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Expansion: The Long and Winding Road

by Jim Jenkins, S'58, Chairman

The Society is long overdue to expand. In furtherance of this goal, we pursued an opportunity during the spring and summer to colonize an independent fraternity at the University of North Carolina previously affiliated with Beta Theta Pi. While the outcome of that exploration was not successful, some things we learned along the way were positive... and helpful for our future expansion hopes.

Following an exchange of correspondence and numerous telephone conversations, a face to face meeting was held with alumni and active members of the Beta Club the morning of June 14 in Chapel Hill. Another national organization - Delta Phi (St. Elmo) - also met with the Beta Club to explore the possibilities. These 'finalist' meetings with Sigma Phi and Delta Phi were the result of a search they made of all nationals that had been methodically narrowed to twelve and then... just two.

The meeting was a good one. In the following week, a Beta Club alumni officer



The Beta Club at UNC

contacted me to report they had voted to petition Sigma Phi for a charter. We were delighted!

The Society's formal process for considering a new charter was then begun. After the required written letters of endorsements by 10 Sig alumni and one sponsoring chapter (Virginia, in this case), the S&A approved sending an official notice of this petition to all parties specified in our by-laws. Following this notice, the S&A was scheduled to meet to approve and endorse the petition and in the interim recognize the Beta Club as a colony of Sigma Phi.

Final approval and the granting of a charter would require a vote at the General Convention. Founders would be selected from each of Sig chapter and the initial members of the Beta Club elected to membership.

Regrettably, on July 31, I received a telephone call from Richard C. Spangler, Corporation President of the Beta Club, informing me that they had reconciled with the Beta Theta Pi National organization. The Beta Club withdrew its petition for membership. Upon realizing that its one-time chapter was about to affiliate with another Greek group, Beta Theta Pi's national organization realized it had made a serious error in its decision several years earlier to separate itself from the UNC chapter. It hastily contacted the Beta Club Alumni organization, fences were mended, and a history dating back to 1852 was saved.

I was of course disappointed by these developments. I had become convinced that Sigma Phi was a perfect match for what that group sought in a national organization, and that it was well suited for what we sought in a new Sig chapter. Having come this close to establishing a new chapter, however, and seeing the positive response by our members to such a venture, I am confident we will find future success on other campuses.

To those who worked and supported the Society's efforts in this endeavor to establish a new chapter at UNC - especially to Jim Cole, S'87, Mark Holland, S'86, Wyck Knox, S'88, and Alvar Soosar, S'96, who joined me in making the June trip to Chapel Hill - I want to again express my sincere thanks and appreciation. At another time and place, I know that the spirit of Sigma Phi will find fertile ground and grow...to the lasting benefit of our brotherhood. ■



Expansion discussion at Convention '03 S&A Business Meeting: (l to r) Marshall Solem, F'79, Jim Jenkins, S'58, & Alvar Soosar, S'96

Message from the Chairman

by Jim Jenkins, S'58

The 172nd convention brought together Sigs from across the country who came to renew friendships and celebrate all we have in Sigma Phi. Union College was chosen for our meeting site as this academic year represents the last time that the beautiful house at 1 Library Lane is available for Sig use. The Society's ground lease - and those of other Greek houses - expire in June and Union College has declined to extend them. In the years ahead, the Alpha's actives will live together on campus in college owned housing dedicated for Sig use.

On the plus side, the Alpha's Alumni Corporation has purchased another property, a budding "Pepper Box" II, at 10 Union Street just off the college campus. While much smaller than the existing house, this circa-1920 structure will nevertheless offer a place for Sigs to gather in conclave.

We will greatly miss the house at 1 Library Lane, but I can report that Sigma Phi at Union is stronger than ever with 26 new brothers having been initiated during this convention! These new Brothers will not have the advantage of a large physical structure, but they will have the support of a concerned national organization dedicated to keeping the spirit of Sig friendship alive and growing at Union and at all other chapters.

Let me now update you concerning several major matters that the Society has

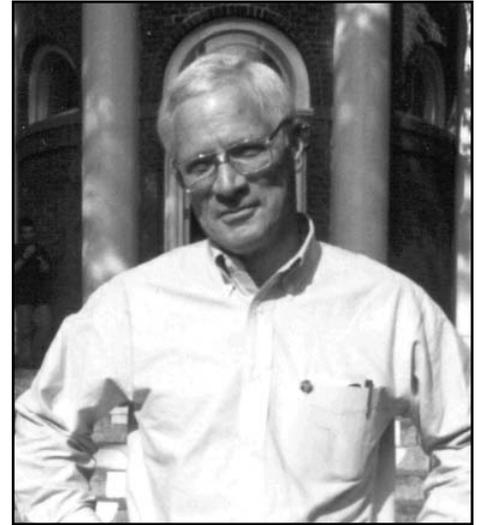
dealt with during the year. One of these matters involved the very high liability insurance premiums faced by our active chapters. I am happy to report that, due to the hard work of Marshall Solem, F'79, and the members of his Insurance Committee, we have obtained new coverage through HRH/Kirkland & Company at a substantially lower cost. The new policy will have a per claim deductible of \$2,500 rather than \$50,000 under our former carrier. To retain these favorable rates and terms, it will be important that alumni and actives work together to follow good risk management practices in all chapter house operations.

In another positive development, I can report that the 8 year litigation battle with Hamilton College arising out of its denial of the Beta's right to use their chapter house has been settled by a payment of \$440,000 for the property. The cost to reach this settlement was considerable. Ongoing insurance, interest, legal fees, maintenance and property taxes consumed most of that amount over the protracted, 8-year period. Most of those funds were advanced by the national organization. After repaying its note to the national, the Beta realized \$80,000 from the settlement. From this amount, the Beta must still pay approximately \$16,000 in other legal costs.

With litigation concluded, Beta alumni will now be able to devote their full time and energies to working with the active brothers at Hamilton College. These young men are special. Despite the challenge of operating without a physical structure, they have continued as a strong and vibrant Society chapter since 1995.

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In providing you with a detailed report of this effort to establish a new chapter, my



Jim Jenkins, S'58

intent is to underscore that your Society is ready and willing to commit the time and resources necessary for expansion. We are not standing idly by but will be diligent in our efforts to further the Society whenever opportunity arises. While all of our efforts may not meet with success, I am confident success will ultimately be realized.

For this work and all the other work done in support of our existing chapters, your National officers and members of the S&A and its various committees stand ready to volunteer their time and effort. However, without your financial commitment to support the national organization through dues and other contributions above our regular dues structure (\$50 for alumni graduated 5 years or more; \$35 for younger alumni), we will not have the means to do the job.

