

S P E A C O N N

CONNECTICUT ALPHA - SIGMA PHI EPSILON

*The Alumni of Connecticut Alpha
of Sigma Phi Epsilon*

*request your presence
at the*

First Annual Alumni Banquet

*Saturday, April 4, 1992
six o'clock in the evening*

*Ramada - East Windsor
Exit 45 I-91*

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9 Gilbert Rd. Storrs, CT 06268



From the
Mailbag

SPEACONN '91

Dear Brothers:

I was both excited and saddened to receive the SPEACONN. I was glad to read all the news about my fraternity brothers' achievements. Who would have thought...

Nevertheless, I was somewhat despondent when I realized I was losing touch. I was becoming a Lost Brother. With this in mind, I pledge to keep in touch. I will try to attend at least one function per year. I have enclosed a gift to help support the best organization a man could belong to...Sigma Phi Epsilon.

My warmest regards,

Fraternally,
Chip Hunziker '84

(editor's note: The following was taken from a letter sent to the parents of each undergraduate brother returning to Connecticut Alpha in the spring '92 semester. The letter represents a growing commitment by the Alumni Board to create greater awareness and involvement throughout the fraternity community.)

Dear Parent,

As you may know, the National Board of Directors of Sigma Phi Epsilon recently appointed an alumni advisory council to take control of our chapter at the University of Connecticut. This action was taken due to a decline in the chapter's overall operations over the past few semesters.

All members desiring to remain active in the chapter completed a written questionnaire and underwent a personal interview. The members invited back were the ones who showed a willingness to forget the past and work toward creating a positive fraternal experience without detracting from the primary academic purpose of the university experience. Your son was among those asked to return to the chapter.

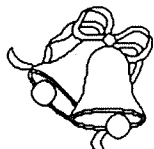
We, the local alumni, have complete confidence that the chapter will not only rebound from this experience, but will grow and flourish. Many changes will occur in the near future, and we are confident that the members returning to the chapter have those qualities of character necessary to fulfill not only their obligations to themselves and the University, but to the fraternity as well. Sigma Phi Epsilon is committed to ensuring that all members of our chapter have the kind of experience which both enriches personal development and enhances academic performance. Please call should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Michael Egan '71
Alumni Advisory Council

(Please see related stories pp. 6 -8)

Sig Ep Sweetheart Update

Married



William "Mook" Marvin, '82, to Patricia Davenport, 9/91
Sean Fallon, '86, to Geri Mahan, 1/11/92

Congratulations to:

James and Sarah Strout, 9/14/91
Keir and Ellie Walton

Engaged



Mark Ferrandino, '91 to Melissa Cirella
Tim Johnson, '87 to Joanne Kelleher, planned July 18, '92
Tom Birmingham, '86 to Amy Killeen, planned for Spring '93

Births



Trish and Doug Shidler, '83, announce the birth of their second child, Katherine, on May 3, 1991

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 and should be sent to:

SPEACONN Sigma Phi Epsilon
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SIGMA PHI EPSILON

1992 ALUMNI ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED

"Golf Tournament"

Dave Estes, '84, Golf Tournament Chairman, has announced this year's annual Connecticut Alpha "Sigma Phi Epsilon Open" for Saturday, July 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the Twin Hills Country Club in Coventry. Last year over forty brothers and family members participated in the tournament with many more brothers and their families attending just for the picnic lunch and awards ceremony following. Despite the mid-summer heat, everyone had a fantastic time.

Any brother interested in attending this event, planning the tournament, or providing corporate sponsorships should call Dave Estes at (203) 871-6708.

Watch for a separate mailer in June for more details.

First Annual Alumni Banquet -April 4, 1992-

Invitations have been sent, and the RSVP's have been coming in. The first Connecticut Alpha alumni banquet is shaping up to be a winner. **Bill Jenkins, '84**, Banquet Chairman has planned the event for Saturday, April 4, at the Ramada in East Windsor (Exit 45 off I-91). Please join your brothers for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00. After dinner dancing will continue late into the evening. Tickets for this event can be reserved by calling Bill at (203) 228-3132. Ticket prices are \$60 per couple or \$30 per individual. Rooms are available in the Ramada for a reduced group rate; please call (203) 623-9411 for reservations. Be sure to let the hotel know you're with Sigma Phi Epsilon.

