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## Flagship Fourth Of March Dinner Held At Lehigh

Over 80 Brothers, Sig Sisters, and guests attended the national Fourth of March dinner at the Hotel Bethlehem in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to celebrate the Society's 173rd birthday and pay special tribute to retiring National Chairman Cal Howard, S'54.

"The Standing and Advisory Committee voted to have the March Fourth dinner at Lehigh in support of that chapter and their efforts to recolonize," said Chairman Grey Perry, C'56. "We were delighted to have such a strong turnout of Lehigh alumni present, including new Alumni President Roger Mazzella, L'94. It is our hope that the local alumni organization will reorganize and gather strength so that we might once again have an active chapter at this fine school."

S&A Treasurer Bill Brennan, L'78, was organizer of the event and was recognized during the dinner for the excellent job he did. Other distinguished alumni present for the event were Charlie Bos-

well, G'47; Pat Brill, S'53; Hal Fittipaldi, L'66; Artie Appert, L'66; and Chet Eaton, V'30.

The venue was particularly appropriate for retiring Chairman Howard, whose life as a Sigma Phi Brother began at the Alpha of Pennsylvania. The first pledge class from the Virginia Chapter, formerly a local fraternity known as the Serpentine Club, was brought to Lehigh to be initiated in 1953. Forty-seven years later, Howard was at Lehigh once again, this time to hear the cheers and applause from his Brothers for his years of service to the Society, the past 31 years as National Chairman.

Speakers for the evening included Brennan; Derek Fredrickson, V'94, General Secretary; Roger Mazzella, L'94, Lehigh Alumni President; and Grey Perry, C'56, who reviewed Howard's career (see story on page three) and read several congratulatory messages. Perry presented Howard with a Steuben glass vase, inscribed as follows: "Dr. Calhoun L. H. Howard ...ΣΦ...With Deepest Appreciation for His Service and Leadership."

In his emotional response, Howard said, "Sigma Phi has always been my family. All chapters are the same to me, as are all my Brothers; I have loved them all for many years. It has been an honor to serve our Society." The room erupted in sustained cheers and applause and a standing ovation, which lasted for many minutes.



Art Appert, L'72, Hal Fittipaldi, L'66, his wife and Sig sister, Judy Fittipaldi, LSS'66, and John Eckmann, L'69.



Sigma Phi business meeting in progress.

## Sigs Celebrate Society's Founding Across The Country

ATLANTA, GA—Sigs of all ages gathered this year for the first ever Fourth of March celebration in Atlanta. Sig brothers from all over the Atlanta area met at the historic Park Tavern in midtown Atlanta. On this perfect Atlanta spring day, the Park Tavern was a fitting structure for Sigs to gather and mark the founding of the Society.

Several Virginia Sigs living within walking distance of the gathering place were able to make the trip. But despite this geographical advantage, Virginia only narrowly won the attendance prize, squeaking by attendance of the Lehigh Sigs. The Lehigh Sigs of the '60s and '70s shared tales of Fourth of March dinners past, their mother chapter at Bethlehem, and some particularly fond stories of their common mentor, Fritz Mueller, L'60.

Brothers from the Alpha of Michigan were distinguished by both the senior-most Sig in attendance along with the one who traveled the furthest. Ted Unger, M'43, enthralled a few young Atlanta Sigs with stories of the city's days as a small southern town. The other half of the Michigan contingent,

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Our Lehigh Sig brothers enjoying the night's festivities.

## Report of the General Secretary

### Technology Will Help Shape Sigma Phi's Future

**G**reetings, my Brothers. It is a great honor to provide to you my first report as General Secretary. It was a mere eight months ago when I received a phone call from Doug Gester, I'73, asking me about the position of General Secretary. At first, I thought his phone call was to inquire about Sigs willing to step in as our next General Secretary. I had no idea that Brother Gester had this Sig Brother in mind!

Since I was elected in the fall of 1999, many changes have taken place. As most of you are aware, we hired the Stewart Howe Alumni Service to serve as the administrative arm of Sigma Phi. With this new relationship, the Standing & Advisory Executive Committee will be freed from performing many basic and mundane tasks. We will be able to travel and get to more of the chapters each year. We will have the opportunity to talk with both the actives and alumni organizations and see what the national organization can do to help. I have been fortunate to visit four chapters and attend two national events since last October.

When we make these visits, we want to discuss our commitment to academic excellence in programs such as the Viele Scholarship, including the Pledge Pot program. We hope to expand to new colleges that would be suitable for serving as a chapter of Sigma Phi. Preparations are already in the works for our

175th anniversary in 2002. Finally, we hope to have a new and updated Sigma Phi catalogue ready for our Brothers to help celebrate in this joyous occasion.

