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Don't Worry, It's Going To Be All Right

Speech delivered by David Loeb, U'99, on March 2, 2002, at the Alpha of New York 175th Anniversary Banquet, The Desmond Hotel, Albany, N.Y.

It has been about three years since I was introduced to Sigma Phi. Although it has not been the most pleasant three years Sigma Phi has seen at Union College, I wouldn't trade a minute of it, as I believe Sigma Phi is more than just a social organization that exists for the benefit of its active members.

There are an infinite amount of roles that Sigma Phi can play in one's life. I was once told during pledging, "You get out of Sigma Phi what you put into it." Although this has a different meaning for all Sigs, I would like to take this opportunity on the eve of our 175th year of existence to briefly express what it means to me.

There are three times during my stay at Union College when the role of Sigma Phi has stood out in my life.

When I came to Union College as a freshman, I was fortunate enough to have four grandparents that I was very close to. Halfway through that year I lost my grandfather. It was the first time I had to deal with the death of a person close to me. Just at that time, I inquired about Sigma Phi and all it had to offer. Although it is healthy to mourn the loss of a loved one, I also believe that it is important move on and focus on new and better aspects of life. Sigma Phi did that for me.

A year later when I was a sophomore, I was having academic troubles and was unsure about my future at Union College. After one of my final exams, I was sitting in my room obviously upset, and Rich Schaeffer, U'97, walked in to inquire what was wrong. At one point he said to me, "Don't worry, everything is going to be all right."

These words have special meaning to me, as those words would always come from my grandfather every time something was wrong in his life. My grandfather made every problem in his life seem so insignificant as he was a Holocaust survivor. At that moment, Sigma Phi did that for me.

Sigma Phi helped me recently when I was forced to ask two of my pledge brothers

to rush me to the hospital due to my lung collapsing. I was stuck in the hospital for a week and had to have surgery for the first time in my life. While stuck in the hospital, it was the Brothers of Sigma Phi who called and helped me forget about where I was and the troubles I faced. Although it is somewhat comforting to have your parents

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A Sig Brother Like No Other!

It was a sad day for the Alpha of Vermont and the entire Sigma Phi Society on March 6, 2002. Brother Chester Barstow Eaton, V'30 passed away, nearly 72 years after he was initiated in the Sigma Phi House in Burlington, Vt.



Chet Eaton, V'30, speaking at the National Convention at the Delta of New York, October 2000.

It was a blistery cold Vermont day in the city of Rutland, where Sigs gathered from far and near for the funeral services of Brother Eaton. Sigs from Union, Virginia, and Vermont were present (including the entire 25-member active chapter from the Alpha of Vermont).

I made the trip on Sunday morning from New York City to Rutland with a few other Vermont Sigs, passing countless stories of times spent with Chet. We spoke of our nights spent at his home in Rutland as pledges, with memorable dinner outings to the famous Sardis

restaurant in Rutland. Road trips to various national events where Chet would tell ageless stories of his day as an active Brother in the Thrice Illustrious.

Chet served so many roles to all of us as Sigs. Brother, father, friend, mentor. He had a natural talent of serving the role of an ideal Sig Brother to talk to when we needed it most. He was a Sig Brother above and beyond all others. A Sig whom we all looked to for guidance, support and a timeless perspective on Sigma Phi. For that, we are eternally grateful to Brother Chet!

Never Forget the Brother.

"Without the inspiration and friendships of young men in Sigma Phi through all my long life, I would have been a different person than the one characterized as a humanist at one time. Youth have been both inspiration and challengers to me." —Chet Eaton. ■

NYC Sigs Gather for 175th

In early January, I was shooting the breeze with Don Twiss, S'60, about Sigma Phi. As some of you know, Don is a longtime stalwart of the New York-area Sigs, having served on the Standing and Advisory Committee on behalf of the Virginia chapter in New York City for a number of years. His concern in what was once a strong alumni presence in New York City is more ephemeral these days, and as is often the case with him, Don jumped with both feet into his self-assigned task — to jumpstart the New York 4th of March Banquet!

