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# SPEACONN

Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love



THE CONNECTICUT ALPHA CHAPTER OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON God bless us all  
*Chartered in 1956*

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## 9 GILBERT ROAD BANISTER FUNDRAISER



**Tim Johnson '87** was able to recover the banister from our old chapter house on 9 Gilbert Road the day before it was demolished. In a labor of love, Tim cut the banister into pieces and had brass plaques engraved and affixed to each piece. If you are interested in acquiring one of these "limited edition" relics of Connecticut Alpha history, simply send a check made payable to Sigma Phi Epsilon for \$40 (or more) to **Tim Johnson, 861 Savage Street, Southington, CT 06489**. Several brothers have already claimed their piece of Gilbert Road, and we have raised \$280 to date. Special thanks to **Brother Johnson** for his excellent fundraising idea.

**Alumni Board of Directors**

Rob Schumann '02	President
Ed Kaplan '87	Treasurer
Chris Albert '00	Chapter Counselor
Jason Rojas	Secretary
Joe Langella, '83	Alumni Relations
Bill Zappone '02	Director
Brian Henry '02	Director

New Chapter House  
Update to Appear in  
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## ELECTIONS YIELD NEW ALUMNI CORPORATION DIRECTORS

At the year-end meeting of the Connecticut Alpha Alumni Corporation, new officers were elected to lead Connecticut Alpha into the new century. These new officers are **Rob Schumann '01**, Alumni Corporation President; **Ed Kaplan '87**, Alumni Corporation Treasurer; **Chris Albert '01**, Chapter Counselor; **Jason Rojas '01**, Secretary; and **Bill Zappone '02** and **Brian Henry '02** as at-large members.

Rob Schumann assumes the leadership reigns from **Bill Wivell '85**, who has diligently served as Alumni Corporation President; and Ed Kaplan takes over the books previously managed by **Don White '91**. We thank Brothers Wivell and White for their stewardship and wish Brothers Schumann, Kaplan, and the rest of the Alumni Corporation directors the best as they begin an exciting new era at Connecticut Alpha.

Anyone interested in serving on the Alumni Corporation board of directors or wishing to attend an upcoming meeting can contact Rob Schumann at 617-457-2996 or [robertschumann@aig.com](mailto:robertschumann@aig.com).

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## NO HOMECOMING AT THE HOUSE

In a dubious move, the University has moved to All-Greek Homecoming parade to Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and the annual Homecoming football game to the new UCONN football stadium in Hartford. Therefore, we will not hold a SigEp Homecoming event on campus this year. We will, however, plan to replace Homecoming with another event that allows our alumni brothers to get together on campus. Details for that event will be forthcoming.

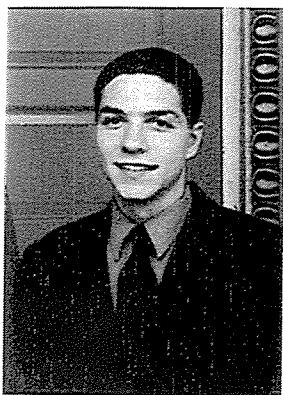


## BROTHERS AT THE BALLPARK

Mike Antonini '84 sent in this photo of he and Bob Champagne '58, a Connecticut Alpha founding father, attending a New York Yankees spring training day at Legends Field in Tampa, Florida. Notice how nicely Mike and Bob are protecting our secret handshake!

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## CONNECTICUT ALPHA BROTHER MAKING A SIGEP DIFFERENCE



Jason Daunis '00, the Director of Substance Abuse Education at Sigma Phi Epsilon headquarters in Richmond, VA and a past Connecticut Alpha chapter president, was named the recipient of the 2003 Hobbs Group Fellow award for his development of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Leadership Continuum. He shares this award with **Brother Chris Minnis**, Director of Leadership Programming at the fraternity.

The award recognizes fraternity or sorority professionals who have had a positive and meaningful impact on college students' risk management issues.

The Continuum begins with new member (pledge) camps designed to help new members acclimate themselves to fraternity life before initiation. It follows with the Carlson Leadership Academy which focuses on chapter leadership skills; then with the Ruck Leadership Institute for top SigEp chapter and campus leaders; finally with the "Quest for Greece," a trip to Greece to better understand the origins of the fraternity movement in the United States. Connecticut Alpha is proud to have one of its own leading the charge to change the negative stigma and behavior many associate with fraternity activities.

