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New Housing 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 since grown to a 100-man plus 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. On February 1, 1989, UConn President John Casteen met with Greek Housing Representatives and expressed the University's willingness to expedite the Greek's dream of future housing on campus. During that meeting, Paul Leonardo, the Alumni Board Housing Chairman, discussed with President Casteen Sigma Phi Epsilon's intentions with regard to future housing.

More recently, a new plan to allow for future housing has been proposed. Connecticut House Bill 5627 proposes to allow the University to deal with Greek organizations at UConn to lease or buy land. The available land would be the Channey property located behind the baseball field. The bill has passed through the Educational Committee with minimal opposition and will be on the floor of the house by April 21, 1989. It is expected to pass without opposition.

The news of the housing bill and the realization that we are one step closer to our dream of a new house excited the undergraduates at Connecticut Alpha. However, without your continued help this dream cannot become a reality.



Voluntary Alumni Dues

We acknowledge with deep appreciation the following contributors to the Voluntary Alumni Dues Program. Alumni donations are vitally important to the support chapter projects, both short-term and long-term. Many thanks to the following for their generosity:

Adam Adlekopf '85
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Marshall Senk '85
William Wivell '85

In Memoriam

James O'Brien '90

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Alumni Board President's Letter

Dear Brothers,

As the second year of my reign as President of the Alumni Board begins, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the year that has just passed. First and foremost, I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Alumni Board for all their hard work, and the vote of confidence in electing me for another year.

In our last *SPEACONN Newsletter*, I stated that a strong committee system was vital to our continued success. There were two new committees that made tremendous strides and improvements: Scholarship and Newsletter. Neil Goldberg did an outstanding job of putting together the Connecticut Alpha Alumni Career Profile, which had a terrific response and was extremely helpful to many recent graduates in their career searches. Will Marvin has accepted the responsibility as our newly-elected Newsletter Chairman, to work in conjunction with the undergraduate Editor, at present Ralph Hedenberg, to make *SPEACONN* a joint effort containing up-to-date alumni news.

As always, housing is a priority issue to the Alumni Board. This year, Paul Leonardo is the chairman of our Housing Committee, and I ask our alumni, and undergraduates as well, to be receptive to any requests that Paul may have of us, in order to achieve our housing goals.

Once again, I would like to thank all the brothers for their diligent work this past year, and I encourage any and all alumni to get involved with our Alumni Board and make this year more successful than the last.

Fraternally,
Mark Brodinski

Thank You

The undergraduate chapter would like to thank Will Marvin for all his help and support in the publishing of this *Newsletter*.

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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: Eric Sivertsen.

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
Francis Dillon '61
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John Burkholder '62
Gerald Murchie '62
Donald Sauerman '63
Richard Chapin '63
John Novak '63
Stanley Trask, Jr. '64
Richard Gilson '65
Richard Warner '67
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Gerald Doff '67
Robert Clark '68
Robert Edwards '67
Keith Walker '69
James Moran '69
Paul Kugler '69
Michael Carrozza '69
James Criss, II '69
Joseph Semprini '69
Jeffrey Renkl '85



Alumni News

CHRIS DELORGE, '87, is a logistical rebuyer for Levitz's Furniture in Southington. Cookie resides at 2 North Main Street, Apt. P323, Beacon Falls, CT 06403. *"It was good to hear from you, Cookie."*

DAVID BUTTERWORTH, '88, is attending graduate school at the University of Hartford. Dave is striving for a Master's degree in Accounting. He resides at 23 Four Mile Road, West Hartford, CT 06203. *"Good luck with school, Dave."*

DANIEL ANDERSON, '86, is an insurance agent for Equitable Life in Stamford. He and his wife, Pamela, have one child, Ashley. They reside at 175 Old Kings Highway South, Darien, CT 06820.

RICHARD GARBER, '72, currently has his own investment business. He and his wife, Pat, have relocated to the Tampa Bay area. They reside at 3508 Fairway Forest Drive, Palm Harbor, FL 34685.

GLENN MADDEN, '88, is a Communications Representative for Executone of Fairfield. Maddog resides at 984 Fairfield Beach Road, Fairfield, CT 06430.

