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CONNECTICUT ALPHA - SIGMA PHI EPSILON

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## HOMECOMING 1990 10 YEAR CELEBRATION PLANNED

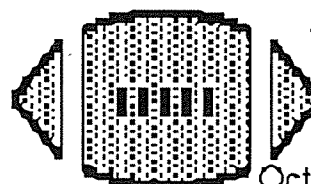
To mark the 10 year anniversary of the rechartering of Connecticut Alpha, this fall's Homecoming will be the most spectacular ever! Along with the traditional early morning reception, parade, and football game, this year's celebration will include a very special brunch honoring the alums from both the original chapter of 1958 - 1973, and the alums from the present chapter, 1980 to the present.

Homecoming this year is scheduled for the weekend of Saturday, October 27, 1990. While Connecticut Alpha's game-time reception is by far the best on campus, this year's celebration should prove to be the biggest in chapter history. Plans are currently underway in both the alumni and undergraduate chapters for a "backyard bonanza," above and beyond the usual alumni reception. Under two spacious tents set up beside the house, this year's festivities will include entertainment (perhaps even the legendary SABBS Band will make an appearance!), hors d'oeuvres, a fully catered meal, and a special trip down memory lane for both old and new alums. Of course, families are invited to this complimentary event, and there will be structured activities for children. As is usual Chapter policy, no alcoholic beverages will be supplied.

Join this celebration of spirit and camaraderie. Memories and traditions come alive during Homecoming weekends. The events serve as a bridge between what has been, what is, and what will be Sigma Phi Epsilon. Alums and undergrads share fraternal fellowship, and Sig Ep friendships are warm and hospitable. Don't miss this opportunity to share 1990 Homecoming and celebrate the 10th year anniversary of Connecticut Alpha's rechartering. Plan now to be here in October!

*For information concerning this year's Homecoming festivities (tickets, directions, times, reservations, offerings of help) please contact Jim Bishop (undergrad) at 9 Gilbert Road, Storrs (486-5213), or William "Mook" Marvin (alum) at 80 Brush Hill Ave., Unit 67 West Springfield, MA 01089 (417-737-8029).*

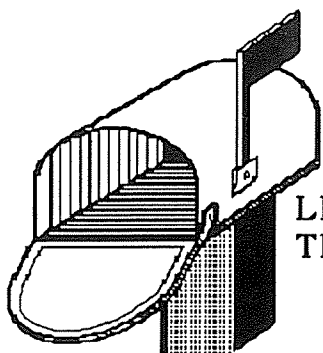
### HOMECOMING 1990



UConn  
vs.  
Richmond

October 27, 1990

Welcome to the new SPEaconn, the newsletter of Connecticut Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon at the University of Connecticut. Our editorial staff hopes you enjoy this new format. We need your help! Articles, news, photos, any way you, the alumni of Connecticut Alpha, can help is greatly appreciated. This is your newsletter, it needs your input to make it a success. Please write or call with any suggestions to help make this the best Chapter Newsletter in the country!



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### *Alumni Board President*

Welcome Brothers!,

This is perhaps the most exciting time to be associated with Sig Ep. The strength and popularity of the undergraduate chapter continues to be a factor in the renewed success of the Greek system on campus. The alumni are participating at a level of enthusiasm greater than we have ever seen at Connecticut Alpha. Each year alumni sponsored social events are attended by more and more alums and their families.

The future of Sigma Phi Epsilon promises even more possibilities. Permanent fraternity housing may soon be a reality. Your involvement with Sig Ep's future is more needed than ever, an involvement which could be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life! I encourage everyone to participate in our fraternity. Whatever your involvement- from braving white waters on our famous rafting trips to serving as an advisor to the housing committee- I know you'll enjoy the experience.

Fraternally,  
**Mike Egan**  
**President, Connecticut**  
**Alpha Alumni Association**

1990 Alumni Board Officers:  
**President Michael Egan**  
**Vice President Mark Brodgerski**  
**Controller Jon Currey**  
**Recorder Clay Grey**  
**Corresponding Secretary Ron Steele**  
**Undergraduate Liaison Ed Kaplan**  
**Chapter Counselor Bill Wivell**  
**Housing Chairman Vacant**

*This letter appeared in the Daily Campus (still remembered as the CDC by old-time alums) on April 6, 1989. The undergraduate chapter demonstrated a positive and progressive attitude and deserves praise for its outstanding virtue. Along with offering assistance during Sexual Assault Awareness Week, for the past four years the Brotherhood Development program has included the REP in discussions with each pledge class concerning date and acquaintance rape.*

## *Thank you, Sig Ep*

Every once in a while something happens that changes the way you look at certain groups. On Wednesday, March 29th I had such an experience. As Coordinator of the Rape Education Program (REP), I have read lots of literature that cites fraternities as places where sexual assaults happen frequently. My impression has been affected by this literature, and I basically thought of many "frat" brothers as being insensitive and not caring about issues of violence against women.

This perspective was radically altered by the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. The week of March 27 - March 31 was Sexual Assault Awareness Week and without the help of Sigma Phi Epsilon, it couldn't have happened. They

were there Sunday night when REP needed help putting over 3,000 chalk "X's" on campus. On Wednesday, REP showed the film "The Accused" in AS 55. The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon worked on publicity, passed out literature, ribbons, collected donations and helped run the film equipment. In addition to all of this, they also presented REP with a check which will help us continue to educate the campus on issues of violence against women.

I would like to thank the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon for their assistance. You really helped make Sexual Assault Awareness Week a success.

Sincerely,  
**Michelle L. Frigault**  
**Coordinator, Rape**  
**Education Program**

# Sigma Phi Epsilon



### THE SPEACONN

Published regularly by the Connecticut Alpha Alumni Association of Sigma Phi Epsilon at the University of Connecticut for the alumni, undergraduates, and families of the Chapter. The goals of the newsletter are to keep alumni informed about their chapter and their fellow alumni, to secure support for worthy chapter projects, and to encourage alumni to attend reunions, Homecoming, and other social events.

The newsletter is financed by voluntary alumni dues which each alumnus is asked to pay. While any amount is appreciated, the recommended amount is \$25. All alumni dues will be used for alumni newsletters, mailings, and other activities.

Alumni news, address changes, and dues should be sent to:

**SPEACONN Sigma Phi Epsilon**  
**9 Gilbert Rd. Storrs, CT 06268**



## Mid- 60's Alum Reunions

A while back, we caught wind of what seemed to be the start of a new tradition- a Kewka Lake (upstate New York) reunion of some mid-sixties alums led by **Brian Mahoney '65**, and **Rich Baranowski '65**. This year, there were two reunions of mid-sixties alums. One, at Tamarack Lodge (Voluntown, CT) featured Mahoney, Baranowski, **Carl Anderson '64**, **Ralph Palmesi '63**, **John "The Prince" Santa '64**, and assorted wives and children. Some may remember, Tamarack Lodge was the sight of Spring Weekend 1964 for Sig Ep.

