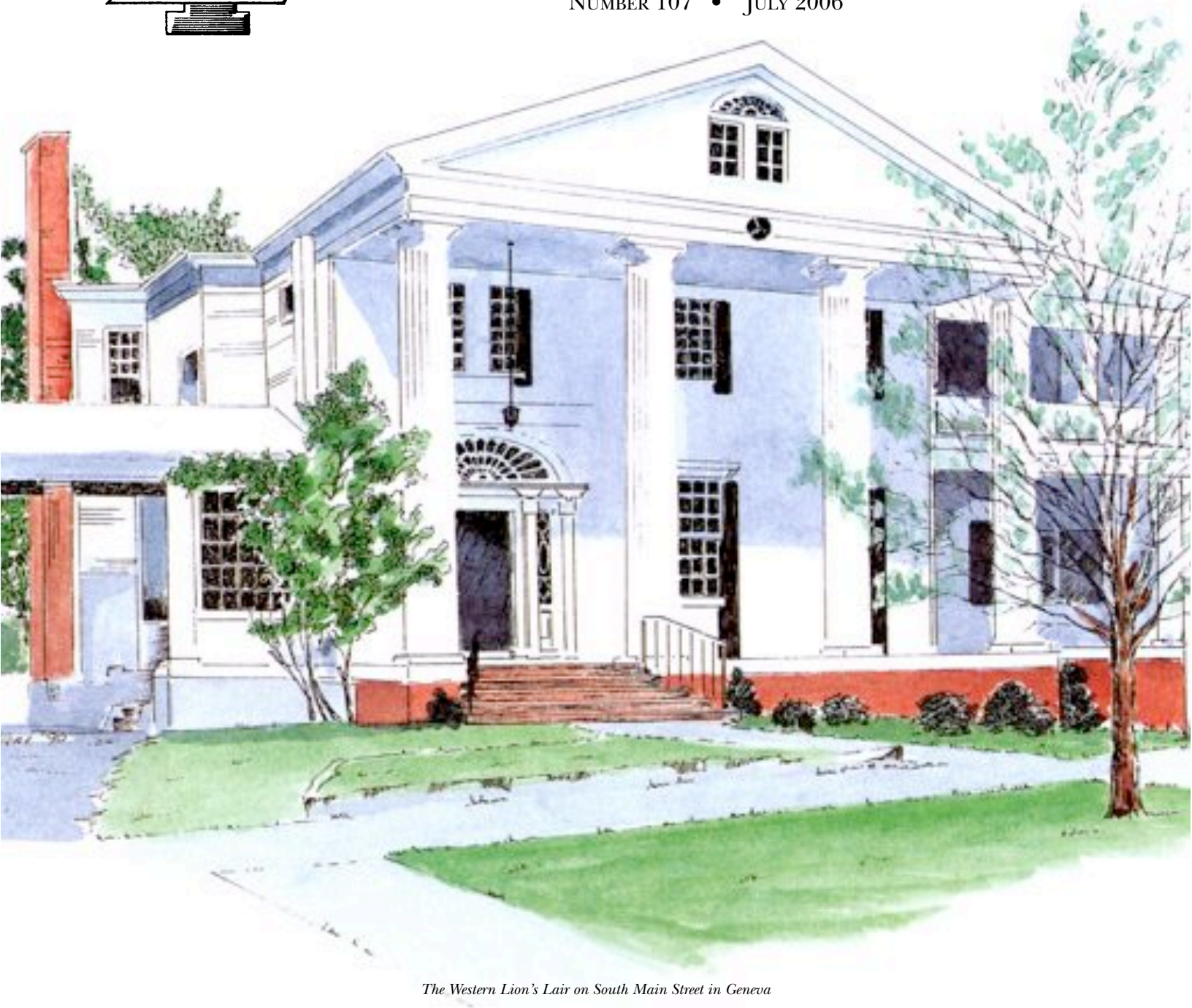




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Message From the Chairman: “The Sig Surprise”

by Marshall Solem, F'79 msolem@ZSassociates.com

As Chairman, there isn't a day that goes by when I don't have to do something related to Sigma Phi. It's been quite amazing to me. After having spent six years as Vice Chairman, you'd think I'd have been prepared for the level of activity that comes with this volunteer role. Not so. You'd also think that with such a level of activity there would be little that comes as a surprise. That is also not so. In the ten months that I have served as Chairman, I have been surprised at least four times by various events or situations at our chapters. But rather than bore you with those details, the Sig surprise I'd like to share is one that is more personal than administrative and speaks to the deep friendships that prompt so many of us to stay involved with the Society.

My wife and daughters and I moved to a new home in Highland Park about eighteen months ago. Over this past Christmas holiday, we finally got around to unpacking the last few boxes of seemingly unimportant household items. (It makes you wonder why you moved them if you hadn't used them in eighteen months, doesn't it?) In any case, we recently had a custom entertainment center built and the boxes contained our old VCR and audiocassette tapes. As we organized the tapes we came across several (apparently) unused cassettes. We put them in a pile to be checked later, just to be sure we didn't give them to our kids who would then record over something valuable - like a Super Tramp recording!

After putting our girls to bed one night the following week, Patti told me I had to listen to something she had come across on one of those “blank” cassettes. We popped in the cassette and the overture music of *Star Wars* wafted through the surround-sound system. Then came the surprise. With that overture as background, a professional sounding voice intoned a *Star Wars*-esque story about my days in the Madison Sig House 25 years ago. It

had been recorded in 1981 as an audio letter sent to me while working after graduation in Wichita, Kansas, by pledge brother John Wenzler, F'79, and good Sig friend Mark Bolens, F'80. In the years since, I had completely forgotten about the tape.

Closing my eyes and listening to that tape transported me instantly back to my days as an active. I could smell the wood in the Sig house and vividly recall memories like playing backgammon for hours on end in the Bridal Suite. As the tape went on, I found myself laughing so hard I cried. As a close friend of Sigma Phi during our days on campus, Patti knew the characters and laughed a lot, too, but other times in the tape she looked at me with a quizzical glance as if to say, “You boys are strange.” (It's not the first time she's concluded this....)

I was stuck by that tape on a very personal level. For me it was a reminder of how much our Sig relationships mean. John and Mark had to have invested several hours scripting out the 60-minute tape, even though a good portion was ad-libbed. They spent even more time dubbing it over the *Star Wars* theme, etc. You don't take that kind of time and invest that much creativity to “write a letter” to someone you don't care for. We all (hopefully) know from the hugs, kisses, and words of family that they love us. I am fortunate to also know – as I was acutely reminded by this audio



Marshall Solem, F'79

treasure – that my friendships in Sigma Phi are deep and lasting. Is it any wonder that my kids refer to the mastermind of the tape as “Uncle John”? He and the rest of my close Sig friends really are my Brothers.

The administrative surprises in this job are not always so much fun. The personal Sig surprises, however, are powerful. They remind me that Sigma Phi is about relationships – relationships that last a lifetime and which are so strong they compel us to perpetuate the opportunity of Sigma Phi for other young men. It's an honor to serve as your Chairman and help perpetuate the unique surprise that underlies Sigma Phi for generations to come.

Esto Perpetua! 🍷

Kudos & Thanks...



...to the following Sigs for their articles, information or suggestions supporting this issue of the *Flame*: Paul Bogosian, V'72, Scott McCrae, V'82, Andy Mansfield, M'06, Gregor Nelson, F'76, Garrett Teague, G'04, and John Wenzler, F'79.

