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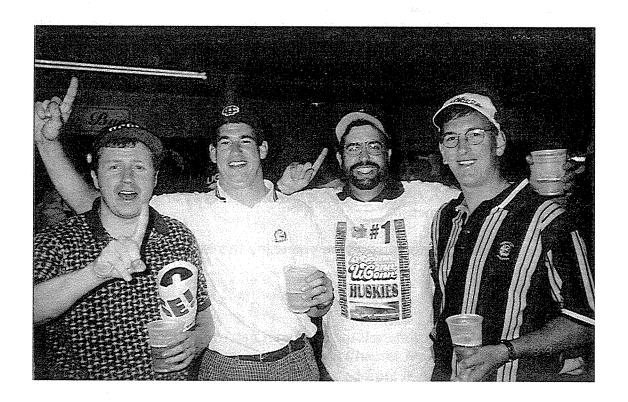
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The Connecticut Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon





Connecticut Alpha was represented with great spirit at the Final Four in St. Petersburg, Florida. Enjoying the March madness and the sweet smell of victory over the Duke Blue Devils are, left to right, Brothers **Paul Summers '87, Rick Baran '87, Barry Musco '87,** and **Dave Estes '84.** See related stories and more photos on page 8.

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The thrill of victory.... the agony of....

#### Dear Brothers:

Writing this issue of the SPEACONN was a melancholy endeavor. On the one hand, it was exciting to relive the thrill of our UConn Huskies' stunning victory in the final four... and on the other hand it was sad to finally realize that this is the first issue of the SPEACONN not to carry "9 Gilbert Road" in its masthead. Sadder still are the recent developments at the Chapter that will leave us completely "homeless" when our undergraduates return to campus in the fall. For details that led to this predicament, see page 3.

Rest assured, however, that your Alumni Board of Directors will be working diligently to find safe and adequate housing for the Chapter as soon as practical and possible.

In addition, the Board of Directors is in need of additional Board members to help us achieve our housing goals and work closely with the undergraduates during this transitional period. Anyone interested in lending their time and talent, please write or call the editor at the address and phone number in the upper right-hand corner.

With a commitment to never say "defeat," we hope you enjoy this issue of the SPEACONN.

Fraternally yours,

loe Langella '83 SPEACONN Editor



## WITHOUT A HOME



The fall, 1998 semester was a difficult one for Connecticut Alpha. First, our fall pledge class found itself in trouble with University officials and the campus police for orchestrating an "in broad daylight" blindfolding and abduction of a number of chapter brothers. This "prank" was not looked upon favorably by the University... or for that matter, the Alumni Board. The result was social probation, the removal of the Brother Development Coordinator, and the dismissal of a number of pledges from the Brother Development program.

Then, in December, as the semester came to a close, five "rogue" brothers decided it would be fun to trash 9 Gilbert Road before the wrecking ball had a chance to do it. Their rampage resulted in their arrest by the University police (who just happened to be driving by at the time); their dismissal from school; and their expulsion from the fraternity.

Although the Alumni Board and chapter cooperated fully with the University during this embarrassing and despicable turn of events, the University saw fit to award the home we were to move into this coming fall to a "more deserving" campus organization. Hence, the Connecticut Alpha chapter is without a home for the first time since its refounding in the early 1980s.

The Alumni Board is confident in the new leadership of the undergraduate chapter and is working closely with the University to find adequate housing for the chapter as quickly as possible.

Again, any brother wishing to help the Alumni Board and the undergraduate chapter, please contact the SPEACONN editor.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Eric Sivertsen '91 has stepped down as Chapter Counselor after 5 years of dedicated service. Eric recently moved to New Jersey where he is Assistant Chapter Manager for the Northern New Jersey National Electrical Contractors Association. His new address is 43A Lafayette, Chatham, NJ 07928; 973-665-0261. The Brotherhood thanks Eric for his selfless work on behalf of Connecticut Alpha and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

## **ALUMNI NEWS**

#### The 50s:

Emil F. Elges, Jr. '55 reports a new address. He is retired and living at 137 Egret Circle, W. Palm Beach, Florida 33413; 516-963-0259.