I work in an industry (information technology) where I see firsthand the advantages that are achieved by using technology to help drive a business. I try to apply this same ideology in advancing Sigma Phi in this "information age" driven society. I am overly enthusiastic about the technological changes that have been embraced by Sigma Phi. Three years ago, I would have little idea that [www.sigmaphi.org](http://www.sigmaphi.org) would serve as such a great tool and resource for all of our Brothers. What better way of staying connected? E-mail and the World Wide Web have changed all of society. This technology is changing Sigma Phi. We are living in an era where information technology is streamlining the most basic tasks of our daily lives. Sigma Phi has been able to take advantage of this change by allowing Brothers to use the web site for a number of purposes. They include:

- Online address changes
- Online orders for badges and Sigma Phi merchandise
- Chapter events and news
- E-mail listings for over 650 Brothers

We are connecting Brothers who have been distant or missing from our



Derek Fredrickson, V'94

loyal band for numerous years. I get such a "Sigly" feeling when I attend a national event or a chapter initiation and hear from a long-traveled Sig: "I'm here because I saw the information about the event on the web site."

Brothers, we still have a long way to go. There are areas of this rapid change we want to take full advantage of. There are inherent risks in using this technology that we need to be aware of. We will take those into consideration. In the future, we hope to have a system of assigning each Brother a user ID and password for accessing a Brothers-only portion of the Sigma Phi web site. Information such as S&A meeting minutes, initiation dates, and other information will be available to Sigs only. We also hope to allow secure credit card transactions for Sigma Phi merchandise such as badges, shirts, pens, and chapter prints available online. However, I cannot do this alone. The more talented Brothers we have in assisting this effort, the faster we can realize the benefits of using this new technology. I implore any of you who have the skills and knowledge in this area to contact me. Sigma Phi could use your help in this endeavor!

Brothers, I am more than excited to be serving as your seventh General Secretary since the position was created in 1911. I have some big shoes to fill. Brothers such as Wink Mayer, L'10, Rollic Smith, F'51, and Mike Imirie, M'69, have paved the road for what a "great" General Secretary should be. I will do my best in serving all of you to the best of my ability and hope that Sigma Phi will continue to shine on our campuses throughout the country.

## Sigma Phi Educational Foundation Elects New Officers

**O**ver the Fourth of March gathering in Bethlehem, the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation held its semiannual meeting. Treasurer George Vitta, M'75, reported that for the fiscal year 1999, donations increased substantially. The new relationship with Stewart Howe has streamlined the gift-giving process and tracking of Brothers' donations to the Educational Foundation.

Election of new officers took place with long-time Epsilon Alumni Association member and former President Frank Mead, C'56, being elected President. An up-and-coming young Virginia Sig from New York City was elected as the new Treasurer, Emmanuel Tesone, S'96. Jim Jenkins, S'58, will continue to serve in the role of Vice President. The position of Secretary and Counsel to the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation are still open. Interested Brothers should contact Frank Mead, C'56 ([fmead@spauldslye.com](mailto:fmead@spauldslye.com)).

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General Secretary  
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## Cal Howard, S'54, Concludes Three-Plus Decades Of Active Service To Sigma Phi

*The following was taken from the speech given by Grey Perry, C'56, at the March Fourth dinner at Lehigh this year, which celebrated the Society's birthday and the life of retiring National Chairman Dr. Calhoun Howard, S'54. The entire speech included many aspects of Howard's life and career; these excerpts focus only on his Sigma Phi activities.*

...It was at the University of Virginia that Cal became a leader. An only child, for the first time in his life, he was surrounded by Brothers. Sigma Phi became his family.

The university had a huge effect on Cal. "Here was an entire community living up to a code of conduct where 'a university gentleman neither lies, cheats or steals,'" Cal said. "Unfortunately, life is not usually like this, but attending classes there, signing a pledge of honor at the end of every exam, was a real character builder." The lessons stayed with him his whole life.

The Serpentine Club was a local fraternity wishing to affiliate with a national organization. Cal was in the last pledge class (1953) of Serps who then became Brothers of Sigma Phi.

Upon his graduation in 1956, Cal joined the S&A committee as the Virginia delegate, and in 1958 he became the president of the Virginia alumni association, a position he held for the next 10 years. He attended national conventions every year until 1968, when he was elected National Chairman, in absentia. At age 34, 12 years out of college, with a wife whom he married when he was 20 and she was 19, with two daughters and a son, Cal was elected National Chairman. He never missed another convention after that.

Howard was the only Virginia Sig in the New York area, which was where the S&A committee met. He was the youngest member of the S&A and takes pride in the fact that today, many members of the S&A are younger and from all parts of the country, not just residents of New York City. As Chairman, he changed the frequency and locations of the meetings, added more players from different parts of the country, and saw the average age of delegates become younger. He also started meetings of the Alumni Corporation Presidents and included them in the S&A meetings.