Issue after issue, we solicit Sig perspectives, and every one we publish improves the periodical in which it appears! Contact co-editors Mike Imirie, M'69 (mimirie@aol.com) or Alvar Soosar, S'96 (alvar@alumni.virginia.edu), with your feedback and/or suggestions.

The Future in Geneva?

by HOH Garrett Teague, G'04

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As many of you know, the members of the Delta Chapter of the Sigma Phi Society have fallen on hard times this past year. We have lost our house and our status as a functioning student organization for a full four years. The chapter finds itself in this quandary based on several unrelated incidents in which various sub groups of Delta brothers violated the College's alcohol and drug policies. In the face of this terrible setback, we intend to continue the Delta legacy and traditions at Hobart. While these traditions will remain an important influence within our Chapter, some serious changes must be made for the Delta to have a future. To accomplish this, the active members of the Delta have drafted a Reinstitution Plan that focuses on restructuring various components of the Chapter.

The first part of that plan acknowledges that we undergraduate brothers have made bad individual decisions which have impacted us all. The future of our chapter relies on the active brothers' willingness to take more responsibility and be accountable for our actions.

Another step that the active brothers must take is the creation of new offices for the members of the Delta. They will be created in an effort to



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assist the four core officers with leadership and make certain that house responsibilities are equally shared. We will take advantage of leadership training opportunities.

A third step addresses the role of the alumni in house business. Because young alumni have been involved in the Delta's wrongdoings in the last few years, we feel it is necessary to regulate their actions more. This involves the creation of a code of conduct that our alumni must understand, sign and abide by while they are within the Den of the Western Lion.

In conjunction with this, it is crucial that a new Alumni Board be created to support the alumni officers. While our current alumni officers, Mark Geary, G'79, Pete Harter, G'65, and Charlie Boswell, G'48, have done so much over the years to promote the prosperity of the Delta chapter, they have served tirelessly – and nearly alone – for more than twenty years. They need the help of energetic, positive young alumni in rebuilding. If more of our younger alumni leaders will invest themselves in Delta's Alumni Board, we could more easily address and eliminate the difficulties of the past few years. (e-mail for Pete Harter, G'65: harter@rochesterlawyer.com)

The final step in this process is the

restructuring of our recruitment and education process. Naturally, we want to pledge students whom we will be able to get along with. Looking ahead, I feel it is equally important that we actively recruit members of the Hobart community who contribute to Hobart outside of Greek life through their character, leadership and participation.

Although it is unrealistic to think we would be back in the house any time in 2006, we still hope to once again obtain standing in the eyes of the College. Such recognition is vital; it would provide the ability to pledge a class of new members. The undergraduate officers and the Alumni officers have met with the College President and the Director of Residential Education to review the plan and move toward our goal. They seem supportive of our Reinstitution Plan.

If we can earn their advocacy and help, I am quietly confident that we will be able to put the steps outlined above into action. If we have the chance, we plan to spare no effort to help the Delta of New York "rise again and prosper."

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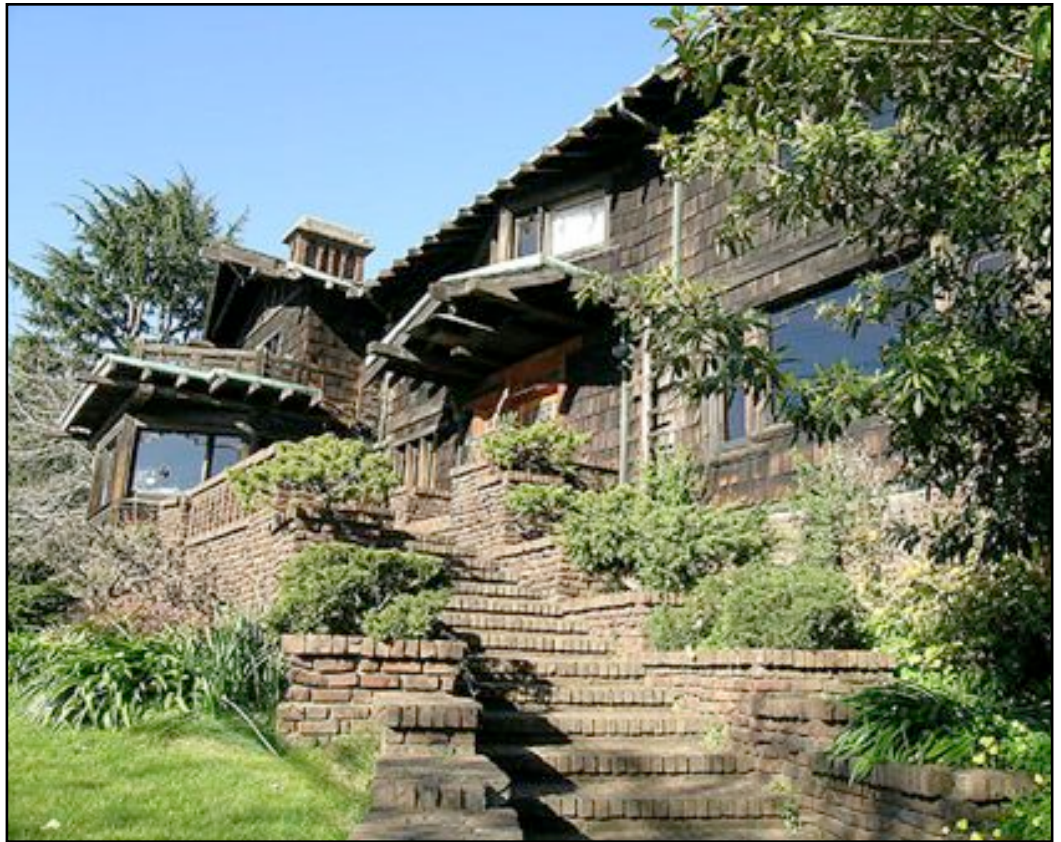
California Kudos

The April 28 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* carried an admiring two-page article about the circa-1910 Sigma Phi Place in Berkeley.

It began with this introduction: “An Arts and Crafts masterpiece nestled at the foot of the Berkeley Hills, the Thorsen House is an enigma. Today it might be advertised as an “ultimate bungalow,” but the house is – at 9,200 square feet – more like a mansion. With its unusual woodwork and cascades of brick stairs, it little resembles the quaint cottages that dot the windy roads above it.”

The very positive piece continued by examining a number of the fine Greene & Greene architectural details: the cascade of brick stairs, the mahogany and teak woodwork, the “Gothic fantasy chimneys,” etc. In particular, though, it lauded the remarkable pains Sigma Phi has taken over the years to maintain those fine architectural artifacts.

Contributing alumni Ted Bosley, I’73, Tom Saxby, I’79 and Dave Elias, I’92, are quoted liberally in this piece. Ted described Arts & Crafts architecture. Tom explained the need for structural seismic retrofitting, and the Alpha’s campaign to support it. Dave waxed eloquent about the



“Teakwood Towers”: The Sigma Phi Place in Berkeley

desire to continue to contribute after graduation.

Special mention is made of the care which all brothers come to actively assume for this remarkable Sigma Phi Place. Mike Gee, I’04, is quoted as observing “the bros really get to know the house. They build a relationship with it.” Further mention is made that “pledges especially bear the brunt of cleaning, which is Sigma

Phi’s tame, gentlemanly version of hazing.” Just as at other Sigma Phi chapters, push-ups and head shaving are out; constructive property maintenance by members is in.

