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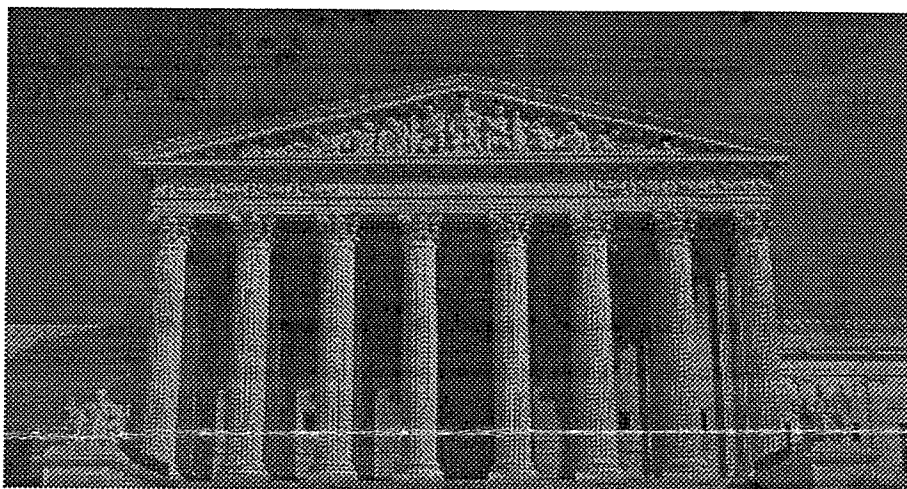
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THE CONNECTICUT ALPHA CHAPTER OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON
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HOUSING UPDATE



New Greek housing will finally become a reality at the University of Connecticut in 2003. In fact, the deadline date is set for August 5, 2003. Six separate buildings are currently under construction adjacent to the "Towers" dorms at the western entrance to the main campus in Storrs. Situated in an oval pattern, each building will contain 15- and 30-bed living facilities complete with a kitchen, common area, and bathroom on each floor. A separate cafeteria, capable of serving 1,300 students, will be erected near what is currently the Towers Recreation Hall.

Each living facility for a fraternity or sorority will have a resident advisor living with the chapter..., and bedrooms will come equipped with dormitory beds, phone and cable jacks, and high-speed internet access. Students will sign leases with the university, not the fraternity or sorority alumni board.

This new housing opportunity has its positives and negatives. Lost will be the feeling of a true home like 9 Gilbert Road, but the benefit is that the alumni board of directors will be out of the real estate management business. The university will now have this responsibility. This, too, has its misgivings and concerns. Regardless, it is a much more positive development than having no house at all.

Connecticut Alpha is committed to filling a 30-person facility and will have to maintain a chapter with enough brothers to fill that facility each semester. With the opportunity will come the challenge to all Connecticut Alpha brothers, undergraduate and alumni alike, to insure a strong and dynamic Sig Ep Chapter now and in the future at UCONN. Look for more details on this critical milestone in our chapter's history as August 5, 2003 nears.

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LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

“Growing Pains”

Dear Brothers,

The SPEACONN, after seven years of publication, is experiencing some growing pains. The pains are symptoms of a number of issues, but mostly the result of a lack of knowledge about its costs and indifference.

Light alumni dues contributions (\$25 annually suggested and voluntary) make the SPEACONN a money-losing publication... and a lack of response from our alumni brothers has created a drought of alumni interest stories and photographs. In addition, we now have a large list of lost alumni addresses. If just 50 percent of our 127 “lost alumni” contributed \$25 annually, each edition could pay for itself.

Also of concern is the low rate of support from our brothers graduating in the 1990s. This is not surprising, given the fact that these brothers are ever mobile, starting careers and families, and prone to putting their Sig Ep experience on the “back burner.” With this issue we encourage our brothers from the 90s to “fire up their feelings” about Sig Ep and reconnect with their Connecticut Alpha brothers.

Send news, photos, and money if you can.

