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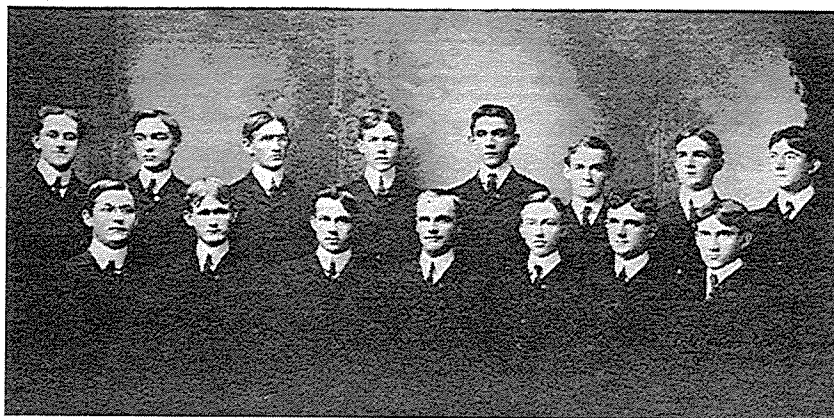
SPEACON

Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love

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THE CONNECTICUT ALPHA CHAPTER OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON

SIG EP TURNS 100!



Pictured here are fifteen of Sigma Phi Epsilon's first twenty-one members taken in 1901-02 when Sigma Phi Epsilon was a local Fraternity at Richmond College. Front row left to right: W. H. Carter, C. H. Howell, C. A. Jenkins, R. A. McFarland, T. V. McCaul, L. B. Cox, W. A. Wallace. Back row in the same order: W. L. Phillips, C. W. Dickinson, Jr., R. L. Hudgins, J. E. Oliver, T. T. Wright, E. M. Gathright, E. W. Hudgins, R. R. Oliver. Missing are: B. D. Gaw, R. S. Owens, E. L. Allen, F. W. Kerfoot, W. D. Wildman, A. M. Kerfoot.



Ryland Hall at Richmond College, 1901, the Birthplace of Sigma Phi Epsilon

Happy Birthday, Sigma Phi Epsilon

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It's not too late to register
for the Conclave.
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SABBS BROTHERS GIG DATES:

Friday, August 7 and
Friday, September 24

at

JACOB MARLEY'S

(Route 1, Orange, CT
next to the Home Depot)
9 PM to Midnight



Mike Gourdier '87 (left) and Bill Gunn '87 are the "SABBS BROTHERS,"
Remnants of the legendary Sig Ep SABBS BAND of the big '80s!

SIG EP OPEN DATE SET

The Sig Ep Open will be held on Saturday, July 21,
at Portland Golf Club, Portland, CT (last year's
site). The first tee time is at 11:30 a.m. If you did
not get a flyer in the mail, please contact **Paul
Summers, '87** at psum@mail2.nai.net.



Letter from the Chapter President

Dear Brothers:

It is an exciting time to be an undergraduate at Connecticut Alpha! Things are always changing at UCONN, and we face many challenges in adjusting to these changes and staying ahead of the competition in the years ahead. Old habits can die hard, and it can be difficult to convey the message of what a fraternity can and should be. We face the challenge of preserving cherished traditions, while improving operations for a new time and era.

Connecticut Alpha has made many important improvements in the last two years. Among them are the reestablishment of critical alumni relations and volunteer support. Through this partnership, our efforts have contributed to the recognition of an Outstanding Brother with a semesterly award of \$500. This award is funded by our chapter endowment and is designed to promote scholarship and academic achievement. The award will be named after Rear Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, a great naval leader and the first national fraternity Renaissance of Brotherhood initiate (initiated by the Connecticut Alpha chapter Ritual Team in 1983). In addition to the Zumwalt scholarship, we plan an annual award to the brother with the highest chapter GPA and will use the Balanced Man scholarship as a recruitment tool for incoming freshmen. Only with the generous support of our alumni brothers are these awards possible, and we thank you.

Another exciting development at UCONN involves Greek housing. No longer is the idea of new Greek housing on campus a rumor or myth. The university has hired architects for the construction of 15- and 30-man facilities, and the new "Greek village" dining and social hall will be completed in 2003. To earn admittance to the Greek village, we are undergoing an internal chapter evaluation through the university. We will evaluate our academics, manpower, campus involvement, risk management, and membership development. We are confident that while this evaluation may reveal areas for continued improvement, it will also prove that we are still the leading fraternity on campus.

Connecticut Alpha continues its dominance of Homecoming activities, winning for the second straight year and sixth of seven. In intramurals we rank second of eleven fraternities, and manpower remains tops with fall and spring initiation classes of 17 and 9, respectively. We completed our second "Professor of the Year" banquet last fall and have networked with the student government to financially support this event in years ahead.

