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Fraternity EVENTS

NYC Alumni Event

Saturday, March 13, 2004

Come see old friends and support the Phi Phi scholarship with a night on the town in New York City!

We know that you've been meaning to get in touch with the guys from your postulant class but just haven't had time. And that you just keep forgetting to mail that donation check to the Scholarship Fund. Well, not to worry brother – we've got you covered with one great night.

- Saturday, March 13, 2004
- 9:00 p.m. to midnight (or as long as you're allowed to stay out)
- Solas on 9th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenue, NYC
- Suggested Donation: \$25 per person; more is always welcome. You can bring cash, check, or PayPal in advance to waynefury@hotmail.com.
- Cash bar

Wives and girlfriends are invited (your chance to prove to us that you finally managed to find somebody willing to put up with you). Naturally, in true Alpha Chi Rho fashion, we expect the festivities to last long into the night. Feel free to hang out with us at the bar at Solas or venture out with a group of friends into the bright lights of New York City.

So c'mon all you New Yorkers, mark the date off on your calendar now. Of course we're expecting strong support from our out-of-town brothers as well as the New York crowd ... here's looking at you Philly, Boston, Jersey, Chicago, Seattle (you know who you are), etc.

So go spread the word! Call your fellow brothers who you still keep in touch with (or the ones you don't — they want to hear from you too) and come meet us in New York.

Please RSVP to:

- Michael Fives: michaelfives@yahoo.com
- Wayne Levy: waynedlevy@yahoo.com
- John C. "Diddy" Hawkins: jch@pobox.com

Alumni Day

Saturday, May 15, 2004

Hold the date! More details to follow. ■



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Alumni Profiles

Q+A with Peter Schankowitz '83

Hooray for Hollywood!

If you have ever seen "The Simpsons," Court TV or VH1, you have most likely seen the work of Brother Peter Schankowitz '83 — actor, writer, producer ... and the list goes on. We caught up with this Hollywood personality to see what he is doing these days and to find out about his Phi Phi days. We hope you enjoy this alumni profile.

Tell us about your career.

Most people think I've had so many interesting careers, but my wife is quick to remind them that I just don't have any direction. I started out as an actor and moved to New York after undergraduate school to pursue an acting career. I ended up acting in plays and a couple of commercials. Then I had a downturn where I wasn't getting any work, so I applied to law school. I went to law school at Temple, but the whole time I was there, all I did was look for acting work in Philly. I did get through law school, and afterward, I got a prime job with a gigantic firm in New York. I practiced law, but again, the acting bug came calling. I got a call one day from a guy who wanted to see me about a play. I went down to the Village and was greeted by Joe Layton, who is a famous director, and Cy Coleman, who wrote shows like "Sweet Charity." I ended up getting the job. The play, called "The Life," was about pimps and prostitutes and became a huge hit. After seeing my photo in the paper and New York Magazine, the firm's partners knew what I was up to. They tolerated me for a while, but finally I had enough and went back to acting.

In about 1990, when I didn't get "Guys and Dolls" on Broadway after several callbacks, I decided to start my own company. I produced a record album in association with Pete Townsend of The Who. But we ran out of money. I started working for

other people, and really learned how to produce. I produced "The Gordon Elliott Show" for CBS. Then

moved from there to VH1, where I produced awards shows, some episodes of "Behind the Music" and a big special after Frank Sinatra died. From there, I went to Court TV and then back to VH1, and along came a turning point in my career. I got phone calls from Magic Johnson and from Sinbad, who were both doing late night shows at that time, wanting me to come out and help produce their show. So I went out to LA and interviewed with the people at Fox for "The Magic Hour" and decided to work on that show. It was not the most stellar late night show, but it got me to LA, where all the work is.

