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CONNECTICUT ALPHA - SIGMA PHI EPSILON

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## SIG EPS PREPARE FOR HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 19, 1991

Mark your calendars now... Homecoming comes early this year!!

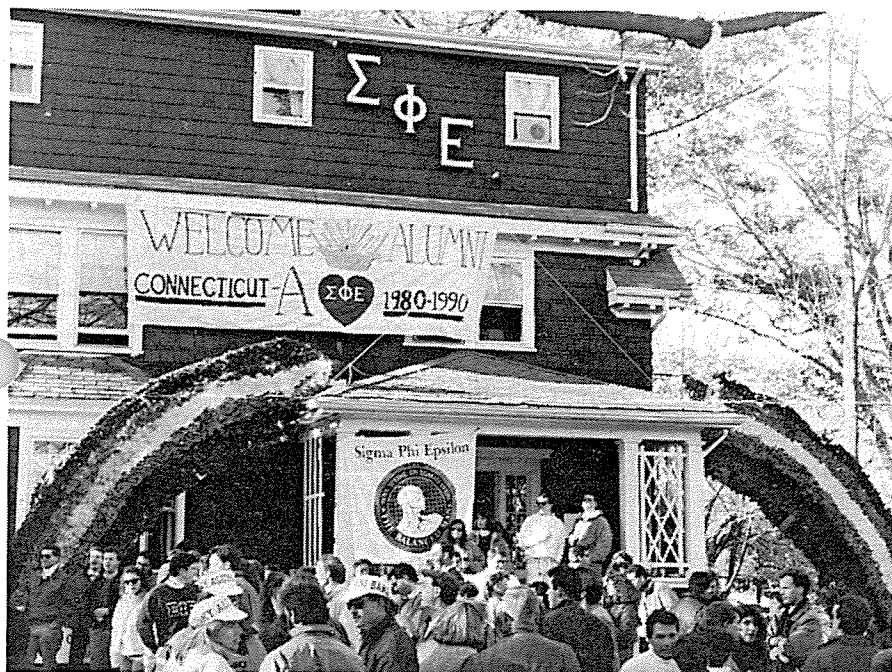
Please join your alumni brothers, their families, and the undergraduate chapter for this year's Homecoming extravaganza. Last year, attendance was excellent, and this year promises to be even greater!

This year's Homecoming theme is "Husky Tale's Fantasies," a whimsical theme borrowed from the popular children's cartoon, "Duck Tales." Early morning arrivals join us at **9 a.m.** for donuts, juice, and coffee, and watch the undergraduate chapter put the final touches on their Homecoming float. Join the crowd cheering for the chapter's entrant, traditionally among the top entered, as it passes by the Chapter House during the Homecoming parade at **10 a.m.**

Forget about tailgating in a stadium parking lot! **Before the game**, join brothers and families at the house for brunch. As any brother at last year's celebration can attest, our Homecoming pre-game reception shows real Sig Ep class.

**Kickoff is at 1 p.m.** for the football game pitting the UMass Minutemen against our own UConn Huskies. Some CT Alpha alums will be attending the game for reasons other than football; many Sig Ep alums are also alums of the UConn Marching Band, and UConn and UMass boast the finest bands in New England. **Post game**, come back to the house, relax, and relive some old times with the brothers and their families (and an ever increasing number of Sig Eps' babies!).

Plan now to be here in October!



1990 Sigma Phi Epsilon Homecoming Celebration - 9 Gilbert Road.

UConn  
vs.  
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October 19, 1991

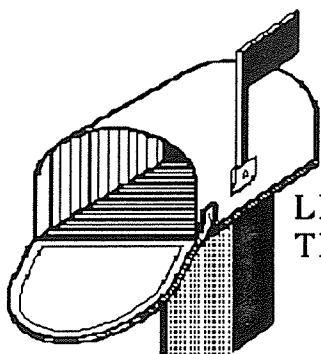
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### *Alumni Board President*

Dear Brothers,

The years ahead will definitely be filled with challenge. Ironical as it may seem, the traditional values of the past are necessary to find unique solutions to '90's challenges. Sound leadership provides the optimism and encouragement needed by our undergraduate brothers. The desire to share our lives with our younger brothers gives us the opportunity to view the world from a younger perspective. I encourage everyone to be a leader. Share your valuable gift of knowledge.

Fraternally,

Mike Egan

CT Alpha

Alumni Board President

### **Chapter Counselor's Message:**

As you may have heard, our undergraduate chapter is facing some difficult times. I urge you to get involved with helping our Alumni Board help the undergraduates. Mentorship and guidance are needed. Please call me if you would like to get involved.

Fraternally,

Bill Wivell

Chapter Counselor

(203) 245-1746

### 1991 Alumni Board Officers:

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Corresponding Secretary Ron Steele

**Chapter Counselor Bill Wivell**

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### **SPEACONN '90**

Dear Alumni Board,

As you may know, I graduated in May 1987 from UConn. It's hard to believe a full four years have passed already. I look at the time since I left school as the singularly most challenging time of my life. Establishing a career in show business is no easy task but I did it and I am proud of my accomplishments thus far. My life is full of wonderful people, lots of travelling, and plenty of hard work.

Where my life really lacks is in the great loss I feel from having fallen out of touch with my brothers from Sigma Phi Epsilon. Calling occasionally can only last for so long. Not living in Connecticut and being on the road almost constantly, serves to further complicate matters.

I am writing to simply convey the excitement I felt when I read the last SPEACONN Newsletter. Big Ed did an outstanding job and deserves to be told so. This newsletter has really encouraged me to do whatever I can to renew old ties to the Fraternity. I am looking forward with great anticipation to seeing everyone at the Yale Bowl and Homecoming.

Fraternally,

**Michael Baldassari**

### **In Memorium**

Editor,

Having just finished reading SPEACONN, we noticed my cousin's name included in the missing brothers list.

Stan Trask '64 died of heart failure December, 29th 1985.

He leaves his wife Vivian, son Richard, and daughter Tiffany.

Stan was my first cousin and introduced me to my husband, Ken Lynch '64, another Sig Ep brother. We continue to miss Stan very much.

**Judy Wassick Lynch**

West Simsbury, CT

### **Homecoming 1990**

Dear Brothers,

Thank you for making my return to the UConn campus to attend your celebration, as well as the first reunion of the Student Union Board of Governors, a most memorable one. Your warm hospitality was greatly appreciated both by my wife, Lydia, and myself. Your friendliness and enthusiasm made me proud to be a brother. The brunch was excellent and it certainly added to the celebration of the occasion.