The April “Chronicle” article gives the strong impression that – at the California Alpha – the investment in such maintenance, by actives and alumni alike, has reached a new zenith. ☺

2006 Dues Reminder

If you have not already paid your 2006 dues...

Please do your part to support the Society in achieving its goals by remitting your 2006 dues promptly.

Dues are \$50 for alumni initiated prior to 2001 and \$35 for those initiated after 2001.

Please make your check payable to Sigma Phi Society and mail to:

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Pete Smith Earns Union's Highest Honor

At his 35th reunion (May, 2005) the Alumni Council of Union College awarded Pete Smith, U'67, its Alumni Gold Medal, Union's most prestigious award for alumni service. Inaugurated in 1937, it's been presented to no more than three alumni each year.

Pete earned such recognition for a good many reasons. To begin with, he served two terms as President of the Alumni Council from 1987 to 1989. In addition, he has played the chimes in the tower of Union's circa-1927 college chapel for nearly 40 years. The occasions Pete played included reunions, homecomings, commencements and

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academic convocations. Brother Smith insists that he particularly enjoyed the smiles on the faces of graduating Sigs when he played "Never Forget the Brother" as Union's seniors left the campus for the first time as alumni... and as wordlings looked confused, unsuccessful in their attempts to place that (Sig) tune....

Pete was once in line for the award but gave up all hope after a serious falling out with Union President Roger Hull over the confiscation of the



Pete Smith, U'67, (L) accepts Union's Alumni Gold Medal

privately-owned Greek houses on campus. Pete reports that it was a sweet, satisfying irony to watch Roger's face as the two shook hands on the stage of the Chapel at the award ceremony as one of Hull's last official acts before he retired in June, 2005.

Brother Smith is the eighth Sig to receive the Alumni Gold Medal. Previous recipients include Walter E. Kruesi, U'1898 (1949), Meade Brunet, U'13 (1965), A. Winslow Paige Jr. U'47 (1975), Horace E. Dodge III, U'42

(1976), Rick Angle, U'34 (1983), and Norman Fox, U'40 (1988).

Pete's perspective on such distinction? "I am honored to be listed in such respected company; these names are legendary in Sig lore. It is tragic that the college administration fails to recognize the depth of commitment of Greek alumni to alumni service. I fear that the recent misguided actions of the College have caused many of us to drop out of our volunteer activities." 🍷

Sig Website: Help Us Stay in Touch!

You know that our Society has had its own website since 1997. You probably know that your profile (name, address, phone, e-mail info) appears there. In our busy lives, it's worth underscoring that it needs updating every time your vital statistics change.

If you've recently gotten a new street address, e-mail address, or phone number, go to www.sigmaphi.org our website) and update your profile information. Consult the section called "Brothers Only" and then "Account Administration." When this key info is up to date, it's the second-best form of communication with Sigma Phi.

The best form? You personally being on hand at a chapter, a banquet or a convention, of course!



Society Getting Serious About Expansion: Carolina On Our Minds

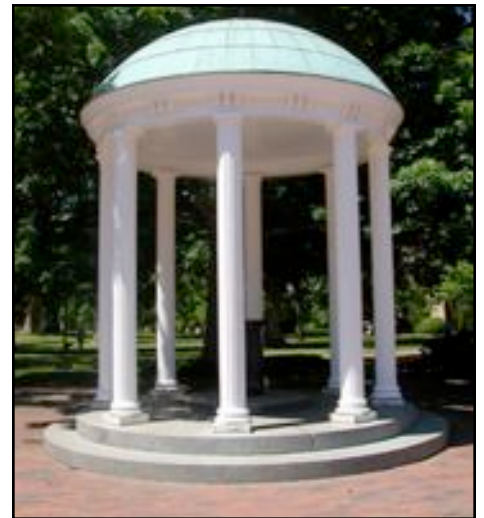
by Marshall Solem, F'79 msolem@ZSassociates.com

Very recently, the Society took another step in its continuing quest for a new chapter.

Secretary Scott McCrae, V'82, Chairman Marshall Solem, F'79, and alumnus Jesse Glen-Beardworth, V'98, spent two days in late February touring campuses and meeting with Greek Affairs administrative personnel in North Carolina. This ground-breaking tour was coordinated by Donald Beeson, the president of Gilchrist Alumni Management Association (GAMA) which serves as Sigma Phi's administrative office. Donald chauffeured the group to meetings with representatives at UNC, NC State, Duke and Wake Forest.

Schools in North Carolina were chosen for several reasons. First, research with and advice from the National Interfraternity Conference suggested that expansion is probably easier at some of these schools than at schools in other areas of the country (i.e., Northeastern states). Secondly, North Carolina provides reasonable proximity to our chapter in Charlottesville which could serve as the sponsor for a new chapter. Third, the Raleigh area has a number of Sig alumni who could serve as advisors to, and on the board of directors of, a new chapter. Fourth, Jesse Beardsworth had worked in the office of Greek Affairs at Duke while in law school there and had established relationships and discovered that expansion in Durham was a real possibility. Fifth, Donald Beeson's knowledge of the local fraternity environment and his relationships with the North Carolina Greek community can help us navigate the process of establishing a new chapter.

"The most encouraging outcome of the meetings was to learn that not all schools are trying to get rid of fraternities," said Marshall. "We really do have the opportunity to expand, if we're up to the task," added Scott. To that end, the Standing & Advisory Committee established a sub-committee to further pursue at its March 11th meeting the



Possibilities? Duke Chapel, the Old Well at UNC, Bell Tower at NC State, and Wait Chapel at Wake Forest

possibility of expansion in North Carolina. Critical to the success of any expansion plan is the "no-kidding" commitment of local Sig alumni to direct the new chapter. Marshall observed, "We were given very sage advice by Jay Ahorn, the UNC Greek Advisor. He told us that finding the first group of alumni to start a chapter is much easier than establishing a viable alumni organization that can sustain a chapter beyond the first few years. Most new fraternities fail in years 3-5, when initial excitement is gone and the early organizers are ready for a break. If we don't have people in line to back-fill those alumni leadership positions for the 3rd and 4th year and

beyond, we'll never make it." To address this issue, the subcommittee must work with local Sig alumni to assess the Society's probability of being able to actually pull this off. Scott summed up the situation aptly: "While I believe everyone in the Society says they want to see us expand, it's now time to walk the talk. The last thing I or the S&A want to do is invest a lot of alumni time and Society resources into an expansion that fails." ☺

Sig Alumni in North Carolina who are interested in helping with our expansion efforts should contact the sub-committee through Secretary Scott McCrae (smccrae@together.net)

Circling Back, 34 Years Later

by Paul Bogosian, V'72 bogo@aol.com

I have come to believe that our mortal lives on this earth are simply a collection of unfolding experiences, and that the quality of these experiences is fully within our own creative control. But for most of our lives, many of us tend to ignore The Voice inside which calls us to constant good purpose. It's easy to ignore The Voice when there is so much to be done in life; its magnificent wisdom is frequently expressed only as a casual thought or a kind, subtle desire whispered from under the clattering panoply of youth. As a V'72, youth is no longer a problem for me and I have gained great faith in the better angels of my nature. I know now that they speak softly to me so as not to disturb my own foolish direction, but a genuine luxury of my dotage is that I'm never too busy to listen.

Over the course of a generation of years, my old Sig roommate, Bruce McEnaney (V'72), and I have visited the Alpha infrequently on day trips to Burlington, and we've always exchanged the few stories which have surfaced by mail or telephone about our brothers. "Hey, did you hear that Tommy died?" or "Hey, I heard Chet on VPR the other night, didja hear that?" "No" the other would invariably reply, hoping that a larger discourse on the world we shared so long ago would ensue. And often, it did.

