

## Spring 2005 Chapter Officers

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# Alpha Delta DATA

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## Report from the Alpha

Fellow Alpha Deltas,

Another semester is underway in the Kingdom. This spring we are looking forward to a successful rush. This past fall we ended with a total of eight new men who are eager to help out and who are going to be of great aid to the future of our house. I believe we are finally getting over the numbers hump and are in an absolutely great position to keep a consistent flow of new members. Overall, there has been a youth movement here, with younger brothers gaining more responsibility and older brothers taking advisory roles.

We are also much more involved in Thon. As all of you know, we have never been deeply involved in Thon. Today's Greek organizations revolve around that event, and it is now the single most important event at Penn State. We go on every canning trip even though we still lack the Thon experience needed to lure a sorority for a partner. Each brother is now responsible for a specific amount raised, and we hope that in future years the amount we are able to raise will steadily increase.

The recent additions of reconditioned floors, furniture, carpets and the projection screen have helped spark potential members' interest in our house and the approval of the parents of undergraduate members. I invite any and all of you, especially those who have not seen the recent improvements, to stop by at any time. If you are in town, come on in and talk. The house looks great, and we all appreciate your generous efforts that made all this possible.

If any of you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [ejb227@psu.edu](mailto:ejb227@psu.edu) or 860-922-4323.

Fraternally,  
Eric Balboni '06 ■

*Chi Phi Brothers  
Jamie Elsen and  
Tony Brooks take a  
break from  
dancing at THON  
this year.  
Our undergraduates  
raised nearly \$4,000,  
a Chi Phi record."*



## New Thon Record Achieved

By Tony Brooks '05

In February, **Jamie Elsen** and I (**Tony Brooks**) had the opportunity to dance for Chi Phi in the 2005 Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon, and it may have been one of the most amazing experiences of both our lives.

A record-breaking \$4,122,483.65 was raised this year for the Four Diamonds Fund! Standing on our feet for 48 hours was definitely one of the hardest things we've ever done, but witnessing firsthand the joy brought to the faces of those little children and the school spirit you couldn't even see at a football game made it more than worth it.

Seeing as how we have not been incredibly active in Thon in

previous years, dancing was a huge step in the right direction for the fraternity. We managed to raise between \$3,000 and \$4,000 and, although this is not much compared to many other organizations, it is definitely a Thon record for Chi Phi.

We hope to keep this new trend going by raising upwards of \$10,000 next year and becoming more involved in various Thon committees.

Thank you to everyone who put their time into this great philanthropy! We hope that undergraduates and alumni alike will continue to see the importance of Thon and support a wonderful cause. It's for the kids! ■

## Capital Campaign: Get Involved

We're still looking for team captains. Please contact **Bob Martin '87** at [rpm163@psu.edu](mailto:rpm163@psu.edu) if you can help. Thanks. ■

## Upcoming PSU Events

### Blue and White Game

April 23

### Thon Golf Outing

May 2

### Traditional Reunion Weekend

June 2-5

### Homecoming

October 29 ■

# Blue-White Weekend

## Undergraduate/Alumni Meeting

Saturday, April 23, 2005

(shortly after the game)

### Message from a Recent Alumnus

I graduated in December 2004 with a degree in accounting and am working for the Reznick Group, a CPA firm in Baltimore. I would like to seize this opportunity to share my views from the perspective of a recent undergraduate member turned alumnus.

Most important, I want to thank all the alumni who have put their time, effort and money into making Chi Phi what it is today. Without a doubt, I spent the best couple of years of my life creating memories and friends at 360 E. Hamilton Ave., and none of that would have been possible without the dedication of those who came before me.

Undergraduate/alumni relations and financial activity are two areas that could benefit from improvement in both directions. In my time at the house, undergraduate/alumni relations was the single most discussed issue at Chi Phi. We constantly sought, and are still seeking, ways to improve the lines of communication.

Since 2001, when I began my time at the house, our alumni events have been poorly attended when compared with those of other fraternities at Penn State. We have been unable to determine whether this is due to a lack of communicating these events to our alumni, or to disinterest from alumni based on our well-known struggles in recent years.

