

Fraternity EVENTS

Alumni Day Barbeque

Saturday, May 17, 12:00 p.m.

Homecoming 2003 is on November 8!!

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Alumni Profiles

Q+A with Carl Forsling '95

The Few. The Proud. One of Our Own!

Carl Forsling '95 is one of the "few good men" defending our country in these difficult times. He remembers fondly his days at Penn and in Alpha Chi Rho. Those experiences are a far cry from what he has experienced since, in places like Kosovo and Kandahar.

Why did you join Alpha Chi Rho?

I joined freshman year because I thought that the dorms were impersonal – a warehouse for freshman bodies. I wanted to find someplace that felt like home on campus. The reason I picked Alpha Chi Rho was the brothers that I met on my own around campus, doing things like intramural sports.

What is your favorite memory of the fraternity?

The party that my pledge class hosted that spring, called "Thirty-One Flavors," was my favorite. I think they still might have it now. My pledge class organized it on our own and promoted it. We had a great time and came together as a class doing it.

What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

I guess most of it was the social aspect and the people that I meet. Though I haven't gotten back to Penn as much as I would like, I do tend to run into the people from the fraternity, and that impacts my life in a positive way. I was secretary one year, sergeant at arms another year and I was on the Greek Judicial Board of the Interfraternity Council. Those were good experiences, learning to keep things in order with a group of people who are chaotic to begin with. It's where I learned that leading my peers could be the most difficult group to lead.

With whom do you stay in contact? Is there anyone you've lost touch with whom you'd like to find?

I see the brothers in my class and those a little older when I get back from homecoming. It's been over a year since I've been back. I do get e-mails, especially when I've been on deployment. People like **Crae Morton '94**, **Joe Suyama '94** and **Mike Alfano '93** contacted me when I was on the ship. I'd like to get in touch with **Chris Humphreys '94**, who was my sophomore year roommate.

Did you have a nickname? If so, how did you get it?

My nickname was Gomer, like Gomer Pyle.

Tell us about your family. Have you married? Do you have children?

I got married about a year and half ago. We have a dog, and our first child will be here in a few weeks! We don't know whether it's a boy or girl.

Can you tell us about your career?

Following graduation, I went to the Basic School in Quantico, Va., for the Marines. That's a six-month course of mostly infantry, teaching you how to be basic Marine on the ground and how to lead a platoon of Marines. Then I did about a year and half of flight school – some in Pensacola, Fla., and some in Corpus Christi, Texas. From there I was sent to CH46 Helicopter Training in New River, N.C.



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Q+A with Carl Forsling '95 ...continued

From 1998 until last spring, I was with a squadron called HMM 365 down in New River. I was flying CH46 helicopters and went on two deployments. The first was in 1999 when we went to Kosovo. While the bombing campaign was going on, we were on standby to recover anyone lost in the bombing runs – like the O’Grady thing that happened. We also did humanitarian relief for refugees coming into Albania. Once the bombing stopped, we flew into Macedonia and did the peacekeeping in Kosovo. We were the first Americans into Kosovo after the bombing stopped and were there for several months. We were supposed to enjoy our first liberty, but there was an earthquake in Turkey, so we went there to lend assistance and earthquake relief. The second deployment was late in the fall of 2001, right after 9/11. We were deployed to Pakistan to support the Marines and Special Forces missions out of the Kandahar Airport. That was nerve-racking, because the weather there is very hard on helicopters, with the altitude and sand.

In Kosovo, there were entire towns on fire from people seeking vengeance. We freed the Albanians, and then they decided to take things out on the people that had been oppressing them. It was sort of a yo-yo effect. But most of our missions were pretty straightforward. In Afghanistan, our missions were more combat-oriented; we took the Australian SAS, their Special Operations guys, out to their patrols. And we did some raids against suspected document caches from Al-Qaeda and the Taliban. Since returning last April, I’ve been a flight instructor here in Pensacola.

What do you think about what is happening currently with Iraq?

