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Connecticut Alpha-Sigma Phi Epsilon

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Undergraduate Chapter Update:

A LETTER FROM OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers:

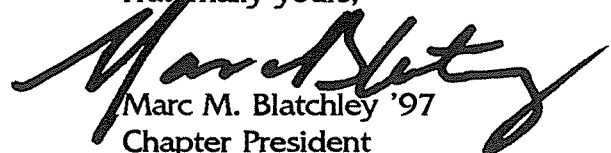
The undergraduate brothers of Connecticut Alpha are making waves. Over the last two semesters we've been striving to become the best fraternity on campus and are in great position to receive a Buchanan Cup at the 1997 Grand Chapter Conclave.

In our continuing quest for improvement, we've set some very ambitious goals. Our rush program has greatly improved, resulting in a steady increase in manpower over the last four semesters--and last semester we initiated 18 new brothers. This spring semester we have successfully pledged 16 additional men. Last fall our chapter GPA was above the all Greek average, and we have a goal to achieve a 2.8 GPA this year. We realize that scholarship will be critical to our long-term success as individuals. In addition, we have implemented a strict risk management policy. This includes a risk management committee, risk management seminars, and a Safe Rides program for brothers.

On campus, SigEp brothers involve themselves in numerous university activities. Currently, Brother John Dutchover is IFC vice president of internal affairs. Brother Joe Raffone represents all Greeks as the Greek senator on the UConn student government. Brother Kevin Kassab is membership coordinator on the SUBOG committee, and Brother Christian Joseph upholds IFC regulations as a member of the Greek Judicial Board. Brother Chris Cottengim is one of 48 students nominated to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, and he received the Clifford B. Scott Key award for outstanding academic achievement from the national fraternity. Connecticut Alpha brothers are continually striving to develop our skills in the quest to become balanced leaders and balanced men.

If alumni have questions, comments, or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact us--and as your chapter's president, I invite you to visit the Chapter House. I know you'll be impressed with the changes we've made. We are again building a Buchanan Cup chapter upon the foundation you have laid for us. Again, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at 860-427-1101 or eMail MMB94001@UCONN.ZM.UCONN.ED4.

Fraternally yours,


Marc M. Blatchley '97
Chapter President

Alumni Board Officers

Bob Flynn, '82	President
Paul Summers, '87	Vice President
Bill Jenkins, '83	Treasurer
Brian Kurnick, '87	Secretary
Joe Langella, '83	Alumni Relations
Eric Sivertsen, '91	Chapter Counselor
Nick Pape, '91	Undergraduate Liaison
Dr. Mike Egan, '72	Special Counsel

Join a CIA/SPE Tradition
 Make plans to attend the
 1997 Grand Chapter
 Conclave at the Pointe
 Resort in Phoenix, Arizona,
 August 12-17, 1997.

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SPEACONN BULLETIN BOARD

- ☞ Special thanks to **Larry Schuffman '81** for donating furniture to the Chapter House. The undergrads love their new "70s Retro" look!
- ☞ Thanks to **Jon Gold '86** for making the first unsolicited contribution to the SPEACONN. Jon's contribution will go toward the new Voluntary Alumni Dues Program (page 6).
- ☞ UCONN's freshman class of 1999 is up 10% from last year -- and SigEp has capitalized on this by recruiting the largest pledge classes of any fraternity for the last two semesters.

SigEp's Newest Neighbor...

In Memorium

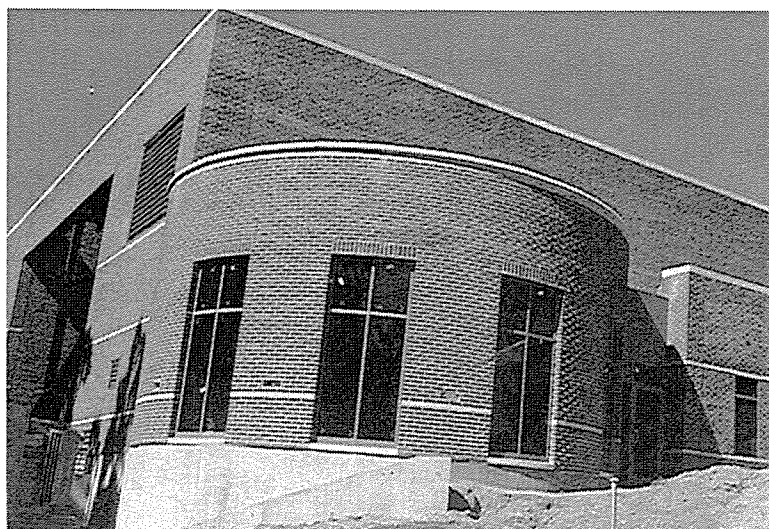
Brother Dorrie G. Johnson '65
 Brother James B. Palley '68

A note from Brother Palley's son, Josh:

8-13-95
 Dear Joe,
 Thank you very much
 for the nice note
 with the shirt. It
 fits perfectly. It was
 nice of you to do
 this for me.