STEVEN COSTELLO, '72, is a Consulting Engineer at I.P.A. in Derby, CT. He resides at 45 Smith Street, Derby, CT 06418.

MARTY TIEZZI, '87, is the Hartford District Manager for Combined Insurance of America based in Chicago. Marty is also engaged to be married to his longtime girlfriend, Jill. A June wedding is planned. He resides at 585 Swain Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450. *"Congratulations, Marty and Jill."*

CHAD STEWART, '88, is a Credit Analyst for City Trust Bank in Bridgeport, CT. He resides at 984 Fairfield Beach Road, Fairfield, CT 06430.

ROBERT WRINN, '84, received a job promotion in June from Product Manager to Computer Sales Representative for Hamilton Aunet Computer in Danbury, CT. Bob was married on June 11, 1988 to Margie Hoelscher. Bob and Margie reside at 2 Given Avenue, Stamford, CT 06702. *"Congratulations, Bob and Margie."*

TODD BLEWITT, '87, was married on November 26, 1988 to Eileen Moris. Todd and Eileen currently reside at 2 Greenbriar Lane, Ridgefield, CT 06877. *"Congratulations, Todd and Eileen."*

DOUGLAS SHIDLER, '84, and his wife, Trish, have announced the birth of a son, Daniel Thomas, born on March 22, 1988.

CHARLES HUNZIKER, '85, is a salesman for Surgitek in Tampa, FL. He is also the Chapter Counselor at the University of South Florida. Chip and his wife, Tobi, reside at 8308 Kirkwood Drive, Tampa, FL 33634.

CARLOS MIRANDA, '87, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Political Science at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Carlos and his wife, Heidi, reside at 4433 Donnelly Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

GEORGE CODY, '66, is a Dentist with his own practice in Trumbull, CT. George and his wife, Karen, have two daughters, Jessica and Anne. They reside at 26 Copper Kettle Road, Trumbull, CT 06611.

JAMES DAMICIS, '87, is currently attending the University of Southern Maine in pursuit of a Graduate degree in Public Policy and Management. Jim is also working as a Graduate's Assistant doing Economic Development at South Portland Neighborhood Housing Services, assisting in grant writing. Jim resides at 757 Main Street, A14, South Portland, ME 04106.

ROBERT WEIN, '82, and his wife, Celeste, have announced the birth of their first daughter, Stephanie Lauren, on November 14, 1988. They reside at 119 Mather Street, Manchester, CT 06040. *"Congratulations, Bob and Celeste."*

WAYNE LARSEN, '87, is an Intelligence Officer with the rank of second lieutenant at Strategic Air Command, OFFUIT AFB, Nebraska. Slacks is engaged to be married to Catherine Curulla on July 1, 1989. He resides at 8138 South 88th Plaza, Apt. D23, LaVista, Nebraska 68128. *"Congratulations, Wayne and Catherine."*

JAY KOGAN, '83, is an attorney for Trager and Trager in Fairfield, CT. Jay was married on August 28, 1988 to Lynn Goodman. They reside at 330 E. 39th Street, Apt. 21P, New York, NY. *"Congratulations, Jay and Lynn."*

MICHAEL LANGELLA, '84, is attending Duke University pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Finance. Mike resides at 1315 Morreene Road, Apt. 21B, Durham, NC 27705.

The Young at Heart Club

It all started last September. The scene was the quite civilized Labor Day whitewater rafting outing on the Rogue River in western Quebec. At our cozy campsite, Paul "Steps" Leonardo pondered aloud while roasting marshmallows on Jeff Russek's breath, "These two days of rafting were great," stated Leonardo, "but next year we want to truly test the limits of mankind. We want a river in which to risk life and limb. The water must be under 40 degrees. We need to see flesh press up against the rocks which line the river. We have to see a waterway replete with 'swimmers' (river jargon for a rafting casualty, or man overboard). Gentlemen, find me such a river!"

The Young-at-Heart Search Committee has found such a vibrant venue for excitement—that being the Jacques Cartier River just outside of Quebec City. We will ride the river's "Class 5" rapids the third weekend in April. But first, a recap of last September.

