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Dear Brothers and Friends,

We are excited to unveil the inaugural issue of True Blue, a special publication designed for those who support Chi Phi with their time, energy, and talents. This is our way of saying "thank you" to the numerous alumni and friends who are making our Fraternity stronger by giving back. It is also an excellent opportunity for us to demonstrate how your support is making an impact on today's young men.

Each spring and fall, True Blue will present detailed information about the Chi Phi Fraternity and Chi Phi Educational Trust and where they are headed. Through its pages, True Blue will strive to accomplish three objectives:

- Illustrate how alumni and friends are helping Chi Phi;
- Provide direct access to the leaders shaping the future; and
- Feature special stories and announcements of interest.



True Blue will be sent to supporters of the Fraternity and Trust, while the Chi Phi Chakett will continue to be mailed to all members. This will allow True Blue to explore more in-depth stories and features not found in the pages of the Chakett.

Together, True Blue and the Chakett will help keep Chi Phi's stakeholders informed. By focusing greater attention on those individuals who contribute to Chi Phi, we believe more alumni and friends will be inspired to join with their support.

We trust you will enjoy True Blue and invite you to send your thoughts and comments to the address listed on the back cover. What you have to say is important to us and will help True Blue remain a publication that truly speaks to you and for you.

Kindest fraternal regards,

Scott W. Henderson,
Alpha Theta Chi 1995
Executive Director
Chi Phi Educational Trust

Adam Langley,
Alpha Zeta 1990, Alpha-Chi 1994
National Director
Chi Phi Fraternity

Front Cover: The brothers of the Alpha Zeta Chapter raise Old Glory in front of their chapter house at the State University of West Georgia.

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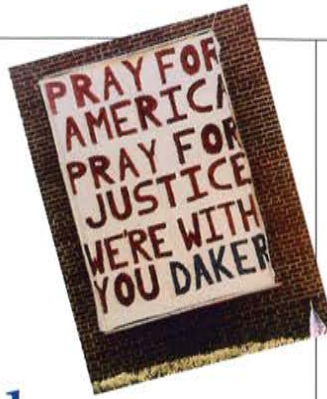


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Chi Phi Extends the Hand of Brotherhood in the Aftermath of Tragedy



Editor's Note: Special thanks go to Yahya Chami, Iota Delta 2002, a senior at Indiana University, for his contributions to this story. Brother Chami is a reporter and columnist for the *Indiana Daily Student*, the award-winning Indiana University student newspaper.

The events of September 11, 2001, have affected the Chi Phi Fraternity in profound ways. Many of us knew—or knew people who knew—of chapter brothers, family, or friends, who were victims of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, or the plane which crashed in Pennsylvania. The unfolding of events impacted all brothers in the same way it stirred America.

As we prayed and hoped, many of the local chapter and alumni groups galvanized into action. Various Chi Phi alumni were summoned to the rescue efforts at Ground Zero. Many chapters held prayer vigils and sponsored food and blood drives. Throughout the country, Chi Phi brothers gathered together as family to console one another.

Brothers of the Iota Delta Chapter on the campus of Indiana University attended a candlelight vigil the

night of September 11 on the lawn of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority house. They also participated in a campus-wide disaster relief rally to aid the Red Cross. Former Chapter Alpha Benjamin Schmidt, Iota Delta 2002, now president of the IFC, noted, "The tragedy put everything in perspective. It pulled us together in a big way. Chi Phi gives brothers a mutual support system that non-Greek students on campus miss out on."

Various Chi Phi alumni attended to the wounded at Ground Zero or helped contain the area to prevent more destruction and loss of life in the city of New York. It was reported on Chi Phi's web site that Dr. Vince Moss, Alpha Delta 1994, was assigned to work at the triage center. A Boston area television station interviewed him in its coverage of the events.

Brother Joseph Sheedy, Mu 1998, sent news that his structural engineering firm "was called in shortly after the attack to help the city keep safe the men and women working in and around Ground Zero." Sheedy, a civil engineer from Stevens Institute of Technology, subsequently encountered Lehigh alumnus Mike Bearmore, Psi 1997, also with a structural engineering firm working on-site. (Please see next page.)

Like the brothers of the Pi Zeta Chapter at Binghamton University, many Chi Phis around the country answered the call of the Red Cross asking for donations of blood or volunteered at blood banks. Theta Chapter at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate New York usually sponsors a blood drive each semester. Now they have organized two emergency drives to accommodate the outpouring of local support. The Theta Chapter has also assisted and encouraged other chapters on campus wishing to sponsor their own drives.

The Lambda Zeta Chapter at St. Mary's University in Texas attended the campus mass on September 11. Chapter Alpha Eric Navarrette, Lambda Zeta 2003, reported that the chapter and the Student Government Association later co-sponsored an open forum on the terrorist attacks, giving students an opportunity for discussion and expression of feelings.

The Alpha Zeta Chapter at the State University of West Georgia held an open prayer service with the Phi Mu Sorority. Alpha Zeta brothers led prayers and read passages from the Bible. "It was a very uplifting experience to see so many Greeks come together and try to cope with what has happened," observed



CHAPTER ETERNAL

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of:

T. J. Hargrove, Mu Chapter, who worked for Cantor Fitzgerald at the World Trade Center.

Michael Horn, Pi Zeta Chapter, who worked for Cantor Fitzgerald on the 103rd floor of the World Trade Center.

Chapter Alpha Ashley Henson, Alpha Zeta 2000.

Most recently, members of the Grand Council and National Staff of Chi Phi gathered on October 20 with brothers of the Rho Delta Chapter at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia, to perform a special memorial service for Chi Phi brothers (listed pg. 2) who tragically lost their lives in the September attacks.

Chi Phi National Director Adam Langley spoke for the group when he stated, "In times like these, the strength and compassion of Chi Phi's brotherhood become more meaningful than ever. We are saddened by the loss of our brothers, but confident that Chi Phi's response helped ease the pain during these weeks of national mourning." Like America itself, brothers of the Chi Phi Fraternity responded with courage, with dignity and a willingness to help that will long be remembered and told to generations to come.

neering firm. Mike and I go all the way back to Little League in Bayville, New Jersey. We had renewed our acquaintance in college through Chi Phi, when Mike showed up at a regional conference hosted by Mu.

Several brothers I know had close calls on September 11. The Mu Chapter is just across the river from New York City, so we have a number of brothers co-oping or employed there. Eric Anderson [Mu 1999, former Chapter Alpha] and Thomas Sullivan [Mu 2002, current Chapter Alpha] were caught in the World Trade Center and escaped. Josh Blender [Mu 2002] was coming out of a subway and looked up to see the tower on fire from the first plane's explosion. When he spied the second plane's approach, he started to run for his life. He was soon covered in dust and debris like all the rest. Robert Laufer [Mu 1996] was on his way to a 9:30 a.m. meeting on the 95th floor of the World Trade Center. His train was late.

Opposite Page: The Alpha Chapter at UVA honors Mark Daker with a 10-foot banner. Brother Daker is a reservist in the U.S. Marines.

Below: Joe Sheedy, Mu 1998, on campus of Stevens Tech across the river from New York City.

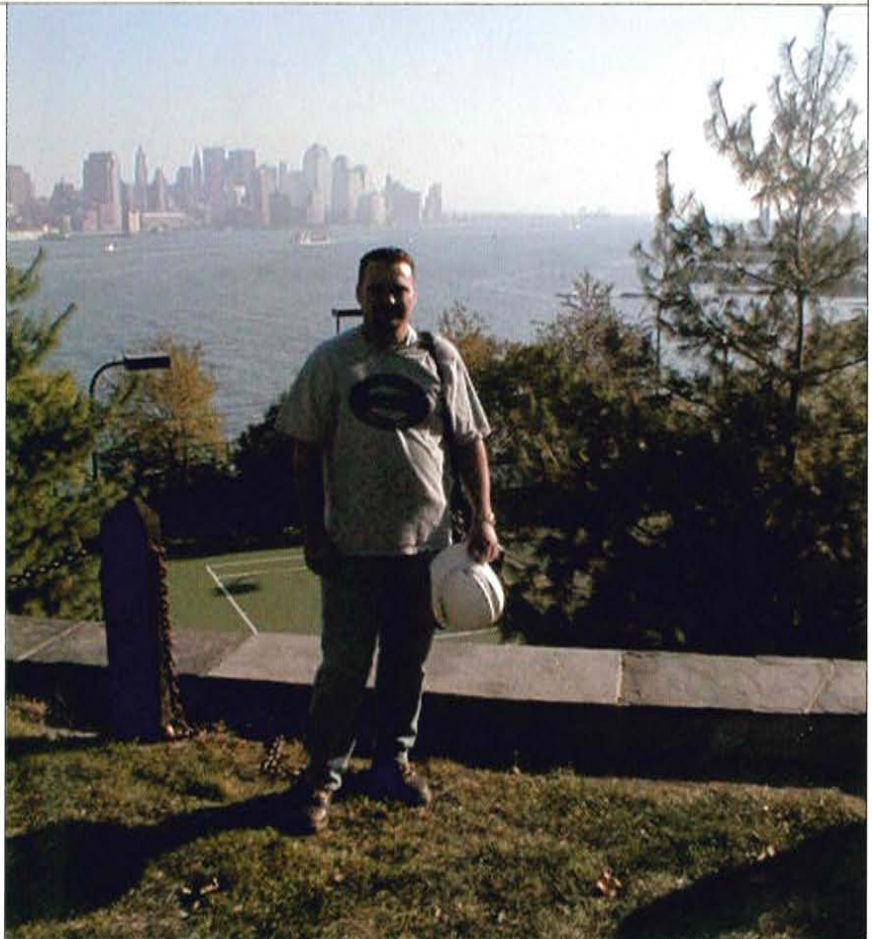
"It's unbelievable to think that two huge buildings could collapse like this."

