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Huge Draw at Boston March Fourth Flagship Banquet

The St. Botolph Club on Commonwealth Avenue in Boston was the stylish location for the National March Fourth Banquet, attended by over 60 Sigs and their guests. The highlight of the evening was the awarding of the first David S. Brown Award for Distinguished Service to Sigma Phi to Brother Ted Bosley, I'73. Chairman Emeritus Calhoun Howard, S'54, made the presentation.

Earlier in the day, the Standing and

Advisory Committee met for many hours hammering out the language of the proposed by-law changes, which will be put up for vote at the National Convention in Wisconsin in September. "This was an arduous but positive meeting, with broad participation and plenty of thought applied to how the Society should govern itself in the future," said Chairman Grey Perry, C'56. "We made great progress, everyone was well-prepared, and I expect swift pas-

sage at the annual Convention because the entire committee has endorsed the proposed changes in our by-laws," he said.

Bill Brennan, L'78, officially stepped down as Treasurer of the S&A Committee after he presented his final financial reports. "Bill has served the Society so well in his 11 years of service," Perry said to clicks all around. "I expect we will continue to benefit from his broad experience as he continues to serve on the Chairman's Council."

Alvar Soosaar, S'96, who is also Alumni President of the Virginia chapter, will replace Brennan. One of Brennan's reports indicated alumni giving to the Society and to the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation equaled the cost of Stewart Howe Alumni Service for the first year of their contract. General Secretary Derek Fredrickson, V'94, reported that annual giving for 2001 was off to a very good start.

Perry also recognized Gant Redmond, S'85, "who did such an outstanding job of organizing this banquet." Clicks all around for Gant and also for the entire Virginia contingent, including five pledges, which led all chapters in attendance.

Ted Bosley, I'73, is First David S. Brown Service Award Recipient



Ted Bosley, I'73.

In a sometimes amusing and emotional speech, Chairman Emeritus Calhoun Howard, S'54, presented the first David S. Brown Award for Distinguished Service to Sigma Phi to Ted Bosley, I'73, at the March Fourth Banquet held in Boston, Massachusetts.

"David Shipman Brown, S'70, was a very close friend and one of the funniest people I have known. He died last year of cancer at the age of 48," Howard began. "Under a façade of a Brooks Brothers eastern preppie, with disdain for others, David was a deeply caring, soft-hearted guy. Few knew that he ran a large volunteer organization in New York City to house and feed countless homeless young people, mainly minorities, headquartered at the Seventh Regiment Armory where, above the soup

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Gant Redmond, S'85.

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kitchen and cots where his kids ate and slept, many a March Fourth Banquet was held.

"He cared with a passion for Sigma Phi, but never wanted any part of the lime-light," said Howard, who reviewed Brown's contributions to the Society. "As an undergraduate, David was Secretary of the Virginia House, and later Secretary of the Alumni Association. He was on the S&A Committee for over 20 years. It was his idea to create the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation, to which he gave generously to establish a corpus, and also did the legal work to establish the tax-exempt Foundation. He was the Foundation's second President. David also came up with the idea of a pledge pot as part of the Viele Scholarship so that freshmen who had not yet had a chance to actively contribute to the Society could still benefit by membership in it.

"David's last idea was to recognize Sigs who have given outstanding, sustained, and identifiable service to Sigma Phi, both at their local chapter alumni organization and for all chapters as a participant as an officer of the National organization, the S&A Committee," Howard said. Last spring the Executive Committee decided to name this award the David S. Brown Award for Distinguished Service to Sigma Phi, and named the first recipient, Ted Bosley, I'73.

David and Ted served together for many years on the S&A Committee. Ted personifies service to Sigma Phi. He was an undergraduate leader, Swing Chairman, and head of house. For years, he has served on the Alpha of California Alumni organization, in particular raising funds for the chapter, including the current campaign to upgrade the house. Last year, he organized the first March Fourth Banquet in 20 years in Los Angeles.

"Soon after receiving an MBA from UCLA, Ted joined the S&A Committee and served throughout the '80s," Howard said. "In 1984 he was appointed Director of Academic Affairs and became the second Chairman of the Viele Scholarship Committee, and served in that capacity for 13 years. In 1992, Ted was elected Vice Chairman of the S&A Committee at the National Convention and served in that capacity until 1997. Increasing demands of a young growing family, raising \$5 million for the Gamble House, where he is Director, and writing a book on architecture meant that Ted had to take a sabbatical from Sigma Phi. He has many more years to contribute to his fraternity. Sigma Phi is proud to

have a Sig we can all look to as a model of a fine husband, father, scholar, and Sig brother."

