Jack P. Cook ’48 Enters the Chapter Eternal
Leaves Generous Bequest to Alpha Chapter Excellence Fund

Jack Philip Cook was born on November 6, 1925 in Lancaster, PA. He was the middle child, and only son, of Wilford Lloyd Cook and Virginia Brown Cook. Jack’s siblings included his older sister Patricia and younger sister Phyllis, affectionately known as Binky. The Cook family has deep roots in American history including ancestor George Gilpin who was a pall-bearer at George Washington’s funeral. During Jack’s early years, he moved around the Lancaster and Baltimore areas quite a bit due to various endeavors by his father, a budding pharmacist turned entrepreneur. Eventually, Jack’s father moved up in the Becker Pretzel Company, starting as a delivery man and working his way to general manager. During this time, Jack’s family settled in Catonsville, MD, a suburb west of Baltimore, where Jack would spend the rest of his childhood.

Jack started high school at Catonsville High in 1938 but after about one year, he left (or was asked to leave) and enrolled at Massanutten Military Academy. Regardless of the specifics of his departure from Catonsville High, while there he had met a young girl named Betsy Hess who would later become his wife. At Massanutten Military Academy, Jack flourished and became captain of the Riding Team. He also befriended William Kitchin, who became a lifelong friend and future fraternity brother.

It seems that the discipline of Massanutten was just what Jack needed, as after graduating in 1943, and at the tender age of 17, he matriculated at the University of Virginia. His father hoped he would be a Nittany Lion, but Jack made the right choice and became a Cavalier. His first stay in Charlottesville was cut short, for as soon as he turned 18, he enrolled in the United States Army. Taking an assignment in the U.S. Army Air Corps, Jack was sent to the Pacific in support of a planned invasion of Japan. By the most reliable account, Jack made it as far as Midway when the invasion was obviated by the surrender of Japan in August of 1945.

Upon his return to the States, Jack proceeded back to Charlottesville to finish his studies at Virginia. It was during his second stint that he found brotherhood at Chi Phi. In 1948, Brother Cook graduated from U.Va. and went on to enroll at the University of Baltimore School of Law. While

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Alpha 150th Anniversary A Record Success!

Thanks to all the returning brothers who helped make Alpha Chapter’s 150th anniversary reunion at Virginia a memorable celebration. More than 20% of our living alumni spanning eight decades attended and enjoyed a weekend full of events.

See pages 2-5 for a photo review of the Reunion!

More 150th photos online at www.chiphiuva.com

Alpha 150th Anniversary Reunion Chairmen
From left: William Mellen ’53, Jim Soderquist ’67, Owen Parry ’66 & Lee Rasmussen ’93
Alpha Chapter Excellence Fund
Tops Fund Raising Goal
2009 Winners Announced

The Alpha Chapter Excellence Fund (CEF) is dedicated for the exclusive use of our active brothers and has grown impressively in recent years. As a part of our 150th Anniversary Reunion, well over our $150,000 goal was raised and the total fund is now approaching $300,000. That will spin off approximately $15,000 each year and provide meaningful awards for our brothers. In addition to the merit based scholarships now awarded, we will also be adding need based scholarships next year. Our Alpha CEF is the second largest of all Chi Phi chapters and is the biggest such fund at Virginia.

These scholarships will enable us to attract and retain top quality students and further enhances the unique privilege of being a member of the Alpha Chapter.

Thank You!
Special Thanks to all the Chi Phi Brothers who contributed to the Chapter Excellence Fund Campaign

Thomas B. Worsley* '33
William P. Snively '40
Ralph H. Alexander, Jr. '47
Richard F. Hall, Jr. '47
Jack P. Cook* '48
Landon R. Wyatt, Jr. '49
Frank M. Thompson '50
S. Frank Blocker, Jr. '50
William B. Guer rant '50
James H. Whiting '52
Daniel C. Elkin, Jr. '53
William Robert Mellen '53
Albert D. Ernest, Jr. '54
H. Mitchell Dunn, Jr. '54
James F. Doetsch, Jr. '54
Thomas O. Trotter '54
James H. Hill III '58
Robert M. Davison '59
Grayson E. McNair '62
Robert W. Whitman '62
William G. Ender, Jr. '62
John P. Doherty '63
Peter T. Johnson '64
Robert J. Thornton III '64
Bower R. Patrick III '65
Edward O. Parry, Jr. '65
A. Hardin White, Jr. '66
James P. Soderquist '67
John Lewis Goodloe III '67
Alastair S. Macdonald '67
George C. Toop, Jr. '67