We had not attended a Swing together since our own rites in 1972. Although we've made plenty of good-faith plans in the past, they had always fallen victim to the practical realities and temporal conflicts of life in the lower regions. But this spring was



This Burlington bench provides a place for peaceful, reflective repose for returning grads, just as the Sigma Phi Place on College Avenue does.

different. Something occurred in the atmosphere and things that previously gathered to preclude this full act of dedication and devotion simply vanished. Brothers of our era, previously lost to us in the vortex of time, one by one began to surface and confirm their intent to make the pilgrimage. The die was cast; the idea to return to the Place we had all come from had, in its perfect time, finally arrived.

A faithful discussion of the fine points and the full glory of being with so many great men in a place which I have loved is beyond the scope and space limitation of this piece. It may be beyond the limitation of my ability to even describe! It may appear in a book someday; perhaps the "secrets" aren't so secret after all. There are no secrets or deeper meanings to Friendship,

Love and Truth. Those great pillars are, quite simply, all that is real...all that there is.

On this one night recently in Vermont's early spring, time did not just stand still, it behaved as if it didn't exist...or only existed as something to play with. My children are older than the men we initiated that night! How could that be? Entire lives have been lived since I last set my gaze on each of these ancient Sig friends, but here – in this Place – I was young with them moments ago. I love you guys...I thank God for putting us together again.

My late friend Jerry Garcia was right; it IS a long, strange trip. My own trip through this life has never been easy; at times I have found myself earnestly wishing for it to end, and at times it has felt so good I prayed for

it to go on forever. In sober reflection of the solemn Sig ritual we just experienced again in Burlington – placed in the context of the long arc of an American life – I can offer this to the young men who have just been admitted to our tribe:

You have been given the map; in receiving the secrets of Sigma Phi, you have been shown all the secrets of life at a very early age. All of it is true, and although you will no doubt neglect (suppress?) these truths along the way, you will likely experience the same graceful redemption of this knowledge when your children are grown and your hair has turned gray. It may be that you are more faithful than me...and return often to the profound words you have taken to heart this night. In that case, you may "Never Forget"...and that would be good. ☺

Sigma Phi: The Importance of Relating

by Scott McCrae, V'82 smccrae@adelphia.net

Many *Flame* readers know that Union College has taken Greek housing away from those organizations which had private homes on campus. Nearly two years ago, the College placed the Greeks in dorm space at other campus locations. In response, the Alpha purchased a nearby off-campus home at 10 Union Avenue ("10-U"). In order to support this important project, the Alpha of New York has been conducting a fundraising campaign since the Fourth of March, 2004.

(General Secretary Scott McCrae shared the following remarks with the Sigs and wives who attended the Society's 2006 flagship banquet in Chicago.)

As I reflect on the meetings we had today, this wonderful dinner tonight, and my time in Sigma Phi, I am reminded of a similar Saturday in March 24 years ago. That day was the day I realized how much bigger Sigma Phi was than the Alpha of Vermont, and when I gained a key appreciation for the unique relationship Sig alumni have with our active brothers. Allow me to reminisce for a moment.

I was a young active in 1982 when Chet Eaton, V'30, Bob Pond, V'40, and Pug Maurice, V'36 – "The Big Three," in Burlington parlance – took me to the March S&A Meeting in New York City. We drove down in Chet's Chrysler Cordoba with "the fine Corinthian leather" seats. Sometimes it was scary when Chet was driving because he would drive and turn around and talk to us in the back seat without looking at the road for long stretches. It was a six-hour drive to Manhattan so we had plenty of time to tell stories, sing songs and generally just yuk it up together. I was nineteen at the time and had never been to the Big Apple before. Being a Vermonter from East Podunk, I was quite impressed. Chet had worked in Manhattan for MONY for years and knew a lot of people and many of the city's watering holes. I was very impressed when we walked into the Hotel Edison downtown and all the bell-men knew Chet by name. They

all called him "Mr. Eaton" as they enthusiastically welcomed him.

The next day, we went to the S&A Meeting at the famed University Club. I was blown away by the grandeur of the venue but settled into it quite well. The Club had a huge solid marble Roman bath downstairs with fat businessmen waddling around with white "University Club" robes and towels. There were solid marble statues of Roman Goddesses holding urns with water pouring out of them into the bath. Before the meeting, we sat in the formal reading room and smoked big cigars while reading the day's "Wall Street Journal." I found it strange that you couldn't pay cash for anything; our host, David Brown, S'70, very graciously put anything we wanted on his tab.



At 9:00 A.M., we all went upstairs and took part in the S&A meeting. Not very different from a topic at today's meeting in Chicago, one of the big issues on the docket was having club ties made for the Society. Ever concerned about the Society's finances, the big vote was over silk or polyester. DeCourcy ("DC") Orrick III, S'70, piped up and said, "Don't you remember the Sig song which guides us? It says 'stronger than iron and silk in the tie' ... not polyester!" So silk it was! Chairman Emeritus Calhoun Ludlow Harper Howard, S'54, laughingly gavelled the consensus in.

Speaking of Cal, let me add a side note. Cal, who served as our Chairman for 30 years, always struck me as a character. Ever since meeting him as a student that day we have hit it off – probably because we have the same ribald sense of humor. Cal was (and still is) quite something at the dinner table. He could tell stories and spin yarns

with the best of them, often telling jokes in his uncanny Irish accent. Cal was great; as Chairman, he always had time for the undergrads – just like Chet, Bob, and Pug – and wanted them included in meetings and other Society functions.

We enjoyed the banquet that evening in one of those amazing University Club rooms – with mahogany wainscoting up to about ten feet and then velvet wallpaper up to a twenty-foot gilded ceiling with huge chandeliers adorned in crystal and gold. The walls were covered with giant portraits of the University Club's Wall Street benefactors, all done in oil with gilded frames. It was easy for me to see I was in a very "old money" venue.

I met Sigs from all over the country that night. The banquet was very well attended and it was the first time I had seen our chapters have a sing-off against each other. The Cornell guys sang the "Epsilon Marching Song," the Hobart chapter sang "the Western Lions Lair," and we Vermonters sang "The Sigs of 45." The entire banquet crowd sang other songs in unison, as well.

Because I came down with Chet, Mike Imirie, M'69, who had just become the General Secretary, asked me to step up to the dais to say a few words about Chet. I remember that I was scared to death. The thought of getting up in front of that crowd in that venue was quite intimidating. I did it, and hope that Chet enjoyed what I had to say as much as I enjoyed the opportunity to say it.

You would figure that, after the banquet, the Big Three (Chet, Bob & Pug), would want to hit the sack and call it a night. But nooooo.... Chet knew NYC like the back of his hand and dragged us all over Manhattan to his favorite haunts. (Remember, these guys were all in their seventies at the time!) Chet finally brought us to a bar called Pedro's. It was a tiny little place that Chet told us was his favorite. Chet's drink of choice was the "Side Car," and he insisted on introducing

his poison to all of us. At this point of the evening, Chet's Sig entourage was huge; there were sixty of us crammed into that little bar! I remember looking over across the bar and seeing Chet with two beautiful women, one on each arm. They were both wearing low-cut cardigans and – as Chet was a short man of about 5'4" – their décolletage was right at his eye level. Chet had some serious charisma!