**Donald C. Scholl '56** and wife Mavis reside at 143 N. Shore Rd. in New Preston, CT 06777; 860-868-2655. Donald reports that **Brother Sal Casillo** is recovering from an accident and can be reached at 1170 N. Benton Rd., Fairfield, CT 06430; 203-259-9746.

Fred Nelson '58 attended Homecoming '98. He lives at 2 Dean Dr., Bolton, CT 06043; 860-647-9751.

#### The 60s:

Giles Packer '61; '67 MA. Giles attended Homecoming '98 along with Fred Nelson '58. Brother Packer is retired from Central Connecticut State University where he was Director of Career Services. He and wife Joan live at 36 Mountain Lane, Farmington, CT 06032; Packerg@ccsu.edu.

Ted Johnson '62. Ted is Manager of Business Development and Custom Products for the Keebler Cookie Company. He and wife Barbara plan to move to Pinehurst, NC by year 2000. Currently they reside at 964 Norwood Ct., Naperville, IL; 630-983-6025.

Ted also writes that he appreciates the SPEACONN as it is one of the few ties he has remaining to UCONN. John Santa '64. Brother Santa is CEO of Santa Energy Services in Bridgeport, CT. You might recognize his big oil tanks off of I-95. John reports that he and Brother Wayne Stiles are planning a big "Wing Ding" for brothers graduating in the mid-1960s. Any interest, contact John at 203-377-5410; jsanta6668@aol.com.

Paul Meissner '65. Paul reports that he and his weekend band, "Nameless Faces," played at Paul Newman's Hole-in-the-Wall Gang Camp for kids with cancer. There he met movie stars Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow. Paul can be reached at nimsnet@neca.com.

Paul also reports the passing of **Dag Hultgreen '64**. Brother Hultgreen was a past president of CT Alpha. After his first stroke, in fact, the undergraduate chapter donated a personal computer to Dag so he could work productively from home. The brotherhood mourns his passing.

On a brighter note, Brother Meissner reports that Richard Gilson '65 is a psychology professor at the University of South Florida. He received his Ph.D. from Princeton University and is an expert in the field of ergonomics. Brother Gilson is also an accomplished aviator and a few years ago flew a replica of the Spirit of St. Louis on the U.S. to Paris route flown by Charles Lindbergh.

#### The 80s:

**Bob Flynn '82** reports a new address. He and wife Fran live at

48 Wildwood, Southborough, MA 01772.

Steven B. Chaneles '83. The Chaneles have a new address: 4427 Nautilus Dr., Miami Beach, FL 33140. Steve enjoyed the Final Four experience with Steve Jason '83. E-mail at chaneles@sportsline.com.

Jack Connors '83. Brother Connors teaches 7th and 8th grade science at St. Anne Elementary School in Milford, CT. He and wife Debbie have two children, Kelsey and Bridgit. They reside at 283 Maplewood, Milford, CT 06460.

Jay Kogan '83 is Director of Legal Affairs for DC Comics, Mad Magazine, and Wild Storm Productions. He also serves as adjunct professor of internet and new media law at Purchase College in New York. Jay invites brothers to visit his New York office with their kids to ride the Batmobile! Jay, wife Lynn, and three children reside at 44 Joyce Rd., Hartsdale, NY 10530; e-mail at i\_kogan@dccomics.com.

Joe Langella '83. Joe is Vice President and Principal with Jurika & Voyles Investment Management in Oakland, CA. Joe's clients include the Robert Mondavi Winery and Sears & Roebuck. He and wife Donna are expecting their first child in August. They reside at 1309 Meetinghouse Rd., North Wales, PA 19454; jlangella@jurika.com.

Alex P. Miano, MD '83. Alex is a psychiatrist at Yale University

School of Medicine in New Haven, CT. He and family reside at 495 Fern St., W. Hartford, CT 06107. Alex would love to get e-mail from his pledge class brothers. His address is alexander.miano@yale.edu.