As of November, we have received dues and contributions totaling \$20,845 from 374 Sigs. In 2002, 559 Sigs supported our annual appeal and raised \$37,275. We need at least \$50,000 annually in dues income and, to avoid using the resources of our small endowment, we need \$75,000. While this latter figure sounds like a large sum, the good news is that it translates to a mere 25% of our alumni participating at the suggested \$50 dues level.

Please take time now to make this commitment to Sigma Phi. An envelope has been enclosed for your convenience. For the entire Sigma Phi Brotherhood, I thank you for your support. It is needed and will be wisely used by the Society. ■



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Undergrad Convention Perspective

by Robert Danipour, F'00

Shades of red, yellow, and orange. Strange New York accents. Frigid temperatures in the air... Oh. Right; we're not in California anymore! What is this foreign land called Schenectady? Why are we Berkeley Sigs here? Only the warmth of Sigma Phi can comfort us now.

It's a modern and superficial world we live in. Nowadays, it seems we only have time to eat, work, and sleep. Is there anything else? Plato believed there were two kinds of good. The first - which is very rare - was a type that we simply do for the sake of doing it and not for its consequences: perhaps watching a sunset or smelling a flower. He also believed there was a type of good that we do simply because of the consequences and not for the good in and of itself: perhaps undertaking an undesirable career that happens to pay a lot.

I can confidently say that Sigma Phi fits the first type of good; it is something we all cherish for its own sake. How often can one find an organization that offers brotherhood, loyalty, and above all, love for one another? I was able to witness all these unique attributes and more firsthand at the Society's 172nd General Convention at Union College: no better place than the birth of our dear Sigma Phi.

I think I speak in behalf of all actives when I say that it's one thing to read or hear what others tell you what Sigma Phi means to them, but something different - even heavenly - to actually experience it for yourself. The word 'convention' brings up visions of dullness: lame excuses to get together and perhaps shake a couple of



Friday's Undergraduate Workshop took a close look at some of the meanings of the Sig ritual.

hands, all while checking out the hot babe serving the bar. Such wasn't the case in Schenectady from November 6-9. This wasn't merely a convention; this was a celebration - a celebration of who we Sigs are.

Our celebration left many memorable images. In particular, I vividly remember Aaron Rutkowski, F'01 - the winner of this year's Hick's Oratorical Contest - standing in front of all his Sig brothers pouring out his feelings of what this Society means to him. As Aaron did this, our hearts transcended uniformly into a conglomerate of caring and understanding people.

Hold on for a second! This seems rather odd. First of all, here we have a complete stranger: one who trusts us enough with his innermost feelings that he's willing to express them to us. Secondly, an audience ranging from teenage years to old wise

men with families that have never met this kid...why should any of us care? I believe the answer to the question lies within our deep-rooted and profound principles of Sigma Phi.

I also had the privilege of witnessing something very special that occurred at the Union chapter that glorious weekend. Yes, it is a tragedy that the Alpha Sigs' home will be taken away from them. (Or should I say...that the physical home of Sigma Phi will be taken away from all of us?) However, when I was there, I cannot recall a single time when any Union active showed signs of vulnerability to this unfortunate, impending circumstance.

What I did see was energy-driven Sigs who were willing to fight it out to the very end. They fought with so much integrity for their cause that they were able to whip out 26 solid pledges even in the face of this harsh, unfortunate transition. 26 pledges! I think this is a perfect example of what Sigma Phi stands for. More importantly, it's a symbol of how much we value the high principles in which we so whole-heartedly believe. Lead or die? We lead, all right.

What I saw at Union was a beautiful cycle of older generations passing down wisdom to younger ones, perpetuating honor and dignity since March 4th, 1827. Just because I've jetted back to California and left Union doesn't mean Union is not with me. Instead, Sigma Phi is with me - is with us - wherever we go.

There will always be a Sigma Phi within me until the very last pulse. ■



Undergrad Sigs from throughout the Society gathered in Schenectady

Society Looking to Salute Sig Scholars

by David Williams, W'61, Awards Chairman

In a program begun in 1963 and unique among all fraternities to Sigma Phi, the Society has honored 143 brothers for their achievement of 177 awards conferred by nineteen of the fifty-nine national honor societies currently recognized by the Society. At least three brothers from every one of our eleven chapters are represented among Sigma Phi's award winners. Nearly half the awards have been conferred by Phi Beta Kappa (to at least two Brothers in every chapter) and Tau Beta Pi, the original two organizations for which the Society singled out honorees.

This recognition program went on hiatus following the 1995 Convention, but in a decision reached at Convention '03 at Union, the Standing & Advisory Committee enthusiastically endorsed a recommendation by Chairman Jim Jenkins, S'58, that the program be reinvigorated.

The call for current academic year award winners has been made directly to Active Chapter Presidents, but the Society

is also seeking to honor all brothers who received awards from any of the 59 recognized honor societies since 1995.

Brothers whose honors have not yet been saluted by Sigma Phi, or those win-

ning recognition but unsure whether from a recognized honor society, should let their honors be known by contacting Awards Chairman David Williams, W'61, at PO Box 800, Morrisville, VT., 05661. ■

Honor Society Awards: 1965-1995 Conventions

Chapter	Awards	Individuals	Year of Last Award
Union	40	32	1995
Lehigh	30	21	1994
Virginia	23	19	1994
Wisconsin	22	15	1991
Cornell	19	15	1986
Michigan	15	14	1991
Vermont	7	6	1995
California	6	6	1994
Hobart	6	6	1988
Hamilton	6	6	1995
Williams	3	3	1965
Total:	177	143	

Society Secretary: Changing Role

In an administrative change which recognizes and addresses the scope of the role of General Secretary, the functions of that office have been split four different ways.

For reasons associated with his personal life and his work, Derek Fredrickson, V'94 – a new father – has stepped down from full time work in this role. As a consequence, the role has been changed to become more manageable...and more participative!

Derek will continue to serve as Sigma Phi's webmaster. Newcomer Hugh Leoni, G'99, will step into the role of Recording Secretary. Treasurer Alvar Soosar, S'96, will be responsible for editing the 'Sigma Phi Flame.' And Scott McCrae, V'82, has agreed to serve as Traveling Secretary.

Scott's role as Traveling Secretary represents a key development, for it acknowledges the importance of regular communications, circulation, and encour-



"Tending the vineyards of Sigma Phi." Scott McCrae, V'82 (2nd from left), at a Lehigh initiation in the late '80s with fellow travelers and distinguished Sigs Pug Maurice, V'36 (l), Chet Eaton, V'30, (center), Brad Henry, V'83 and Bob Pond, V'40 (r).

agement with our youngest brothers in particular. (Contact Scott via e-mail at smccrae@together.net with congratulations and suggestions.)

