



# The Phi Phi Review



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## NEW WINDOWS AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES

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

Greetings from Philadelphia! This last year has been an important one for our fraternity, with many accomplishments and positive growth of which we can all be proud.

Our undergraduate chapter in particular has shown tremendous progress after several difficult years of rebuilding. Next year the house will be full for the first time in four years and the pledge class of fifteen is the largest since 1996. When you enter the house you can once again see a brotherhood full of energy and excitement and it shows in their leadership and the projects they've taken on around campus. The alumni should have every reason to believe this enthusiasm will continue in the coming years and we will be working closely with the undergraduates to make sure that their hard work continues.

I remember when I first became involved with the fraternity twelve years ago and I learned that the alumni were going to shortly replace the house's ancient windows. Of course, many crises and monumental projects intervened, including completely replacing our basement, floors and upstairs hallways. But I am proud to report that the impossible dream has finally been achieved, and every window has now been replaced.

As I've told you previously, over the last couple years the alumni have taken on many house improvements, including new carpet, roof, furnace, landscaping, mortgage and high-speed Internet access; but the new windows really are a crowning achievement that could not have been done without the support of all our alumni. In particular, Chris Albani '87 and Steve LaValle '87 provided the initial vision almost a decade ago for this and many of these other projects.

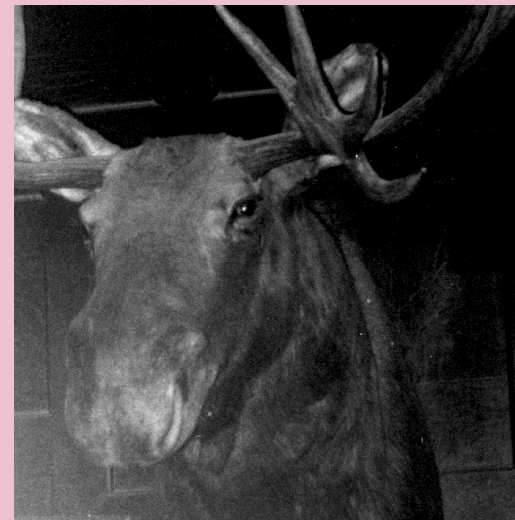
We have also been increasingly successful with our fundraising and I want to extend my sincere thanks to the many alumni who have contributed to our fraternity over the last year. These gifts demonstrate that your support and participation are still needed and welcome if we are to continue the hard-fought progress we've made recently.

Remember, the Phi Phi Club has an incredible website ([www.phiphiclub.com](http://www.phiphiclub.com)), which allows all of our alumni to stay in touch with the fraternity and each other on a regular basis. Please visit it and make sure your information is up-to-date.

And of course I want to thank each of you who came to Homecoming — the food was excellent, the company was great, the house looked awesome, the football team was victorious and the weather was perfect! For those of you who couldn't make it, we missed you, but hope to see you for our Alumni Day Barbecue on May 19 (or at least for our next Homecoming on November 3, 2001)!

## HAVE YOU SEEN ME LATELY?

Yup, that's right, it's me, the Arthur B. Staib Moose. I haven't seen you around lately and I'd sure wish you'd visit more often, because we sure had some good times, didn't we? In the last year I've done a lot more traveling than I've done in the past. You see, another fraternity with a bad case of "moosehead envy" decided to borrow me over break; but once they realized they weren't worthy, they deposited me in a third fraternity's kitchen on the other side of campus. Thankfully, I'm back in the house where I belong and you have my word that I am not going to be doing any more traveling for a long time. I'll be honest, though — I'm a lot worse for the wear and it's going to take some serious reconstructive work to get me back in shape and up once again on my wall. Any funds you'd like to donate towards my recovery will be greatly appreciated. If you really want to help me get over my travel trauma, write down your favorite memories of me on the enclosed form and we'll print them all in the next *Phi Phi Review*. At Homecoming I'll even give out a pair of free football tickets for the best story....



## SPRING 2001 OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Jason Vodzak '02  
Dallas, PA

### VICE PRESIDENT

William Snyder '03  
Birmingham, AL

### TREASURER

Greg Millhauser '03  
Coral Springs, FL

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Berkeley, CA

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Jon Frerrichs '03  
Chicago, IL

### MEAL STEWARD

Brian Ferrell '03  
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AND CHAPLAIN  
Kevin Meyers '02  
Dallas, TX

### HISTORIAN

Will Taylor '02  
Vancouver, WA

### RUSH CHAIR (OUTGOING)

Michael Fives '03  
Pittsburgh, PA

### POSTULANT EDUCATOR

John McKensie '01  
Dallas, TX

## DEAR BROTHERS,

This year has seen the undergraduate brotherhood of Alpha Chi Rho's Phi Phi Chapter enthusiastically working to preserve the excellence for which our chapter is known. It has been a year of challenges and change, but we have nonetheless consistently demonstrated the tenets of brotherhood on which our fraternity is founded.