At one point during the night Chet dispatched Brian Shea, V'77, to the bar with a mind-numbing drink order. I'll never forget this. Brian walked up to the bartender and said, "Sir, I would like 57 Side Cars, please." The bartender thought he was kidding or perhaps that he had a few too many. Brian replied, "No, I'm serious." The bartender of course made him pay first, and then proceeded to make the longest line of Side Cars in history!

While I have perhaps droned on a little long in my description of that evening, I think it is illustrative of the color and impact such encounters between actives and alumni can have. I remember that day as if it were yesterday. Over the years, many warm, collegial Sig experiences of this type have shaped my involvement in our Society.

Whether it was "The Big Three," Cal Howard, David Brown, or any of the cast of Sig characters I met that day, it was clearly important to them to welcome and encourage participation in such functions by the actives. Our Society is populated with Sigs who can wax eloquent about similar such experiences and who remember the way older Sigs have cared about our youngest brothers. But this isn't about looking back. The best part about all of this...is that such astonishing opportunities for active/alumni fellowship continue to exist out there for today's young Brothers – in cities around the world, in places like the University Club, at S&A Meetings, Conventions, March 4th banquets and local chapter events.

The close relationship between our alumni and actives is what makes us strong. In addition, it builds life-long friendships. Most importantly, it promotes our longevity as a Society. We must never lose this treasured bond. ☺

Hicks Contest – Prepare Now!

One of the highlights of Sigma Phi's annual General Convention is the Hicks Oratorical Contest. In this contest, Sig actives compete with each other presenting original orations about "Sigma Phi." That deliberately broad topic is no accident.

The rewards of the Hicks are very real. The winner gets \$400, and the next two runners-up get \$200 and \$100 each. All participants enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to formally address Brother Sigs from all chapters on a topic dear to all.

Since the Convention is being held early this year (September 15-17 at Hamilton), Hicks contestants will want to begin preparing their speeches before school resumes in the fall. A letter outlining logistics for attending Convention has been sent to your chapter president. Please coordinate with him if you would like to attend the Convention and would like to participate in the Hicks Oratorical Contest.



Please contact Society Secretary Scott McCrae, V'82 (smccrae@together.net), if you have any questions.



A yesteryear Hicks Oratory on the campus of the University of Virginia

Ski Trip Extraordinaire: “Johns” Everywhere You Looked!

by John Wenzler, F'79 flyingwenz@yahoo.com

John Hall, F'76, from Atlanta, GA; John Wenzler, F'79, from Chicago, IL; and John Morley, F'79, from Detroit, took in some serious skiing in Utah's Wasatch Range February 24 – 28.

Morley had invited Wenzler on a similar trip a few years earlier. You see, John has an aunt and uncle who live on a ranch just a few miles from Park City. John had been trying to recreate the trip for a few years, and John was finally able to join him this year. While trying to recruit another Sig, who will remain nameless, John Hall heard of the trip, and the three Johns were off! It had been many years since the three Johns had seen each other, and there were many stories to catch up on.

Perfect weather greeted them the first day. Unfortunately, so did John's gout. So John stayed at the ranch while John and John got in some great skiing at Park City (elevation 10,000 ft.) That first day, John stuck to the blue runs, while John decided to try a black run after a while. After several minutes, and several phone calls from John, John finally made it down the black run with a good deal of snow attached. At lunch, a phone call was made to the nameless absent Sig, rubbing in the perfect weather... and the perfect beers being consumed on the mountainside!

After a good day on the slopes, they took in some of the local color, and some of the local brew. Wasatch Brewery has some mighty fine product,



Wisconsin Sigs – Johns, each and every one! – looking right at home on a ParkCity slope

including Polygamy Porter and Evolution Amber Ale. John noticed a bumper sticker that read “Free Alta.” After one of the locals explained that “Dude...Alta, like, doesn't allow snowboarding. It's totally rude!” John decided to take up the mantra and become a “Free Alta” apostle. Look for him at a rally near you. John felt he had to ask the dude about Olympian Lindsey Jacobellis' failed gold medal run. “She's a total snowbunny hotdog,” the very blond young man replied.

More fodder for the rest of the trip.

With John's gout subsiding, all three made for Snowbird (elevation 11,000 ft.) the next day. Thankful for some free passes provided by one of John's clients, the three made it to the top of the hill in no time. John was the lone snowboarder, and John and John were amazed at how easy he made it look... especially at his age!

The final day was like the previous two – perfect weather and fewer skiers. The John trio enjoyed another full day on the slopes topped off with a relaxing view of the mountain from the lodge.

Even at their advanced ages, John, John and John returned to their respective cities with all bones and appendages attached. Many thanks to John's Aunt and Uncle for being great hosts!

BSL,
John, John, and John
Free Alta! 🍷



Where do we go from here?

A NIB's perspective on brotherhood and the future of the Thrice Illustrious

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Having been Swung in April, I'm a newly initiated Brother. This significant milestone in my life – as a young man and as a Brother – affords me a new and unique perspective. The purpose of this article is to share that perspective ... on behalf of NIBs in all of our chapters.

It seems only yesterday that I considered the prospect of rushing a fraternity. In hindsight, I find it strange that it was something I never believed would be reality for me. In talking with the men who would become my Brothers, though, it is apparent that most men in the Sigma Phi had scoffed at the idea of fraternity at one time or another. I wonder, then, how we seemed to come together. What is it that brought my pledge Brothers and me to the front steps of 907 Lincoln for the first pledge dinner...and kept us there until the last bell at "I"?

I was tempted at first to suppose that it was the fact that we shared similar interests, musical tastes, University circumstances, etc. This idea faded quickly, though, in the face of learning what we truly have. Those who are united merely by such temporal aspects of their lives are friends no doubt, but not.... Brothers.

I believe it is what lies beneath this surface that unites us. Some may say this answer is overly broad: too generic. However, I believe the foundation of this House is absolutely built on the truths that Sigs live by. These truths do not reside in issues of musical taste or general interests. Instead, these truths lie in the very make-up of our being. Throughout our initiation into the Thrice Illustrious, our familiar physical and mental strengths were muted. For the first time in our lives, I suspect, we were leading with our hearts. Though we are very different men, we share this common trait. It is what brings us together in true lifelong brotherhood. I am honored that my Brothers have

helped me grow to recognize and appreciate this bond for the common ground – and the purposefulness – it instills in us all.

The question is, then, what comes next? We have been initiated and are Brothers now, joining the ranks of the many Sigs before us. As pledges, the time given to the House last semester was largely prescribed by the Brothers. Having initiated, however, we are now in complete control of the time we give. Going forward, it is entirely up to us how much or how little we wish to contribute.

At this crossroads moment is when I believe we must step up and decide to lead. It is true we are the youngest members of the Alpha of Michigan, but this should by no means hold us back from becoming constructively participative. Even now, we should move ourselves into the positions of those older Brothers who are departing from their college years or moving into seats of greater responsibility within the house.


There are Brothers who regularly assume responsibilities, just as there are those who assume little beyond their own realm. As Sigs, we are given the freedom to choose our involvement levels. It's accordingly important that we ensure that, while enjoying our friendships here, we work to continue the House for future generations. It is exciting and entirely new for newly initiated Brothers in this respect, since most of us have never contributed to something so great and long-lasting. How we proceed in the coming years will determine the legacy we leave behind. This is a great challenge...and a distinct honor.

