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Report from the President

By Spencer L. Matusky '02,

A Word from the President:

Join Me in Supporting What We Must Do

As I enter my second fall as House Association president, the strides taken since I began my term are nothing compared to the task of fundraising and renovation that WE are about to begin. In the coming months, you will hear the objectives and goals. I hope

that all of you look at this the same way I do – this is not something we want or should do. It is something we must do. It is something that must be accomplished. This will be an exciting time. It will be a re-birth of sorts for the Kingdom. We are aware of past accomplishments and

failures of campaigns. This campaign will be different. It will include changes to almost every aspect of how the Alpha Delta Chapter operates. I sincerely ask you to look upon this campaign with only thoughts of the future of Chi Phi and what we can accomplish. ■

Capital

Fundraising Campaign

Alumni Board Announces Capital Fundraising Campaign

My name is **Bob Martin '87** and I am a Chi Phi Alpha Delta alum, residing in State College with my wife, Marylou and my two sons, Zachary and Evan. If you are taking the time to read this, I have to believe that Chi Phi has impacted your life in an extremely positive way just like it has mine. I am asking you to give me ten minutes of your time; the first five minutes to read this and the next five minutes to ask yourself how you will respond.

If you are like me, you are probably juggling the pressures of a career, a home, possibly a family to provide for and countless daily activities that make life spin sometimes wildly out of control. You might be asking, "Why should I even care about the future of Chi Phi with all of my own immediate concerns?" I asked myself these same questions. It gave me the chance to reflect on what Chi Phi has given me and why I have decided to chair this campaign. So I ask you to think hard about how your life has changed for the better because of Chi Phi's Alpha Delta Chapter. I hope you will consider joining me in this important battle to keep the Kingdom alive and on a path of revitalization.

The Past and the Future Revolves Around You

The Alpha Delta Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity has seen its share of tough times in the not-so-distant past. Membership declined. Upkeep of the house deteriorated. Pride and excitement for the Alpha Delta Chapter experienced an all-time low. There was a time when the Alumni Board seriously considered closing the house due to the apathy from both actives and alumni. Much

to the dismay of a very hardworking House Alumni Board, hope for the Kingdom almost disappeared.

But, that's the past.

Over the last year, a new House Alumni Board has evolved. This board has made a strong push to infuse new energy and enthusiasm into the actives/alumni relationship. I am thrilled to report – it is working. Over the past year, drastic progress has been

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Report from the

Treasurer

By Kenneth J. Cooper '76,
House Association Treasurer

Thanks go to William Walker '37

The Alumni Association appreciates each and every contribution that you make. Many continue to give beyond the normal dues year after year. However, recently, we received a most generous contribution.

The Alumni Association would like to send a special thank you to **William Walker '37** of Wayne, PA for his contribution of \$4,000.00. This is a yearly dues contribution record in recent history, and possibly of all time. It also is especially timely because of the extensive repairs and improvements planned for the house. **Mr. Walker** not only gives financially but continues to support the fraternity through continued attendance and participation at our Annual Alumni meetings. We appreciate you. ■



Brothers **Ray Rohrbach** (left), **Bob Whitall '46**, **Bill Harsh** and **Chuck Woods '48** are modeling their R.O.T.C. uniforms in front of the house in the fall of 1942. (Photo submitted by **William M. Bull, Jr. '44**)

Undergraduate Report

By **Dan Endres '05**,
Alpha

Returning to the Kingdom

I am happy to report that the mood in the Kingdom has experienced a drastic improvement. Every active is glowing with extreme optimism. Our fall in-house numbers are at a three-year high. We have a tremendous group of younger brothers who enjoy working with and learning from the older actives.

Recently, the house received a much needed face lift thanks to a joint effort by the actives and Alumni Board. Many actives returned to the Kingdom from their summer break a week early to help get the house prepped for the upcoming rush period. We repainted the club rooms and oiled the wood. New furniture was added to complete the face-lift.

Now, we are actively involved in rush. We are very excited because the house is looking beautiful and we have a great group of rushees. We know the importance of this rush period as we need to increase our numbers. We are confident that fall rush will result in a class of 10 to 15 new members.

On behalf of the entire active membership, I would like to thank Tom Kenington '90. Throughout the summer, Tom and I worked to formulate ideas on how to move the Kingdom towards its future. Tom played a significant role in our remodeling efforts. Living in the house this summer, I was fortunate enough to meet other alumni, a few who have not been involved in years. It is always a great pleasure to meet brothers. No matter what generation, a Chi Phi is always Chi Phi. The actives would like to extend invitations to all our alumni members to return back to the Kingdom. We know how vital our relationship with our alumni is for the future success of our chapter. ■

Alumni UpDates

Raymond Tiley '41

(The Tremont, 7015 Red Bug Lake Rd., #320, Oviedo, FL 32765) I'm retired, and moved to my new address in January.

