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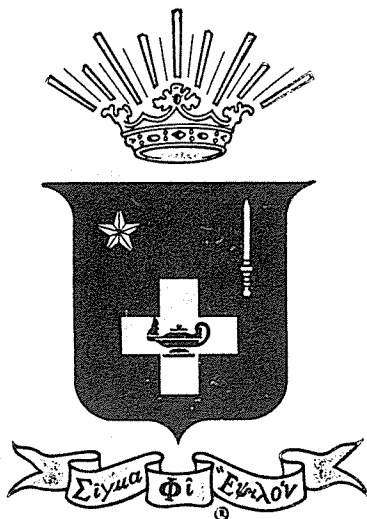
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## **Housing Negotiations in Progress**

As Sigma Phi Epsilon has grown in recent years on the UConn campus, the need for a larger house has grown stronger and stronger. Our present house - located at 9 Gilbert Road - has served us adequately since 1981. Back then, we were a 30-man organization in its infancy. We have grown since then, however, to a 100-plus-man chapter, and consequently have realized the need for a larger home - one with the capacity to house a greater percentage of brothers.

Cause for encouragement has come for such a house. For the past few months, the University has been negotiating with Sig Ep and other fraternities on the entire housing issue. Sites have been selected, and recommendations have been made. Now, more than ever before, large hurdles are being crossed. This is due, in large part, to the receptive attitudes and collaborative efforts of the fraternity and the university.

Special thanks are in order to Jerry Dallas, Alumni Board President Mark Brodgerski, and many others for their dedicated efforts. With their help, securing a new fraternity house we can be proud of will no longer be a pipe dream. It will be a reality - the Greek Rock of Gibraltar on the UConn campus which will stand as a Mecca for undergrads and alumni alike.



## **CT. ALPHA ENJOYS IMPRESSIVE '87-'88 ACHIEVEMENTS**

May graduation brought to a close the 1987-88 school year, one of the finest years Connecticut Alpha has ever enjoyed. Excellent results balanced over the entire range of chapter activities were achieved. These achievements covered academics, man power, campus events, alumni events, etc. It was a great year on which the chapter can be proud.

A quick review show:

ACADEMICS: #4 among fraternities

RUSH: Largest pledge class

HOMEcoming: #1 among fraternities and sororities

GREEK SING: #1 among fraternities

GREEK WEEK: #1 among fraternities

REGIONALS: Special Award - Risk Management  
Manpower Excellence Award

INTRAMURALS: #1 among fraternities  
#6 campus overall

MANPOWER: 113 man chapter

SOCIAL: 2 Banquets

Spring Banquet — LARGEST ALUMNI TURNOUT IN YEARS!!!

ALUMNI PROGRAM: Best of the Best!!!

Congratulations, Sig Eps! On with 1988-89!

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# Alumni Board President

There are two words that best describe the Alumni Association at this time: Enthusiasm and Preparation.

Since I have been involved with Sigma Phi Epsilon, there has never been a more optimistic outlook concerning housing opportunities at the University of Connecticut. Negotiations have been conducted for quite some time, and the University is now receptive to the concept of building new Greek houses.

Jerry Dallas is the chairman of our Alumni Housing Committee, and I encourage any person who has a special interest or knowledge in mortgage banking, real estate, architecture, or construction, to get involved and strengthen our efforts.

As always, Fund Raising is a special interest to the Alumni Board. Now more than ever, it has taken on the label of a priority issue. At our most recent Alumni Board meeting, Joe Langella, our National Alumni Director, presented us with a potential approach to our Fund Raising campaign. Larry Carboni is our Fund Raising chairman, and I encourage anyone interested to get involved and help to make our campaign a success. If you are unable to personally participate in our efforts, please be receptive and generous to our ideas and requests.

At this stage of our Alumni Association's development, I feel a strong Committee System is essential to our continued success. Since our rechartering at the University of Connecticut, the number of alumni has increased dramatically. At the last Alumni Board Meeting alone, four new brothers attended, which translates into four fresh, energetic, and interested alums who want to be involved. If we can maintain this level of interest and willingness to get involved, we will have no problem achieving our desired goals.