Trying to balance our studies, social lives, extracurricular activities, etc. becomes increasingly difficult as the years progress. Those Brothers who have put in the extra time to push Sigma Phi to new and greater heights are therefore to be commended. My

four fellow NIBs and I have decided to thrust ourselves into the very machinery that allows this House to work, while continuing to cherish and respect the connections that our hearts have made to the great men we see every day. Without hard work and sacrifice, the privileges afforded us as members of this great Society will be lost. It is therefore on our shoulders to uphold and continue to work toward success.

However short my time as an active Brother has been, I have had the pleasure of learning several things I believe will keep me active in this House for years to come. The first of these truths is that we were not made into Sigs. We were always Sigs and – through our initiation – were given the keys to recognize the identity and unlock its secrets. This being said, we never stop being Sigs. Though time may pass and distances may grow long, what we gain as initiates never leaves us.

The second thought was bestowed to me by an active Brother shortly after my initiation. During initiation, he suggested, you are not enduring something....you are doing something. This idea had a profound impact on me as a new Brother. I believe it can be applied to our lives as a whole. Life may be difficult at times, but you must take control of what you have and do something with it. Simply enduring and waiting for a solution is not leading in life. As Brothers in the Sigma Phi, we must all take charge and move to accomplish great things. Why? It's not because we must, but because we can and will.

We five new Brothers – indeed, all new initiates in Sigma Phi – have years of experiences ahead of us. The few moments I have enjoyed as an active Brother have been filled with greatness and I know the same will be true for each new class of NIBs as long as the Sigma Phi exists. 

Michigan Restore the Spirit Campaign: Can It Connect?

by Mike Imirie, M'69 Mimirie@aol.com

Michigan will launch the public phase of its endowment campaign at about the time that this issue of the *Flame* reaches Sig readers. The effort, sparked by a generous leadership gift from Honorary Campaign Chairman Hank Newnan, M'46, and led by Director George Mercer, M'68, will attempt to fund an endowment to underwrite the Alpha's future.

The early planning work – the campaign's "quiet phase" – has been fruitful; Hank, George and selected others have been extremely enthusiastic and generous. Now comes the all-important outreach to rank-and-file Michigan Sigs. Campaign planners at all Sig chapters understand that this is the hard part.

Why? Most Sig giving isn't tax deductible. While the Sigma Phi Educational Foundation is a noteworthy exception, most chapters understand all too well that the dues or gift monies they solicit carry no tax breaks. When Sig Brothers give to their chapters, they truly give from the heart, for there's generally no 501(c)(3) assistance along the way.

Other factors add to the fund-raising challenge. In many (most?) areas of our country, a flatlined economy is painfully obvious. In addition, most of us have experienced rising personal expenses across the board. Finally, compellingly packaged and dramatically scripted entreaties from Habitat for Humanity, the Red Cross, Covenant House, B'nai B'rith, Save the Whales and so many others appear in our mailboxes every single day.

The "giving crush" is real. Alumni means are limited. And here comes dear old Sigma Phi, saying "Me, too, please!"

But Michigan's planners – like those at Vermont, Cornell, Union, and Wisconsin, before us – have real hope that the Society's special, plaintive voice will be heard by its 600+ alumni, despite the obvious difficulties. Here's why:

1) While there are other causes, there's no cause like Sigma Phi. Early on, you and I were intrigued by this Society. We recognized an organization



Sig Generations ...

with unique appeal. We hoped to earn places as part of a time-honored men's tradition. Through our participation over the years – first as actives, then as alumni – that tradition has become more unique....and more time-honored. 179 years after its founding, the Thrice Illustrious still molds important friendships...and important men.

2) For all Sigs, the undergrad years – the "halcyon days of youth" – come swiftly to a close. Happily, though, continuing participation allows us to underscore those special years time and again. Our continuing Sig experiences remind us of why we got involved to begin with....and of the men with whom we grew so much.


3) The guiding intent of all Sig giving opportunities is to make Sigma Phi possible for the next generation of collegiate men. By taking part in that outreach, you and I respond to an obvious repayment opportunity. More importantly, through our gifts we have the power to help shape other young men's lives in the formative way that ours was touched. We can't replicate our experience, but we can help pass on a values-driven living experience for someone else....someone we can call "Brother."

Such wisdom is lost on many who see Sigma Phi as a short-term affiliation: those who are only too happy to wave "goodbye" to our Society when they

earn their diplomas. And far too many elect to be "short-term Brothers," whose footsteps recede so quickly after graduation.

But the Michigan planners who will soon cascade "Restore the Spirit" to their brethren – like those Sig alumni at other chapters who have engineered important endowment efforts – will depend on a simple, bedrock truth to guide their efforts. The common denominator, the effervescent nature of the Sig experience, has the power to leave us forever aware...and forever grateful. We feel its influence often, we remember our college participation fondly, and we understand that – through our Sig experience – we are part of something larger than ourselves.

Hank Newnan, George Mercer, Chet Eaton, V'30, Dan Mansoor, C'76, Rex Jones, F'72, Dell Hutchinson, I'71, and all Sig endowment planners who "...have been, who are, and who ever will be" would certainly agree that campaign success is built upon the shoulders of those Brothers whose awareness and gratitude continues to color their vision of the Thrice Illustrious.

When your chapter's voice is raised, will you be one of those Brothers? 

Need more information about "Restore the Spirit"? Contact George Mercer, M'69, at GMercer@chglaw.com.

The Bear: Window to the California Sig World

by Mike Imirie, M'69 Mimirie@aol.com

California Sig alumni – particularly those who live away from the Bay Area – would probably allege that the periodical called *The Sig Bear* is the faithful window to the world of the California Alpha. Brothers who can't return to Berkeley can nonetheless take the chapter's temperature – or maybe experience a literary homecoming – on the pages of that long-running journal.

One of the best reasons for this belief – and for the newsletter's success – is Gregor Nelson, I'76. Gregor has been involved with *The Bear* since 1978, when he was still an undergrad. In those days, Gregor served as the in-house artist for Sig social events of all kinds, and it wasn't that much of a stretch for the alumni to put his talent to work in support of the chapter's circa-1950 newsletter. (The fact that his fiancée [later wife], Cristina, worked in a Berkeley print shop made this arrangement a two-fer of the most obvious kind...)

In those early days, Gregor's work revolved around *The Bear's* layout. In some of the months and years since (i.e., 1997-99), he's been asked to edit as well. Gregor advises that he's much happier using his layout gifts, and points to Jim Morrison, I'76, Don Falk, I'75, and Dave Munroe, I'86, as the Alpha's truly gifted editors in recent years.

The best part of working closely with *The Bear*, Gregor reports, is being in touch with many alumni. "I appreciate the writing abilities – and the dedication – of those who contribute," he advises. "I also like the idea of being able to help all readers stay in touch with Sigma Phi. I'm intrigued that so many Sigs are passionate about remaining in the loop."

Gregor remembers with real fondness *The Sig Bear* which carried a tribute to Ed Lord, I'12, upon his death in 1987. Brother Nelson had met Ed as an active, and remembered the senior Sig at the age of 98 making the drive to the chapter from his home in Willits – 137 miles to the North – in his red Dodge Swinger! "He was an



An admiring Mike Imirie, M'69 (L), engages Gregor Nelson, I'76 (R), regarding Sig communications.

amazing guy," reports the *Bearmaster*.

The most challenging part of *Bearwork* reflects today's busy pace. "Waiting for promised articles is the hardest part," Gregor says. "I know that 'busy' is the baseline for our lives, but the 'any day now' promise I too often



hear from would-be contributors causes a cold hand to clutch at my heart!"