I went on to do a bunch of pilots for Fox and worked with a fellow Mask and Wig guy, Mark Cronan, on a guy talk show called "The X Show." Then, I decided to stop jumping from show to show, so things would be



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Doubling Up Just to be at Phi Phi

Picture this: a house with clean furniture, a newly redone kitchen, clean and organized rooms, and, most importantly, full of people. This year, we can finally say we are closer than ever before. The kitchen was redone last summer, we have just installed three new couches, and for four straight years, we have averaged 15 new pledges. We had no problem filling the house



Brothers Dan Greenberg and Brandon Harwood in the chapter hall.

this year; in fact, two guys volunteered to share one of the corner singles just because they both wanted to live in the house that badly. Homecoming was once again a success as alumni from all over stopped by and joined in the festivities. We hope to see you all back for the 2004 celebration this November.

We continue to participate in community service events. Senior Dixon (Benji) Power holds a leadership position in

the Civic House, and he organized a Rebuild Together Day for brothers and pledges that showed a surprisingly large turnout. Several brothers in the house, including myself, are members of the Jefferson Hospital Philadelphia Distance Run organization, and we regularly participate in charity races.

Rush went very well as we secured 15 new postulants for the semester. Bowling night as usual was the kicker. Junior rush chair Ben Kaplan did an outstanding job as he even added a new event to what has become our standard rush schedule. He also

emphasized taking the initiative to take rushees out to restaurants on off nights.

Outgoing president Jason Belinkie was forced to miss the first week of the spring semester after undergoing surgery, but newly elected Brandon Harwood made the transition smoothly. Harwood's ability to make decisions on the fly and his approachability will keep us strong for the future. In all, the house is in excellent shape, and our brotherhood is



A kitchen that would make any mother proud!

stronger than it's been in years. Thanks to John Hawkins and the entire Alumni Board for the continued monetary support and for doing a great job of making sure everything goes as efficiently as possible. Let's make 2004 a year to remember! ■



The backyard looks bare in this winter shot without two trees that were removed due to disease. They will be replaced this spring.

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Building an Academic War Chest

This past year marked the second year of a five-year challenge to endow the Phi Phi Scholarship. Since the start of the campaign, a total of 40 brothers have pledged \$28,925 through December 2003, of which \$25,025 has been received. This is a significant financial milestone as it allows us to begin making awards, expected to be approximately \$1,000 this year. Thanks to the generous challenge grant from **Jim Rappaport '77**.

While the funds received to date will start having a direct impact on the academic success of our fellow Phi Phi men, we are tracking at about 50 percent of the potential for this five-year challenge. As mentioned in our most recent appeal, maximizing this endowment

specifically established for our chapter will not only promote strong academic performance and foster learning, but will give our chapter a competitive edge over other fraternities at Penn as we make a considerable impact on the cost of attending the university.

Please join those who have pledged their support to our brotherhood in word and deed by participating in any of the fund-raising efforts planned for this year. Your support will be vital as we aim to beat the amounts raised during each of the past two years and build momentum for the latter half of this five-year challenge!

Please contact me at manuel_calero@yahoo.com with any comments or questions. ■

Cash is Not the Only Answer

Alpha Chi Rho is always appreciative of your annual contributions. However, brothers who have included the Phi Phi Chapter in their estate plans have made a thoughtful gesture toward the fraternity and have established a method for supporting the organization in the future.

While we can't provide legal counsel, advanced technical support, complicated trust agreements or a thorough knowledge of tax laws, we can, however, promote the idea that a simple bequest — putting Phi Phi in your will — is a method of supporting the fraternity in a significant way.

If you are interested in exploring your options in making a bequest to Alpha Chi Rho, please contact Phi Phi Club President **John Hawkins '93** at jch@pobox.com.

Alumni Profile with Peter Schankowitz... *continued.*

more stable for my family. I took over as head of development and production for Jonathan Goodsen Productions, where I produced game shows and talk shows, including a show called "Housecalls" which made it on the air. It was short-lived. I've done a lot of short-lived shows. Then in 2000, by a fluke, I ended up getting a gig as the president of Film Roman, which specializes in animated shows. I was working on "The Simpsons," "King of the Hill" and a bunch of animated series. It was a real highlight; "The Simpsons" is the greatest show ever. During my time at Film Roman, I created or developed six new series that were sold. One show is called "Tripping the Rift," which is a space comedy, with space creatures and misfits roaming the galaxy, pulling scams and staying one step ahead of the law. It premieres at 10:30 p.m. on the Sci Fi Channel on March 4, 2004.