Wishing you the best in the future, I remain

Fraternally Yours,

**Don Littlefield '54**

Raynham, MA

# Sigma Phi Epsilon



### **THE SPEACONN**

Published occasionally 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 Road, Storrs, CT 06268**

Dear Brothers,

My family and I wish to thank you for the memorable time we had on Homecoming 1990. We enjoyed meeting the brotherhood, undergrads and alums alike, seeing the parade and the Sig Ep float, and availing ourselves of the generous banquet you guys furnished for us all. You folks did a great job. Sig Ep has always been a fraternity with a lot of class, and we are pleased to see that you are perpetuating that tradition.

Congratulations again on the 10th Anniversary of the rechartering of Connecticut Alpha. We wish you many more successful years.

Sincerely,  
**Kevin Laxar '61**

p.s. Whatever happened to all the "old" composite photos, class paddles, etc?

(Editor's note- We are very much interested in the fate of "old" chapter materials- if anyone has any leads, please let us know!)

Dear Brothers,

I enjoyed returning to UConn for Homecoming and the special honor of alums of the original chapter. I am proud to be member #14. The trip down from west of Rochester, NY was worth it for the fellowship and fine food. You guys did a great job. Thanks!

I enjoy receiving SPEACONN especially if it contains news from my era (that is, from the period when the earth was still cooling).

I was disappointed at the low turnout of "originals," many of whom live nearby, but did enjoy reminiscing with the few who did come. Keep up the communication!

Fraternally,  
**Don Koop '58**

(Editor's note- Thank you Brothers Koop, Laxar, and Littlefield, your presence made the day that much more pleasant. As to alumni attendance, let's hit the phones!!)

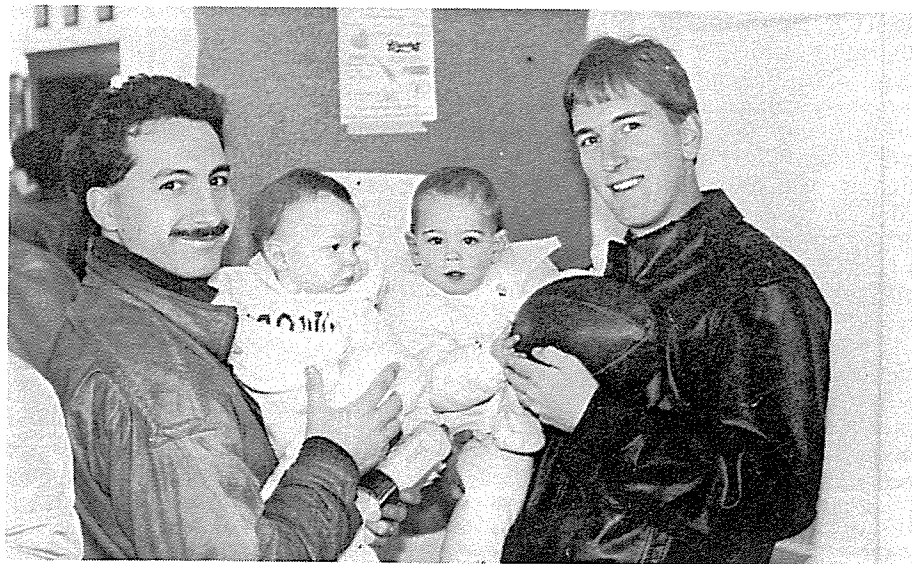
## Homecoming 1990



*Founders Old and New. From left: Bob Flynn, Wade Medlar, Eugene Demmler, Brillo Fitzgerald, Don Littlefield, Don Koop, Kevin Laxar, Allan Karr, L Scott Taylor.*



*Eugene Demmler '59, Don Littlefield '54, and Don Koop '58 enjoy the brunch.*



*A new generation of Sig Eps? Or is it Sig Ep sweethearts? Vinnie Piselli '87 with daughter Janie, and Dave Estes '85 with son Justin.*



## 50's and 60's

**W. Paul DeBree, '63**, Colonel US Army, works for the Office of Demonstrations and Special Projects, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Room 1B657, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 20301-1200. Brother DeBree recently stopped by the chapter house at 9 Gilbert Road. We look forward to seeing you again!

**Paul Nappi, '58**, is a Senior Maintainability Engineer with Pratt & Whitney. He and wife Judith reside at 9682 Gardenia Dr., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410. Paul, Judith, son Brian (age 25), and daughter Trina (age 19) have lived in Florida since 1970. Brian, '88, was a Sig Ep at the University of South Florida. Thanks for writing!

**Alan O. Stickles, '59**, is an Insurance Sales Manager with Travelers Insurance. "Big Stick" and his wife of over 30 years live at 283 Delano Road, Marion, MA 02738. They have two children, Richard (24), and **Robert (28), '85**, also a Connecticut Alpha Sig Ep. Thanks for keeping in touch!

**Albert F. Scaramella, '59**, is the Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at the Hitchcock Clinic in Manchester, NH. He, wife Katherine, and 8 (!) children reside at 322 Hillhaven Rd., Manchester, NH 03104. Al chairs a department of 13 full time Pediatricians, 3 Nurse Practitioners, and 2 Physician's Assistants, as well as Dartmouth Medical School faculty, and 3rd year Pediatric Medicine students. Al's passion these days, behind woodworking, gardening, and wife Kathy, involves developing a paperless medical system on the computer for use in the whole clinic. Good luck, Al, it was great hearing from you!

**Donald Koop, '58**, is a photoscientist working for Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY as a Senior Development Engineer. After earning his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at the University of Maine, Don began his 28 year career for Kodak! He lives in a renovated house, partly made of 1841 cobblestone at 727 County Line Rd, Hamlin, NY 14464. He has 4 children and 6 grandchildren. It was wonderful visiting with you at Homecoming. Please stop by anytime!!

**Donald A. Littlefield**, graduated UConn in '54, served two years in the Army through ROTC, returned to campus in '56, and joined Sig Ep when the chapter was chartered. Don also served as a member of the Student Union Board of Governors while at UConn. Don and wife of over thirty years, Lydia, reside at 51 Stony Brook Rd, Raynham, MA 02767. Don is Vice President for the Insurance firm of J.R. Tallman & Co., Inc. We're happy you came by for Homecoming last year. Please come again!

## 80's

**Wade Medlar, '80**, is currently living at P.O. Box 3335, Peachtree City, GA 30269. The first President of the rechartered CT Alpha, Wade was recently married to Elaine Montague on July 20, 1990. Wade earned his degree in psychology and currently works as Director of Materials/MIS for Modern Industries, a railroad signal/crossing manufacturer. Wade returned to Connecticut Alpha for Homecoming this year. It was great to finally meet you!

**Joe Langella, '83**, has left his posi-

tion as Sigma Phi Epsilon National Alumni Director and has taken a position as Territory Sales Manager for Medi-Tech, a medical supply company.