We will graduate many core brothers this semester. These are brothers who chose to stay and help rebuild our fraternity following the loss of our house, when it might have been easier for them to walk away. These brothers taught us all what it means to be a SigEp. We thank them for doing the work necessary to insure our future. While they will be missed, their legacy ~ and yours ~ is secure. They leave behind a chapter well prepared for the bright future ahead.

I encourage all alumni brothers to become involved in our chapter activities and events and extend an invitation to all to return to UCONN.

Faternally,

Rob Schuman
Chapter President
Rfs98001@email.com

Brother Baez Named to MDA Task Force



Brother Baez with MDA National Chairman, Jerry Lewis

Luis Baez '87 has been named to the Muscular Dystrophy Association national task force on public awareness. The task force is composed of individuals from all across the country who are leaders in their communities ~ and are affected by neuromuscular disease. Each member serves as a volunteer consultant to the association, particularly on issues of interest to people with disabilities.

Brother Baez is specifically affected by polymyositis, a neuromuscular disease that was diagnosed when he was just 4 years old.

He holds three bachelor degrees from UCONN and George Washington University ~ in medical laboratory sciences, Italian language and literature, and Spanish-American literature.

In 1987 Luis was named Connecticut Alpha's outstanding senior for his high academic and fraternity achievements. He lives in Washington, DC. labaev@starpower.net

Alumni News

The 50s:

Alan Stickles '59. Alan reports that he "recently attended a get together of brothers from the 50s and early 60s organized by Brother Robert Champagne (champ@turbnt.net) at the UCONN Alumni Center in Storrs." Brother Stickles is Executive Vice President for Sales at Stickles Insurance Agency in New Bedford, MA. He and wife Jocelyn live at 283 Delano Road, Marion, MA 02739.

The 80s:

Bob Flynn '82. Bob and wife Fran announce the birth of son, Alexander, born April 12, 2001 and weighing in at 7 lb. 11 oz. Bob is Director of Worldwide Sales Operations for Nu Genesis Technology Corporation in Westborough, CT. E-mail: Rflynn@nugenesis.com

John V. DiMatteo '83. John is President of DiMatteo Insurance Service Center in Trumbull, CT. He, wife Kim, and children Jessica and Anthony live at 23 Coachman Lane, Bethany, CT 06524. E-mail: JDiMatteo@SNET.NET

Brian Fitzgerald '83. "Brillo" recently began working at Cognex Corporation selling "vision systems" for factory automation customers. He, wife Jill, and three boys recently

moved into their new home at 308 Old Farms Road, South Glastonbury, CT 06073. E-mail: bfitzger@cognex.com

Dave Estes '84. Dave has accepted a position as Sr. Vice President for Bank North Group. He'll be responsible for overseeing small business operations for subsidiary banks in VT and NY. He, wife Jackie, and five children live at 317 Old Farm Road, Richmond, VT 05477. E-mail: mjestes@aol.com

Jim Lepesko '84. Jim is back in Connecticut after 12 years living up and down the east coast. He and his family live at 63 Edgehill Court, Fairfield, CT 06430. E-mail: jlepesko@att.net

Robert Stickles '85. Bob is President of Stickles Insurance Agency in New Bedford, MA. His family of five, his business, and racing sail boats keeps him very busy. He resides at 8 Ridgewood Lane, Marion, MA 02738. E-mail: stickinsag@aol.com

Sean Fallon '87. Sean has joined All Nippon Airways as a corporate account manager in their northeast region. All Nippon is the world's seventh largest airline. E-mail: sfallon@anaus.com

Chris Kirk '89. Chris recently bought a home in Norwalk, CT. His address is 23 Vollmer

Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851. E-mail: cmk1966@hotmail.com

The 90s:

Marc D'Amelio '90. Marc was married on May 13, 2000 in Lafayette, LA. Brother Robert Capella was his best man. Marc also has just started his own clothing company with the brand name MADSOUL. Marc and wife Heidi live at 83-85 Washington Street, No. 4G, Norwalk, CT 06854. E-mail: madsales@aol.com

Aldo Magistrelli '91. Aldo has returned to his home-town of Moorestown, NJ with wife Kelli and their son Anthony. They live at 135 E. Central Avenue, Morrestown, NJ. E-mail: njorderdesk@whartonhardware.com

Nick Pape '91. Nick is Vice President of Sales, North America for Artificial Life, Inc. in Boston. Nick and wife Charisse live at 8 Bystrek Drive, Middletown, CT 06457. E-mail: tireman@ix.netcom.com

Rich Alterman '92. Rich married Elizabeth Brue last summer. Both work at Bloomberg News Service in Princeton, NJ where Rich writes reports on the energy markets. They live in Chatham, NJ. E-mail: ralterman@bloomberg.net

Alumni News continued

Jim Bishop '92. Jim and wife Tressa had a baby boy, Sam, last year. We understand he was named after "Sig Ep Sam, superintendent of the skull bone clan." The Bishops live in Morris Plains, NJ.