"Be There for Sigma Phi" *(Excerpts of Ted Bosley's speech)*

"Thank you, Cal, and thank you everyone for this honor. I am both pleased and humbled," said Bosley. "I first met David Brown, S'70, at an S&A meeting at the University Club in New York City. Doug Gester, I'73, had invited me to attend. I'll never forget the Sig whose back was to me as I came into the room. There he was, smoking a cigar, the only person smoking a cigar in the days before their later popularity. He wheeled around and barked, "Get yourself a drink and sit down! And who are you anyway?" Not an auspicious beginning.

"But on a brighter note, I also met Cal Howard, S'54, Don Twiss, S'60, and some others," Bosley continued. "And I began to think it was going to be okay to be in New York City so far from home. Sigma Phi was there for me, in Manhattan.

"I soon came to realize that Sigma Phi meant more to David than just about anything, and as a result, I grew to respect him as a brother, and eventually, love him as a true friend. He was a complicated person, but this part was simple: He loved Sigma Phi, and he was there for Sigma Phi. When I went to visit Dave in his apartment the night of the March Fourth banquet in New York two years ago, he told me to say hello to the guys for him. He had wanted to be there himself, but he was in the final stages of a rampant cancer that took him shortly after that. Dave got me to thinking about Sigma Phi and how it has always been there for me. Sigma Phi has touched nearly every phase of my life since college. I am in touch with not one person that I went to high school with; I am in touch with nearly everyone I have known from Sigma Phi.

"The point is, that for me Sigma Phi will always be the institution worth putting in the extra time for, worth being there for. There are future generations of young men in college who will never know David Brown, but they might get to know each of the Brothers they meet. But you have to be there for them. If you are there for them, they will be there for you. Be there, for Sigma Phi. Thank you.

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S&A Committee Endorses "Satellite" March Fourth Banquets

At the National March Fourth Banquet in Boston, it was decided by the S&A Committee to endorse the numerous regional March Fourth gatherings across the country. Over the years, these events have grown in popularity as Brothers expressed a desire to attend a March Fourth event closer to their host chapter, or the city in which they live. For example, the last two years we have seen the Union, Hamilton, Hobart, Virginia, and California chapters host their own March Fourth Banquet around the same time as the National banquet. Cities such as Portland, New York, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Richmond also had their own such gatherings. S&A Committee members are forced to choose which event to attend, the chapter/regional banquet or the National banquet—often a difficult choice. Starting in 2002, the S&A Committee will support the various March Fourth gatherings and attend which event they choose. The Executive Committee can visit the various chapters or regional locations hosting these events.

"Our by-laws call for two meetings of the S&A Committee each year," said Chairman Perry. "We will conduct one meeting at the Presidents' Meeting in Florida early in the year, since several Alumni Presidents are also S&A representatives. We expect some cost savings to result from this as well. Our second meeting will continue to be held in the fall at our annual National Convention," he said.

A Note About Giving...

With this *Flame* you'll find a contribution envelope enclosed even if you've already paid your Sigma Phi dues for the 2001 year. Please note that we do not want anyone who has paid dues for the current year to send dues again until we launch a new giving year in January 2002. However, we do wish to remind you about a couple of gift options that are available.

Gifts to the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation (SPEF) are tax deductible and may qualify for corporate matching. See SPEF President Frank Mead's (C'56) article on page seven for more information.

Gifts to the Society in excess of the specified dues amounts are held in the Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF), which is available to chapters as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Standing & Advisory Committee and the Trustees of the fund.

Brennan Steps Down as Treasurer

Exactly 11 years ago at a March Fourth banquet, Bill Brennan, L'78, was asked to give then-treasurer Marty Gardner, L'75, help in reviewing the books of Sigma Phi. Soon, company transfers took Gardner and his successor, Doug Gester, I'73, out of the country, and Brennan was named Treasurer of the S&A Committee. He was named a Viele Trustee in 1998 and has also served on the Viele Selection Committee. In 1999, Brennan organized a successful March Fourth Banquet in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Brennan was a business and economics student at Lehigh, majoring in accounting. He served in a small accounting firm and then Peat, Marwick, passed his CPA exams, and in 1987 went to Bear Stearns in New York City, where he is currently a section controller.

"When I went to Bear Stearns, I did not have any Sigma Phi connection. I met David Brown, S'70, after I got there," said Brennan. Brennan is a deep legacy at Sigma Phi, with older brothers Jim Brennan, U'71, and Chris Brennan, L'79, both of whom

attended his initiation. "There have been some big changes since I joined the National organization in 1990," said Brennan. "The general liability insurance premiums were only \$15,000 then. Today, that number is up to \$58,000 plus property coverage. Our Permanent Endowment Fund of \$225,000 was transferred to a money manager and has grown four times its size since then. It is the principal funding for the Society."

Brennan lives in New York City with wife Laurie and daughter Jennifer, age three. "My daughter is becoming a larger commitment every day. It is difficult trying to work on the computer or do other Sig stuff at home when I want to spend more time with the family," said Brennan.