I left Film Roman in November 2002 after meeting Vin DiBona. Vin is the man behind "America's Funniest Home Videos," everyone's guilty pleasure. It's still the number one show on Friday nights. We hit it off, and he said that he wanted to expand, so I decided to take the plunge. I'm president of the company, and we're in development on a bunch of network primetime game and reality shows with a comedy bent. And we're doing new shows for NBC/Bravo, Comedy Central, MTV and Fox Sports.

What is your favorite memory of the fraternity?

Most of them I can't even tell you! I used to love Help Night, which we won't get into. I also remember Spring Fling, and most of the Homecomings were just fantastic. But nothing beat stepping over a comatose **Al Kaunfer's '83** body in the stairwell at least once each weekend.

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

I learned valuable lessons about the moderate consumption of alcohol, which would be a good lesson for many to learn in Hollywood. What I took out of the fraternity wasn't anything really serious, but I made some very good, lifelong friends, that I still talk to on a regular basis. In fact, we all got together for our 20th reunion last spring. It was a way to live in college that allowed you to assimilate really quickly. It gave you a purpose and a place to be, which is important.

With whom do you stay in contact?

The main guys I still talk to are **Mike Von Grey '83**, **Mark Coogan '83**, **Joe Havlick '83**, **Chuck Reback '83**, **Dan**

Stone '83, **Eric Van de Carr '83**, **Dan Levin '83**, and **Jon Kindred '83**. The guy I talk to more than anyone, because he is a fan of what I do, is a guy who was a little older, **Bill Latour '77**. He was an usher at my first wedding — of course, living in Hollywood, I've had two. He is a major John Waters fan, and I worked on a show with John Waters, so Bill and I speak once in a while about my work and his. He's an excellent writer in his own right, and a budding novelist. He's a great guy from the older classes that the younger guys bonded with. And that's one of the cool things about the fraternity. You end up with these friends that you wouldn't normally have. Where else would we have met a poet like Bill? Most of the guys I was close friends with, I have stayed friends with. I may only see some of them once a year, but it is always a blast!

Did you live in the house? If so, who were your roommates? Tell us about a memorable time with them.

I lived in the house the whole time. My first year, my roommate was **Andy Windmueller**. It was the first and last time I ever had a roommate. I remember that he had a dog named Regal who would sleep in his bed and pee in the room, which was unpleasant. He also left my collection of 45s — an amazing collection from my older brothers of Elvis and The Beatles — on the radiator, and they melted.

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

I met my new wife when I was flying back and forth as an actor from New York to LA. I saw her several times walking her dog on the beach and finally asked her out. Then I had to return to New York. While I was on the plane, I saw an ad for flights from JFK to LAX for \$200. I had planned to spend \$5,000 on a time-share in the Hamptons, but instead, I bought \$5000 worth of plane tickets. I flew back and forth and eventually married her. My wife, Kathy, is terrific; the guys in the fraternity would attest to the fact that I really overachieved. I am very lucky. We have two girls, 6-year-old Carly and 4-year-old Casey. They are beautiful kids, really cool and really smart. Nothing is better than coming home and having them run to the door. If you were to ask me the best part of my life, hands down the answer is my home life. I am really blessed.

Brothers who want to get in contact with Peter can e-mail him at pschankowitz@vdbp.com. ■

Alumni UpDates

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George Blankley '33

(208 Rodney Cir., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-3730) The old bones just creak louder and more often.

Robert S. Albrecht '34

(17861 Lake Rd., Lakewood, OH 44107-1048) No news is good news.

William Craemer '38

(P.O. Box 36216, Charlotte, NC 28236-

6216; billcraemer@aol.com) I attended the 65th class reunion and visited the house while there.