This change parallels action Society taken briefly during the '70s, when Harvey Boysen, I'65, was asked to step up to a similar Sig traveling responsibility. ■

Sig Perspective

by Omar Greene, L'48

The title above was suggested for this little piece since a definition of perspective goes like this: "The aspect in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed: especially, a view of things in their true relationship or relative importance." So here is a view from a septuagenarian whose relationship with the Society goes back to when he was maybe six or seven years old. Fixed in my memory is the time my late Dad (Omar Greene Sr, L'18) was reviewing some Sig items at our home and I asked him the meaning of the engravings on his badge. His reply was a prophetic classic: "God willing, one day you will come to know."

Dad spent his college years in the old house at 506 Delaware Avenue. That Sigma Phi Place was built in 1888, one year after the Lehigh Chapter's founding in 1887. It was built specifically as a fraternity residence. As a legacy, when I reported to Lehigh for my freshman year, I could go right to residence at the Sigma Phi Place. My brother, Garrett, a year older than I, was already in the house. It was a great experience for an 18 year old since the fall of 1947 saw a large number of World War II veterans and brothers return to finish their educations. Sharing rooms with those men gave me an education which was quite an adjunct to the 'book learning' more commonly associated with university classrooms!

Swung in the spring of 1948, with my dad participating in the ceremony, I started



Entrance of the former Sigma Phi Place in Bethlehem on Sayre Hill

on my journey to understanding and appreciating the love and devotion Dad had for the principles of the Society. In short order, they would also come to guide me. I have come to realize that being swung and enjoying a lifetime of membership in the Society does not guarantee that every brother will come to truly appreciate the benefit that accrues from a deep knowledge and understanding of Sig tenets – and allowing such to guide their lives. It is tragic to count the number of brothers who, while still alive, retain no active association with the Sigma Phi. They obviously saw/see Sigma Phi as a short run affiliation only, never caring to keep a connection after their college days. It mystifies me...

We now live in a difficult time. It is a radically changed era than I knew in my undergraduate days. Today, the survival of college fraternities continues to be an uphill battle. Although Lehigh University seems to recognize some Greek value and works to maintain a Greek presence campus, its indifference to Sigma Phi's campus legacy, the changes in society's mores, and Lehigh's need for "political correctness" were all part of the unfortunate mix that caused the tragic loss of the Sigma Phi Place on Sayre Hill in 1998.

We all like to talk about "the gentlemen of Sigma Phi." Yet enough of them could not be found and swung in Bethlehem to prevent the University from shutting us down... and turning the Sigma Phi Place, for which many of us had sacrificed time and treasure, into a sorority house. A number of us old timers who started our Sig life on Delaware Avenue are still puzzled by the strategy of being on campus where the university, not the Society, could dictate our fate.

Perhaps there is a message in the Lehigh experience that can and should be taken to heart by all the new and current actives: to preserve what the Society means and to strive always to be referred to as "The gentlemen of Sigma Phi." I challenge you all to know and understand fully what the Society stands for - you'll find the core tenets in our charge - and to let those rich values be important enough to guide both your life and life-long relationship with our Society. ■



At Lehigh's centennial celebration (March 1987), Omar Greene, L'48, sat second from right, with his father, Omar Sr., to the extreme right.

Sig Spirit Still Strong at Williams

by Grey Perry, C'56, Chairman Emeritus

At the kind invitation of S & A representative Dave Williams, W'61, I had the pleasure to speaking to the Williams College Sigma Phi Alumni Association at its annual Homecoming Weekend, which was held this year on the same weekend as our National Convention. In addition to my own comments, I brought greetings from the convention and Chairman Jim Jenkins, who naturally took part in Convention '03 at the Alpha of New York.

Dick Tyner, W'61, was the master of ceremonies at a dinner for over 40 alumni and their guests, held in the Stetson Library on the Williams campus. There was lusty singing, led by Peter Hutcheon, W'62. And most brothers knew all the words without referring to the song sheet. The Alpha's alumni association had its annual business meeting earlier in the day.

Sig alumni from Williams have continued to gather at Homecoming every year since their chapter was disbanded in 1963,



Richard Tyner, W'61

and decades before that for the traditional annual Williams-Amherst football game. As part of the agreement with the college, they are the only fraternity on campus allowed

to use college facilities for the annual meetings. When the house and land were turned over to the college, an endowment was formed to allow for the alumni association to continue to meet and conduct business.

At other chapters where chapter houses have been lost, the Williams Sigs' example of keeping the Sigma Phi spirit strong and well might well serve as a model of how to keep the flame alive. As we all know, membership in Sigma Phi is a lifelong commitment. Participation by alumni who no longer have a house to return to becomes an often difficult and disconnected proposition. A commitment by "orphaned" Sig alumni to continue to have and support an active alumni organization, to meet on an annual basis, to continue to be represented on the Standing & Advisory Committee, and to participate in national conventions and March 4th dinners - as Williams alumni have done through the decades - is an excellent example of how this lifelong commitment can be fulfilled. ■

Viele Scholarship Update

by Glenn George, C'82

The Francis S. Viele Scholarship Trust awarded \$134,500 for the 2003-2004 academic year to 33 very accomplished and academically promising Sigs. This represents a record dollar amount distributed in one year, amply demonstrating the Society's unwavering commitment to the pursuit of Truth through scholarly endeavor.

Details of the awards by chapter are shown in the tables at right for number and amount of awards presented.

The applicant pool was up this year, with 68 Sigs applying. "We are heartened by the increased numbers this year in terms of applicants, number of recipients, and dollars awarded," said Viele Scholarship Selection Committee Chairman Glenn "Rusty" George, C'82, a five-time Viele recipient. "Yet we wish more Sigs applied for the Viele. For those who apply, the historical likelihood of receiving a scholarship is around 50 percent. We need to redouble our efforts as a Society to encourage applications."

The Viele remains the largest scholarship program of any fraternity or sorority in the country.

Applications for 2004-2005 scholarships will be posted on the Sigma Phi Web site (www.sigmaphi.org) in January and will be due by April 1, 2004. Sigs with questions about the Viele program can contact Rusty at glenn.george@paconsulting.com. Rusty asks Sigma Phi alumni to encourage any Sig they know who will be pursuing a degree to apply for a Viele. ■

Number of Awards

Chapter	Grad	Undergrad	Total
Cornell	2	4	6
Wisconsin	1	3	4
Hobart	1	—	1
California	2	1	3
Michigan	2	3	5
Virginia	5	—	5
Union	—	1	1
Vermont	2	6	8
<i>Grand Total</i>	15	18	33

Scholarship Dollars

Chapter	Grad	Undergrad	Total
Cornell	\$5,000	\$17,000	\$22,000
Wisconsin	\$2,000	\$15,000	\$17,000
Hobart	\$7,000	—	\$7,000
California	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$7,000
Michigan	\$9,000	\$10,500	\$19,500
Virginia	\$26,000	—	\$26,000
Union	—	\$2,000	\$2,000
Vermont	\$6,000	\$28,000	\$34,000
<i>Grand Total</i>	\$60,000	\$74,500	\$134,500

The Road Home

by Ben Davis, F'94

Some time last year, I suddenly realized that it had been fewer than five years since leaving the Madison campus, saying goodbye to my active life at Sigma Phi. As short a time as that had been, I had somehow almost completely lost touch with my old home. I could count on two fingers the number of actives that I knew by name; even more scant was my knowledge of current events and the general state of the house. It was on this day, for reasons I cannot identify, that I decided to reconnect with the people and the place that constituted the source of substantially all of my college memories. It was out of this desire and subsequent commitment last year that Madison's Altor program was born.