The year began with a renewed commitment to regain full occupancy of our Chapter Hall through superior member recruitment. We came off of a year with a less than satisfactory new brother yield and were determined to improve our rush and recruitment strategies. 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 paid off, although the bills never will be. We are proud to announce that we have 15 postulants and the house will be fully occupied next year for the first time in four years.

House improvements and repairs have been numerous this year. Foremost among these, the graduate board has installed new windows throughout the house. They have increased the heat efficiency and security of the house greatly, as well as adding to the overall aesthetics of the fraternity. In addition to the windows, new locks and deadbolts have been installed in order to increase the security of the house and the boiler has also undergone considerable repairs.

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, the Preceptorials, Student Events Planning Committee, several athletic teams and the Inter-Fraternity Council. Senior Andrew Mandelbaum completed his second semester as Inter-Fraternity Council President and sophomore Bill Snyder began his term as Academic Vice President. Junior Kevin Meyers is this year's Spring Fling director and has been very busily preparing for the big weekend. Sophomores Greg Millhauser and Brian Ferrell are also filling leadership roles on the Spring Fling Committee.

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

### In the Bond,

Jason M. Vodzak SEAS '02  
Undergraduate President

Michael T. Fives SAS '02  
Undergraduate Rush Chair

## SPRING 2001 PLEDGES

Jason Belinkie  
Bethesda, MD

Dan Casey  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mike Christensen  
McLean, VA

Steve Harris  
Mercer Island, WA

Alex High  
Elkins, W.Va.

Deepak Kollali  
Yorktown Heights, NY

Robert Lavan  
Hollywood, FL

Joe Laws  
Chicago, IL

Benji Power  
Miami, FL

Graham Roberts  
New York, NY

Alex Sankin  
Coral Springs, FL

Jimmy Sastra  
Seoul, South Korea

Sudhir Shaunak  
Kenmore, WA

Jay Shek  
Dallas, TX

Suresh Swaminathan  
Ambler, PA



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[WWW.PHIPHICLUB.COM](http://WWW.PHIPHICLUB.COM)

for alumni contact info, newsletters, pictures, meeting dates, announcements and the Phi Phi Chat Room!

# ALUMNI NEWS

"Everything is still the same, except I am one year older," wrote 88-year-old George Blankley '33 last year. He resides at 208 Rodney Cir., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

Although he's mostly retired, lawyer Henry J. Prominski '50 (P.O. Box 540, Weirsdale, FL 32195) still practices some law. During his career, he served in the Navy and with the Florida State Legislature. Hank is now on the board of directors of Sanibel Beach Club II.

In July 2000, Robert M. Grohol '54 (263 Woodland Rd., Madison, NJ 07940; rmgrohol@aol.com) was elected to the board of directors of First Investors Corp., one of the country's oldest mutual fund companies.

Stuart M. Resor '64 (1268 Blue Sky Dr., Cardiff, CA 92007) has purchased 67 acres of desert property in Borrego Springs, Calif. The land includes a methanol still and a 100-space campground. "Anyone want to find the winter sun? If you liked Death Valley, you'll like this! It's called Rancho Estremas (Ranch of the Stars). Bring your telescope! My e-mail address is resorarchitect@aol.com."

Brian J. Heisler '65 (28714 Fox Canyon, Spring, TX 77386) took an early retirement package from B.P. Amoco's Corporate Law Department in 1999. He's been busy pursuing additional graduate studies and teaching part time at a community college in Houston.

Financial adviser John M. Smartt Jr. '66 (5525 Lonas Rd., Knoxville, TN 37909; smartcpa@usit.net) has a growing investment management practice. He also volunteers his time for construction work with Habitat for Humanity. He and Paula, a fellow CPA, married three years ago.

Philip H. Close III '67 has retired from Conoco and to a quieter life in the country. Brothers can write to him at Littleton Farm, Girvan, Ayrshire KA26 9JS, Scotland, U.K.; clop20@aol.com.

William I. English Jr. '68 (3012 Meredith Ln., Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462; menglish@bellatlantic.net) is an attorney in solo practice. His son, Bill, earned a master's degree in the spring of 2000 and was planning to be married that summer. His daughter, Kristen, is a student at Swarthmore and an All American in lacrosse and field hockey.