Joseph Sheedy, Mu 1998 Cleaning Up at Ground Zero

Joe Sheedy graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology with a degree in civil engineering. He is pursuing his master's degree at Stevens Tech, where he is regularly involved with the Mu Chapter as a Building Committee Co-Chair. Interviewed by phone from his office in New York, Brother Sheedy tells True Blue of his first-hand impressions at the site of the devastation in New York City:

Some personnel from my structural engineering firm were called in the day of the attack. I began work at Ground Zero on September 12. Our assignment is to conduct structural investigation primarily above ground. As hard as it is to comprehend, all of the rubble from the towers is buried underground, save the equivalent of one level on the surface. It's unbelievable to think that two huge buildings could collapse like this.

This assignment has been tough. One thing that gets me through is knowing that other people had a whole lot more to go through. Also, it has really picked me up to see how the chapters are responding. Later, I was surprised to find Mike Bearmore [Psi 1997] from Lehigh on-site. Like me, he works for a structural engi-



The **Best** and the **Brightest**

Fraternity and Trust Introduce the
2001-02 Chi Phi Scholars

This past summer, the Chi Phi Scholarship Program awarded a total of \$25,000 in scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 to twenty outstanding brothers scoring highest in rigorous merit-based competition.

Hailing from campuses large and small throughout the United States, the twenty Chi Phi Scholars reflect the geographical distribution and diversity of the Fraternity itself. Their fields of study run the gamut from classical archaeology to computer technology, from engineering to English, from geology to criminal justice. What the scholarship recipients have in common are an impeccable commitment to academic excellence, demonstrated leadership within their chapter, a commendable record of extracurricular service, and exemplary aspirations in life beyond school.

The most important aspect of the selection

languages. One earned a pilot's license and also ran for local office. A number have studied abroad, including a summer spent conducting genetic research in China. In addition, several hold part-time or full-time jobs while being full-time students. A few of these not only pay for their own tuition, but also help out with family finances.

"I can't say enough about the quality of the applicants," notes Azarian. "The best way to be objective in our evaluations is to utilize a point system based on the selection criteria. Even at that, the competition was so tight that in one case, there was only a one-point spread between the rankings. We hope candidates will apply again next year. The details of the 2002-03 program will be announced this spring."

The Fraternity and the Chi Phi Educational Trust, which supports the scholarship program through a generous grant each year, are proud to invest in the achievements of these worthy young men. "The applications were of such caliber, it's unfortunate that anyone had to be turned down," states Scott Henderson, executive director of the Trust. "Our work is cut out for us to increase the endowment to help an even greater number of deserving students."

The following personal profiles give a brief indication of the accomplishments and promise of each individual. Chi Phi congratulates these outstanding winners.

process is evidence of the "complete man," one having a healthy balance of interests and pursuits. "Although the scholarship program by definition seeks solid students, we also look for individuals who represent the Chi Phi ideals, devote themselves to selfless involvement, and are active within the Fraternity," explains Michael Azarian, director of undergraduate services in charge of the Fraternity's administration of the scholarship program.

The application process attracted dozens of multi-faceted students, who volunteer their talent and skills outside the classroom in such capacities as singers and musicians, writers, and athletes. In addition, there are numerous "Big Brothers," Habitat for Humanity workers, and volunteers for food and blood drives. Several scholarship recipients are fluent in two or more

\$2,500 Scholarships

Jonathan Bukva, Beta Theta 2002, Chowan College

Physical education, 3.8 cumulative GPA
Chapter Alpha, Grand Theta 2001-02, President of the Student NC Association of Educators, SGA president

Matt S. Merkel, Beta Theta 2000, Advisor: "I say this emphatically, that there is no greater leader our group has had who leads by example and principle than Jonathan Bukva. He embodies the spirit and design of this award."

Joe Gonzalez, Schreiner Colony 2002, Schreiner University

Accounting major, 3.51 cumulative GPA
Colony Alpha
Work-study program accounting office
Dean's list 3 times, President's list 2 times

"I am an accounting major with a degree plan that requires 150 hours so that I may be eligible to take the CPA exam after I graduate. After my certification I plan to jump right into law school... This accounting degree that I seek is a five-year degree, which I plan to successfully complete in four years."

Rich Kuerston III, Mu Zeta 2002, University of Denver

Management major, 3.0 cumulative GPA

Chapter Gamma, New Member of the Year, Award for "Excellence in Recruitment", Summer Intern on Chi Phi national staff 2000 and 2001

First-ever undergraduate to serve on COE Deans Team, Contributor to the Chi Phi Chakett

His personal creed: "I will be a man of my work. I will keep my commitments. I will be a positive addition to other people's lives. I will surround myself with people different from myself, with people better than myself. I will treat them better than I expect to be treated. I will always give my best. I will maintain the ultimate balance between living for the day and living another day."

Mark Widdifield, Mu Zeta 1997, Chapter Advisor: "Rich is the main key to a rebirth within Mu Zeta and a new generation that has started..."

Eric Navarrette, Lambda Zeta 2003, St. Mary's University

Criminal Justice, 3.51 cumulative GPA (pre-law)

Chapter Alpha, New Member of the Year

President's Ambassador

"In the past semester, I have achieved honors as the Outstanding Sophomore in the criminology student association, outstanding academic performance in criminal justice carrying a major GPA of 3.8, and academic excellence at St. Mary's University with a cumulative GPA of 3.51. The future is in our hands; academics do not speak of the whole individual, but they are a basis for a success story."

Chapter of Chi Phi... I am a true believer in trying to change things before complaining about them. This philosophy was the catalyst for my mayoral and county commission bids in Stillwater this past year... I obtained my private pilot's license... and have been active with our local pilot's club... I have been involved with IFC... and am a member of the men's soccer club, fashion board, and OSU Sports Marketing Council."

J. Michael Courage, Alpha-Tau 2002, University of Michigan

Classical Archaeology, 3.8 cumulative GPA

Chapter Delta (two times), Philanthropy Chairman (two times), Grand Iota 1999-2000, Phi Beta Kappa Award, William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize

"I will be a senior this fall and will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in classical archaeology with the intention of pursuing a Ph.D. in the field. This summer I spent one of my most rewarding and challenging semesters, enrolling for 18 credits in Florence, Italy. The University of Michigan has rewarded my academic achievements with Class Honors two times, University Honors three times, and the James B.

Left to right:

Brian Waits, Omega 2002

Jonathan Lee, Beta 2000

Richard Olague, Lambda Zeta 2003

Matt Antush, Mu Zeta 2004

Nilesh Balar, Psi Zeta 2001



R. Lance Reidlinger, Epsilon Delta 2002, Oregon State University

Electrical engineering, 3.54 cumulative GPA

Chapter Alpha, Chapter Beta, New Member Educator, Recruitment Co-Chairman

"Chi Phi has given me direction in my life and has offered me the tools to achieve the goals that I have set out... I see myself graduating with honors and getting a well-paying job in the private sector building semiconductor chips. I think I would like to return to school as an instructor in engineering and as faculty advisor to a Chi Phi chapter somewhere... As an instructor, I think I could have the most impact on people's lives."

\$1,000 Scholarships

Todd Crane, Alpha Theta 2002, Oklahoma State University

Dual major Aerospace Engineering/Mechanical Engineering, 2.91 cumulative GPA

Chapter Alpha, Chapter Zeta, New Member Educator, Recruitment Chairman, Public Relations Chairman, Philanthropy/Community Service Chairman, Dean's Honor Roll (two times), President's Honor Roll (two times)

"Upon transferring to OSU... from Michigan... I petitioned the national office to colonize at Oklahoma State. In October of 1998, the OSU Colony was officially born. Since that time, we have won several national awards and received our charter as the Alpha Theta

Angell Scholar Award. I have achieved these honors while also holding a part-time job at Link Engineering since my sophomore year."

Joshua Curtin, Delta Pi 2001, Georgia Southwestern State University

Human Resource Management, 2.83 cumulative GPA Chapter Delta for 3 years, Star Student for Georgia Southwestern, Kaleidoscope Award

IFC Greek Man of the Year, Greek Relations Award

"Not only am I involved in Chi Phi, I hold many other leadership positions: currently the president of the Campus Activities Board, co-captain of the Orientation Team; publicity chair for the Zephyr Recruitment Team, a senator of the Student Government, member of The Gale academy and more."

Ryan Frazier, Psi Delta 2002, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Management Information Systems, 2.5 cumulative GPA
Chapter Alpha, Chapter Gamma, Chapter Delta,
Chapter Epsilon, House Manager, Interfraternity
Council Representative, Intramural Representative,
Leadership Alliance Chair, Social and Rush
Chairman

Brother of the Year Award 2000 and 2001
Athlete of the Year 2000

Joe Martin Memorial Scholarship Award 2001

"Since the late August afternoon in 1998 when I
was inducted into the Psi Delta Chapter, I have given
250% of myself to this great brotherhood...When I
took over as Chapter Alpha in the fall of 2000, I
inherited a chapter of 15 active brothers that was --

Timothy Onderko, Psi 2002, Lehigh University

Civil Engineering, 3.27 cumulative GPA
Chapter Delta, Chapter Zeta, Chapter Epsilon, House Manager, Interfraternity Judicial
Committee, IFC Treasurers Council Member, Dean's List

John Walker, Chapter Alpha: "Tim Onderko exemplifies every aspect of what a Chi Phi
brother should be...Since day one of freshman year, I could tell that Tim Onderko was a
man of truth, honor, and personal integrity. He still puts his full heart into everything he
does...As a brother, he is also unrivaled, always sticking up for his fellow brothers when
the time is right and never failing to do the right thing. During meetings, Tim's word is
highly regarded and his opinions are always taken into serious consideration because of
his knowledge and integrity."

