

# Chi Chapter Open House

May 28, 2005

At Reunion Weekend 2005, Chi Chapter will host our annual open house at the Lodge.

Make plans now to attend Reunion Weekend and the open house!

Registration materials will be available online or by mail in March.

*We look forward to seeing you in May!*



Join us for cold beverages on the Lodge deck again this May at the open house! (Pictured from May 2004 are brothers **Drew McFarland**, **Bethany Delt**, class of '83, **Charles Cammack '89**, **Robert Burns '51**, **Fugitt** and **Peter Groustra '89**.)

# THE CHI DELT

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## Alumni

### Profile Silas Axtell '52

## For Hall of Fame Inductee, Kenyon Is Family Tradition

In October 2004, **Silas Axtell '52** was inducted into the Kenyon College Athletic Association Hall of Fame for his achievements in soccer and lacrosse. His remarkable collegiate athletic career, occurring in the early days of the soccer and lacrosse teams, included serving as captain of the soccer team and co-captain of the lacrosse team, and helping build the success of the two programs.

Attending Kenyon is a longtime family tradition for him: His father, **Silas Blake Axtell** (Alpha Delta Phi); two uncles, **Howard** (Delt) and **Lucien** (Alpha Delt); brother **Halton** (Alpha Delt); and his son, **Silas Blake Axtell '75** (Delt) are all Kenyon men. "I'm waiting for one of the grandkids to go to Kenyon," he says. "I told my kids that somebody has to do it!"

When asked about his college days, he speaks primarily about the steadfast, lifelong friendships that were forged at Delta Tau Delta. "Our entire pledge class has remained close, and we see most of them and their wives on a regular basis. It's pretty unique," he says. "Most of us were athletes in school and bonded together."

**Jerry Ellsworth '52**, who'd been a fellow soccer and lacrosse player, is a neighbor. Others from the pledge class are **Bill Ranney '52** (who was a football player and has remained actively involved with Kenyon and Delta Tau Delta), brothers **Bob Jones '52** and **John Jones '52** (who captained both the soccer and lacrosse teams prior to Silas), **Bill Hurd '52**, **Ed Ames '53**, **Harry Read '52** and **Burt Craig '52**.

The network of friendships has even extended into successive generations: Silas's son and **Bill Ranney's** son are good friends, as are the two men's grandsons.

Unfortunately, **Bob Eggert '52** and **Bob McOwen '52** are deceased. Eggert, Silas points out, was a professional builder who designed and built the Lodge in 1969.

Silas and his wife, Patricia, began dating in high school and wed when Si was a senior in college. They've been married 52 years and have three children (two sons and one daughter) and six grandchildren ranging in age from 13 to 19. The couple's primary home is on eastern Long Island, but they spend winters in Vero Beach, Fla., and also co-own a cabin in Vermont with **John Jones**.

Si fondly remembers his days at Delta Tau Delta and returns to campus every two or three years for reunions and homecoming. He has even taken grandchildren a couple of times. His favorite fraternity memories are dance weekends, parties and what he calls "an airplane panty raid" on Denison College. "Somebody had an airplane and dropped leaflets about the raid, and hundreds of Kenyon guys showed up in their cars for it," he explains, laughing.



**Silas Axtell '52** (left) and **Bill Ranney '52** (right) at the Hall of Fame dinner ceremony.



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After graduating with a degree in political science, Si went to work for Exxon in sales, then Caterpillar. Eventually he went into business for himself as owner of a John Deere construction equipment dealership in Vermont.

One of his lifelong hobbies is renovating houses. "I've probably done 15 of them," he says. Throughout his career, when the family moved for his work, they'd buy a house and fix it up, then sell it when they next had to move. Their home on Long Island, however, he built himself — literally with his own hands. Other than installing the sheetrock, he did everything, including the plumbing, wiring and roofing.

Silas retired in 1988, and retirement for him means having more time to pursue interests such as tennis, skiing, golf and community involvement. "I've been vice president of the home association for 10 years and spend a lot of time on that," he says. Si keeps a schedule that would exhaust most people: He's usually on the go from early morning till early evening.

During his time at Kenyon, he says, he learned about teamwork, working hard and never giving up, building the bonds of friendship, and loyalty both to the fraternity and to the school. Those lessons of long ago helped shape his life and have remained with him in all the years since graduation. ■

# Undergraduate Chi Chapter Executive Board Officers

**Position: President**  
**Name: Paul Gunther**

Year: Junior  
Phone: 740.427.6342  
E-mail: GuntherP@Kenyon.edu  
Hometown: Lower Merion, Pa.  
Personal: Paul is involved with The Chasers, a coed a capella group, and Fools on the Hill, an improvisational comedy group.

**Position: Vice President**  
**Name: Jack Cerchiara**

Year: Junior  
Phone: 740.427.6328  
E-mail: CerchiaraJ@Kenyon.edu  
Hometown: Scottsdale, Ariz.  
Personal: Jack is a biology major with a pre-medicine concentration, as well as a member of the varsity lacrosse team, part of Kenyon Men Against Sexual Assault and a campus tour guide.