Soosar Assumes New Responsibility

Alvar Soosar, S'96, was announced as Brennan's replacement as Treasurer at the recent S&A Committee meeting in Boston. Soosar was the undergraduate in charge



Bill Brennan, L'78 (right), and Alvar Soosar, S'96 (left).

of the 1997 National Convention at Virginia and became President of the Virginia Alumni Association in 1998. At Virginia, he majored in foreign affairs and French and also took a number of business and accounting courses. He manages to go back to Estonia, where his parents are from, at least once a year. Soosar is currently in Boston, and there is a certain lovely, young blonde molecular biologist at Yale whom he is seeing and who, to everyone's delight, he brought to the March Fourth banquet.

Alumni Presidents Meet in Jupiter

Every active chapter was represented at this year's annual Alumni Corporation Presidents' meeting, held at the home of Cal Howard, S'54, in Jupiter, Florida, over the weekend of February 3rd. In addition, the Executive Committee of the Standing & Advisory Committee plus the President of the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation were present.

Featured speaker for the group was Dan Mansoor, C'76, principal at Good-Works Group, consultants on charitable giving to corporations and wealthy individuals. Brother Mansoor was formerly with Cornell University and Brandeis University, as vice president of development, and still consults with both institutions.

"I invited Dan to meet with our Alumni Presidents in an effort to see if I could stimulate some of them into starting gift programs for their chapters, and to give everyone a heads up on what to expect from some new Sigma Phi Educational Foundation programs upcoming this year," said Chairman Grey Perry, C'56. "It is one

of my goals this year, and in anticipation of the Society's 175th anniversary coming up next year, to build our endowments at the local and national levels."

Mansoor gave a comprehensive analysis of the need for major gifts, behaviors that encourage giving, steps that lead donors to consider regular, annual gifts, special gifts and ultimate, once-in-a-lifetime gifts.

The steps to making a gift involve awareness, understanding the need, caring and interest, involvement and ultimately, the commitment, Mansoor said. At this point, Mansoor elaborated on the mechanics of a successful campaign, identification of prospects, background initiatives, and specific individual actions that must take place for a successful fund drive.

"None of this makes any sense if there



Frank Mead, C'56 (left), and Dan Mansoor, C'76 (right).

isn't a passionate, demonstrated commitment to make this a volunteer and personal priority for the Brothers," Mansoor said.

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170th National Convention

Alpha of Wisconsin • Madison, Wisconsin • September 28-30, 2001

Our Wisconsin Brothers will be the hosts for our National Convention next fall. Preparations are being worked on for this fantastic event. For up-to-date information, visit the Wisconsin chapter Web site at www.alphaofwisconsin.org or contact Greg Eisenmenger, F'98, at gdeisenm@students.wisc.edu.

Forty Years Later, Two Delta Sigs Rediscover Sigma Phi

In my role as General Secretary, I come across a story every so often that relates to the Brothers who happen to attend a National event such as Convention or a Flagship March Fourth Banquet. Such was the occasion when I met two Delta Sigs at the Boston March Fourth Banquet in Boston. Here is their amazing story.

—Derek Fredrickson, V'94

You are indeed correct that this is the first Sigma Phi event I have attended since I graduated from Hobart in 1960! My friend and Sig Brother, Tom Hamilton, G'59, signed on for the March Fourth Banquet the day before the event at my behest. As to how I came to attend, two things. (1) Somehow my e-mail address found its way into the Sigma Phi records (perhaps because I have continued to pay my dues annually for over 40 years!). As a result I am up to date on the goings on in the Boston area. (2) I felt I would not be too out of place (age wise) at a March Fourth Banquet, and this

one was to be in Boston; how appropriate. The rest is history.

I did indeed have a wonderful time at the banquet, as did my friend Tom. Everyone there was most friendly and extremely welcoming. Little seems to have changed in 40 years.

Although I did not marry the wonderful gal I made a Sig Sister, we remain

good friends, and she too lives in the Boston area. If and when there is another Sig event that is appropriate for me to attend, I will invite her. I think she would find it fun.

BSL,
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Ernie Greppin, G'57, and Tom Hamilton, G'59, at the March Fourth Banquet in Boston.



Alpha of Vermont is Greek House of the Year for 2000-'01

Greetings from the Alpha of Vermont! With great pride I report that despite the fact that the University of Vermont is suffering from substantial administrative woes, the men of 420 College Street continue to prosper. In fact, the Singing Sigs are flourishing. At a time when accusations of decreasing student involvement and a lack of student leadership are regular topics of conversation on campus, Sig involvement is at its highest in recent history and continues to grow. Brothers are actively involved in a plethora of activities, including holding top leadership positions on campus.

The 22 active Brothers and four pledges are well represented in all aspects of student life. We have Brothers on the varsity crew, cycling, lacrosse, and sailing teams.