Joey stills maintains close ties with Fraternity Headquarters and recently served on the faculty for the Grand Chapter Conclave in Washington, D.C. Joey is also serving as Chapter Counselor for the Pennsylvania Nu Chapter at Temple University. Call him at 215-525-0288. Joey, it was great to see you in D.C.! See you at Homecoming!

**Bob Flynn, '82**, has moved back to Connecticut and can be reached at 187 Worth Ave., Hamden, CT 06518. Bob has taken on a new position as Western Regional Sales Manager for Pyramid Developing Corporation, a software and security development company in Rocky Hill. It was great to spend time with you at Conclave - Welcome home.

**Steve Chaneles, '83**, graduated from the University of Richmond Law School in May 1991 and will be beginning as an Associate Attorney at Williams, Mullen, Christian, and Dobbins in September. Steve can be reached at 8719 Old Spring Road, Richmond, VA 23235. Steve and fiancée Margaret Collins plan a May 1992 wedding. They recently attended the National Conclave in D.C. Steve is on the Alumni Board of the Virginia Beta Chapter at Virginia Commonwealth University. It was fantastic seeing you both in D.C.! Steve, good luck at the new job, and Margaret, good luck with managing Steve and in finishing medical school. We hope to see you both real soon!

**Bobb Barile, '84**, has made his home in the sun, sand, and surf of California for over three years. Papa Bobb reports that he has run into Sig Eps from all over the country and has been to par-



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ties at our USC, Cal-State Northridge, and Long Beach State chapters. Working as a self-employed financial consultant, Papa lives at 28 Cerritos Ave. #103, Long Beach, CA 90802. While he would like to visit, he says distance limits the opportunity. Bobb, it was great to hear from you!

**Adam Adelkopf, '85**, has left Andersen Consulting to take a position in the Management Consulting Division of Coopers and Lybrand in New York City. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, he and wife Bonnie settled in Hoboken, NJ but are currently looking to purchase a home closer to work. We hope to see you and Bonnie at Homecoming!

**Jim Lepesko, '85**, and **Chip Hunziker, '84**, have recently formed a small medical sales company involved with Incontinence and Impotence Diagnostics. Although starting out small, Lepper and The Hunz plan to be millionaires by 2000. Lepper, who also works as Sales Specialist for Surgitek/Endotek, resides at 5902 Memorial Hwy #1307, Tampa, FL 33615. Good luck on your new venture, and remember us when you've made it big!

**Robert Stickles, '85**, is working as an Account Sales Representative for Roger Keith and Sons, Inc., an all line insurance company. He, wife Sonny, and 2-and-a-half year old daughter Sarah Maye, reside at 357 Reservoir St. North Attleboro, MA 02760.

**Michael Baldassari, '87**, is fulfilling his dream as a Lighting Designer with his own firm, MBA Lighting Design. Mike designs the lighting for Penn and Teller and tours with the duo. He has light Phylicia Rashad and Lucie Arnaz in places like Las Vegas, Atlantic City, and Lake Tahoe. He also designs for both the State Ballet of Missouri and the Fort Worth Opera. Last February, PBS aired "The Colored Museum," for which Mike served as Associate Lighting Director. Mike currently resides at 74 Garden Street #1S, Hoboken, NJ 07030. It was great hearing from you, Baldass! See you at Homecoming!

**Christopher Blackburn, '87**, works as a sales representative in pharmaceuticals for Bristol Myers Squibb and is currently residing outside of Boston at 34 Cherry St., West Newton, MA 02165. Chris invites any brother in the area to stop by.

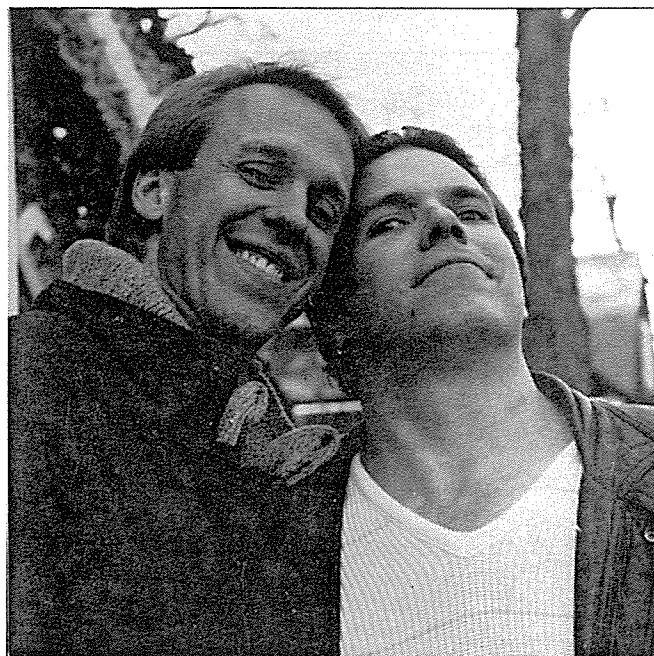
**Chris DeLorge, '87**, made a showing at this year's golf tournament. A buyer

**Ron Steele, '87**, doesn't have much news to report. Nevertheless, he did fly out to Cincinnati to see the Reds play Montreal back in June. The Reds won. Great talking with you Ron, may all your news be good!

**Doug Peeters, '87** is working for the California Department of Transportation, CALTRANS, in the real estate division. Doug is living at 1925 College Ave. 134, San Bernardino, CA 92407. He reports that he sees a lot of "shows" and extends an invitation to come visit him. Great hearing from you, Doug!

**Bill Connelly, '87**, and **Ken Harvey, '88**, report their dominance over the sales department at Jet-A-Way Technologies in Boston, an industrial waste recycling company. Bill started there in public relations but was soon promoted to Account Representative; Ken began as an unpaid student intern and was asked to stay on. Ken shares a house somewhere in Newton with **Scott Mitchell, '88**, and can be reached at (617)-964-1785.

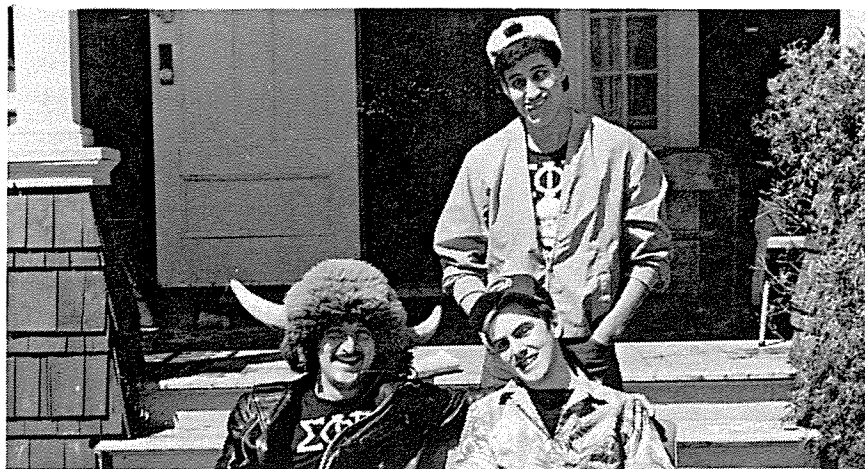
Also in Boston area alumni news, **Adam Burke, '89**, who is working as an environmental engineer for Vapex Environmental Technologies in Canton, has recently moved in with **Scott D'Entremont, '89**, who sells promotional ballons and spotlights in



*Jim Lepesko and Mook Marvin mug for the camera at Homecoming 1990.*

Burlington. Scott and Adam can be reached at 137 Bridge St., Newton, MA., (617)-969-9967. We hope to see all you guys soon!!