After talking with a few of our undergraduate leaders, **I would personally like to extend an invitation to attend a cookout on Saturday, April 23, during Blue/White Weekend.** We will have our annual undergraduate/alumni meeting to discuss the state of Chi Phi and to implement or adjust policies as needed. I would also like to use this meeting to clear the air and have both sides answer questions on major issues that have plagued us recently, including the number of undergraduate brothers in the house, physical plant issues and the oft-dreaded finances. This is a chance for everyone to get reacquainted with the house, understand the issues facing us and hear each side's perspectives.

In recent years, we have battled to stay financially healthy, and I believe we have done a great job. However, at some point we need to move beyond just surviving and begin prospering again.

Fire code changes in recent years have necessitated installing a house-wide sprinkler system. This, among other things that our physical plant needs, requires we raise money to bring Chi Phi into the modern era. I personally am willing to donate money toward this project, but I would not expect the same instant dedication from those brothers who are not as connected with the house.

That is why it's imperative our alumni base become more connected with the house. After meeting the undergraduate members and seeing the work they have done, each alumnus can then make his own decision based on observations. I am confident that seeing the changes and the dedication in person will convince everyone that improving our house is worth the time and money.

I am dedicated to this cause because I enjoyed my time at Chi Phi, and I want to afford future Penn State students the same opportunity I had. I believe in Chi Phi, and I believe in the group of men we have there now. With a little help, our Alpha Delta Chapter can be restored to its glory days. I always remember: A Chi Phi is always a Chi Phi. ■

## Treasurer's Report

### Report from the House Association Treasurer

Operating Income Statement  
(for the period of 4/1/04 - 1/15/05)

#### Income:

- \$25,000 Rent (includes \$5,000 deferred from previous spring)
- \$16,226 Dues (includes \$4,000 donation from **William Walker '37**)
- \$ 207 Bank Interest
- \$41,433 Total Income

#### Expenses:

- \$22,212 Mortgage
- \$11,526 Alumni Service
- \$ 6,067 Maintenance (lawn and alarm system)
- \$ 8,617 Insurance (building and boiler)
- \$ 8,988 Taxes (school, borough, county)
- \$ 4,701 Furniture
- \$ 403 Rental Housing Permit
- \$ 19 Bank Fee
- \$62,533 Total Expense

#### Net Loss:

\$21,100

#### Summary:

The above is a nine-and-a-half-month, fiscal-year-to-date picture. Winter term rental income of \$20,000 is receivable. Unbudgeted expenses include lawn maintenance, alarm system inspection and maintenance, purchase of furniture, rental housing permit and a significant increase in alumni service cost.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth J. Cooper '76 ■

## 2005 PSU Football Schedule

<b>Sat., Sept. 3</b>	<b>South Florida</b>
<b>Sat., Sept. 10</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>
<b>Sat., Sept. 17</b>	<b>Central Michigan</b>
Sat., Sept. 24	Northwestern
<b>Sat., Oct. 1</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>
<b>Sat., Oct. 8</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>
Sat., Oct. 15	Michigan
Sat., Oct. 22	Illinois
<b>Sat., Oct. 29</b>	<b>Purdue (Homecoming)</b>
<b>Sat., Nov. 5</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>
Sat., Nov. 19	Michigan State

Home games are in bold. ■

Alpha Delta would like to recognize **Jesse Coolbaugh '57** for his gift to the 2004-2005 annual fund. His name was inadvertently omitted from the Honor Roll in our most recent mailing. ■

# UpDates

**W. George Parker '48** (125 Glen Rock Rd., Little Falls, NJ 07424-2452; taurus443@mail.com) As of May I will have divested myself of Thibaut & Walker; after 55 years of going to war each day I will now look for other diversions or challenges. It should be a piece of cake compared to running a chemical plant in New Jersey.