Howard is particularly proud of getting the Viele Scholarship Trust under the control of the Society. Originally a California trust, the Viele might well have gone to other causes. After an 11-year effort, many meetings, calls and trips to California, Howard's perseverance paid off, and the trust was transferred to New York in 1977, a first for a California trust. The corpus of the \$2.7 million was put into the hands of the S&A to administer permanently for the Society. Since then, the trust has grown by \$1 million, and since 1978, over 600 scholarships have been awarded to 348 Sigs, for a total of over \$2 million in 22 years.

Howard's tenure has had its share of disappointments as well. Beginning in 1968, change reverberated throughout the



*Chairman Grey Perry, C'56 presents a glass vase to Chairman Emeritus Cal Howard, S'54.*

Society. Wink Mayer retired; some chapters closed and were later reopened; nationally, many fraternities permanently lost chapters; colleges went coeducational, sometimes creating hostility toward fraternities; student strikes and Vietnam protests were common; college administrations became hostile toward Greeks. It was a tumultuous period of almost 20 years of ups and downs.

Seeing the need for a stronger national organization that could step in and help local chapters in times of need, Howard helped establish with his good friend, the late David Brown, S'70, the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation in 1985.

The Howard's home on Martha's Vineyard has been the site of many Sigma Phi committee and annual Viele selection meetings. Sig Sister Dorothy Howard has been a full partner in Cal's Sigma Phi chairmanship and knows and cares about our Society as much as any Brother. In 1997, the Howards established a permanent residence in Jupiter, Florida, which has since become the Alpha of Jupiter, and site of winter meetings of the Alumni Corporation Presidents. The Howards summer on the Vineyard and will continue to host meetings there. No one can organize these meetings better than Cal and Dorothy....

And so it is that Cal Howard has guided our Society through the past 31 years with honor, integrity, enthusiasm, intelligence, and laughter. He stepped down as Chairman last October at the national convention at Union College and was immediately named to the Chairman's Council as a valued adviser. At the March Fourth S&A meeting, he was named Chairman Emeritus by acclamation. His influence will continue for many years. A very large majority of the 6,000 living Sigs have known no other Chairman. He has preserved what we all love so much. He has kept the faith. He has kept the flame burning brightly for us and for generations of Sigs yet unborn. We owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude, and, to paraphrase part of our beloved ritual, "so long as that pulse shall continue to beat, so shall our love for you continue firm and inviolate."



## 169th National Convention

**Delta of New York • Geneva, NY • October 13-15, 2000**

Come visit the beautiful upstate New York area at Hobart College for our annual convention. Preparations are in the works by Convention Coordinators Peter Harter, G'65, and Mark Geary, G'78. Event details will be available in the next Sigma Phi mailing as well as on the Sigma Phi web site, [www.sigmaphi.org](http://www.sigmaphi.org).

## Michigan Sigs Gather In Ann Arbor

**S**ome good things happened at 907 Lincoln on the weekend of March 13. All of them revolved around brotherhood, and all were instigated by a reunion involving the Michigan Sigs of 1947-1956. In an event that had been planned since the late fall, 10 members of that class and various wives/Sig Sisters made the return to Ann Arbor to see the Sigma Phi of today and compare it with the Society that they remembered from 50 years ago.

All were "Red House" Sigs, and—for many—a trip to the Sigma Phi Place at 907 Lincoln was a first. For some, it marked the first return to campus since graduation. It was terrific to see such a strong cadre of serious senior Sigs at the Sigma Phi Place. As they acquainted themselves with the Place, it was fun to watch them recognize such heirlooms as the grandfather's clock in the foyer, the crest in the library, and—of course—the Red House dining room table. It was even more fun to hear some of the inevitable, welcome Sig stories that reminded us all that some of life's better

things just don't change over time!

Our distinguished alumni visitors had arranged for a formal dinner to be catered on Friday evening at the Sigma Phi Place. Heavy hors d'oeuvres were served ahead of time in the library. In the dining room itself, the table looked splendid with cloth, candles, and wine in carafes. The meal was sumptuous, with a choice of prime rib, chicken cordon bleu, or seafood Newburg. (To make matters even more elegant, the meal was served by the Alpha's five pledges.) With Lew Towler, M'47, serving as head of table and toastmaster, the dinner proceeded in an orderly and engaging way.

A highlight of the dinner involved a universal roll call. All pledges, actives, Sig Sisters/wives, and—finally—alumni stood up and gave a brief introduction for themselves, all in turn by pledge class order. It was a real kick for those of us long removed from active chapter years to again cast ourselves in that days-of-yore role. What a nostalgic gas!

Decorum at Friday's dinner was ex-

cellent, which added to the occasion. The evening ended with a magic circle in the dining room. All participants—actives and alumni, men and women—locked arms in a large circle. The "Good Night" song has never been more heartfelt.