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— Pride through Excellence —

Homecoming Victory 1988

Every year, Homecoming draws much attention and competition from UConn's Greek organizations. This year was no exception. All Greek organizations competed in the week's events, with the goal to exemplify UConn's Homecoming theme: "The Ages of UConn." Headed by committee chairman, Linas Virbackas, Sigma Phi Epsilon set the standards for competition among the University's Greeks.

Sig Ep competed in every event: The lip sync; banner; float; and royalty contests. Homecoming Week began Wednesday, October 26th, with the lip sync contest, the second annual event that replaced the talent show. Connecticut Alpha's entry mimicked Meatloaf singing "Paradise by the Dashboard Lights." Brother Kevin Hughes posed as the sweet young girl and brother Matt Gerritsen portrayed Meatloaf, while brothers Scott Mitchell, Ken Seale, Ken Mysogland and Paul Langella backed them up as the band. Paul also doubled as Phil Rizzuto. Connecticut Alpha's entry drew much applause and laughter from the packed Jorgensen Auditorium, and gave Sig Ep a second place victory among all Greek acts.

The banner competition followed at the pep rally on Friday, October 28th. All of UConn's clubs and organizations paraded



ed in front of a jammed Memorial Stadium with banners that depicted a hopeful victory over the Southern Connecticut Owls and the overall Homecoming theme. Sig Ep's banner was a depiction of the architectural changes in buildings on the UConn campus. Our banner gained a second place prize among all fraternities and sororities.

The last and most exciting event of Homecoming was the parade. Sigma Phi Epsilon's float entry depicted the changes UConn has undergone. The University has changed from an agricultural school to a major university in a little over a hundred years. Our float, consisted of a Red Barn with letters on it and the Conndome. Several brothers, dressed up in overalls and farmer clothes mixed with contemporarily dressed people, rode on the back of the float. Sig Ep's float won the first place prize and bragging rites among UConn's fraternities and sororities.

With a first place and two second place victories, Sig Ep's Connecticut Alpha dominated all of Homecoming Week and received a First Place Overall Trophy. Once again, the pride of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Connecticut Alpha Chapter, showed that it is still Number One among UConn Greeks and that with virtue, diligence and brotherly love, it will continue to be a leading force on campus.



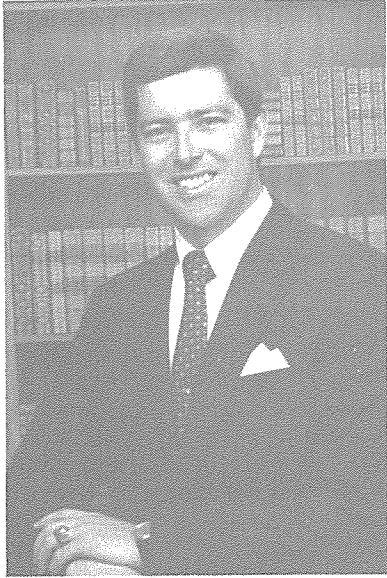
Yale Game 1988

On September 24th, 1988, Connecticut Alpha held its annual Yale/UConn game tailgate party. This was the second year that Connecticut Alpha supplied no alcohol at this event in an effort to reduce liability. Alumni as well as graduates were encouraged to bring their own alcohol. There was a fabulous alumni turnout, including a group of brothers from the mid-1960s who were in town for a reunion. A whole corner of C-Lot at the Yale Bowl was filled with Sig Eps, Brothers, alumni and undergraduates. We enjoyed fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and each other's company. A fun time was had by all who attended. Looking forward to seeing you there next year.



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Alumni Profile: Robert Flynn, Class of '82



On March 22, 1980, Sigma Phi Epsilon returned to the University of Connecticut after a lengthy absence. Starting—or, in this case, re-establishing—a fraternal organization on campus was not an easy task. It required total dedication from everyone involved—a devotion imbued with the fraternity principles of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love. Twenty-eight young men constituted the rechartered Connecticut Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Unparalleled was their collaborative commitment to the fraternity.

Bob Flynn is one such Founding Father who has willingly and consistently given so much of himself for our common cause. As an undergraduate, he served as Fundraising Chairman, Chaplain, and President. Bob recalls the fraternity in its infancy: “We were just starting out, and whereas some might have thought our work to be a mammoth task, we looked upon it as a challenge. We had a definiteness of purpose. We were together, and—from the Alumni Board to the Chapter Counselor, to the Chapter itself—our goals were the same. If they weren’t, the group—and thus the organization—would not have survived.”