Josh Seymore, Beta Theta 2003, Chowan College

Graphic Communications, 3.4 cumulative GPA
Chapter Alpha, Chapter Zeta, Recruitment Chairman, Dean's List, President's List, PICA Scholar,
President of the freshmen and sophomore classes

Josh Seymore, Beta Theta 2003: "Over the past year, Josh has been an active
brother while maintaining a great extracurricular role for the college. Holding
positions in various clubs and organizations...he has shown his leadership and dedi-
cation to his school and Chi Phi...Being a great leader isn't all...he is a great
brother of the Chi Phi Fraternity."

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Dave... Beta Delta 2003, University of Arizona

Recruitment Chairman, Homecoming Chairman, Alumni Relations, Grand
Chi Grand Council 2001-02, Arizona Ambassador

Office of the Dean of Students: "I truly feel that Dave has rescued the Chi
Fraternity...realize it took a group effort, but Dave's commitment to the chapter was para-
mount. In particular, Dave has done a superb job with alumni relations. Involvement with
campus activities is a big part of a successful chapter. He has been a DJ for the student
radio and is currently serving as one of our Arizona Ambassadors...and does a fantastic job."

Brian Waits, Omega 2002, Georgia Institute of Technology

Industrial and Systems Engineering, 3.94 cumulative GPA
Chapter Gamma, Chapter Eta, Judicial Board Chairman, IFC Board of Directors
Representative, Dean's List, President's List

James C. Davis, Omega 1975: "Brian has more than demonstrated his commitment to
his local chapter by holding eight different leadership positions since his initiation...He
has been a member of four Georgia Tech IFC committees, is vice president of the Order of
Omega and was asked to join the prestigious Ramblin' Reck Club. He has ambitious goals,
planning to attend a major business school for his post-graduate work..."

Co-Chairman, Sonya Miles Award from the Beta
Chapter, Co-President, Alternative Spring Break (10
community service trips)
Undergraduate associate advisor

"My decision to pledge Chi Phi has been one of the
best decisions I have made in life...
I spent this past year conducting gene therapy
research at Sun Yat-sen University of Medical Sciences
in China...This coming fall, I will begin medical
school at the University of Virginia. I greatly look for-
ward to fulfilling my dream of becoming a doctor."

James W. Bueche, Beta 1962, President, The Beta
Foundation: "In 1999, the brothers selected him to be
one of two recipients of our annual Sonya Miles
Award. It is our highest acknowledgment of individu-
als who have demonstrated 'participation in the life
and fellowship of the Beta Chapter'..."

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CHI PHI EDUCATION

Jason White, Nu Delta 2002, Florida State University

Dual degree in English and Information Studies, 3.3 cumulative GPA
Chapter Beta, Scholarship Chairman, Recruitment Chairman, Philanthropy Chairman,
G.A.M.M.A. representative, Recipient Sparks Memorial Award, Ramsaur Scholarship
Recipient, National Golden Key Honor Society, COE 2001 Intern

Jeff Olender, Chapter Alpha: "I have served with Jason on the Executive Committee of the chapter...He strives for success in all aspects of his life. I believe that he is an excellent example of the men we look for within the Fraternity."

\$500 Scholarships

Matt Antush, Mu Zeta 2004, University of Denver

Finance, 3.99 cumulative GPA
Chapter Delta, Philanthropy Chairman, Mu Zeta Outstanding Scholar, Horbeck Scholar (two times) Alumni Scholar, Washington Scholar

Alexandra H. Olsen, Professor: "I consider him one of the best students I have had in my twenty-one years at the University of Denver. At present, Matt's major is business finance, but unlike many business majors, he is not a narrow specialist, and is, in fact, considering medical school. He has a great love for the humanistic tradition and always wants to challenge his intellect, and he is studying in London next fall. Because I respect him so greatly and want to see him make the most of his undergraduate years, I was delighted to recommend him to the London Program."

Nilesh Balar, Psi Zeta 2001, University of Texas, Dallas

Computer Science, 3.4 cumulative GPA
Chapter Zeta, Brotherhood Chairman, Alumni/Public Relations Chair, Minnie K. Patton Scholarship Recipient, Vice President's Honor Roll

"This December, I will receive my bachelor's degree in computer science and also am enrolled in a fast track program where I would be half way through my master's in telecommunications and networking. I currently have a full-time job and go to college full time. My goal is to start with ROTC Air Force in the fall while working full time with some leading telecommunications company."

Richard Cartwright, Rho Delta 2002, Oglethorpe University

English, 3.07 cumulative GPA
Chapter Alpha, Chapter Beta, Scholarship Chairman, New Membership Education Advisor, Housing Chairman, Social Chairman, Brother of the Year 2000, Alumni Association winner of the New Member Scholarship, fall 1998, Dean's List Certification for 3.5+ GPA in spring 2001

Jonathan Rawls, Rho Delta 1985, Chapter Advisor: "...As Scholarship Chairman in the fall of last year and during his term as Chapter Alpha this spring, Richard has stressed with unending persistence the importance of scholarship to the members of the chapter, as well as the incoming new members. As a result of his labors and the increased dedication of the members of the chapter, Rho Delta has gone from the lowest GPA on campus in the fall of last year to capture [such titles as] the Most Improved Chapter and Highest GPA of All Fraternities."

Richard Olague, Lambda Zeta 2003, St. Mary's University

Dual major English and Communication Arts, 3.93 cumulative GPA
New Member Class President, Honor Court Judge, President's Ambassador, National Scholars Honor Society, Dean's List, Highest Honors (four semesters) Outstanding Emerging Leader of the Year Award, Outstanding Mentor of the Year

"With the experiences I have working with my school's President's Ambassadors, Emerging Leaders Program, concert band, New Student Orientation and my church orchestra, I've learned responsibility and the value of hard work...That is what I bring to my Fraternity."


Graciela Lopez, Director, Academic Advising: "During his first year of college, Richard had a part-time job along with his college work-study responsibilities...Currently Richard is preparing to leave St. Mary's to take part in our Washington Semester Program at American University...He has the motivation and the passion to do anything he sets out to do."

Daniel Raines, Delta Pi 2003, Georgia Southwestern State University

Geology, 2.86 cumulative GPA
New Member Class President, Recruitment Chairman, "New Brother of the Year"

"I have chosen the major of geology, among the most rigorous in the state, and recently added a minor in chemistry...I pay all college expenses out of my pocket without any parental assistance."

Brent Hutchison, Delta Pi 1999, Alumni Association President: "When I think of the hardest working student in our chapter, I think of Daniel Raines. He spends countless hours in labs, classes, and even field trips. Daniel—in true Chi Phi fashion—has managed to be one of the geology department's star students...I first met Daniel at last year's formal rush. He told me that his academics were important to him and that if he wasn't offered a Chi Phi bid, then he wasn't going to be Greek. As it turns out, fate smiled on Delta Pi...His energy, encouragement, and enthusiasm have filtered into the chapter and given Delta Pi a rebirth of sorts."



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College of Excellence 2001: A Closer

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"One-one thousand, two-one thousand, three-one thousand!" Brothers compete in the pyramid race during the Chi Phi Olympics.



With a break in the action, COE leaders join faculty member Chris Ralphs, Alpha 1993, and guest speaker Will Keim and his two children.

The College of Excellence (COE), now in its 14th year, has become the premier annual event of our Fraternity. Since 1988, over 2,000 undergraduate and alumni leaders have taken advantage of the training and development offered at COE.

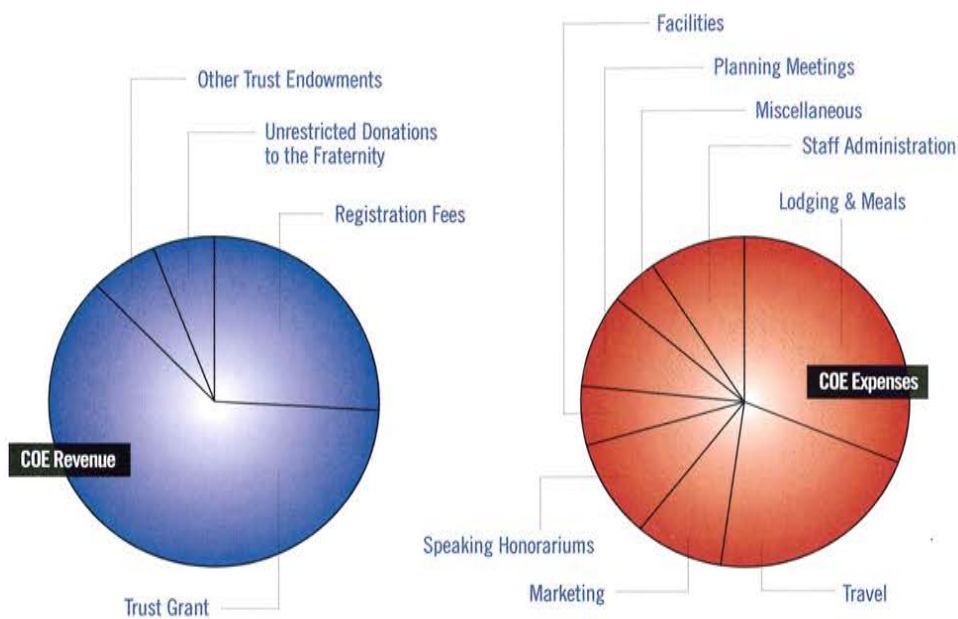
The COE, an evolution of the former Krannert Leadership School, consists of a five-day intensive leadership development program. It is designed to enhance the operations of Chi Phi's chapters and colonies and to provide individual growth through life skills taught to attendees. The program, in more general terms, focuses on leadership, motivation, teamwork, and societal issues relevant to the success of our members and the leaders of Chi Phi. In 1996, the COE was recognized by the North-American Interfraternity Conference among programs of all 63 fraternities as the best use of funds in support of an

educational program.