Since I happened to be the one to whom he was talking at the time, I was drafted (albeit very willingly) into the cause as well. We brainstormed on a lot of different aspects of such an endeavor, including when and where to hold the banquet, who to have as a guest speaker, who to have as the toastmaster, and perhaps most crucially: how to contact NY area Sigs.

It turned out that contacting area Brothers would be the simplest, if the most time-consuming of our tasks. The question of when became rather simple to answer once I received an invitation to attend the Alpha of New York's celebrations in Albany — it most definitely could not be the first weekend of March. Then, realizing that most of our draw would come from Manhattan, we felt that a Friday would be best, as Brothers could easily postpone their plans to go home to the suburbs or out for drinks and stop in to break bread.

Location was determined quickly: the 7th Regiment Armory at the corner of Park Ave. and 67th Street. Don is a regular there, as is our own Major General John E. Connelly III, S'54, who makes it his domain. Besides, for many years — with notable changes in favor of the New York Yacht Club in the late 1970s and 1980s — the Armory was THE place to hold the 4th of March Banquet.

We agreed that the speaker had to be someone who would draw a crowd, and while we considered various Sigs prominent in business and politics, the choice was clear: it had to be Michael J. Imirie, M'69, General Secretary of the S&A Committee from 1982–99. Besides, we felt that we all needed a good dose of FLT on this 175th anniversary celebration, and aside from all of his other attributes, Mike embodies FLT as much as any Sig out there.

Toastmaster's duties are always a difficult one for anyone, especially at a Sig event. Brendan McCurdy, H'80, known far and wide (at least among the Betas) as one with the gift for gab, glib and good cheer, was the obvious choice.

So, you may ask, how did it go? Well, a great time was had by all.



From left, Michael J. Imirie, M'69, Derek Fredrickson, V'94, Dan Neumann, F'71, and David Messler, U'93, at the 4th of March Dinner in New York City.

Plenty of the nectar known only to Sigma Phi flowed from the bar, whetting our appetites for what turned out to be a great meal prepared by the Mess at the Armory. Brendan regaled us all with good stories, and more interestingly in the tradition of the Beta, with good poetry. Mike's speech (excerpts in this publication) brought just the right tone to the evening, and put everyone in an even better mood. We presented Mike with a framed 1897 lithograph of the Sigma Phi Badge as thanks for making it to the banquet and speaking to us on this momentous occasion.

As for awards for attendance, the Hobart chapter's alumni turned out seemingly en masse, with a solid contingent of 13 Brothers. They were followed closely by both Lehigh and Vermont with 10 Brothers apiece. Overall, 55 attendees participated, with every extant chapter but Williams represented. The distance award went to Patrick Brill, S'53, who came up from Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

My personal thrill came in meeting Marty Gardner, L'75, who preceded my predecessor Bill Brennan, L'78, (also in attendance) as treasurer of the S&A Committee. HIS predecessor, Doug Gester, I'73, was also there, making it four current or former S&A treasurers in the room.

Please stay tuned to future New York 4th of March banquets here at the Armory, and we hope that for one or many you can attend! ■

Yours In the Bonds,
Alvar Soosaar, S'96

Nominating Committee

The three-year terms of the four officers of the Standing and Advisory Committee expire at this year's convention in Vermont. Those currently serving are Grey Perry, C'56, chairman; Marshall Solem, F'79, vice chairman; Derek Fredrickson, V'94, secretary; and Alvar Soosaar, S' 96, acting treasurer, appointed by the chairman to serve the remainder of the term of Bill Brennan, L'78, who resigned as treasurer. These four officers are the only ones elected at Convention. All others such as counsel, assistant counsel, director of academic affairs, and historian are appointed by the chairman.

In addition to the four officers, we are always seeking volunteers to serve in appointed positions.

The nominating committee seeks graduate Sigma Phi volunteers for these positions. Minimum time commitment is three weeknds per year for meetings, plus about 20 hours per month to fulfill the

duties of the offices and associated staff work. Travel to chapters is also involved. The treasurer must have a strong accounting/financial background, all must be computer literate, highly motivated, and goal oriented. Undergraduate and graduate accomplishments in Sigma Phi at the local alumni organization and national levels are important considerations. There is no compensation. Appropriate travel expenses will be reimbursed.