The next few months will determine whether we maintain status quo, whether we strive to be better, or whether we are still the best. With the opportunities now present, we must maintain our level of enthusiasm, increase involvement, and prepare for any and all challenges that may arise.

Faternally,

Mark Brodgerski

# Lost Brothers

Please help us "Find a Brother." There are approximately 35 alumni from our chapter who are missing from our records. If you have any information pertaining to the whereabouts of any of those listed below, it would be greatly appreciated if you could write us at 9 Gilbert Road, Storrs, CT 06268, Attn: Ralph Hedenberg.

Vincent Cirillo '59  
Richard Concelmo '58  
Walter Sweeney '58  
James Mucock '59  
Raymond Holst '58  
Ramon Morias '56  
Alfred Camera, Jr. '60  
George Zitnay '60  
David Judd '60  
Francis Dillon '61  
James Cooke '60  
Patrick Healy '61  
Donald Novak '62  
John Burkholder '62  
Gerald Murchie '62  
Donald Sauerman '63  
Richard Chapin '63  
Wayne Stiles '63

John Novak '63  
Don Lo Vetere '64  
Stanley Trask, Jr. '64  
Richard Gilson '65  
Richard Warner '67  
Gary Harrison '67  
David Butchman '68  
Gerald Doff '67  
Robert Clark '68  
Robert Edwards '67  
Richard Fravel '68  
Keith Walker '69  
James Moran '69  
Paul Kugler '69  
Michael Carrozza '69  
James Criss II '69  
Joseph Semprini '69  
Alexander Miano '82  
Jeffrey Renkl '85

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*Reminder: Homecoming vs. Southern Connecticut  
is October 29, 1988.*

Special thanks to Vern Gildhouse and William Marvin, who helped with the production of this newsletter.



# The Latest Wire

WELLINGTON C. MORTON, '65, is the President of General Wood Products, Inc. Wellington and Janet have one daughter, and they reside at 13861 Pleasant Valley Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32225. He still enjoys vintage automobile and motorcycle restoration. We hope to see them soon.

RICHARD LOWE, '67, is the President of Hinge-It Corp. Dick has two sons: Jeffery, age 19, and Christopher, age 21. They reside at 8615 Algecias, 2A, Indianapolis, IN 46250. "Dick, it was great hearing from you."

JAMES PALLEY, '68, is an English and Journalism teacher at Stamford High. Jim and his wife, Sandra, have three children, and they reside at 55 Strawberry Hill Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. "Jim, we look forward to seeing you at homecoming."

EDWARD LAVALLEE, '71, is a police administrator for the Newport Police Department. Ed and his wife, Sharon, have three children: Ryan, 12, Jared, 8, and Joseph, 5. Ed enjoys distance running. They currently reside at 82 Middletown Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.

MARK BRODGINSKI, '82, is the owner of Brodginiski Construction in Bristol, CT. Mark and his wife, Carolyn, reside at 31 Briarwood Road, Bristol, CT 06010. Mark is currently the President of the Connecticut Alpha Alumni Board. Everyone is most appreciative of Mark's commitment and involvement. "Thanks Mark."

JOSEPH LANGELLA, JR., '83, is the Alumni Director of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Joey recently bought a house in Richmond, VA, and encourages everyone to visit. He resides at 7506 Sweet Briar Road, Richmond, VA 23229. Joey is also recovering from a horrid New York Giant season. "Better luck next year, Joey."

MICHAEL ANTONINI, '84, is working for William Burton and Sons Agency, Inc., in Stratford, CT. Animal resides at 220 Deerfield Drive, Stratford, CT 06497.

LUIS BAEZ, '87, is the Assistant to the Director of Educational Programs and Anatomic Pathology Curator at George Washington University School of Medicine. Luis resides at 2961 Monticello Drive, Falls Church, Virginia 22042. Luis is doing well, healthwise, and misses everyone. Hopefully, Luis will be able to start graduate school soon. "We are all rooting for you, Luis."

