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## Vermont Hosts 171st National Convention

by Derek Fredrickson, V'94

**T**he Alpha of Vermont served as host to the 171st National Convention of the Sigma Phi Society on the weekend of Oct. 19–20 in Burlington, Vt. Sigs from far and near gathered at the 'Home on the Hill' to take part in the annual Sig activities of the Convention weekend. Convention Co-Chairmen Scott McCrae, V'82, and Chris Williamson, V'79, (along with the entire active chapter at Vermont) organized a spectacular Sig event.

The Friday business meetings were most productive, with the S&A Committee passing a resolution to grant a short-term loan to the Alpha of Michigan to help with some financial issues while they rebuild their active chapter. The highlight of the evening was a spirited Hicks Oratorical Contest between Vilasa Campbell, V'01, from the host chapter the Alpha of Vermont and Head-of-House from the Alpha of Michigan, Joshua Dzurilikowski, M'00. Brother Campbell spoke on the life of Brother Hicks himself, the Brother for which the Oratorical Contest is named, while Brother Dzurilikowski gave an eloquent speech on the parallels between the ideals of Sigma Phi and the untimely and most unfortunate death at the Alpha of Michigan this past fall. Vilasa was runner up, receiving a cash award from the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation of \$250, while Josh won the contest and received an award of \$500. You may read Josh's speech on page 4 in this issue of the *Flame*.

At the Convention Business meeting on Saturday there was lengthy and productive discussion surrounding the passage of the amended bylaws of the Society. The new bylaws will allow the Executive Committee and the S&A delegates to move forward on critical issues facing the Society, such as Rush, expansion and member management.



Sig Brothers gather in Vermont for the 171st National Convention, Oct. 19–20.

The Convention also voted in a new S&A Chairman, James Jenkins, S'58. Jim has been a dedicated and devoted member of the Alpha of Virginia Alumni Board for more than 30 years, and Sigma Phi is fortunate to have Jim serve the Society for the next three years.

The Saturday night banquet was an enjoyable evening with Tim Anderson, V'71, serving as Master of Ceremonies. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the David S. Brown, S'70, Service Award to Vermont Sigs Steven Moore, V'41, and Doug Tudhope, V'47. It was amazing to hear EmCee Anderson list the Sig relatives of Brother Moore, with more than a dozen

Sigs related to Steven as Brothers in the Thrice Illustrious.

The "longest distance traveled" award for the weekend went to the numerous Brothers who made it from the Alpha of California, who journeyed by train, car and plane to make it to the Convention weekend. Undergraduate workshop coordinator Jim Hansen, V'80, traveled from the Golden State as well back to his alma mater for the festivities.

The Alpha of New York will host the 172nd National Convention next fall, serving as the last National event the Union Sigs will host in their home on Library Lane. ■

## Message from the S&A Chairman

# Restated Constitution, By-Laws Adopted

by Jim Jenkins, S'58

I want first thank my predecessor, Grey Perry, C'56, for his tireless and dedicated efforts on behalf of the Society.

Through numerous meetings, travels to all the Chapters and responses to countless email messages and letters, Grey worked hard to preserve and promote the best in Sigma Phi.

The Convention at Vermont was successful in many ways. First and foremost, it afforded all of us in attendance the opportunity of renewing old ties and again enjoying the company of our Sig Brothers. If for no other reason than this, I hope you will plan to attend our next Convention at the Alpha of New York in the Fall of 2003 or to attend a March 4th Dinner in your area. If a dinner is not being planned close by, then why not call a few of your Brothers now, book a place to gather, and enjoy the warmth of renewing the bonds of Sigma Phi next March.

If you need addresses and numbers for Sigs in your area, contact our General Secretary, Derek Fredrickson, V'94, at derek@fredrickson.com or (212) 558-6760.

While renewing friendships was paramount, the business of the Vermont Convention dealt with many issues, chief among which was properly adopting a restated constitution and by-laws to guide



New S&A Chairman Jim Jenkins, S'58, (left) with Peter Harter, G'65, Marshall Solem, F'79, and Alvar Soosaar, S'96.

the Society in the decades to come. While there may still be some small "tweaking" that we may find necessary to do after living the first year with this new document, the main work involving hundreds of volunteer hours has been completed. For this final effort we are very much indebted to James "Vinny" Cole II, S'87, and the members of the By-laws Committee who served with him. I know you have read about the changes to this document in several other issues of the *Flame* and may have thought it settled long ago. As I noted at the Convention, however, a change to writings as ancient for us as these are seldom accomplished in one or two reviews.