**Position: Treasurer**  
**Name: Tim Greenwood**

Phone: 740.427.6322  
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Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio  
Personal: Timmy is from Cleveland and loves wearing tight jeans and really baggy shirts.

**Position: Corresponding Secretary**

**Name: Edward James Leming Beale**  
Year: Sophomore  
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Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa.  
Personal: James is a political science major.

**Position: Recording Secretary**  
**Name: Fitzjacob Streeter Appleman**

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Hometown: New York, N.Y.  
Personal: Fitzjacob's hobbies include covering the Cavs professionally for www.slamonline.com, hating the New York Yankees and desperately trying (to no avail) to prevent James Beale from using the word "gully" in everyday conversation.

**Position: Academic Affairs**  
**Name: James L. Sapanski**

Year: Sophomore  
Phone: 740.427.6254  
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Hometown: New Wasp, Conn.  
Personal: James is shooting for an economics and mathematics double major with a public policy concentration. He is also involved in the Wiggins Street Tutors, the Business and Financial Committee, and the Housing and Grounds Committee at Kenyon. Other interests include music, history, competitive weightlifting, sports and art.

**Position: Sergeant at Arms**  
**Name: Kenan Senguen**

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Hometown: Mettmann, Germany  
Personal: Kenan loves winter hats and the 1980s. He once ate an entire chicken.

**Position: Pledge Educator**  
**Name: Tom Ashby**

Year: Senior  
Phone: 740.427.6327  
E-mail: AshbyT@Kenyon.edu  
Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Personal: Tom is a member of the Kenyon Lords' 25-consecutive national champion swim team and a four-year national qualifier himself. A past Chi president, he has held an executive position at Chi since his first voting semester as a Delt. His involvement on campus reaches far beyond swimming and his Delt affiliation: As well as being part of groups such as Sexual Misconduct Advisers and Kenyon Men Against Sexual Assault, Tom was selected as a coordinator for the student-led program Beer and Sex, which speaks to all freshmen at Kenyon about important issues they are faced with in the college setting.

**Position: Pledge Educator**  
**Name: Joe Dolman**

Phone: 740.427.6354  
E-mail: DolmanJ@Kenyon.edu  
Hometown: Venice, Calif.  
Personal: Joe is an involved member within the competitive go-kart racing community and received the coveted "participation" medal at a recent competition. He has a lifetime goal of visiting New Jersey.

**Position: Guide**  
**Name: Byron Manna**

Phone: 740.427.6343  
E-mail: MannaB@Kenyon.edu  
Personal: Byron, a former Chi president, recently cut his hair and sadly no longer looks like a hippie. He considers himself a fishing and barbecue enthusiast. ■

## Letter from the Undergraduate President

Greetings Alumni,

Having recently returned from studying abroad at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and taking up the position as president of Chi Chapter, I am excited and honored to contribute to this alumni newsletter.

While the transition from a less-rigorous course load and eating fish and chips (as well as some haggis) in Scotland, to the demanding studies and the food at Kenyon has not been seamless, my brothers here at Chi have made me feel at home again here on the hill.



Broomball Rush Event January 2005

### Our sense of brotherhood and our morale continue to run high at Chi Chapter.

Chi Chapter remains a fulfilling part of life here in Gambier. We recently completed a strong rush week that included a spirited game of broomball on ice, a barbecue with the lovely women

of the Zeta Sorority and, of course, the steak dinner at which we welcomed back 13 alumni to the Shelter. Due to our rush effort, we were pleased to accept 10 new pledges for this semester.

Our sense of brotherhood and our morale continue to run high at Chi Chapter. We recently added a new position to the executive committee that we are temporarily calling Big Brother. The role of this position is to organize and execute a local fund-raising event for the chapter in the fall semester, and to facilitate a campus-wide community service drive in the spring. **Kevin Ward**, a junior who spent the last semester in Prague, has stepped up to become the first member to fill this position and is already tossing around ideas for either a swim-a-thon or a dance-a-thon, with the proceeds going toward a tsunami relief fund.

If any of you are ever in the Gambier or Columbus area, please let us know in advance, as we would look forward to the opportunity to meet with you.

Yours in Chi,  
Paul Gunther '06 ■

## Brother Ashby Demonstrates Leadership in Pool and in Chapter

By Jake Appleman '06, Recording Secretary

When you're the unquestioned leader of the longest-running dynasty in American sports, you probably wouldn't consider a life of Greek leadership to be that important. Then again, you're not **Tom Ashby**. Granted, the Kenyon men's swimming dynasty is Division III, but a string of 25 straight national championships is completely unheard of.

Ashby, a senior Chi Delt, has played an integral role in the dynasty's maintenance, all the while never slowing his unrelenting commitment and enthusiasm to Chi.

"It is obvious that Tom's commitment to Chi has been enriched and enhanced by his determination for success on the swim team," notes Chi president **Paul Gunther '06**.

Tom has displayed a remarkable ability to never waver in the amount of time he devotes to the chapter — which is amazing, considering he lives on a swimming schedule that would strike fear into most sane collegians.