It's a somewhat daunting challenge to walk through those the doors of the Sigma Phi Place when you no longer know anyone on the other side. Unfortunate as it may be, the actives were not accustomed to regular visits from younger alumni; the welcome mat, if it could be found, was not in quite as good a condition as I remembered it. However, several warm faces shone tenta-

tively through; the spirit of the house I remembered gradually revealed itself to me. It was a thrilling sensation to once again feel at home.

I was exuberant at the progress I was personally making in reconnecting with the house. My exuberance was tempered, however, by the realization that the house was suffering in both the tangible and intangible sense. My high spirits gave way to guilt as I began to comprehend that a lack of involvement from myself and those of my era was partially responsible for the deteriorating trend. While my own reconnection had proven to be rewarding, it wasn't without challenge. And the real challenge, I concluded, would be to successfully re-involve a generation of Sigs who had all but disappeared from involvement with the house. To this end, a medium was created whereby alumni of my era would be able to reconnect on a personal level with the younger members – and prospective members – of Sigma Phi. That medium, now called the Altor program, is simple. It should sound familiar to all, for it closely resembles the concept of the pledge father/pledge son relationship.



Alpha of Wisconsin

Essentially, an alumnus ("Altor," from Latin meaning guide or mentor) is assigned a pledge with whom he is to establish a relationship. Additionally, the Altor is also charged to establish a relationship with the pledge father. He is to make at least a couple attempts to get back to campus, including initiation, to meet the pledge and pledge father face-to-face. Beyond that, it's up to the Altor to define his role and the degree to which he wishes to use it as a means to re-involve himself with the house as a whole.

Fall '03 marks our third semester, and the program thus far has been quite successful. Its ongoing success depends directly on the desire among Madison alumni to have a direct involvement in the Society and its active members. It is my sincere desire that this program continues to flourish and to reinvigorate the spirit of the house across multiple Sig generations. To this end, I serve as Altor Coordinator and Liaison for the Alpha's Alumni Board. I highly encourage any who are interested and are relatively close in age to the actives (around F'88 or later) to contact me (e-mail: BDavis@AlixPartners.com). ■



Limestone Carvings in Schenectady's "Blue Gate:" According to the Union College web site, "The Blue Gate is one of the three original structures of the "new" Union College Campus in 1814. (The other two structures include North and South College.) Until the construction of Payne Gate in 1911, Blue Gate was the principle entrance to Union College." Dave Messler, U'93, advises that: "It's my understanding that the fraternities listed were the six fraternities founded at Union."

Hicks Oratory: Winners, All

Year after year, the Hicks Oratorical Contest is a unique and memorable convention highlight. This one-of-a-kind Society showcase, underwritten decades ago via a bequest from Oliver Hewlett Hicks, V'1868, permits undergraduate Sigs to prepare and deliver formal orations about Sigma Phi before a convention audience.

For 2003, five young Sigs elected to take part: Matt Gerien, U'00, David Bruenner, G'02, Aaron Rutkowski, F'01, Rob Johnson, F'00, and Andrew Bourret, V'01. Each made a wonderful, welcome contribution...not only to convention participants, but – importantly – to himself. Judges Dan Neumann, F'71, Mark Johnson, U'70, and Rand Carter, H'74, had their work cut out for them. When their deliberations had concluded, Aaron Rutkowski was declared the 2003 winner, with Matt Gerien earning runner-up honors.

The Winning Oration

by Aaron Rutkowski, F'01

I believe that events in everyone's life happen for specific purposes. Your life can change in an instant. Whether it's because you think you can beat the system, you get invited to a casual dinner by upperclassmen from high school, a two-minute phone call from a friend, or a fire alarm blasts in your ear at 6 AM. Sometimes these things are beyond what you thought possible - the most exhilarating thing you've ever done.

On the other hand, it could be terrifying and sear you to your core. Epicetus, a Greek philosopher, said: "Men are not disturbed by things, but the view they take of things." This quote helps put in perspective two things: events in the Alpha of Wisconsin's recent and not-so-recent history as well as a few life-changing events in my personal life.

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As a high school senior, if you had asked me about fraternities, all I would have been able to do is give stereotypes. That was all I knew. Oh, how things can change! One day on my way to class, a week or so into my freshman year at U-W, I ran into someone who had been ahead of me in high school. He asked if I'd like to come up to his house for dinner. I was a little skeptical, but thought to myself: "A free meal. No obligation. What could be wrong with that?" After one meal at the Sigma Phi Place, talking with guys who have earned the highest GPA of all Madison fraternities repeatedly, and touring a house that is a national historic landmark, I knew I was dealing with something in a class all by itself. It was not until my pledgship I was able to learn what it really means to be a Sig. One thing we learn about as pledges is the tragedy that happened just over 30 years ago, when the Alpha suffered a disastrous fire in March, 1972. It was unclear if the house would be salvaged or if the Society would even continue on campus. Things do happen which cannot be foreseen and which seem devastating. Out of the ruins, as we now know,

came a beautifully restored house which was more beautiful and much safer than it had been previously.

Me

Not only do I understand this and more recent events which have taken place within my time as a Brother, but I also relate on a more personal level. Many events in my life have close connections to things which have taken place in the house. Three years ago, my friend and I decided to join the Air National Guard in order to pay for school, improve our knowledge for after college, and earn a little extra money. We went through the physical and went off to basic. We arrived in San Antonio, TX, and began the hardest period of our young lives. You can only imagine what it was like being yelled at day and night and having to fold our t-shirts with tweezers so they were absolutely perfect rectangles. About two weeks in, our unit was not doing things as well as our drill instructor wanted them done. He sat us all down in order to make examples out of some of us. Both my friend and I were called on. We fumbled over a few words and were consequently told we would be "recycled": sent back to a previous point in training. We found out later that day, however, that we had actually failed our drug tests and - because of that - we were both discharged. Then we had to call our parents and tell them not to come to our graduation, and why. That was the second most painful phone call I've ever had in my life. But now I have to return to what I said before about things happening for purposes which can't be foreseen. A little less than a year later, America went to war with Iraq. My Air National Guard unit was activated for combat. Had I completed the training, I would have had at least a year's tour in Iraq. I believe that smoking marijuana could have saved my life.