**James Damicis, '87**, and wife Joanne recently purchased a home in Maine. They reside at 757 Main St. A14, South Portland, ME 04106. Jim graduated May 1990 first in his class from the Edward S. Muskie Institute of Public Affairs with an M.A. in Public Policy and Management. Upon graduation, he was hired to manage the newly established Local Government Resource Center at the Maine Municipal Association in Augusta. Congratulations!



*Mike Baldassari, Mike "Haruna" Gourdier, and John "Raisin" Brangaccio make their best impression on the UConn campus sometime Spring '84.*

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## A Lifetime Experience

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## Births, Weddings, Engagements

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Jeff and Sonya Casarotto announce the arrival of son Alexander, 8 lbs. and 3 oz., born July 30. The family resides at 41 Sterling St., New Britain. Jeff and Sonya own and manage The Liquor Locker, a package store in Newington.

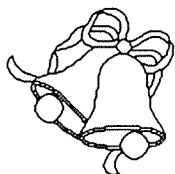
David and Jackie Estes announce the birth of their second son, Michael John, born June 5 '91 weighing 9 lbs and measuring 21.5 in. long. The family, with first son Justin, reside at 21 Woodland St., Vernon, CT 06066.

Ron and Joanne Nault announce the birth of son Michael Joseph on February 1 1991, weighing in at 7 lbs, 6 oz. The family resides at 21 Bayberry Lane, Guilford, CT 06437.

Randy and Alberta Hirt announce the birth of a daughter on December 21, 1990. The family resides at 21 Copper Beach Dr., Rocky Hill, CT 06119.

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### Married



Stephen Saloom to Suzy Gravel, August 18, 1991.

Tom Gould to Nadine Sagillo, July 7, 1991. The couple will reside in Orlando, FL.

Steve Jason to Karen Litke, July 3, 1991. 666 Greenwich ST. 756, NY, NY 10014.

Jim Westgate to Eileen Arsenault, summer 1991.

Scott Cook to Terry Gardella, June 1991.

Dana Goodale to Meegan Daly, June 1991.

Larry Schuffman to Marcia Kichler, April 1991. 142 West End Ave. 11S, NY, NY 10023.

Adam Adelpopf to Bonnie Weinberg, March 23 1991

Jim Moreno to Jane Testa, January 12, 1991.

Gary Adelpopf to Jeanne Schifini, October 7, 1990.

Barry Musco to Gail Jackson, October 1990.

Mike Gourdiere to Amy Haesche, October 1990.

Clay Grey to Kelli Lockwood, September 1990.

Rick Kelly to Janet Tesar, August 1990.

David Bachman to Shirley Annkoven, June 30, 1990. Dave is currently a Project Manager for MCI Communications in Washington, D.C. The couple resides in Alexandria, VA.

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### engaged:



Rob Butler to Sue Stickel, October 12, 1991. BB recently returned from 6 months in Dahrhan, Saudi Arabia where he served during Operation Desert Storm as a Detachment Commander of a Medical Group.

Mook Marvin to a woman named Patricia .

Chad Stewart to Donna Testo, planned June, '92.

Ralph Hedenberg to Laura Baxter, planned May '92

David Butterworth to Sue Weber, planned June 13, '92.

George Battle to Marie Normandy, planned April 25, '92. George is working for the State Police in the Fire Marshall's Office and is building a house in Wolcott.



Gary and Jeanne Adelpopf celebrate marriage.

Todd Reider to Juley Streigel, planned August 15, '92.

Sean Fallon to Geri Mahan, planned sometime in late 1993 or early 1994.

Tim Johnson to Joanne Kelleher, planned sometime in the future

(Hey! Give these guys a break...the question was tough enough. You want them to plan, too?)

## In Memorium

Last February, while climbing the Coronado Island, CA bridge, Brother Michael Reno, '88, slipped and fell to his death. His family, friends, and fraternity brothers greatly mourn his passing.

Mike Reno first came to the University of Connecticut after spending his high school years in the San Diego area. His Southern California style - surf, skateboards, and punk rock - only added to his charm and likability. Many of his new brothers thought he would change with time and adopt "Northeastern" attitudes and dress, but "Reno" held fast to his ways. Whenever accused of promoting conformist attitudes, his Sig Ep brothers could only point to Reno as an example of the rich diversity of the brotherhood. Reno's laugh, often imitated but never duplicated, filled the air around him.

After graduating with a degree in communications, Mike returned to the West coast and to San Diego. He lived for a short while on Coronado Island but soon embarked on a journey which was the fulfillment of a dream. While in college, he studied karate, and developed a desire to travel to Japan to further his studies. During the year he was abroad, he lived in the dojo diligently studying karate, and supplemented his income by giving lessons in English.

When he returned to the states, he settled again on Coronado, living with fellow CT Alpha brother, Mark Wallace, '87. "Wally" was with Mike when he suffered his fatal accident. News traveled quickly, and within days, the brothers who had known and loved Mike were informed of the accident, and were deeply shaken by the tragedy. The following weekend, a number of these brothers gathered at the fraternity house in Mike's name; passing a candle, reading letters Mike had written while in Japan, and sharing feelings and memories of their brother. Mike Reno was a great brother and a great friend. He will be sorely missed.

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## From the files...

*Thanks to Don Littlefield, '54, for graciously providing the following article, taken from the 1957 UConn Yearbook.*

### Sigma Phi Epsilon

By far the most stirring fraternity event of the 56-57 school year took place on Dec. 8, 1956. This is the date that Iota Nu Delta officially became the Connecticut Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. This gala event was the result of months of preparatory pledge work done by Iota Nu Delta brothers in anticipation of finally becoming Sig Eps.

The initiation was administered by ritual teams from the Conn. Alumni Chapter of Boston University and M.I.T. Initiation proceedings were followed that night by the new Sig Ep chapter's biggest social event of the year, their celebration banquet. The affair was attended by several important school officials as well as many Sig Eps from all over the country who had come to offer their congratulations. The featured speaker was John W. Tierny, special assistant to Conn. Sen., William Purtell.