The 2001 COE was held July 18-22 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. In attendance were 97 undergraduates, 5 alumni, 13 volunteer faculty, and 8 members of the Deans Team, the volunteer team responsible for managing COE.

The attendance figures represent a 16.4% increase in undergraduate attendance compared to the previous year, an impressive jump considering this was the second year the program was completely alcohol free.

With a planning team of 14 alumni and undergraduates, known as the Deans Team, the College of Excellence was in good hands. Former Grand Alpha Steve Runkel, Omicron Delta 1975, Mu Zeta 1991, began the year as the program's Dean. Early in the spring, Brother James C. Davis, Omega 1975, assumed the leadership for the final phases of planning and implementation. Under the Deans Team's direction, significant changes were made to the pro-



As planning begins for the 2002 College of Excellence, the Fraternity and Trust are committed to making certain COE continues to stand as the premier Chi Phi experience. Tentatively scheduled to be held at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, the 2002 College of Excellence promises to continue the tradition of building better men through values-based leadership training.



COE participants congregate prior to starting the first-ever COE community service project.

gram's curriculum to allow for a more interactive and experiential COE. A community service project benefiting the citizens of Oxford, Ohio, was also added to this year's program. Post-COE evaluations from attendees indicate that the program changes were very well received.

The COE is presented each summer under the auspices of the Chi Phi Fraternity and is supported through a grant from the Chi Phi Educational Trust. The Trust's support, which is in turn made possible by donations from loyal alumni and friends, allows undergraduates to attend who might not otherwise be able to afford the cost. The Trust is limited by the Internal Revenue Service to fund only those portions of the program which are deemed to be of an educational nature that benefit the larger society. In addition, there are two endowment funds which provide support for the opening and closing keynote addresses, known as the Hutchison Keynote Address and the Krannert Keynote Address respectively.

This year, the Trust provided over \$50,000 in funding for the College of Excellence. Unrestricted donations to the Fraternity of approximately \$7,000 helped support some of the non-educational components of the program, such as ritual and recruitment training. "We are proud of the fact that we have never turned a student away from attending the COE because of his inability to pay. If a student is willing to devote the time and energy to improving himself and his chapter by attending the COE, we will find a way to get him there," said Adam Langley, national director of the Fraternity. "In fact, if we could raise an additional \$30,000 in unrestricted donations to the Fraternity – about \$1 per living alumnus – we could allow attendance at COE without charging any registration fee to undergraduates."

**Total Cost of COE:
\$73,424**

An Interview with the Chairman of the Trust

Dr. James P. Soderquist, Alpha 1967, was re-elected this year to a second term as chairman of the Chi Phi Educational Trust. In this position, Brother Soderquist serves as the chief volunteer officer of the Trust and works with seven other volunteer Trustees to oversee the management of the Trust's affairs. True Blue recently visited with him to gain a better understanding of the Trust and learn more about one of the men leading it.

Biographical Info



Name: James P. Soderquist
Place of Residence: Charlottesville, VA
Birthplace: Omer, MI
Age: 56
Spouse: Irene
Chapter: Alpha
 (University of Virginia)
Graduation Year: 1967
Profession: Orthodontist

Career Highlights: U.S. Army from 1971-75, achieving the rank of major. Currently a board-certified orthodontist in private practice for twenty-five years. Has lectured to various dental groups throughout Virginia and the United States. Member of the Sigma Zeta Honorary Science Society and Omicron Kappa Honorary Dental Society.

Community Involvement: President, Medical College of Virginia Orthodontic Foundation for Education and Research; Member, Board of Directors of the Charlottesville YMCA; Member, Virginia Orthodontic Peer Review Committee; Member, University of Virginia Fraternity Alumni Council; President, Charlottesville/Albemarle Dental Society; and Member, Capital Campaign Committee for the Covenant School in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Chi Phi Involvement: Alpha Chapter undergraduate from 1963-67. Served two terms as Chapter Alpha. In 1987, began a 12-year tenure as house corporation and alumni association president for the Alpha Home Association. Has been chapter advisor since 1988. At the national level, served as a College of Excellence faculty member every year since 1997. In 1998, became a Trustee of the Chi Phi Educational Trust. Was elected chairman in 2000 and re-elected in 2001.

Fun Fact: Attended the University of Virginia when it was an all-male, "coat and tie" university.

What is the Chi Phi Educational Trust and how is it different from the Fraternity?

The Trust is a 501(c)(3) charitable trust that was established in 1930 to provide financial support for the educational services and programs of the Fraternity. The mission of the Trust is to solicit and manage private gifts that will benefit the Fraternity and its members. Gifts made to the Trust are tax-deductible and the use of those funds must conform to the stringent Internal Revenue Service guidelines governing all charitable organizations. Through a grant process, the Trust is able to support that portion of the Fraternity's budget that pertains to qualified educational purposes.

However, the cost of member education is only a portion of the Fraternity's budget. The largest piece is dedicated to those expenses that are necessary to support the daily operational needs of its chapters and members. The revenue that is required to support those expenses must be generated through alumni and undergraduate dues. These dues are not tax-deductible, but are critical to the operation and financial health of Chi Phi.

How would you describe the Trust's relationship with the Fraternity?

The Fraternity and Trust have a strong relationship that is based on teamwork and cooperation. We play a supporting role in the mission of the Fraternity. To that end, the Trust is constantly seeking ways to expand and improve that support. The leadership of both entities shares a common vision for Chi Phi and that vision is to make us a Fraternity for the 21st Century. Although the Fraternity and Trust are two separate organizations with distinctly different oversight, the relationship is certainly a partnership and our overall success is undeniably linked to a shared vision of the future.

Active, caring, and involved members are what drive successful organizations.

What is the Trust doing to help the individual members and chapters of Chi Phi?

Thanks to the generosity of our loyal donors, the Trust currently provides financial support for many important Fraternity programs, such as our award-winning College of Excellence, annual scholarships, Sparks Memorial Medals, regional Leadership Alliances, educational and leadership development programs, and the chapter visitation program. However, we are continually seeking new avenues that can provide our members an opportunity for leadership development and personal growth.

The Trust has an equally strong involvement with the chapters through its restricted fund program. The main component of this program is the Chapter Excellence Fund initiative, which allows our alumni an opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation on behalf of their respective chapters. The funds are invested in the Trust's managed portfolio and can be used to support chapter scholarships or various types of educational programs. These funds could also be used to provide a loan for chapter house improvements given the right situation.

How can individual members help the Trust?

That's easy – through their generous support.

Active, caring, and involved members are what drive successful organizations. We are a member-driven organization and membership should be for a lifetime.

We have already established that the Trust exists to support the Fraternity, its members and, ultimately, the greater society. If we truly believe in the value of the Chi Phi experience and our ability to build better men through lifelong friendships, leadership opportunities, and character development, then we should be willing to donate our time and financial resources to that end.

Our Fraternity's 177-year history has not diminished the strength of our message. Chi Phi can still make a positive difference in the lives of young men. Hopefully, our membership shares in our vision and will support Chi Phi at the highest possible levels.



Above: An avid fisherman, Brother Soderquist takes a pause from pursuing his passion on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.



What are your responsibilities as the chairman of the Trust?

My responsibilities are the general oversight of the Board of Trustees, operations, programs, and the Trust's endowment portfolio. However, I have been blessed with an extremely dedicated board and a very talented executive director. I am merely part of a team whose chemistry and vision will hopefully propel the Trust to new heights.

What would you like the Trust to accomplish during your tenure?

I have identified numerous long- and short-term goals that I hope to accomplish during my term as chairman. However, without question, our most pressing need and the ultimate key to our future success is to increase the size of our endowment, which only totals \$2 million.

We must grow our revenues and our endowment to a level that will support all reasonable requests for student financial assistance, as well as allow our undergraduate members full access to the leadership and development programs that are currently available to the Greek and academic communities. Our present resources are inadequate to support the numerous requests that we annually receive for assistance.

Our goal is to quadruple this endowment over the next five years through increased donor giving. If we can achieve that level of support, then we will be able to fulfill the educational needs of both the Fraternity and our members. Then we will, for the first time, approach our full potential as an educational trust.

How did you become a Trustee? Why did you decide to become involved?

I was initially approached by several past leaders of the Fraternity regarding possible interest in serving as a Trustee. My name and qualifications were eventually submitted to the Board of Governors for review and approval.

I became involved because of the examples set by others who served before me. During my undergraduate years, men like Carl Gladfelter, Bates Block, and Bill Kitchin led the Fraternity. For me, they were real-life heroes. The accomplishments, leadership, and dedication of these brothers were truly an inspiration.

Their early influence was one of the major reasons that I became involved at the chapter level. So, when presented with an opportunity to serve the Fraternity at the national level, I viewed it as an honor and privilege. Hopefully, I can in some tangible way give something back to an organization that has given so much to me.

What is your favorite Chi Phi memory?

