

SIG EP PLEDGE CLASS SPARKLES

By: Steve Jason

As it became apparent our chapter was having seventeen seniors graduate this year, we realized an excellent pledge class was a necessity. Now as we view our new brothers it is obvious our desires were fulfilled. Eighteen new brothers were initiated on the fourth of December.

Before that Saturday, they completed their pledge class project, a coat of arms stretching six feet across and designed to be mounted on the front of the house. Also created by the pledge class, who called themselves the Titans, was a paddle. This will be proudly hung in the living room alongside the ones made in previous years.

One highlight to the pledge period was a scavenger hunt in Boston. The pledges arranged to get to the M.I.T. chapter of Sig Ep where they were to receive further instructions. The next step was simple. They had to walk to Quincy Market and buy a rye bagel, two spring rolls, one half dozen chocolate chip cookies, and a soup bone. Several brothers followed to keep everyone out of trouble, and everyone had an enjoyable day.

The excellent brotherhood development program has provided us with eighteen new energetic brothers and they are: Tom Birmingham—*Weston*, Steve Chaneles—*West Haven*, Mike Connors—*Milford*, John DiMatteo—*Stratford*, Dave Estes—*Newtown*, Sean Fallon—*Bristol*, Tony Ferrandino—*Bethel*, Mark Gambardello—*Hamden*, Mike Gourcier—*Milford*, Clay Grey—*Stonington*, Mike Langella—*Hamden*, Jim Lepesko—*Stratford*, Tim McCann—*Westport*, Barry Musco—*Hamden*, Ron Nault—*Brookfield*, Kurt Steiger—*Voluntown*, Marty Wallace—*Unionville*, and Bob Wrinn—*Newtown*.



VIC TOHAK WORKING FOR NATIONAL

By: Dave Bachman

Connecticut Alpha is proud to announce the employment of brother Vic Tohak as Regional Director. Of the many applicants Vic was one of eight chosen for the position.

As a 1982 graduate of the University of Connecticut, with a B.A. in economics, Vic spent this past summer at Sig Ep headquarters in Richmond, Virginia. Not only did he receive training as Regional Director but also was given a large list of responsibilities. While representing region 1 — New England and New York — he is to oversee all aspects of the operation of each chapter. Unfortunately for those of us who know Vic, it has been decided he should not be UConn's RD. Instead we are in the capable hands of Henry Landis (Illinois State '82).

During his stay at various chapters, it is Vic's job to meet with the chapter counselor, the executive council, and all of the committees. Help is then given to any area that is lacking. It is easy to see how this is no easy task.

The brothers of Connecticut Alpha are proud to have the representation of Brother Vic Tohak in District 1. With the expertise in leadership and organizational ability that Vic maintained as a founding father, our second president, and a brotherhood development chairman, his aid to other chapters will be an extreme benefit and a sincere inspiration to all our brothers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Alumni,

It is with great pride that I report that the Connecticut Alpha chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon has once again achieved the status of being the number one fraternity on campus, in both quantity and quality. We have returned this fall with thirty-six brothers and eighteen new pledges (our largest pledge class to date.)

With our goal of obtaining a house behind us, we have made great strides in improving our fraternity operations. Gains have been made in areas such as rush, public relations, and alumni relations; to name just a few.

Our success can be attributed to the hard work of our undergrads and most importantly, to the determination of a handful of dedicated alumni. Without their efforts and support, all that epitomizes Sig Ep at UConn would not exist.

We welcome and encourage the continued involvement of all our alumni, new and old. Donations are great, but participation is what really pays off.

Our recent Homecoming reception was a tremendous success and we are pleased to see so many new faces. Hopefully this trend will continue and we can have the opportunity to work with other alumni in the near future.

Please keep in touch and may you and your families have a happy holiday season.

Fraternally,

Joseph Langella, Jr.
Chapter President

Dear Alumni,

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon realized a long standing dream last year with the creation of a chapter house. Due to the

phenomenal efforts of the alumni board, Mike Egan, Roger Ogren, and Jeff Dallas, we were able to secure a two story structure located in the middle of Greek Row. This wasn't enough for our over ambitious Alumni Board so they decided to add a third floor in record time.

Although our fraternity house has been extremely beneficial to our brotherhood, it also presented many new challenges. Since our house was built in the early 1920's it experienced a difficult time adjusting to twenty wild fraternity men after being accustomed to a retired professor who drove an Edsel.

To solve these problems a network of work-weekends was arranged. These were attended by most of the brothers and our workaholic chapter counselor Jerry Dallas. During these times of sweat and swearing we were able to transform our flooded basement from a large storage area, to a comfortable lounge where alumni and brothers can gather and party. Thanks to Mr. George Vlandis, brother Harry's father, we have a fourteen foot bar to stimulate extracurricular activities. Also among our creations was a stone grill, which many alumni enjoyed on homecoming. Other jobs centered around the constant maintenance that a house requires.

In general, our house provides a place where all can gather to escape the madness of campus life. It is the center of all our social aspects, and the most tangible sign of our strength. Because of our active alumni we have a place we can call home.