Jason will be leaving the headquarters staff this fall to join the Coast Guard where he will attend Officer's Candidate School.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### The 50s:

**Donald C. Scholl '56** is retired. Home phone: 508-539-4755.

**Charles Lorello '56** resides at 5635 Harpers Farm Road, Columbia, MD 21044.

**Jim Bugbee '57** resides at 6191 Turkey Run Court, Manassas, VA 20112.

**George A. Zitnay '58** is president of the John Jane Brain Injury Center in Charlottesville, VA. His phone number is 434-984-5218, Ext. 226. E-mail is [george@jjbic.org](mailto:george@jjbic.org).

### The 60s:

**Paul Nappi '61** is retired from Pratt & Whitney and an active realtor in northern Palm Beach County, Florida. He is also an avid skier. E-mail at [pnski@yahoo.com](mailto:pnski@yahoo.com).

**Giles Packer '61** is retired and working one day a week at the UConn Medical Center as a volunteer coordinator. In the summer, Giles works at the Glastonbury Hills Country Club. E-mail at [gpacker386@attbi.com](mailto:gpacker386@attbi.com)

**Ted Johnson '62** is retired and living in North Carolina after a long career with Keebler, Campbell Soup, and other food companies. He lives at 1259 Greenbriar Drive, Vass, NC

28394. E-mail at [tjohnbjohn@pinehurst.net](mailto:tjohnbjohn@pinehurst.net)

**Harold Finkel '69** is Vice President, Central Area Sales for TruSecure. He resides at 3528 Melanie Lane, Plano, TX 75023 (972-208-0905).

### The 70s:

**Walter Anderson, III '70** is Executive Vice President of Health Stream Partners, LLC. Health Stream Partners is currently in the midst of a national expansion to construct centers for the early detection of cardio vascular disease, cancer, and the predisposition of genetic disease. Wally remembers fondly his days at Connecticut Alpha and would welcome hearing from SigEp brothers. He and wife Diane reside at 299 Cutty Sark Way, Alpharetta, GA 30005. E-mail at [wally@walteranderson3.com](mailto:wally@walteranderson3.com)

**Ed Lavallee '71** is a police administrator in Newport, RI and a reverend at St. Michaels Charismatic Episcopal Church in Middletown, RI. He reports he and wife Sharon are "enjoying their 3-year-old granddaughter, and his youngest son, Joseph, is a sophomore at UCONN." They reside at 12 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840 (401-855-2400).

**Daniel Steward '72** is a LanField supervisor for Dominion Tele-

com. He and wife Kathy reside at 29 Faulkner Drive, Quaker Hill, CT 06375. E-mail at [daniel\\_m\\_steward@dom.com](mailto:daniel_m_steward@dom.com).

### The 80s:

**Mark Brodgerski '83** and family reside at 33 Thomassian Drive, Marlborough, CT 06447.

**Will Marvin '83** has moved to Tustin, CA where he is District Sales Manager for the National Directory Company which sells ad space in the Yellow Pages. He can be reached at 714-505-8640.

**Alex Miano '83** and wife Sharon have two boys, Michael (10) and Scott (3). He is an M.D. in private practice in the field of neuropharmacology and works with people suffering from disorders of mood, behavior, thought, and memory. E-mail at [apmianomd@snet.net](mailto:apmianomd@snet.net).

**Harry Vlandis '83** and wife Tiffany welcome the birth of their third boy, Alexander. They reside at 12 Hunter Lane, Fairfield, CT 06430.

**Ronald Nault '84** is a Vice President with Luchs Consulting Engineers in West Haven, CT. He and wife Joanne have four children and live in Brandford, Ct. E-mail at [nault@luchs.com](mailto:nault@luchs.com).

**Michael Antonini '84** is an account executive with Yellow

Book USA in Norwalk, CT. He resides at 134 Reeds Lane, Stratford, CT 06614. E-mail [mwantonini@yahoo.com](mailto:mwantonini@yahoo.com). (See page \_\_\_\_ for related Mike Antonini story.)

**Scott Stickles '85** has a new address: 51 Highland Drive, South Windsor, CT 06074.

**Brian Poirier '86** is an assistant vice president for sales with CIGNA Healthcare. Back in Connecticut after a 10-year absence, he previously lived and worked in Texas and Virginia. "He and family reside in Glastonbury, where his son, Zak, is being coached in basketball by **Brian "Brillo" Fitzgerald '83...** Poor kid." The Poiriers live at 20 Horizon Lane, Glastonbury, CT 06033. E-mail is [brian.poirier@cox.net](mailto:brian.poirier@cox.net).