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, or know of someone who is, please contact the chairman of the committee, Cal Howard, S'54, at clhhoward@earthlink.net. The nominating committee's recommendations for a slate, as well as all nominations received, will be presented at the convention. Any graduate brother present at the convention may stand for election to any of the four offices, without notice to the nominating committee.

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S&A Treasurer Alvar Soosaar, S'96, (far right) with active chapter members from the Alpha of New York and Alpha of Vermont at the 4th of March Dinner in Albany, N.Y.

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sitting there staring at you all day, I looked forward to the phone ringing and hearing the voice of a Sig saying, "Don't worry, everything is going to be all right."

My description of what Sigma Phi means to me would be incomplete without clarifying what Sigma Phi IS. Sigma Phi did not help me through these tough times, but the Brothers of Sigma Phi helped me. It is the friendships and bonds that we form with our pledge brothers, fellow actives and alumni that embody Sigma Phi.

It is not Sigma Phi that makes a difference in people's lives, but the friendship, love and truth that Sigma Phi encompasses. Sigma Phi is a stable entity in every Brother's life, not because every Brother plays an active role in her day-to-day operations, but because she doesn't mind being dormant, ever ready to awake when she is needed by that Brother.

Sigma Phi is not — and shouldn't be — the most important thing in a Brother's life. But she will always be there when she is needed. And it is our job to make sure that she continues to play that role for an infinite amount of future Members of our 175-year-old Society. ■

Berkeley Celebrates March 4, 2002

Fifty California Sigs gathered at 2307 Piedmont Ave. on Saturday, March 2, 2002, to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Sigma Phi Society, in the 90th year of the Alpha of California. Amid the tempting aromas drifting in from the kitchen and the roasting pit in the backyard on a glorious spring afternoon, the assembled brethren enjoyed cocktail hour of good drinks and good conversation. After a brief general membership meeting, the Brothers gathered about the glittering tables in the Living Room. Continuing the progress of recent years, equipment rental expenses were instead put toward equipping the actives with tableware, and this year's event furnished them with their own set of table linens for use at future March 4th events, Swing banquets and exchanges. The usual toasts and songs accompanied the feasting, after which the gathering, augmented by several late arrivals, moved downstairs for a packed conclave. The celebration continued into the early hours of Sunday.

Thanks on behalf of all the Brothers go out to John Vollmar, I'82; Kevin Weins, I'93; Tim Altman, I'95; Dave Elias, I'92; Dan Eisenberg, I'98; as well as the members of the active chapter for all their hard work in planning, cooking and setup, and to Kevin Weins, I'93, and Matt Cline, I'80, for the fine selection of vintages on the banquet tables. Once again a good time was had by all. ■

David Munroe I'86

Keeping the Faith of the Founders

Remarks To New York City March Fourth Banquet, by Michael J. Imirie, M'69, March 9, 2002

There's a saying that our Burlington Brothers use to acknowledge their return to the Sigma Phi Place in Vermont. Returning Sigs, old or new, preface their conclave or Tunk remarks by saying, "This Brother Is Glad to Be Here." As I stand before you tonight, it's easy for me to follow Vermont's lead and confess... "This Brother Is Glad to Be Here."

My earliest days on the Standing & Advisory Committee were spent here in New York. The very first S&A meeting I attended as General Secretary took place in March 1983, when the committee met in the old Chemist's Club on 41st (between Madison and Park), and that year's banquet was right here at the Armory. While that trip wasn't my first to Manhattan, it was a terrific inspiration. I learned firsthand about the remarkable capacity of Checker Cabs, late-night burgers at P.J. Clark's, the unique, fitting ambience of this dusty old Armory, and the kind of earnest deliberations in which the S&A engages. In those fledgling leadership days, my head swam with dozens of things new to this midwesterner. But there was a thread that held together all of those introductory exposures and experiences. One thing made it possible for me to face my learning curve with at least some composure!