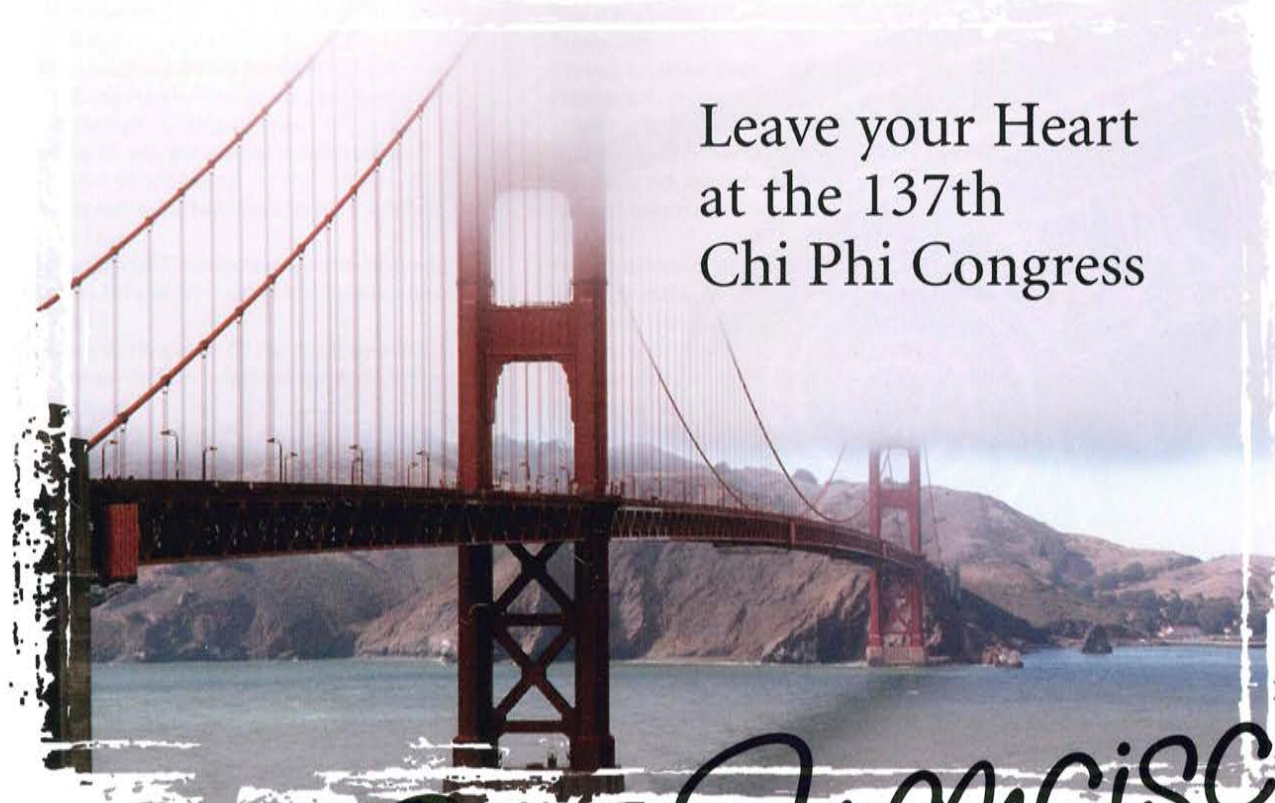
I have had so many, but one that really stands out is the 140th Anniversary of the Alpha Chapter in 1999. We had a great turnout with brothers representing seven decades, as well as a special guest list that included five past Grand Alphas. The joy of new and renewed friendships made it a special time and the bond that we call brotherhood has never been more apparent to me than it was on that special weekend.

What does Chi Phi mean to you?

Lifelong friendships and being part of an organization that after 177 years continues to embrace its core values.

Brother Soderquist and his wife, Irene, take a break during one of their ski vacations.





Leave your Heart
at the 137th
Chi Phi Congress

San Francisco

June 20-23, 2002



Mark your calendar now

and look for more details in the
winter issue of the *Chi Phi Chakett*.

Chi Phi brothers, wives, and sweethearts are invited to gather in San Francisco for a celebration of Brotherhood in one of the world's most beautiful cities, June 20-23, 2002. Don't miss this special Chi Phi event!

The Chi Phi Congress offers a unique opportunity to form new friendships and renew old bonds, while helping chart the future success of the Fraternity. A tantalizing mix of activities and events for socializing and sightseeing is being planned. Here is a sample of what awaits you:

Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Chinatown, and the famous cable cars, world-class shopping at Union Square, Napa Valley day trip, Gladfelter Circle Dinner and the 137th Chi Phi Congressional Banquet at the Olympic Club

BRING YOUR FAMILY! REUNITE WITH YOUR CHAPTER BROTHERS! MEET OTHER CHI PHIS!



The Men Behind the Trust Annual Fund:

Left to right:
Dick Armstrong, Alpha-Alpha 1957
William M. Byrd, Nu 1953



Introducing the Members of the 2001 Committee



In October, the Chi Phi Educational Trust kicked off the public phase of the 2001 Trust Annual Fund, its main fundraising drive of the year. Gifts to the Annual Fund make it possible for the Trust to provide a wide range of educational programs and services to the Fraternity and its members, such as the College of Excellence, Chi Phi Scholarship Program, and Sparks Medal Awards.

This year, fourteen alumni are volunteering their time, energy, and talents to the 2001 Annual Fund Committee. As part of their responsibilities, each committee member has made a personal contribution to the Annual Fund and is actively encouraging other alumni to follow his lead.

The committee's goal is to raise \$100,000 this year and momentum is building. Before the first appeal letters were mailed, the committee had already obtained \$31,500 from 33 brothers. To add to their initial success, committee members are currently sending a series of appeal letters to every Chi Phi brother.

"We are extremely grateful for the leadership of these fourteen brothers," states Scott Henderson, executive director of the Trust, "They represent a wide range of chapters, geographic areas, and age groups. Their willingness to serve on the committee speaks volumes to their belief in Chi Phi's future. And, the money they continue to raise shows they are not alone in this belief."

The public phase of the Annual Fund campaign runs through December 31. Individuals who have not yet made their gifts can do so by using the enclosed contribution envelope.

Name: Dick Armstrong

Chapter: Alpha-Apha (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Year of graduation: 1957

Spouse: Sue

Children: Sons, Neil and Ross, and daughter, Hope

Grandchildren: Hutson, Parker, Hannah, and Ryan

Place of Residence: Atlanta, Georgia

Profession: 42 years and counting in commercial real estate, appraisal, and lending.

Interesting fact: I have been a member of the Optimist Club for 42 years.

Most cherished Chi Phi memory: Meeting my future wife, who was an Alpha Delta Pi member. We have been married for 44 years.

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: To help keep Chi Phi strong and provide a continuing vehicle to enable brothers to keep in touch.

Name: William M. Byrd

Chapter: Nu (University of Texas, Austin)

Year of graduation: 1953

Profession: Retired petroleum geologist

Career accomplishments: Spent 36 years with Exxon Co. USA

Interesting Fact: Worked on the North Alaska project, witnessing the first barrel of oil from the Prudhoe Bay Oil Field.

Name: Wayne Currie

Chapter: Xi (Cornell University)

Year of graduation: 1967

Spouse: Janice

Children: Daughters, Deidra, 31; Pam, 28; and Nicole, 22

Profession: Financial and investment advisor, retirement planning specialist

Career aspirations: Win the battle for investment survival.

Interesting fact: Retired hockey player, member of NCAA Division I national champions, Cornell Big Red, 1964-1967.

Place of residence: Marietta, Georgia

Reason for joining Chi Phi: The chapter was filled with like-minded bridge players who had excellent parties and a post-party emphasis on strong academic performance.

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: More than ever, young men need a strong group of peers who share the core values demonstrated by Chi Phi and produce the leaders of our society.

Words of wisdom for current undergraduates: Cherish the opportunity to seek fraternal relationships with your brothers. These will be the lasting friends of a lifetime, joined in a mission of honor, creativity, and interpersonal support of one another. Give whatever you have to give and you will reap twice what you contribute.



Left to right:

Jonathan W.B. "Jon" Cosby, Lambda 1967

Wayne Currie, Xi 1967

Dave Davis, Theta Delta 1973

John Enright, Upsilon 1995

Place of residence: Georgetown, Texas

Reason for joining Chi Phi: Uncle and cousin had been members of Chi Phi and so was a good friend from high school.

Most cherished Chi Phi memory: Being elected Chapter Alpha and attending the 1951 Chi Phi Congress in New York City.

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: If we don't, who will?

Words of wisdom for current undergraduates: Study hard and obey the law.

Name: Jonathan W. B. "Jon" Cosby

Chapter: Lambda (University of California, Berkeley)

Year of graduation: 1967

Spouse: Ann

Children: Daughters, Brook and Morgan

Profession: Consultant

Career Aspirations: Keep doing what I am presently doing.

Place of residence: San Francisco, California

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: To give back and allow the current generation to reap the benefits we received.

Words of wisdom for current undergraduates: Work hard, study hard, enjoy your brothers and friends, and respect your fellow students.