## 1988 Regionals

The weekend of February 12-14, Sigma Phi Epsilon held its 1988 Northeast Regional Leadership Academy at the Omni Biltmore Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. As usual, Connecticut Alpha was well represented. Twenty brothers were officially registered, with several others along to enjoy the atmosphere of Providence.

The University of Rhode Island chapter (Rhode Island Beta) was the host chapter. The Regional Director, Marco Pescara, and our own William Wivel were on the faculty and covered such topics as Risk Management, Motivation, and Goal Setting. Once again, the Headquarters staff did an excellent job in preparing for this year's Regionals.

Connecticut Alpha made its presence known throughout the weekend as our brothers proved repeatedly that Connecticut Alpha is a leader among all Sig Ep Chapters. Connecticut Alpha received two awards at the awards banquet: Our third manpower award in the past five years, and a special award for risk management.

Once again, Regionals were a great success, and a good time was had by all.

## Alumni Involvement

Involvement is nothing new at CT Alpha. We are known around the country as being active. Many CT Alpha alumni have become involved in the year's activities away from CT Alpha. The first to be mentioned is our Alumni Director, Joe Langella, who is a CT Alpha alumnus on the staff at Headquarters.

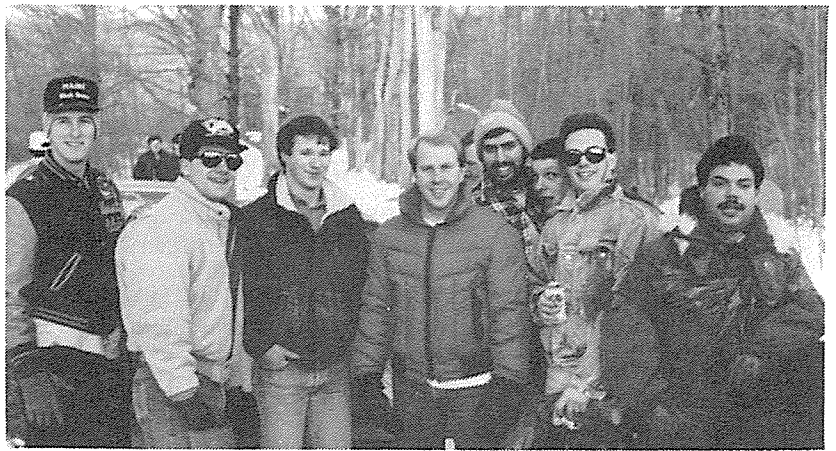
Currently, there are five CT Alpha Sig Eps who hold the position of Chapter Counselor. Bill Wivell, CT Alpha, University of Conn; Dave Armanetti, Massachusetts Beta - Tufts University; Brian Fitzgerald, Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota; Charles Hunziker, Florida Iota, University of Southern Florida; and Carlos Miranda, Florida Zeta, University of Tampa. This is a unique achievement for them and the Chapter and we are justly proud of them.

CT Alpha Sig Eps have also been instrumental in the development of new colonies. Two Alpha Brothers have held the position of Brotherhood Development Chairman — Mike Sinatra at Boston University and Paul Saloom at the University of Hartford.

CT Alpha Sig Eps have also been instrumental in the forming of and participating on Alumni Boards for other Chapters. Adam Adelpkopf, John Gold, Jay Kogen and Mike Langella have all been working with the New York University Alumni Board and Ralph Palmese, Paul Saloom and Bill Wivell have been active on the University of Hartford Alumni Board.

It is our Alumni who continue to advance to Conn Alpha Chapter and to them go our thanks.