That something was a bedrock feeling of belonging within Sigma Phi. No matter how new and inexperienced I might have been in any specific moment, my commitment to the Thrice Illustrious would see me through — even when my fledgling expertise failed me.

When I think about this year's remarkable Society milestone, I don't know whether to be more impressed that our organization has functioned in three different centuries or, instead, that the Sig experience remains so fundamentally similar — and so fundamentally rewarding — 175 years later.

While there's no arguing that 175 years is a long, long time, I couldn't help but feel that the antonyms describe our Society better than the synonyms do! The organization may have its roots in 19th-century "antiquity," but the lives and attitudes of



General Secretary Emeritus Michael J. Imirie, M'69, speaks to 55 Sigs and guests at the Armory dinner celebrating 175 years of Sigma Phi.

its active members are characterized by freshness. While history confirms that Sigma Phi — a member of the Union Triad — is a senior men's fraternity, our anniversary celebration proves that the Society has taken its proud place in modern times. While many of our most enthusiastic members are elders, some of the Society's best contributions are attributable to the vigor of youth. Did you know, for example, that the Sig badge was designed by a member of the very first Schenectady pledge class — Charles N. Rowley, U'1827? What a visionary contribution from such a young man!

In my tenure as General Secretary, this same perception — this same enriching Sig truth — became even clearer. As Secretary, I met hundreds of actives and alumni from all 11 chapters.

Examples? There was the late Chet Eaton, V'30, whose deep and emotional feelings for Sigma Phi encouraged and shaped my own. I fondly remember Bruce Douglass, F'35, a gifted and successful doctor at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. I met Bruce when he served as toastmaster for the Convention Banquet in Madison in 1993. He was eloquent, enthusiastic and polished, and I was surprised to learn that

his remarkable feelings for Sigma Phi were matched by a deep, pained remorse that his medical career had taken him so far away from the halls of any Sigma Phi Place. I enormously enjoyed Charlie Boswell, G'47. Charlie came to Sigma Phi an ex-Marine with two years' WW II Pacific Theater combat experience. By his own admission, he was rough around the edges — until Sigma Phi caused some changes for the better. My friend the Marine hasn't forgotten. To this day, Charlie has made a lifelong habit of loyalty and of giving back. He knows that Sigma Phi, like the U.S. Marines, will always need "a few good men," and he's doing what he can to mold and motivate them.

Each of these relationships — and so many others, over the years — put me in close contact with another who was committed to Sigma Phi, committed to being a serious Sig. And each of these made me see my own relationship as a Sig with a little more clarity — and a lot more purposefulness.

I'll close by borrowing the sentiments of one of our Sig predecessors: a member of the Alpha of New York's second pledge

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Sigs in Michigan for 175th

As we met to celebrate Sigma Phi last night, Sig satellites definitely revolved in their proper orbits!

About 55 alumni, guests and actives descended on the Michigan League to commemorate 175 years of Sigma Phi, and the celebration was a great one. (We noted with pride that our Michigan Chapter has a 144 year history all by itself...). Banquet Chairman Hal O’Kray, M’66, had spared no efforts to gather Brothers together or to make us feel at home. His choices for venue and menu were superb!

Toastmaster George Mercer, M’68, set the tone for an engaging, representative, fun-filled evening. Keynoter John Allen, M’67, — loquacious as ever — acquainted his audience with his unvarnished opinions about Ohio State while at the same time presenting compelling evidence in support of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Sig singing was abundantly evident, with the actives setting the pace via a stellar (even harmonic!) rendering of “The Thrice Illustrious.” Responding to that good example by their younger brethren, the alumni formed ranks at the front of the banquet room and launched into their renditions of “Mary Ann” and “Colleges.” Immediately afterward, the entire Sig contingent shared in “The Latin Song.”

The evening’s *real* story was less about luminaries or song, and more about the

folks who celebrated Sigma Phi. Brothers from the mid-’60s were on hand in abundance. Rick Wallace, M’65; Art Sherman, M’64; J.B. Bonelli, M’66; Steve Morse, M’64; Alt Ainslie, M’66; Hal O’Kray, M’66; and Duane Ellis, M’66, represented those vital transition years for Sigma Phi enthusiastically and well.