Another major matter that dominated much concern throughout our meeting was the subject of liability insurance so absolutely necessary to protect our Chapters, the National organization, related organizations such as the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation and the Viele Trust in these very litigious times. At the time of the Convention, our carrier, Lloyds of London, had presented new requirements for continued coverage and had increased the deductible from \$25,000 to \$50,000. All of this was at a higher cost that has placed a heavy burden on our Chapters to pay their pro-rata shares. I can report to you now that we have reached agreement with Lloyds of London to renew our policy for another year that began on Nov. 1. At the same time, we are actively in conversation and exploring alternative carriers to make sure that in future years

we have the best insurance at the most affordable price available for our Society. Given both our claims history and the present national insurance market, the task before us will be challenging, and I do not envision an easy or cheap solution. The best you can do as a concerned Brother is counsel with our active chapters to follow our new risk management policy.

In closing, I must remind you that we cannot take our continued existence as a Society for granted. If we are to survive and prosper in the future, it will only be with the help and financial support of concerned and responsive Brothers. In plain words, your chapter needs a contribution, and the National organization also needs your support. Volunteer officers will do our best, but we cannot print and publish, assist our chapters, hold Conventions and other necessary meetings, and travel to meet with Actives and at times college administrators on campus without incurring basic operating expenses. In recent years these expenses have not been fully covered by our dues, and we have had to draw down on our very modest endowment. This cannot continue.

I therefore request and strongly urge you to respond today with your check before this year closes. Your regular dues support and any additional contribution you might make are very much needed. A form and envelope have been enclosed for this purpose. For your support of Sigma Phi, I thank you on behalf of our entire Sigma Phi Brotherhood. ■

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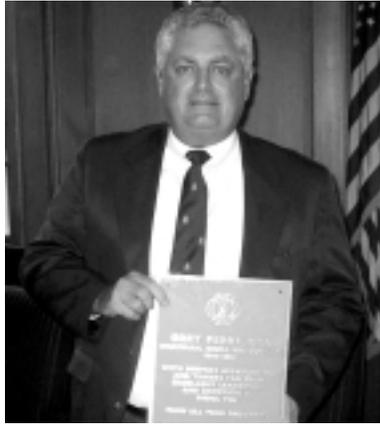
# Perry Completes Term as Chairman

by Grey Perry, C'56

**C**hairman of the S&A Committee, Grey Perry, C'56, stepped down at the Vermont Convention at the end of his three-year term. Here are excerpts from his parting comments to the business meeting of the Convention on Saturday morning, Oct. 19.

It is doubtful that the founding fathers of our Society could possibly have envisioned things turning out as they have, particularly with respect to how college administrations have changed their attitudes toward fraternities. A good relationship between students and administrations existed when Hamilton was given the land on which they built their chapter house for 'as long as water flows and leaves grow.' And now we are still in a prolonged legal battle to get fair compensation for the house that we must give up. Likewise, the relationship between the Union administration and the local chapter was such that no provisions were ever contemplated for any settlement in the unlikely event the college took over the house. Now Union will lose its house within two years with no compensation whatever from the college. The same has already happened at Lehigh.

On all other campuses, the effect of a new, pervasive alcohol culture that began with the raising of the drinking age to 21 and the escalating insurance costs to cover huge legal settlements arising from alcohol-related tragedies on many, many campuses has caused administrations to take increasing control over living units of all nature, including fraternities and sororities. This has been one of the themes I have stressed for the past three years and tried to acquaint our leadership of what was happening nationwide on campuses to address the problems caused by alcohol and drug abuse. I always recognized the solutions had to come from the local chapters primarily and have never tried to impose the national into the solutions. Now that the college administrations are being held responsible for providing safe living conditions of all of their students, regardless of where they live, those administrations have to provide more student housing than ever before, and they are increasingly acting *in loco parentis*. We are now locked in an intense competition with the colleges, who are providing their own solutions for small living units for their students. Compared with the new



Chairman Emeritus Grey Perry, C'56, was presented a plaque that read: "Chairman, Sigma Phi Society 1999-2002. With deepest appreciation and thanks for your excellent leadership and devotion to Sigma Phi. From all your brothers."

units the colleges are building, many aged fraternities in poor condition are not able to compete.