**Doug Shidler '83** is Program Manager for the Black Hawk Helicopter at Sikorsky Aircraft. He and wife Trish live with their three children at 10 Homestead Place, Cheshire, CT 06410; 203-271-3435.

**Bobb Barile '84**. Bobb traveled the last year throughout Europe. He is Chief Administrative Officer for Occupational and Environmental Health at UCLA. E-mail at bbarile@ucla.edu.

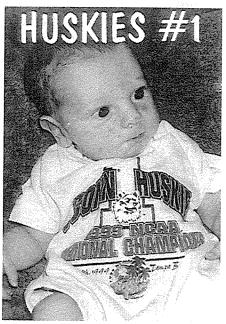
Ron Nault '84 is a civil engineer and Vice President of Luchs Associates in West Haven, CT. He and wife Joanne have three children and resident at 21 Bayberry Lane, Guilford, CT 06437; 203-458-8503.

Dave Estes '84. Dave is Vice President and District Sales Leader for Key Corp. Bank in Burlington, VT. He and wife Jackie recently moved from Connecticut to Vermont, and just had their fifth child... finally a girl "Katie." They live at 317 Old Farm Rd., Richmond, VT 05477; mjestes@aol.com.

Adam Adelkopf '85 and wife Bonnie report the birth of their second daughter, Marnie Cara, born on March 5, 1999. All are well and live at 33 Malcolm Rd. in Mahwah, NJ 07430; adam.adelkopf@us.pwcglobal.com.

**Barry Musco '86**. The Muscos announced the arrival of their

second child, Payton James, born on May 4, 1999. e-mail barry.musco@nhxix.sod.eds.com.



Payton James

Vincent Piselli '86 is the Master Gardener of the New Caanan Nature Center in New Caanan, CT. He, wife Michelle, and three children live at 96 Locust Avenue, New Caanan, CT; gardenrx@worldnet.att.net.

Mike Sinatra '86 and wife Roberta reside at 87 New Milford Rd., W., Bridgewater, CT 06752; 860-355-5905.

Luis Antonio Baez '87. Luis reports that he is the new Information Technology Advisor for the Embassy of Spain. He also had a piece of artwork selected for the 1999 Calendar of Very Special Art, an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. E-mail at labaez@tidelwave.net.

**Mike Baldassari '87** designed the lighting for last season's broadway revival of *Cabaret*,

which received a Tony, Drama Desk, and Outer Critiques Award nominations for best lighting design. He also received a Prime Time Emmy Award nomination for best lighting direction for Garth Brooks Live From Central Park, and lit A Christmas Carol starring Roger Daltrey at Madison Square Garden. Mike lives at 919 Park Ave., 5L, Hoboken, NJ 07030; MikeBltg@aol.com.

Tom Gould '87 reports "I haven't yet climbed a tower with a rifle." He can be reached at tgould@intlappraisal. com where he is Vice President of Marketing.

Gary Adelkopf '88 has a new address: 1113 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902; GAADELKOPF@bloomberg.net.

Michael Briglia '88 reports attending the wedding of Ken Fox '90 in San Diego.
Michael's address is 211
Georgetown Dr., Glastonbury, CT 06033; 860-633-0089.

Adam Burke '89. Adam completed a master's degree in '93 and worked for a time at the UN in Geneva, Switzerland. He regularly sees Connecticut Alpha brothers that live in the Boston area. Adam lives at 55 Perthshire Rd., Brighton, MA 02135; adam\_burke@abtassoc.com.

#### The 90s

**Jim Bishop '91** is a senior business analyst with American International Group. He and

wife Tressa live at 25 Washington Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960; tjbishop@aol.com.

Marc A. D'Amelio '91 is owner of M. A. D. Sales in New York City. He lives at 240 W. 98th St., 2D, NY, NY 10025; madsales@aol.com.