Name: Dave Davis

Chapter: Theta Delta (University of Florida)

Year of Graduation: 1973

Spouse: Cindy

Profession: Retired engineer

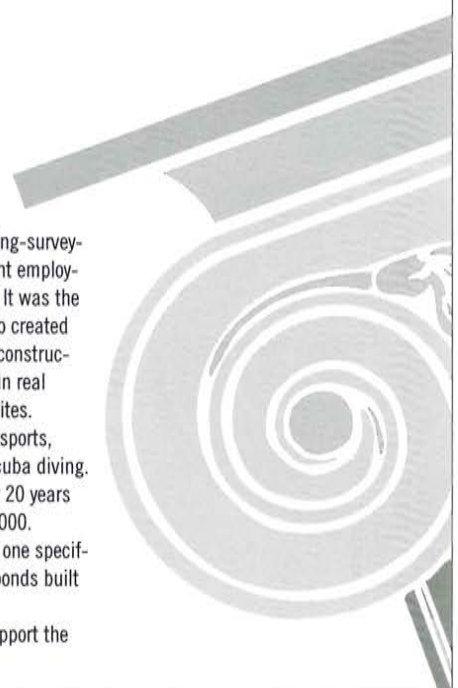
Place of Residence: Ft. Myers, Florida

Career accomplishments: Bought an engineering-surveying firm and grew it from an operation with eight employees to one having fifty before selling it in 1988. It was the most active firm in the county at the time. I also created and sold a geo-technical engineering firm and construction firm during that time. Among other things in real estate, I developed approximately 1,000 home sites.

Interesting fact: My passions include all Gator sports, especially football and basketball, as well as scuba diving. I have not missed a home football game in over 20 years and didn't miss any game between 1983 and 2000.

Most cherished Chi Phi memory: I do not have one specific event, but rather a collective memory of the bonds built with other members over the years.

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: To help support the



existence and continuation of an organization that meant a lot to us as undergraduates, the results of which remain as a significant and positive influence in our lives today.

Words of wisdom for current undergraduates: Get involved!

Name: John Enright

Chapter: Upsilon (Hobart College)

Year of graduation: 1995

Profession: Financial advisor

Place of residence: Syracuse, New York

Career aspirations: Develop a nationally respected wealth management firm.

Most cherished Chi Phi memory: Developing the chapter into the strongest on campus and acquiring a new chapter house because of the chapter's success.

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: We all benefited from the undergraduate experience, and this is our chance to contribute and help support those walking in our footsteps. Also, Chi Phi presents a great opportunity to meet and network with alumni across the country.

Name: Dick Gilbert

Chapter: Rho (Lafayette College)

Year of graduation: 1962

Spouse: Mary

Kappa Alpha Theta)

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren: 8 and 7

Reason for joining Chi Phi: My good friend, Fred Rollins, Alpha-Tau 1934.

Most cherished Chi Phi memory: The lifelong friendships formed.

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: Because alumni preceding us gave their money and time to Chi Phi, thus making it possible for us to join.

Name: Stephen Hamm

Chapter: Theta (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute)

Year of graduation: 1996

Profession: Computer network engineer

Place of residence: Medford, Massachusetts

Reason for joining Chi Phi: I wanted to be part of something that would continue after I left college.

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: So they can repay the next generation for what the prior generation has given us.

Name: Dick Owens

Chapters: Gamma (Emory University) and Eta Delta (University of Southern California)

Year pledged Chi Phi: 1956

Place of Residence: Arcadia, California

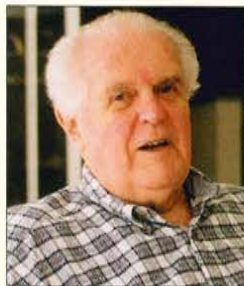
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Dick Gilbert, Rho 1962

Carl Gladfelter, Alpha-Tau 1933

Stephen Hamm, Theta 1996

Dick Owens, Gamma 1956



Profession: Retired

Career accomplishments: 33 years with AT&T and 30 years with the U.S. Army.

Places of residence: Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Cocoa Beach, Florida

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: To sustain the benefits of the Chi Phi experience we had as undergraduates.

Words of wisdom for current undergraduates: Allow Chi Phi to be your launching pad for academic excellence, character and leadership development, and lifelong friendships.

Name: Carl Gladfelter

Chapter: Alpha-Tau (University of Michigan)

Year of graduation: 1933

Other chapter affiliations: Zeta Delta 1956 (University of Connecticut), Iota Delta 1958 (Indiana University), Psi Delta 1970 (University of North Carolina, Charlotte), and Eta Delta 1975 (University of Southern California)

Place of residence: Valrico, Florida

Spouse: Grace (deceased)

Children: 4 (1 Chi Phi, 1 Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and 1

Spouse: Mary Louise

Children: 5

Interesting fact: I initiated at Emory and graduated from USC twenty years later with a bachelor of science degree and a master of business administration degree.

Profession: Commercial real estate - First Vice President, CB Richard Ellis

Most cherished Chi Phi memory: The fun, friendships, values, and sense of family and belonging – these really were "Happy Days" for me.

Words of Wisdom for current undergraduates: By being in college and Chi Phi, you have been given a gift and opportunity that 99% of the world will never have. Strike a responsible balance between academic and social/fraternal. The sense of brotherhood and friendships that you develop are priceless and will warm your heart the rest of your life.

Name: Solon P. Patterson

Chapter: Gamma (Emory University)

Year of graduation: 1957

Spouse: Marianna

Children: Sons, John Solon, 33, and Joseph Peter, 31

Grandchildren: Mary Elizabeth, 4, and John Solon Jr., 1

Profession: Investment counsel, Chairman of Montag & Caldwell

Career aspirations: To help maintain Montag & Caldwell's high professional status.

Place of residence: Atlanta, Georgia

Interesting fact: I have been following my own investment advice for a long time.

Most cherished Chi Phi memory: Being treasurer of the Gamma Chapter and getting free room and board, but having to be tough-nosed on those behind on their dues.

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: I believe fraternity life, Chi Phi in particular, made my college experience real rather than just an "ivory tower" one.

Words of wisdom for current undergraduates: Enjoy yourself in college, but remember you are there to learn and, very importantly, stay in touch with your fraternity brothers.

Name: David E. Pavelka

Chapter: Alpha Theta Chi (University of Nebraska)

Year of graduation: 1968

Spouse: Dianne

Children: Amy and Suzanne

Profession: Management, accounting, and construction administration

Career aspirations: Keep on learning.

Place of residence: Golden, Colorado

Reason for joining Chi Phi: The sincerity of the alumni

League in 1997 with the New York Yankees. He was traded as part of the Roger Clemens deal to the Toronto Blue Jays, where he still plays.]

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: Alumni support is essential to the prosperity and growth of our Fraternity. This will enable more men to enjoy the Chi Phi experience. The alumni base can be a powerful force to advance the cause of Chi Phi, to spread the brotherhood across the country. When we combine our efforts with that of our brothers, we will achieve the victory of continual existence.

Words of wisdom for current undergraduates: Have fun, but keep those grades up. Take full advantage of the many benefits of membership in our great Fraternity. Pursue leadership opportunities; the experience is invaluable.

Name: Clayton Scroggins

Chapter: Alpha-Chi (Ohio Wesleyan University)

Year of graduation: 1942

Spouse: Jeanne

Children: Sons, Lee and David, and daughter, Jane

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren: 14 and 8

Career accomplishments: Established a management consulting firm specializing in medical practice groups. The firm recently celebrated its 56th anniversary and is now under the direction of my two sons, a son-in-law, and



Left to right:

Solon P. Patterson, Gamma 1957

David E. Pavelka, Alpha Theta Chi 1968

Joshua L. Price, Epsilon Delta 1998

Clayton Scroggins, Alpha-Chi 1942

and actives during Rush.

Most cherished Chi Phi memory: Actually, I have two: the re-chartering of the Alpha Theta Chi chapter and my initiation into the Fraternity.

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: To provide the same quality opportunities they experienced to future generations.

Words of wisdom for current undergraduates: Always keep an open mind. We are all different, yet we are all the same.

Name: Joshua L. Price

Chapter: Epsilon Delta (Oregon State University)

Year of graduation: 1998

Profession: Law student

Career aspirations: Become an intellectual property attorney

Place of residence: West Linn, Oregon

Reason for joining Chi Phi: To belong to something larger than myself.

Most cherished Chi Phi memory: Being in the stands of the Memphis Chicks Class AA baseball stadium during the 1995 College of Excellence. We had "adopted" their struggling shortstop, Homer Bush, and were cheering him on the entire game. In the bottom of the 9th inning, he stepped up to the plate and hit the game-winning home run. [Editor's note: Homer Bush made it to the Major

a grandson. We have 150 employees serving clients across the country.

Places of residence: Cincinnati, Ohio, and The Villages, Florida
Reason for joining Chi Phi: I admired the enthusiasm and integrity of the alumni.

Most cherished Chi Phi memory: The devotion of the alumni who managed the chapter house and set an example of leadership for the undergraduates. I am especially thankful for Milton Brown and Dr. George McClure for the many years of loyalty and service. These memories have grown more indelible as I have grown older.

Why alumni should support Chi Phi: They can help preserve and expand the basis of truth, honor, and personal integrity in the lives of young men during four critical years of their lives. Making such an impact on these young men will influence their entire lives, thus improving society for future generations.

Words of wisdom for current undergraduates: Put your whole heart, mind, body, and soul into everything you undertake. Be optimistic, positive, and creative. Be determined and persistent. Stay focused on your dream and work hard.

On the Shoulders of
GIANTS

Each issue, True Blue will delve into the Chi Phi archives to celebrate the Fraternity's rich heritage and tell the cherished stories of its truly remarkable members. As readers enjoy the anecdotes and histories of brothers before them, they will find that some things never change: love of Chi Phi, the value of lifelong friendships, and the rewards of giving back to the next generation.

The letter reprinted below was penned by S.H. Brockunier, following a westward trip when the West was still young. Brother Brockunier's reminiscences of his Chi Phi experiences will strike a chord among all alumni.