William M. Bull '44

(324 Chestnut St., Spring City, PA 19475) Although I did not finish my learning experience at Penn State, the years that I spent at Alpha Delta will always live in my mind.

Donald E. Harris '54

(2478 North River Rd., New Hope, PA 18938) Our family surprised us with a party in June 2003 to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary (our anniversary is August 29). The party was great! We took a two week tour of some of the national parks in Wyoming, Utah, and Arizona, with the tour concluding in Las Vegas. We spent our August 29th anniversary at Bryce Canyon Park.

Joseph E. Hendrickson '59

(P.O. Box 1734, Carmel, CA 93921-1734; jose300@bduimail.com) Joan and I moved, permanently, to Carmel, Calif. in February. If you get to California, look us up.

John C. Moore '64

(9 Hooper St., Marblehead, MA 01945; j_moore@attbi.com) I am retired. I see **Jack Cross '65** often, **Dick Stafford '64** and **Sam Weir '65** periodically. Trying to keep up with my sailing and skiing. Would like to see or hear from others.

Ferdinand E. Flesch '78

(4809 Spruce, Bellaire, TX 77401; pefred@prodigy.net) I recently started with a new company, Binkley & Barfield, Inc. I am an officer and owner. Barbara and Lindsey are doing great. Lindsey is getting into stage plays. She will be playing in Chorus Line next month. I still keep in touch with

Bill Marsh '77, Glenn Lewis

'77, and **Don Davis '77**. I was in contact with **Mike Kavanaugh '77**, but he must have broken his hand so he can't dial, write, or type.

Kevin F. Robinson '83

(17 Riverside Dr., Rumson, NJ 07760-1026; k2rob@comcast.net) My oldest son, Kevin, Jr., is a freshman at PSU.

Gordon J. Brown '87

(87 Addis Dr., Churchville, PA 18966-1167; gordon.brown@comcast.net) I accepted a position as Vice President/General Manager at Esoterix in Central New Jersey.

Scott D. Ackerman '94

(19099 Dalton Points Place, Lansdowne, VA 20176; sackerman5@aol.com) Married to Tiffany on May 3, 2003 in Turks, Caicos Islands.

David (Garcia) Michael '96

(137 Pine Orchard Rd., West Warwick, RI 02893) After Accu Graphics, I severed my last name while I roamed portions of North and South America as a starving, struggling artist. I have lawfully established my middle name, Michael, as my last name.

In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the deaths of **Levan Linton '37** (8/2002), **Lester K. Schultz '40** (2/22/2004), **Edward F. Meinsler, Jr. '41** (1/18/2004), **Donald L. Denning '61**, and **Harold C. Best '50**. Chi Phi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

John W. Selover 1922
D. J. Harman 1929
T. D. Kemp 1930
Robert D. Leonard 1930
Thomas H. O. Reed 1930
Henry W. Evans 1931
William L. Pursel 1931
Lewis C. Sharp Jr. 1931
R. S. Foote 1932
William C. Waddill 1933
Leonard W. Bauer 1935
Robert C. Stoddart 1935
Richard A. Booker Jr. 1935
William F. Styer 1935
Robert J. Showman 1936
Deuane M. Hoffman 1936
William H. Sloan 1936
E. Lane Vanderslice 1936
Ian D. Murphy 1937
Donald M. Hersh 1938
Jay H. McGrew 1938

James B. Hall Jr. 1939
Joseph R. Wills 1939
Harry C. Strawn Jr. 1940
Thomas M. Rial 1941
James R. Brown 1941
Albert M. Berseth Jr. 1942
Harold G. Dersam 1942
Carl A. E. Sunnergren 1944
Dwight L. Ling 1945
Anthony J. Turchetti 1945
John W. Morgan 1945
Paul J. Griffiths 1946
George P. Stubbs 1946
Gilbert J. Huber Jr. 1947
Robert C. Altemus 1948
Richard R. Faykosh 1948
Pierce E. Robinson 1948
Joseph E. Wentzler 1949
William B. Sloan Jr. 1949
Henry D. Minter Jr. 1950
William K. Fitzgerald 1950