## **ALUMNI DUES**

Since the last SPEACONN, 18 brothers (up from 14 last issue) made voluntary dues contributions totalling \$450. We appreciate this support as it allows us to continue to publish this newsletter and conduct other alumni events and activities throughout the year. The contribution suggested is \$25, but any amount is helpful and very much appreciated. Many thanks to those listed here for their contributions since the last SPEACONN:

Donald C. Scholl '56 James F. Bugbee '57 Giles Packer '61 Ted Johnson '62 John Santa '64 Jay Kogan '83 Joe Langella '83 Alex P. Miano, M.D. '83 Bobb Barile '84 Ron Nault '84 Dave Estes '84 Adam Adelkopf '85 Luis Baez '87 Adam Burke '89 Tom Gould '87 Jim Bishop '91 Marc D'Amelio '91 Mike Hamburg '91

# SPECIAL THANKS TO ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTORS

The Connecticut Alpha Endowment seeks to encourage scholarship and significant fraternity involvement among our undergraduate brothers. Specific endowment awards include the Outstanding Brother award and the Outstanding Incoming Freshman award.

Our current endowment balance is \$27,508.40. We will continue the endowment campaign and encourage brothers to actively (with separate mailings) and passively (through the SPEACONN) contribute what they can to the endowment. All contributions of \$250 or more are tax deductible, and checks made payable to Sigma Phi Epsilon and earmarked for the Connecticut Alpha endowment can be sent directly to headquarters in Richmond, Virginia at P.O. Box 1901, Richmond, VA 23215 or sent to the SPEACONN office and be forwarded.

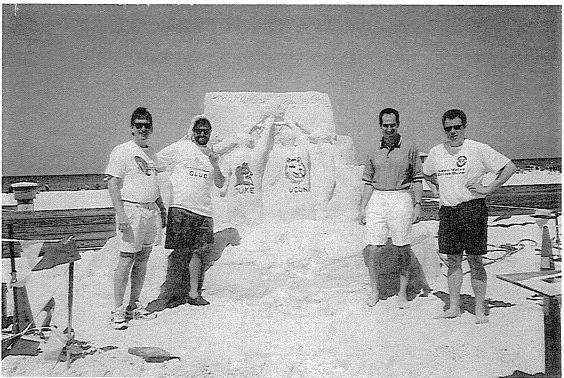
Special thanks to the following brothers who have contributed to the endowment campaign since the last SPEACONN: Giles A. Packer '61, Joe Polaski '82, Steven B. Jason '82, vincent piselli '86, Adam T. Burke '89, and Nathan D. Jacobson '99.

A very special thanks to **Brother Polaski** for his pledge to continue making an endowment contribution for every brother he helps to attain mortgage financing. Joe is Senior Loan Officer with First World Mortgage Corp. in Farmington, CT and has worked with several CT Alpha brothers to date. If Joe can help you with your mortgage needs, please contact him at 800-859-2127, Ext. 308

If you have specific questions about the campaign and its aims, please contact the SPEACONN office at 215-591-0874.

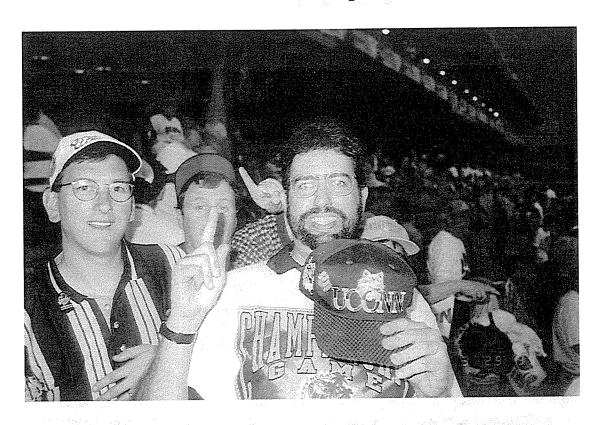
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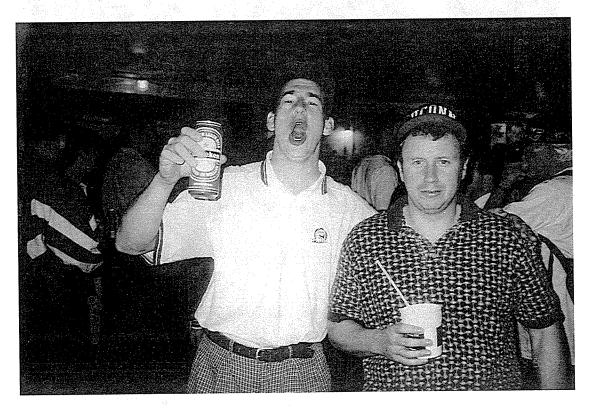