The question has been put to me, 'Would our founders attempt to establish Sigma Phi in today's environment?' Put another way, is there a good reason for fraternities to exist today? At the moment it might appear the only advantage a fraternity offers for many undergraduates is a place where underage students can drink illegally. This creates a very large and dangerous liability for local fraternities, their local alumni associations and their national organizations, as well as the college administrations.

But we all know a fraternity can provide much more to a young man. When I was a student, we had a houseman and a cook who took care of the physical plant and provided all of our meals; all we had to do was study and sometimes play, mostly study. In those days of Universal Military Training, if one did not study, he wound up in the army, which at that time was a powerful incentive to stay in school. By today's standards, we seemed to have been part of a privileged class, lucky to be where we were. Today, I see undergraduates doing their own cooking and doing little in the way of daily maintenance of the physical plant. The living conditions that exist beyond the public rooms of most fraternities, not just Sigma Phi, are just terrible.

Obviously, things have changed a lot since I was an active undergraduate. I'm not sure our founders would recognize what they started, aside from the ritual that is observed in chapter meetings. However, they would be

proud to read, as I have for the last 10 years, the many essays of the Viele scholars who are asked to comment on the influence Sigma Phi has had on them. It is clear from those essays that Sigma Phi is still able to provide that character-building experience that comes from young men managing the affairs of their fraternity, and in the process fostering life-long friendships and, consideration of the other men in the house. It is this experience that bonds us so tightly to our Society, and it is this experience that most volunteers hope to preserve as they donate their time and energy to Sigma Phi.

Now, new volunteers are ready to take on the management of the Society. It is time for younger men, for whom the fraternity experience is more recent, to begin work on the problems that face us. There is much to be done. Fraternities that operate outside laws and societal norms about underage drinking and drugs will close or be closed sooner or later. Drugs and alcohol plague us everywhere; no chapter has been untouched. Boorish and dangerous fraternity behavior makes it easy for colleges to take fraternities' houses as has happened on campuses where we have chapters as well as campuses where we are not represented. And colleges have closed chapters when they can no longer get insurance.

I have enjoyed being a volunteer for Sigma Phi. In the past three years we have provided up-to-date tools for the leaders of the Society, we have created a national Web site, we published our newsletters on time, renewed our national insurance program, and through a series of meetings in Florida, offered alumni presidents opportunities to learn more about insurance, fundraising and database management. I always felt the head of an organization like ours had a fund raising responsibility, and I wrote the best letters I could to that end. I have been able to see many old friends as I have led many S&A meetings, attended some alumni association meetings, attended national conventions and visited every chapter over the past three years. I have also made many new friends who share my love of our Society. I offer particular thanks to Chairman Emeritus Cal Howard, S'54, my executive committee and members of my chairman's council, especially Doug Gester, I'73, for their support, and to the members of the Standing and Advisory Committee.

Thank you all, I will miss everybody. It has been an honor to serve Sigma Phi. ■

# Hicks Oratorical Contest Winning Speech

## “Friendship, Love and Truth”

This year's winner is Joshua R. Dziurlikowski, M'00, whose winning essay appears below. We also applaud Vilasa Campbell, V'01, who was our runner-up.

To truly understand the beauty of Sigma Phi, one must forgo all stereotypes of fraternities and dig a little deeper beneath the surface. While it may seem pretentious to say Sigma Phi does not fit the fraternity mold, it is in fact NOT a fraternity but rather a Society. Through this, Sigma Phi has remained firm in all of its beliefs, and by doing so has more substance than a house that merely looks to change with the fashions of the times. With core values like Friendship, Love and Truth, many normal college students have embraced life-changing virtues all because of Sigma Phi. All of the brethren of Sigma Phi are extraordinary lucky for this. So much so that we may take it for granted.

While preparing for this Hicks Oratory Contest, I had an extremely difficult time trying to pick the “right” topic. But the more I thought about it, I seemed to keep coming back to current issues of our house at the Alpha of Michigan. In fact, I began to notice that while pledge term had taught me invaluable lessons, it was each and every day since where I have grown the most. Which areas you may wonder? Well without question Sigma Phi has shown me, and expanded on, facets of Friendship, Love and Truth. Let me briefly describe how.