This year's Yale-UConn game served as the backdrop for the other reunion. Some of the participants included "The Prince," Palmesi, Mahoney, Anderson, **Fred Bok '65**, **Ken Lynch '64**, **Jim McCarthy '64**, **Harvey Arnoff**, along with wives and families. After the game, the reunion continued throughout the weekend.

In the words of Brian Mahoney, "as in '64, we sang "Sig Ep Sweetheart" 'till our throats were raw." Many toasts were raised, with wives and teenage children duly impressed by the brotherhood and energy of these alums. We are all impressed with this demonstration of Brotherly Love - a very vivid reminder that Sig Ep is truly a lifetime experience, extending far beyond undergraduate years.

We look forward to seeing many alums from the "50's, 60's and '70's at October's Homecoming and 10 year anniversary celebration, as well as at the Yale Bowl in September!

## Vern Gildhouse Named National Song Chairman

**Sigma Phi Epsilon** has created a new position at the National Volunteer level, the National Song Chairman. This position will have as its primary responsibility the bi-annual Conclave Choir. As many Connecticut Alpha brothers know, singing in the choir every two years has been a big event for our chapter's large contingent. Brother **Vern Gildhouse** will serve as the first National Song Chairman.

Vern was initiated in the spring of '87 under the Renaissance of Brotherhood program. A 1979 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Vern holds two music degrees, a BS in Music and a Bachelor of Music Education. He is a Captain in the U.S. Army, and served as an assistant professor of Military Science in the ROTC program at UConn. Vern is currently on assignment in Korea.

Vern became interested in Sigma Phi Epsilon through several of the brothers in the ROTC program. After attending three faculty receptions at the chapter house, Vern liked what he saw in Sig Ep and was invited to initiate by the brothers. Unlike most honorary initiates, Vern asked if he could go through the pledge program to better understand the chapter and the brothers.

Vern has been to both Conclaves since his initiation, appearing as soloist in New Orleans and Choir Director in St. Louis. He has had the opportunity to work with the West Point Choir and has directed several choirs at military posts in both Europe and in the United States. He has been a section leader for the Augusta Symphony Choir and has toured as tenor soloist for a ten week concert series in Europe.

Demonstrating outstanding qualities as a brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon, Vern has been honored with the creation of an award in his name at Connecticut Alpha, the Vern-dell Gildhouse Award for Outstanding Contributions to Sigma Phi Epsilon. Vern has amply demonstrated his ability and desire to direct the Conclave Choir and his brothers at Connecticut Alpha agree that he is a fantastic choice to serve as Sigma Phi Epsilon's first National Song Chairman.



Post Yale Bowl '89:

(left to right) top row: **Ken Lynch '64**, **Jack Wyert '64**, **Carl Anderson '64**, **Tom Nevelle**. bottom row: **Bill Milne '65**, **Fred Bok '65**, **Ralph Palmesi '63**, **Wayne Stiles '63**, **John Santa '64**.

## Alumni Accomplishments, Career Changes, etc..

**Father Mark David Janus**, Renaissance Brither '88, completed his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. *Congratulations!*

**Professor Fred Turner**, Renaissance Brother '87, recently served as a member of the international group chosen to validate the authenticity of the recent Nicaraguan elections. *Congratulations on achieving such an honor!*

**Captain Vern Gildhouse**, Renaissance Brother '87, is spending a few years in Korea as the guest of the U.S. Army. Vern can be reached at:

HHC, EUSA  
ATTN: JAJ  
APO SF 96204

**Mike Langella** '84 graduated Duke University with an MBA and is moving to Palm Springs, CA to work in Real Estate.



*Talent Night Dixie-land Band members Adam Adelkopf, Mike Baldassari, Eugene Choung, and Tim Johnson are unmoved by the efforts of John Passios to get them to part with just one of their nifty vests.*

**Paul Summers** '84 finished Western New England Law School in May at the top of his class, and is studying for the Bar. *Good Luck!*

**Mike Reno** '89 has returned from a year in Japan, where, among other things, he taught English and studied karate. Mike will set up residence in San Diego.

**Steve Chaneles** '83 has retired from the *taxing* world of accounting at Arthur Anderson, and has joined the ranks of barrister-in-training at the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. Address: 1506c Autumn Honey Court Richmond, VA 23229

**Steven Jason** '83 has completed his course of study at New York Law School and will join the firm of Schulte, Roth, and Zabel in the fall. *Good Luck on the Bar!*

**Eric Desmonts** '88 is a credit analyst at US Surgical in Norwalk, and is returning to graduate school.

**Chad Stewart** '88 was recently promoted to Commercial Lending Officer at Citytrust in New York City, and is trying to stay solvent.

**Paul Saloom** '87 finished his first year teaching US History and coaching baseball at Portchester High School, Portchester NY.

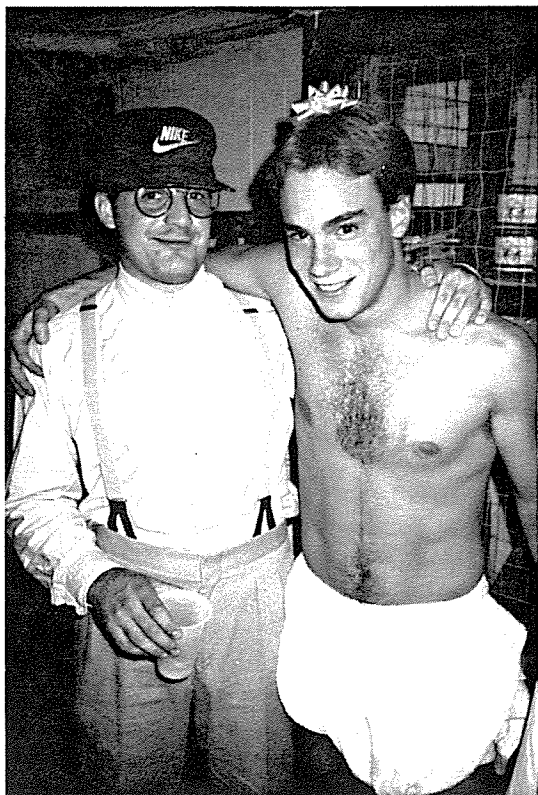
**Paul Langella** '89 is pushing cigarettes for RJR Nabisco in the Shore Line towns. **Tom Gould** '88 is a frequent visitor for late night poker.