Your friend,
 Josh Palley

P.S.
 My father was
 a Sig Ep member,
 class of '68.



... the Thomas Dodd Research Center under construction.

Alumni Achiever



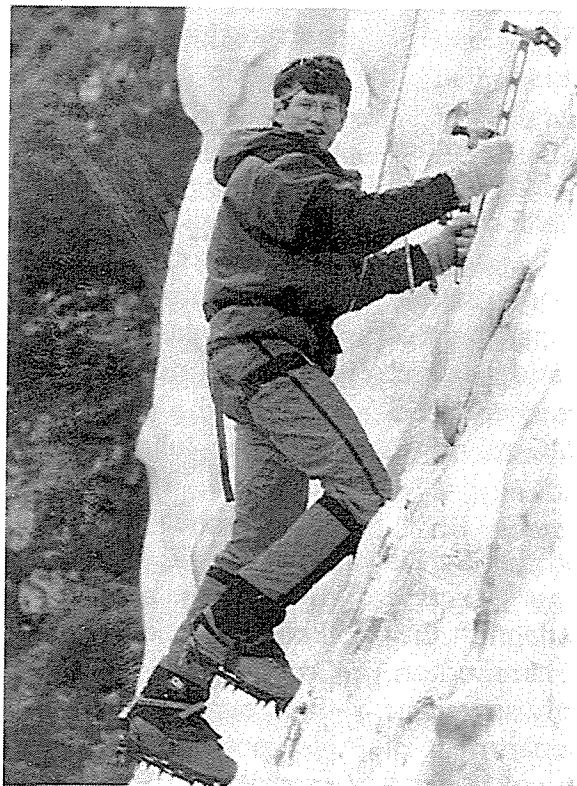
SIGEP PEAK PERFORMER

Brother **Jeff Russek '85** is truly a SigEp "Peak Performer." When he's not selling insurance and financial services with MTM Financial Group, he's tackling some other tough customers--try the highest peaks on five of seven continents!

Last summer, Jeff climbed the highest mountain on the Austral-Asia continent: the 16,023-foot Carstensz Pyramid located in a remote area in the central highlands of Iran Jaya, Indonesia. The only continents he's yet to conquer are Asia (Mt. Everest) and Antarctica (Mt. Vinson Massif). Jeff

tells the SPEACONN that each climb is a "grassroots" effort and requires a tremendous amount of planning and teamwork--skills his SigEp experience helped him develop.

Jeff recently began a personal fund raising drive to raise the money necessary to climb Mt. Everest in 1998 or 1999. Anyone wishing to contribute to Jeff's cause can do so by sending a check for \$15 payable to Jeff Russek and mailing it to: **Quest for Everest**, c/o Jeff Russek, 615 Orange Street, Apt. 3, New Haven, CT 06511. The SPEACONN is proud and happy to help Brother Russek with his "quest."



Jeff on two of his five "Continental Climbs."

Alumni Profiles

1950s

Donald Scholl '56. Brother Scholl has retired after 32 years with Norden Division of United Technologies. He now runs a bed and breakfast and an antique shop in Kent, Connecticut. A Founding Father of Connecticut Alpha, Brother Scholl can be reached at 230 Kent Cornwall Road, Kent, CT 06757.

1960s

Paul P. Nappi '61. Brother Nappi has retired from United Technologies after 32 years and is the retired Vice President of the Florida Ski Council. He is currently selling real estate in greater West Palm Beach, FL and sells snow ski travel packages to the western rockies. He and his wife, Judy, can be reached at 9682 Gardenia Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

Colin B. Pitblado '61. Brother Pitblado completed his Ph.D. in psychology at Boston University in 1966 and has been involved in research and teaching ever since. He is a member at the faculty at Teikyo Post University in Waterbury, CT as a professor of psychology. He and his wife, Kathleen, can be reached at 6 Spring Road, Box 701, Bethlehem, CT 06751.

Carl D. Anderson '67. Brother Anderson is President and Senior Partner with the law firm of

Anderson & Ferdon. Recently his son Christopher joined his law firm as an associate attorney. Brother Anderson can be reached at 880 Pendleton Hill Road, Voluntown, CT 06384.

John K. Marshall '67. Brother Marshall received his MBA from UNC Chapel Hill in 1973 and has enjoyed being self-employed ever since. He is currently the president and owner of Associated Irrigation, a residential lawn sprinkler system provider. He and his wife, Lambeth, enjoy tennis and saltwater fishing and would love to hear from brothers of the 60s and 70s. They can be reached at 2307 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd., Waxhaw, NC 28173.