George Bernard Shaw, a Nobel laureate and leading figure of the 20th century theater, once said: "If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you'd best teach it to dance." I thought for a long time about how to make up for what I had done to my financial situation, my reputation, and – importantly – my future. I have come to a decision that many may not particularly



Wisconsin Sigs at the Crowne Plaza banquet venue in Albany; Aaron Rutkowski, F'01, is at left.

like. I feel I have to make it. In two weeks, I am going back to my home in Milwaukee to take a second physical to reenter the military. This time, I will become a Marine Reservist. Next summer, I will leave for San Diego and go through hell a second time. But this time, there's no chance I will fail. Some have asked why, if I think that getting out of military saved my life, would I ever go back in. I plan to go to law school after I graduate, then earn a commission - which means becoming an officer - then being a Marine lawyer. I would not ever see combat. Just contribute my time, serve my country, repair the damage I have done, and then... have a life. To refer once again to Mr. Shaw, that skeleton is going to be dancing to the beat that I want from here on out!

Sigma Phi

I hold in my hand Madison's student newspaper from Monday, September 29. The main headline reads: "Fire in fraternity reveals secret room." This could have been an interesting read...had it not pertained to the Sigma Phi Place. Three days earlier at 6 AM, I was awakened by the sound of a fire alarm blasting outside of my room. I thought: "No biggie. Just a false alarm" A minute later, when an anxious firefighter charged into my room, I discovered it was the real thing. We were herded outside where we saw smoke pouring out of the back of the house. Time crept by. The firefighters couldn't find the source of the fire. We all expected the worst. It turned out that the fire had started - and been limited to - the 'clave. We had to let them in to put it out. As a result, the Alpha now has a rather public skeleton in its closet. We'll have to make adjustments over the next several months and years. In order to use that room, we'll most likely have to put in a 2nd exit, beefed up wiring, insulation, and other improvements. These changes will make it safer... and keep alumni bones warm in the cold Wisconsin winters.

Me

I said earlier that the phone call from Basic was the second most painful of my life. The most painful came this year at 10:30 A.M. on August 6. A friend of mine called to tell me that the friend with whom I'd enlisted in the military, Dan, had killed himself. My mind went blank...and into a turmoil that hasn't calmed to this day.



Hicks Judges Rand Carter, H'74, Dan Neumann, F'71 & Mark Johnson, U'70

When something like this happens, you ask... why? You wonder what you did wrong and what you might have done to prevent it. I ask myself these questions every day. There is no answer. The past few weeks have been the hardest for me. Until then, I was not cutting myself off from people as much and was even starting to feel almost back to normal, whatever that is. Two nights ago, though, I really lost it. I became extremely depressed...even suicidal. My Brothers in the house, who had not even known Dan, were the ones I least expected to help. But I was wrong. They did everything they could to help out. They listened when I needed to talk, talked when I needed to listen, and sat with me when I needed to cry. And they made sure I got home even when I told them I'd be fine. When we pledge Sigma Phi in Madison, we are made to learn the McMurdy Ideals, a list of beliefs that distinguished Sig Robert McMurdy, M'1876, was passionate about. One of these ideals has had immense meaning for my life: "Do not be mastered by any habit or prejudice, any triumph or misfortune." The people of Sigma Phi have been able to make me understand that and make me want to do the same for

others. I know now that I can, and I thank them... and Sigma Phi...from the bottom of my heart.

Conclusion

Albert Einstein once said: "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." Becoming a member of Sigma Phi is the greatest and most influential thing that has happened to me at Wisconsin. I have established very strong friendships and had a great time learning the history and practice of - in my opinion - a most incredible society of men. It has opened up new opportunities and doors for me, and helped me through the hardest times in my life. As long as you keep things in perspective and know that everything happens for a reason and serves a greater purpose, your life will be whatever you make of it.

I hope that Sigma Phi has had the same deep impact and immeasurable meaning in your lives that it has in mine. As Brother McMurdy said so wisely and so well: "Do not be mastered by any habit or prejudice, any triumph or misfortune."

Esto Perpetua. ■



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Newsletter Recognition Awards Reinstated

Sigma Phi has long supported open and frequent communications among its members in order to nurture the flame shared by all initiates. This is evidenced at the national level by the frequent publication of *The Flame* and *The Bulletin*, which have been distributed regularly to all Sigs over the years.

The Society recognizes, in addition, that local publications issued both by active chapters and by alumni organizations also play a vital role in accomplishing the same global objective. Hence for many years at each General Convention, the Standing

& Advisory Committee presented its Newsletter Awards to the active and alumni chapters that published the best newsletters during the previous year. These awards recognized both the frequency and quality of overall communications efforts by local chapters and their associated alumni groups.

After suspending this recognition program several years ago, the Standing & Advisory Committee has agreed to reinstitute the Newsletter Awards at the 2004 Convention.

All chapters and alumni organizations

are encouraged to enter their publications for this academic year in the competition by simply placing the name and address of Awards CoChairman Dan Neumann, F'71, on their mailing list three times, thereby automatically providing sufficient copies to meet the judges' needs. His address is 120 Campbell Road, Trumbull, CT 06611. Electronic copies of those newsletters may be directed to:
dneumann@orgdynamics.com.

Nominations Open For the Elihu Root Distinguished Sig & David Brown Awards

The Standing and Advisory Committee is soliciting nominations for its two highest awards conferred on Sig Brothers.

The Elihu Root Distinguished Sigma Phi Award, initiated in 1989, recognizes and honors Sigma Phi alumni for lifetime achievement that reflects Sigma Phi's values and brings credit to the Society. The award is intended to provide inspiration for all Sigs and in particular for undergraduates, our leaders of the future.

