

SIGMA PHI EPSILON INITIATES THIRTEEN TOP MEN

By: Bob Barile

On November 21, 1981, Connecticut Alpha initiated thirteen new brothers into the chapter. These new brothers are: Mike Antonini-Stratford, Ct., Bob Barile-Stratford, Ct., Dave Brown-Stamford, Ct., Jack Connors-Milford, Ct., Felix Garcia-Bethel, Ct., Mike Kotulich-Bridgeport, Ct., Mark Lapham-Hamden, Ct., John Passios-Greenwich, Ct., Jeff Renkel-Rocky Hill, Ct., Jeff Russek-Wethersfield, Ct., Marshall Senk-Easton, Ct., Doug Shidler-Wilton, Ct., and Bob Wein-Brookfield, Ct.

During their pledge period, the new brothers had many activities. Each pledge was required to work at the UConn blood bank, and several donated a pint of blood. They also held several fundraisers, including a donut sale and a raffle. The pledge class project, completed over the course of a weekend, consisted of cleaning up and painting the basement of the fraternity house. There was also a night of painting fraternity rocks around campus.

The highlight of the pledge period was a party thrown by the pledges in appreciation of all the fraternity brothers. At this party, all brothers were presented with boutonnieres and the pledges toasted their big brothers.

After initiation, all of the new brothers were honored at a banquet held at the Faculty Alumni Center. Doug Shidler, spokesman for the pledge class, received the Jerald J. Dallas award for the outstanding pledge. Also at the banquet, the new brothers presented Vic Tohak, their pledge mentor, with a plaque. A large pledge class paddle, which now hangs in the house, was also presented at the banquet. A good time was had and cherished by all, especially by several alumni who attended. Sig Ep welcomes their thirteen new brothers.



The Future?

SPEACONN RETURNS FOR CONNECTICUT ALUMS

After years of absence, the Connecticut Alpha Newsletter, **SPEACONN**, returns both to alums and friends. From the days of the late fifties to the days of the early seventies, **SPEACONN** communicated information from the undergraduate chapter to its alumni.

With the rechartering of this chapter in March of 1980, alums of the new alpha chapter started accumulating. Together for the old alums and the new, **SPEACONN** came back into existence.

The staff of **SPEACONN** does not publish this only to give news of the members of the active chapter, but to print accomplishments of our alumni. This is our best way of Communication. We are interested in learning of your endeavors so we can share your interests with your old classmates.

OUR INTENT is to create a working column of our alumni. Realistically this column only exists upon information received from alums. Sure it would be comical to create news, but wouldn't it be even better if the information was more personal? **TAKE ADVANTAGE** of this column. Let us know where you

are now living and working and what you are doing with yourself. Any bits of information whether personal or via the Greek Grapevine, send them into us.

We, the staff of **SPEACONN**, want a working alumni column. We want to build our active alumni list. Each one of our alums would be amazed at what the other is doing. Your amazement can only be fulfilled by taking advantage of this column.

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**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
1982 VARSITY BASKETBALL**

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Jan. 13	BOSTON COLLEGE (New Haven)	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 16	at St. John's	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Georgetown	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	VILLANOVA (Hartford)	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	YALE	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	MANHATTAN	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	at Holy Cross	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Providence	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Boston College	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	ST. JOHN'S (Hartford)	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	SYRACUSE (Hartford)	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Seton Hall	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 20	PROVIDENCE (New Haven)	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Villanova (Palestra)	9:00 p.m.
Feb. 27	GEORGETOWN (Hartford)	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 4-6	THE BIG EAST * Hartford CC	

*NOTE: All Times E. S. T.

CAPS DENOTE HOME GAMES

*** TICKET INFORMATION:**

AT STORRS: Single game admission available on a game-by-game basis (\$4) following UConn student sales.

AT COLISEUM (Hartford or New Haven): All seats reserved. \$6 \$4. UConn student tickets on sale at Storrs only.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ALL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE WELCOME FROM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS.