The new chapter's first important house function after its initiation occurred just before Christmas. The

brothers held a Christmas party for the children of the Mansfield Training School. The Sig Ep lounge became a virtual fairyland of toys and candy canes.

The next big affair was the Ship Wreck Party which was held with other Sig Eps from Worcester. This very successful event was highlighted by entertainment provided by the Worcester Sig Ep pledges.

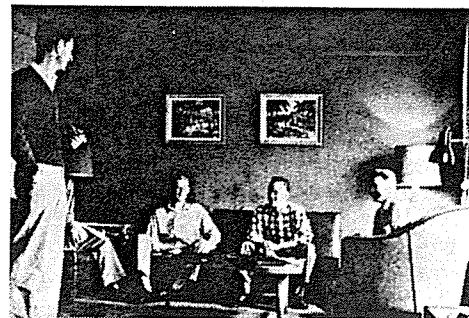
The Conn. Alpha Sig Eps, always a socially minded fraternity, have made it a practice to hold either an exchange dinner or a coffee each week.

Since another of Sigma Phi Epsilon's main purposes is scholarship, the UConn chapter is justly proud of the fact that one of their brothers, Ed Maher, has been named a University Scholar.

Other Sig Eps are active in many of our campus activities. Sig Eps take an active part in the work of the Student Senate, WHUS, the Daily Campus, and several Student Union committees. The fraternity is especially proud of its members participation in the ROTC program. The commanders of the Arnold Air Society and Pershing Rifles are Sig Eps and other brothers also hold important positions in the Sabre Air Command and

newspaper, the Afterburner.

The Conn. Alpha chapter is proud to be affiliated with Sigma Phi Epsilon and will strive always to be a chapter of which any fraternity would be proud.



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## Undergraduate Chapter News

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### Chapter President's Letter

Dear Alumni Brothers,

The Spring '91 semester was a trying one for the undergraduate chapter: two members of the newly elected Executive Council stepped down due to poor grades, the University decided to enforce a prohibitive fire code which limits the capacity of the house at any one time to only 57 people, and the chapter was placed on disciplinary probation for having empty kegs in the house. My job was quite hectic, but we all survived the semester. I am looking forward to tackling the challenges that stand before us - to change the direction that the chapter seems to be heading

in and return it to its former glory.

Despite tough times, there are still a lot of positives which need emphasis. We remained the largest fraternity on campus, and finished second in overall grade point average. We also finished a respectable second in Greek Week and intramurals for the year. We held a Toys - for Tots event for a Willimantic orphanage during the holiday season and plan to make this an annual event. We had a successful Spring '91 pledge class of ten new brothers who will have an immediate effect in supplying the chapter with much needed young leaders for the future. Further, twenty brothers joined the ranks of you, our distinguished alumni, by achieving their undergraduate degrees.

With the influx of new blood and the assistance of the Alumni Board, we hope to reverse the recent downturn of the fraternity and begin the process of striving for chapter improvement, both internally and externally. Excellence for the chapter will be a difficult goal to attain, but little by little, we will persevere and continue to improve. Remember, falling is not failing, but not getting up is. I urge you to stay in touch. We welcome any support you may wish to give to help us on our road to recovery. I invite you to attend chapter meetings and offer insight to aid our situation. Your support will guarantee a bright future for the chapter.

Fraternally,  
Kevin Curtis, '93  
Chapter President

### Welcome New Brothers

Fall '90:

David Ames  
Eric Barcza  
Kevin Bellmore  
Jeff Codd  
Mike Carino  
Greg Donofrio  
Shawn Engle  
Ted Harris  
Frank Hubble  
Darren Ketchale  
Jeff McFarlin  
Rob Michaud  
Dave Page  
Pete Pierfederici  
Joe Suich  
Greg Vasso  
Bill Villavicencio  
Mike Vitenza  
Scott Wegryzn

Spring '91

Don Bogusz  
Bill Buchman  
Mike Dickson  
Maurizio Doca  
John Martino  
Matt Moss  
Steven Nemchek  
Martin Vera  
Josh Weinstein  
Randy Wojnarowicz

We welcome these new brothers into our Fraternity.



Homecoming '90: Sig Ep Purple and Red were used to adorn this moving show of undergraduate pride.



Sig Eps 1990 Homecoming float.



## Welcome New Alum-



The following Brothers received the Ducal Crown, marking them as alumni in our Fraternity. We sincerely hope these brothers will maintain their connection to the Fraternity and help the Chapter grow as the Chapter has helped them grow.

### December '90

Bill Buck  
Mark Ferrandino  
Sebby Ruffino

### May '91

Dave Ames  
Dave Auwater  
Shane Bartling  
Scott Beauragard  
Neil Beasley  
Jim Bishop  
John Buckman  
Marc D'Amelio

Laird Daniels  
Andrew Davis  
Eric Enhoffer  
Vic Gatti  
Matt Gerritsen  
Mike Hamburg  
Will Herron  
Gregg Holness  
Aldo Magistrelli  
Nick Pape  
Todd Reider  
Dave Steinberg  
Joe Suich  
John Thyne



## Chapter Faces Disciplinary Probation

(Editor's note: The following is excerpted from a letter dated March 7, 1991, and sent to the Chapter President Kevin Curtis, House Managers Vic Gatti and Mike Hamburg, Chapter Counselor Bill Wivell, University Greek Coordinator Judy Preston, and Ralph Johnson, University Properties Manager.)

Dear Kevin,

I am writing to confirm the result of your Chapter's disciplinary hearing with me on March 6, 1991.

Based on your testimony and your Chapter's acknowledged responsibility you were found responsible as charged for violating the Student Conduct Code, Section VII. 5 ("Disorderly Conduct"), 21 ("Violation of the Alcoholic Beverage Policy"), and 28 ("Failure to comply with the Statement of Relationship between the University of Connecticut and the Greek System"). This resulted from the incident on December 10, 1991 when your Chapter was found in possession of three large kegs, the condition of the house was deplorable and a member of the Chapter was verbally abusive to a Housekeeping staff member.

The sanction of Disciplinary Probation was imposed indicating your specific behavior was considered inappropriate within the University community. Probation as it applies to you will be effective immediately

and continue through March 7, 1993.

As conditions of your probation, you must complete the following:

1. The Chapter is restricted from having any social events that serve alcohol effective immediately until June 1, 1991.
2. Letters of apology to Ralph Johnson and Paula Mayo (UConn Housekeeping staff).
3. A type-written protocol listing strategies for completion of house chores must be developed and implemented by the Chapter.
4. The Chapter is responsible for developing an educational program regarding the University's Alcoholic Beverage Policy for use by chapters leasing University property. Once completed, the program is to be presented to members of all nine Fraternities and Sororities leasing University houses, and to all new pledges of fraternities and sororities after Fall rush 1991.
5. The Chapter may apply to the Department of Student Affairs as early as November 1, 1991 to have the length of the Disciplinary Probation status reduced.