Vermont Sigs are not limited to athletics; we also have solid representation in the arena of intellectual competition. Currently, five men are on the debate team, including Vilasa N. Campbell, a pledge, ranked the third best novice in the nation. Two brothers, Ryan D. Barr, V'98, and Michael C. Phippen, V'98, were recently inducted into the Order of Omega, a National Greek Honor Society. Mike is also Vice President on the Fraternity Managers Association Board of Trustees, as well as being in the Senior Honors Program. In addition to this, two Brothers are involved with the campus newspaper. We pride ourselves on being involved in a variety of organizations across campus, representing the Sigma Phi as gentlemen in all endeavors.

Sanjeev P. Yadav, a sophomore pledge

from Shelburne, Vermont, was recently named Student Trustee on the University's Board of Trustees. This is arguably the most influential and prestigious position held by a student leader at UVM. Furthermore, I was elected as President of the University's Inter-Fraternity Council, representing the Greek community as a whole. In addition, the brothers have fostered the development of a long-term relationship with the King Street Youth Center, a local charitable organization in Burlington. This consists of activities ranging from tutoring children, to cooking for and feeding those in need on a weekly basis.

Given these accomplishments, the Brothers realize the importance of student leadership and continue to strive for excellence through involvement. We are looking forward to the return of Brothers studying abroad this semester in Argentina, Australia, and Spain. Lastly, the Brotherhood is once again excited to have a full house in the fall and is looking forward to swinging our four pledges into the ranks of the Thrice Illustrious.

As the sun sets over Lake Champlain and the snow melts in the Green Mountains, it is with my warmest love for the Sigma Phi that I report the actives at the Alpha of Vermont continue to keep the flame burning brightly.



The active Brothers of the Alpha of Vermont gather with Vermont alumni at the March Fourth Banquet in Boston.

Yours In The Bonds,
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At Union, "U2K" Threatens Ownership of Chapter Houses

When the 1999 pledge class was swung on May 15, 1999, it was a glorious day for all of us, and probably one of the best days of our lives. We were carefree and ready to enjoy the benefits of brotherhood in Sigma Phi. We had known about the current administration's negative sentiment toward fraternities at Union College, but did not realize the gravity of the situation we were in. In February of 2000, the college's U2K committee released a preliminary report which stated, among other things: "The College must rectify a system of unequal privilege in housing and access to social space and do whatever is necessary to make room for the growth of social initiatives."

We were obviously not happy with this recommendation, as it was aimed at removing us from our home of 95 years. The final report, published in May of 2000, recommended removing all Greeks from their current housing and instituting a house system similar to the current system at Bowdoin College.

Soon after this recommendation, we sent out a letter to all our Sigma Phi alumni encouraging them to write letters to the committee, President Hull, and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. We received an outpouring of letters from our Brothers over the next couple months which far exceeded the number of letters from other alumni that the college received.

In October, the Union College Board of Trustees was presented with the "U2K" proposal and created a subcommittee to discuss the proposal and make a recommendation to the rest of the Trustees at the March 2nd meeting. This subcommittee ended up recommending the proposal, as the only other option in their mind was to totally abolish the Greek system.

This was a hard decision to digest on March 3rd as we were preparing to celebrate our 174th anniversary. It was then



Jim Jenkins, S'58 (far right), mingles with the current pledge class at the Alpha of Virginia during the March Fourth Banquet in Boston.

Union Sigs Forced to Move Out of Sig Home in 2004

It was a sad day for our Society on Saturday, March 3rd. This is the day when the Union College Board of Trustees voted their "U2K" proposal into existence. The 2003-'04 academic year will be the last year that Sigma Phi Brothers can occupy their beloved home at 1 Library Lane. The quote that follows is from the Chairman of the Union Board of Trustees. "Greek social organizations may continue to remain selective, single-sex, and residential, and they may continue to engage in pledging. The College will enforce a zero tolerance policy for hazing. The campus buildings currently occupied

by Chi Psi, Psi Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Phi and the building to be occupied by Alpha Delta Phi will become part of the House System. Current occupants will be relocated to other housing on campus."

However, plans are already in the works in finding a new Sig home for our Union Brothers. Talks around a new "Pepperbox" being built are being considered. For all the latest information and developments about this story, visit the Alpha of New York homepage at <http://www.vu.union.edu/~sigmaphi/> or contact David Loeb, U'99 (loebd@union.edu).

known that the 2003-'04 academic year would be the last year we could occupy our home at 1 Library Lane. Immediately following that decision our Alumni Corporation had a meeting with all our actives during which we continued our planning for the future and had lengthy discussions on our current situation.