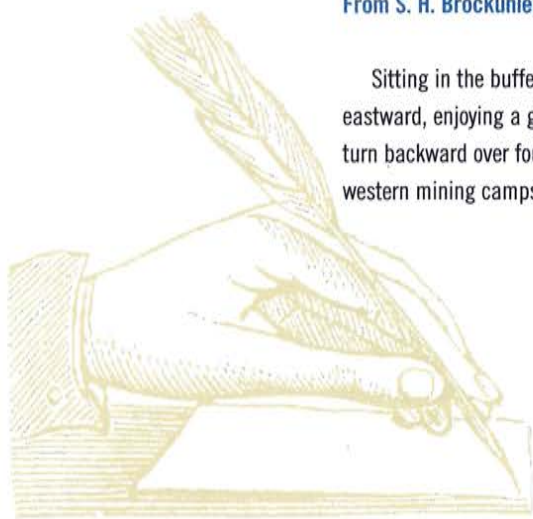
S.H. Brockunier was initiated into the Chi Phi Fraternity at the Omega Chapter, which was then located at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. He later affiliated with the Beta Chapter at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His letter was originally published in the 1902 Chi Phi Year Book, an annual publication of the Grand Council from the turn of the last century through World War I.

Chi Phi: A Social Order

A Letter to the Alumni

From S. H. Brockunier, Omega 1892, Beta 1893

Sitting in the buffet of the Pacific Express bound eastward, enjoying a good pipe-dream, my thoughts turn backward over four months of arduous work in western mining camps.



A happy remembrance crosses my mind, and I see myself returning from a rough trip through the rough state of Idaho. I am cross, tired, and dispirited as the beautiful valley of Salt Lake breaks upon my view. Cross, because a bottle of nitric acid has spilled upon the new pajamas and stock of neckties in my satchel; tired, because of the alkali plain we have traveled across; dispirited, because of an unsuccessful journey. But the verdure of the valley enters my very soul, and already I feel better, and determine to look up George M——, a Beta man.

After a day's search I finally get him corralled, and am introduced to his charming wife. During the remainder of my stay we all have many pleasant outings together. George and I "reminisce" to our hearts' content. Each learns something of what our old chums are doing, and each feels better for the meeting. With freshened vigor I leave Salt Lake for new fields and new toils.

After buffeting with the heat, dust, and bad water of Nevada until worn in mind and body, I locate another Chi Phi, and eagerly turn to the bachelor camp of Duane B——, on Tahoe Lake, California. I find Duane the same loyal good fellow that he was in college days, only slightly sobered by the responsibilities of life. The happy days spent with him form

another pleasant oasis in my trip.

My work now takes me to Colorado; and I am thrown closely in touch with Sam E——, whom I find has developed rapidly from the freshman I had first known.

It does my heart good to see that the old fire is still burning on the altars throughout the country, and to know that each member is doing his duty and reflecting honor to our grand training.

Do you know what influenced me a great deal in my green freshman days, when undecided as to which fraternity to join? One thing was that Omega had one of the most graceful ball-players I have ever seen; another was a story told by [Billy] Kramer, an Omega man. He was on board a steamer, and had not an acquaintance among the other passengers. Among the ladies one especially seemed wonderfully attractive, and as he looked closer he beheld a Chi Phi pin upon her bosom. He looked at the pin so

Get out and meet your brothers; meet them in their business, in their homes, and awaken to what a good order we have. They will do you good, and perhaps you may do them good. At least, you owe it to them, to yourself, and to the old days, to try.

Look up those you have known, see what they are doing. Brush the ashes off the old altar, and awaken to the fact that you are not the only Chi Phi. Do not allow your heart to become cold, and do not let your actions cool the hearts of others. Be staunch, good, and loyal; let your life be a grand example of what old Chi Phi training can do, but do not forget that you owe much of it to the order. Give your old brothers some of the credit for your success; remember their influence, and how in the old days you determined to succeed and show them you could be a man. Lend your example to those who are now starting where you started. How are



Seek out your old friends; do not let them slip away. "Awaken, thou sluggard!" and whether you be a married man or a bachelor, see if the results do not justify my words.

intently that she took it off, and gave it to the rightful owner, who immediately approached Billy. After they had become convinced that each was a Chi Phi, Kramer was introduced to the party, and spent a most delightful day in their company.

I myself have had a similar experience at the old White Sulphur Springs in West Virginia a number of years ago, and at other places since then.

Now, all these things mean something, dear brothers. They mean that good fellowship is not to be dropped with one's college days. If that is your feeling you have missed half of our idea, and you only have yourself to blame for it. If you are a deserving Chi Phi, you will be just as warmly welcomed in a good Chi Phi home as you were in the chapter house. Many a Chi Phi home have I visited; and from each I have gone away with a rich new thought, with more manhood, and more love and charity.

Seek out your old friends; do not let them slip away. "Awaken, thou sluggard!" and whether you be a married man or a bachelor, see if the results do not justify my words.

they going to benefit by your experience if you lock it up in that stony heart of yours?

Be charitable! Come back to us, brothers; we want you. The gray in your hair only makes you more attractive, more highly prized. Do not consider the college men of today a mere lot of irresponsible schoolboys. Our country's future is in their hands, and you are responsible for their molding and training. You dare not confine your influence to the four walls of your house. Cannot you see that if you do you will be unworthy of this age, of this great country, and of this grand order? Come back to us, brothers; our latch-string is out.



Chi Phi alumni are invited to submit historical pieces or anecdotes for future *On the Shoulders of Giants* articles by writing to True Blue, c/o Chi Phi National Office, 850 Indian Trail Road, Lilburn, Georgia 30047.

A WELL-CRAFTED LEGACY:

Ramsaur Leadership Award Recognizes EXCELLENCE

Grand Alpha Ron Frank, Nu Delta 1983, presents J. Scott Persons his Ramsaur Leadership Award during Homecoming Weekend.

Through his many years of involvement with Chi Phi, Gray C. Ramsaur, Theta Delta 1939, grew determined to make a charitable gift that would have a lasting impact on his Fraternity. In 1992, Brother Ramsaur and his wife, Cordelia, known to everyone as "Lovey," created the Ramsaur Leadership Award through a pledge of \$100,000 to the Chi Phi Educational Trust.

"Gray was strictly a Chi Phi from the word 'Go'," declares Lovey, who first met her husband at a dinner party in 1954. "He was proud of his affiliation with Chi Phi and was committed to creating this award."

The Ramsaur Leadership Award is an endowed fund that provides scholarships to undergraduates

demonstrating scholastic achievement, leadership ability, and service to Chi Phi. The award currently benefits undergraduates from chapters and colonies in the state of Florida; however, as the fund grows, it will become available to qualified undergraduates throughout the Fraternity.

Working part time, attending the University of Florida part time, and serving two wartime tours of duty as a supply officer in the U.S. Navy, Gray completed his undergraduate degree and law school after thirteen years. Brother Ramsaur ended his naval career with the rank of commander and returned to Florida to join a prominent law firm in Jacksonville.

Over the years, he remained closely involved with the Fraternity and was instrumental in obtaining the financing that allowed the Theta Delta Chapter to purchase its chapter house. He also served as a major force behind the Chi Phi Club of Jacksonville, which was very active under his guidance. Recognizing his leadership abilities, the Board of Governors elected Brother Ramsaur in 1983 to a five-year term as a Trustee of the Chi Phi Educational Trust.

Gray died in 1993 and is survived by his wife, two stepdaughters, and four step-grandchildren. Gray's legacy of support to the Fraternity continues on through the Ramsaur Leadership Award, which will exist in perpetuity. Since becoming fully endowed in 1995, the award has produced sixteen scholarships totaling \$11,700. At least one undergraduate from each chapter and colony in Florida has been recog-



nized through this important scholarship program.

After reviewing the award nominations made by each chapter's alumni association and the recommendations made by the Florida Regional Alumni Associations, the Chi Phi Educational Trust is proud to announce the selection of three outstanding recipients of the Ramsaur Leadership Award for the academic year 2001-02:

- Rafael Molina, Theta Delta Chapter,**
University of Florida
- J. Scott Persons, Nu Delta Chapter,**
Florida State University

“Gray was strictly a Chi Phi from the word ‘Go.’ He was proud of his affiliation with Chi Phi and was committed to creating this award.”



The Ramsaur Leadership Fund is an excellent example of one way alumni establishing a permanently endowed scholarship fund to recognize and strengthen Chi Phi.”

Ramsaur Leadership Award

- Michael Magoon, Nu Delta Chapter, Florida State University
- Jeffrey Holleran, Xi Delta Chapter, Florida Institute of Technology
- David King, Theta Delta Chapter, University of Florida
- Ryan Mullins, Nu Delta Chapter, Florida State University
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PLANNED GIVING:

Alumni and friends of the Chi Phi Educational Trust have found a simple way to make a significant contribution to the future of Chi Phi. The idea is *planned giving*, maximizing the charitable impact of a gift by carefully considering the multitude of gift options available.

Since the Trust is a qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, many tax-advantaged avenues are available to donors above and beyond outright gifts of cash. Depending on how donors make a gift, they may be able to avoid capital gains tax on appreciated assets, avoid estate tax & gift tax, and/or receive income for life.

This article is first in the series *Planned Giving: Making the Most of Philanthropy*, written with the help and insight of Nedom Haley, Omega 1965. Brother Haley is a partner with the Gambrell & Stolz law firm in Atlanta, Georgia. He specializes in tax law.