In the afternoon, the actives presented the alumni with a "State of the Union" summary of events and prospects at the Sigma Phi Place. Brother Leppelmeyer earned the "distance" merit badge, for traveling from his home near Atlanta, Georgia.

Having been an energetic, involved Sig for many of my 31 years, I can nonetheless tell you that I've never been to a Sig event in Ann Arbor more uplifting or enjoyable than this one. May Sigma Phi continue to inspire all of us in the way that she clearly inspires the classes of '47 through '56!

BSL,  
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## Sigs Celebrate Society's Founding Across The Country

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Gregor Jennings, M'85, made the 90-mile drive from Macon, Georgia, having read about the gathering on the ever-more-popular Sigma Phi web site ([www.sigmaphi.org](http://www.sigmaphi.org)).

As the evening concluded, only a few brothers and guests stayed on for a casual dinner, but all determined the event to be a success and a good sign of things to come from the Sigs of Atlanta. Look for further gatherings in the Atlanta area with the kickoff of the First Tuesday Dinner on June 6.

BSL,  
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BERKELEY, CA—Thirty Southern California Sigs convened at the world-famous Gamble House to celebrate the Society's founding. Having the Southern California March Fourth at a Greene and Greene house was as close as you could come to the Alpha of California's beloved Thorsen House in Berkeley. Thanks go to Gamble House Director Ted Bosley, I'73, for securing this illus-

trious venue.

After cocktails in the upper halls, the brothers, Cal bears, and wandering birds from other chapters repaired to the basement for food, song, and fond reminiscences. Rich Glenn, I'49, and Myrl Scott, I'49, both decked out in black tie, added to the occasion by announcing that this was their 50th anniversary as Sigs.

As the brothers mingled, one could feel the Sig magic in full force, with men of different generations, chapters, and hairstyles bonding as if from the same mold. In addition to the requisite mirth and hilarity, the brothers also discussed the possibility of founding a Southern California chapter and ways to help the Alpha of California revitalize itself.

After a long hiatus of the Sigs of Southern California, we all wondered why we don't do this more often, vowing to meet next March Fourth to keep the flames of friendship burning.

BSL,  
Ross Blaufarb, I'80  
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NEW YORK, NY—Over 60 brothers gathered at the Seventh Regiment Armory on the Upper East Side of Manhattan to celebrate the Fourth of March anniversary of Sigma Phi. The armory hosted our event for the second year in a row, and their hospitality and fine food served our New York City area Sigs well. Bob Coe, G'43, served as our master of ceremonies, with General Secretary Derek Fredrickson, V'94, filling the role of keynote speaker. A special tribute was paid to our retiring Chairman, Cal Howard, S'54, with chapter reports presented for all but three of our chapters.

This is becoming an increasingly popular event for New York City Sigs, with the Beta Brothers once again edging out Vermont and Cornell in the attendance category. Sig songs were sung, led by the spirited Vermont Sigs.

Having coordinated and organized this event for two years now—no easy task—I am very pleased to report that everyone seemed to have a fantastic time.

BSL,  
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*Alumni Presidents and S&A executive committee members meet in Florida.*

## Alumni Corporation Presidents Meet

Six Alumni Corporation Presidents met at the home of our former Chairman, Cal Howard, S'54, in Jupiter, Florida, over a weekend in January earlier this year. It was the second such meeting in recent years, combining the S&A executive committee and the Alumni Presidents in discussions of current conditions and issues facing all of our chapters.

James Favor, the Society's insurance adviser and nationally recognized specialist in fraternity and sorority insurance matters, was a special guest. Favor presented his annual report on risk management and our national insurance program, which included reviews of chapter inspections and loss control recommendations, a suggested chapter house lease, and other insurance programs common to all chapters. Favor distributed several brochures to each Alumni President that were aimed at reducing the costs of risk management and insurance programs. He concluded his presentation with an announcement of a \$12,000 premium rebate based on recent positive experience at all chapters, a program that could yield similar benefits for

two more years if the trend continues to be favorable.

A number of other subjects, including Stewart Howe Alumni Service, house contracts, chapter by-laws, the Viele Trust scholarship program, strengthening alumni organizations, and national reports were covered in the two-day meeting with presentations from each Alumni President. "It was a thorough airing of problems common to all chapters, with some solid suggestions and recommendations coming forth that will be useful to everyone," said Chairman Perry. "I hope we can have these meetings every year."

**ATTENDEES: Alumni Presidents**—Alvar Soosar, S'96; Frank Mead, C'56; Mark Williams, M'83; P.J. O'Connell, F'89; Lance Llewellen, V'64; Mark Geary, G'78. **S&A Executive Committee**—Grey Perry, C'56, Chairman; Marshall Solem, F'79, Vice Chairman; Derek Fredrickson, V'94, General Secretary; Bill Brennan, L'78, Treasurer; Peter Harter, G'65, General Counsel; Cal Howard, S'54, Chairman Emeritus.