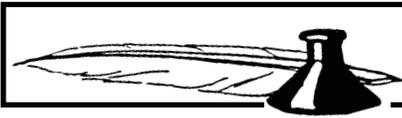
The active Brothers of the Alpha of New York would like to give special

thanks to Len Kagan, U'66, Peter Smith, U'67, Adam Hoffman, U'86, and James Daly, U'78, for the time and dedication they have spent trying to improve our situation and plan for the future. As it says in the Catalogue, "God bless the Sigma Phi, and long live the Alpha."

David Loeb, U'99 (loebd@union.edu)

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. Orders can be submitted via the Web site at www.sigmaphi.org or by e-mail at sigmaphi@sigmaphi.org. Credit cards and checks accepted.



News Of Interest

Long since retired from the practice of medicine, WILLIAM J. BROWN, C'36, resides at 216 Winding River Rd., Wellesley, MA 02482. In addition to playing tennis twice a week during winter "and a dwindling golf game in summer," Bill keeps busy tutoring the reading disabled. "My advice, if you want it," writes Bill, "is to stay busy and try to help someone." E-mail reaches him at (jaybrown216@media one.net).

Physician and professor RALPH C. WILLIAMS JR., C'48, lives in Santa Fe but works at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and at the Los Alamos Medical Center. He writes, "One of the new projects we've just begun in Los Alamos is to devise a method of beaming all of the lawyers up to the red planet in exchange for gold and platinum in what is called positive ion cash flow. The Martians have sent us word that if this scientific approach is successful, we may not have any more trouble with elections in Florida. Besides consulting on this positive ion cash flow project, I also find time to paint watercolors and oils. Some are good." Write to Ralph at 624 E. Alameda, Unit 13, Santa Fe, NM 87501 (cools-pa@dellnet.com).

S. HAVEN RICH, F'67, is an airplane mechanic and appliance technician, whose primary job is maintaining the airworthiness of three towplanes and six gliders for Soar Hollister/Hollister Gliding Club/BayArea GliderRides.com. Wandering birds who want to learn to soar can contact Haven at 299 Spencer St., Monterey, CA 93940.

ERICK J. LAINE, F'52, wrote in December that he was about to relinquish his position as CEO of Alcas Corporation to the company's president, but that he would continue as chairman—"a fairly active one"—for at least three years. Erick joined the company in 1977 as president, and in 1982 he and several of his officers made a leveraged buyout of Alcas from Alcoa, which had owned it as a subsidiary since its founding in 1949. Alcas is the manufacturer and marketer of Cutco Cutlery and now stands as the largest manufacturer of kitchen knives in the U.S. Erick and his wife, Marianne, look forward to doing a bit of traveling and to spending more time with their four children and six grandchildren. Their address is 215 N. Third St., Olean, NY 14760 (elaine@cutco.com).

Eleven-plus years after leaving the military, JACK TABER, G'66, was "blessed" with a layoff from the dotcom world, and as Sigs gathered in Geneva in October, Jack head-

ed west to Berkeley on a "long-delayed 1967-vintage road trip." He spent 15 days on the road, racked up nearly 8,000 miles, and saw Husker Stadium, Golden Gate Park and Bridge, Redwood National Forest, Yellowstone, Little Big Horn, and many points in between. When he got back east, he found a job with Bae Systems waiting for him. Send your regards to Jack at toad hall47@aol.com or at 56 Buckridge Dr., Amherst, NH 03031.

T. C. ESSELSTYN, G'31, is the co-author of *Homicide in Fact and Fiction* (Wyndham Hall Press, 2000) and professor emeritus of sociology at San Jose State University. He lives at 200 Glenwood Circle, Apt. B6, Monterey, CA 93940.

An editor for *Kiplinger*, JEAN GRUSS, H'86, is pleased to announce the birth of a son, Samuel Gruss, on April 16, 2000. Jean can be reached at jgruss@aol.com or at 261 Glen Ave., SW, Vienna, VA 22180.

Described by his local paper as "a wee bit like an Irish leprechaun," attorney MARK M. O'BRIEN, F'63, is known around Monrovia, California (where he's been practicing law for the last several years) for hosting celebrations of the anniversary of the deaths of Wild Bill Hickock, Tom Dooley, and other such notables. He makes his home at 265 Euclid Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803, and receives e-mail at waveperson mark@netscape.net.

Realtor RICH PAWSON, F'77, writes that Lake Tahoe, with its evergreens, bald eagles, bear, snow geese, trout, salmon, golf, gaming, nightlife, and skiing, is a great place to sell real estate. "Please visit me and NICK THOMAS, F'77, who soars his new glider, or TOM HORVATH, F'76, who skis Squaw Valley." Our address for Rich is P.O. Box 13734, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151 (richpawson@aol.com).

Retired since 1987 from Lockheed Missiles & Space Company, TOM P. SHAW, F'45, continues to make his home at 18920 Cyril Place, Saratoga, CA 95070. "As Saratoga is right in Silicon Valley, adjacent to San Jose, Cupertino, Campbell, and Los Gatos, the population is overflowing the housing, freeways, thoroughfares—but as a retiree, I go my way mostly between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or after 7:00 p.m." He's in reasonably good health, enjoys gardening, and still roots for the Niners, Stanford, and the Giants.