### Friendship

A wise man once said that a person with only one or two great friends is far more blessed than one with multitudes of good friends and acquaintances. With Sigma Phi's small chapter numbers and member numbers, friendships are far more valuable. I take great pride in knowing each and every single brother at the Alpha of Michigan on a very personal level. In doing so, I have greater respect and stronger feelings of admiration toward all of them. No matter the situation, or how dark and bleak times may seem, I know with certainty that the bonds I have with them will help us



Brother Joshua R. Dziurlikowski, M'00, delivers his winning entry in the Hicks Oratorical Contest during Convention Weekend.

persevere. For example, the recent tragic death of one of our brothers, Tony Langas, M'99, could have easily torn each of us apart. While we all still feel pain and it is not an easy situation to deal with, never before was the house more unified. Never before did friendships we did not talk about come so vividly to the forefront. Our reflections on Tony further emphasized the unique bond only brothers of Sigma Phi can make. We are all better men for knowing Tony, and his friendly atmosphere was simply exemplary of what Sigma Phi is truly all about.

### Love

As an extension of friendship, love is without question an integral part of Sigma Phi's life. An outside friend once asked me, “How can you say you love these guys?” Without hesitation I replied, “Because I know I truly do.” Without question I would do anything to help out one of my Brothers. However this love does not merely stop at just my fellow actives. At a recent Alpha of Michigan Alumni Board meeting, Bob Mersereau Sr., M'49, stated that within talking to a fellow 1940s Sig, he mentioned

what had happened to Tony. The Sig on the other end of the phone began to cry. Now here is someone who has never met Tony, but understands just how much he meant to all of us and to the Brotherhood. This “love” shined through everything, and it is not by coincidence. Sigma Phi is something truly special to behold, and with that exists love: for the Society, for the house, for the bonds of all the Brethren. More so, this love has been demonstrated first-hand to me as I described the difficulties I was having as Head-of-House in a tragic time as well as losing a close friend. Mike Imirie, M'69, eloquently became my therapist at that point in time. His advice was compelling, and there was no requirement for him to do so. He did it for his love of Sigma Phi. With this type of care, his quotation he used is true: “Tomorrow the sun will rise and be brighter than the day before.” But it will do so because of love.

### Truth

Many of the Brothers at the Alpha of Michigan commonly refer to our house as “Phi Club” to spoof off a popular movie *Fight Club*. In the movie the main character states, “How much can you really know about yourself if you have never been in a fight?” However we like to say, “How much can you know about yourself if you have never been in the Phi?” It is true that you are not your clothes, your car or any of your possessions. All you are is ... well, YOU! Sigma Phi allows a man to truly discover himself and who he really is. We all fear the unknown, the uncertain and situations without comfort. But it is in these situations you learn who you really are. There is no more valuable lesson Sigma Phi or anyone else can teach. Also, amongst plaques, awards and former composites, the Presidential Suite of the Alpha of Michigan now proudly displays a tapestry. This tapestry is woven with a multitude of birds clumped together at the bottom in the style of M.C. Escher paintings. They begin to become more defined higher up along the tapestry with ONE single bird flying alone away from the rest of the pack. This appropriately blue and white tapestry

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# A Recent Swing, 'Serp' Style

by Alvar Soosaar, S'96

The last week in August saw the culmination of a year's worth of effort from the actives and alumni at the Alpha of Virginia to bolster the number of undergraduate members of the house. Wyck Knox, S'88, and Jim "Vinny" Cole, S'87, had led a fundraising effort that provided the necessary financial support to the actives that allowed them to focus on rushing good group of young men over the previous year. This group of pledges was preparing for the week they vaguely knew was coming, but were unclear on the details.

At the same time, Vinny and Wyck turned up the heat on those of us who were wavering about coming to Swing. "Dude, you TOLD me you were going to be there!"

The fact of the matter was that there were approximately 15 actives for a class of 11 pledges — far too much work for the alumni not to help shoulder. The word went out again and again, and a great many Brothers eventually made the trip.