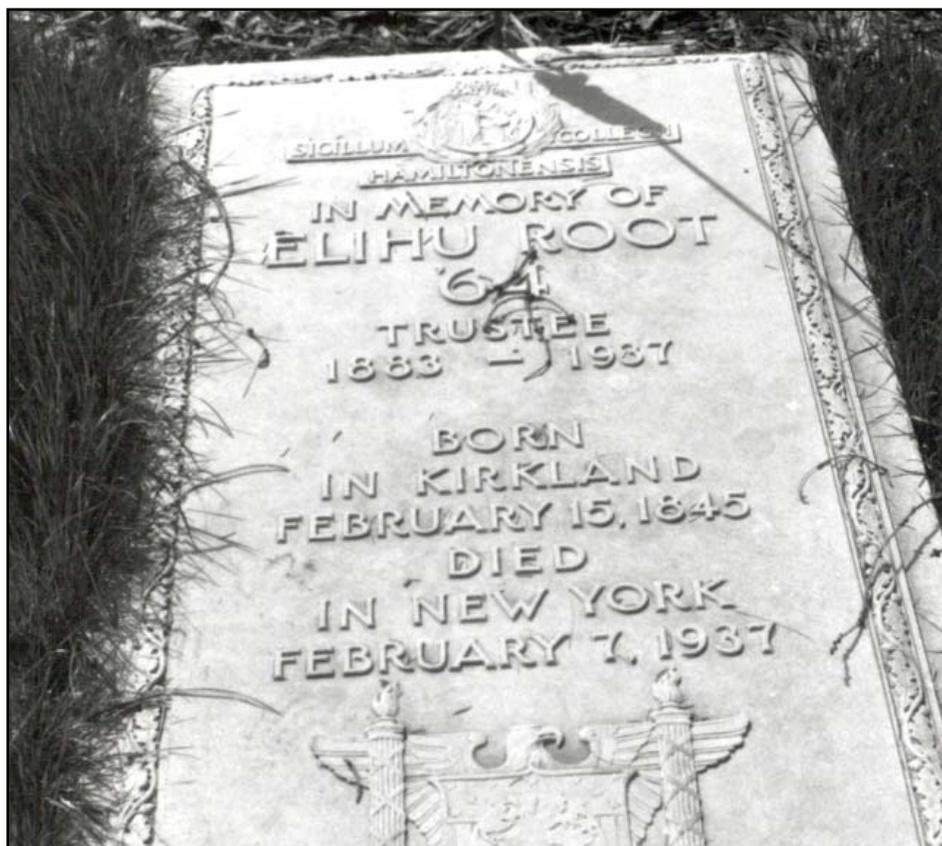
Worthy candidates for selection are graduate Brothers who have distinguished themselves by achieving national or international prominence, providing broad public service to others in society, and/or rendering outstanding service to the Society or to the fraternity system. Over the years, the award has been conferred to Hastings Keith, V'34, Larry Perkins, F'25, Chet Eaton, V'30, Art Nielsen, Jr. F'38, Barney Rocca, I'34, Chet Sawtelle, U'29, and Charlie Boswell II, G'47.

The David Brown Award, named for long time Sig stakeholder David S. Brown, S'70, was instituted in 1999 to recognize Sig Brothers who have demonstrated their abiding love for our Society through their boundless energy and contributions to its brotherhood and well being. Its sole recipients to date are Ted Bosley, I'73, and Steve Moore, V'41.

Nominations are due by July 1 and welcome sooner. Any individual or group

may make them, with or without the knowledge of the nominee. All nominations, which should be descriptive, comprehensive, and in publishable form, will remain confidential to those Brothers who are directly involved in the selection process.

Nominations are being accepted by Dan Neumann, F'71, the Society's Awards CoChairman, who may also be contacted concerning additional details at 120 Campbell Road, Trumbull, CT, 06611 or dneumann@orgdynamics.com. ■



Legitimate Sig Shrine: Gravesite of Elihu Root in the Hamilton College Faculty Cemetery in Clinton, New York



John Allen, M'67, a member of the Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Board of Governors since 1994, joined several other GAM members as inductees to the Greater Kalamazoo Golf Hall of Fame. Allen was cited for service to the GAM and organizations such as the PGA and the USGA. He served on several GAM committees, including rules, caddie welfare and long range planning. The Kalamazoo Country Club member also serves as general legal counsel for the Michigan Section, PGA and is trial counsel for the PGA of America. When it comes to the game itself, John is characteristically modest: "That Hall of Fame honor had nothing to do with my golfing skill. In that respect, amidst the other inductees, I felt very much like a pair of brown shoes in world of tuxedos..." John's address is 3412 Bronson Blvd, Kalamazoo, MI 49008 (e-mail: AllenUM@chartermi.net)

Rick Bingham, V'87, reports that Sig activity in New York is as inspired as ever! He writes: "The Dear Old Bonds continue to grow ever stronger as we approach the 2003 Holiday Season in the city that never sleeps. This past November, I was fortunate enough to attend several events with many Sig Brothers. On 11-8, we surprised David R. Strine, V'88, with a 35th birthday party that was unforgettable. On 11/15, David R. Schoenberger, V'87, and his wife, Stacy, held a wonderful housewarming party in their new Brooklyn condo. On 11/22, our annual fundraiser for the late Cesar Murillo, V'89, was well-attended by grads both young and old. I had the dubious albeit distinctive honor of being senior Brother in attendance at all three events!" Rick would like to rally Brothers from the classes of '88, '89 and '90 to seriously consider attending the 2004 Reunion in Burlington (weekend of June 4). "I have a wager with my Brother-in-Law – a Delta Psi – that we'll have more Sigs in attendance than Delts! This spring would be a great time to renew old friendships and revive that old Sig Spirit. I hope to see you all then." Please visit the following link for reunion information: <http://alumni.uvm.edu/1990/> Rick is the Marketing Director for Mogil Risk Management, and lives at 318 East 30th St #2F, NYC, 10016 (e-mail: rickbingham@mogil.com).

We have family news about **Chris Brennan, L'73**. He and his wife, Sippy, had their first children – yes, as in two: twins Jamie and Ryan (girl and boy) – on June 30. The newly-enlarged Brennan family resides in Manhattan Beach, CA at 216 17th St, zip 90266.

We have this update from **James Brown, L'54**: "Retired in 1999, spend winters in Snowbird, Utah where I ski every day. Son Greg owns two USA Baby Stores in Upstate NY, daughter Amy teaches elementary school, 5 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren and wife, Meredith, @ 43 years marriage. Summers at lake and boating in Thousand Islands." The Browns live at 273 East Lake Road, Deruyter, NY 13052

Jim Cline, P'73, writes: "It has been a while since I have talked to many of my brothers and most would not be aware that my wife, Joanna and I now have a 1-1/2 year old son and future Sig, James Jonathon, and a 6 year old daughter, Helen Alyssa, to go along with my 20 year old daughter, Elizabeth Ann. I also have made the conversion from a large corporate lender to small and middle-market lending and am now the Regional Vice President of the San Fernando Valley for East West Bank, a large community bank based in San Marino, California." Jim's e-mail address is JCLINE@eastwestbank.com, and mail reaches him at 3975 Robin Hill Rd, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011.