PAUL DOODY, L'83, and his family have moved from Paris back to Geneva,

where he continues to work for Reuters. Their new address is 3 Impasse de Mon-Idee, 1226 Thonex, Geneva, SWITZERLAND (paul.doody@reuters.com). Paul's other piece of news is the addition to his family of a second daughter, Kaily, who was born on February 8, 2000.

During the 1930s, the practice at the Alpha of Pennsylvania was for upperclassmen to encourage the younger members in their scholastic effort and deportment. F. H. McGUIGAN, L'34, remembers how he was assisted by then-roommate FITZ HARDCASTLE, L'33 (who passed away last summer): "To my parents' delight, Fitz, as well as all of the other upperclass members, improved my situation materially." Brother McGuigan can be reached at 2014 Rutger St., Saint Louis, MO 63104.

MIGUEL S. NOVEY, M'93, writes to us from San Francisco to tell us how strongly connected he still feels to his brothers and to the Society. He recently served as best man for FAUSTO GORTAIRE, M'94, and as a groomsman for MICHAEL DOUGHERTY, M'93; he attended the wedding of BENJAMIN EWY, M'92, where he saw many brothers; he attended the solo concert of ENZO GARCIA, M'92, in San Francisco "and was blown away by his musical talent"; and he recently reconnected with CHRIS O'CONNELL, M'94, who comes from his hometown of Chicago and recently moved to San Francisco, where Miguel works. "We are meant to keep in touch," writes Miguel, "and most of us do, even with [little] effort. The Sigma Phi connection is like a magnet that makes this possible. In most friendships a lot of effort has to be made to keep it strong, but our Sigma Phi bond works in ways beyond our understanding." Send e-mail to Miguel at iprovidesol@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to STEPHEN VAN METER, M'80, on his engagement to Susan Bielaus; the big day is planned for May 19. After the wedding they will continue to live in DC at 2727 29th St. NW, #216, Washington, DC 20008. "Paling in comparison, but still significant," Stephen received a promotion at work and is now the assistant director of the Community and Consumer Law Division at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the bank regulatory arm of the Treasury Department. Stephen writes, "My work focuses on consumer financial privacy, abusive lending practices, lending discrimination, and general community/economic development work in lower-income areas." His e-mail address is stephen.vanmeter@occ.treas.gov.

Teresa and KARL GIGANTE, M'86, have returned to Brazil for another three-year assignment and, when Karl wrote in December, were looking forward to the birth of their second child. He writes, "We
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Report of the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation

The mission of the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation (SPEF) is to create a permanent source of capital so that funds will be available to promote scholastic excellence, intellectual and cultural development, and to cultivate good citizenship and social responsibility among members of all our chapters.

Although the 2000 year-end giving totals for the Foundation improved considerably from 1999, we still have a long way to go to make the Foundation what its founders envisioned 15 years ago. As of the close of the market on December 31, 2000, the value of the Foundation corpus was \$300,152 (up from \$276,717 as of December 31, 1999). We received 186 gifts (up from 137 in 1999) with a value of \$24,292; this compares favorably with gifts totaling \$13,556 in the same period for 1999. The highest number of gifts for last year was from Wisconsin Sigs with 31 donors (\$4,545) followed by Vermont Sigs (23), Cornell (20), and Michigan (20). All SPEF gifts are tax deductible and are acknowledged by Stewart Howe.

In addition to providing financial assis-

tance to Sig undergraduates for leadership and training seminars/workshops at the national conventions, a number of educational program endowments have been suggested; several we are considering for funding are:

- **Sigma Phi Teaching Awards** – Graduating seniors of the Chapter nominate a high school teacher or guidance counselor who is invited by the President of the Alumni Association for an expense-paid trip to the campus where these honored teachers are thanked for their contribution to the success of the students, meet faculty from similar fields, tour the campus, and are honored at a dinner.
- **Grant Making Project** – The actives are given funds annually to allocate to worthwhile nonprofit organizations in the immediate community. Charitable funds raised by the actives (through event fundraising or personal giving) are matched by "the Fund" on a multiple basis to some limit, which involves the actives in the

growing trend for philanthropic endeavors. A committee of actives sets guidelines, issues requests for proposals, and organizes charitable and volunteer house events/activities.

- **Young Alumni Sabbatical** – Many young alumni leave their employ to return to graduate school or switch jobs. For those who show early signs of leadership and a passion for a particular field or subject, the Foundation will provide living expenses and a stipend to pursue this passion – whether it is writing, composing, architecture, volunteering, research, or community service.

We would enjoy hearing from you about these new ideas for program endowments or any others you may wish to suggest; we also hope you will consider making a significant gift to the Foundation this Spring, which will allow us to launch one of these new program endowments next Fall.