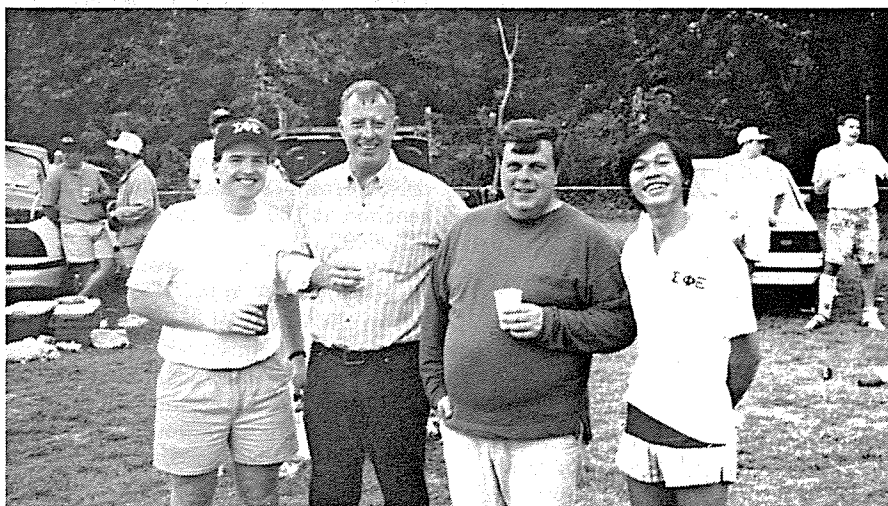
This event marks the beginning of a new tradition at Connecticut Alpha-let's start it off right!

"White Water Rafting"

Temporary Rafting Chairmen **William "Mook" Marvin, '83**, is currently planning this year's white water extravaganza for sometime in mid- August. This annual event had grown steadily each year until 1991, when, under mysterious circumstances, it disappeared completely. Public outcry, however, has rekindled the rafting fires, and inside sources predict this year's outing will be supreme. If you're interested in attending this event, planning the trip, or simply want more information, please call "Mook" Marvin at (413) 533-0215.

Look for a separate mailer on this event sometime in the early summer.

Yale Bowl '91 Yale vs. UConn



Bill Wivell '85, Gerald Murchie '62, Bob Donovan '62, and Jimmy Nguyen '90

Undergraduate Social Events Announced

Paul Sirbono, undergraduate Social Chairman has announced the following social events for spring 1992:

March 20 - 22 Chapter Road Trip
to Syracuse University

March 28 Beach Party (call
429-8546 for t-shirt
information)

April 11 Initiation Banquet/
Spring Semi-Formal
(The Gallery, Glastonbury)

Alumni are welcome at all
undergraduate functions.



*Adam Tunick '92, Sean Fallon '87, Bill Buck '90, Brian Kurnik '88,
Paul Sommers '87, and Bob Flynn '82 getting ready to enjoy the game.*



50's, 60's and 70's

John W. Moran, '59, charter member from the old IND lists his job title as "your honor." He writes that he has spent 27 years in private practice of law in his hometown of Milford with an emphasis on Divorce and Domestic Relations. In December of 1990 he was appointed Superior Court Judge by then Governor O'Neil- an appointment which was renewed by Governor Weicker in January 1991. Initially assigned in Hartford, Judge Moran is presently sitting in New Haven. He, wife Karen, and children Christian (23), Joanne (21), Timothy (19), and Maureen (17) still live in Milford, CT.

Charter member **Don Littlefield, '54** and wife Lydia are proud to announce the birth of their first grandson, born June 6, 1991. Congratulations!

Thomas P. Muchisky, charter member, '56, graduated UConn with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in 1957, and completed his M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School in 1960. In 1970, as General Manager, he joined a small St. Louis medical equipment firm which he acquired in 1972, redesigning it into a company to import and distribute physical therapy modalities on a national basis. Tom is now the Corporate President and owner of a number of medical design and manufacturing firms located throughout the world. Providing a large array of medically related services and products, Tom's companies include: General MedVentures International, Inc., General Physiotherapy, Inc., General X-Ray, Inc., Fischer Industries Inc., Physiotherapie Generale France, and Tomichi Industries. Tom has six children ranging in age from 21 to 29, and currently lives with wife Michi at 26 Westwood Country Club, St. Louis, MO 63131.