Glenn D. Hetrick Jr. 1950
James C. Holway 1952
Robert O. Miller 1952
Carleton M. Fiske 1953
Daniel J. Ferry 1953
Ernest E. Howard 1953
Robert Davis 1955
Ralph R. Wagner 1955
Lloyd J. Krull 1956
Thomas W. Stong 1956
Harold R. Beury 1957
Larry K. Wright 1957
Raleigh M. Clark Jr. 1957
Robert R. Yeatman 1958
George J. Vince 1959
T. Davison Hoffner 1961
John T. Morton 1961
David G. Stolp 1961
Frank C. Kostos Jr. 1962
Kenneth M. Comly Jr. 1962
John G. Powell 1963

Edward Sapp Jr. 1964
Brian L. Reichard 1964
Richard J. Spohn 1965
Samuel R. Weir 1965
Larry Parsons 1966
John W. Carney 1966
Leicester F. Caruso 1967
Michael R. Basista 1968
Allen K. Wicks 1968
Joseph L. Lawson 1970
Douglas A. Crossan 1971
Richard M. Moessner 1971
James P. Toto 1972
John R. Hubsch 1973
Richard J. Strausberger Jr. 1973
Norman F. Stainthorpe Jr. 1974
Robert L. Berg 1975
Brian R. Benn 1977
Thomas O. Palmer 1978
Robert A. Berg 1979
Robert A. Bell Jr. 1981
Stephen B. Pincus 1982
Stephen P. DelSignore 1983
Joseph L. J. Healey Jr. 1983
John A. Sunter 1983
W. Roger Bieberbach 1984
Theodore T. Butera 1985
Gregory D. Sweeting 1985
Rodney L. Whiteman 1986
Michael C. Hoffman 1986
Michael A. Meyers 1986
Steven T. Long 1987
David C. Convis 1988
Michael E. Antonietti 1989
Daryl F. Billemeier 1989
Michael D. Kossar Jr. 1989
John Polgar 1989
Thomas M. Kennington 1990
Ian M. Morris 1990
Andrew W. Schultz Jr. 1990
Douglas T. Bernstein 1991
Geoffrey J. MacMurray 1991
Jason A. Demko 1991
ohn F. Green 1991
Joseph S. Saville 1992
Thomas M. Gingrich 1992
Mitchell A. Shuchman 1992
James L. Hollis 1993
George F. Loeslein III 1993
Tai Webb 1994
Christopher A. Attardo 1994
Timothy G. Millett 1994
Michael W. Tripp 1994
Kenneth F. Wille 1994
Jason D. Siegler 1995
Shane B. Allen 1996
James W. Clark 1996
Michael I. Donnelly 1996
Christopher M. Jeffrey 1996
Brian L. Belles 1998
Brian J. McDonough 1998
Michael J. Jeffrey 1999

Alumni

Report

By Tom Kennington '90,
Active/Alumni Relations Chair

Building Momentum for the Future

The actives are building momentum. I have seen positive changes in the culture which affects how they maintain and improve the house condition. They have formed a Rush Board of Directors and enlisted every member of the house to assist with rush. They have made similar changes to the House Management positions. It is now a committee of three actives with assistance from every member of the house. We anticipate the successful implementation of these changes will result in increased new members for the fall and spring.

I attended the first informal Chapter meeting August 31, 2004. It was led by the new Alpha, **Dan Endres '05**. The attitude was positive and proactive. This group of actives has set a number of achievable goals and is dedicated to building on recent success.

This new dedication began to surface this summer. The five brothers living in the house finished where the landscaper fell short; they weeded the gardens, cut out the dying landscape, edged all walks, cleaned up trash from the parking lot, dumpster area and along the back of the house and mulched the gardens. Those same brothers continued their efforts in the house by re-cleaning it after the Arts Festival. The house is in excellent fall move-in condition.

Reacting to the positive changes, the Alumni Board approved a request to continue improvements to the club rooms. Last winter, the club room floors and stairs were refinished. This fall the Alumni Board approved new couches, chairs and rugs. The actives have been very excited, and in anticipation of the new items arriving, they cleaned and painted all the club room and stairway ceilings, walls and trim. They also cleaned and oiled all the wood in the club rooms. In short, they are very proud of the condition of the house. These are the first steps to changing the culture about how the house is maintained.

Other changes to protect the new club room improvements have been made including a re-commitment to interim brother duties and moving the television and old couches to the tube room where the actives can gather, eat and share jokes about the day or the game on TV. They are excited about building tube room tables and earning a projection TV to finish the improvements and increase room usage. The Alumni Board put this improvement on hold asking to first see Fall Rush results. The library has also been cleaned and is used mainly for card games.

IFC continues to tighten restrictions which typically make rush more difficult. However, to our surprise, they relaxed some rush restrictions this fall and the actives are planning to take advantage of the rule changes. I see a ripe environment for a good rush.