For the first time ever in this Brother’s memory, the banquet’s “Distance Award” (most miles traveled to attend) had to be shared. Ryan Petrowske, M’95, who made the trip from Dallas, and Clark Benson, M’53, who drove from his Massachusetts home, had each covered exactly 4,014 miles in order to be on hand in Ann Arbor. Bless you, boys!

The senior Sig in attendance was Lew Towler, M’47. Lou shared both an invocation and — later in the program — a warm (olfactory?) introduction to Reilly, the archetype of excellent Sig dogs.

I’d be remiss if I failed to mention the part that our ladies played that night. There were easily 10 or more, and — in addition to being very “easy on the eyes” — each contributed in an unmistakable way to the graciousness of our evening together.

The banquet’s formal program at the League ended with a rather large Magic Circle and the singing of “Spirit” and “The Goodnight Song.” Festivities continued at

907 Lincoln afterward.

Our return to the League — indeed, to Michigan March Fourth banquets — after a three-year hiatus made for a warm and wonderful evening. Sig Spirit and sharing were abundant, decorum was evident, and there was a definite sense of “homecoming” in the air. It was a genuine pleasure to again walk the Michigan campus and, of course, to return to the Sigma Phi Place.

As we set our sights on managing and celebrating Sigma Phi in the year ahead, let’s rededicate ourselves to the wisdom that the burdens become lighter and the joys more profound when more of us are on hand to share in each.

Our ritual reminds us that “among so few, the influence of each one is keenly felt.” It’s never been more true than today. ■

Best Sig Love,
Mike Imirie, M’69

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class, George Washington Eaton, U’1828. Eaton returned to Schenectady in 1839 for the first time since his graduation, and he shared philosophical — even awestruck — conclave remarks with his Brothers. To me, those remarks suggest that, even in the early days, the Thrice Illustrious left powerful impressions on earnest Sigs:

“It was the character, the soul, and the spirit of Sigma Phi that was wont to bind the brotherhood together ... as with hoops of steel. These things made it synonymous with all that is genius: exalted in sentiment, great in soul, and pure in friendship.

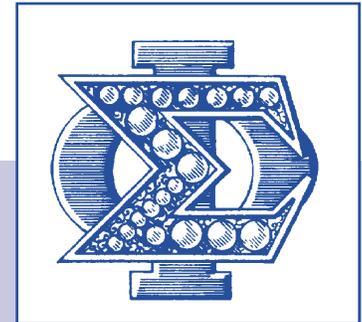
Never beneath the earth’s blue canopy were gathered in one place a company of nobler and purer spirits than those who responded to the name of Sigma Phi in the days of my undergraduateship. I trust this mantle enwraps the

present generation (as well).

Hoping that Sigma Phi may continue to be what it was when I mingled with its chosen luminaries — a school of aspiring thought, of elevated sentiment, of magnanimous purpose, of high and benevolent resolves, and of ardent, whole-souled friendships ... I subscribe myself (anew)...”

In coming together tonight in the name of Sigma Phi, I recognize the modern-day equivalent of that same Sig subscription. I salute you, Brothers, for keeping the faith of our founders. Our ritual tells us that, “among so few, the influence of every one is deeply felt.” It’s heartwarming that so many from such a broad Sig cross section recognize Sigma Phi as one of life’s “dominant voices.” May it ever be so.

Happy 175th anniversary, ladies and gentlemen. *Esto perpetua!* ■



Save The Date — 2002 Convention

Your fellow Sig Brothers at the Alpha of Vermont are busily preparing for this year’s 175th National Convention. The weekend of October 18–20 has been set, so consider this your chance to mark your calendars now and spread the word to Sigs far and near to travel to Burlington, Vermont, for this fantastic occasion!

For additional information, please contact Scott McCrae, V’82, at smccrae@together.net or (802) 658-1951



Active chapter members from the Alpha of New York.