Frank Mead, C'56
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enjoyed the time we spent in England, but it's nice to be back in a tropical climate." Their new address is Rua Marcondesia, 610, Casa 4, Sao Paulo, BRAZIL (kgigante@ford.com).

BRIAN DUNBAR, M'77, is the director of the Colorado State University Institute for the Built Environment, which researches and teaches about environmentally sustainable design and construction. When not busy visiting major league ballparks (18 of the 30 to date), Brian and Karen and their two boys can be found at 1607 W. Mulberry, Fort Collins, CO 80521. E-mail reaches Brian at dunbar@cahs.colostate.edu.

In 1999 GODFREY M. LONG JR., S'61, finished building a new home at 7755 Annesdale Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45243, and a year later he got remarried in Bermuda. His three sons are all married, and his second son, Brent, has two children of his own—a boy, Brian (3), and a girl, Erin (2). The families get together a couple of times a year, and every March they try to make it to Aspen, Colorado, for spring skiing. Godfrey writes that he's happy and looking forward to reconnecting with his Sig brothers: "It's been a busy 40 years in between."

DAVID L. DALLAS JR., S'79, reports that he, Susan Lee (10), and Rebecca (8) have moved from Richmond to Charlottesville, Virginia (58 Canterbury Rd., 22903), where Dave is managing partner of the new Charlottesville office of his law firm. Drop him a line at ddallas@wmcd.com.

After having published many books since 1972, HENRY WHEELWRIGHT, S'61, has actually written one: *Rules of Civility for the 21st Century from Cub and Boy Scouts Across America* (Stone Wall Press). "Scouts are obviously a primary market," writes Henry, "but I am also trying to 'place' it in schools." Interested school teachers or administrators are encouraged to contact him at Box 91, The Plains, VA 20198.

When he wrote in December, VAN SHANKLIN, U'48, was planning to wed Mary Vosburgh Kelley in March. A retiree since 1991, Van spends his time hunting, fishing, woodworking, and traveling. Write to him at 1 Marilyn Dr., Scotia, NY 12302 or at marvan1@aol.com.

After getting his M.A. in history from Temple in May 1999, ALEX DOUVILLE, U'95, relocated to South Boston. He's been in contact with many of his brothers in the

city and is always interested in meeting brothers in the area from other chapters. Look him up at 204 "L" St., Apt. #3, Boston, MA 02127 (alex_douville@manulife-venture.com).

Creative director of the Tracey Edwards Company, Inc., JOSH WEINSTEIN, U'89, lives at 275 Ash Swamp Rd., Newmarket, NH 03857, with his fiancée, Toni Traversa. "We've got a few acres, a pond, and four chickens we've affectionately named after four of my Union brethren—'Mad Dog,' 'Goon,' 'The Little Flower,' and 'Rury.' Our door is always open to wandering birds!" E-mail reaches Josh at josh@traceyedwards.com.

ALLEN K. MILLER, U'64, returned to Union and Sigma Phi for Homecoming last October and "was absolutely amazed at the warmth and camaraderie of the current brothers at the Alpha. The hard work of LEN KAGAN, U'66, and PETER SMITH, U'67, on behalf of the chapter was inspiring. This was my first trip back in over 25 years, and now I would like to make it an annual trek from Florida." A physics teacher, Allen can be reached at bigal091@cs.com or at 520 Murex Dr., Naples, FL 34102.

Robin and BARRY ROSENBERG, U'80, and their two children, Jack (3) and Jenn (21 months), have moved from their long-time residence in Manhattan to Laurel Hollow, a suburb on the North Shore of Long
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Island. Their new address is 1282 Ridge Rd., Laurel Hollow, NY 11791. For the last seven years Barry has been CEO of Econoco Corporation, a manufacturer of store fixtures and display products for retail stores. His e-mail address is br@econoco.com.

EDWARD L. STRONG III, U'78, has been living in Sydney, Australia, for the past six years, during which time he met his wife, Kate, originally from Melbourne. "We hope to sample life stateside in 2002," writes Ned, "but in the meantime are thoroughly enjoying life 'down under.'" Ned's work involves advising, and investing in, early-stage technology companies that can grow and compete globally. This evolved from Ned's success cofounding Australia's largest contract manufacturing business, which was sold to Solectron Corporation last year. Write to Ned at 7/17 Wyagdon St., Neutral Bay, NSW 2089, AUSTRALIA (nstrong@ozemail.com.au).

Fifteen years ago, BOB COLLINS, V'64, and his wife, Lynn, left Vermont and moved to the Maine coast, where they still can be found at 1 Caly Hollow, Kennebunk, ME 04043. They have two daughters, Lisa (Oberlin 1996) and Rebecca (Middlebury 1998). After 10 years of running his own management consulting firm, Bob recently went to work for a fiber-optic networking startup. Lynn is self-employed in the arts and crafts business. Bob would love to hear from long-lost Sig friends at bcollins@lightchip.com.