1970s

Peter C. Markle '70. Brother Markle and his family are relocating from California to Boston, where he is a Massachusetts Division Administrator for the U.S. Department of Transportation. He and his wife, Marianne, can be reached at 55 Broadway, 10th Fl., Cambridge, MA 02142.

John A. Saia '71. Brother Saia is also Dr. Saia. Brother Saia is a cardiologist at Atlantic City Medical Center in Hammonton, NJ. He most recently served as Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine from 1985 to 1995 at the William B. Kessler Memorial Hospital. He and his wife, Barbara, and their four

children can be reached at 6 Clarks Gap Court, Medford, NJ 08055.

1980s

Bobb Barile '84. Brother Barile is a Senior Administrator of Finance and Operations at California State University-Dominguez Hills. He knows lots of SigEps in the southern California area and can be reached at 950 North Kings Road, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

Michael P. Langella '84. Mike received his MBA from Duke in 1990 and is Director of Operations for WCI Communities in Naples, FL. He is now teaching his daughter Caroline to say "Get away from me, Spongey Jr.!" Mike, Caroline, and wife Jill can be reached at 1530 Imperial Golf Course Blvd., #323, Naples, FL 33942.

Mark Lapham '84. Brother Lapham was married in 1994, and he and his wife, Heidi, became the proud parents of a daughter, Julia, born on October 18, 1995. Mark teaches music and coaches girls' basketball in Newport, RI. On the side he performs in a group called the "Booze Brothers" with his brother Gregg. Call 401-847-5887 for their summer schedule in the Newport area. Mark can be reached at 16 Peckham Avenue, Newport, RI 02840.

Alumni Profiles (cont'd)

Marshall Senk '85. Marshall recently changed careers, leaving the software business with Oracle and taking a job as an investment banker with the firm of Robertson Stephens & Company. He works with technology companies in northern California and helps bring them public. He and his wife, Amy, can be reached at 3166 Clay Street, San Francisco, CA 94115.

Jon Gold '86. Jon is a Vice President with Chase Manhattan Bank and specializes in real estate finance. He is also the treasurer of the St. Johns SigEp Chapter Alumni Board in New York City. Brother Gold can be reached at 624 East 20th Street, New York, NY 10009.

Steve Farrell '87. Brother Farrell is a Product Planning Manager with Hitachi PC Corporation in San Jose, CA. He asks us to leave his phone number for brothers to contact him. His home phone is 408-734-4634. Steve has recently returned stateside after four years of telecommunications work in Japan.

Craig Zettergren '87. Brother Zettergren and his fiancée Kathy will be married in June of 1996. A bachelor's party will tentatively be held on May 17 in New Britain, CT. Craig is currently a physical therapist clinician at Park Physical Therapy in Greenwich, CT. He can be reached at 192 Hobart Avenue,

Greenwich, CT 06831.

Michael Briglia '88. Michael is a Senior Environmental Claims Examiner with Orion Capital Companies. He and his wife, Beth, were married in October of 1995. They can be reached at 211 Georgetown Drive in Glastonbury, CT 06033.

Christopher Smith '88. Brother Smith is a Senior Design Engineer with Orbital Scientist Corporation. Orbital specializes in aerospace engineering. He is currently working on the design and assembly of a pistol-grip tool to be used by the astronauts during repair of the Hubble Space Telescope in January of 1997 and the construction of the international space station beginning late 1997. Brother Smith can be reached at 3518 Hammerstone Road, Laurel, MD 20724.

Christopher M. Kirk '89. Brother Kirk received his MBA from Penn State University in 1992 and has recently landed a position with Stroh Brewery Co. He is an associate marketing manager responsible for new product development at Strohs. Brother Kirk can be reached at 511 Ninth Street, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

1990s

Ken Fox '90. Ken is the President/Owner of Fox Medical Accounting, Inc. and provides medical account management

and consulting services to the managed health care industry. He now lives in San Diego, CA and loves the weather. His address is 12918 Carmel Creek Road #21, San Diego, CA 92130.

Neil Beesley '91. Brother Beesley is a Clinical Social Worker at the West Haven Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He and his wife, Cindy, were married on October 23, 1994. They can be reached at 16 Brown Street, West Haven, CT 06516.

Clint Hubbard '91. Brother Hubbard is an honorary initiate of the Connecticut Alpha chapter and is happy to receive issues of the SPEACONN. If anyone is traveling through Richmond, VA and needs a place to stay, Brother Hubbard is happy to oblige. His address is 1104 Skipwith Road, Richmond, VA 23229. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and is currently concerned they will lose their single-sex status.