If you are coming to any football games, make plans to visit the Kingdom or tailgate and meet some of the current actives. They like to hear your "old" stories and pass them on to new members. ■

Fundraising Campaign continued...from page 1

made, not only in regards to this relationship, but to the strength of the house as a whole. Membership is up. Improvements to the structure of the house continue. Pride from the actives at the Kingdom is re-appearing.

With these encouraging signs, the board believes it is time for optimism and time to reach out to those who may have lost faith in the chapter. This re-birth of hopefulness and confidence in the house needs to be conveyed to all who have ever stepped foot through the doors of the Kingdom and called it their home. Now is the time to come together as a unified force and return the chapter to premiere status at Penn State. We need your help – everyone's help – to make this happen.

Before we can even ask just one Chi Phi alum to participate in this extremely critical campaign, the board realizes that confidence for the plan must be built within both the active and alumni base. Some of you have been very giving only to see your extreme generosity squandered by useless neglect and abuse to the house. Some have commented about not feeling welcome at the Chi Phi house. Others have mentioned being dissatisfied by the lack of information about events such as Homecoming. The Alumni Board has listened and taken these issues very seriously.

Integrity of the house is at a critical stage. Plans are underway to create a set of enforceable policies and inspections regarding house upkeep. There are also efforts to improve communications to alumni and within the house. We can not continue to move forward with the cur-

rent progress unless we have exceptional alumni support. Support means reconnecting with our past active members. Not just some of our alumni, but all of our alumni. Support also means a strong fundraising effort. We could have easily outsourced this project to our alumni resource group, Affinity Connection, and had them develop this fundraising campaign. We have decided otherwise. We need to take on this challenge ourselves. Why?

The board decided to develop this fundraising effort without utilizing an outside source for several reasons. First, the cost of an initial feasibility study is expensive. Second, using an outside source means a percentage of our overall donated efforts goes to the fundraising organization. Finally and most importantly, we believe that paying an outside source to reconnect with our own brotherhood is an insult to the integrity, pride and principles on which the very foundation of this chapter was founded. We have over 900 alumni members who have seen first-hand the benefits and bonds that the Chi Phi brotherhood has provided to each and every one of us. It seems preposterous to have someone from an outside source conduct this effort. It is in our hands – all of us. It's the right thing to do.

The board brainstormed many different ideas regarding fundraising campaigns. The one common thread weaved throughout each idea was the need to get every alumnus involved. It's not about a few select members from each era, but every alumnus that believes in what Chi Phi was and what it will become. The level of monetary commitment from each of us is

not as important as is the participation of all as a unified force. It's the epitome of what we stand for as a fraternity. With overall participation, the level of support needed from each of us to achieve our goal declines drastically. A true team effort is what is needed. We need participation from everyone who has ever mumbled the

words, "Chi Phi has made a difference in my life." With that focus, we are launching "A Capital Campaign for the Kingdom – The Chi Phi Olympics."

The Plan

The campaign will be similar to the structure and support that an athlete receives when competing in the Olympics. There will be coaches, assistant coaches and athletes. Each individual will have a well-defined and important role in the campaign. Before the campaign can be officially launched, the coaches have to be identified. Each coach will come from a five-year period of graduation classes. **Walter Kuhns '88** has already accepted a coaching assignment. Thanks, Wally! The teams and our first coach are listed below.

- Team #1 - 1920-1940 + 2001- Actives
- Team #2 - 1941-1950
- Team #3 - 1951-1955
- Team #4 - 1956-1960
- Team #5 - 1961-1965
- Team #6 - 1966-1970
- Team #7 - 1971-1975
- Team #8 - 1976-1980
- Team #9 - 1981-1985
- Coach Wally Kuhns '88
- Team #10 - 1986-1990
- Team #11 - 1991-1995
- Team #12 - 1996-2000

Note: Team #1 is a combination of our oldest and youngest alumni plus actives. Team #2 includes participants from more than five years.

In the near future, you will receive more information including campaign goal, what your money will support and assurance that money raised will be successfully vested in the future of Chi Phi's Alpha Delta Chapter. Right now we are seeking coaches. A coach will be an active participant in the campaign and a motivator to his assistant coaches and athletes. Are you up to the challenge? Please call me at 814-571-2755 to express your interest in securing Chi Phi's future or with any questions you may have. The future of Alpha Delta Chapter rests in our capable hands. ■



Wonder what he's up to? **Frank Reighard '44** is shown hanging out a window of the house in the fall of 1941. (Photo submitted by **William M. Bull, Jr. '44**)