**Joe Hendrickson '59, George Vince '59 and Dave Johnson '59.**

On personal stuff: I have four grandchildren in college — Catholic University, Loyola College in Maryland, Brown and Harvard. The Loyola, Brown and Harvard kids are on the women's swim teams. A grandson graduated from Wake two years ago and now has his CPA certification. Two more are in high school. My wife Ellie (Mt. Holyoke) is now in her 35th year as a volunteer in our local hospital. She decided to give back after our son completed his training at Bellevue Hospital in New York. It's been a fun trip so far, and Ellie and I are grateful for the years that have been kind to us. Before I close I do want to say that it's very impressive to receive such a high-quality mailing. The energy flowing

out of Chi Phi this past year has been great. Congratulations, and keep it up. Now that I'm retired, forget W. George Parker and call me Wally Parker.

**Robert W. Norcik '54** (1819 Washington St., Heidelberg, PA 15106) I lost everything on our first floor and in the downstairs game room in a flood on September 17, 2004. This was a result of Hurricane Ivan coming up from Florida. This hurricane devastated our town of Heidelberg, Pa., and adjoining communities. We will bounce back and rebuild.

**Rodney G. Roan '54** (1545 White Shell Way, North Fort Myers, FL 33903; rraginc@aol.com) Howdy! I retired in November 1995 and do some ag consulting work from time to time. Claire and I have been married for almost 50 years (7/1/55), and have two sons and four grandchildren. We joined a country club when we retired. I golf frequently and fish frequently. We're going to Hawaii for our 50th this July.

**Joseph E. Hendrickson '59** (P.O. Box 1734, Carmel, CA 93921-1734; jose300@bdumail.com) Last year Joan and I permanently moved to Carmel, a wonderful place with a quaint village, surrounded by Monterey pines and with the Pacific close by. Our telephone is 831-626-9069. Joan is a docent at the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation, and I spend my time collecting wine and going fly-fishing nearby in the Big Sur area. Last year I finally got to visit **Dave Johnson '59** and **George Vince '59** at Dave's home in Lake Mary, Fla. Dave

is a great host, and we had an enjoyable time shooting pool, catching up from 45 years ago, drinking a little beer, telling the old stories and singing some of the old songs. The guys look pretty good. I frequently communicate with **Frank Farrell '58** in Tucson and enjoyed reading *No Sweat*, Frank's new book about Korea. I also am happy to report e-mail contact with **John Sweeney '60, Craig Mosebach '59, Dick McKernan '59, Andy Schultz '60, Marty Bollinger '60** and **Bruce Moyer '58**, who are all doing well.

**Andrew W. Schultz '60** (12706 Casey Rd., Tampa, FL 33624-4502; ASchultzSr@aol.com) I'm having fun growing a veterinary equipment company. **Andrew Jr. '90** just joined the company in January. My wife, Bea, is also working in the company. Call me at 866-447-4276. Samantha Schultz Findley, AD little sister in '92, got married last May and is living in Atlanta.

**John F. Sweeney '60** (208 W. Canton St., Boston, MA 02116; jftsweeney@aol.com) I am currently in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for the winter and will return to Boston and Cape Cod at the end of April. I now split my time about one third on Cape Cod, one third in Boston and one third in Ft. Lauderdale. I hope to see **George Vince '59**, who lives nearby in Hollywood, Fla. I saw him last year as the lead in a play about an aging man dying and fighting it. Those who know George know he was always on stage, so it's a calling he's answered. I may get a chance to see **Earle Guffey '60** and other ADs on the west coast before going back north. If not, come visit me on Cape Cod this summer. I visit my daughter and two grandchildren in Annapolis, Md., on my way to and from Florida. She also hopes to take time from her busy veterinarian practice to bring her husband and my two grandchildren to Florida for a visit. I'm active in

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## Return to PSU to see positive improvements to Greek life

This Spring Rush went very well initiating 8 students into the New Member Program. This is a remarkable success compared to the previous year when the Penn State IFC Rush Schedule made it difficult to get any new members at all. Rushing is a difficult job in the current Greek environment at Penn State because the perceived benefits compared to the opportunity costs have changed the attractiveness of fraternities to new students. Fortunately, Penn State is offering support to their Greek programs that will adhere to "Minimum and Reasonable Expectations" and they offer even more support to those programs which are striving towards their published "Standards of Excellence".

