter Springs, FL 32708; mdiamant@sundial.net) is director of technical services at Power Cerv, a software consulting business. His son, Marc, is "talking up a storm" and will be three in July 1999.

"Congratulations on the house improvements. Keep up the good work!" applauds **Vincent J. Palusci '80** (7920 Aspenwood Dr. S.E., Ada, MI 49301).

When he wrote in the spring, **Peter J. Schankowitz '83** (6240 Rockcliff Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90066; pschank@aol.com), his wife, Kathy, and daughter, Carly, were planning to relocate from New York to California in May 1998. "Stay in touch with us!" Peter was looking forward to producing the late night show, "The Magic Hour," hosted by NBA great Magic Johnson.

**Daniel A. Stone '83** (c/o Nathaniel Stone, 8410 S.W. 143rd St., Miami, FL 33158; dstone@jet.es) has been living in Europe — London, Paris and now in Spain — over the last six years. He and his wife, Toni, have been married two years and are living on the Isle of Mallorca where Daniel works as an independent financial consultant. Their first child, Marc, was born in March 1998. "Life here is just great. Give a shout if you're traveling through, or better, send an e-mail."

May 1998 was a rather busy month for **Michael L. Viola '86** (908 Mountain St., Philadelphia, PA 19148; mlviola@earthlink.net). He bought a house, his law practice reorganized and he became a partner in the new firm of Shainberg & Viola. He was also awarded

the 1998 Michael K. Smith Excellence in Service Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division.

Veterinarian **Daren M. Roa '88** (3909 Bayview Dr., Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732) finished his surgery residency in Tennessee in July 1998 and has now joined the Chesapeake Veterinary Referral Center in Annapolis, Md. He enjoys living on the bay and reports that "Blackjack," the 1988 fraternity house dog, is still alive and well. Daren was looking forward to the upcoming marriage of **Peter Stevens '88**. "Hello to all the Phi Phi brothers with whom I enjoyed many good times!"

**Peter A. Stevens '88** (111 W. 85th St., New York, NY 10024; stevens613@hotmail.com) and his wife, Susan, were married in June 1998. In attendance were **Daren Roa '88**, **Bruce Shallet '88**, **Jonathan Magasanik '88**, **Steve Lavalle '87** and **Brian Pope '89**.

Director of brand development at Universal Studios **J. Brian Pope '89** (735 Manhattan Ave. #1, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254; brian.pope@unistudios.com) has a son, Brennan, who turned 1 in 1998.

**Alan G. Stahl '89** (4634 Whispering Rock, Spring, TX 77388) and his fiancée, Tricia Rutherford, plan to be married in Pennsylvania in April 1999.

**Joshua G. Getzler '90** (322 West 72nd St., Apt. 11-C, New York, NY 10023; jgrilse@aol.com) is vice president of Sandlot Sports Inc. minor league baseball. They hope to be moving their single-A baseball team to the New York city area for the 1999 season. "Everyone's invited to a game and details will be forthcoming." They ended their affiliation with the Cleveland Indians after coming in third the 1998 season and have signed a two-year contract with the New York Yankees. Joshua and his wife, Amanda, are finishing renovations on their new apartment in Manhattan and are expecting their first child in May 1999.

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Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **Roland B. Roberts '36** (5/10/98), **James S. Lowell '49** (7/12/98), **John Cahill '56** (5/4/98), **Richard Reardon '56** (8/19/97) and **Stephen C. Grebe '67**.

Alpha Chi Rho mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

## WHERE ARE THEY?

There are many brothers who are not receiving *The Phi Phi Review* newsletter or any other mailings. On the back of the enclosed newsform is a list of our "lost" brothers. We would like to establish communications with them. If you know the whereabouts of any of these brothers, please help us and send the requested information. Space is provided on the back of the newsform for correct addresses. Thank you!

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