Leroy B. Parks Jr., '60, actuary, was recently elected Executive Vice President - Chief Operating Officer of the Wyatt Company. Lee and wife Maria live at 220 Plymouth Dr., Bay Village, OH 44140.

In attendance at the last Yale-UConn game back in September were brothers and neighbors **Gerald Murchie, '62**, and **Robert Donovan, '62**. It seems that Brother Donovan noticed Brother Murchie's name listed as a "lost alum," and decided to get in contact with him and invite him and his family to join Donovan's at the Yale Bowl. Bob works as a Director in Human Resources for the International Lighting Division of GTE in Danvers, MA, and serves as Justice of the Peace in his hometown of Londonderry, NH. Gerry works as a US I.M. Developmental Manager, Computer Special Systems for Digital Equipment Corporation in Merrimack, NH.

John Santa, '64, President of Santa Fuels and Buckley Bros., a petroleum marketing operation in Bridgeport, CT, writes "my kids haven't been arrested in years, my paycheck didn't bounce this week, and my bulldog sired 10 pups last spring. Does it get any better than that?" John, wife Irene, and children Kerstin (22) and Devin (19) can be reached at 100 Brewster St., Stratford, CT 06497.

Harvey Arnoff, '64 is working as a partner in the law firm of Gatz, Arnoff, and Czygier, Esqs. in Riverhead, NY. Harv, wife Colleen and five children reside at 500 Sunnyside Rd., Southold, NY 11971. Harv writes that he would like hearing from some fellow classmates and asks if anyone has the address for **Paul Meissner, Jr., '65** currently listed as a "lost brother."

Frederick Bok, '65, Colonel - USAF Reserves, is serving as Deputy Commander, 512 Military Airlift Wing, Dover, DE. As a C-5 pilot, Fred was recalled to active duty for Operation Desert Storm

and flew numerous missions to the Persian Gulf. His MBA was completed in 1973 from Southern Illinois University. Fred is currently a DC9 pilot for Northwest Airlines. Fred and wife Linda live at 13 Shady Lane, Dover, DE 19902. Fred writes that son Peter is a Sig Ep at Rollins College, FL, and was initiated at the University of Delaware in 1989, daughter Stephanie graduated from USC, and daughter Gretchen is a freshman in the University of Delaware's honors program.

Richard Lowe, '67 is the owner and President of Hinge-It Corporation in Indianapolis, IN. An avid entrepreneur, Dick is the founder of the Venture Club of Indiana, Entrepreneur's Alliance, Hinge-It Corp., and the Indianapolis Business Incubator. Dick has three children, Kim (22), Jeff (23), and Chris (25), and lives with wife Mary Ellen at 9135W 52nd ST., Indianapolis, Indiana 46234.

Richard C. Harvey, '67 is a systems analyst and consultant with Packaged Software Performance on Staten Island, NY. "Harpo," wife Elizabeth, and children Jason (23), and Cassandra (22) reside at 357 Sixth St., Brooklyn, NY 11215.

William McDermott, '73 is a commodity trader and Assistant Vice President with Merrill Lynch at the World Financial Center in NY. "Willy Mac" writes, "on October 8 - 10 I visited former chapter president **Rich "Gerbil" Garber** in Fla. where he has become a sentimental recluse. On November 9th I attended a surprise 40th birthday party for **Tom "Bullwinkle" Rehwinkel** (former Varsity Lacrosse Captain, '73). In attendance were former lacrosse greats **John Denunzio, '72**, and **Steve Kiel, '72**, also former captains. I would encourage other brothers from the Woodstock generation to surface." Willy Mac can be reached at 7002 Blvd. E, Guttenberg, NJ.

"Find-A-Brother" Campaign 1992

Thanks to all those who helped us track down many of the brothers whose addresses were missing from our records. Even though we are continually updating our mailing list, it seems that there are more "lost" brothers than ever. If you have any information pertaining to the whereabouts of any of the brothers listed on page 10 please write us at: Sigma Phi Epsilon, 9 Gilbert Road, Storrs, CT 06268, ATTN: SPEACONN. Thank You.