Connecticut Alpha had strong representation at the final four in St. Petersburg, Florida this past March. To the SPEACONN's knowledge, the following brothers made the trip: Joe Donahue '87, Steven Chaneles '83, Steve Jason '83, and above Dave Estes '84, Paul Summers '87, Barry Musco '87, and Rick Barqn '87.

## Final Four Scrapbook

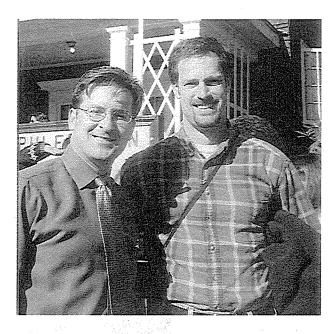


Brothers Dave Estes '84 and Barry Musco '87



Brothers Rick Baran '87 and Paul Summers '87

### Homecoming '98 Scrapbook



Alumni Board President Nick Pape '91 and Greg Mattesen '88

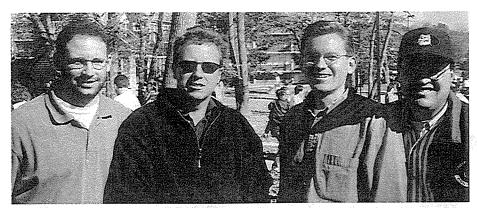


Clay Grey '84 and the Husky Dog doing the Macarena!

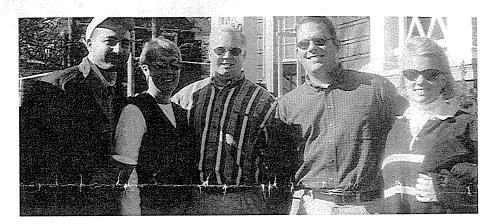


The Connecticut Alpha award winning Homecoming Float

## Homecoming '98 Scrapbook



Brothers Goldberg, Summers, Fallon, and Wivell



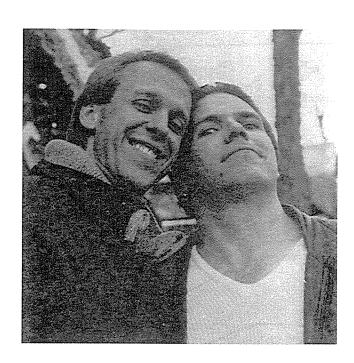
Brothers Piselli, Sabia, and Kurnick



Brothers Lapham, Musco, Gunn, and Gambardella

## BLAST FROM THE SIG EP PAST



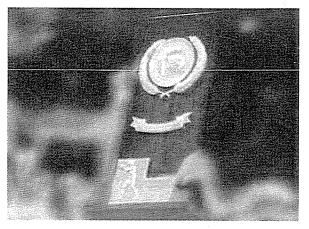


Does anyone recognize these dynamic duos?

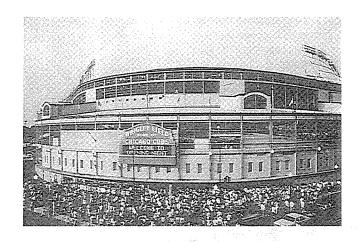
### A FINAL THANKS TO OUR FINAL FOUR CHAMPIONS!







Join your Connecticut Alpha brothers from around the world for the 46th Biennial Grand Chapter Conclave in Chicago. Did I hear "Sig Ep Sammy Sosa"?





The 46th Grand Chapter Conclave: August 19-22, 1999. For registration information, contact Debi Wester at Sig Ep Headquarters at 804-353-1901.

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