Sincerely,  
David Ouimette  
Assistant to the  
Dean of Students

### What does "Probation" mean for the Chapter?

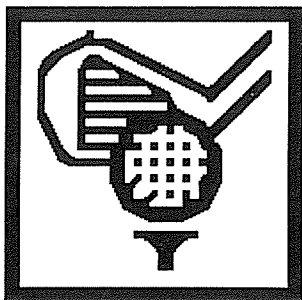
Only through an alliance of undergraduates with alumni and University concerns can Sig Ep meet these challenges, survive and flourish. According to Judy Preston, Greek Affairs Coordinator for UConn, Sig Ep is not alone among Greek organizations under disciplinary scrutiny by the University. However, Sig Ep undergraduate leaders were among the first to approach her with assurances of future chapter compliance with University regulations. Members of the Alumni Board have made a stronger commitment to involvement as well. Among these commitments to excellence are the following:

Developing a system of greater accountability among undergraduate members by fostering individual and group responsibility.

Developing a "mentor" model for undergrad-alumni relations. Alumni would be enlisted to help the undergrads learn social programming, leadership, and brotherhood skills.

Adopting a strict "zero tolerance" policy for Brothers refusing to comply with Chapter or University regulations.

There is a strong desire for improvement in the Chapter. Early results have been positive: the alcohol awareness program is of high quality, and will be implemented this spring. The September undergraduate chapter retreat was designed specifically to build group unity, trust, and decision making abilities. CT Alpha will be applying in November to have the length of the probationary status reduced. There is a strong possibility this will be done.



## THE 2nd ANNUAL SIGMA PHI EPSILON OPEN

Saturday, July 20, 1991 10:30 a.m.  
Twin Hills Country Club, Coventry

### Tournament Standings

Dave Estes  
Tim Johnson  
Ralph Hedenberg  
Mark Gambardella  
Paul Summers  
Rick Baran  
Tom Davies  
Paul Langella  
John Kocot  
Barry Musco  
Bob Flynn  
Neil Goldberg  
L Scott Taylor  
Kathleen Davies  
Bill Gunn  
Chad Stewart  
Gary Adelkopf  
G. Bob Wein  
Harry Vlandis  
Tom Gould  
Mark Brodgerski  
Jon Currey  
Bill Buck  
Brillo Fitzgerald  
Joe Polaski  
Jill Fitzgerald  
Bill Wivell  
Paul Saloom  
Ron Steele  
Chris DeLorge  
Vern Gildhouse  
John Schwanfelder  
Adam Adelkopf  
Joe Langella  
Tony Pagliaro  
Carolyn Brodgerski  
Vic Tohak  
(Chris Blackburn, Jon Gold, Mike Kotulich - incomplete)



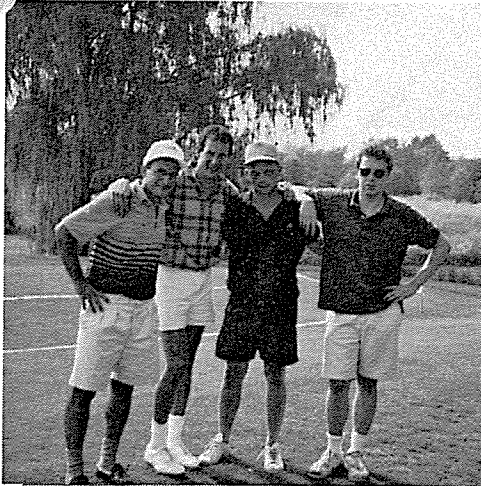
*The award for Lowest Foursome went to L Scott Taylor, Dave Estes, Jon Currey, Tony Pagliaro*



*Award winners: Tim Johnson - Longest Drive;  
Dave Estes - Lowest Score; Ralph Hedenberg, Barry Musco, Sean Fallon - Looking Casual.*

Sig Eps, families, and guests gathered on one of the hottest days of the summer to enjoy a roasting 18 holes of golf. While golfers began teeing-off around 10:30, families and guests didn't arrive until much later in the afternoon to enjoy the cook-out organized by always social Sean Fallon (thanks go to Brian Kurnik for manning the spatulas all afternoon). This proved to be exceptionally wise timing, since most golfers came off the course looking a little lobster-like from the sun and 100 degree plus temperatures. Brian Kurnik, Sean Fallon, and Rich Smith (special thanks for providing personalized Sig Ep golf-wear) acted as travelling water carriers and prevented the players from drying out on the course. Some brothers felt a more pressing need for refreshment and shade and left the course after the back nine, and others never played at all. Regardless of the heat, the golf tournament has grown into one of the premiere CT Alpha alumni events of the year. Next year's event should be even bigger! See you there!

## Tournament Foursomes



*Paul Saloom, Rick Baran, Paul Langella, Paul Summers*



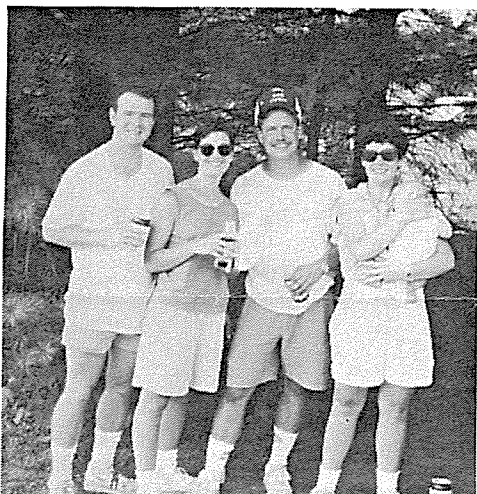
*Chad Stewart, Chris DeLorge, Bill Buck, Ron Steele*



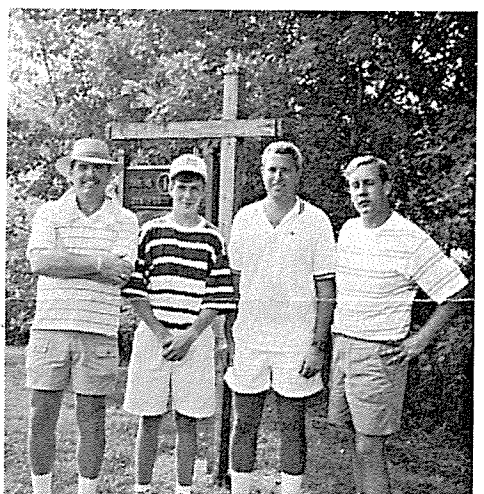
*Jim Moreno, Bob Butler, non-foursome member Bill Wivell*