Raymond Zabel '63

(260 Poocham Rd., Westmoreland, NH 03467-4103; zabels@cheshire.net) Retirement was boring so I started a new business called Park Avenue Window and Door Co., Inc.

John M. Smartt '66

(2001 Partridge Run Ln., Knoxville, TN 37919; johnsmarttcpa@yahoo.com) My family built a Habitat for Humanity home last summer to honor our parents' 60th wedding anniversary.

John W. Baxter '69

(4767 Woodview Dr., Santa Rosa, CA

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95405-8755; jbxaxter228@aol.com) The biggest news is that my son, Ryan, is now a Penn freshman.

Michael J. Karpinski '70

(4667 Stimpson Ridge Dr., Pfafftown, NC 27040) Best regards to all Crows everywhere.

Robert B. Warner '70

(6830 Grimes Golden Court, Columbia, MD 21045-4489; rwarner@verizon.net) I retired from the federal government four years ago, survived a bout with colon cancer and now am a substitute teacher. In my spare time I volunteer as a board member of our local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Our son is in grad school in Reno, and our daughter and her family live on a small farm in western Montana. We travel west several times a year.

John G. Kelly '71

(4701 Cedar Ln., Drexel Hill, PA 19026-4415; jgkelly@pgworks.com) We are proud new grandparents of Kiara Kelly Hunt, born March 20, 2003. The cruise we took to Alaska last summer was breathtaking!

Phillip J. Cosentino '74

(239 Natick St., Staten Island, NY 10306-1625) I am in private practice on Staten Island, practicing pulmonary and internal medicine. I have been married for 12 years to my wife, Susan Daiuto, a Staten Island pediatrician. We have one son, Phillip, Jr., age 8.

John R. Varholy '86

(600 Peachtree St., NE, Ste. 5200, Atlanta, GA 30308-2231; john.varholy@troutmansanders.com) I was just named managing partner of the firm's London law offices. I am making many trips to the continent, both to the usual and relatively unusual destinations. After three-plus years of living in Holland and the UK, I have not yet gone Euro. No berets, loud Jermy Street shirts, pointy shoes or socialist tendencies. Just returned from my first vacation in Russia, traveled to St. Petersburg with **Stuart Ford '85** and returned to a visit in London from **Todd Ginnis '86**.

Christopher R. Albani '87

(Shinguku Park Tower 30th Floor, 3-7-1 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-Ku Tokyo, 163-1030; calbani@prtm.com) On August 23, 2003, I got married to Rie Murata in Maui. We live in Toyko now but have no immediate plans to return to the U.S.

Larry Longtin '86, Steve Vedro '86, Mark Ventura '87 and Mike Viola '86 all attended the wedding. Since then, we have been blessed with the wonderful news that Rie is pregnant. She is due in June, and we're now readying ourselves and our home to welcome a new member. Business continues to be strong and his workload is undiminished. It will be challenging to make the transition to fatherhood. Rie was given the title of vice president at Citibank in 2003. At this point, we are intending that she will return to work, but we also expect to re-

evaluate this decision later in the year. Our offer for visitors remains, so please let us know if you have the opportunity to come to Japan.

Kofi McCleary '92

(2125 Mirow Place, Charlotte, NC 28270; kmccleary@att.net) I want to let you all know that a few weeks ago, Kim Kenney agreed to marry me. Go figure, eh? Those of you who have met Kim know that I am a very lucky guy. We are going to do a very small family ceremony at my mother's church in Atlanta; then we are headed to California for a honeymoon.

Raffaele J. Senese '93

(305 E 95th St., Apt. 4F, New York, NY 10128-5715; mrsenese@gsbpop.uchicago.edu) I graduated from the University of Chicago business school in 2000. I traveled to Thailand, Greece, Spain and France. Recently, I quit Bank of America as a distressed sell side analyst and joined D.E. Shaw's new distressed hedge fund group. I am still single although that may well change soon. ■

In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **George B. Sweeney '57 (9/28/02)**. Alpha Chi Rho mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.

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