Lois and Brent A. Grishkin '69 (8918 Hemingway Grove Cir., Knoxville, TN 37922; drgrish@hotmail.com) were looking forward to celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary last year. Brent, a cardiothoracic surgeon, is retired from the Army Medical Corps and now in private practice with University Heart Surgeons.

Mechanical engineer John G. Kelly '71 (4701 Cedar Ln., Drexel Hill, PA 19026; jgkelly@pgworks.com) is a project manager at Philadelphia Gas Works. He's been playing more golf lately. "If anyone in the Philadelphia area needs a fourth, please call me at 610-449-0381."

Steven Arkin '77 (4601 Henry Hudson Pky., Apt. B2, Riverdale, NY 10471; steven.arkin@mssm.edu) has relocated his pediatric hematology and oncology professional activities to the North Shore. He's working with LIJ Health System and Schneider Children's Hospital.

Scott Calisti '77 (2018 Commonwealth Ave., Apt. 28, Boston, MA 02135; scott@windowbook.com) has left the practice of architecture and taken a new job as a technical support representative at Windowbook Inc. When he wrote this past January, he was in the final stages of a fellowship program that retrains professionals for senior positions in high-technology companies.

## *Alumni Day Barbeque*

**SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2001**

**12 P.M. — 5 P.M.**

**AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FESTIVITIES!**

**DON'T FORGET THAT HOMECOMING 2001 IS NOVEMBER 3!!**

# MORE NEWS

Martin D. Isaac '85 (50 Skating Pond Rd., Trumbull, CT 06611; marty\_06611@yahoo.com) runs marketing for Webloyalty.com. He's also busy with his three children and their activities, including lots of soccer. Marty's only regret these days is that he doesn't have the time to fish as much as he'd like.

Correspondence for Daren M. Roa '88 can be sent to 3909 Bayview Dr., Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732. He and classmate John Schroeder have started VetCentric.com. The company provides e-business solutions to veterinarians, as well as information and services to animal owners. Last fall, Daren enjoyed a golf outing with John and Peter Stevens '88.

Physician Robert A. Rosenbaum '90 (701 Burnley Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803), a clinical associate professor of emergency medicine, became a fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians in October 2000. He and his wife, Jean, were expecting the arrival of their first child in January of this year.

With his new job as managing senior financial analyst at A.M. Best Co., Andrew S. Edelsberg '91 has moved with his family to 3 Dartmouth Rd., Annandale, NJ 08801. E-mail for him can be sent to edelsba@ambest.com. He and his wife, Cathy, were looking forward to attending Homecoming 2000.

John H. Adams '92 (125 8th Ave., #3A, Brooklyn, NY 11215), an associate at Schwartz Architects, was working on the new Staten Island Ferry terminal in Battery Park last year. He and his wife, Anne, reside at 125 8th Ave., #3A, Brooklyn, NY 11215. John sends best wishes to all. You can contact him electronically at jaonline@sprynet.com.

Joe Suyama '94 has a new address at 3425 Michigan Ave., #3, Cincinnati, OH 45208. He and Michelle Downes were planning to be married in October 2000.

Aviator Carl Forsling '95 (213 Brandy Ct., Jacksonville, NC 28540; cforsling@gibraltor.net) is a captain in the Marine Corps. When he last wrote, he was flying hard as he prepared for exercises in Georgia and California. Carl had a great time at Homecoming 1999 and was looking forward to the event in 2000.

William T. Hill Jr. '98 (4155 Stirling St., Philadelphia, PA 19135) is in his last semester at Temple Law School. This September, he'll be joining the law firm of Pepper Hamilton in Philadelphia as an associate.

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

*Robert T. Galloway '39 (6/99),  
George F. Greenwood '39,  
William J. Mackleer '41,  
H. Charles Brown '47 (8/11/00),  
Donald H. Mahan '51 (6/24/99) and  
Ted Verbinski '58.*

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



## 2001 PENN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

### SEPTEMBER

15 LEHIGH  
22 at Lafayette  
29 at Dartmouth

### OCTOBER

6 HOLY CROSS  
13 at Columbia  
20 YALE  
27 at Brown

### NOVEMBER

3 PRINCETON  
10 at Harvard  
17 CORNELL

*Home games are in all CAPS.*



## SAY CHEESE!

We welcome your photos from the past, or of recent gatherings that bring back so many memories. Please be sure to include all the details of the event (location, date, etc.) and to identify all people in the photo (left to right). We can reproduce your photos in the newsletter and return them to you unchanged. Just attach a note with your address.