Investment banker ROBERT W. KER III, V'79, announces the birth of his third child, Robert IV, on July 10, 2000. The Kers have moved to London, where "Rab" is an investment banker with Credit Suisse. Send e-mail to robert.ker@csfb.com and "snail mail" to 41 Montpelier Square, Knightsbridge, London SW7 1JZ, ENGLAND.

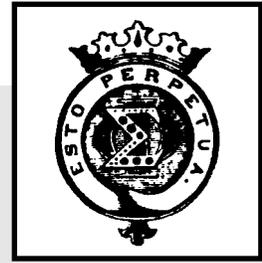
"The ancients among Vermont grads are cheered by the renewed involvement of a younger group in managing the affairs of the Alpha," pens STEPHEN G. MOORE, V'41 (2922 Greenbush Rd., Charlotte, VT 05445). "They include WALLY GATES V'50, AL BYINGTON V'59, SCOTT McCRAE V'862, PETE COLEMAN V'63, BART EATON V'63, LANCE LLEWELLEN V'64, and DAVE CRANE V'65." Steve adds that the "Sigs of the '40s and Before" reunion at the Alpha of Vermont last October was heavily attended and very successful.

After graduating, SCOTT A. TOMASI, V'83, moved to San Diego, California, where he lived for 10-plus years while working as an operations manager for Roadway Package System and a service manager for Cintas Uniform. In June 1998 he married U.S. Navy Lieutenant Maria Teresa (Tess) Tan, an RN at the Yokosuka Naval Hospital in Japan. When Tess's tour is done later this year, Scott hopes to move back to San Diego with Tess, daughter Lauren (2), and step-daughter Kimberly (14). Until then, he can be reached at s3japan@bigfoot.com or at PSC 473, Box 98, FPO AP 96349.

Elaine and H. SCOTT JOHNSON, V'60, will move in July to Hood River, Oregon (1201 Cascade St., 97031), where they've spent the last four summers. "Located on the mighty Columbia River, it is a beautiful location, with Mount Hood at 11,000 feet on one side and Mount Adams in Washington to the north one hour away. We invite Sig brothers to write to us, as we have a couple of spare bedrooms for guests."

After 49 years with one law firm, ROBERT D. TAISEY, V'48, relocated August 1, 2000, to the New York office of Holland & Knight, LLP, one of the top five national firms in overall size. "Quite a transition for an aging Sig," writes Robert, "but a very exciting one." His address is 30 W. 60th St., Apt. 2V, New York, NY 10023 (rtaisey@hklaw.com).

THOMAS R. MUNDIE, V'52, and his wife, Katie, sold their sailboat and bought a 34-foot Tollycraft, in which they plan to motor from North Carolina to Lake Cham-



Never Forget

We regret to report the death of the following Brothers:

Robert Bradford Paddock, H'39	5/10/99
Thayer Hopkins, W'36	
Edward B. Lloyd, W'39	1990
Peter B. Goodfellow, W'47	11/01/00
Alexander I. MacKenzie, W'54	10/21/00
John H. Lytle Jr., G'30	9/17/00
Jean W. Reeves, G'31	
Edward P. Holden III, G'38	
Henry Mackay Shaw Jr., G'41	
8/4/00 Horace S. Fuller, V'27	1/10/01
Howard A. Allen Jr. (Bud), V'36	12/6/00
William Salmon, V'41	2/6/00
Lloyd Heneveld, M'47	11/24/00
Richard A. Stockton, L'31	12/14/00
Carl S. Hauptli, L'68	
Walter R. Rollo, C'20	October '94
Alan H. Barrows, C'32	9/22/00
Charles B. Soule, C'38	12/17/00
William Swabel, I'35	1/21/01
Howard "Bud" Graves Jr., I'48	10/24/00

plain this summer. Mail reaches them at 506 Shinnecock Court, New Bern, NC 28562 (tmundie@always-online.com).

"I finally did it," writes SAMUEL J. ORR III, V'82. "I got married on my 37th birthday (August 2000). And my wife, Kristin, and I are expecting our first child in late June 2001." Sam adds that it was wonderful to "blow the froth off some cold ones" with so many brothers at our Swing and tunk in April 2000. Those who were there know what a special and memorable weekend that was. We are all so fortunate to be part of what Sigma Phi stands for: friendship, love, and truth." Write to Sam at samorr@mediaone.net or at 98 Washington St., Marblehead, MA 01945.

Although he enjoyed "every minute of almost 40 years in management consulting," PHILIP HENDERSON, W'55, is looking forward to the traveling and other pleasures that retirement will offer. Send him your regards at 504 Cambridge Lane, Lake Bluff, IL 60044.

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