**Vern Gildhouse '87** has retired from the military and has a consulting position in Turkey. His mailing address is still a military one: PSC90, Box 1574R, APO AE09822. E-mail at [gildhousev@yahoo.com](mailto:gildhousev@yahoo.com).

**Sean Fallon '87** and wife Geri announce the birth of their second child, Grace Stephanie, on May 15, 2002. Sean is a corporate account manager with All Nippon Airways. The Fallons live in West Simsbury, CT. E-mail is [s.fallon@fly-ana.com](mailto:s.fallon@fly-ana.com).

**Tim Johnson '87** is the band director and Unified Arts Chairman at the JFK Middle School in Southington, CT. He and wife Joanne have two

children, Ben and Sam, and live at 861 Savage Street, Southington, CT 06489. E-mail is [timpjohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:timpjohnson@yahoo.com).

**Richard Vogel '87** is Executive Vice President with Synapse Group in Stamford, CT. He and wife Pam have two children, Alexis and Matthew, and live at 110 Davenport Farm Lane West, Stamford, CT 06903. E-mail is [rvogel@synapsemail.com](mailto:rvogel@synapsemail.com).

**Jim Vick '88** and family reside at 14 Quiet Woods Road, East Hampton, CT 06424. E-mail is [gratefuljim2000@yahoo.com](mailto:gratefuljim2000@yahoo.com).

**Matt Arciero '89** is a project manager for the Hartford Group. He and wife Susan have three children, Emily, Mike, and Chris. They live at 45 Stony Corners Circle, Avon, CT 06001. E-mail is [mvarciero@aol.com](mailto:mvarciero@aol.com).

**Michael Ryan '89** is co-founder and Vice President of Software Development for Four Seasons Software. Four Seasons just partnered with the largest bank in India. He is still playing with the Irish Band "The Reilly Clan." Go to [www.reillyclan.com](http://www.reillyclan.com) for scheduled appearances. E-mail is [michaelyanjr@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelyanjr@hotmail.com).

#### The 90s:

**Don White '91** is Associate Director with financial services firm Sandler O'Neill in New York City. His new address is 83 Phyfe, Fairfield, CT 06824. E-mail at

[dwite@sandleroneill.com](mailto:dwite@sandleroneill.com).

**Dan Hasset '92** is a sales executive with HireRight, Inc. He and wife Jennifer have just built a new home in Glastonbury. Their address is 205 Foote Road, South Glastonbury, CT 06033.

**Paul Welte '94** is an equity trader with the Platinum Trading Group and is engaged to Rebecca Schlosser. He lives at 34 Horton Street, Stamford, CT 06902. E-mail is [pwelte@optonline.net](mailto:pwelte@optonline.net).

**Jim Roach '99** has accepted a sales 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](mailto:jimroach1976@yahoo.com)

**Robert A. Phillips '99** is a regional sales rep with U.S. Environmental Corporation in East Hartford, CT. E-mail is [rap34\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:rap34_99@yahoo.com).

#### The 2000s:

**Jim Colpi '00** is an associate with Morgan Stanley. He resides at 151 Evelyn Street, Southport, CT 06896. E-mail is [james.colpi@morganstanley.com](mailto:james.colpi@morganstanley.com).

**Scott Lafferty '00** is the business director at C. Paul Luongo Company, Public Relations, in Boston. He also directs the Mt. Snow Free Style ski team at Mt. Snow, VT. [scott\\_lafferty@msn.com](mailto:scott_lafferty@msn.com).

## 2003 SIGEP OPEN REPORT:

### Soule Dons Green Jacket Again



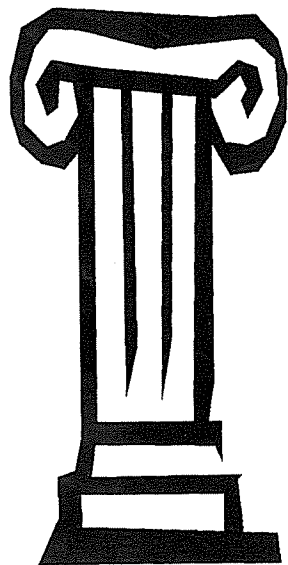
Scott Soule '87 bested a field of over 30 Connecticut Alpha brothers at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual SigEp Open held at the Laurel View Country Club in Hamden, Connecticut on July 26. Scott also won "closest-to-the-pin." Other Open highlights include:

Low Team: Paul Langella, Paul Summers, Tom Gould, and Ron Steele  
Long Drive: Tom Gould  
Man-Mile: Brian Gallagher, who drove up from Pennsylvania to tee off!