## Alumni Winter Weekend



*Brothers pause after a long day of tobogganing.*



*Brothers climb Horsebarn Hill during Alumni Winter Weekend.*

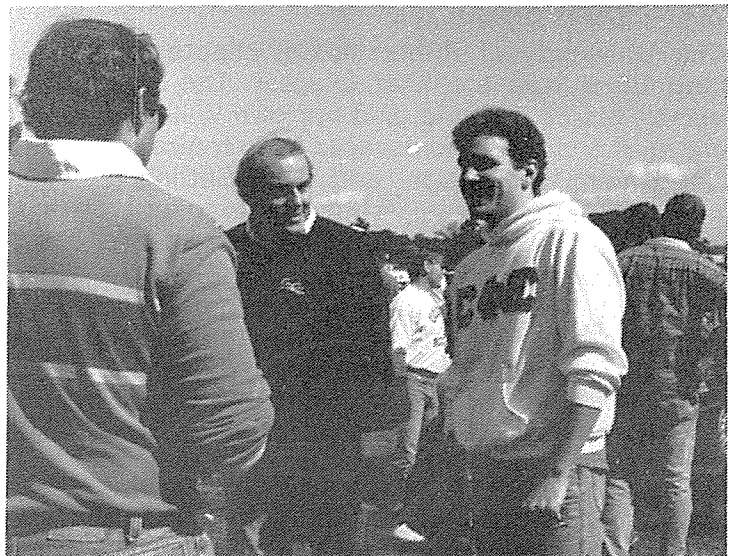
The 3rd annual Alumni Winter Weekend was held this past January during winter recess. The attendance was the best yet, and a good time was had by all.

The main event turned out to be tobogganing on Horsebarn Hill. The snow was perfect for racing and the wipeout of Angelo Tebano's sled "Rosebud" capped the downhill. Sports, Pizza, and Movies led up to the climactic victory of the Husky Basketball team over the Orangemen of Syracuse.

Many alumni stayed over at the house and on Sunday, clean-up was held. Goodbyes were said, until our next event. See you all at the Whitewater Rafting Trip.

## Alumni Board Officers

President ..... Mark Brodgerski  
 Vice President..... William Marvin  
 Controller ..... Barry Musco  
 Corresponding Secretary..... Scott Cook  
 Recording Secretary..... Clay Gray  
 Chapter Counselor ..... Bill Wivell



*Reminder: Yale Game Tailgate Party is September 24, 1988 at Yale Bowl.*

# Recent Graduates

Congratulations to the seniors who have graduated and entered the alumni ranks:

Luis Baez  
Chris Blackburn  
Mike Briglia  
Bob Butler  
Dave Butterworth  
Chris Chadbourne  
Eugene Choung  
Bill Connelly  
Jim Damici  
Steve Farrell  
Brian Gallagher  
Tom Gould  
Eric Hodes  
Chris Keen

John Kocot  
Brian Kurnick  
Glenn Madden  
Jeff Malanga  
Kevin McCarthy  
Pat Moore  
Doug Peeters  
Paul Potamianos  
Mike Ryan  
Chris Smith  
Ron Steele  
Chad Stewart  
Jim Vick

Thank you for making the fraternity what it is today.

## Undergraduate Report

### Presidents Report

Dear Brothers:

As the summer begins, the brothers of Connecticut Alpha can be proud. It has once again been a productive year filled with many great accomplishments. The chapter has grown to over 100 members. Our Brotherhood Development program proved excellent once again and educated twenty-six new men. We also initiated a Renaissance candidate who will add valuable insight to our operations. Specific charities were helped out by the Public Relations program: Muscular Dystrophy, the UCONN Children's Cancer Fund, and the hearing impaired were all aided by the efforts of Sigma Phi Epsilon. During Greek Week, Sig Ep Class was clearly evident. We placed first overall, cheered on by an enthusiastic brotherhood striving for the best. Our future looks bright. We have now begun our first summer rush program, hoping to keep our tradition of attracting only top quality men. The possibility of a new chapter house has now become a reality. With tight budgeting by the undergraduates and with your alumni donations, this dream will come to fruition. Your chapter continues to excel at the University of Connecticut. Keep in touch! Remember, we are all Sigma Phi Epsilons for life.

Fraternally,

Ken Mysogland  
Chapter President

### Brotherhood Development Report

The Spring Semester Rush brought nearly fifty enthusiastic young men through the red doors vying to be Sig Eps. Twenty-seven bids were extended to those considered best suited to be future brothers.