Personally, I returned from a trip from Nova Scotia on a Tuesday evening and then jumped in my car on Wednesday morning and headed south. Along the way, I picked up Dave Ready, S'94, who had come via a train along the shores of Lake Champlain, just to go to Charlottesville for the Swing, his first in quite a few years. Despite our nearly 12-hour drive down, our trip was not the longest in terms of distance. That award goes to Jed Beardsley, S'73, who came up from Atlanta and stayed for the duration. Jed had not made it to a swing in at least 10 years, and certainly things had changed, but he felt right at home. He brought John Jacobs, S'73, along from Richmond, and the two of them added a great deal of mirth and hilarity to the occasion.

Another notable attendee was Clark MacKenzie, S'83, who showed up Thursday night in a dark suit and power tie — where the rest of us were in T-shirts and shorts. Clark had found a spot on the Charlottesville-NYC shuttle and had flown down as soon as he could get out of work to help in any way he could. We all gave him something of a hard time about the outfit until about 4:30 a.m. rolled around, and he jumped in a cab to return to the airport for a flight back. We realized that Clark,



*Virginia Sigs gather on the steps of the Serp House for a recent Swing this summer.*

though unable to take time off from work, was willing to sacrifice a night's rest in order to be there for his Brothers. The moment he got in the taxi was a sobering moment for us all and reinforced for each of us how important Sigma Phi is for alumni and actives alike.

That Thursday night found the house packed with alumni, since UVA had scheduled its kickoff football game that evening. At a certain point, alumni Brothers outnumbered actives three-to-one. Though crowded, there was plenty of room for hugs and hellos, and the general feel of the place was one of absolute happiness and love.

The alumni had the chance to spend our days talking with the former pledges and with one another. In particular, I had the opportunity to spend an amazing day with Wyck and Brad "Doc" Llewellyn, S'87, eating good food, drinking good drink and playing bocce. Every time I go to a Swing — no matter where the chapter — I end up making a strong connection with another Brother that I had previously known only relatively superficially. This time, I had that experience with Doc and Wyck — meeting Doc for the first time, and getting

to know them both much better.

Needless to say, all 11 former pledges progressed through their journeys from worldling to Sig, with varying degrees of difficulty. They emerged with the understanding of what it means to be a Brother of Sigma Phi.

Already, this class of Brothers has emerged as a strong group of leaders within the house. One has taken on the responsibility of Social Chairman (usually an upper-class role), while others have rallied around the movement to get more Brothers into the house. Our role as alumni remains to support and encourage — with an occasional nudge as events warrant — allowing the actives to go where they need to in order to continue the Society's existence. Our support must be moral encouragement, but even more importantly, it must also be financial. The undergraduates are facing a level of hostility in college administrations the likes of which none of us ever saw whilst in college.

I hope to see you at an initiation soon. Please make sure your chapter's Swing dates are posted on the national Web site at [www.sigmaphi.org](http://www.sigmaphi.org). ■

# New Workshop for Undergraduates

by Jim Hanson, V'80

**E**ighteen undergraduates representing seven chapters took part in the workshop on the Friday of Convention weekend. We tried something different this year based on Peter Drucker's philosophy "managing is doing things right, leadership is doing the right thing [and getting others to follow]."

We abandoned the usual format of focusing on managing a specific pressing issue facing the undergraduates, e.g. alcohol abuse, rushing challenges, or waning tradition and ceremony. Instead, a program on generic leadership qualities and skill development was presented. The implication, of course, is that the undergrads will figure out a way to do things right so long as they're already doing the right thing. We covered topics such as:

- ◆ Character traits of successful leaders
- ◆ Mission-Vision-Values-Goals — getting everyone "rowing in the same direction"
- ◆ Psychology of Motivation — how beliefs drive emotions and emotions drive action
- ◆ Sources of Power — motivating by using, shaping or changing someone's beliefs
- ◆ Leadership Styles and Effect on Team Results
- ◆ Optimizing Decision Making — type of change, thinking styles, promoting productive conflict

Through lecture, discussions and a team leadership style game, we explored how our Thrice Illustrious virtues are the basis of a successful leader's character and how the Sigma Phi experience is a crucible for leadership development. Leadership is a social art, while Sigma Phi is the art of being social.