PLEASE ADDRESS LETTERS TO: EDITOR, SPEACONN, 9 GILBERT ROAD, STORRS, CT. 06268

Dear Alumni,

I want to congratulate the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity for becoming one of the best and most active student organizations at the University of Connecticut. I feel very fortunate to be able to advise the fraternity and to work closely with individual members in my capacity of Coordinator of Greek Affairs. I have seen the fraternity grow into a powerful organization, not only in membership, but in leadership, programming, and creativity. I'm impressed with the pledge education program, fund raising efforts, special projects, and their general involvement with the University community.

It's amazing how quickly the whole Greek system has grown in the past few years. When I first came to the University in 1977, I never imagined that the Greek system would become, once again, a popular way of life. In fact, I never would have predicted that the fraternities and sororities would begin to take the lead in organizing leadership development workshops and programming of social activities.

I recently attended the National Association of Fraternity Advisors National Conference to learn what other institutions are doing about housing policies, legal issues, hazing, and organizational development. I'm happy to report that the University of Connecticut is in good shape by finally taking a proactive and supportive approach to the development and maintenance of the Greek system. Our Coordinated Greek Executive Council, and the implementation of our hazing policy, for example, are models for other universities to consider. Also, word is out that fraternities and sororities are growing at UCONN, as evidenced by the numbers of

national organizations that approached me regarding recolonization.

I respect the energy, hard work, and patience you gave to renovate the Sigma Phi Epsilon house and to develop the group. I know that 9 Gilbert Road feels like home to many of the brothers. The chapter greatly appreciates the strong alumni support that is needed to put it all together here at UCONN. I'm looking forward to many successful years for Sigma Phi Epsilon, and I hope I have the opportunity to visit with you at the next fraternity function!

Sincerely,

Janice B. Gudinkas
Coordinator of Greek Affairs
Activities Office
University of Connecticut

Dear Brothers,

It is with great pleasure that I report our chapter is still the largest, with 44 men, and was ranked first on campus among all fraternities for the second consecutive year. This is an indication of the hard work the brothers have put in, and also a challenge for the future to work even harder so that we will remain the biggest and the best fraternity here at UConn.

We have also realized our second major goal since the forming in 1979, that of an on campus house for the chapter to call home. Through the dedication and sacrifice of several hard working alumni our house is a reality. I invite and encourage all alumni to stop in for a visit. Contributions are fantastic, but what the undergrads would rather have is involvement. Alumni participation in the annual Homecoming Weekend (official alumni event), or joining

us at any of our semi-formals (held at the end of each semester to celebrate our initiation) would be the greatest gift to the chapter.

This semester's semi-formal Dinner/Dance capped off a successful fall term which included several great parties, an increase in the chapters grade point average, and the successful completion of an innovative and rigorous brotherhood development program by our thirteen newest brothers.

In closing I'd like to see the chapter continue striving for excellence for we can always improve, and I would like to invite all alumni to our next Dinner/Dance on Saturday, April 24th.

Fraternally,

Bob Flynn
Chapter President

Dear Editor,

A brother, Our second president, Our newest alumni; For Vic Tohak, I express myself.

Your attitude towards Sigma Phi Epsilon has been and will always be an inspiration to us all. If I ever had to define Sig Ep I would include a picture of you next to the definition. Your efforts and energy that you put into this fraternity are undescrivable. You are a great example to follow.

I don't want to say good-bye because I know that you will always keep in touch. I just want to wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors and that life may always be filled with happiness.

On behalf of all the brothers.
Angelo Tebano

SIG EP HOUSE: A STUDY OF MOTION . . . A HOME

By: Will Marvin

Sigma Phi Epsilon, already acknowledged as the kingpin among social fraternities at UConn, put still another feather in its cap this past summer by securing a house for its members.

Currently housing twenty brothers, the house at 9 Gilbert Road is ideally situated in the middle of "Greek Row". It is surrounded by no less than five other fraternities, with the expectation of two more Greek neighbors in September of this year.