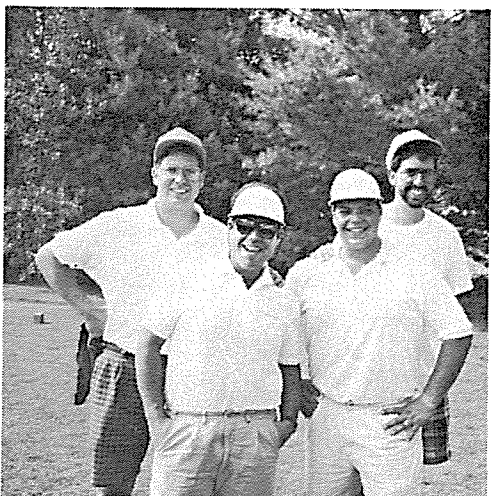
*Joe Langella, Harry Vlandis, Joe Polaski, Bob Wein*



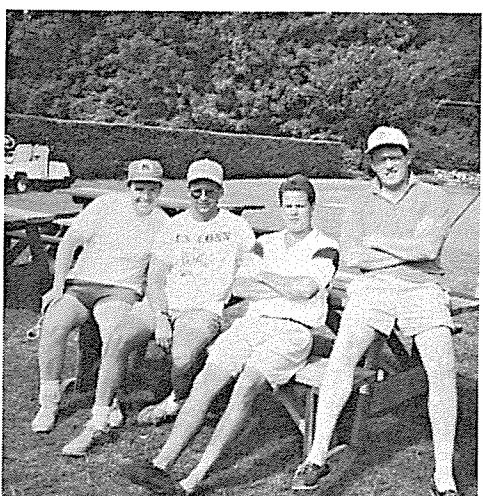
*Brillo Fitzgerald, Carolyn Brodgin-ski, Mark Brodgin-ski, Jill Fitzge-*



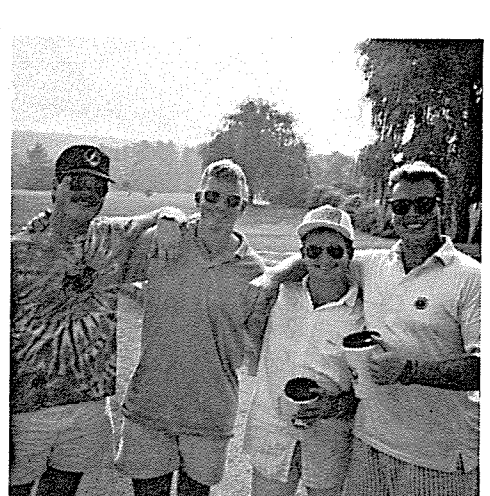
*John Schwanfelder, Cartwell, Bob Flynn, Vic Tohak*



*Mark Gambardella, Adam Adelkopf, Gary Adelkopf, Barry Musco*

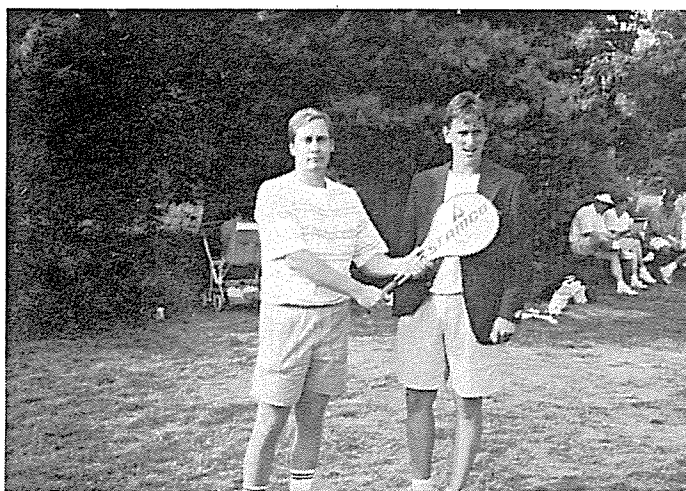


*Bill Wivell, Neil Goldberg, John Kocot, Tom Gould*



*Bill Gunn, Ralph Hedenberg, Vern Gildhouse, Tim Johnson*

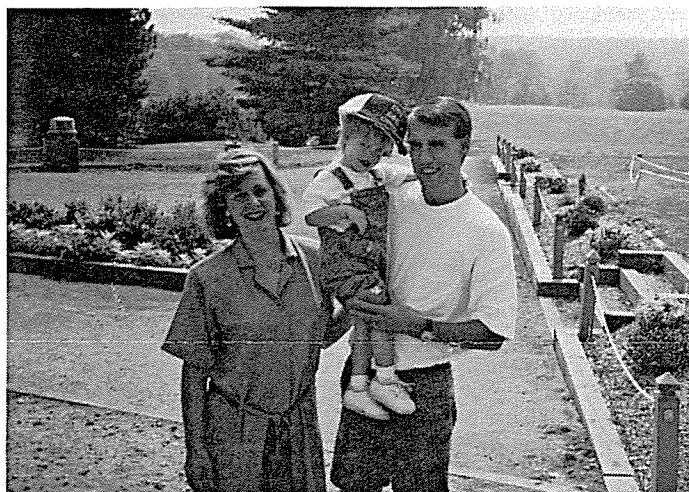




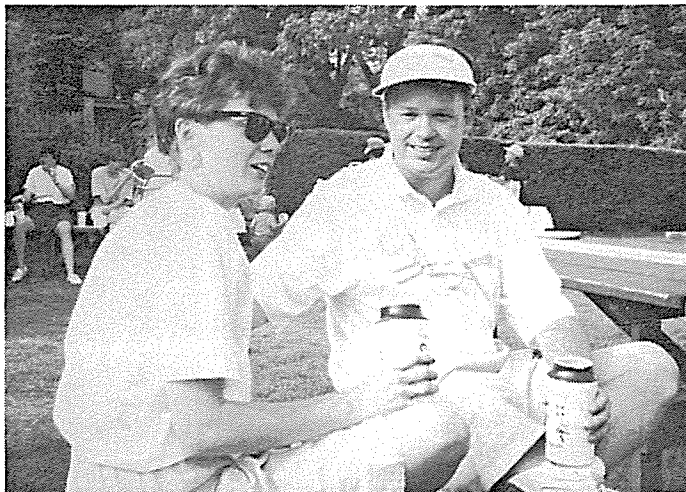
*Vic Tohak with the High Scorer Tennis Racket, and Dave Estes with the Low Scorer Green Masters Jacket*



*Mark Brodgerski starting Justin Estes on the road to the Pro Tour.*



*Although they didn't play, it was great to see the Mysogland family - MaryEllen, Emily, and Ken.*



*Kathleen and Tom Davies relax after the game.*



*Just about the whole crowd lavishes its attention on Jill Fitzgerald, Closest to the Pin winner.*



Undergraduates, alumni, and guests arrived on August 14, 1991, in the nation's capital to celebrate Brotherhood at its Best at the 42nd Grand Chapter Conclave. Held at the incredible Grand Hyatt, the chapter's delegation was only a few minutes walk from the heart of Washington, D.C. Over 1,400 brothers joined us at this "largest of fraternity gatherings at any place, any time." The lavishness of the hotel accommodations only added to the class and style of the national fraternity's presentations. By far the most program rich conclave thus far, the Headquarter's staff did an excellent job providing entertainment and hospitality, as well as an incredible number of services and programs to enrich chapter operations.