My personal opinion is that Hussein has gotten enough warnings; he’s been warned for the last 10 years to stop doing this. He keeps trying to jerk our chain, and we really can’t let him do that much longer. Once he does get nuclear weapons or expands biological or chemical weapons, it will be just that

much harder to stop him then. Most of the Marines are supportive of the administration, and most of us who are stuck in a stateside job wish we were still out in the regular forces.

What are your goals for the next few years?

Right now, my goals are to have this baby and do my best with that. Professionally, I’d like to get a lot of flight time and in the next year or so. My obligation with the Marine Corps will be up, so I’ll have to decide what to do about that. On one hand, it would be interesting to stay in the Marine Corps with all that is going on to fight terrorism. On the other hand, jobs like law enforcement are interesting to me, and I could help my country in that way. The next year will have a lot of big choices and changes!

Brothers who want to get in contact with Carl can e-mail him at cfor sling@mchsi.com



Scholarship Funding

By Manuel Calero '98,
Phi Phi Club Scholarship Chairman

Scholarship Roars out of the Gate

The Phi Phi Scholarship completed its first full year of fundraising this past December. Twenty-five brothers pledged a total of \$16,025, reaching 80 percent of the \$20,000 goal for the first year, and setting a challenge to the brotherhood to come even closer to the annual goal this year. Remember that **Jim Rappaport '78** matches \$0.50 for every \$1.00 raised by the brotherhood. This means that the grand total pledged this past year comes to \$24,037.50!

Terms of the Phi Phi Scholarship were discussed at the Graduate Board’s January 2003 meeting. Issues discussed included award criteria, the application, selection/disbursement processes and the overall timeline for finalizing these terms and making the first awards.

The Board agreed that awards be based on three general principles: academic achievement, financial need and brotherhood. A number of proposed concepts on how to best incorporate these three areas was discussed and are being evaluated. Among them is the option of weighing all three equally based on an objective and simple point system. We welcome your feedback as we finalize the application process.

Also discussed was the process for awarding the scholarship. The currently favored proposal requires undergraduates to submit their applications for review to a Phi Phi Graduate Board Scholarship Committee. The final decision would then

be made by an alumni-based Phi Phi Scholarship Board of Trustees chosen by the Graduate Board. Awards would be distributed in accordance with the Alpha Chi Rho Educational Foundation’s guidelines that are in place to ensure compliance with the tax regulations that govern academic scholarships.

The Graduate Board will continue to discuss all of these details in the upcoming meetings. We expect this process to be finalized by this summer, and applications are to be made available to undergraduates at the beginning of the fall semester. The first award(s) will be made in the spring semester, and official recognition is planned for Alumni Day 2003. Each year thereafter, we will be giving out a substantial scholarship to a worthy undergrad.

We hope we can all rise to this challenge and make a contribution. If you are interested in giving to this scholarship fund, you can send a check to AXPEF, 109 Oxford Way, Neptune, NJ 07753 (make it out to the AXPEF Phi Phi Fund). Since this is through AXPEF, your gift is tax-deductible, and corporate matching is also allowed.

Stay tuned for more details, and once again, a huge thank you to Brother Rappaport and to all who have given so far for your incredible generosity. ■

President's

Letter

By John C. Hawkins '93,
Phi Phi Club President

What Legends Have You Created?

Alpha Chi Rho is the stuff of legends. Tales are told for decades of courageous exploits, hard-won triumphs, crushing defeats and embarrassing mishaps. The sagas of generations of brothers are woven together into a shared history, sometimes including more than a touch of mythology. Sure, some of the juicier details become magnified over the years, turning already-entertaining tales into the AXP version of big-fish stories.

To say that we are brothers is more than just a trite bit of rhetoric. It is a deep sense of loyalty, a set of shared experiences and an ever-amusing body of stories to rival the most majestic tales from Norse mythology. Fostering a distinct common identity with which members can identify and align themselves is one of the most important benefits of the fraternity experience. Everybody needs a group to belong to, and what finer group can there be than ours?