William R. Dandridge, Jr. '67
Ernest Kirk II '68
Jeffrey B. Shields '69
David E. Tatum '71
Thomas M. Eckis '71
J. Robert Henderson '72
Michael R. Garrett '72
Samuel W. Fairchild '73
Kevan E. Van Ladingham '74
Robert G. Topping '74
William L. Stobart '74
David R. Beran '76
Michael S. Reall '76
Stanley K. Joynes III '77
John K. Parris '78
Robert F. Mizell '78
William F. Garrahon, Jr. '79
John R. Gilchrist '81
John F. Harris '82
Norman F. Lent III '82
Brandon C. Smith '83
LTJ Thomas Erik Miller '89
F. Stanford Massie, Jr. '90
David W. Marshall '90
John C. Kokola '91
Christopher J. Wisniewski '92
James R. Burnett, Jr. '93
Richard G. Rasmussen III '93
Edwin C. Stone, Jr. '94
Christopher A. Boals '95
Joshua Mathew Nowocin '96

Kevin F. Hull '96
Eric J. Conn '97
Michael Ryan Assenza '97
Byron L. Pickard '98
J. Sheppard Maher '98
Nathan A. Mackey '98
Aaron P. Wolfe '99
Christoph Hamann '99
Daniel P. Mattock '99
Gregory W. Trimmer '99
Jonathan M. Griffin '99
Matthew V. Kozlowski '99
Matthew W. O’Neill '99
Nicholas A. Bever '99
Robert C. Decker '99
Sean M. Oliphant '99
Thomas A. McKnight, Jr. '99
Jason B. Bockenek '02
Philip A. Taliaferro '04
Sean N. Bowie '04
Andrew S. Daly '05
Zachary Fleet Hill '06
Cullen A. Hitt '09
Evan M. Berger '09
Ian P. White '09
John Gelb '09
Matthew P. Massey '09
Samuel J. Holbert '09
Thomas N. Bakke II '09

*Deceased

2009 Alpha CEF Scholarship Presentation
Jim Soderquist ’67, Matt Matese ’10, Austin Ogilvie ’11, Sam Hecht ’10, and Owen Parry ’65.

CEF 150 Campaign Totals
$300,000
$225,000
$150,000
$75,000
$0
259,890.12
Initial Goal
Alpha Chapter 150th Anniversary
Gala Dinner Dance at Alumni Hall
Alpha Notes
by Jamie Smith-George ’10

As my tenure as Alpha draws to an end, I had the opportunity to think back and reflect on everything our fraternity has been able to accomplish over the past year. We graduated one of the strongest pledge classes in recent memory, and initiated a new class of eager, outstanding young men. We have reached out to the Charlottesville community with service projects and a new Community Outreach Chairman position. We put on a successful philanthropy, this year benefiting Disabled American Veterans. Most importantly, however, we were able to celebrate our 150th Anniversary on grounds. Here’s to another 150 years.

At the beginning of this semester, one of the main themes that many of the brothers on Chi Phi’s Executive Council expressed was our responsibility to give back to the community at large. While many brothers serve the community through various channels, such as Program Directors at Madison House, volunteer tutors, and coaches, we felt that we needed to leverage the size and strength of this brotherhood to create an even greater impact. In this vein, the Community Outreach Chairman position was created. With this position, we started to take on more service projects and began to establish relationships with community members. We have begun to work with the Charlottesville Food Bank to arrange several Food Drives at area grocery stores. We have also sponsored a family for the holidays and will provide them with gifts, food, and clothes. Our Community Outreach Chairman is also exploring future opportunities for volunteering that can incorporate the whole brotherhood, such as working together at the Charlottesville Boys and Girls Club.

In addition to reaching out more to the community, we set a goal of putting on another successful philanthropy this semester. Hoodang is in its 14th year and is still drawing an impressive crowd of students and friends. One of the special tasks with this philanthropy is selecting a cause championed by individual brothers. In the past, we have donated to the ALS Foundation and to Pancreatic Research, as these are charities that are near and dear to several Chi Phi brothers. This year, we selected Disabled American Veterans as our charity of choice, both to honor the brothers of Chi Phi that have served and also the brothers that are currently serving or will serve in the future. We are proud to announce that we were able to raise $2,000 for this worthy cause.