Special thanks for all those brothers providing "give-aways" and door prizes – and a very special thanks to **Paul Langella '87** for organizing the tournament this year.

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## ALUMNI COMMUNICATIONS EXPENSE REPORT

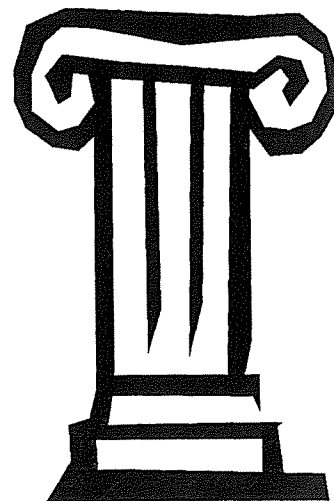


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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,219.36</b>



## VOLUNTARY ALUMNI DUES

In the Winter 2003 issue of the SPEACONN we made a plea for increased alumni dues support to make this publication a "breakeven endeavor" at minimum. We are happy to report an increase in the number of brothers contributing (31 versus 21 from the previous issue). Of this group, there are a number of "first time" contributors, and we welcome their support - which we hope will continue. In addition, we received two extremely generous dues contributions from Brothers Alex Miano '83 and Vern Gildhouse '87. Their extra support helped dues for this issue total \$1,880 and make the SPEACONN breakeven for the first time in its most recent history. We still need more brothers contributing, especially from the 1990s. This will make the SPEACONN not only breakeven but perhaps profitable enough to expand the number of pages that will likely be required to support our growing alumni base. Thanks to all of our generous contributors from the last issue listed below:

Charles Lorello '56  
Donald Scholl '56  
Jim Bugbee '57  
Paul Nappi '61  
Giles Packer '61  
Ted Johnson '62  
Richard Baranowski '66  
Walter Anderson, III '70  
Edward Lavelle '71  
Jerry Dallas '72

Daniel Steward '72  
Will Marvin '83  
Alex Miano '83  
Mike Antonini '84  
Ron Nault '84  
Brian Poirier '86  
Steve Farrell '87  
Vern Gildhouse '87  
Tim Johnson '87  
Jim Vick '88

Matt Arciero '89  
Adam Burke '89  
Michael Ryan '89  
Steve Saloom '89  
Dan Hassett '92  
Paul Welte '94  
Jim Roach '99  
Jim Colti '00  
Scott Lafferty '00

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## 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 Connecticut Alpha SigEp experience. Make checks payable to Sigma Phi Epsilon and earmark for Connecticut Alpha Endowment. Contributions can be sent to the SPEACONN Editor or directly to the Educational Foundation in Richmond, Virginia. Brothers contributing since our last issue are:

Alex Miano '83  
Tim Johnson '87  
Richard Vogel '87

Jim Vick '88  
Nathan Jacobson '97





# BLAST FROM THE SIGEP PAST SCRAPBOOK



**Initiation Banquet – April, 1984**

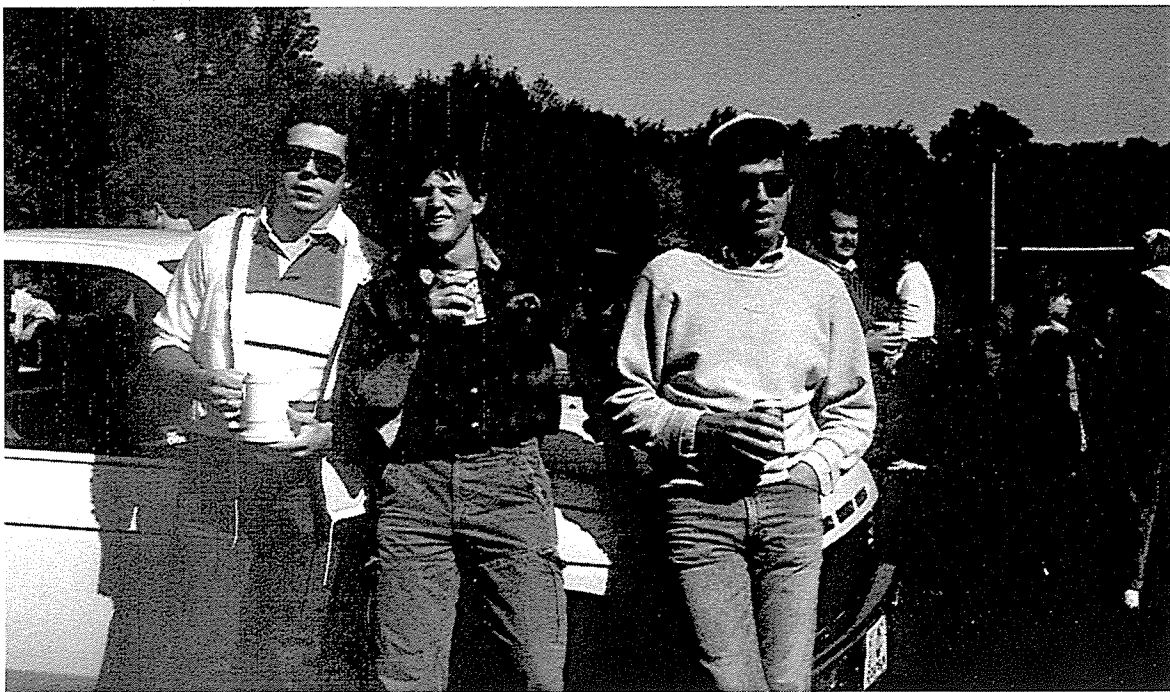


**Brothers Kurnik & Steele accept Buchanan Cup  
From Grand President Wally Doud**

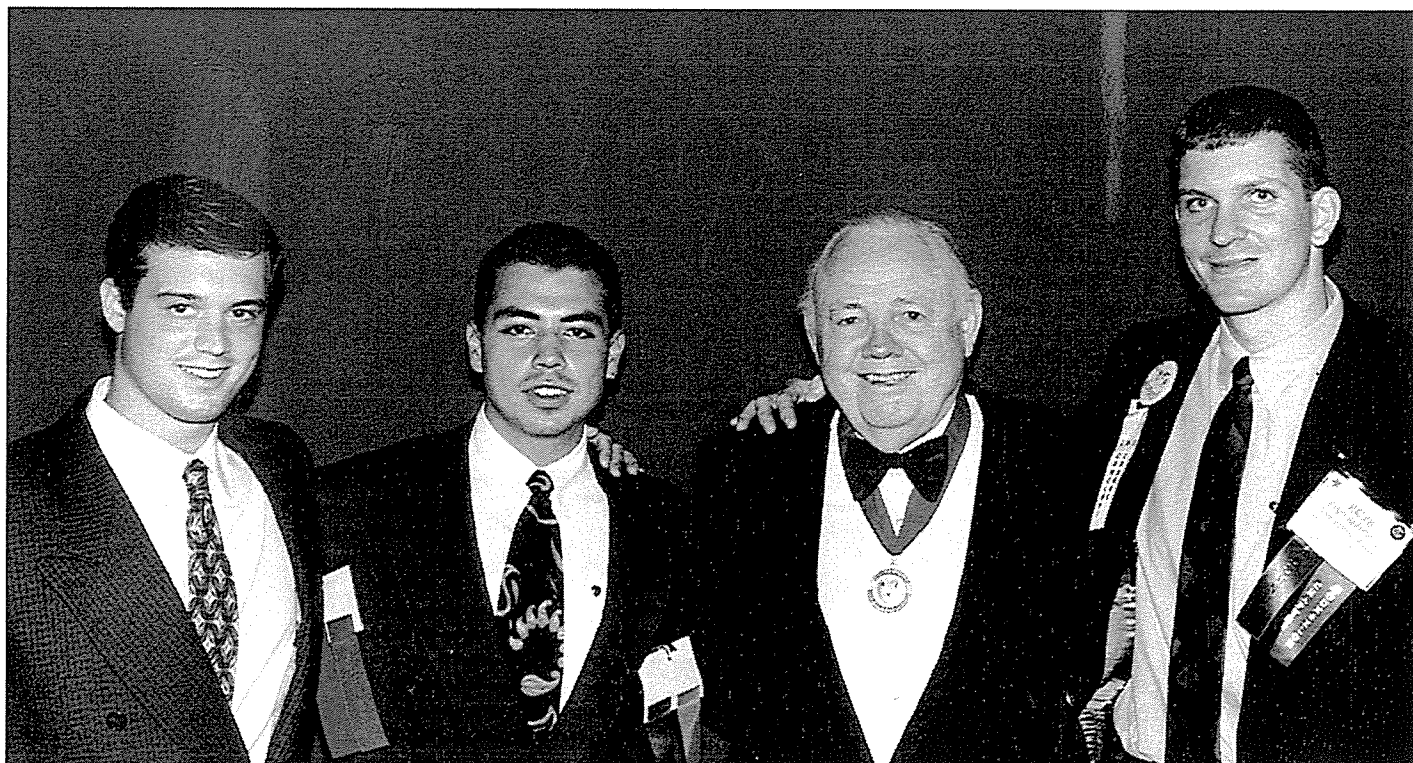




**Alumni & Wives at Grand Chapter Conclave, New Orleans, 1987**



**Brothers Marvin, Russek, and Musco;  
Yale-UCONN SigEp tailgate, 1988!**



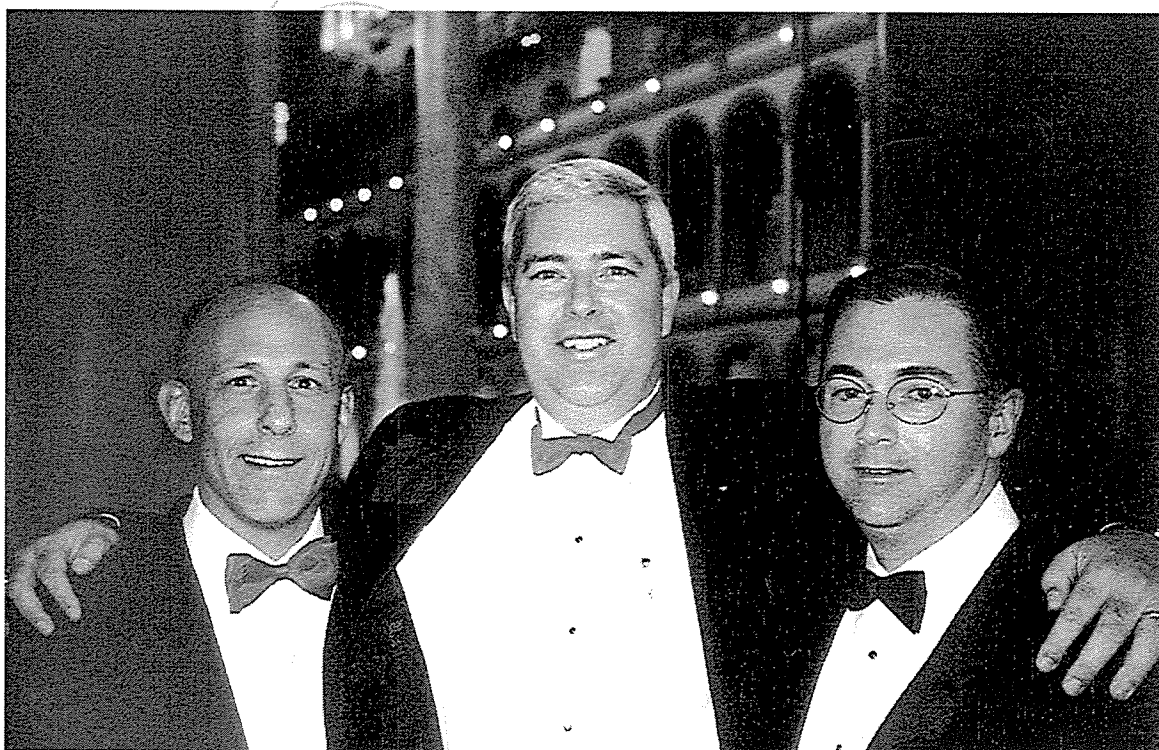
**Brother Hedenberg (far right) and undergraduates of Order of the Golden Hart, Curt Carlson at Grand Chapter Conclave, Dallas, 1993**



**Alumni Brothers from 1970s at Homecoming, 2001**



**Brother Musco, blurry but fascinated by Grand Chapter proceedings**



**Brothers Chaneles, Flynn, and Clune at Grand Chapter Conclave;  
Washington, DC, 2001**

# DID YOU KNOW? SIGEP FACTS & FIGURES

2.87 SigEp has the highest average GPA of any national fraternity.

5,811 SigEp recruited more men last year than any other national fraternity.

95% SigEp has the highest first-year retention of any national fraternity.

	Total Recruited	Total Members	Avg. Size	# of Chapters	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr. Retention
All Fraternity Avg.	1,664	4,972	38	109	74%
SigEp in 2002	6,811	13,907	54	257	95%

## SigEp's Four Year Trend

Year	Total Membership	SigEp National GPA
2002	13,907	2.87
2001	13,664	2.85
2000	13,373	2.83
1999	13,236	2.78

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