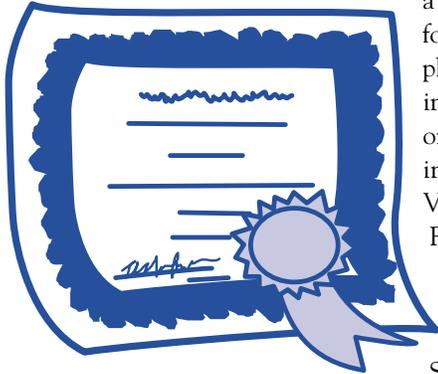


Alpha of New York Brothers return for the gathering of more than 90 Sigs at the Albany 4th of March dinner.

Sigma Phi Awards

Attention! Any and all Brothers interested in honoring a Sig, whose lifetime achievements and dedication to Sigma Phi have distinguished him even beyond the expectations of a Society that takes great pride her extraordinary members. Nominations for the Elihu Root Lifetime Achievement Award and David S. Brown Distinguished Sig Award are now being accepted.

The Lifetime Achievement Award, named for Elihu Root, H 1860, seeks to identify and recognize a Sig whose personal and professional accomplishments, on a national and/or international level, speak for themselves. Whether it be in business, philanthropy, politics, academia, etc., this individual has clearly had a profound impact on the world around him. Past recipients include former U.S. Senator Hastings Keith, V'34, and international financier Barnie Rocca, I'34.



The Distinguished Sig Award, named for David S. Brown, S'70, seeks to identify and recognize a Sig whose service to the Society, at either the local or national levels, or both, has been tireless and exemplary. This individual may not necessarily have held a formal position on an alumni board, or the Standing and Advisory Committee, however, when it comes to supporting the active chapter and perpetuating the ideals of Sigma Phi, this brother has very few peers. The inaugural award was presented to Ted Bosley, I'73, former director of academic affairs and chairman of the Viele selection committee, last March 4 in Boston.

If there is a candidate you would like to nominate, please contact Israel Maynard, V'94, or Peter Harter, G'65, by email or written correspondence before June 1. We would like to honor deserving Sigs at the 175th Convention at the Alpha of Vermont in October.

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HASTINGS KEITH, V'34, of Monument Beach, Mass., is the chairman of the National Committee on Public Employee Pensions. Keith is a former Massachusetts Representative and is working on a book to "awaken tax payers to the unfairness of COLAs."

RUDY H. KEMPTER, V'41, of Carlsbad, Calif., writes that as a "bi-coastal" resident, he often sees **JEAN M. EVANS, V'38**, and his wife, Ann, as well as **STEPHEN G. MOORE, V'42**, and his wife, Rayelen. In California, he visits with **JIM FORD, F'47**, and his wife, Betty, as well as **JOHN CRITTENDEN, F'48**, and his wife, Sallie.

JOHN BALLENTINE, I'42, of Oakland, Calif., wants to remind all Sigs in the San Francisco Bay area to meet for lunch on the first Thursday (except for July and August) at Schroeder's Restaurant, 240 Front Street, San Francisco, at noon.

ED STRONG, U'47, of Los Gatos, Calif., reports that he was dragged "kicking and complaining" into the so-called "Golden Years." He takes advantage of every senior citizen perk while enjoying volunteer work with the local police department.

ROLAND J. ALLEN, V'58, of Hague, N.Y., is living on Lake George in the Adirondacks. He is involved in executive searches for consumer products and food service companies. His wife, Katherine Ann, sells real estate.

PHILIP M. DOUGLAS, V'68, of Alta Loma, Calif., just retired from Associated Engineers after 23 years as the director of engineering. He and his wife, Judy, will be returning to Vermont to build a new home in Mendon. After spending 30 years in California, he will be looking for career #2!

KELLY WRIGHT, I'73, of Murphys, Calif., is the Calaveras County Public Television producer. He loves being a "big fish in a small pond." His son, Kelly Jr., just completed a master's degree in international business at the University of South Carolina.