Aldo Magistrelli '91. Aldo is a Sales and Purchasing Manager at Wharton Hardware and Supply Corp. in Pennsauken, NJ. He spends his weekends on his O'Day 25' sailboat. He can be reached at 49 Eraser Road, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Jonathan A. Plucker '91. Brother Plucker is a Ph.D. and Assistant Professor and Education Psychologist at the University of

Maine. He can be reached at 12 Fifth Street, Apt. 1, Bangor, ME 04401.

Guy R. Wagner '91. Currently Brother Wagner is a graduate student at the University of Hartford. He is working toward his Master of Science in Professional Accounting. Guy can be reached at 37 Steep

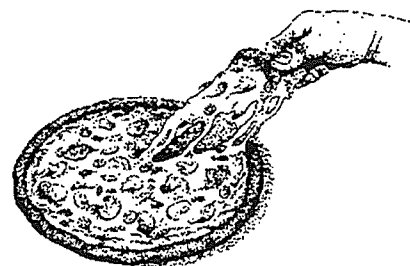
Hollow Lane, Manchester, CT 06040.

Timothy M. Meehan '93. Brother Meehan is attending law school in Syracuse, NY and will graduate in May of this year. He has accepted a position with the law firm of Kelley, Drye & Warren. Tim can be reached at 704-25 Ivy Ridge Road, Syracuse, NY 13210.

Note: Profiles published in the SPEaconn are from brothers who completed and sent in their Alumni Profile form.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting Date Announced

June 22, 1996 is the date for our annual stockholders' meeting. The meeting will be held at 12 noon at P.J.'s Pub, 1505 State Street, New Haven, CT (just across the Hamden/New Haven town line). Bring the kids (sons and daughters welcome), and the Alumni Association will be serving free pizza and soft drinks. For questions and directions, contact Joe Langella at 610-941-2954 or Bill Wivell at 203-245-1746.



Voluntary Alumni Dues Program Announced

As you might guess, it costs money to produce and mail this newsletter to you. In fact, it will cost more every time we produce a new one--if you factor in inflation, an increasing alumni base, and enhancements down the road. Therefore, we are instituting with this issue our Voluntary Alumni Dues Program.

This program gives brothers the opportunity to provide financial support to all alumni programming efforts--not only communications, but all alumni events and activities. **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE VOLUNTARY.** If you choose not to contribute, you will still continue to receive the benefits of the Connecticut Alpha Alumni Association. However, your contribution will not only go toward the maintenance of our program, but toward its improvements.

All voluntary dues contributions will be recognized in future issues of the SpeaConn, and an annual financial report will be published to document how these funds are being used.

To make your voluntary contribution, simply check the voluntary dues box on the Alumni Profile form enclosed in the newsletter and include a check payable to Sigma Phi Epsilon. All contributions should be mailed to our Alumni Board/Association treasurer, Bill Jenkins, at 17 Thompson Hill Road, Columbia, CT 06237. Thank you for your consideration and support!

CTA/SPE Career Network Update

Thanks to those brothers who agreed to be included in the CTA/SPE Career Network. The mission of the Network is to provide information and assistance to brothers beginning or changing careers. To obtain network information, simply check the box on the Alumni Profile form and return it to the editor's address. You will receive a packet that will include ideas on resume writing, interview skills, and general career guidance. In addition, you will receive a list of all the brothers who are part of the Network. These brothers have agreed to "be on call" to lend advice and assistance about their particular careers. Please take advantage of this excellent Alumni Association service--and the generosity of those brothers involved. In addition, please consider being a member of the Network yourself!

Thanks to the following brothers who have agreed to be part of the CTA/SPE Network so far:

John Marshall '67
Colin Pitblado '61
Peter Markle '70
Christopher Kirk '89
Mark Lapham '84
Mike Langella '84

Craig Zettergren '87
Steve Farrell '87
Bobb Barile '84
John Gold '86
Neil Beesley '91

Guy Wagner '91
Jonathan Plucker '91
Timothy Meehan '93
Ken Fox '90
Marshall Senk '85

Blast From a SPEACONN PAST:



Lieutenant Gene Mastrangelo

PHOTO BY TETRAULT

Brother Gene Mastrangelo was presented with a sabre by the Arnold Air Society on UConn Military Day. This award was given to Gene in recognition of the fine job he did as commander of the Arnold Air Society for the past year. Gene received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air force at graduation.

This story and photo appeared in the June 30, 1959 issue of the SPEACONN.

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

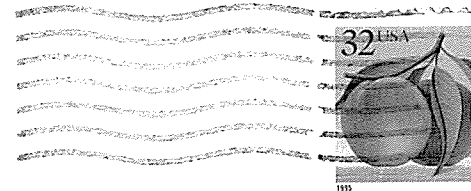
Can you believe it?! SigEp at UConn is 40 years old this year--and to celebrate this important milestone in our chapter's history, the Alumni Association is planning a very special Homecoming Celebration at the Chapter House. Details will follow in a separate invitation.



9 Gilbert Road, circa 1995

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