Chi Phi brothers’ involvement has also extended to the University community. We currently have two IFC members, the Chair of the IFC-Judiciary Committee, a Jefferson scholar, several Echol’s scholars, and members of countless other clubs, boards, and committees. Additionally, we can boast of a brother, Charles Dyer, living on the lawn.

We have plenty to be proud of and this was a year for celebration. In early October, we undergraduates had the opportunity to meet and celebrate 150 years at the University with many of you. It was a unique opportunity for brothers of all generations to gather and to learn about the past from firsthand sources. Highlights of this year have also included tailgates at the lawn room before football games, our annual Dad’s weekend, our now (in)famous Studio 54 party, and several weekend excursions. We look forward to next year and the rush process beginning in January. Thank you, alumni, for your continued support and I wish you the best.

Beta Notes
Sam Hecht ’10

Eighty-five years after it was built, I think it is safe to say that 161 Rugby Road has seen its share of raucous parties and legendary shenanigans. However, I can honestly report that the house is in the best shape it has been in since I’ve been a Chi Phi. Through the hard work put forth by Owen Parry, Jim Soderquist, and a few other alumni leaders, as well as the efforts of the actives to keep the house looking good, we were able to put together an excellent 150th Anniversary reunion. I hope that everyone who attended enjoyed seeing the house again and that the sights and smells brought back fond memories of happy times past.

Since I became a member of Chi Phi, I have witnessed only growth in the level of personal commitment to the house among the actives. It is a testament to the strength of the fraternity that we are once again forced to create room for additional brothers to live in the house next year, raising the number above twenty-two. Perhaps we will one day cram four brothers into each room as some alumni can boast to have done back in the days when the basement was unfinished and women weren’t allowed above the first floor.

Leadership continues to be a core value of the brotherhood and we recently elected a new group of officers who will lead us through another successful year in 2010. I am confident that they will continue to build upon the positive steps we have taken to make Chi Phi one of the strongest fraternities on grounds. In light of the fact that the 2009 holiday season may prove difficult for many Americans, I am proud to say that we have redoubled our philanthropic efforts in an attempt to serve in a more active and positive role in the Charlottesville community at large.

This year has been a blast at Chi Phi House and, although it is almost time to buckle down for exams, we look forward to our holiday food drive and our annual Christmas Semi-formal to be held at the house. As we approach the spring semester and the initiation of a new pledge class, I can think of no place where I would rather spend my last semester at UVA.
studying law, he began dating his high school friend Betsy Barker Hess. Jack and Betsy were married in 1950 and spent many happy years together until her death in 1995. They had 2 children, Nancy and Jay (Jack P. Cook, Jr.), who gave them 5 grandchildren and by last count, 2 great grand-children.

After graduating from law school, Jack returned to Pennsylvania, settling in York, and joined his father who had purchased a snack food company called Bon Ton Foods. In 1958, Jack took the reins of Bon Ton from his father and built a very successful business empire in the York area, mostly involving the snack food industry. He was the founder of C-P Flexible Packaging and the co-founder of Shultz Foods. While Bon Ton Foods and Shultz Foods have since been absorbed by other entities, C-P Flexible Packaging continues to be a successful packaging corporation in York, PA. When Bon Ton Foods was sold to a Metrill Lynch investment arm in 1986, Jack retired from active business pursuits. However, his retirement did not slow him down. Jack remained active, serving on the Board of Trustees of Massanutten Military Academy as well as the Boards of Directors of Mellon Bank N.A. and York Barbell.

In his free-time, Jack was an avid student of Civil War history and amassed a large private library. He was a member of the Country Club of York and Founder Emeritus of The Janus School in Mount Joy, PA, a day school for children with learning differences such as ADD, ADHD, dyslexia and Asperger’s syndrome. His efforts, along with those of Bill Kitchin, were responsible for the “Cook & Kitchin” dining hall at Massanutten Military Academy. He split his time between York and Jupiter, FL.

By all who knew him, Jack was described as a magnetic, larger-than-life figure who always gave freely of his time and talent. He was known as an indefatigable social motive power and at 6 feet 5 inches, struck an imposing presence when he returned to Charlotteville for Chapter events. A picture of Jack and his classmates, discovered in the early 1990’s in Chapter archives, epitomized the vision of life at Chi Phi. It showcased Jack in the middle, long arms flung fraternally over the shoulders of those around him. After battling declining health for a number of years, Jack Philip Cook entered Chapter Eternal on May 17, 2009. He left a void in the lives, but many warm memories in the hearts, of those who knew and loved him.