The program has received mixed reactions; however the prevailing reaction is positive. The negative reactions have been regarding the additional underage drinking regulations and the positive comments have been regarding the guidelines which could help the perpetuity of the program, the condition of the real property, and the experience of the actives.

Fortunately, at the Alpha Delta, we have a group of young men who have a genuine interest in the Fraternity and the condition of the house. They are receptive to new suggestions on how to improve the fraternity and seem to find the real benefits of being a Chi Phi are far greater than their initial social reasons for joining. In such we have more officers volunteering to attend the Chi Phi Congress this summer than we have vouchers for them to attend. We will select from the volunteers at the annual meeting this **Blue / White Weekend** on **April 23**.

Please make plans to come to the football game, to tailgate with the actives, and/or attend the Annual Chi Phi Alpha Delta Alumni Meeting at the Kingdom following the game. There will be a number of issues on the agenda including a review of the standards Penn State is asking their Greek programs to use for goals and strategies.

Thomas M. Kennington ■

# Alumni UpDates

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land and water conservation issues in Chatham on the Cape. Currently I am working on a new zoning bylaw to protect against overdevelopment and on a major land acquisition for open space. I am doing well after a second surgery for cancer two years ago. I'm still sailing, swimming, hiking and messing around with old cars, so times are good. I hope to see my Chi Phi brothers if any are passing through Boston, Cape Cod or Ft. Lauderdale. What is being planned for a 50th reunion?

## James R. Sloane '64

(630-535 Lake Winnemissett Dr., Deland, FL 32724-4818; jrslane@aol.com) Dear Chi Phi brothers, here is my personal information as requested: B.S. in chemical engineering; master of public administration, University of Central Florida in 2001; employed as deputy public works director and city engineer for the city of Daytona Beach. Family: two sons — J.R. in Honolulu and Jonathan in South Daytona, Fla. — and one daughter, Michelle, deceased; wife is Judy. Hobbies: water-skiing, flying. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this information.

## David W. Henderson '73

(19100 Bainter Ave., Los Gatos, CA 95030; dhender794@aol.com) I professionally lease, develop and manage medical real estate property. Been married to Noelle for 25 years. Three children, ages 21, 18 and 14. I serve on the boards of the Stroke Awareness Foundation and the American Cancer Society. My best to my '70s chapter friends.

## Frederick R. Demler '76

(18 Timber Knoll Dr., Washington Crossing, PA 18977; fred@manfinancial.com) My son Todd is at Carnegie Mellon in engineering, is a place kicker on the football team and is pledging Beta Theta Pi. My son Scott is a freshman and is the starting varsity place kicker for the Hun School of Princeton. He is the defensive captain for his premier club soccer team that recently silver medaled

in the Upper Austria Cup. Scott also won a junior golf championship with a college scholarship and played on the Philadelphia Junior PGA tour this summer.

## Terry R. Uplinger '87

(2312 E. Colbert Rd., Colbert, WA 99005; tackbo526@aol.com) I work as division manager at Apollo Sheet Metal Inc. in Spokane. My wife, Amy, and I have two daughters, Kayla and Courtney. Our family enjoys skiing, boating and camping.

## Kenneth M. Houck '88

(42 Bassett St., Fort Bragg, NC 28307; kenmegandboys@aol.com) "Chi Phi Ken" is deployed again. This is his wife, Meg, the KD he pinned, resulting in him getting "poled" (do you guys still do that?). We are doing great and have three boys ages 10, 5 and 2. We're living on Fort Bragg, an Army base in North Carolina. Ken is still a Navy SEAL ... a commander now. He's gone a lot and is I think responsible for many of the things in the news these days, but I am not allowed any of the details. We are moving back to Virginia Beach soon. We stay in touch with **Fred Harding '88, Don Gaublomme '88** and my cousin **Jason Demko '91**. I will save this for Ken when he gets back.