To reinforce this classroom experience, each chapter took home a copy of Stephen Covey's *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, and Edward Debono's *Six Thinking Hats* books along with Tony Robbin's *Unleash the Power Within* audio program.

You will be encouraged to know that I found the undergrads to be far more intuitive, sharper, and more enthusiastic about quality leadership than I know my generation was at that time in our lives. My biggest surprise occurred during the segment on "Tapping the Graduate Resource." Without exception, the active Brothers want more mentoring from the graduate body by way of more social visits by more graduates. ■

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was designed in Peru to a proverb that states: "Through adversity you shall discover who you are truly are." In finding yourself, and achieving this level of comfort with yourself, there is nothing that can be more truthful.

These are only a short list of reasons and examples of how Sigma Phi is truly unique to any other house. True, other houses may have friendships, but not quite like Sigma Phi, and certainly not spanning over 175 years. Friendship, Love and Truth bring more to Sigma Phi than just two Greek letters, but make it a living and breathing force. This force is not a tangible entity like a house, but rather inside each and every Sig. Those who realize it are genuinely blessed and should be forewarned to never take such a powerful thing for granted. ■

## Viele Scholarship Update

The Francis S. Viele Scholarship Trust awarded \$91,500 for the current academic year to 30 dedicated and accomplished Sig scholars. Details of the awards by chapter are shown in the table below.

	Undergrad	Grad	Total
Cornell	6	1	7
Vermont	6		6
Wisconsin	4	1	5
Michigan	4		4
Hamilton	2		2
Virginia	1	1	2
California	2		2
Hobart	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>
Cornell	\$18,000	\$ 1,000	\$19,000
Vermont	\$18,000		\$18,000
Wisconsin	\$13,000	\$ 1,500	\$14,500
Michigan	\$13,500		\$13,500
Hamilton	\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000
Virginia	\$ 1,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,500
California	\$ 6,000		\$ 6,000
Hobart	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81,000</b>	<b>\$10,500</b>	<b>\$91,500</b>

The application pool was smaller this year, with just 61 Sigs applying. "Historical odds of getting a scholarship are about 50 percent, so it is surprising that more Sigs — both undergrad and grad — did not apply," said Viele Trustee Marshall Solem, F'79. "The Viele is the largest scholarship program of any fraternity or sorority in the country. Each year we try new approaches to get the word out about Viele, but we clearly have more work to do."

Marshall also announced a leadership change in the Viele program. Glenn (Rusty) George, C'82, a five-time Viele winner, has assumed the role of Viele Selection Committee Chairman for the 2003–04 academic year.

Applications for those scholarships will be posted on the Sigma Phi Web site ([www.sigmaphi.org](http://www.sigmaphi.org)) in early January and will be due by April 1, 2003. Sigs with questions about the Viele program can contact Rusty at [glenn.george@paconsulting.com](mailto:glenn.george@paconsulting.com). Rusty asks Sig alumni to encourage any Sig they know who will be pursuing an degree to apply for this tremendous scholarship. ■



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**MATTHEW WOOD "BOON" GREEN, U'94**, and Julie L. Nirenstein, Sig Sister 2001, are finally engaged after 10 years of dating. An October 2003 wedding is planned. boondtx@hotmail.com

**JON PAUL BELLONA, H'00**, is a Senior Fellow at Hamilton College. For his project in music composition, he is composing a memorial for the veterans of the Vietnam War, which will include voice recordings of all 58,204 soldiers who died during the conflict. jbellona@hamilton.edu

**BOB TANK, V'60**, and his wife (Sig Sister), Linda, have moved aboard their 42 ft. Grand Banks trawler and are living at Frenchman's Marina in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Bob continues to work part time for Lee Hecht Harrison, a human resources consulting firm specializing in corporate outplacement. He and Linda plan to cruise East Coast waters for the next several years. gb32@bellsouth.net

**TIM WILLIAMSON, V'91**, married Nancy Narducci on Oct. 26, 2002, in Waterford, Conn. Fellow sigs Tim O'Brien, V'92, and Derek Fredrickson, V'94, attended. The couple lives in Cambridge, Mass., but they plan to buy a house and venture into the suburbs this spring. Tim, who left Arthur Andersen in July 2002, is working as a supply chain consultant for BearingPoint (formerly KPMG Consulting) and can be reached at tmwilliamson@bearingpoint.net.