Beginning with wills and bequests, this series will provide a general summary of the most common ways of utilizing the tax code to make tax-advantaged gifts to section 501(c)(3) organizations. While this information is intended to provide readers with an overview of options, it is not a substitute for advice from a competent professional.

Wills and Bequests...Simple, yet Profound

Last year, an estimated 84% of the people who died did so without having a valid, up-to-date will. This means that their estates were distributed according to state law rather than the specific wishes of the individuals.

Even though it is a simple matter to have an attorney draft a will, often for one hundred dollars or less, many procrastinate, thinking that the task is too daunting or that they do not need one. "I'm too young to need a will" or "I don't have enough property to need a will" are common objections.

It is a good idea for anyone who owns property to have a will. Otherwise, the state decides who gets the property, often in a manner very different from the way the person would prefer. Even young people should have a will; accidents do happen.

Another reason many have not taken this simple step is because their estate is in joint ownership. It is true that joint ownership will pass property to a surviving spouse without the need for probate, but that is of little use if the husband and wife die together. Joint ownership provides no concrete method of passing property to children, grandchildren, or others.

When designating the Chi Phi Educational Trust as a beneficiary of an estate gift, donors may use the following sample language:

"I give and bequeath to the Chi Phi Educational Trust, a 501(c)(3) unincorporated trust located at 850 Indian Trail Rd NW, Lilburn, GA 30047, _____ percent (___%) of my residuary estate as an unrestricted contribution."

This is only one way to provide a charitable bequest to the Trust. Your legal advisor may be able to suggest other appropriate wording or you may contact the Trust for alternate sample language.



Making the Most of Philanthropy

There are many good reasons to have a will. Here are seven:

1. First and foremost, it allows you to decide how and to whom your assets are distributed.
2. It can save unnecessary expenses. Your executor, for example, need not post bond if your will so declares, and may even be given permission to do many things without getting a court order each time.
3. A will can save taxes.
4. Trusts can be created to provide financial management for your beneficiaries and to save taxes. To prevent all of the assets of your estate from being wasted frivolously, you may want your children to receive a reasonable amount annually until a specific age.
5. A guardian may be named to look after your minor children and their assets.
6. You may name the executor of your estate and/or trusts, rather than have one appointed by the state.
7. A worthy charitable organization or institution can be named in your will to receive a certain dollar amount or percentage of your estate. Such a designation is called a charitable bequest and could be eligible for the estate tax charitable deduction, if applicable.

When individuals begin to consider their charitable goals, reason #7 becomes quite relevant and important. Charitable bequests are a simple way for individuals to leave a significant legacy without sacrificing control of their assets during their lifetime.

Donors interested in making a bequest can do so easily with the help of their legal advisor by creating a will or modifying an existing one. Often, donors choose to notify the charitable beneficiaries of their plans. This allows the donor the opportunity to make his/her intentions clear and ensure that the gift will be maximized to the fullest possible benefit. It also allows the organization to thank the donor and be prepared to carry out the donor's intentions when the time comes.

In summary, a bequest is a simple way to make a profound difference in the world after your lifetime through the charitable organizations that mean the most to you. It is easier than most people think and definitely makes a significant impact.



GLADFELTER CIRCLE

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Honoring the strong, capable leadership of former Grand Alpha and National Director Carl J. Gladfelter, the prestigious Gladfelter Circle gives prominent recognition to the top echelon of alumni supporters who contribute significantly to *both* the Fraternity and the Trust.

The importance of this new giving society cannot be overstated, as it will properly recognize our friend, Brother Gladfelter, and encourage much needed alumni contributions for the Fraternity and Trust as they lead Chi Phi into the future. Each year, individuals will have the choice of two membership levels:

The *Gladfelter Circle with Distinction* through gifts of \$2,500 to the Fraternity and \$2,500 to the Trust in the same calendar year;

The *Gladfelter Circle* through gifts of \$1,000 to the Fraternity and \$1,000 to the Trust in the same calendar year.

Gladfelter Circle members will join the elite group of alumni who represent Chi Phi's most loyal supporters. By joining the Gladfelter Circle, members pay respect to the influence Chi Phi has had on their lives and provide a direct means for the

Fraternity and Trust to impact the lives of today's college students. Gladfelter Circle members can be proud that they have charted the course for Chi Phi's long-term success and have cast a vote of confidence in tomorrow's leaders.

Membership is open to anyone. And, this year, donors have the unique opportunity to become Founding Members of this new recognition society. Generous individuals making their contributions prior to December 31 will join the following alumni and friends who have already become Founding Members through a gift or pledge:

Gladfelter Circle with Distinction

William M. Byrd, Nu 1953

John M. Cencak, Eta Delta 1985

Jonathan J. Rawls, Rho Delta 1985

James P. Soderquist, Alpha 1967, and his wife, Irene

Gladfelter Circle

C. Scott Akers Jr., Eta 1973, and his wife, Betsy

Jonathan W. B. Cosby, Lambda 1967, and his wife, Ann

Wayne F. Currie, Xi 1967, and his wife, Janice

John P. Enright, Upsilon 1995

Ronald P. Frank, Nu Delta 1983

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Lawrence E. Green, Sigma Delta 1972
Carl J. Gladfelter, Alpha-Tau 1933
Stephen E. Hamm, Theta 1996
George M. MacDonald, Kappa Delta 1971,
Iota Zeta 1983
James R. Okula, Theta Delta 1972,
and his wife, Nancy
Robert D. Parker, Nu Delta 1995
Solon P. Patterson, Gamma 1957,
and his wife, Marianna
Timothy R. Pitcher, Kappa Zeta 1989,
and his wife, Tracy
Joshua L. Price, Epsilon Delta 1998
James H. Rasnake Jr., Eta 1961
Dr. Jonathan Y. Richmond, Zeta 1962,
Zeta Delta 1962, and his wife, Anne
Andrew W. Schultz Sr., Alpha Delta 1960,
and his wife, Bea
Clayton L. Scroggins, Alpha-Chi 1942,
and his wife, Jeanne
Anonymous

Individuals wishing to add their names to the roll of Founding Members should contact Scott Henderson, executive director of Chi Phi Educational Trust, or Adam Langley, national director of Chi Phi Fraternity, by telephoning (404) 231-1824.



Chi Phi Rolls Out a Bigger and Better New Member Manual



This fall, Chi Phi rolled out an enhanced and enlarged *New Member Resource Book*. Created jointly with FranklinCovey, whose name is virtually synonymous with time management, the book contains a number of personal benefit tools for new members. "The choice of FranklinCovey was a win-win," states Michael Azarian, Chi Phi's director of undergraduate services. "Their concept takes Chi Phi's basic leadership material to a new plateau by integrating planning, organization, and goal-setting into one user-friendly handbook."

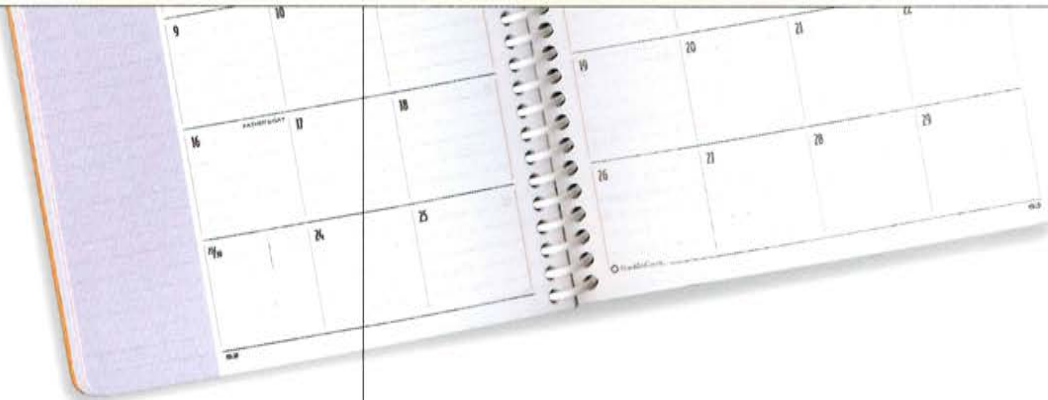
A major portion of the cost of producing the new member manual was funded by a grant to the Fraternity from the Chi Phi Educational Trust.

The manual, to be updated annually, retains the fundamentals of new member education: Chi Phi's values, history, resources, organization, and leadership. This year, new sections were incorporated, such as Chi Phi's "basic chapter expectations" and an explanation of undergraduate financial obligations. For the first time, pages are devoted to the Fraternity's awards and recogni-

Packed with useful information about Chi Phi and handy time management strategies, the New Member Resource Book provides Chi Phi undergraduates with the tools for success.



Where brotherhood is a lifetime commitment



tions, honoring each year's winners. The most significant change is the addition of an academic calendar that new members can use to meet Chi Phi's mission of academic excellence. Some undergraduate chapters have found the new manual so useful they have ordered copies for every member of the chapter, not just their new members.

Also new to the manual is an introduction to each section entitled "Reflection," which presents thought-provoking questions on such topics as values, commitment, expectations, standards, and goals. All sections of the manual work together to

underscore Chi Phi's focus on developing the total person, the true Chi Phi gentleman.

"We are indebted to our summer intern, Rich Kuerston, Mu Zeta 2002, who took this project and ran with it under the supervision of Michael Azarian," asserts Adam Langley, Chi Phi's national director.

"Both did an outstanding job, and from all reports, the undergraduates think we hit a home run."



*Season's
Greetings*

*May Peace, Good Will, and
Happiness Be with You Throughout the New Year*

THE GRAND COUNCIL, TRUSTEES, AND NATIONAL STAFF OF THE CHI PHI FRATERNITY AND CHI PHI EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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