Dave Dallas, S'79, and wife Susan, SS'81, continue to seek nirvana in Charlottesville with their son, Lee (13) and daughter, Rebecca (11). While glimpses emerge, nirvana remains elusive and may be stymied by the onslaught of raging hormones. Wandering birds with similar quests or simple good cheer are always welcome. That altruistic (quixotic?) Dallas foursome makes its home at 56 Canterbury Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22903-4702 (e-mail: salladeus@aol.com)

Fellow Golden Bear Sig **Edgar Dethlefsen, P'50**, retired architect, and his wife Florence celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. They have moved from their Portola Valley home of many years to a condominium in the peninsula foothills near their children and four grandchildren. The Dethlefsens receive mail at PO Box 7337, Menlo Park, CA 94026.

Joshua Dobrowitsky, M'94, reports this news: "My wife, Catherine Thompson Dobrowitsky, and I bought a home in Royal Oak, Michigan. My wife is currently a corporate litigator with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLC in Detroit. I am a patent attorney with Harness, Dickey and Pierce, PLC. Warm wishes to everyone!" JD's address? 617 Gardenia, Royal Oak, MI 48067. (e-mail: Joshd247@yahoo.com)

One career is at and end, and he's starting another. **John Exell, M'69**, retired from the Navy a captain in ceremonies at New Orleans in September. John, a Navy man even longer even than a Sig (NROTC at Michigan), retired from the Navy as Supervisor of Shipbuilding after a career which included postings and service in Naval ports all over the world. And, without letting any grass grow, he's got a new career, now. John has become the Business Director of Community Presbyterian Church in Ventura. He and wife/Sig Sister Jane made a church home there during a previous California posting, and they've decided to retire and return to that community. New Left Coast address for the Exell duo? 5594 N. Bryn Mawr St, Ventura, CA 93003.

We've learned of a marital epidemic involving Sigs from the Western Lion's Lair. **Chris Frothingham, G'93**, writes: "I just got married this past September 13th in Kennebunk, ME. My wife, Allison, and I live in Cambridge, MA. I am currently the Executive Chef for Todd English's Bonfire Steakhouse in Boston. I have recently done some cooking demos for TV Diner with Billy Costa and Channel 5 News." He reports gravely that pledge brother

Sean Herlihy, G'93, married not long ago and that another - **Will Livingston, G'93** - will tie the knot in March. Chris' e-mail address is cfrothing@hotmail.com.

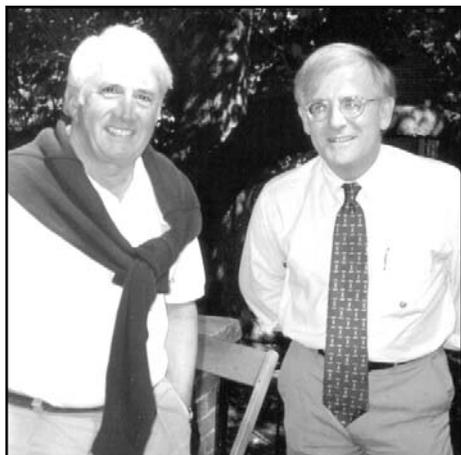
Tom Hicks, V'88, shares this cosmic Sig update. "My key origins are of course V'88 and UVM graduate in 1990. Worked as a ski-patrolman, rafting guide, and Outward Bound instructor for the better part of ten years. Enjoyed two stints as a spring break location manager in Negril, Jamaica (the entire Alpha of Vermont visited!) and Cancun. Vagabonding and nomading across the American west, landing in California in the fall of 1996 when I moved into 2307 Piedmont Way for the winter (the year of the renovation) and started the Headwaters Institute, providing watershed education for professional guides. I returned to Outward Bound for another summer and to Thorsen House for a 2nd winter. Got increasingly involved with water and energy resources policy and law, going with the flow of my river experiences, and steered myself into University of San Francisco Law School in 2002. I am now in my second year. Somewhere in between, I was an adventure travel expert for a company that is now .compost. Yet the most remarkable fact is I got married in 10/01 to Terrel Hutton. I will not drudge up any tales of bacchanalia from earlier weddings that were not my own; suffice it to say that my single life came to a welcome end and there were a few special Sigs on hand to bear witness. We have a home in San Francisco, which is a 4-minute walk from campus. In sum, from the "eye in space" point in view, the Tom Hicks transition has been dramatic! Tom and Terrell live at 35 Temescal Terrace, San Francisco, CA 94118. (e-mail: tomhicks@headwatersinstitute.org)

Joe Jasaitis, L'88, files this report: "I just opened my own law practice in Manasquan, New Jersey (real estate/gen'l corporate/wills & trusts) which I guess would qualify as a career transition. After graduating from Boston College Law School in 1995 and working for the man ever since, I've decided to go out on my own." Joe's e-mail address is joejas@att.net, and he lives at 100 Garden Street, 1B, Hoboken NJ 07030.

We have this update from **Mel Lide, L'73**: "I have not recently undergone any newsworthy "interesting transitions", but I thought I would send you a short note. I have had the same job for more than 20 years (Partner with Law firm of Radano&Lide), the same wife (Mary) for more than 25 years, and the same two children since they were born (Evan-22 & Ellen-19). Evan graduated from the College of William and Mary last May and is now a first year student at Rutgers University School of Law-Camden. Ellen is a freshman at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, VA, majoring in biology." Mel and Mary make their home at 200 Mt Vernon Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033 (e-mail: m.lide@verizon.net).

Wandering birds from New York to Guam assembled on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, to share in the nuptial festivities as **David Lipscomb, S'95**, and Aubrey Coopersmith were wed the weekend of October 18th. Brothers present included the groom's father, **Chip Lipscomb, S'62**, David's

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Chip Lipscomb, S'62, (l) & Mike Imirie, M'69

brother and co-best man, **Philip Lipscomb, S'98**, **John Lipscomb, S'66** (the groom's uncle), **Jim Jenkins, S'58**, **Chip Dorsch, S'95**, **Jonathan Robinson, S'97**, **Robert Bennett, S'64**, **Rob Meehan, S'90**, **Nate Daugherty, S'95**, **Andrew White, S'95**, **Fred Tucker, S'93**, **John Marty, S'92**, **Mike Genovese, S'95**, **Patrick Oliveri, S'96**, and **David Ready, S'95**. Helen Lipscomb, the groom's mother, is also a Sig Sister (SS'72). All present enjoyed this time of libation and sharing at the ocean, under the palmetto palms and in the warmth of the South Carolina sun. The new Lipscombs live at 743 Ormewood Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30312 (e-mail: dlipscomb@lending-source.com).