**Jon Currey** '85 recently joined Cardone Record Services. *He simply decided that a baby wasn't enough of a change in his life, so he had to change jobs, too.*

**2LT Ralph Hedenberg** '89 is finishing his Ranger Training and was last seen trying to chase down a lizard on a survival course in the Mohave Desert. *Good Luck, Ralph, we look forward to seeing you soon!*

**2LT Brian Gallagher** '88 completed his course of training at Dyers Air Force Base in Abilene TX, learning to fly the B-1, as both pilot and bomb dropper. *"Topgun" will be stationed in North Dakota.*

**2LT Dave Rinaldi** '89 is currently stationed at Mather AFB in San Francisco, CA, and is training to be a navigator.



*Paul Saloom, teacher, tries out parenthood with the help of recent graduate Mark Lavigne.*

## Births, Weddings, Engagements

to Debbie and **Jack "Cabbage-head" Connors**,  
son Kelsey Patrick

to Mary Ellen and **Ken Mysogland**  
daughter Emily Kate

to Jackie and **David Estes**  
son Justin Alan

to Michelle and **Vinnie Piselli**  
daughter Jane Marie

to Joan and **L. Scott Taylor**  
son Andrew

to Phyllis and **Jon Currey**  
son Kevin Hillis

to Trish and **Doug Shidler**  
son Daniel Thomas

to Nancy and **Jimmie Olson**  
son John Arthur

to Judy and **Michael "Pickle" Connors** son Matthew

to Ann and **Joseph Polaski** son Daniel Joseph



**Mark Gambardella** to Sue Pearson, Sept. 89.

They reside in Glastonbury.

**Brian "Brillo" Fitzgerald** to Jill Mancini, Sept. 89.

**Jim Donohue** to Sarah Jackson, Oct. 89

They reside in Ellington.

**Ron Steele** to Lisa LaFontaine, Nov. 89

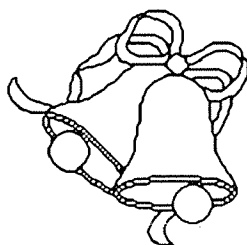
They live in Cromwell.

**Sean Walsh '87** to Holly, living in War-  
wick, RI.

**Marty Tiezzi** to Jill Foley, June '89.

**Vinnie Piselli** to Michelle Shelton.

Living at 96 Locust Ave. New  
Canaan, CT 06840



**Tom Davies '85** to Kathleen Garvey. They live  
in Hamden.

**Brian Poirier** to Kathy

**Ken Mysogland '89** to Mary Ellen Kelly,  
Nov. 28. They reside in Stamford.

**Chris Keen '88** to Cathy Hart, April 89,  
recently bought a house in Southington  
(marriage..mortgage..what next?)

**Bill Wivell '85** to Sue Ciotti, June 90.  
They live in Derby.

**Steve Schaefer** to Kerry Peterson, June  
'90. They live in Enfield.

**Steve Simon '89** to Eileen Riley, June  
'90. They live in Branford.



**Adam Adelkopf** to Bonnie Wein-  
berg, planned March '91

**Gary Adelkopf** to Jeanne Schifini,  
planned Oct. '91

**Jim Moreno** to Jane Testa, Jan '91

**Brion Brandes** to Lisa Blassberg, Oct. '90

**Clay Grey** to Kelli Lockwood, planned Sept '90

**Rick Kelly** to Janet Tesar, planned Aug. '90

**Barry Musco** to Gail Jackson, planned Oct. '90

**Tony Ferrandino** to Pamela Camlous, May '91

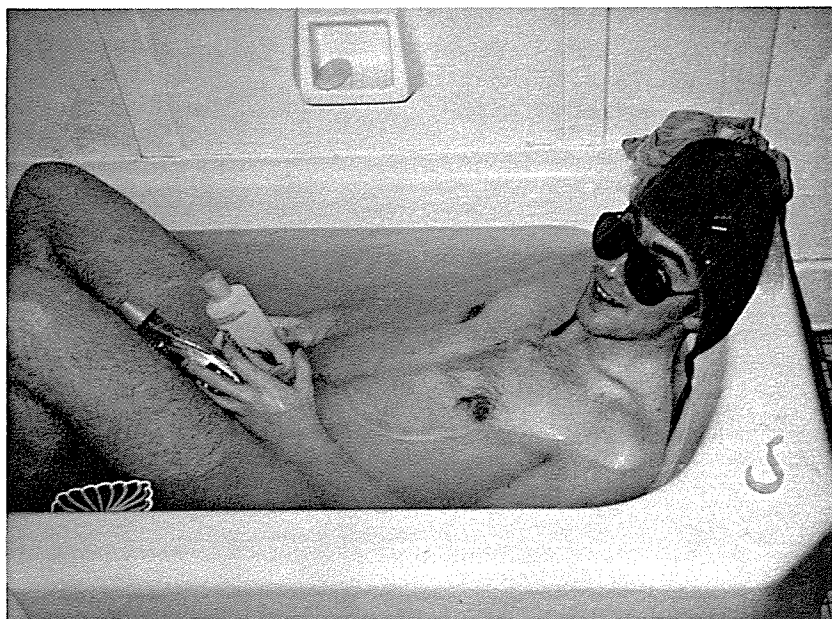
(Tony is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Mole-  
cular and Cellular Biology at UConn.)

**Dana Goodale** to Meegan Daly, June '91

**Scott Cook** to Terry Gardella, June '91

**Mike Sinatra** to Roberta Quinnlevanne

**Mike Gourdier** to Amy Haesche, Oct. '90



As you can see, our records are less than complete.  
We need more- graduation dates, names, etc.. Keep  
in touch, and keep us informed!

"Jacques" Gourdier takes the plunge into marriage in October.





### Housing Corporation

*Recently, many alumni brothers have shown an interest in Connecticut Alpha's housing needs. While some are interested primarily in future housing possibilities, some have asked to be briefed more thoroughly as to how the chapter's housing needs are presently managed and financed. While this article is in no way complete, we hope it's a first step towards greater understanding. Please direct unanswered questions to the SPEACONN for follow-up.*

The Housing Corporation of the Connecticut Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon was established in 1979 under the name Connecticut Alumni of Sigma Phi Epsilon Incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in the State of Connecticut. The purposes and powers of the corporation include provisions to provide financial assistance to the undergraduate chapter, to hold legal title to the land and buildings occupied by the undergraduate chapter, to budget and control undergraduate receipts and disbursements, and to utilize corporate funds for the leasing, purchasing, or erection of a fraternity house on or near the campus of the University of Connecticut.

The membership of the corporation is wide, encompassing all alumni members of the former chapter at UConn, alumni of the present chapter, any Sig Ep alum living in Connecticut from any chapter, and undergraduate members. The corporation is governed by a yearly elected Board of Directors (the "Alumni Board") as provided for in the by-laws of the Board. Board membership has been self-maintained by the recruitment

and appointment of successor members. New alums as well as older are represented on the Board. Volunteers are continuously sought to serve on the Board. All alums and undergrads are welcome to Board meeting which are held bi-monthly, (every other meeting being held in Storrs during the school year).

Currently, the corporation rents the property located at 9 Gilbert Road, Storrs from the University under the terms of a yearly renewed lease. Because of a change in fire code regulations, the number of dormitory spaces in the house was reduced from twenty to sixteen. It was found that allowing twenty spaces classified the structure under hotel/motel code regulations. Reducing the amount of available spaces to sixteen kept the structure within residential regulations.