Sincerely,

Brian Fitzgerald
House Manager

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 28	Connecticut Mutual Classic	(Hartford)
Dec. 29	Connecticut Mutual Classic	(Hartford)
Jan. 11	St. John's	(Hartford)
Jan. 19	Holy Cross	(Storrs)
Jan. 22	Boston College	(New Haven)
Jan. 26	Providence	(Hartford)
Jan. 29	Seton Hall	(Storrs)
Feb. 5	Pittsburgh	(Storrs)
Feb. 14	Georgetown	(Hartford)
Feb. 19	Villanova	(Hartford)
Mar. 5	Syracuse	(Hartford)

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DO YOU REMEMBER . . .

By: Bob Wein

. . . winning the Greek Sing in 1956? The whole gang returned home to celebrate and the ensuing party was crashed by a group of drunken strangers.

As legend goes each intruder was thrown in front of Big John Kleperis. One punch and the brothers carried the unconscious victims out front.

By the end of the event there was a pile of people out front and one broken bone inside, John's middle finger.

We don't know how accurate this tall tale is, but that's how it was relayed to us by the founding fathers present at homecoming 1982.

All Alumni news, stories, addresses, or other information can be forwarded to:

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IDEAS IN THE WORKS

1. An old fashion driving rally through the scenic hills of northeastern Connecticut.
2. An Alumni-Brother golf day at the public course in Vernon Connecticut.

ALUMNI UPDATE

By: Bob Wein

This section is a new addition to our newsletter. It is a compilation of alumni news received about our graduated brothers. If you have any news about yourself or another brother please send this information to: Editor **SPEACONN**, 9 Gilbert Road, Storrs, Connecticut 06268.

David R. Drescher, 1959, and his wife have recently moved from Rowayton, Connecticut to Bowling Green, Kentucky. Congratulations are in order because David's new job is Vice-President of Marketing and Advertising for the Union Underwear Company, makers of Fruit-of-the-Loom and Underoos.

Paul Meissner, 1965, and his band will be performing at this fall's initiation banquet.

Nicholas Pelligrino, 1955, a Boston University graduate has been adopted as one of our own alumni. Brother Pelligrino now owns and operates his own gift store; Gifhaven at 216 Main Street, East Haven, Connecticut.

James Sackett, 1981, recently received the good news that he has passed the first two parts of the C.P.A. exam. Congratulations Jimmy and good luck on the remaining parts.

Lawrence Schuffman, 1981, now lives in Stamford and is working for Travelors Insurance Company. Last seen Larry was being attacked at the Yale Bowl. Apparently his Izod belt was to be burned in effigy.

HOMECOMING: ANOTHER SIG EP SUCCESS

By: Bob Barile

With a burst of spirit and enthusiasm, Connecticut Alpha made Homecoming 1982 its most successful ever. Brothers, pledges and alumni combined their efforts in all aspects of the celebration to make the entire weekend enjoyable for everyone.

Plans began in September when the chapter set a successful homecoming as an early goal. This year's theme, "Passport To The World," gave the brothers a great idea for a float. They constructed a fourteen-foot tall husky dog holding a "Husky Express" card with a few school spirited changes. Alongside the float was a banner which read "Husky Express-Don't Leave Homecoming Without It." Under float chairman Mike Kotulich, it was a great success, as evidenced by the cheers from the crowd as the float passed by in the homecoming parade. A picture of the float appeared in several regional newspapers, including The Hartford Courant, and The Willimantic Chronicle.

Other homecoming events in which Sig Ep participated include an "Almost Anything Goes" athletic competition, where they placed third of all the fraternities and sororities which participated. We also entered a banner in the competition held at the annual pep-rally. Finally our candidates for Homecoming Royalty, Mark Lapham and Wendy Rich, both made the campus-wide top ten. Special thanks to John Pazzani for coordinating these events.

The highlight of the weekend, however, was the alumni reception held Saturday afternoon after the UConn—UMaine football game. Dave Bachman planned a barbecue with clam chowder (prepared by Jane Dallas) and plenty to drink for anyone who wanted to stop by and visit. Many recent alumni and several from the past, including founding fathers, Bob Champagne, Don Koop and Al Stickles, participated, and a good time was had by all; even those who had a little too much to drink.

With Homecoming 1982 under our belts and a great success, we now look forward to making Homecoming 1983 even better. Ideally, we'd like to see every Connecticut Alpha alumnus come back, visit our home, and acquaint themselves with the new brothers. See you next year!

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OLD ADDRESS _____ NEW ADDRESS _____

NEWS FOR ALUMNI NEWS, or DO YOU REMEMBER....

BLOODMOBILE IS SUCCESSFUL AGAIN

By: Bob Wein

The bloodmobile at UConn is an event traditionally sponsored by Sig Ep. In the three years we have worked with the Red Cross, almost ten thousand pints of blood have been donated.

This semester's blood drive was no different. Along with the Red Cross' success our chapter received two awards, the plaques for highest percentage of members donating, and for the largest number of pints given. We have now received an award seven out of the last eight semesters, something every Sig Ep can be proud of.