**TODD CAMPAU, M'88**, writes: "Unfortunately with the 9/11 attack on us, I haven't been able to undergo the harrowing process of finding work because I was activated in the reserves and sent to Afghanistan, where I worked until July 2002. I've recently come home to Dallas to pick up again where I left off, with a wary eye on the news and President Bush's plans for Iraq. I've already been told that I will go to the Gulf if/when Bush decides."

**HAROLD R. "BOB" LELAND, F'52**, died in January 2002 at his home in Williamsville, N.Y., after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer. Leland was a pioneering researcher and had served as president of Calspan Corporation. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering summa cum laude from the University of Wisconsin in 1958, where he was named Wisconsin's top youth scientist and was selected as one of 20 national fellows for Bell Laboratories. After a stint in the Air Force, Leland worked a researcher for the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, conducting pioneering research in data processing, automatic control systems, artificial intelligence and digital image processing. Among his may honors, Leland was awarded the Distinguished Service Citation from the University of Wisconsin College of Engineering in 1981.

**BRIAN NERBONNE, M'91**, writes: "I have been living in Minneapolis, Minn., for six years, where I work as a fisheries biologist for the state. My wife, Julia, and I were married a year and a half ago and are expecting a baby boy on March 4. We will be hosting several Alpha of Michigan sigs for the Brown Jug football game in a few days and would love to welcome other Sigis who find themselves in the Northstar State.

**BOB "HOFF" HOFSTETTER, L'63**, and his family — including one son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons — moved from San Diego to East Washington, N.H., three and a half years ago. Bob worked on a farm in this town 50 years ago, met Susie, his wife of 35 years, while on one of his many visits to the area, and finally decided to settle into the rural life. Included in the retirement is babysitting the grandsons (5 and 8) while their folks work, various volunteer projects with the town, boiling maple syrup during that season, and enjoying the finest New Hampshire has to offer. Another son lives in Sweden with his Swedish wife and daughter. bobhofstetter@gsinet.net.

**T.W. HUGHES, C'69**, has recently relocated with International Management Group from Haikou on Hainan Island, China, to Korea to be GM of the newly named IMG National Country Club in Korea. twh4thai@hotmail.com

**CURTIS BARTOSIK, C'85**, sends greetings from Paris. His wife, Aimee, finished her PhD at Berkeley. With their son, Alexandre (2), they moved to Paris in September. Curtis is doing some consulting but may soon land a bona fide job. His address is 6 Square Grange, Paris 75013. He welcomes visitors and says, "The first drink is on me." cbartosik@yahoo.com

From Norway, **NILS M. APELAND, F'94**, reports the birth of his and Cathrine's second son, Henrik, on Nov. 4. Nils and his family plan to visit Madison next fall. Nils still works in PR, and together with his brother he has built Apeland Informasjon to be one of Norway's leading PR and communication agencies. nils@apeland.no

**JUSSI HERMUNEN, F'97**, married Maria von Bonsdorff in the summer of 2000, and they welcomed a son, Oscar, in the summer of 2001. Jussi and Maria live in Finland and welcome visits from Sigis traveling in the area.

**JOHN BUCKHAM, I'42**, reports that after multiple strokes he has left his 32-year career in education and is now keeping busy with a new

business — ice skate sharpening — at his home in San Mateo, Calif.

**BROOKE SPOTSWOOD, S'66**, practices trust and estate law in Gloucester County and lives with his family off of the Chesapeake Bay.

**TIM PROFFITT, S'84**, and his wife, Charlotte, announce the birth of their fifth child, Henry Martin Proffitt, who was born Aug. 26. He joins siblings Hunter, Ann-Charlotte, Harrison and Falkner. Tim says, "You can see that there are a whole bunch of future Sigis running around my house."