Under the terms of the lease, rental is assessed at \$5.61 per square foot. At an approximate 3,192 square feet, rental for the following year, 7/1/90 - 6/30/91, is set at \$1420.00 per month, or \$17,040.00 per year. This is an increase of 47% over the 89/90 school year (\$965.09 monthly, \$11,581.08 total). This increase pales in comparison with increases of previous years. Housing contracts with individual brothers are handled by the Board through its representative, the appointed undergraduate house manager. This year's charge of \$1,014 shows an increase of 45% over last years \$700 per semester. This increase is commensurate with changes in the by-laws that reflect general housing cost increases of University housing. Fraternity housing is competitive with University double occupancy room-

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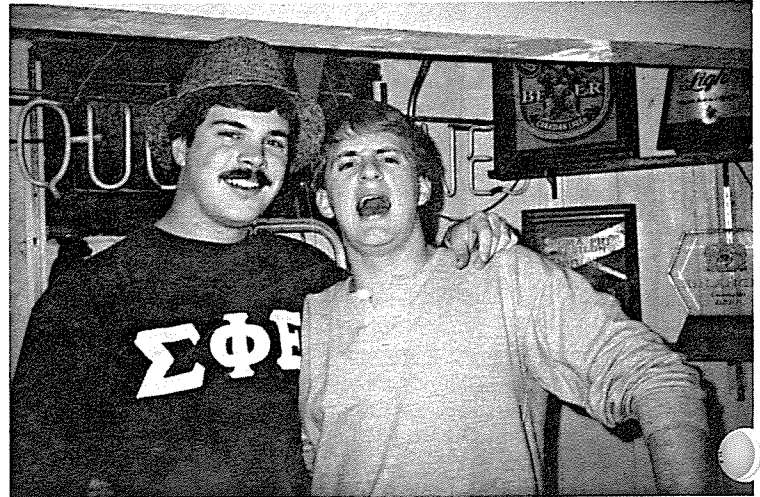
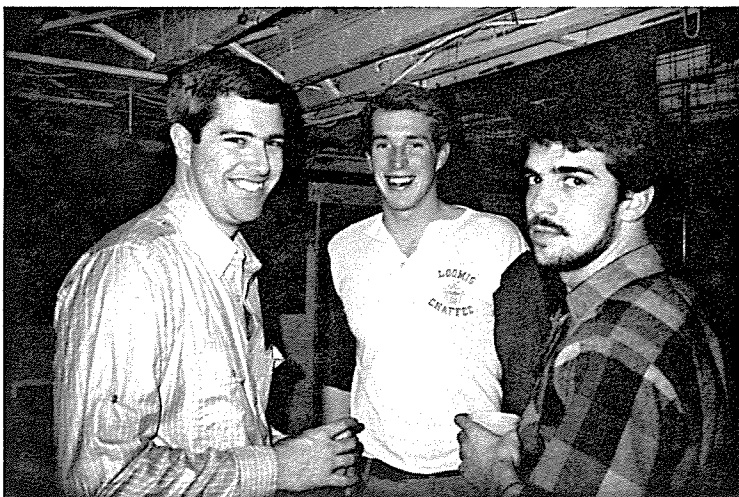
Funds taken in beyond rental fees are used for utilities, house maintenance and repair and alumni operations and financing (see below). While a Voluntary Alumni Dues Program has been initiated, publication costs of the SPEACONN have also been handled by Board financing (almost \$1.50 a copy).

### Alumni Chapter Finances

by Jon Currey, Controller

Sigma Phi Epsilon's National Housing Corporation maintains a Chapter Investment Fund for each chapter. Loans from this account for long term housing improvements can be granted only by the National Housing Corporation Board of Trustees. The fund is mid-risk high-yield, traditionally earning an average 16% annual return. Currently, Ct. Alpha owns almost 1500 shares valued at \$11,404.46.

The corporation also has assets held in the Nat'l Housing Corp's Equity Management Program. As of the quarter ending 4/90, the corporation had assets of \$79,619.21 (up \$1540.19 for the quarter with 8.15% interest). This low risk fund is also used for long range housing needs.



"In any new house - a good basement helps make a house a home"

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## Undergraduate News

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### Notes on the Undergraduate Semester

by Aldo Magistrelli, Vice President

Well, the summer is here and Storrs is about as quiet as a campus can be. Most of the undergraduates moved out of here better than a month ago, but a hearty few, myself included, have stayed behind to soak up the rays and enjoy stimulating three hour lectures. With all the free time on our hands, we are given an opportunity to reflect back on a great semester for UConn and another fun semester at 9 Gilbert Road. Now with Big Ed Kaplan in such a frenzy over getting the newsletter out, the least we could do is contribute an article about the spring semester...

The semester started off with a very poor rush for all the fraternities, including Sig Ep. Due to IFC snafus, only four rushers showed up to the IFC/Panhel rush dance in the Student Union ballroom (one positive result of this was a free potato chip and fruit punch feast). At the end of rush, Sig Ep was twelve pledges stronger, and Brotherhood Development Chairman **Sebby Ruffino** took the reins over from Rush Chair **Greg Laratt**. Over the next eight weeks, Sebby's pledge program molded the "Dirty Dozen" into the "Praetorians," eleven of whom were initiated into the fraternity on April 19th. **Bob Flynn**'s speech at the banquet on the 21st was a very moving, inspirational experience for all who were fortunate enough to be in attendance.

### Welcome New Alumni!

*The following brothers received their Ducal Crowns marking them as alumni in Sigma Phi Epsilon:*

Jon Bauer	Hamden
Tim Classey	Waterbury
Rich Cramer	Hamden
Scott D'Entremont	Danbury
Rajat Dutta	Stamford
Ken Fox	Glastonbury
Russ Green	Old Lyme
Erik Harkey	Guilford
Steve Hill	Cheshire
Hung Duc Nguyen	Storrs
John Piselli	New Canaan
Steve Saloom	Brookfield
Ken Seale	Clinton
Mike Snyder	Hartford
Vic Vernenkar	New Canaan
Todd Woodrick	Columbia

The semester was memorable in a variety of ways:

- seven brothers attended the Regional Leadership Academy in Stamford, CT
- **Sig Eps recruited over 1,000 blood donors for the Red Cross, a record breaking effort**
- the undergrads voted to include the initiation banquet as part of social dues in order to improve attendance
- Ct. Alpha helped initiate the colony at St. John's University in New York
- meetings were moved back to 6:30 Sunday evenings and the chapter was allowed to return to the Student Union after resolving fire code problems with the University
- the chapter G.P.A. improved to a 2.6, moving Sig Ep to the #2 academic ranking fraternity at UConn
- Sig Ep won Greek Week and the Spirit/Pride Award
- three brothers were initiated into the Order of Omega, a Greek society established to recognize outstanding contribution to the Greek community
- Sig Ep sold raffle tickets and tee shirts to raise money to build a playground for the children of UConn faculty
- Joe Langella came up from Virginia to help the chapter set goals and plan for the future in an off-campus, overnight retreat
- Sig Ep won the Intramural Basketball Championship over Sigma Chi
- the third floor single was converted into a study room with a new (and expensive!) computer system, exam files, Blue Book Membership records, Controller's file, and President's safe.
- the house was cleaner than ever thanks to the roving, white gloved hands of House Manager Ken Fox, who did an absolutely outstanding job this year



*Brothers Andy Davis, Andy McFarland, Marvin Barnet, Rich Adams, and Sebby Ruffino (from left to right), pose with the winning bed-race entrant (which they designed, built, and raced) in this year's Greek Week.*

## Charter Members - 8 December 1956

In publishing this list of addresses, it is the intent of the editors to help bridge the gap between "old" fraternity and "new" fraternity alumni. Contact and communication are difficult to maintain, but are vital in building the kind of organization of which we can be proud. It is our wish to further communication and restore bonds among brothers. While the upcoming 10 Year Anniversary Celebration marks the rechartering of Connecticut Alpha 1980, the undergraduate chapter and Alumni Board are privileged to extend an invitation to the Charter Brothers of 1956, in honor of the beginnings of Sigma Phi Epsilon at the University of Connecticut. **You can help us update this list. Contact Ct. Alpha by phone or mail. Thank You!**

KEY: Addresses next to names in **boldface** are considered "good," although they may not be the most recent. Names and addresses in *italics* are considered dormant or lost, and help is needed in locating these brothers. This list is taken from the names appearing on the Charter granted Connecticut Alpha by Sigma Phi Epsilon and hanging in the living room at 9 Gilbert Rd.

<b>Salvatore Casillo</b>	1944	1610 Wall Street Fort Wayne, NJ 07470
<i>Ramon Morais</i>	1956	10 Sixth Street Ansonia, CT 06401
<b>Robert G Gibson</b>	1956	4617 Marshall Drive Binghamton, NY 13903
<b>John Kleperis</b>	1956	2399 Meadowgreen Drive Beavercreek, OH 45431
<b>Donald Scholl</b>	1956	230 Kent - Cornwall Rd. Kent, CT 06757
<b>Daniel Ambruso</b>	1957	PO Box 159 Southway, CT 06488
<b>John Anderson</b>	1957	29 Fairfields Road Oxford, CT 06483
<b>Alphee Babineau</b>	1957	35 Pryor Road S E Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548
<b>Edward Blondin</b>	1957	7390 Linda Lane West Bloomfield, MI 48033
<b>James Bugbee</b>	1957	6191 Turkey Run Ct Manassas, VA 22111
<b>Carl Weinstein</b>	1957	42 Myanos Road New Canaan, CT 06840
<b>Daniel Williams</b>	1957	96 Rosewood Drive Newington, CT 09111

<b>Alva Yeager</b>	1957	869 N E Starlite Lane Port Charlotte, FL 33952
<b>Roger Anderson</b>	1958	4142 Elm Ave. No. 302 Long Beach, CA 90807
<b>Dario Biagiarelli</b>	1958	128 Beacon St. New Haven, CT 06512
<b>Joseph Chioffi</b>	1958	134 Fairmont St. New Haven, CT 06510
<i>Rich. Concelmo</i>	1958	Lost Address
<i>William Cutler</i>	1958	15 Liberty Ct. Concord, NH 03301
<i>William Dubay</i>	1958	17514 151st Ave. S E Renton, WA 98058
<b>Leigh Ferguson</b>	1958	11 Converse Road Bolton, CT 06040
<b>Edmund Funaro</b>	1958	290 Towpath Lane Cheshire, CT 06410
<b>Michael Gorman</b>	1958	101 Boston Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06610
<b>George Grandell</b>	1958	298 White Ave. Middlebury, CT 06762
<i>Raymond Holst</i>	1958	Lost Address
<b>Allan Karr</b>	1958	142 Warren Ave. Vernon, CT 06066
<b>Donald Koop</b>	1958	1331 Macedon Cent. Rd. Macedon, NY 14502
<b>John Kronkaitis</b>	1958	57 Pine Street New Haven, CT 06513
<b>Edward Maher</b>	1958	PO Box 11434 Newington, CT 06111
<b>John Moran</b>	1958	31 Maple Street Milford, CT 06460



# ALUMNI PROFILE...

Please help us update Connecticut Alpha's alumni membership records with current information.  
(Since our records are spotty, please send this in even if you've sent one in before.  
Thank You.)

Fold over as indicated, and mail to..

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**Sigma Phi Epsilon**  
**9 Gilbert Road**  
**Storrs, CT 06268**

If including Alumni Dues, please enclose in an envelope and send to: Jon Currey 77 Harold St., Farmington CT 06032

## Please Print or Type

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College Major\_\_\_\_\_ Degree\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation / Nature of Business\_\_\_\_\_

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Home Address\_\_\_\_\_ Business Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State\_\_\_\_\_ City State\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status (single, married, divorced)\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage\_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Maiden Name\_\_\_\_\_

Wife's College\_\_\_\_\_ Major\_\_\_\_\_ Degree\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children\_\_\_\_\_ Names, Ages\_\_\_\_\_

News About You Which Will Be Of Interest To Your Fellow Members:

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## 1956 Charter Members (cont.)

<b>Michael Sharon</b>	1958	11 Tripp Rd. Ellington, CT 06029
<b>Sidney Short</b>	1958	RR 1 Box 75 Cambridge, ME 04923
<i>Walter Sweeney</i>	1958	Lost Address
<b>Peter Becker</b>	1959	2021 N Skyline Dr Fullerton, CA 92631
<b>James Burnes</b>	1959	14 Oakwood Blvd. Elnora, NY 12065
<b>Maurice Burrows, Jr.</b>	1959	PO Box 63 Mystic, CT 06355
<b>Lawrence Carlstrom</b>	1959	41 Downing St New Haven, CT 06513
<b>Robert Champagne</b>	1959	72 Mountain Road West Hartford, CT 06107
<i>Vincent Cirillo</i>	1959	Lost Address
<i>Michael Konikowski</i>	1959	PO Box 2830 Terminal Annex Los Angeles, CA 90051
<b>Donald Latici</b>	1959	12 Nichols Rd. Montvale, NJ 07645
<b>Donald Littlefield</b>	1959	51 Stony Brook Raynham, MA 02767
<b>Eugene Mastrangelo</b>	1959	2506 Liana Pl. Bowie, MD 20715
<i>James Mucock</i>	1959	Lost Address
<b>Albert Scaramella</b>	1959	322 Hill Haven Rd. Manchester, NH 03104
<b>Alan Stickles</b>	1959	283 Delano Rd. Marion, MA 02738