## Monthly Sig Dinners To Be Offered In Eastern Metro Areas

About a year ago, Cecil Cullander, F'44, a longtime Sig of the Charlottesville area, came up with an idea: Why not start a monthly dinner or luncheon for Sigs in the Charlottesville area? Cecil had been inspired by the "Sigs of the Golden Gate," a monthly lunch for Sigs in the San Francisco Bay area.

The Charlottesville Sigs had some initial monthly gatherings, and a good time was had by all. What a great idea if different areas had their own monthly dinner. Over the last few months, Sigs in the Atlanta, Boston, New York City, and Washington, DC, areas have sparked an interest for monthly dinners. You can catch up with other area Sigs and meet some new Brothers from other chapters. We encourage you to contact the Sigs below, who will coordinate the dinners for Sig Brothers and their invited guests. We hope to have the kickoff dinner held on June 6, 2000, so mark your calendars now.

For more information:

**Boston:** Gant Redmond, S'85  
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**New York City:** Aaron Parekh, V'88  
(aparekh@gantrade.com)

**Atlanta:** David Ready, S'95  
(cdready@earthlink.net)

**Washington, DC:** Andre Hollis, S'89  
(AndreHollis@hotmail.com)

**Charlottesville** (Bizou, Downtown Mall, 7:00 p.m.): Cec Cullander, F'44  
(ccc3m@virginia.edu)

If you wish to start your own monthly Sig dinner for your area, send e-mail to Derek Fredrickson, V'94 (derek@fredrickson.com).

### *Casino, Anyone?*

*This fine group of Sigs and Sig Sisters turned out for the Alpha of Virginia's annual Casino Night on February 26, 2000. A longtime tradition for Virginia Sigs, held to celebrate the Alpha's founding at the University of Virginia, this event turned out to be one of the most widely attended Virginia Sig gatherings at the house in recent years.*



## Mercer Steps Down As Counsel

**G**eorge D. Mercer, M'68, accepted the appointment as Counsel to the Standing & Advisory Committee on December 21, 1985. In 1985, the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation had its first trustees' meeting, with George as its new Secretary and Counsel. At that time, S&A meetings were changed to twice a year, with more items of serious business being addressed. At the same time, the SPEF commenced a regular meeting and a spring executive committee meeting, which George graciously hosted.

Starting in 1987, undergraduate workshops were featured at conventions, and George began his series of undergraduate/alumni sessions on alcohol, drug abuse, and associated risks. As the SPEF grew, there were numerous road trips to help raise money. The national insurance program started in 1985, and in 1989 liability issues began, with serious accidents at a few chapters and lawsuits to follow. In 1991, the national Fourth of March banquets and S&A meetings began to move around the country, with George's Detroit being the first city to visit.

Throughout the past 16 years, George has always managed to handle supremely well the important legal issues that have been thrust upon him as our Society continues to exist in a more complex and hostile environment. But his legal skills—as impressive as they may be—are but one facet of what George has brought to the S&A, the SPEF, and all of our chapters. George has always given sound counsel in more ways than just the law. His perceptivity, common sense, and just plain goodness as a person have always shone through in our many deliberations. To adequately thank George for all that he has done for Sigma Phi is not possible—but as a start, a big “well done, my Brother, and BSL.”

Cal Howard, S'54  
Chairman Emeritus

## Sig Sisters Are Truly Special For This Union Sig

**I** was less than enthusiastic when, after 175 years as an all-male bastion of higher education, Union College began to admit women in 1970. Most other alumni were also not happy, but rather were resigned to coeducation at Union. It was, we were told, the wave of the future. No small private college could remain competitive by excluding half of the applicant pool. It would be the end of Union as we knew it, but would it be better...or worse? Only time would tell.

For those readers under the age of 50, please remember that single-sex institutions had a time-honored place in American education. Most of the earliest chapters of Sigma Phi were founded at all-male colleges. Never in my wildest dreams, however, did I think that I might someday have a daughter who would attend Union. But therein lies the tale!

I graduated from Union in 1969, attended medical school, and was married in 1977 (the year of the Sigma Phi Sesquicentennial) to my beautiful wife, Cara, USS'78. The Union Sigs, my dearest friends, and I held a memorable conclave on the evening preceding the wedding. As the minutes attest, the ritual extended into the wee hours of the morning. With my badge proudly and properly displayed, I entered into wedded bliss; Cara was initiated into sisterhood within months, at Homecoming 1978.