The housing contract was agreed upon by university officials and fraternity lawyers in July. Though the contract was scheduled to be settled in June, various intricacies in the lease which demanded a proper and clear understanding of the terms within forced the delay.

The finalized contract gives Sigma Phi Epsilon a guaranteed five-year lease with an option for another two years.

With the signing of the lease, so began the herculean task of renovating the house in three weeks time as to allow occupancy for the start of school on September first. A difficult job was made more so by the fact that—due to the time constraints—carpenters, electricians, and sprinkler system installers had to work simultaneously with plumbers, inspectors, and insulation specialists. If ever you have tried to lay a floor while workers troop past you with cast iron radiators and pre-fab showers, then you surely can appreciate the problem here, and the cooperation which is vital to the projects completion.

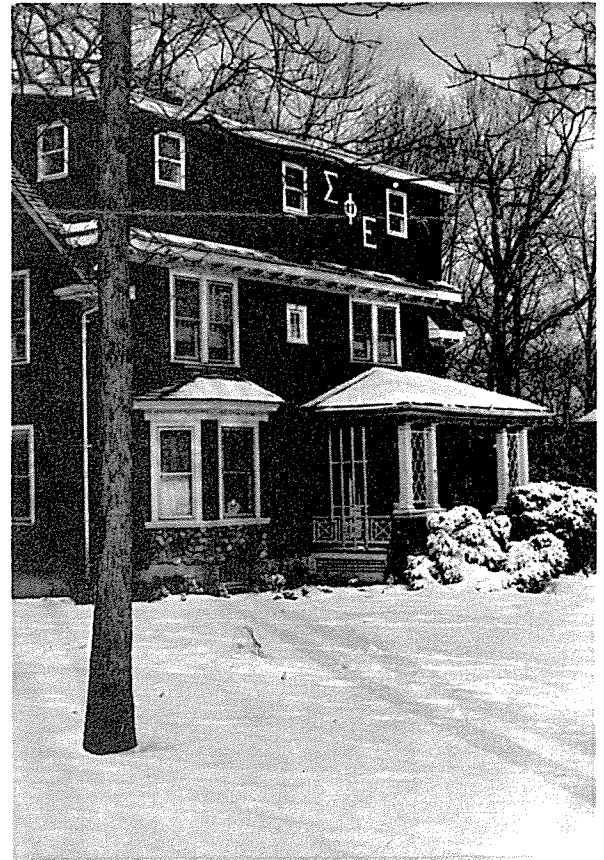
During August, the Sig Ep House was a study of motion. While carpenters ripped off the roof and started construction on a third story, electricians followed behind them and wove circuitry through the new framework. Insulation was blown through the sides of the house to help insure low heating bills. A complex fire safety system was installed; seemingly in record time. Other workers turned a pile of fixtures and pipes into a plumbing system with running water by the third week in August!

The fraternity owes a special card of thanks to Alumni President and Vice-President Michael Eagan and Roger Ogren, who launched a daring venture into the world of welding. Collaborating with Roger's brother, Craig, they constructed—in just four weekends—a three level fire escape. So well was it constructed that a strict safety check couldn't detect even the smallest of flaws.

Many thanks also to Jerry Dallas, Chapter Counselor and part time work-a-holic, and Jeff Dallas, Alumni Board Treasurer. Without the work of these two men, our goal of obtaining a house never would have been realized.

With the top fraternity on campus, forty-four enthusiastic brothers, and now a house in which to live, Sigma Phi Epsilon is alive and well, and in step with the fraternity's rich national tradition of excellence.

THE PRESENT



LOST ALUMNI

BROTHERS: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN FINDING OUR LOST ALUMNI. PLEASE SEND US ANY CURRENT ADDRESSES OF THE SIG EPS BELOW IF THEY ARE AT HAND.

