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President Jim Blazer addressing the Council

## National Executive Council Meets at Washington Alpha

By Jim Boyle, WA '88  
National Director of Membership

More than 30 alums and national officers of the Fraternity gathered at the Washington Alpha Chapter House on October 7 for the fall Executive Council meeting. Alums and undergraduates were pleased to host the Council as it conducted national business and policy initiatives for the remainder of 2005.

We all remember from our pledge training that the Executive Council is charged with running the Fraternity between Grand Arch Councils. Rather than continuing to hold the Executive Council meetings in Indianapolis, National President **Jim Blazer, Ohio State '79**, chose to bring the meetings to chapters around the country and give undergraduates an opportunity to see the national organization at work. Washington Alpha was honored to host the second chapter-based meeting.

In attendance were Brother Blazer; Vice-President **Steve O'Rourke, Missouri '74**; Treasurer **Stu Rhodes, Indiana '69**; Secretary **Tryon Hubbard, Alabama '64**; the Fraternity's six Archons, including District Six Archon **Daniel Duran, Arizona '03**; Executive Director **Shawn Collinsworth, Indiana State '91**; Exec. Director Emeritus **Ralph "Dud" Daniel, Arizona '47**; Endowment Fund trustees **Paul Wineman, Washington '55**; **Dick Ong, Oregon State '55**; and various national committee members.

The chapter hosted a reception at the house Friday evening, showcasing the many projects completed during Work Week, conducting tours of the

building, and sharing the unique history of our Chapter, as well as introducing the new pledge class. On Saturday, the Council gathered for its meeting in the living room, using the 14 chairs around one of the dining room tables (Remember the significance of "14" — the founding year 1914?), plus the District VI scholarship chair. On Saturday evening, the group gathered with Chapter officers and alum volunteers for a wonderful dinner at the Columbia Tower Club, arranged by **Craig Nishizaki, Washington '88**.

Quoting Jim Blazer:

*"On behalf of the Executive Council and our staff, I would like to thank Washington Alpha for hosting the recent meeting. The hospitality made for a perfect weekend, and we all appreciate the efforts by the House Corporation and the undergraduate Chapter to make us feel at home.*

*"Washington Alpha is very fortunate to have one of the Fraternity's grand chapter houses. The traditions and hard work by many Brothers through the years have enabled your undergraduates to experience the same home as all of you did as students. As alumni, we must ensure that these opportunities are passed on to younger generations of your Chapter. This can only happen through the hard work and contributions of dedicated alumni. Do not give up in your efforts to preserve and protect your home for Phi Psi at Washington. It is an integral part of the heritage and strength of the Chapter.*

*"I was pleased to see the District Six Scholarship Chair at the chapter house, and to be able to preside over the meeting in that great chair!"*

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### FOUNDERS DAY 2006

Saturday, February 18 ~ The Seattle Yacht Club Fireside Room ~ 1807 East Hamlin Street  
Cocktails starting at 5:30 p.m.

# Fifth Annual Leadership Retreat

## American Leadership Academy, Cabo San Lucas, September '05



Jerry Nelson, Cal Epsilon '48, center, founded the American Leadership Academy and makes our retreats possible. He is pictured here on the beach with pledge Jarrett Haynes, left, and Steve Gundersen '88. (Jim Boyle '88 is visible in background.) A group of 70 gathered at Jerry Nelson's estate in September 2005 for the annual retreat.

A group of 70 gathered at Jerry Nelson's beautiful estate, with seminar sessions held at the new American Leadership Academy, a 150-room hotel just down the beach. (The ALA has become a training center during spring break sessions for up to 1,200 undergraduates from all the national Phi Psi chapters. Other national fraternities are also interested in conducting leadership training there.)

Leading alumni presented subjects such as *Personal Ethics & the Fraternity Creed — Defining Who You Are*; *Communication & Presentation Skills, and Applying Presentation Skills*; *Negotiating Skills — Dealing with People in Everyday Life*; *Teamwork*; *Figuring Out Your Future — A Life Planning Exercise*; *Successful Job Interviews*; *Etiquette & Social Skills*; and *Lessons Learned From the Corporate World*.

Seminar sessions are only part of the week. The real learning — and fun — comes with the interaction of alums, parents, and undergraduates in the beautiful social setting. For the first time, six pledges from the new class were able to attend. Alums helped with airfare costs so these pledges and five Washington Alpha undergraduates who hadn't been to Cabo could attend along with other classmates. Special thanks to **Jim Boyle '88**, **Stan Kohagen '55**, **Paul Wineman '55**, **Ed Jensen '56**, **Joe Taller '54**, **Al Bidwell '54**, **Gary Glein '62**, and **Steve Gundersen '88**.