And our fraternity continues on the path to excellence. The house looks incredible with its new windows and roof, and the improved bathrooms and speedy Internet and cable connections have greatly improved its living conditions. We hope to completely gut and renovate the kitchen this upcoming summer. We ask for your support for this project, and we thank you for your past contributions of time or money, as they are vital to the strength of the brotherhood.

We were thrilled to be able to relive old memories with so many of you at homecoming over some great food and football. For those of you who couldn't make it, we missed you, but we look forward to catching up at our **Alumni Day Barbecue on May 17** (or at least at our **2003 Homecoming on November 8**)!

Who could have ever expected that four years in college would represent an enduring source of fellowship and social ties to last a lifetime? Those four years changed all of us, and we are all immeasurably changed for the better. So please come share prized memories, create new ones and meet the fine young men who are the next generation in the AXP legacy. ■

Chapter

Report

By Jason Belinkie '04, Undergraduate President

The Latest Phi Phi Tradition? A Full House!

This year has seen the undergraduate brotherhood of Alpha Chi Rho's Phi Phi Chapter maintain and strengthen its level of excellence for which our chapter is known. Coming off a year of great success, we have continued to consistently demonstrate the tenets of brotherhood on which our fraternity is founded.

The year began with a renewed commitment to maintain full occupancy of our chapter hall through superior member recruitment. After a successful year of admitting 16 brothers, we were determined to improve our rush and recruitment strategies even further. From the beginning of the year, every brother made a concerted social effort to advocate the benefits of being a member of Alpha Chi Rho. During our formal rush period, we could see that our efforts had paid off as we hoped to gain even more pledges than last year. We are proud to announce that we have 17 postulants, and the house will be fully occupied for the second year in a row.

Once again we have continued in the long tradition of campus involvement and leadership. Alpha Chi Rho brothers hold leadership positions for such prominent organizations as Civic House, Preceptorials, Student Events Planning Committee, several athletic teams/clubs and the InterFraternity Council. Seniors Greg Millhauser and Brian Ferrell are also continuing leadership roles on the Spring Fling Committee. In addition, sophomore Mark Schilsky began his term as academic vice president of the IFC.

In closing, we would like to thank all of the brothers, past and present, for their continued moral and financial support. We look forward to seeing you at Alumni Day, 2003 Homecoming and any other time you are in the neighborhood. We send our best for the upcoming year. ■

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Alumni UpDates

Clifford C. Pierson '33

(1590 S.E. River Ridge Dr., Portland, OR 97222) My wife and I, married 65 years, are in a beautiful retirement home situated on the Willamette River in suburban Portland.

J. Richard Chase '47

(1314 Griffith Rd., Phelps, NY 14532; jrchase@chasepc.com) As the only class of '47 brother to be shown on last year's response list, I want to needle my classmate brothers to let us know that they haven't drunk their last highball at nightfall. Come on, guys, don't keep me wondering. We are presently in our Lake City, Fla., winter home (newly built last year) after selling our previously winter-occupied mobile home in Delray Beach, Fla., May 15 through Oct. 15 we are in Phelps, N.Y.

Daniel G. Dimperio '53

(4001 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104-5256; dimperio@aol.com) I am semi-retired now and doing a bit more traveling. I am active in the Phi Phi Graduate Chapter and the AXP Educational Foundation. Every two years, there is a mini-reunion on homecoming weekend, where we attract about 15 brothers from the combined classes of 1952 thru 1956.

Urban S. Reininger '57

(5540 Tamberlane Cir., #214, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418; urbinger@aol.com) I'm spending half of my time at our place in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and the rest of the time in East Hampton, N.Y. I have five children and five grandchildren. If any of you are fans of Indy car racing, my eldest son is the spotter from the Andretti Green Team. While I attend some of the races, I take photos which are on Motorsport.com. David is a senior editor there as well and also writes for ESPN. When we feel the mood to travel, we hop into our little RV and drive around the U.S.A. Two years ago, we did 22 states and four Canadian provinces, and we have yet to sleep in the RV. If any of the brothers are ever in our area, please call and stop by for a cold one or two.