Jack was very generous in his support of the Alpha Chapter during his lifetime. Whether it was a chapter house renovation or a scholarship campaign, he could always be relied upon to be a major contributor.

Upon his passing, the Alpha Chapter has once again become the recipient of Brother Cook’s benevolence. A bequest has been made to the Alpha Chapter Excellence Fund in the amount of $135,000. The Alpha CEF is an endowed scholarship fund that awards annual scholarships to the brothers of Alpha Chapter. Additionally, the Scholarship Committee plans to establish at least one named annual scholarship in memory of Brother Cook.

We have indeed lost a dear friend, but Brother Cook’s legacy of lifetime involvement and brotherhood will be eternally memorialized in his most recent act of kindness.

We are blessed and fortunate to have shared in the life of this beloved Brother.

Special thanks to Jack’s children, Jack P. “Jay” Cook, Jr. & Nancy Cook Motter, who provided background for the article.

Chapter Eternal

We regret to inform you of the passing of the following Alpha Chapter alumni.

Leonard T. Coupland ‘32
Thomas B. Worsley ‘33
William E. Minshall ‘36
L. Lang Dayton ‘38
Rozier C. Bayly ‘39
Harold L. McGeorge, Jr. ‘41
Charles R. Burnett, Jr. ‘41
William R. Evans ‘44
Julian N. Dashiell ‘47
Rev. Edward M. Gregory ‘47
Marshall Johnson ‘47
Jack P. Cook ‘48
C. Brooke Meaffey ‘50
Robert S. Young ‘52
Bruce R. Wilson ‘65
Robert B. Rutherford, Jr. ‘65
Wellner L. Christian, Jr. ‘76
John K. Partridge ‘77
Harold McGeorge, Jr. ’41
I hit 90 years-old the weekend of our 150th Year at the Alpha Chapter at Virginia. Both dates are quite an event!! I served as Alpha the last 2 years at The University. Best regards for a successful Reunion! (This was Brother McGeorge’s last message to us as he entered the Chapter Eternal this year.)

Frank Thompson ’50
It was great having dinner with Dr. Jim Soderquist and his Grand Alpha staff a few weeks ago here in Florida. He’s the ideal man for that tough job, and I wish him all the luck in the world. The “travel bug” within me never seems to stop biting me so this past June Jeannine and I took a 12-day trip to Alaska and the Yukon Territory. Then in August we went to Europe and did a 15-day river cruise on the Rhine and Danube Rivers starting in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and ending in Budapest, Hungary. Finally in October we’ll be in Virginia for 12 days, the first three of which will be the most exciting being with all my Chi Phi brothers (young and old, past and present) celebrating our Alpha Chapter’s 150th Anniversary at U.Va. Then we have a condo in Williamsburg for a week and then we go to Quantico, VA to visit the new U.S. Marine Corps Museum with a couple of old buddies who were with me taking 4 islands (the last one being Iwo Jima) from the Japanese in WWII. I can hardly wait to get to 161 Rugby Road and meet the younger generations of Chi Phis!

Matthew Carrington ’02
I married Mason White (Col. ’02) in Crozet, VA on May 30, 2009. There were Chi Phi’s ranging four pledge classes on hand for the festivities, including Matt Steger ’01, Bryan Caccavale ’02, Daniel Penn ’02, Nik Williams ’02, Kevin Stansfield ’02, Ted Buell ’02, Chris Ericson ’02, Jason Bockenek ’02, Hasan Baser ’01, Andrew Buckman ’02, John Warin ’04, Ryan Tiffany ’04 and Phil Runco ’05. Chi Phi played a large role. In a flashback to our college days, some guys even swung by the House and ‘borrowed’ our first-year composite. Don’t fret, Jim & Owen, it’s been returned to it’s rightful spot!

Matt Graham ’00
My wife Holly and I welcomed our first child, Henry Samuel Graham, into the world on January 28, 2009.

Virginia Reunions 2010
Save the date: June 5, 2010
2 - 4 p.m. at 161 Rugby Road!
Full Reunions information is online at www.virginiareunions.com

In addition to the official activities, the Alpha Chapter is hosting a cocktail reception at 161 Rugby Road on Saturday, June 5, 2010, from 2 - 4 p.m. Returning Alpha Chapter alumni, spouses and guests, plus local and interested Chi Phi alumni are invited to attend. This party is sponsored by your Alpha Home Association and is free to all. See you at Reunions!