Fraternally,

Alumni Board of Directors

SPEACONN FINANCIAL REPORT

The total cost of the last issue (Winter 2001) of the SPEACONN was \$1,231.98. Expenses included:

➤ Printing	\$477.72
➤ Postage	399.00
➤ Layout/design	345.26
➤ Mailing labels	10.00

Voluntary alumni dues in support of the Winter 2001 issue totaled \$425.

IN MEMORIUM

J. Tal Richards '73. Brother Richards, Berwick, PA, died on May 22, 2001. He was 49. After graduating from UCONN he pursued a career in sales working for various companies. From 1990 to 1997, he coached swimming at Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, PA and served on the residential life staff at the school.

Michael DiManno '00. Brother DiManno died on April 4, 2002 at the age of 24. Over 60 Connecticut Alpha alumni and undergraduate brothers attended Brother DiManno's funeral.



Brother Baez enjoying the 2001 Grand Chapter Conclave with Brother Tim Clune.

Luis Baez '87. Brother Luis Baez died on July 8, 2002 after a life-long battle with physical disability brought on by muscular dystrophy. Living and working in Washington, DC, Luis was a dedicated and distinguished activist in the fight against MD. Recently he had served on the MDA national task force for public awareness. Up until his death, he was adjunct professor of Spanish at George Washington University and an information technology advisor to the Spanish Embassy.

SIG EP OPEN RESULTS: Soule Scorches Field



The annual Connecticut Alpha Sig Ep Open was held on July 27 with 27 brothers participating. Open Director **Paul Summers '87** reports an extremely competitive Open with four brothers scoring under 80 (liars!).

Scott Soule '87 bested the rest with a score of 75, with **Paul Summers '87** posting a 76. Long drive of the day went to **Paul Langella '87**; closest to the pin was shared by **Tim Johnson, Jr. '87** and **Joe Langella, Sr. '83**. Low team score was also a tie: **Tim Johnson, Jr., Johnson, Sr., Gunn, and Fitzsimons** and **Summers, Langella, Baran, and Steele** scored 70. High score went to **Eric Muschlitz '92** whose "atmospheric" 107 finally unseated perennial high score champion **Kevin Hughes '87**.

Special thanks to **Brothers Jim Donohue, Paul Langella, Ron Steele, Sean Fallon, and Adam Adelkopf** for donating prizes.

Brother Summers reports at the post-Open dinner, there was a special toast in memory of **Brother Luis Baez '87**.

ALUMNI NEWS

The 50s:

Robert F. Champagne '59 splits his time between Vero Beach, FL in winter and Grantham, NH in summer. He writes "on trips back to Storrs I never fail to drive past the old fraternity buildings that are now student dorms. I once entered the original Sig Ep building only to be struck by how small it was. Small it may be - but large in memories." E-mail at champ@sunet.net

The 60s:

Thomas G. Dignan '60 is a retired attorney with Nixon-Peabody and has recently moved to VA. He and wife Paula reside at 104 Duncan in Williamsburg, VA 23188; 757-220-0563; thdignan@aol.com.

Richard Lowe '67 is president of Hinge-It Corp. in Indianapolis. Hinge-It space-saving clothes/towel racks are now available in Bed Bath & Beyond and Linens & Things stores nationwide. E-mail at hingeit@aol.com

Alan G. Cummings '69 is an attorney in private practice in Gustoff, VT. He is looking for Brother Robert J. Mahoney. E-mail at agclaw@sover.net

The 70s:

Robert Shone '70 reports a new address: 8068 Clymer Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

John "Skip" Schwanfelder '71 is the Dean of Students at Branford High School in Branford, CT. Skip's home phone is 203-457-0441; jschwanfeld@aol.com

Dr. Michael K. Urban '71 is an anesthesiologist at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. He and wife Brook have two daughters and reside at 4 Little Cove Place, Greenwich, CT 06870; mkpu@aol.com

The 80s:

Victor J. Tohak '82 is vice president for sales and marketing with CCI, Inc. in East Lyme, CT. He and wife Trish live in Brandford, CT with their two daughters. E-mail at vtihak@gocci.com