If *The Bear* could talk, what would it say to its readers? "What do you mean 'if it could?'" asks Gregor indignantly. "It does. Loud and clear! And it says 'I want your stories!' The California chapter boasts so many remarkable men with brilliant careers and outlooks. We don't hear nearly enough from them."

Gregor understands that, even with a Sigma Phi Place as glorious as 2307 Piedmont Way, the Society is not the house. "It's the members," he advises, "and the members need to be in touch using every means and as often as they can. In a very real and unique way, *The Bear* promotes that in-touch condition. I'm happy to be part of it." 🐻



This evergreen reminder about one of the Society's great and recurring social events comes from **Jack Ballantine, I'42**: "Sigs in the San Francisco Bay Area would be welcome at noon on the first Thursday of every month for lunch at Schroeder's Restaurant, 240 Front Street, San Francisco, between California and Sacramento Streets." Write to Jack at 6100 Westover Drive, Oakland, CA 94611.

"I still live in Tucson, AZ, where we have the best climate in the world," writes **John Beal Jr., L'37**. "We don't have hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, mudslides or floods, just good, hot, dry weather. My days are pretty well filled with volunteering at a local hospital and playing a little golf. This summer I plan to tour along the Lewis and Clark Trail with my daughter and her husband and end the summer at a WWII reunion of LSM/LSMR sailors in Washington, DC. If there are any Brothers who sailed on this type ship and would like to have a great three days in late August, I invite you to contact me. My e-mail address is johnbeal2004@comcast.net.

Sam Davy, L'40, advises: "I regret to report the demise of my wife, Sig Sister Margaret L. Frank, who was inducted at the Alpha of PA in 1943. We were married in Mare Island Navy Yard Chapel in 1944 where I was assigned for the commissioning of a new submarine, USS *Spot* (SS 413), on which I served as radar officer for the balance of the war for which service I received a Bronze Star for *Spot's* first war patrol in 1944." davysam@aol.com

John Dohan, M'77, his wife, Deborah, and children Patrick and Moira have recently moved from Grosse Pointe, MI, to Charlotte, NC, where John serves as the Chief Fiduciary Officer for Wachovia Bank. You can reach those mobile Dohans at this address: 2054 Queens Road East, Charlotte, NC 28207 or John.dohan@wachovia.com

Fellow Ann Arbor Sig **Patrick (Atom) Emerson, M'78**, has emerged from the '70s, '80s, '90s and even the new millennium with his sense of humor intact. He reports with great pride having produced a TV program with associates of Martha Stewart entitled, "Capital Gains, Losses, and the Wash Sale Tax Rule" and having skied Mt. Everest. Should you want to quiz

Atom on highlights of either undertaking, write to him at 8398 Cypress Hollow Dr, Sarasota, FL 34238.

Jean Gruss, H'86, reports: "I left the Washington, DC, area and moved to Florida. I'm an editor with the *Gulf Coast Business Review* (www.review.net) in Fort Myers. I live nearby on Sanibel Island." jgruss@aol.com

We have this word from **Andy Hospodor, L'77**: "Hello Brothers. My son, Andrew, and I recently toured colleges and stopped by the Epsilon of NY. Chas, the current president, gave us a delightful tour and spoke highly of life in the Sigma Phi. This Brother never knew that Sigma Phi Place is the former residence of one Ezra Cornell, founder of Cornell University. While on the subject of former residences, I noted that the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority is doing a nice job maintaining the grounds of the Alpha of PA. Unfortunately, we were unable to inspect the glorious Alpha personally, but trust the women of Gamma Phi Beta will keep the place in shape awaiting our return to Lehigh.

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E. Marston Jones III, H'57, advises that he is... "Retired, teaching part-time at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry - Grad Dept. of Orthodontics. Training Chesapeake retrievers - hunting every day during the season. Married to Carol who owns a sporting clays shooting range. Busy life. Like it that way!" You can reach Marston at 3241 Indianbone Road, Cambridge, MD 21613-3769, milesaway@ezy.net

Mike MacKenty, U'77, has recently accepted a position as VP of Information Technology for Healthways, Inc., a leading provider of Disease Management services. Mike advises, "I will be helping take their successful business model overseas to Europe and beyond." You know Brother MacKenty; he no doubt will! mike@mackenty.com

"I have turned age 81 and I still spend most of the year in sunny and hurricany Vero Beach, FL," writes **Hank Newnan, M'47**. "Talking about that, when Wilma blew in here with gusts up to 110 m.p.h. and water was pouring into our house through our French doors, my wife and Sig sister, Yvonne, cried out, 'Henry do something!' So I temporarily moved Florida to a safer spot! But in a more serious vein, I am concerned that in more and more of our chapters the actives rarely eat together anymore. In my day, that was the vital function which bound the chapter together. Has

anyone given thought to how that vital function can be restored...or, if not restored, replaced?" This time of year, contact Hank at his Michigan address: 1887 Pine Ridge Lane, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

Frank Pierce, V'63, reports he is still actively working selling group health insurance in the greater Atlanta area. He visits Vermont every summer to fish the mighty waters of Lake Champlain. You can reach that Burlington Brother at 170 Springwater Trace, Woodstock, GA, 30188.

"My best years - my fondest memories - Sigma Phi," writes **Ben Schlossberg, C'60**. "Presently, I am writing for the stage and movies. I have spent years developing a one-man show which I hope will have opened by the time you read this! My best to all my Brothers - old and new." You can reach Ben at 321 Sunset Ave. # 4A, Asbury Park, NJ 07712-5552.

"I appreciate always receiving the *Flame Magazine* and the wonderful work all are still doing for our Fraternity," writes an appreciative **Ken Schneeloch, U'49**. "It was with great sorrow when I learned of my close friend and our brother's death in late November at a nursing home in Pennsylvania: H. Peters Strong, U'48. Please pass this news on to our other brothers in your next issue."

Bob Schultz, W'38, advises of a little-known serendipity between this Society and literature's most famous detective. "I attended the Sherlock Holmes birthday celebration of the Baker Street Irregulars in New York City last January. There must be other Sigs who are Sherlockians, though I don't know of any. Since the Holmes-Watson friendship is probably the best-known friendship in literature, it is a most appropriate interest for Sigs, especially since the first adventure begins on March 4th (probably 1892, though this is never specified)." You can reach Bob at this address: 69 Joy Drive #B-3, S. Burlington, VT 05403-6121.

We have this word from **Gerry Stratford, S'59**: "After seven years on the Green Committee of The Peninsula Golf and Country Club, now a member of the Green Committee of the Olympic Club in San Francisco preparing for the US Amateur to be held there in 2007 and the US Open in 2012. I particularly enjoy serving as a Board Member of The Donald Ross Society - an international organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of classic golf courses." g@stratford.name

"I am reminiscing about **Winant Sidle, H'35**, who passed away 10/05," writes a reflective **Ben Taylor Jr., I'36**. "The following incident occurred when Mr. Sidle was a Major General and I was (still am RET) an Army Colonel. I met him and his wife in the late 1980s at a small dinner party in San Antonio, TX. At that time he was the Major General, Chief of Information for the Dept. of Army in Washington, and was visiting the Army Headquarters at Ft. Sam Houston. During the dinner, I was seated next to Mrs. Sidle and engaged her in casual conversation. I must have mentioned I had graduated from the University of California when she remarked how her husband had attended Hamilton College and was a member of Sigma Phi. I was quite surprised by her proud statement and immediately responded with questions to ensure that she did not mean any of the other Sigma Phis, i.e., Sigma Phi Epsilon, or Sigma Phi Sigma. (Very few people here in Texas are aware of our organization.)