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UConn Homecoming: A Sig Ep Extravaganza

By: Jay Kogan

Homecoming Weekend, October 29 through November 1, provided Sigma Phi Epsilon with a great opportunity for exposure, as we came shining through brilliantly. Our high spirits were first channeled into a float building process. We in a joint effort with the Pi Beta Phi Sorority, constructed a Trojan Horse. Warriors, Maidens and two Budweiser "Taste Buds" marched alongside the masterpiece in the parade. Another noteworthy element of the parade was Brother Sal Tassone, who represented Northwest Campus (Old Fraternity Quadrangle) as King.

Our royalty did not end here, for Angelo Tebano, our brother vice-president, was elected University of Connecticut 1981 Homecoming King. Brother L. Scott Taylor led the Sig Eps and other Greeks in an all out campaign for Tebano's election. Posters, Newspaper ads, and "Angelo Tebano" stickers were strategically placed on ladies tight fitting jeans. These comprised three of the campaign techniques. The Homecoming Royalty announcements concluded the Friday night pre-game get-psyched Pep Rally. Earlier in the rally a "yell like hell!" competition was conducted, and "Sig Ep" and "Go Greek" echoed across the stadium . . . but we had more yelling left to do

The M.C. recognized the fourth, third, and second runners up for homecoming king. The suspense was

tremendous. Tension was building. The M.C. cleared his throat, we held our breath. The first runner up was announced, a Delta Chi. We had won! Running down from the stands, Sig Eps stormed the platform and lifted Tebano up into the night air. Sig Ep spirit flowed through each of the brothers and pledges and continued throughout the campus.

We carried our spirit to the following days Homecoming Football Game: University of Connecticut-vs-University of New Hampshire. Brother Boland, Sig Eps athletics chairman, had reserved a block in the stands, and it was filled with brothers, parents, and a sizable number of Alumni. Our cheering being only occasionally interrupted for shots of peppermint schnapps.

Although University of New Hampshire went home with the victory. Sig Eps went home to an Alumni reception at our new house. The alumni who attended the game and the reception had an enjoyable time in their Fraternity House too. The undergraduate brothers hope and plan for alumni relations to continue, prosper, and to remain common-place. Sig Eps concluded Homecoming Weekend by attending a Halloween party thrown by a neighboring Fraternity.

CONNECTICUT ALPHA PRESIDENT, BOB FLYNN ELECTED TO NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By: Bob Wein

The city of New Orleans is the home of the historic French Quarter, Court of Two Sisters, and, of course, the unforgettable Pat O'Briens. Along with these social homesteads of the city, New Orleans hosted Sigma Phi Epsilon in mid August of eighty-one for its National Conclave.

With banners of Purple and Red and Golden Hearts from chapters nationwide, a summer home for Sig Ep was established. Sig Ep events filled the convention halls of the Fairmont and in due time it was decided, among the dignitaries of Nationals, that another undergraduate brother was to be added to the board of directors to increase the representation from two to three.

Naturally, Nationals had to justify their appointment by requesting nominations and in return voting on these candidates. Each nominee was required to speak to the entire conclave. After the speeches were over, the candidates were voted on to choose the final three. Then the selections were announced to the hall filled with brothers. Cheers came from within the gathering as the respected chapters identified their candidate. Instead of a

cheer, a roar lifted itself from the front. Connecticut Alpha had its President, Bob Flynn in the final three.

At last a final choice had to be made. Whatever the imposed qualifications were, Flynn met these requirements. This cordial election has put a voice from a two year old chapter into the regime of the National Fraternity.

Now as Flynn's acquired title, National Director, his duties range from visiting troubled chapters to exhibiting the important role of a dignitary at Regional and National Sig Ep events. These activities have greatly enriched Flynn's Fraternity life and have increased his desire for future involvement. Regional Director, District Governor, or Chapter Counselor are all future possibilities.

Bob Flynn has served less than one year of a two year term, and is anxiously awaiting what the remaining time has in store for him. We miss our President when he is traveling but we are proud of his outstanding service at the national level.