We have been blessed with two wonderful daughters, who have grown up knowing how much Union and Sigma Phi mean to their father. We visit Schenectady at least once, sometimes twice a year—for Homecoming and Reunion weekends. Most of our time is spent at the Sig place. Treasured photographs have been taken of us in front of the bust of Cromwell, next to the bust of Peissner, in front of the fireplace in the Duane Room. And of course, every year Daddy went to Union for initiation weekend.

When my daughters were younger, I



*Len Kagan, U'66.*

would sing them Sig songs as bedtime lullabies. They quickly learned the words to many of the songs. Pledges at Union were told that they had to learn the songs at least as well as my daughters knew them.

I can't remember when the idea first occurred to me, but there came a time when I realized that my daughters should one day become Sister Sigs. It seemed only natural and proper. Although I knew of no precedent, I discussed it with Peter Smith, U'67, and received his blessing. With Peter presiding (a man my daughters affectionately call “Uncle”), they were initiated at Homecoming 1966. Michelle was 16 years old. Erica was 13. Following the formal ceremony, at Cara's suggestion, each girl received a bouquet of red roses. The traditional Homecoming late afternoon cocktail party became a celebration. My dream had been realized.

The story came full circle one year later. After attending Homecoming 1977, and having the opportunity to speak with several of the Brothers about Union, Michelle decided to apply early-decision. Since then we have probably become Schenectady Holiday Inn's best customers.

When Michelle graduated from high school, she came home one day to find flowers waiting at our front door. The enclosed card said it all: ‘From your Sig Brothers.’ Those Sig Brothers are her friends; the Sig Place is a home away from home. And yes, I am certainly glad that Union chose to admit women.

BSL,  
Len Kagan, U'66

### Sigma Phi Jewelry Available

Our Society currently offers five different, equally appealing jewelry pieces for our Brothers: Sigma Phi badges (\$130), Sig Sister badges (\$90), pledge pins, monogram lapel pins, and tie tacks. Personal engraving and shipping is included in the cost. To submit an order, please visit the merchandise section of the Sigma Phi web site at [www.sigmaphi.org](http://www.sigmaphi.org) or contact Derek Fredrickson, V'94, at [derek@fredrickson.com](mailto:derek@fredrickson.com) or at 212/579-1769. Please allow two weeks for delivery.



## News Of Interest

**Tim Anderson, V'79** (tanderso@skychefs.com), writes, "I'm going on 13 years in Texas and am sorry to say it's been too long since I've been back to Burlington. I constantly want to come back for a Swing, but parental and work responsibilities get in the way. I am still married to Amy after 16 years and have two great kids, Lauren (12), and Neil (9). When not traveling or working like a fiend, I enjoy coaching the kids in basketball, baseball, and softball. I've been with an airline catering company, LSG Sky Chefs, for eight years, after 10 years in marketing and sales with IBM. I head up the international marketing group and have been heavily involved as we've grown six-fold since I've been here, mostly through acquisitions, joint ventures, and mergers. I do plan on returning to Burlington this June for my 20th reunion and hope to see many grads there."

**Tom Dreyer, S'72**, writes, "In the summer of 2000, I will transition from my role as captain in the Navy Civil Engineer Corps to the civilian world. My goal is to be a director of facilities at an institution of higher learning in the New England area. It would be great if it included a Sigma Phi chapter."

**Benjamin Cooper, G'86** (BenCooper@aol.com), writes, "I have a new job, sort of. I am working for the same facility, however I have been promoted to lead teacher. I finished my master of education degree last May and am currently contemplating going back to school (again!) for a psychology degree. Any wandering birds traveling through New Hampshire should look me up if they can—any Delta Sigs from my years especially!" Ben lives at 62 A North Spring St., Concord, NH 03301.

**David W. Centner, M'84** (davidcentner@lwr.com), and his wife, Sabina, are proud to report the birth of their second child, Benjamin William Centner, on October 29, 1999. "Although I didn't expect him to put on the 'freshman 10' until his first year at the University of Michigan, he practically achieved that status in his first four months of life! Proud dad continues to practice law with Law, Weathers & Richardson, P.C., a 132-year-old law firm located in Grand Rapids, Michigan."

**Quin Eddy, V'90** (qeddy@attglobal.net), writes, "Life is great! I got married this past summer to Soyeon Park and could not be happier. Pictures of our

growing family in Tokyo, Japan, can be viewed at <http://pws.prserv.net/eddyfamily>. 1999 is the year of change for me as I also started a new consulting company based in Tokyo that can be visited at [www.olaponline.com](http://www.olaponline.com). Business is booming as we combine datamining services with the latest Internet technologies. Several Sigs have also been seen in the land of the rising sun. Earlier this year Ross Bauer, V'92, came for a visit, and later Kamati Pinkston, V'90, spun his magic at a hot club in Tokyo. Aaron Parekh, V'88, swung through in September, and we had a good chance to catch up. If you are ever in Tokyo, please look us up." Quin can be found at 2-2-17-303 Hiroo, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150-0012, Japan.