**JAY HUGO, S'87**, is living with his wife, Kim, and two sons, Adam (5) and David (3), in Richmond, Va. In his spare time, he is keeping up with two businesses — bondhugofarley, a full-service architectural firm, and Grace Street RDS, a new venture focused on turnkey delivery of custom residential additions. JHugo@3north.net ■



## 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
Norman W. Fox II, U'40	
Frank Pierson, U'45	
Clarkson Nott Potter, U'47	
Robert H. Held, H'47	4/14/02
Francis Burns Jr., H'54	
Douglas Stearns, W'35	1/5/00
Woodrow W. Sayre, W'37	9/16/02
Robert G. Ray, W'47	10/20/01
Robert L. Williams, W'51	1/28/00
L. GiffordKessler, W'62	12/11/01
Ronald M. Page, V'42	4/1/02
David Kelley, V'51	
Robert Brown, M'28	
Willard J. Ball, M'32	8/22/02
Richard Byron Arnesen, M'51	9/2/02
Anthony Langas, M'99	9/5/02
John Monroe Waring, L'25	6/11/02
Ronald Dreesen, L'52	9/24/02
Harold R. Leland, F'52	1/12/02
John H. Ghormley, F'56	5/4/02
Alan Huse, F'61	10/30/01
Theodore A. Dungan, I'28	9/28/02
Donald Curran, I'51	6/2/02

# Vermont Sig Badge Returns Home

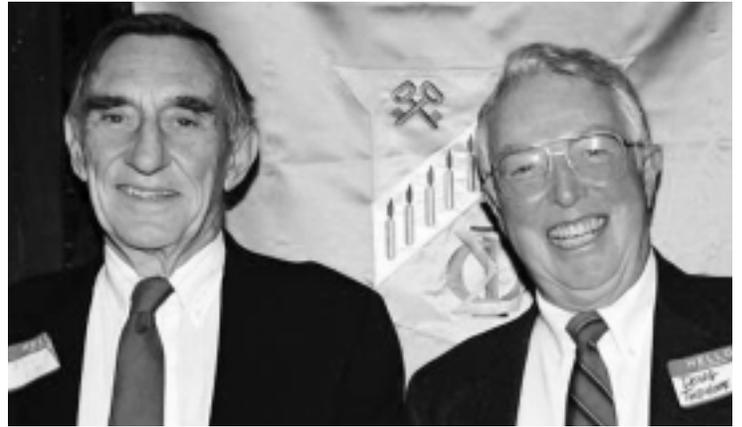
*The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Steven Lord, V'88, to the Brothers of the Vermont Convention.*

**M**ichael Taranto, G'88, and I have been sleuthing the various online auction sites for Sig material for some years now, as many of you have. Mike has actually recovered quite an amazing collection ranging from *Signets* and *Catalogues* to a total of three badges — Lambert L. Borden, U'26, Peter Mohan Potter, G'60, and Robert Pond, V'40. Plans are under way for the repatriation of the first two; it is the third one that concerns us this weekend.

Mike recovered this badge a few months ago, and once we knew it positively belonged to Bob, I informed Mike that most Vermont Sigs of the past 50 years knew Bob personally and quite well. I explained that Bob was one of what we called the “Triumvirate” — along with Chet Eaton, V'30, and Melville “Pug” Maurice, V'36 — which was a fixture at the Alpha of Vermont and an incredible source of advice, perspective and guidance for three generations of the active chapter. As a person, Bob was the true embodiment of the Sigma Phi in all her glorious respects; no higher compliment could be paid to him.

Of course, how the badge of a man so dedicated to Sigma Phi ended up on EBay is a question we can't answer. But we decided that the 175th Convention in Burlington would be the best place to present the badge to Bob's chapter, and that Bob himself would want his badge in no other place than in the halls of the organization he so dearly loved. So, on behalf of the bothers of the Delta, we hereby return the badge of Robert Pond, V'40, to the Alpha of Vermont.

As many Sigs know, [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com) has quite a listing of Sigma Phi items available. Discussions with collectors revealed that “Sigma Phi badges are so rare and so sought after by collectors because you guys never part with them. It's as if Sigma Phi were some kind of special club or something. It's just a frat you belonged to in college, right?” One particular collector had been looking for a Sig badge for nearly 30 years and there was no price he was unwilling to pay. ■



*David S. Brown Service Awards go to Vermont Sigs Steven Moore, V'41, and Doug Tudhope, V'47.*



*Participating Sigs in the Annual Convention Golf Tournament.*



*Sigs at the General Convention meeting listen to David Williams, W'61, explain voting procedures during the By-Laws discussion.*



*Vermont Sigs return for the Sig Banquet*



*Charlie Boswell, G'47, with members of the active chapter from the Delta of New York.*