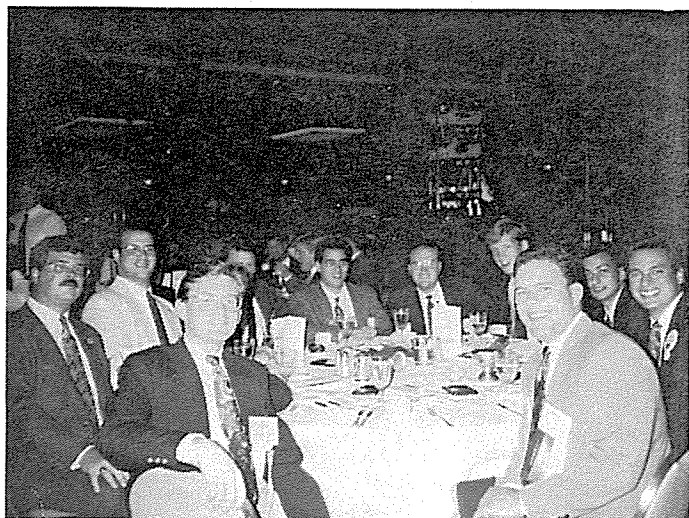
Among the highlights of the Conclave:

The celebration of the Ritual with the initiation of the grandson of Carter Jenkins, first founder of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Brother Jack Wheeler, Texas Beta, reminded us all of our deep love for the brotherhood in a moving speech about friendship, fraternal love, and life, and once again showed why he has become known as the "Ambassador of Brotherhood."

The Brotherhood Lunch - speakers included Gary Shepard, Boston University '61, an ABC National News Correspondent stationed in Baghdad during Desert Storm, and Governor Bob Martinez, who spoke on his role as the Bush Administration's "Drug Czar." The highlight of the lunch was the surprise appearance of General Colin Powell, who graciously devoted his time to speaking with the fraternity.

The Chapter Counselors Program, and the Alumni Board Workshop dominated some of our daytime schedules. Bill Wivell, Mike Egan, Ed Kaplan, and Brian Kurnik spent much of their day (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) confronting issues of chapter operations such as risk and liability management, alumni board operations, chapter finances, and increasing the level of undergraduates involvement and responsibility.

The concluding four hour Alumni Awards Dinner proved conclusively why Sig Ep is the leading fraternity. The banquet



tations to outstanding alumni brothers such as Armand Arabian, California Supreme Court Justice, and Ron Brown, Chairman of the National Democratic Party. Master of ceremonies Bruce Hasenkamp, Dartmouth '60, Grand Chapter President, and close friend to CT Alpha, kept the affair lively throughout the evening which included over 43 separate standing ovations.

Of course, no Conclave is complete without CT Alpha's involvement with the Sig Ep Choir, directed by our own Vern Gildhouse. Most of the Connecticut chapter sang with the choir, but only Vern and Bill Gunn got the solos. The Choir performed at all banquets and awards ceremonies throughout the four day weekend.

With hundreds of Sig Eps descending on Georgetown's to experience its varied night life could CT Alpha be far behind? No way! Alums and undergraduates hit the town together, developing and strengthening the fraternal bonds gholding all Sig Eps in a bond of fraternal love and friendship.

The following brothers and guests attended Sigma Phi Epsilon's 42nd Grand Chapter Conclave:

Mike Egan '71, and wife Vicky	Bob Flynn '82
Joe Langella '83	Vern Gildhouse
Bill Wivell, '85	Sean Fallon '87
Ed Kaplan '88	Bill Gunn '88
Brian Kurnik '88	Jim Bishop '91
Steve Chaneles '83, and fiancée, Margaret	
Aldo Magistrelli '91	Eric Muschlitz '92
Eric Severtsin '92	Kevin Curtis '93
Adam Tunick '92	

The chapter applauds the commitment to service shown by these brothers (aside from the fact that they had an incredibly good time, too). Job well done, brothers!



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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.

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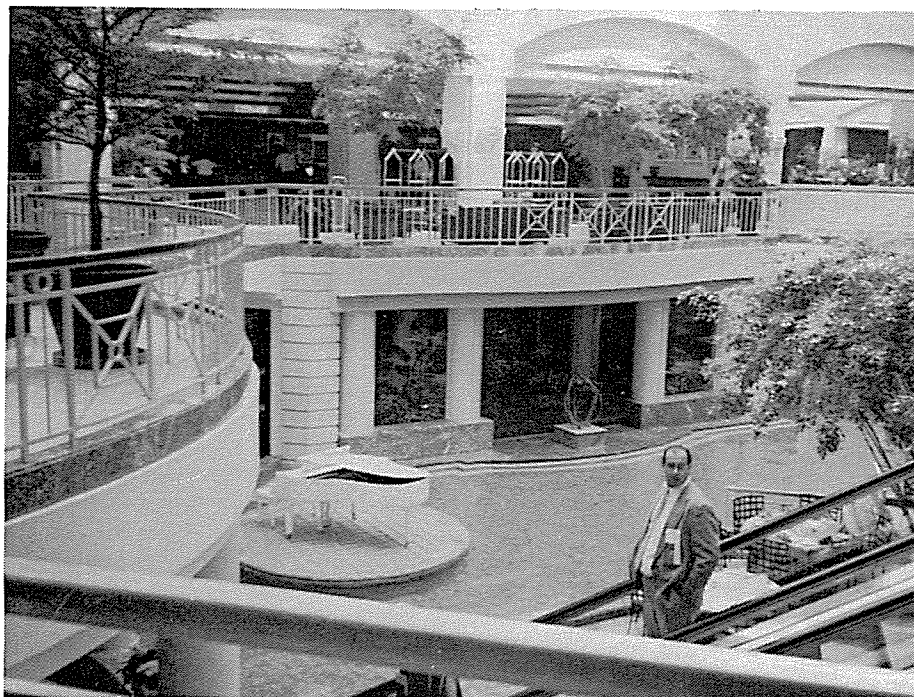
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