**Todd Campau, M'88** (Todd.Campau@bus.utexas.edu), writes, "I've spent the past two years at the University of Texas at Austin studying for my MBA degree, which I'll receive on May 19, 2000. I've accepted a position as a strategy analyst in revenue management with American Airlines and will be relocating to Dallas after a summer of travel."

**Bart Schutte, C'79** (bart\_schutte@yahoo.co.uk), writes, "After 18 years with Andersen Consulting, I've left to become partner at The Capital Markets Company, a very exciting e-consulting and services company. And as a result of the job change, I will be moving my family back to France, but this time to Paris. We've had a great time in London and will miss it, but it'll be nice to be closer to my wife's family, and to our farm in Auvergne."

**Ed Schwan, U'55** (schwan@susqu.edu), writes, "My wife, Jeanette, and I directed the London Program of the Sigmund Weis School of Business at Susquehanna University from 1997-1999. My next trip is to China in May. How can I  
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## Wisconsin Sig Finds Brothers Galore "Down Under"

I've been lucky to have many Sig Brothers in the Land of the Long White Cloud, otherwise known as New Zealand. The first was Nils Apeland, F'94, from Norway and his wife, Catherine. During my last visit to Norway, I met Nils's son Richard. Could be the cutest baby ever. Ben Davis, F'94, spent two great weeks where we both shared numerous adventures around the country. Garrett Baumgardner, F'90, and his wife, Christy, were here later that same year. They spent most of their time agape over the trout fishing. Now they spend most of their time agape over their new twin girls.

Brent Fisher, F'93, and his gal Anne Richgels were visiting for almost two months during which time we traveled the country extensively and spent a very memorable day paragliding. Bjorn Frossevi, F'95, and his fiancée, Eva, just left from a great visit. Bjorn earned the distinction of being the only person who has been present for my 30th birthday, graduation from graduate school, and my 35th birthday. Jeff Craven, F'99, will be in New Zealand while I'm home in the U.S. during April, but Joel Moser, F'94, is due to arrive for a few days in May after some work in Australia.

My travels in the world have also taken me to Norway and Sweden to see Nils and Bjorn and to Denmark to see Mikkel Morup, F'93. Recently while in L.A., Mikkel, wife Marinne, and baby Peter had dinner with my family. I've kept in close touch with so many of my Sig Brothers by e-mail, phone, and visits that the bonds feel stronger than ever. If you get the hankering to see this great country, let me know, and I'll be glad to host you.

BSL,  
William Cohen, F'90  
W.Cohen@massey.ac.nz

*Bill Cohen, F'90,  
with Garrett  
Baumgardner,  
F'90, and his  
wife, Christy, at  
Craters of the  
Moon, Lake  
Taupo.*





## News Of Interest

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retire when I am seeing so much of the world?"

**Mark Singer, H'78** (masinger@library.msstate.edu), writes, "I have migrated from Shakespeare studies at the University of Buffalo to the deep South, where I am an instruction librarian at Mississippi State University libraries (<http://library.msstate.edu>). I help users conduct smarter-faster-better searches on a plethora of databases. I also design information architecture for digitization projects and web site interface taxonomies. Sigs traveling in the area are more than welcome to drop in and partake of Dixie's culinary, social, and recreational pleasures." Mark's address is P.O. Box 263, Mississippi State, MS 39762-0263.

**Phil Harmon, C'73** (philharmon@msn.com), writes, "After initially filing as a Republican candidate in the race to succeed retiring John Kasich in Congress, I have declared as an Independent. If elected, I would strive to continue Kasich's work on the House Budget Committee, where he fought to reduce government spending. The race promises to be one of the key battlegrounds in the war for control of the U.S. House. As an Independent, I would hope to have some influence over its outcome. Please feel free to visit our web site ([www.VoteHarmon.com](http://www.VoteHarmon.com)) and send us e-mail with your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas."

**Phillip Prather, V'87** (phillip.jeffrey.prather@medtronic.com), writes, "I have just returned from a seven-year stint in

Sydney, Australia, to work for Medtronic at the head office in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as senior marketing manager, heart valve division. I'm married to DeAnn, an Australian, who works as a senior consultant for Deloitte Consulting in the Twin Cities office. I'd be happy to talk to any Sigs interested in moving to the Twin Cities area (unemployment is the lowest in the nation at <1.5%), and Medtronic is a great company to work with."

**John Gunning, M'66**, writes that he recently returned from a fabulous two-week adventure in St. Petersburg, Russia. For details, write to him at 107 Greywood Place, Oak Ridge, TN 37830; (jegunnin@bechtel.com).