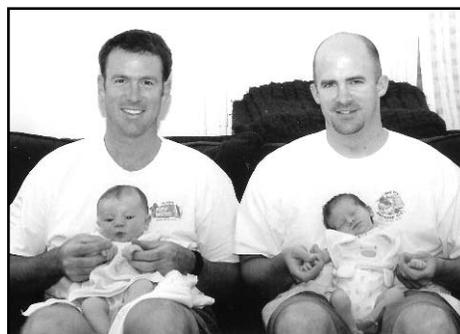
We have this update from **Israel Maynard, V'96**: "After five years in New York City, my wife and I have moved back to Burlington. I'm involved in a small business called Madhouse Munchies, which is an all-natural kettle cooked potato chip...a very cool and growing brand. I am working with **Brad Hall, V'79**, who recently acquired the company. It was only after I spent some time with **Jim Ehlen**, the founder, did we realize that we were all Sigs! Jim is a **U'90**. Brad and Jim went through negotiating the sale and the topic of Sigma Phi never came up. Long story short, things are going very well. Feel free to visit ToniAnn (VSS'95) and me at 107 Catkin Drive, S. Burlington, VT 05403 (e-mail: israelmaynard@hotmail.com). A golf game is only two short miles away!"

Bob Mersereau, M'48, and wife/Sig Sister Muriel recently spent a delightful weekend with **Tom Roderick, M'48**, and wife/Sig Sister Hilda enjoying the sights and lobsters of Bar Harbor, Maine. So timeless are the bonds of the Sigma Phi – and so conspiratorial did the weekend prove – that those two are now promoting another "mini-reunion" in Ann Arbor for the Sigs of the late '40s and early '50s over the weekend of 10 March 2004 for dinner. Interested alumni are encouraged to contact **Lew Towler, M'47** (Lewtowler@hotmail.com) or Bob Mersereau Sr., M'48 (merserbob@novagate.com).

We have this word from **Marshall Norseng, F'93**: "I've been out of touch for awhile, and it's time to

'restore the tie that binds'. After four years working in high tech, I pulled the red and white garb out of storage to return to student life again, this time at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. Marriage to longtime girlfriend Aimee – a PhD student at Cal – is planned for some year when the school calendars align. Stanford may not as be as entertaining or have as many Sigs as Madison, but it to has a fine campus golf course to welcome visitors!" Reach Marshall by e-mail at: norseng_marshall@gsb.stanford.edu – and at this snail mail venue: 363 Alcatraz Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618.

Must be something in the water that Vermont Sigs drink! **Tim O'Brien, V'92**, is a first time father. Daughter Teagan Atkinson O'Brien was born August 11, 2003, and weighed in at a hefty 9 lb 1 oz. Six months later, the O'Briens are adjusting well to life with a little one at 164 Noank Ledyard Road, Mystic, CT 06355 (e-mail: ober11@juno.com). At the same time, **Tim Williamson, V'91**, is a new dad, too. His first child, a daughter named Mattie, was born just a month later on September 9. The Williamsons live at 13 Beach St, Westborough, MA, 01581. Tim's e-mail? tim_02143@yahoo.com.



Proud Papas O'Brien & Williamson

Andrew Rochat, G'85, writes: "Married to wife, Frances. We have 3 children: Andy (5), Lucie (3) & Kate (2). After heaving spent 4 years in London (1996-2000), now living in Rye, NY, working for UBS in Stamford, CT. Ran into Mike Moskowitz, G'83, at a Little Feat concert this summer down in Westhampton. See other Delta Sigs James Sellinger, Dave Martin and Chris Erdman fairly regularly. Can report all are doing well. Would like to meet up with any Sigs in the Westchester/NYC area." Andrew's contact info is: 2 Hail's Lane, Rye, NY 10580 or andrew.rochat@ubs.com.

Chester M. Sawtelle, U29, writes: "Live alone, am 93 and 1/2. Play cribbage once a week, few other activities. Welcome to Fort Sewall to any wandering Sigs." Chet lives at 7 Ft. Sewall Terrace, Marblehead, MA 01945.

We have this 'return to Badger State' update from **Dan Schraith, F'91**: "I completed my residency training this summer, and have recently moved to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where I am the newest pathologist at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center. Most of my work centers around surgical pathology (no forensics or "CSI drama" like the stereotype may suggest...) After four years in Iowa City, IA, we are

excited to be back in Wisconsin. My wife and our 2-year-old son have weathered the transition well, and we are currently testing our wits as we build a new house. I can be reached via e-mail at dschraith@yahoo.com. Our temporary mailing address (until the new house is built) is 212 South 15th Street, La Crosse, WI 54601.

After marrying in the fall of 2002, **David Sensenich, L'88**, and his wife, Jeannine, just had their first baby: a healthy boy named Connor. They live at 9 Plymouth Road, Summit NJ 07901. (My thanks to Joe Jasaitis, L'88, for sharing these glad tidings. – Ed)

We have this upbeat report from the always ebullient **Mark Singer, H'78**: "I got (re)hitched in September of 2000, and on Aug 19, 2002, Mary delivered Luke Gregory Singer, I'2020 (unless Hamilton College comes to its senses). Luke is now a "toddler" so next season he will either be a starting pitcher for the S.F. Giants and/or portray Hamlet at A.C.T. here in San Francisco, where his old man is a Reference Librarian at the left coast's oldest library, the Mechanics' Institute: www.milibrary.org. Mark's e-mail address is markandre_inla@yahoo.com, and he makes his home at 152 Lombard Street #304, San Francisco, CA 94111.

Stephen Van Meter, M'80, and his wife, Susan, joyfully welcomed Elise Anna Van Meter into the world. Elise, the 1st Van Meter child, was born on June 8th, and is a happy, healthy delight to both of her parents. Steve, the Assistant Director within the federal government's Office of the Controller of Currency, receives mail at 4703 Warren Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016, and has this e-mail address: stephen.vanmeter@occ.treas.gov.

After living with four U'98s in Boston, **David Thatcher Woodley, U'99**, has recently relocated to Phoenix, AZ, where he was hired as a swimming coach of one of the most prominent age-group programs (AFOX) in the country. After graduating in 2002, Thatcher elected to take care of his ailing grandfather in San Diego, CA. While living with his grandfather, who passed last spring, Thatcher helped to coach the UC San Diego swim team to Runner-Up at the Division II national championships. "We were sad to see him leave," reported former roommate **Kyle Schack, U'99**, "but we're all proud of him." Thatcher's new address is 19232 North 38th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85050. (e-mail: twoodley1280@yahoo.com)

Deborah and **Eric Zorn, F'90**, were married in a most memorable wedding just outside the Twin Cities attended by no less than 50 Sigs and their wives this past July 4 holiday. In addition to his nuptials, Eric recently completed his MBA in Business from the University of Minnesota in the spring and was one of the coordinators for this fall's very successful homecoming celebration at the Sig house in Madison, WI. The Zorns make their home at 91 Castle Ridge Ct, Chanhassen, MN 55317. (Thanks to Karl Mark, F'91, for providing this update. – Ed) ■