RICHARD PAWSON, I'77, of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., is the concierge at the Embassy Vacation Resort in South Lake Tahoe. He is also a realtor with South Lake Tahoe Realtors. richpawson@yahoo.com

ANTHONY S. ABATÉ, M'80, of El Verano, Calif., and Adrienne Wyman announce the birth of their son, Rafe Wyman Abaté, last September. They reside in California's wine country just north of San Francisco in Sonoma. Anthony is a tandem paragliding instructor and continues a life in the theatre. He spent the past two seasons with the Marin Shakespeare Company playing such roles as Laertes in *Hamlet* and Valvert in *Cyrano de Bergerac*. He will be playing this season with Shakespeare at Stinson Beach. A2s@aol.com

SCOTT J. KEIPPER, F'86, of Brookfield, Wis., and his wife had a baby girl last spring, Alexandra Joy. Her happy siblings are Claudia, 6, and Sean, 3.

KEVIN P. SMITH, V'96, of Narberth, Pa., will be graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School in May. He will be moving back to Vermont and

practicing in Colchester in July. KPSV96@hotmail.com

ALEXANDER LANKLER, H'46, of Jupiter, Fla., owns a rental house on the Loxahatchee River and coincidentally leased it for a vacation to **HANS J. SOLMSSSEN, H'56**, of Summit, N.J. A realtor friend of Solmssen's coordinated the lease, having no idea the two men were fraternity brothers! Solmssen reports that Lankler continues to invest in real estate, and both he and his wife are very involved with conservation efforts for Jupiter Beach. ■



Sigs and guests gathered for a Swing weekend and a plaque dedication ceremony on April 21, 2002, in memory of Vermont Sig Brother Cesar A. Murillo, V'89, who died on September 11.



Never Forget

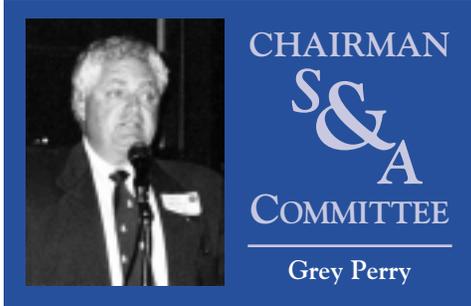
We have been notified that the following brothers have passed from this life since our last publication of the *Flame*:

Name/Class	Date of Death
Myron Palmer Jr., U'29	
Gordon Newell, U'43	
Harold Limpert III, U'47	
Robert L. Wilson, H'28	7/19/2001
Benjamin J. Stone, H'29	10/26/2001
William B. Westcott Jr., H'33	1/1/2001
Stanley Craven, W'29	1/2/2002
Wallace Cole Jr., W'42	10/21/2001
Floyd James, V'23	
Chester B. "Chet" Eaton, V'30	3/6/2002
Elias "Tim" Lyman VII, V'34	12/15/2001
William Birchard, V'44	9/30/2001
Frederick Demme, V'56	4/22/2002
Roger Hovey, V'57	7/8/2001
Christopher Johnson, V'60	10/26/2001
Cesar A. Murillo, V'89	9/11/2001
John Kirby, M'30	8/22/1999
Charles C. Shackford, L'31	9/12/2001
John Claiborne, L'55	1/1/1982
Charles Minot, L'57	
Gerald B. Zane, L'65	4/6/2001
Haskell E. Coates, F'20	
Travis Winsor, M.D., I'34	
Thomas Talman, I'41	3/20/1998
James Jacobus, I'52	3/1/2002
Clifford Meese, I'54	1/10/2001
Maurice Devillers, I'57	11/3/2001

JAMES J. JACOBUS, I'52, died on March 2, 2002. Born in Phoenix, Ariz., Jim graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1956. The Jacobus family had many Sigma Phi brothers, starting with Jesse Jacobus, I 1912, in the first group of brothers who founded the Alpha of California in 1912. Jim was Head of the House in 1955 and 1956, and the California delegate to the Standing and Advisory Committee from 1962 to 1965. Sig Sister Lucille thanks all those Brothers who have called her about Jim. ■

S&A Chairman Visits Alpha of California

With a recent visit to the Berkeley chapter, I will have visited every chapter of Sigma Phi during my three-year tenure, with the exception of Vermont, which I will visit in October this year for the National Convention.