Bobb Barile '84 has moved to San Diego where he is chief administrative officer of the computer science department at UC San Diego. bbarile@ucsd.edu

Steve Chaneles '84 has announced his early retirement from the corporate rat race. He was previously Director of Business and Legal Affairs with CBS Sportline.com in Miami, FL. E-mail: chaneles@aol.com

Jim Lepesko '84 has moved to 195 Brookbend Drive, Stratford, CT 06614; jlepescko@att.net

Tim McCann '84 is vice president of Identification Product Corp. in Bridgeport, CT. E-mail at timm@idproducts.com

Adam Adelkopf '85 is a director in supply chain operations solutions consulting with IBM. Adam is also playing music again with three bands including a rhythm and blues group called "The Shippan Band." He, wife Bonnie, and three children live in Westport, CT. E-mail adamadel@optonline.net

John Gold '86 reports "Gold had a baby!" John works in the credit portfolio trading department of J.P. Morgan Chase in Manhattan. 212-673-7645.

Mike Kotulich '86 is living in Meriden, CT at 288 Curtis Street, 06450. E-mail at mkotulich@cox.net

Eugene Chong '87 reports that he has taken a position with the University of Chicago, his business school alma mater, in the office of investments, which manages the university's endowment. He will be Director of Private Equity. His new address and e-mail are pending.

Steve Farrell '87 is Director of Product Management with Savi Technology in Sunnyvale, CA. He, his wife Yae, and 3 children live at 537 Loch Lomond Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. E-mail: sfarrell@savi.com

Bill Gunn '87 and wife Jenn announce the birth of their 4th child, a daughter born October 5, 2002. Delaney Marie Gunn came into the world at 11 lbs. 3 oz.

Scott Soule '87 has a new address: 207 Zion Hill Road, Millford, CT 06460; scott.soule@worldnet.att.net

Paul Summers '87 reports a new e-mail address: paul.summers@sat.net

Chad Stewart '88 recently moved to Fairfield, CT with wife Donna and son Sean. Chad is a vice president, commercial loan officer with Bank of New York in Greenwich, CT. His new address is 561 Morehouse Highway, Fairfield, Ct 06825. E-mail: shstewart@bankofny.com

Russ Green '89 is a lawyer with Carmody & Torrance in Waterbury, CT. He and wife Ann have a daughter, Emily, and live at 203 Wildflower Lane, Fairfield, CT 06430. E-mail: rgreen@carmodylaw.com

The 90s:

Michael Hamburg '91 is an attorney in private practice. He and wife Stephanie have 2 children and live in Owings Mills, MD. E-mail: mbhamburg@aol.com

Joshua Blacksten '92 is a senior felony attorney in the Office of Public Defender, Key West, FL. With a home in Key West, Joshua plays golf as often as possible. He graduated from the University of Miami Law School in 1988. E-mail at jblacksten@cs.com

Don White '92 is working in Manhattan for Sandler O'Neill & Partners, LP. E-mail at ttrahan@snet.net

John Dutchover '98 is a network engineer with Trilegiant Corp. E-mail at jdutchover@yahoo.com

Jim Roach '98 has accepted a position with CDC IXIS Asset

Management in Boston, MA. This after working at Sigma Phi Epsilon headquarters in Richmond for the past 3 years. E-mail at jimroach1976@yahoo.com

Dale Carpenter '___ reports a new address: 308 Cranberry Drive, Stewarts Draft, VA 24477.