To our delight, twenty-six new brothers were initiated into Connecticut Alpha on April 22nd.

This semester's banquet, held on April 3rd, was an overwhelming success. It was held at Maple Grove Banquet Hall in Rockville. About thirty alumni attended, one of the largest alumni turnouts since the rechartering of Connecticut Alpha.

Awards were presented to Scott Mitchell, who received the Egan/Ogren Award for being the outstanding big brother, and to Scott Whited, who received the Jerald Dallas Outstanding Pledge Award.

An unexpected award and a special thanks were extended to Jerry Dallas. Jerry was given a pearl badge for his achievements and devotion as an outstanding Chapter Counselor and alumnus.

We owe a great deal of thanks to the alumni. The successes realized by the Brotherhood Development Committee would not have been possible without your participation.

# Undergraduate Officers

Spring '88 — Fall '88

President..... Ken Mysogland  
Vice President ..... Rick Kelly  
Controller ..... Shane Bartling  
Secretary..... Mark Ferrandino  
Alumni Operations..... Ralph Hedenberg  
Chaplain..... Dave Rinaldi

## Renaissance of Brotherhood

The Renaissance of Brotherhood program enables the chapter to explain the concept of the "Fraternity" and the principles of Sigma Phi Epsilon to a member of the "public." This serves not only to increase our awareness and understanding of our Ritual, but also the awareness and understanding of fraternities by the general public. A candidate is selected by the chapter when the chapter believes a candidate has lived his life in accordance with the cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love.

Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love... if there's one man on the University of Connecticut campus who exemplifies the cardinal principles of Sigma Phi Epsilon, it's Father Mark David Janus, the man who the Connecticut Alpha chapter initiated as a Renaissance Brother this semester.

Originally from Bloomington, Indiana, Father Mark David is a Catholic priest at St. Thomas Aquinas on campus, as well as a graduate student of Psychology. Father Mark David has spent much time working with teenagers, and is the co-author of the book, "Adolescent Runaways."

The brothers at Connecticut Alpha first considered initiating Father Mark David after he volunteered to speak on "Brotherhood" at the chapter's Retreat this past January. The brothers feel there is a positive effect on both the chapter and the community when they initiate a respected member of the community. Father Mark David is both a credit to the undergraduate chapter and Sigma Phi Epsilon in general.

## Public Relations Report

Sig Ep has been the leading fraternity at UCONN for several years. We are the largest fraternity with some of the most active students on campus; we rush large groups of prospective members; and we won both homecoming and Greek week during school year 1987-88. These, combined with our being one of Sig Ep's best nation wide, in comparison, put us that much further ahead. As a result, Greeks and non-Greeks see us as elitists and resent our long-lived success.

The goal of the Public Relations committee this semester was to interface Sig Ep with the other Greeks and with the student body at large in an effort to diffuse that animosity.

Spring Semester activities with sororities included: A Dating Game with Kappa Kappa Gamma — Brian Kurnik emceed while Ralph Hedenberg and EJ Hodes won dates and free breakfasts at Gil's; A formal Hearts and Arrows party with Pi Phi was laden with mixed drinks and hors d'oeuvres; Two brunches with Kappa Alpha Theta; Tuck-ins with KAT; A See-saw marathon with Delta Zeta; Our first movie night with DZ; and a Japanese movie night with Delta Gamma — we spread cushions over the floor and had a shoes off movie night. All sororities received invitations to our parties.

To work on relations with other fraternities, we hosted a party at the end of last semester with Alpha Phi Alpha at the Sig Ep house. With the exception of the Beach Party, all fraternities were invited to our parties this semester. This worked well and promoted cooperation, as opposed to competition. Sig Ep participated in Sigma Alpha Epsilon's weight lift-a-thon. We had Zeta Psi and Delta Chi over to play volleyball, and we had a few brothers who participated in Alpha Gamma Rho's Aggie Challenge.