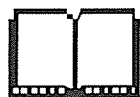
## Charter Members - 23 November 1980

<b>Jeffery Goodkin</b> 5 Wedgewood Road Trumbull, CT 06611 1979	<b>Russell Stratton</b> 6 Flicker Lane Enfield, CT 06082 1981
<b>Lawrence Goodkin</b> 268 Third Avenue West Haven, CT 06516 1979	<b>L Scott Taylor</b> 241 Parker Avenue Hackensack, NJ 07601 1981
<b>Hugh Blozie</b> 14E Greenbriar Drive Farmington, CT 06032 1980	<b>Victor Tohak, Jr.</b> 13 Cedar Knolls Drive Branford, CT 06405 1981
<b>Jeffrey Dallas</b> 42 Hayes Road Simsbury, CT 06089 1980	<b>Mark Brodgerski</b> 31 Briarwood Rd. Bristol, CT 06010 1982
<b>David Imhoff</b> PO Box 378 Topsfield, MA 01983 1980	<b>Brian Fitzgerald</b> 99 Pine Street Naugatuck, CT 06770 1983
<b>Wade Medlar</b> 101 North 27th Street Blue Springs, MO 64015 1980	<b>Randall Hirt</b> 21 Copper Beech Dr. Rocky Hill, CT 06119 1983
<b>Gene Rivard</b> 137 Foxwood Close Milford, CT 06460 1980	<b>Joseph Petrucci, Jr.</b> 63 Walnut Street West Haven, CT 06516 1983
<b>Ralph Genova, Jr.</b> 383 Bradley Ave. Waterbury, CT 06708 1981	<b>Richard Roman, Jr.</b> 2 Scott Avenue New Hartford, NY 13413 1983
<b>David Marti</b> 35 Prospect Street Bloomfield, CT 0002 1981	<b>Harry Vlandis</b> 137 Thornwood Road Stamford, CT 06903 1983
<b>James Sackett</b> 31 Mountford Street Hartford, CT 06114 1981	<b>Lane Driscoll</b> 28 Cerritos Ave., No. 103 Long Beach, CA 90802 1986
<b>Lawrence Schuffman</b> 232 Putnam St. Apt B Hartford, CT 06106 1981	

While all alums are invited to the Homecoming/ Anniversary celebration in October, the list printed here comprises the alums singled out for honoring at the upcoming 10th Year Anniversary reunion. The Reunion Committee will attempt to contact these alums in the coming months. Alums are encouraged to contact the alums on these lists, call a few former classmates or roommates, and advise the SPEACONN of any errors or omissions.

**KEY:** Addresses next to names in **boldface** are considered "good," although they may not be the most recent. Names and addresses in *italics* are considered dormant or lost, and help is needed in locating these brothers.





## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Luis Antonio Baez '85

Age: 25  
 Birthplace: San Juan, Puerto Rico  
 Address: 2000 South Eads St.  
 Apt. 1203  
 Arlington, VA 22202  
 Marital Status: Single  
 Initiated: Fall '84  
 Pledge class "Conquistadors"  
 Big Brother: Jon Currey  
 Major: B.A. Italian,  
 B.S. Medical Technology

**Fraternity Positions:** Chaplain and translator for Those Three Guys  
**First Job:** Laboratory assistant in a medical technology lab at 12 years old  
**First Job After UConn:** Anatomic Pathology Curator for the George Washington University Department of Pathology, Washington DC  
**Present Position:** Manager, Medical Information Systems for the Department of Pathology, GWU  
**Favorite Place To Visit:** Guanica and Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, because both places bring back good memories of my childhood in my country  
**Favorite Authors:** Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Giovanni Boccaccio  
**Most Recently Read Book:** *El General en su Laberinto* by Marquez

**Reflections on Sig Ep:** Thanks to the brotherhood and our Cardinal Principles, I have learned that the man who decides what he wants to achieve and works till his dreams come true, is the man who knows how to succeed.

**A Sig Ep Who Impressed Me Greatly:** Definitely, during my undergraduate years, I was most impressed by all those who proudly achieved the Ducal Crown, because they showed me that with diligence and confidence in myself I will be able to achieve my goals in life

**I Would Like Our Alumni Association To:** Keep our fellow brothers in better contact by sponsoring more social activities throughout the year

**A Final Word:** Feel free to contact me if you are visiting our Nation's Capital.

*editor's note: The SPEACONN received, in an unmarked, brown envelope the following article. Much of this quite lengthy diatribe had to be edited in order to meet Federal Postal Regulations, as well as the boundaries of good taste. Thank You, ed.*

### White Water Rafting 1989

by the Mook

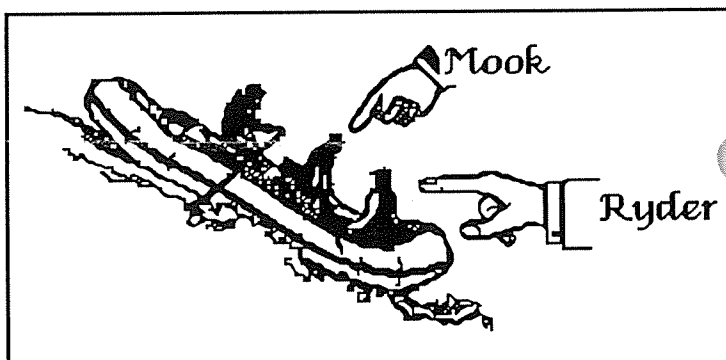
Your Rafting Committee- functioning vicariously as the Young-At-Hearts- has been busy this year. Formed as a result of a "wouldn't it be nice if.." brainstorm three years ago, the group has again responded admirably to the wishes of its constituency.

Let me start by dispelling a myth before it perpetuates. Membership in the Sig Ep Rafting Committee is a prized and challenging position. Just a summer job? Not on your life! It's a 12 month commitment, so let me chronicle the year 1989, before I let you in on Summer-raft '90, which you may or may not be just too late for, depending on a variety of circumstances (publication, reservation, etc..).

January '89 saw our advance team sherpas gather at Supreme Commander Jeff "C.C. Ryder" Russek's suburban Wethersfield estate. Before we went over potential venues for the annual shindig, scouting trips were discussed. These trips were needed to investigate such vital necessities as modern plumbing, "supply" stores per square mile, and other local conveniences.

Our group consisted of Ryder, Paul "Steps" Leonardo, Will "Mook" Marvin, and Mike "no nickname necessary" Kotulich. After things settled down a bit, the group decided on trips to both the Penobscot (Maine) and Moose (New York) Rivers. Although I have confidence in my advance team, our planning was not without its moments. When Steps asked why it was required that we wear polypropylene while rafting, Mike's retort was that "this is the '80's, and when you ride the Moose, you must practice safe rafting."