**Lars Nordin, S'88** (lars.nordin@capitalone.com), writes, "My wife, Anna-Maria (SSS'91), and I have moved to a new location in Richmond. Our two sons, Lars Halsing (3) and Hans Kristian (1), needed more room to play. I am currently the director for web communications at Capital One, and I am eagerly recruiting web experienced people to join the team. If you have any interest, please send me an e-mail. Lars is located at 11522 Ivy Home Terrace, Richmond, VA 23233.

**Narric Rome, V'91** (rome@usa.net), writes, "I've left Washington, DC, and now live in New York City and attend Columbia University, where I am working on my master's in public administration."

**Jeff Pagliaroli, C'89** (bh201@scn.org), writes, "Come visit! Seattle is still beautiful."

## Never Forget

*We regret to report the death of the following Brothers:*

Alger, IV, Russell A., M'48	02/18/2000
Anderson, Benjamin N., F'23	02/08/2000
Anderson, Roger V.P., F'25	12/15/1999
Angle, Rick, U'34	02/04/2000
Argo, William L., I'32	01/09/2000
Ballard, Edward G., W'34	01/11/2000
Bar, Jr., Henry C., W'41	01/11/2000
Beaverson, James, H'46	02/07/2000
Bither, Anson, M'31	12/27/1999
Blish, Jr., M. Rhodes, W'39	12/13/1999
Boyce, Charles R., V'79	01/04/2000
Bradbury, Walter L., I'33	12/13/1999
Bristol, Jr., William M., H'13	02/08/2000
Chase, Orville S., W'24	01/12/2000
Conger, Graham H., M'47	02/04/2000
Davis, F. Kelso, W'35	01/11/2000
Duley, Donald K, V'33	11/26/1999
Eaton, Allen O., V'28	03/06/2000
Gail, Maxwell, M'31	01/11/2000
Grey, Martin D., I'73	02/08/2000
Hapgood, Edward T., W'32	01/12/2000
Hitchcock, Arleigh, M'45	02/04/2000
Hooker, L. DeWest, C'37	01/03/2000
Howe, Douglas C., V'69	02/08/2000
Hunt, Thomas A., V'71	11/25/1999
Merrill, Sherburn W., W'06	01/12/2000
Olcott, Robert S., W'42	01/12/2000
Patch, David W., G'43	01/12/2000
Portman, Edward C., F'11	02/08/2000
Rixford, Oscar, V'43	03/22/2000
Rooney, James R., V'46	02/21/2000
Spurrer, William A., W'36	11/22/1999
Stone, Ralph, H'77	03/08/2000
Toomey, Lloyd, I'21	02/08/2000
Utter, Annice, V'39	12/13/1999
VanRensselaer, Hendrik B., I'28	02/08/2000

## Can You Help Us Locate These "Lost" Alumni?

H. Laurence Achilles, W'35  
 Steven C. Albers, S'60  
 Luis Anriasola, H'92  
 William C. Beal, U'55  
 George E. Beckett, F'42  
 Christopher P. Behan, H'81  
 Barry A. Benepe, W'47  
 Bruce S. Beresford, S'58  
 John Boehs Jr., L'90  
 David Brede, M'80  
 David Cadaret, S'91  
 John H. Chapin, H'26  
 Douglas E. Crater, H'77  
 James R. Crawford, H'81  
 Addison Ellerman, G'57  
 Jason T. Emmett, H'97  
 Arthur G. Flatto, L'79

Stephen Friess, S'85  
 Stephen Furrer, H'69  
 Edward G. Ganellan, M'79  
 Joshua K. Gardner, H'91  
 Alexis C. Graham, H'90  
 Donald A. Graham, F'60  
 Mark Greenfield, G'76  
 Jeffrey C. Grimord, M'64  
 Nicholas Harned, F'91  
 Leonard Jacob Jr., W'48  
 Weston Jenkins, G'35  
 Jason Knight, M'90  
 David C. Kyler, L'65  
 William J. Lawrence, M'56  
 David Lewis, H'79  
 Michael P. Logal, H'76  
 Scott T. Million, F'82

George Murphy, F'53  
 Norman C. Nagle, U'39  
 Richard Newby Jr., S'70  
 Michael W. Norton, W'59  
 Frederick H. Oxall, G'77  
 George W. Ross, W'59  
 Brian C. Shea, V'77  
 Mark T. Slaton, L'76  
 Peter A. Smalls, G'84  
 David Stein, U'90  
 Edward Strong III, U'78  
 Willis Tomlinson, M'35  
 David Townsend, H'94  
 James T. Webster, F'78  
 Stephen G. Whitney, H'66  
 Scott D. Zeitz, M'87

If you can provide any information on these brothers, please e-mail Derek Fredrickson, V'94, at [derek@fredrickson.com](mailto:derek@fredrickson.com).

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