It is always useful to get out to the chapters, and my visit to California was particularly satisfying for me. I am pleased to report that the house and grounds looked excellent, as good as or better than when I attended the National Convention when it was held there in 1998.

A wonderful meal was prepared by the Brothers, and when it was time to eat, more than 25 Brothers, guests and pledges sat down together. Introductions were in order, with each person called upon to name their favorite *Simpson's* character. There was laughter, some jokes and camaraderie, which demonstrated much positive spirit at the chapter. As ever, the heart of a fraternity is in the dining room.

The house has had its share of hard times

a few years ago, but has recovered rapidly under the guidance of David Munroe, I'86, president of the California Alumni Association. David has been faithful in attendance at national events over the past three years, but it is his efforts at home that have been most fruitful. His committee meets monthly and is working closely with the actives. The tradition of brothers working three hours every Saturday on the house continues. Rush is ongoing, and the house now has 14 actives and three pledges, with more in the rushing process. Their objective is to have 20 active Brothers, and they are well on their way to achieving this goal.

All fraternities and individual chapters have their ups and downs. What is most heartening to me is the speed with which California has returned to strength and the quality of the young men I met there

recently. I was welcomed by two pledges who dropped what they were doing and helped me with luggage and some introductions. Just the sort of reception any Brother or especially an alumnus is happy to have.

Now I know such visits go better when one is announced or expected in advance — just as any visit to our own homes would be. There are better times than others to visit a chapter, and my recommendation to all alumni is to give the actives as much notice as you can if you want to make a visit; it will be much more satisfactory for both parties.

In my opinion, California is back, and I am delighted to see that turnaround. Well Done to David Munroe, I'86, his alumni association, and to the local actives. ■

Grey Perry

Chairman, S & A Committee

Missing Brothers

If you have any information about these missing brothers, please email Derek Fredrickson, V'94, at derek@fredrickson.com.

Frank P. Rocco, U'54	Eddy Quinlan, V'90	Michael J. Kopetsky, F'84
Robert Lincoln, U'63	Jason C. Robinson, V'94	Rett Summerville, F'89
Laurence M. Reynolds, U'68	William C. Patterson III, M'51	David W. Milestone, F'94
Damon Smith, U'70	Daniel D. Webb, M'53	Matthew Jenson, F'98
John E. Garrity, U'74	Peter G. Traverso, M'58	Nicholas Bozuta, F'99
Steven Stern, U'77	Jeffrey C. Grimord, M'64	Nate Pautz, F'99
John J. Snapkowski, U'80	Glen Ruffner, M'67	Matthew Stevens, F'00
Andrew Gillespie, U'85	Robert L. Bartholomay, M'69	Kenneth V. Murray, I'47
Scott Daniels, U'87	Thomas Curran II, M'71	James E. Jackson, I'56
David Robison, U'90	Peter Merritt, M'75	Thomas H. Steel, I'68
Peter Mody III, U'95	Michael L. Everson, M'78	Wilson Smith, I'75
Thomas Burke, U'97	James Lafleur, M'87	David S. Cannon, I'85
Francis Burns Jr., H'54	David M. Gellers, M'92	Matthew Middlebrook, I'87
Jeffrey R. Lauterbach, H'67	Jason Jewett, M'94	Michael P. Dillingham, S'87
Kingman S. Douglass, H'71	Steven Andrew Rietzke, M'99	Eduardo L. Limon, I'96
Douglas E. Crater, H'77	Richard Bland, L'51	James S. Cline, I'00
Christopher P. Behan, H'81	Peter F. Lafontaine, L'59	John S. Mason Jr., S'55
Matthew Murdoch, H'86	W. Peter Jung, L'65	Steven C. Albers, S'60
Nicholas D. Brown, H'90	James E. Lubarsky, L'72	Louis R. Redden, S'63
Matthew E. Hull, H'93	George B. Field, L'76	John W. Fullerton, S'66
Daniel McAllister, H'96	Arthur G. Flatto, L'79	Peter C. Williams, S'67
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