80's and 90's

Jay Kogan, '83, and wife Lynn are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jennie Rose, on September 30, 1991. Jay writes, "Having recently obtained a position as the Associate Counsel at DC Comics (clients including Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, and the Flash) a division of Warner Brothers, I am no longer practicing law in Fairfield, CT. If anyone wants to see a genuine piece of "kryptonite," call me for a tour." Jay can be reached at 35 N. Chatsworth Ave., Apt. 3R, Larchmont, NY 10538.

Troy Cheatham, '85, graduated in October, '91 from the Academy of Health Sciences affiliated with the University of Oklahoma's Physician Assistant Program. A US Army Warrant Officer, Troy is stationed in Kirchgoens, Germany. Troy, wife Maryann, and children Ryan (4) and David (almost 2) can be contacted at 2/23 FA, Kirchgoens APO AE, 09045.

Dave Armanetti, '86, is currently working as Director of Real Estate for the Development Envicom Corp., in the L.A. area. Dave tells us that he is "no longer conservative." Must be the air in his new town of Calabasas, CA.

Thomas Birmingham, '86, is working as a Conservation Analyst for the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Gas and Water Division. Birmo recently completed his MA in Policy Analysis from Boston University's Center for Energy and Environmental Studies. Residing at 265 Highland Ave., #4, Quincy MA, 02170, Birmo writes that he frequently gets together with other Boston based Sig Eps for softball and goodtimes.

Steve Farrell, '88, graduated with a Japan-focused Executive MBA (maintaining a 4.0 GPA!) in December of 1991 from the University of Hawaii. Last we heard, Steve was working for Hitachi, Ltd in Tokyo.

Paul Summers, '87, having successfully passed his Connecticut Bar Exam is working as an attorney for the firm of Febroriello and Levy in Torrington, CT.

Adam Burke, '89 has begun a new job with Badger Engineers, Inc. in Cambridge, MA. Adam still lives with **Scott D'Entremont, '89** in Newton, MA. Scott has also changed jobs recently, and now works (temporarily) for Pizzeria Uno.

Boston regular **Mark Tiernan** recently finished his degree at UMass this sum-

mer. Mark is working in General Services Administration in the Massachusetts State Real Estate Department.

Frederick Kelly, '89, has become an actuarial assistant for the Aetna in Hartford. Rick and wife Janet currently live at 4122 Town Brooke, Middletown CT, 06457

Other brothers working in the megalithic Hartford based insurance industry include **Paul "Steps" Leonardo '87**, a Senior Auditor at The Aetna, **Steve Schaefer, '88**, a Senior Accounting Analyst for CIGNA, and **Brian Kurnik, '88**, a Senior Liability Claims Representative at The Aetna.

"Skip" Brunette, '90, is currently pursuing his certification in Elementary Education at the University of Hartford. Recently engaged to Theresa Freytag, Skip and his fiancée will live on 380 acres in Canton and plan to be married August 14, '92.

Vern Guildhouse, Sigma Phi Epsilon National Song Chairman, was recently promoted to Major in the US Army. Vern, currently residing at 5511 South Everett, Apt. 1 West, Chicago IL, 60637, is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Middle East Studies at the University of Chicago. In addition to his regular army duties and his studies, Vern finds time to serve not only as National Song



Bill "Troll" Jenkins, after attending over 20 undergrad banquets, finally decides to put one on for the alums.

Chairman for Sig Ep but as Chapter Counselor for the newly installed Illinois Mu Chapter at the University of Chicago as well. After completing his degree in June, Vern's plans include a year at the Defense Languages Institute in Monterey California where he will develop his skills in Turkish. After that, Vern plans to take up residence in Istanbul, Turkey for a while. Good luck, Vern, hope to see you soon!

Good Luck to **Bill Buck '90** and **Eric Sivertsen '91** pounding the campaign trail for Governor Bill Clinton. New Hampshire, Maine, and then who knows?