## Walter T. Kuhns '88

(22032 Tanbark Ln., Lake Forest, CA 92630; wkuhns1@aol.com) I saw the old gang in New Jersey around Thanksgiving; a good time as usual. Just found out my wife, Teresa, is pregnant with our first, yeah. Looks like I will be staying out here awhile longer. I'm really looking forward to the Chi Phi Alumni Summit in Chicago this July.

## Scott F. Corneal '93

(1477 Cambridge Common, Decatur, GA 30033; s\_corneal@yahoo.com) I would like to say that I've kept in touch with my fellow brothers but, the truth is, I really haven't. I graduated in '93, went to medical school, got married and am living in

Atlanta, Ga., with my wife, practicing musculoskeletal and sports medicine. I haven't been back to the house in many years but would love to get together with my pledge brothers again. Thanks for the interest in staying connected.

## Timothy L. Holt '94

(23646 Estero Cove Ct., Land O Lakes, FL 34639; tholt5@msn.com) Recently I was promoted to the role of vice president of United Soccer Leagues. In January 2003, I was married on Anna Maria Island, Fla. My wife, Sara, is pregnant with our first child, due in March.

## Gregory D. Nickischer '95

(34 Timber Trail, Greensburg, PA 15601; gregory.nickischer@siemens.com) The family and I have relocated to the Pittsburgh area. I accepted a senior quality engineer position with Siemens.

## Brian D. Rixon '95

(204 Whitewood Dr., Massapequa Park, NY 11762; bririx@aol.com) I'm currently a committee member for the Dennis Moster Foundation. **Dennis Moster '93** was injured two summers ago. He broke two vertebrae and has been left a quadriplegic. The foundation is in its second year and has helped raise funds to offset the enormous medical costs. We are arranging a second annual golf tournament/charity dinner this July 21 in Parsippany, N.J. Last year many brothers attended, including **Ted Frain '93, Jon Knipe '93, Jim Behler '92** and **Joe Behler '93, Steve Kenah '93, Chad Hutchings '92, Steve Seville, Scott Kowalski '94, Keefe Quinlan '96, Brad Fredman '95, Kevin Falcone '93, Chad Levant '95** and **Rich Bassett '96**. We hope to see even more this year. Last year we raised close to \$250,000. In addition to helping Dennis get some much-needed equipment and rehabilitation, donations on his behalf were made to the United Spinal Association, Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, Kessler Medical Rehabilitation and Research Foundation, and the New Jersey Stem Cell

Institute. Please contact me for information regarding the event or donations, either by e-mail or my home phone at 212-987-0960.

## Sergio P. Tosti '98

(66 Jefferson St., Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004; sergio.tosti@aceina.com) I'm working at ACE Insurance Company in Center City Philadelphia as an assistant actuary. I remain single. I would love to go to any reunion if we were to have one soon. I keep in slight contact with a few guys — **Greg Miller '97, Dan Sawron '99, Chuck Kovach '97, Jim Clark '96** — usually through e-mail, but occasionally I see the guys at Eagles games.

## Brian M. Moran '99

(13322 Horsepen Woods Ln., Oak Hill, VA 20171) I switched firms and now work as CIMA regional vice president of Neuberger Berman, a division of Lehman Brothers. **Mike Jeffrey '99** asked me to pass along his new address and contact information: 1057 Park West Drive, Charlotte, NC 28209; mjjeffrey@paychex.com. **Mike Mervin '96, Adam Kessel '99** and I attended a banquet for **Mike Jeffrey**, at which he received an award for being one of Charlotte's 2004 citizens of the year. This event was in recognition of all his charity and local organization help. My cell number is 201-893-2018.

## Eric W. Dean '02

(116 Grape St., Apt. 3, Philadelphia, PA 19127) I recently found a new job working for Bisys as an insurance wholesaler. ■

## In Memory

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

### Gordon W. Duncan '35

(6/24/04)

### Norman D. Black Jr. '41

Chi Phi mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.