Since graduating from UConn, Bob has stayed connected with Sig Ep on both the local and national levels. He regularly serves as a faculty member for the Regional Leadership Academy. He has served as District Governor, and has been actively involved in advising several local chapters. In 1981—while still at UConn—Bob was elected to the National Board of Directors. He was one of only three undergraduate

brothers to serve the fraternity in this capacity.

Brother Flynn’s contributions have not gone unnoticed. He was voted one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1988. And at the 1987 New Orleans Conclave, Bob was presented with the C. Maynard Turner Award. This prestigious national award is given for longstanding commitment and service to the fraternity.

Now a software salesman for J. D. Edwards, responsible for the New York territory, Bob cites the special bonds of friendship at Sigma Phi Epsilon. “When relocating to distant places, there is little time to make new friends. You quickly find out how fragile friendships can be. It’s a real test of who your friends are,” Bob says, “and the fraternity manifests what friendship is all about.” He noted the example of the University of Colorado. He had been living in Denver but a month when the Colorado Alpha Chapter called to include him in their homecoming celebration.

When I asked Bob why he has consistently contributed to Sigma Phi Epsilon and its members, he related a story told many years ago by J. Edward Zollinger. Zollinger—former Vice President of IBM and Fraternity Grand President—was asked why he devoted so much of his time to a bunch of college kids. He said: “First of all, although you may see them as that, I see them as our future. They are our leaders of tomorrow. Furthermore, I owe a huge debt to those who helped me years ago when I was a ‘college kid.’ This is my way of showing gratitude; of repaying that debt.”

That is something we should all keep in mind.

The Young-at-Heart Club, *continued*

Although the trip was initiated by Mook Marvin, all leadership was deferred to the more experienced organizer and seasoned woodsman—Supreme Commander Russek. Along with Bob “Bubaro” Flynn, who came up from Toronto, and J. C. “Jammin’ Jon” Currey—who has been known to use a damp tweed coat for an air freshener—we had the makings for rafting revelry.

Due to an editor-imposed space restriction, it is only possible to list a few of the weekend’s highlights: Turkey pot pie; hot-tubbing it with the bikini-clad gal from Quebec City and the guy with the bad Newfie jokes; the Marines, “I’m a biomolecular physicist getting my tenure at McGill . . . Okay, I’m really with these guys, and we’re fur trappers from Hudson Bay.”; Anna from Alberta; the waitress in Hawkesbury; the international billfold exchange with calculators afrenzy; “I’m sure I’ll get married—but definitely not this decade.”; and our guide, Julianne duPont deNemours, a name we shortened to Eddie McCoy. He not only gave us the best technical ride through the rapids, but also sang opera melodies to us the whole way.

This sport is fun, and I hope you all can make it up to fur trapper country with us in April. Participants include Bubaro, Jeff, Steps, and Mook. Add to that Mike Kotulich, who feeds ding-dongs to his gongilator just because he feels it’s “the right thing to do.” And Brillo and John Fitzgerald, both of whom are honored graduates of the Naugatuck Municipal Home for the Terminally All Right.

Reservations for this and all upcoming trips should be directed to Jeff Russek at (203) 529-7086. *Aventure au max!!!*

Alumni Board Officers

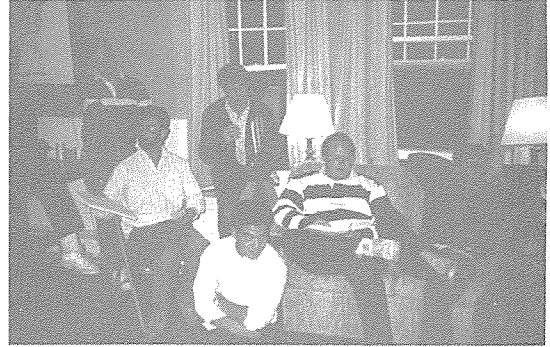
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UNDERGRADUATE REPORT

President's Letter

Dear Alumni,

The Fall 1988 semester brought many challenges to your undergraduate chapter. With a new social policy and an increasingly negative sentiment toward Fraternities in general, we had to make every action a positive example of Greek life.