Rich Haselwood '___ reports a new address: 1715 West Braddock Road, No. 302, Alexandria, VA 22302

The 00s:

Chris Albert '01 is the front office coordinator of the Office of Congressman Christopher Shays, Bridgeport, CT. E-mail at Christopher.albert@mail.house.gov

Robert Schumann '02 is a professional associate - Long Term Care Division with AIG Healthcare in Boston. E-mail: Robert.Schumann@aig.com

VOLUNTARY ALUMNI DUES

Since the last issue of the SPEACONN, 21 brothers made voluntary dues contributions totaling \$425. Dues go solely to newsletter expenses and Alumni Association events such as Homecoming. Special thanks to the following brothers for their generosity:

James F. Bugbee '57
Robert S. Champagne '59
Richard Lowe '67
Thomas Dignan '60
Skip Schwanfelder '71

Michael K. Urban '71
Will Marvin '83
Tim McCann '84
Bob Barile '84
John Passios '85

Adam Adelkopf '85
John Gold '86
John Dutchover '98
Nick Pape '91
Richard Hazelwood '91

ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the Connecticut Alpha Endowment are tax-deductible. All funds raised go solely to deserving undergraduate brothers who excel academically and are positive contributors to the Sig Ep experience. Make checks payable to Sigma Phi Epsilon and earmark for Connecticut Alpha. Contributions can be sent to the SPEACONN Editor or directly to the Educational Foundation in Richmond, Virginia.

Alan G. Cummings '69
Richard Lowe '67

John Passios '85
Bob Barile '84

Adam Adelkopf '85
John Dutchover '98

ALBERT SUCCEEDS O'SHEA

Christopher Albert '01 has accepted the position of Chapter Counselor for the Connecticut Alpha Chapter. He succeeds the successful term of **Kevin O'Shea '98**.

Brother Albert was an active undergraduate brother, always making a positive contribution to the Sig Ep experience at UCONN. Professionally, he is the front office coordinator of the Office of Congressman Christopher Shays in Bridgeport, CT. The Alumni Board of Directors is grateful for Kevin O'Shea's service to the chapter and thankful to Brother Albert for his commitment.

STATE OF THE CHAPTER

Connecticut Undergraduate Chapter President, Steve Zappone, reports a strong and ever-improving Sig Ep chapter. Fall recruitment was a great success with 19 young men accepting an invitation to pledge. This brings manpower to 75, the highest number since the early 1990s. "With this growth," he says, "the chapter has not sacrificed quality. Our executive committee, with the support of the rest of the chapter, is no longer afraid nor hesitant to show any brother the door if they hold the chapter back with their laziness... Everyone pays their dues, no late payments, and no exceptions. Everyone holds a position... everyone is motivated. We are doing our best to set strong building blocks to insure the continued success of Connecticut Alpha."

LOST BROTHERS

From Brother Ahl to Brother Zitnay, Connecticut Alpha lists 127 official "lost" alumni. These are brothers who do not receive the SPEACONN or any other Sig Ep mail. In an effort to reconnect with these brothers, the SPEACONN asks anyone knowing their whereabouts to mail or e-mail any mailing address that may be current to the SPEACONN Editor. Editor's new e-mail address is jlanguella@cdcixisadvisors.com.

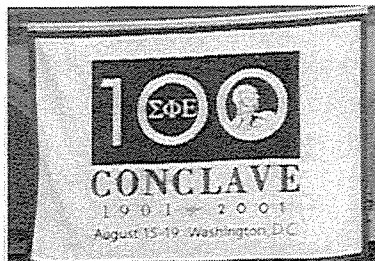
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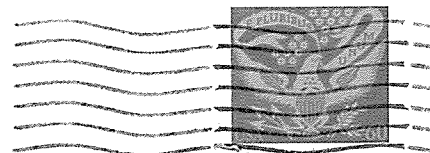
SIG EP CONCLAVE 2001



Connecticut Alpha had another strong contingent represented at the conclave. In attendance were Sean Fallon, Bill Wivell, Bill Gunn, Tim Johnson, Ed Kaplan, Luis Baez, Steve Chaneles, Steve Jason, Adam Adelkopf, Joe Langella, Eric Sivertsen, Eric Muschlitz, Kevin Curtis, Tim Clune, Jason Daunis, Jim Roach, and Bob Flynn. Representing the undergraduates were Rich Meade, Steve Zappone, Bill Zappone, and Rob Schumann. Collectively, this group from our chapter has attended 95 Conclaves! Why not consider joining your Brothers at the next one in San Antonio, August 2003, and come see what you've been missing?



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