E-mail: ejk95002@aol.com

Ed Keane '97. Ed is a securities trader with Heartland Securities Corp. in Edison, NJ. He lives at 5 Wadsworth Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305. E-mail: ejk95002@aol.com

Voluntary Alumni Dues

Since the last SPEACONN, eight brothers made voluntary alumni dues contributions totalling \$250. Dues contributions go solely to newsletter and alumni association expenses. Thanks to those brothers below for their recent dues contribution:

Alan Stickles '59
Dave Estes '84
Luis Baez '98
Ed Keane '97
Bill Gunn '87

Brian Fitzgerald '83
Robert Stickles '85
Marc D'Amelio '90
Jason Daunis '00

Endowment Update

The Connecticut Alpha Endowment balance has reached \$30,000 as of this SPEACONN publication date. The endowment provides annual financial awards to deserving undergraduate brothers and pledges. All contributions to the endowment should be made payable to Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation earmarked to the Connecticut Alpha Endowment and are tax deductible.

Special thanks to those brothers who contributed to the endowment since the last issue of the SPEACONN:

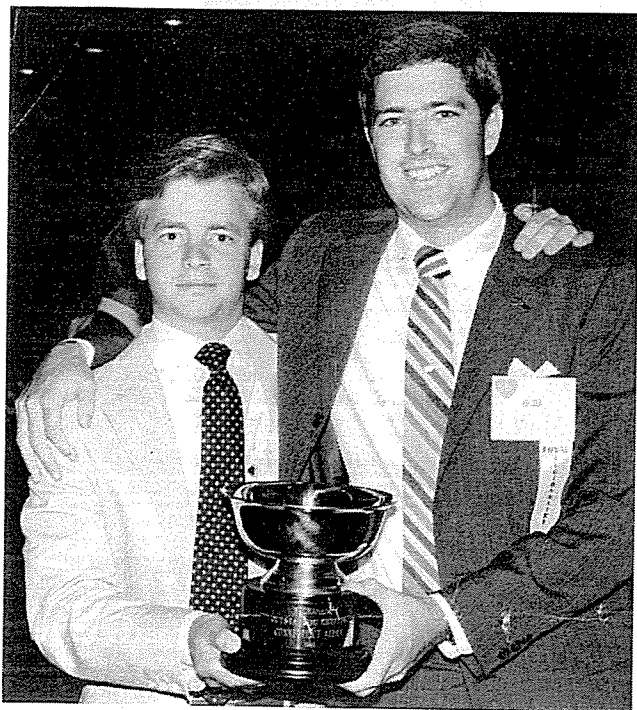
James McBirney '63
John Santa '64
Wade Medlar '80
Larry Schuffman '81
Steven Chaneles '83
Dr. Thomas Ference '83
Brian Fitzgerald '83

Joe Langella, Jr. '83
Jim Kepesko '84
Adam Adelkopf '85
Bill Wivell '85
Tom Birmingham '86
Jon Gold '86
Chris Blackburn '87

Tim Johnson '87
Ed Kaplan '88
Marc D'Amelio '90
Nate Jacobson '97
Jim Roach '99
Jay Daunis '00

A very special thanks to Brothers **Steve Chaneles '83** and **Steve Jason '83** for chairing the Centennial Campaign for Connecticut Alpha in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Sigma Phi Epsilon. All chapters have been encouraged to ask their alumni brothers to help endow their chapters with funds to award deserving brothers who live up to the cardinal principles of the fraternity. Already, many Connecticut Alpha brothers have responded to our Centennial Campaign, and we are well on our way toward realizing our goal of raising \$5,000 for the campaign by the time we celebrate our 100th anniversary at the Grand Chapter Conclave in Washington, DC this coming August.

CONCLAVES PAST SCRAPBOOK



Joe Langella '83 and Bob Flynn '82 holding Connecticut Alpha's 1st Buchanan Cup awarded in 1983.



Brian Kurnik '86, right, and Ron Steele '86 accepting the Buchanan Cup in 1987.

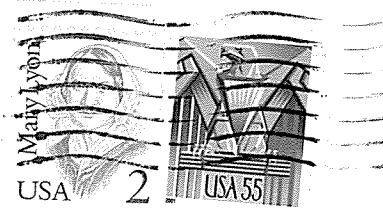


Brothers posing with the Buchanan Cup and Honorary Initiate Henry B. Gonzales, Congressman from Texas, at the 1985 Conclave in San Antonio.

Blast from the Sig Ep Past: St. Louis Conclave, 1989



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