For the second year in a row, we won first place overall in Homecoming. The competition was clearly aiming to take Sig Ep's crown, but through the efforts of many spirited attitudes, we again came out on top.

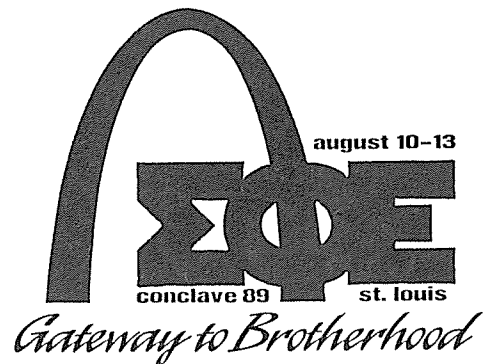
We implemented our first summer Rush program and attracted the best men on campus to join our Brotherhood. Thirteen new brothers were initiated, making our future look even stronger.

Everyone will miss Brother James O'Brien, who has made an impact on all of us. His untimely death helped all of us to realize the true meaning of Brotherhood and that our bonds are eternal.

Sights now are set on achieving another Buchanan Cup at Conclave this summer, August 10-14. Connecticut Alpha is clearly the best on campus as well as the country.

The undergraduate chapter especially wishes to thank you, the Alumni, for your continuing support. Without your efforts, our future is not strong. See you soon!

Faternally,
Ken Mysogland
Chapter President



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Public Relations

Public Relations has enjoyed a great semester at Connecticut Alpha. The main goal of the semester was to expand Connecticut Alpha's role in charity. As usual, we helped out the Red Cross in the Blood Drive registration on campus and continued our support for three underprivileged kids through the Save the Children program. Our other efforts included helping the Willimantic YMCA's Haunted House on Halloween raise over \$500. We helped the Salvation Army raise money for the holidays. Our support of the Toys for Tots program seems to be becoming a Sig Ep tradition.

The social aspect of Public Relations has not been ignored, however. We began the year with a successful "Wine and Cheese" with Kappa Kappa Gamma. Next was the "Dating Game" with Kappa Alpha Theta and guest host Brian Kurnik. The Toys for Tots Christmas Party with Delta Gamma capped off a great semester. Enthusiastic and dependable committee members made Public Relations the success it has been this semester. Thanks to all who helped and best wishes to all the brothers.

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Secretary	Dave Auwarter
Alumni Operations	
Director	Eric Sivertsen
Chaplain	John Thyne

Reminder:

Conclave will be held in
St. Louis, Missouri
August 10-13, 1989

Renaissance of Brotherhood: Fred Turner

Professor Fred Turner has been with the University of Connecticut Political Science Department since 1965, and, in his 24 years at UConn, has compiled a distinguished list of achievements. He has received teaching awards from both the Student Senate and the Alumni Association. In a 1978 poll of UConn professors, Fred was ranked second.

Fred was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts fifty years ago, growing up in Arlington, Mass. He received his secondary education at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, and, upon graduation, enrolled at Harvard where he received his B.A. in English. He earned his Master's and Ph.D. at Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Fred attributes his interest in Latin America and the military to his father's role in World War II, and his family relation with Mexicans when he was growing up.

During the spring of '87, several brothers became interested in Professor Turner and were attracted by his close relationships with his students. Paul "Steps" Leonardo was especially interested in Fred and became his Big Brother. Fred was initiated that semester as a brother, as well as Carlos Miranda and Captain Vern Gildhouse, in the Knights Pledge Class. Professor Turner maintains his close relationship with students by making himself available for lunch at the Faculty Alumni Center or at Ted's for a beer. He is also the faculty advisor to the Rugby Team and Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Fred was away for the fall '87 and spring '88 semesters due to his sabbatical in Argentina. His distinguished position in his field of study keeps him traveling. He has recently traveled to Argentina, Japan and Spain, as well as frequent trips to Washington, D.C. He is also President of the World Association for Public Opinion Research and is on UConn's Roper Center Board of Directors. Fred is both a credit to the undergraduate chapter and Sigma Phi Epsilon in general.





**Yesteryear:
Can You Name the Brothers in this Photo?**

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