David A. Eisenberg '67

(195 Vasquez Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127-1034) I get along O.K., but had major back surgery more than three years ago that has slowed me down. My businesses, Anresco Inc. and Micro-Tracers Inc., have continued to do reasonably well. My family visited Penn

in May for my 35th reunion. If any AXP brothers visit San Francisco give me a call at 415-822-1100, ext. 11 (work) or home 415-664-2891. I am glad the house is still standing after all these years. I maintain contact with **Ray Bowman '67** and with **John Madison Smartt '66**.

Thomas A. Morris, '73

(214 Meeting House Rd., Duxbury, MA 02332-4436; tamorrismd@msm.com) Best wishes to my classmates of 1973 and 1970-1977! What ever became of **Steven J. Endres '71**? Are any Phi Phi brothers also Masons? I have become very active in that ancient fraternity as well as maintaining a busy practice in pulmonary disease.

James Wyant Rappaport '77

(Box 576, Concord, MA 01742) After an unsuccessful run for lieutenant governor in Massachusetts, I am back with our real estate investment company, New Boston Fund. We are in the midst of raising \$300 million in our sixth fund. I have two children in college, one a senior at American University (yes, I did let him know that Penn beat them this year in b-ball), and the other a freshman at Boston University. Our youngest son is in the sixth grade at the Fenn School here in Concord. My wife, Cecelia, has returned to school to finish her art degree. We plan to ride in the 200-mile Pan Mass Challenge, a charity ride for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute here in Boston. We have raised more than \$1.5 million over the last seven years for them as a thank you for saving our son's life.



"Are we keeping you up, Baby Connor?"

Vincent J. Palusci '80

(7920 Aspenwood Dr. SE, Ada, MI 49301-9604; rozpal@aol.com) Hey from the frigid north! It was a pleasure visiting for homecoming last fall. The house looks great and it was great to see some old-timers. I'm a forensic pediatrician in Grand Rapids, Mich., and have a son, John, who is looking at colleges and joining AXP. We hope to see everyone at Alumni Day.

Brian W. Keller '83

(126 Miller St., Strasburg, PA 17579-1117; bkeller@wlgore.com) I am living in Strasburg, Pa., with my wife Paula,

daughter Hannah (4) and son Paul (2). I am working for W.L. Gore and Associates in Newark, Del., as an information technology manager. I keep in touch with **Joe Havlick '83** on a regular basis and even did a co-family vacation to Breckenridge, Colo., last summer. I also see **Mark Coogan '83**, **Charles Reback '83**, **Eric Vandercar '83**, **Dan Levin '83**, **Bill Latour '77**, **Vinnie Keenan '81** and others on an annual basis. I also hope to hook up with **John Kindred '83** in Tokyo, as I am now traveling to Japan on business on a regular basis.

Michael L. Viola '86

(908 Mountain St., Philadelphia, PA 19148-1118; michaelviola@comcast.net) I've been trying to keep active in the legal community and otherwise. I was interviewed for the April issue of Real Philly Magazine. I was surprised how many people saw it. I helped raise money for the Delaware Valley Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society which is important to me since I was diagnosed with M.S. in September 2001. I try to see **[Stephen] Vedro '86** and **[Christopher] Albani '87** whenever possible, which can prove difficult of Albani living in Japan. Unfortunately, my calendar usually doesn't afford me time to get to the house for homecoming.

Franklin M. Edwards '89

(224 Mount Vernon Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48073-5102; frank@everythingelevator.com) Anna Marie and I welcomed Connor Franklin Edwards on March 13, 2002.

John C. Hawkins '93

(343 S. 18th St. #3, Philadelphia, PA 19103; jch@pobox.com) Besides spending all of my time on the Phi Phi Club, I am a political consultant in Philly who still tries to stay in touch with every living AXP. I was married this past September to the very lovely Julie Goodman in Memorial Hall in Philly's Fairmount Park, and I was honored to have more than 25 of my fraternity brothers join me for the party.

In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **William H. Auf Der Heyde '33** (4/29/02), **Charles W. Rubendall Jr. '37**, **Wallis Boileau III '39** (11/14/01), **Wallace McCurdy '41** (5/00), Alpha Chi Rho mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.