Now, after serving as president last year, Tom is ready to step into the role of pledge educator. If he can mold the current Chi pledge class of 10 men into Delts who are half as committed and enthusiastic to the chapter as he is, he will have succeeded. Ashby is teaming with Los Angeles native and saxophone prodigy **Joe Dolman** in a quest to teach the talented new class of potential Delts the core values of the fraternity.

According to Dolman, "Tom has always been a leader to this chapter ever since pledging during freshman year. He is a great brother and a great friend. Joining him as a pledge educator will be an honor and a privilege."

The chapter is stoked to have Ashby as a pledge educator. Giving 100 percent is as involuntary as breathing, or doing the 50-yard freestyle, to the humble kid from Pittsburgh who is doing everything he can to leave Chi a better chapter than he found it. ■

## 2005 Chi Chapter Pledge Class

(Pledged February 2005)

**John Bence '08**  
Stamford, Vt.

**Brian D'Orazio '08**  
Solon, Ohio

**Joe Harrison '08**  
Ft. Worth, Texas

**Rob Kunzig '08**  
Lewis, Del.

**Edward Lawrence '08**  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

**James Reid '08**  
Leavenworth, Kan.

**Pete Scherer '08**  
Wethersfield, Conn.

**Brian Sloan '08**  
Gibsonia, Pa.

**Alex Stoyel '08**  
London, England

**Jay Ulwick '08**  
University Park, Md. ■

# Alumni UpDates

## William M. Fine '50

(35-2 Sterling City Rd., Lyme, CT 06371) My book entitled "16 Celebrities Who Charmed My Life" was published by a division of Random House. It sold well on the West Coast, awful in the Midwest and okay in the East and Northeast.

## William O. Hurd '52

(2 Iris Ct., Marlton, NJ 08053; woh9@mindspring.com) Not much to report. Retirement is pleasant but uneventful!

## Kerry Hall '81

(1337 Greenwood Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091; hallk@newtrier.k12.il.us) Your former treasurer is still teaching high-school history in the

Chicago area, at New Trier. I see **Jim Parker '81** around and keep up with my tennis. How about our picture in that last Kenyon mailing?!

## John N. Cannon '83

(2928 Claremont Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122; jc2928@aol.com) I have two boys and a girl. I'm a stay-at-home dad and trade the stock market out of the house when I can. My favorite memories are the beer slide at Hell Week, and my father surprising me at the initiation ceremony and pinning me with my Delt pin.

## Jeffrey C. Moritz '86

(P.O. Box 14263, Cleveland, OH 44114-0263; jcm464@aol.com)

Caroline Connor Moritz was born January 20, 2005. This is our third child (all girls)!

## Philip V. Moyles '86

(16 Thistle Ln., Rye, NY 10580; Philip.V.Moyles.Jr@marsh.com) I am chairman of client development-North America and have been promoted to executive vice president of Marsh Inc.

## Charles D. Stimson '86

(7627 Huntmaster Ln., McLean, VA 22102; cstim26217@aol.com) I am on the shortlist to become the next United States attorney for Maryland. Should know in the next month or so.

## Timothy H. Harned '87

(71 Maugus Ave., Wellesley Hills, MA 02481; tharned@capstonellc.com) Many happy developments: 1) I have been married to my terrific wife, Marla, for six years, 2) we just had our first child, a baby girl named Milena, and 3) I left Morgan Stanley to launch a new firm, The Capstone Group (www.capstonellc.com), to provide advisory services to the middle market. On the Chi front, I see **John Morris '89** and **Rob Ix '87** frequently. Please drop by anytime you visit Boston and,

as always, 'Go Red Sox!'

## Robert P. Bonacci '90

(910 Folwell Dr. S.W., Rochester, MN 55902; kerrieandbob@charter.net) Kerrie and I had our first child, Ellen Grace Bonacci, born last April 26. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. Ellen and Kerrie are doing great.

## Joshua Hughes Cornehlisen '96

(268 15th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94118) I am back from two years in west Africa with the Peace Corps. I moved out here to San Francisco and am currently teaching world history and Spanish, and coaching tennis at an all-boys Catholic high school. I look forward to catching up with **Nicholas Hailey '96**, who just moved out here after business school at the University of Michigan. Hope all you guys are doing well.

## Daniel Hughes '97

(P.O. Box 770332, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477; da\_hughes@hotmail.com) I am living with **Jamie Lester '98** and **Joe O'Reilly '98** in Steamboat Springs, working in a hotel. We get to see **Brian Binge '95** and **Tim Mutrie '96** from time to time. Life is good! ■

## David L. Watkins '57

(P.O. Box 484, Swansea, SC 29160; david@drdavidwatkins.us) I believe the word "re-



Watkins '57

tired" is a misnomer! "Retired" means "re-treaded" and ready for another 100,000 miles! I continue to work two to three days a week at the hospital with cancer patients and later visit them in their homes — a great ministry to them and their families. I hope to visit the Lodge soon and meet my new brothers. My years at Kenyon and with my brother Delts have been life changing! Thank you, Kenyon and Chi Delts.

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