Our summer extravaganza saw 50 of us travel to the Quebec backwoods and the Rouge River. We set up a tent city, back-to-back picnic tables, and a trash can or two full of beverages, and called it all Command Central. It's amazing how much could be done by so many with so little (sorry, Winston), but with this cast of characters, anything is possible.



The entire weekend was captured on film. Mark Gambardella, alum of the Rob Lowe Film Institute, caught some candid scenes, e.g.: Jim Moreno performing the revolting Tex-Mex culinary ritual of savoring the tequila worm, Chris Blackburn eating trail mix out of his Barney Frank lunchbox, and a dejected looking Roger Ogren trying to cook popcorn over a single can of sterno.

There was an atmosphere of introspection: Jon Currey puffed on a cigar and asked, "Why aren't there any bald professional golfers?" Mike Egan asked his next door tent neighbor Brian "Brillo" Fitzgerald, "Pardon me, could I borrow a cup of hair?" Neil Goldberg used his True Value studsensor to track Bob Flynn, who was with two eligible beauties. Sean Fallon was heard to mumble

*see Rafting page 12*

## From The Editor

A few weeks ago, I lost a small object that was priceless to me. This object, at a glance, brought back memories of special people and occasions. It was so important to me, it traveled with me wherever I went. Having it near me, I felt connected; people special to me were only an arm's length away. Losing it, I felt lost. It was my address book, and its contents were irreplaceable.

Without this immediate lifeline of addresses and phone numbers, I was adrift and unconnected. Many of the numbers were of people I hadn't seen or heard from in years. I know I should have called, but I didn't. But somehow just knowing where those people were was important enough. The most often used numbers I've been able to replace, but there are pieces of information in there that make life a hassle to do without.

A majority of the numbers in my book were brothers. Most of those brothers I am in touch with often, seeing them at weddings, stags, parties, and Friday happy hours in Hartford. A Sig Ep grapevine is formed, passing along whatever news or information we've recently heard about each other. Unfortunately as time goes on, people spread out. Information is scarcer. Contact is lost. The "network" expands and diffuses. It's a little like a many armed octopus. The "head" is Connecticut Alpha, and each "arm" a brother. The arms start out short; most of the students at UConn are still in-state, and most brothers stay in Connecticut after college. With time, the arms become longer and thinner, and eventually we lose sight of

them altogether.

It's difficult to keep the "arms" close to the "head," but it's not impossible. That's what this newsletter's for. Most alums can't easily make it to the house for a party, or to Hartford for a happy hour or Alumni Board meeting. The SPEACONN can be the center of an alumni network. The undergrad chapter turns over completely every four years, information is misplaced and lost. On the other hand, alumni are forever. On-going projects are easier to maintain. With this issue of the SPEACONN, we are attempting to expand the network, to bring the "arms" closer to the "head," but we need you, the alumni of Connecticut Alpha, to keep in touch with us as well.

This newsletter took a long time to prepare, and it wasn't easy. Thanks go to the following:

Bob Flynn, for info and support  
(article on Vern) -bungee pix?

Aldo Magistrelli, for coming through  
in the clutch with undergrad info

Brian Mahoney, for letting me know  
that the "old chapter" alums are still  
getting together (now we need to get  
in touch with "The Prince")

The Mook, King of Rafting  
Mike Egan, DDS and so much more  
Jon Currey, Financial Wizard  
..and a cast of hundreds.

Ed Kaplan '88  
Alumni Editor

## Sig Ep Lists

### "UConn..Home of the Fighting Insurance Salesman:"

At The Travelers::

Rob Butler  
Mike Briglia  
Chris Chadbourne  
Kevin McCarthy  
Hung Duc "Jimmy" Nguyen

At The Aetna:

Jerry Dallas  
Sean Fallon  
Rick Kelly  
Brian Kurnik  
"Steps" Leonardo  
Brian Poirier  
Jeff Stickles  
Scott Stickles  
Jim Westgate

### "At Andersen Consulting:"

Adam Adelkopf (recently promoted to manager- Congrats!)  
Matt Arciero  
Eugene Choung  
Mike Kohs

### "Guys in Chiropractic School;"

Bill Fazzino- Palmer Chiropractic College, Iowa  
Andy Fitzsimons- National Chiropractic School, Chicago  
Rob "Q-Tip" Shaw- NY Chiropractic College

### "New Alums Still Looking for that Perfect Career Type Job:"

Erik Amend  
Jeff Bazyk  
Russ Green  
Ken Harvey  
Chris Kirk  
Mark Lavigne  
Greg Mattison  
Joe McCart

## In Rememberance

This past year saw the death of True-man "Sandy" Sanderson, Worcester Tech '31, Order of the Golden Heart. Sandy participated in our installation in 1980 and was a fixture on the New England Sig Ep scene. In his will, Sandy left \$1000 to Ct. Alpha. He was a true, lasting friend and support to our chapter. He will be missed by any brother who had the pleasure of meeting him.



The Spring 1990 Initiation Banquet was attended by over twenty alumni and their dates. The undergraduate chapter made a sincere effort to make the alums and their guests feel welcome. left to right: Dan Sopher, Eric Enhoffer, Brian Kurnik, "Troll" Jenkins, wife Kathleen, Chris Smith





*Alums At the Spring '90 Initiation Banquet.  
left to right: Jim Westgate's head, Jon Currey, wife Phyllis,  
Mook Marvin, Mike Egan, wife Vicky.*

### ***SABBS Band Reunion Rocks Hartford***

Legendary aging rockers The SABBS Band performed for a sell-out crowd of hundreds at The Municipal, a restaurant and club in Hartford, on Tuesday, July 3rd. Over 40 brothers, undergrads as well as alums, and a multitude of wives, girlfriends and guests crowded the dance floor of the Main Street establishment. The band, its lineup steady since the early '80's, consists of Mark "Lapdog" Lapham on keyboards and lead vocals, Eugene "Huge" Choung on bass, Adam Adelkopf on virtuoso woodwinds, Bill "Hubie" Gunn on guitar and vocals, and Mike "The Heruna" Gourdier on drums and vocals. The band has not been seen in public (or private, for that matter) since last September's sell-out concert at the Yale Bowl (running coincidentally at the same time as the Yale-UConn game). The Sabbs put on a show the likes of which has never before been seen, pulling out the stops on such surprise songs as "Brown Eyed Girl", "Hang On, Sloopy", and "I Saw Your Mother at the Keg Party."

Highlights of the show included: engaged brothers Clay Grey and Barry Musco dancing on the tables, an impromptu "kick line" of alums, Jon Currey and Mook Marvin dancing the lambada, and unexpected performances from trumpeter Tim Johnson and guest vocalist Mark Gambardella. At Lapdog's command a quartet of alums joined the show to teach the crowd "The Unicorn Song." The get together brought back many memories for all the alums present, and showed the undergrads that the Sig Ep experience lasts long after college.