In an effort to make non-Greeks feel more comfortable with Sig Ep, brothers were encouraged to bring friends around to play football and volleyball, to watch movies, and to show them around. We also enlisted their support during Greek Week activities to make them aware of interfraternal cooperation and spirit. As a community project, we scheduled over 300 donors for the Red Cross Blood Drive.

This has been a busy, but productive, semester for the Public Relations Committee. With a budget of only a hundred dollars, Steve Saloom and his committee (Doug Peeters, Bill Connelly, Ken Seale, and Vic Gatti, just to name a few) worked hard to get and keep a positive Sig Ep image on campus.

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# Alumni Profile: Roger Ogren

Brother Roger Ogren graduated from the University of Connecticut with a Commercial Art degree in 1970. Today, he is a Senior Graphic Designer at Pratt and Whitney, where he has worked for the past nine years. His work in internal communications involves designing brochures, posters, and slide presentations. The highlight of his career at Pratt and Whitney occurred two years ago when he was responsible for designing and setting up an air show which attracted approximately a quarter of a million people.

While an undergraduate, Brother Roger held the office of Vice President. At that time, Connecticut Alpha had approximately 35 brothers, all of whom lived under the same roof in what is now called "Frats." In addition to fostering many lasting friendships, Roger feels his fraternity experience helped him "to attain leadership skills and to respect other people's opinions." Roger adds, "Votes were taken and everyone stood behind the decisions. Being in a fraternity taught me how to work as a team member."

After college, Roger served as an officer in the Army during the Vietnam war. In contrast to other officers who had attended military schools, Roger feels his collegiate and fraternity experience gave him "a better feel for dealing with the people I was in command of and may have possibly resulted in my successful command of troops under stressful circumstances."

Today many of Roger's closest friends are fraternity brothers. Brother Olsen was the best man at his wedding, and his attorney, James Szejek, and Dentist, Mike Egan, are also brothers. Roger said, "I still keep in close touch with four or five brothers, and I speak with a brother at least once a week." Roger has also seen many other brothers at various functions over the past 18 years.

Roger was a founding member of the Connecticut Alumni of Sig Ep Inc. He spent nearly every weekend of an entire summer working on putting on the third floor and fire escape of the current Connecticut Alpha Sig Ep house. Longtime friend and brother, Jerry Dallas, describes Roger as "one of the most solid and loyal men I've ever met. He would give everything he could for a worthwhile cause."

We can all be proud of Brother Ogren's accomplishments and dedication. He truly exemplifies the cardinal principles, Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. Each semester, an undergraduate big brother receives the Egan/Ogren Outstanding Big Brother Award. Recent winners have been Scott Mitchell, Paul Saloom, Brian Sabia, Sean Walsh, Mike Ryan, and Craig Zettergren. Winners should feel proud to follow such a fine example.

## Young At Heart Club

"The Young at Heart" Club will once again manifest its virility by whitewater rafting the West Branch of the Penobscot River the weekend of July 15-17th. The Penobscot rapids are among the most formidable in the country, and are navigable only with the aid of experienced guides.

It is the second go-round for this hearty bunch, and all indicators show that this year will be twice as fun. In an interview at his suburban Wethersfield home, Supreme Commander Jeff Russek wondered aloud about this year's excursion. "Can Roger's sweet tooth survive through a weekend 70 miles from the nearest Dunkin' Donuts? Will Bill Wivell again bring his private nurse — or was that his girlfriend? Can Angelo "G Daddy" Tebano repeat as waterbucket champion? Will holistic practitioner Mike Egan talk anybody into joining him on his 6 o'clock morning jog? And perhaps most importantly will Controller Barry Musco ever be able to balance the social budget? Maybe it is best to listen to the word of Ron Nault, accomplished woodsman and accounting hack, who suggested debiting beer and crediting petty cash.

At this time, we have no formal activities scheduled for this fall. That will change, however, when you "Young at Hearts" submit your suggestions to either Bill Wivell (203) 721-7324 or Jeff Russek (203) 529-7086.



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Can you name these brothers?

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