As I recall, she said "Nope, just Sigma Phi." I was certainly pleased and jumped up and quickly approached the head of the table to identify myself as a Sig from California. In our conversation, he revealed that he had also had little contact with our brotherhood since graduation, so I took his name and address and passed them on to our Secretary. (I did receive a note confirming its receipt.) When reading the *Military Officer Magazine* recently, I noticed his passing and wanted to share my experience with you."

Tom Taylor, G'63, and his wife, Marty, continue residing outside of Boston in Walpole, MA, where they operate some Century 21 franchises. Daughter Lindsay will graduate from William and Mary this year, while daughter Lisa is a sophomore at Clemson. Sadly, Tom's trumpet lip is "retired." You can reach the Taylors at 44 Bubbling Brook Road, Walpole, MA 02081. ☺

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Convention 2006: Mark the Date!

The dates for the Society's 2006 convention are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 15-17. In a Sig coincidence which can only be described as *cosmic*, the Society's 175th annual convention coincides with the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Society's first missionary chapter!

To enjoy and toast both properly, we'll gather at the circa-1912 Hotel Utica in historic Utica, New York. It promises to be a singular, memorable Sig weekend.

Additional details will be provided in due time. In the meanwhile, more information is available through Randy Fields, H'81, at this e-mail address:

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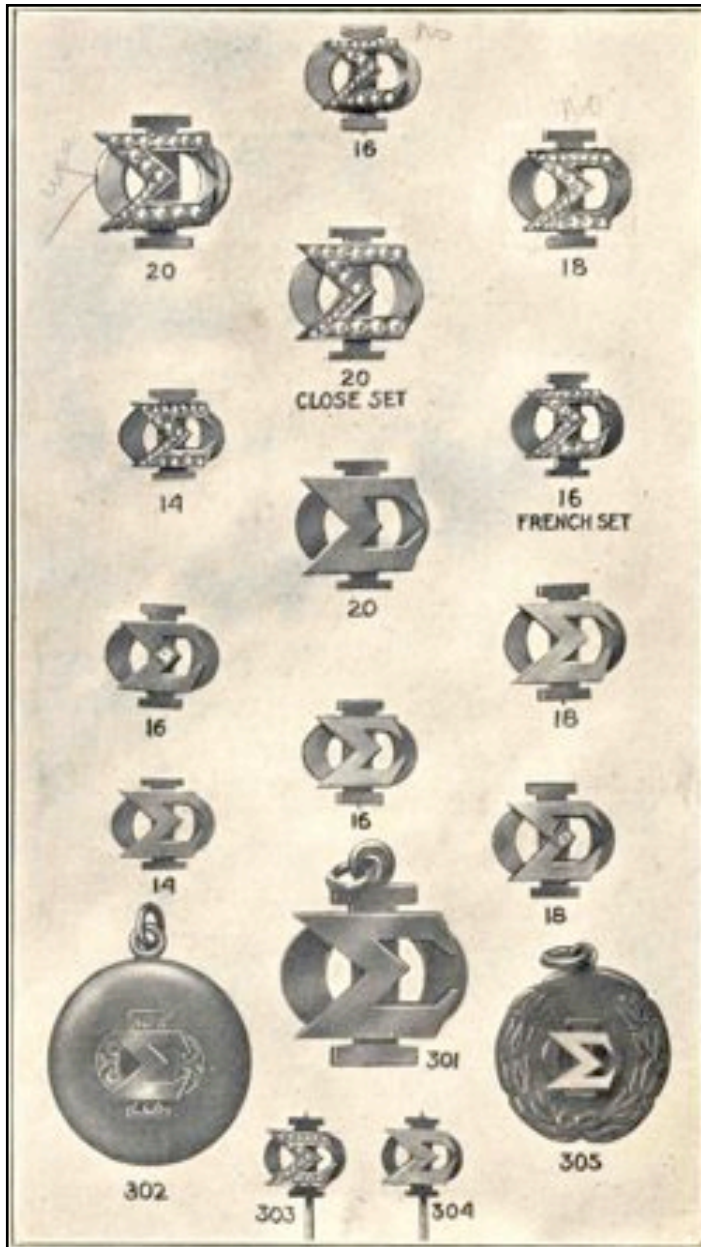
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Since the last issue of the *Flame* in December, we have been notified of the deaths of the following Sigs:

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| Robert Allen, H'34 | |
| William H. Areson, H'31 | |
| John R. Bacon, C'34 | |
| George R. Bell, M'56 | 21 September 05 |
| E. Ware Cady III, V'72 | ..... |
| Albert S. Callan, U'38 | 2 December 05 |
| Robert G. Christie, C'41 | 3 March 06 |
| Michael Clearly, H'00 | 20 December 05 |
| Peter J. Coleman, V'63 | ..... |
| Douglas J. Coyle, F'36 | ..... |
| Franklin M. DeBeers Jr., C'31 | ..... |
| Martin Finn, U'53 | 2 April 02 |
| Edgar M. Glenn, H'38 | ..... |
| John R. Haigis, V'46 | 5 May 06 |
| James D. Hall Jr, G'48 | 15 November 05 |
| Clinton Hardy, M'10 | ..... |
| Francis G. Hewitt, V'41 | 1 December 03 |
| Owen Jameson, W'31 | ..... |
| Donald S. Owens, F'47 | ..... |
| Russell A. Jones, F'41 | 27 September 05 |
| Jeffrey P. Kavolius, V'78 | 2 January 04 |
| David B. Kniffin, U'39 | 15 December 05 |
| Frederick L. Lewis, V'48 | 15 December 05 |
| Herbert B. Lord Jr, S'58 | ..... |
| B. Boyd Lyon Jr, W'34 | 4 August 05 |
| Lorne H. Meisel, M'36 | ..... |
| James R. Moodey, H'51 | 5 September 05 |
| Stephen G. Moore, V'41 | 18 November 05 |
| Lawrence F. Muehling, G'35 | 2 May 05 |
| Stephen D. Murray, I'74 | 21 May 06 |
| Robert Nordlander, C'56 | 24 December 05 |
| Walter B. Pipp, M'42 | 8 January 06 |
| Bruce A. Pope, C'40 | 12 December 05 |
| Charles Redmond, H'42 | 28 November 03 |
| Kingsley Rice Jr., W'49 | 12 May 05 |
| Jon E. Riewerts, I'70 | 12 August 05 |
| D. Evor Roberts, F'37 | ..... |
| Vincent Roberts Jr., F'48 | ..... |
| Philip C. Scheide, W'50 | 15 January 06 |
| Daniel H. Schurz, M'34 | ..... |
| Winant Sidle, H'35 | 5 October 05 |
| William W. Stanier, L'55 | ..... |
| Frank E. Stehlik, F'31 | 1 April 00 |
| H. Peters Strong, U'48 | 1 August 05 |
| Harry B. Taylor, U'60 | ..... |
| William P. Telling, M'29 | ..... |
| Halsey T. Tichenor III, G'40 | ..... |
| Lawrence K. Tudhope, V'54 | ..... |
| James VanIngen, G'50 | ..... |
| Peter F. Warfield, H'37 | 7 July 05 |
| Walcott Watson, H'27 | |
| Gillett Welles Jr., W'33 | 24 February 06 |
| Douglas F. Wulffeff, G'42 | 1 June 05 |

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