### **Rafting (from pg. 10)**

"Shoop boop a doop ramma lamma ding dong." To which "Gentleman Jim" Westgate replied, "When you say that, Sean, I know you mean it from the bottom of your boogity boogity shoot." Well, anyway, you get the idea.

The Chianti Klutz Award for Sheer Idiocy was gladly passed on from Bruce Goldstein to Steps, who got his van detained by Canadian customs. With a tie-dye t-shirt, ponytail, bloodshot eyes, and Red Sox cap, is it any wonder? The biggest success indicator of this trip came the very day we returned, when Bill Wivell, Scott Cook, and Barry Musco all announced their engagements. You, too, may enjoy a similar fate by joining us for SummerRaft '90, in August.

*Although reservations were due early in July for this year's trip, August 10-12, there is always room for more. This trip involves the Black River in Jefferson County NY, a bus and some vans, maybe 50 alums and guests, a full day of rafting, steak dinners, and 2 nights at a state park. All for a low, low \$150. For answers to the many questions undoubtedly running through your scheming minds, please call:*

*Jeff Russek or Mook Marvin  
(203) 529-7086 (413) 737-8029*

### ***SABBS Band Photo Scrapbook***

*photo left: Lapdog, Adam, The Heruna, Hubie, and Huge's shoulder are polyester clad as they hit the stage.*

*Photo right: Heruna, Adam, Huge, and Hubie entertain the crowd*



## VOLUNTARY ALUMNI DUES / (RITUAL REPLACEMENT FUND)

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### *Voluntary Alumni Dues*

The purpose of a voluntary alumni dues program is to secure the necessary financial support to provide a continuing alumni program. In order to regularly promote and maintain contact between alumni brothers, the cornerstone of this program is a regularly published newsletter. Previous to this issue, the SPEACONN was the responsibility of the undergraduate chapter. This worked fairly well primarily because the targeted alumni were mostly recent graduates. As the chapter aged, however, the number of alums increased dramatically. These alums are now five or ten years out of school, and as much as they'd like to, there's no turning back. The responsibilities of adulthood often form a priority over keeping in touch with fellow brothers. Thus the need for a more detailed, comprehensive newsletter. The decision was made to take the newsletter out of undergraduate hands and turn it over to alumni with the hope of a more consistent effort. In the future, alums and undergrads will be working together to produce this newsletter, with the goal that it appear twice yearly.

Another reason for the expanded coverage concerns the alumni of the original chapter, 1956-1973. The gap between old alums and recent alums (though *recent* may be as much as ten years, now) is a large one. In an effort to shrink this gap, the editors request your participation. Let us know what's going on, is there anything new going on in your lives? Any changes? Anything interesting happening? Who keeps in touch? Who wants to? Your suggestions and comments would be most welcome and appreciated. In particular, you may have some old photos which could be used in the SPEACONN. These would be returned after publication. Also, you may have copies of older issues of the SPEACONN which contain memorable stories worthy of reprinting. We continue to solicit your help and encouragement in our efforts to provide a Connecticut Alpha publication of which we can be proud.

All this can be translated easily: quality costs. A quality newsletter simply costs more than a less than complete effort. If the alumni newsletter satisfies your need to keep up-to-date with information about the brothers you went to school with, then you will be happy to support the program. The success or failure of the newsletter depends on the extent of your support. Please contribute to the Voluntary Alumni Dues Program. Thank you.

### *Boston Get Together*

There was a large alum gathering in Boston the weekend of June30/July 1. On Friday evening about 20 alums descended on the Newton home of **Scott Mitchell, Ken Harvey**, and summer roommate **Bill Fazzino**. After a pleasant night out in Beantown, they awaited the arrival of another 25 or so alums on Saturday for an all day cookout and sports extravaganza. The festivities concluded abruptly late Saturday night at the polite request of approximately 15 carloads of Newton's Finest.

Among the participants were Boston Regulars **Mitchell, Harvey, Chris Blackburn, Bill Connelly, Adam Burke**, and **Mark Tiernan**, whose homes were graciously opened to out-of-townners.

### *In other news..*

Many alums have fond memories of gathering in the basement of the house and enjoying comradery and fellowship. Well, the basement may be gone (due to Fire Code Regulations), but the Tap System from the Chapter House has found a new home in the Asylum Street residence of brothers **Mike Briglia '88, Eugene Choung '88, Chris Chadbourne '88, and Jim Westgate '87**. Visitors are welcome and commonplace. Brothers are invited to stop by and relive some not-so-old times.

In March, an initiating team from the undergraduate chapter went to St. John's University in New York to assist in the installation of a Sig Ep chapter there. After the initiation, while the brothers were trying to register at a hotel near Laguardia Airport, the chapter President's car was stolen. Fortunately, the loss was covered by insurance. Not covered, however, was \$1400 worth of fraternity Ritual equipment that was also lost. The Alumni Board paid for new equipment with the understanding that the undergraduate chapter would re-pay this loan. Your contribution would help reduce this amount. Make checks out to CT Alumni of SPE. Thank you.

**DON'T FORGET!!**

**Alumni Golf Tournament**

July 28, 1990

Call Dave Estes for details

at 203-647-5554

**UConn Huskies**

**vs Yale Bulldogs**

**Yale Bowl Tailgate**

September 29, 1990

New Haven, CT

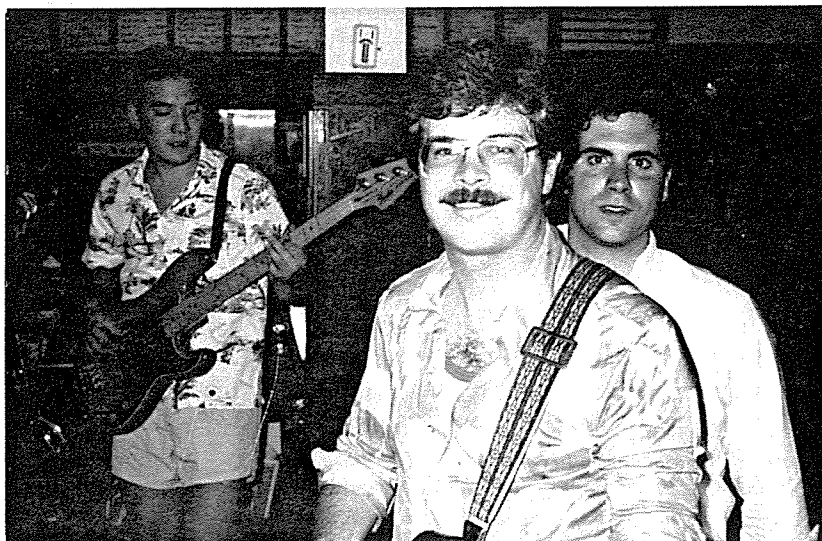
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October 27, 1990

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Eugene "Huge" Choung, Bill "Hubie" Gunn, Mark "Gamby" Gambardella mug for the camera at SABBS Band reunion.

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