Sean Fallon, '87 and Geri Mahan celebrate their marriage January 11 at the Hop Brook in Simsbury

Undergraduate Chapter News

CT Alpha to Undergo Changes

-ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL-

On November 10, 1991, the Connecticut Alpha alumni board officially suspended the operations of the undergraduate chapter due to a decline in the chapter's overall operations over the past few semesters; most notably in a lack of individual and group responsibility, failure to meet financial obligations, and documentation of physical damage to the chapter house. The chapter's charter was placed in the hands of an alumni advisory council by the National Board of Directors, to be returned to the undergraduate chapter contingent upon the development of an undergraduate membership operating in accordance with the principles of Sigma Phi Epsilon and achieving the expectations of excellence of Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters.

With the establishment of the alumni advisory council, the entire undergraduate membership was suspended from student member status. Each member desiring to return to the chapter was interviewed by the alumni advisory council. 30 members of the chapter either chose not to reapply for active membership or were not invited to become active members for the spring semester; these brothers will remain on suspension until they either graduate or leave the university, at which point they retain alumni status. With the initiation of the Fall '91 pledge class, the current chapter membership now stands at approximately 50 extremely motivated and capable men.

The Connecticut Alpha alumni are working closely with Fraternity Headquarters staff as well as the university to affect positive and long lasting change in the chapter. **Anthony Pagliaro, '83**, a UConn Sig Ep alumnus on campus pursuing his graduate degree in business, has been selected as Resident Scholar for the chapter. While living in the chapter house, Tony will serve to guide and enhance the undergraduate experience, attend chapter meetings, and help bridge the gap between undergraduates and alumni members.

Chapter improvement has already been sharp in the new spring semester. The newly invigorated membership is committed to positive change. With the help of alumni, headquarters, and the university, this change will happen

quickly. Connecticut Alpha is a chapter committed to excellence.

-ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAM-

As part of its commitment to the successful restructuring of Connecticut Alpha, the Alumni Advisory Council has initiated an "Alumni Mentor Program." Through this program, each undergraduate officer and committee head is paired with an active fraternity alumnus. The alumni mentor-undergraduate relationship encompasses two critical dimensions: support and coaching. With time and attention given to both dimensions, the undergraduate leader should be better able to achieve both the short term objectives of fulfilling the obligations of his office as well as the long term objective of increasing leadership ability for both himself and the chapter.

By helping undergraduate leaders understand and demonstrate leadership and planning skills, the alumni mentor provides the basis for ongoing personal and chapter development. The desired outcome of the program is that by the development of leadership skills the undergraduate leader will develop into a skilled practitioner who can not only integrate the principles of the fraternity into his own life, but can communicate and model the attributes of a Sigma Phi Epsilon for ongoing generations of brothers and pledges.

The following brothers have graciously volunteered to serve as alumni mentors to undergraduate leaders:

Michael Egan '71	President
Bill Wivell '85	Vice President
Bill Jenkins '84	House Manager
Brian Fitzgerald '84	House Manager
Shane Bartling '90	Controller
Bob Flynn '82	Chaplain
Ed Kaplan '88	Alumni Op's
Ron Steele '87	IFC Chairman
Ralph Hedenberg '89	Bro. Dev't.
Brian Kurnik '88	Social
Ken Mysogland '89	P.R.
Neil Goldberg '86	Fundraising

Alumni volunteers are crucial to the survival of the chapter. If you would like to become more involved with the undergraduate chapter please feel free to call Ed Kaplan at 747-0113.

Chapter President's Letter

Dear Alumni Brothers,

Being President of Sigma Phi Epsilon is a goal I have strived for since pledging in the fall of 1989. After this semester's uncertain elections, I finally reached my goal. I am enthusiastic and excited about my term in office. Now that my sought distinction has been reached, I must strive for higher goals.

The path down which the fraternity will journey now and in the future is an unmarked one. Never before has our chapter had to deal with such drastic changes in fraternity structure and operations. Although it will be a trying time, I know we will emerge strong. The ideals expressed by the Cardinal Principles of Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love will be our guides.

My goals are high, but not unreachable. I would like to lead the chapter back to its Buchanan Cup status. I also wish to move the chapter back to its former position as the leading fraternity on the UConn campus. To reach these goals, I will work closely with the Executive Committee and the rest of the chapter. By perseverance and patience, we will achieve these goals.

Fraternally,

Bill Devlin, '93
President
CT Alpha