### Learning: Undergraduates apply the Creed to personal ethics

**Fred Holmes '56:**

*"I attend the Retreat for three reasons:*

*To share my life experiences and career background with undergraduates. There are always a few who seek me out and listen to my advice.*

*I want to ensure that these young men are worthy of my financial support to the Chapter Scholarship Fund. I find that they are, and I am making another 5-year pledge to contribute.*

*I want to spend time with my pledge brothers who attend the Retreat in this beautiful place. Fraternity is a lifelong commitment. We set an example — undergraduates see our relationship with other Brothers, and start to understand this commitment."*



**Linda & Gary Glein '62:**

*"The Retreat week is a unique opportunity to bond with other alumni and their spouses, the undergrads, and their parents. It's such a great group. The real value comes from attending more than one Retreat. These connections are renewed, and we are able to observe the young men as they mature over the years. It was especially rewarding to see several of the undergraduates who were new pledges two years ago now emerging as chapter leaders."*

**Lee James '56:**

*"As the longest serving member of the present House Corporation, I have observed the quality of the undergraduates over the last seven years. While we certainly have had some outstanding young Brothers in the earlier classes, I am impressed with the almost uniform high quality of the young men I met at the Cabo Retreat (and the ever-increasing GPAs). Washington Alpha is doing something right and I believe that the Cabo Retreats have had a very positive effect on the results that I see."*

*"Spending the week in Cabo is a wonderful opportunity to connect with alumni, undergraduates, and parents. Meeting them is an incredible networking opportunity — both socially and career-wise. I especially enjoy meeting the undergraduates and sharing with them experiences from my days in the house, and hearing from them what's going on now. Best of all the learning experiences from the Leadership Academy sessions cannot be matched. I encourage everyone to find the time to attend this incredible event in 2006."*

— Nicole and Brad Phillips '89

Two things epitomize the Cabo Retreat — the challenge of the theme, *If it is to be, it is up to me!*, and Jerry Nelson's ever-relevant presentation, *Winner or Loser — Which Are You Going to Be? Make the Right Choices*. But the retreat is more than a learning experience. It's a coming together of alumni and wives, parents and their sons to share life lessons, to connect with one another, and rediscover the "vertical fraternity" — Brothers and wives spanning more than 60 years of the chapter. At the end of the week, we leave with the realization that the fraternity is becoming more important in the training of young leaders.



**Kathy Katzen, wife of Barry Katzen '64, and mother of Tyler '04:**

*"This was my second Retreat. I came away with even more inspiration and gratitude for what is being given to all of us, but especially the undergraduates. It is an experience of a lifetime for these young men. The dedicated alums are giving them so many wonderful lessons, and most important, the alums are interacting with the undergraduates, mentoring and showing concern for their futures. Being a parent, my gratitude goes out to all of them who make this happen. And special thanks to Florence and Jerry Nelson for their generous hospitality and letting us for one week stay in one of the most beautiful places that I've ever seen. Washington Alpha is truly blessed to have this incredible experience."*



#### Jane & Gordon Burgess '56:

*"Our experience in Cabo far exceeded our expectations. My main purpose was to reconnect with other classmates there, and to give my grandson Brandon the opportunity to listen and learn from the successful alum speakers. The entire week was very inspiring, and it has given Brandon, Jane, and me a motivational boost. I wish other alumni and parents would experience this. It was, in a word, fantastic. Our hosts, Jerry and Florence Nelson, have given beyond measure and we cannot possibly thank them enough. I will try to repay them by giving back to Phi Psi as best I can."*

## Socializing: The 'horizontal' and 'vertical' brotherhood

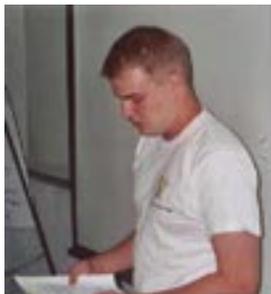
#### Darin Forkenbrock '90:

*"My greatest lesson from the Retreat was what Jim Boyle '88 said in the introductory remarks about 'Horizontal vs. Vertical Brotherhood.' 'Horizontal' being your pledge Brothers and classmates from your active years, and 'vertical' being all the involved members — '30s to present — of both the chapter and the national fraternity. Spending a week with the current undergraduates and alums from many classes makes this concept very clear. In some ways, getting to know the vertical group is even more rewarding."*

#### Bob Edgers '49:

*"Once again, this fifth Retreat was a 'Triple Treat' kind of experience. It provides learning and bonding experiences for the undergraduates. It gives the alums the opportunity to reconnect — to the Chapter, to classmates, to the vertical alumni group, to the undergraduates and their parents. And, parents (most of whom were first-time participants) were provided a 'Discover' opportunity — learning more about their sons, about Phi Kappa Psi and how we are trying to build better people, better leaders, and a better world."*

*This fifth year, looking back, provides a great perspective, to see the personal growth and increasing maturity in many of the undergraduates. It has a cumulative effect for those of us who have participated regularly; the undergraduates are stronger and better Brothers and people. We collectively grow as a Chapter and they grow as individuals. We are building a stronger and better fraternity. You cannot help but be proud."*



## "The most memorable thing was the intensity and quality of learning sessions."

#### Laura & Greg McGreevey '92:

*"As first-time attendees to the Retreat and the ALA, it is hard to adequately describe the experience. Aside from the incredible accommodations that Jerry and Florence so generously provide, the most memorable thing was the intensity and quality of the learning sessions. The undergraduates were engaged and participatory, and I'm sure that we learned at least as much as they did."*

*The future of Washington Alpha is gaining ground and has been redefined through these events, by Jerry Nelson and our alums whose devotion to Phi Psi sets the example for the rest of us to commit time and resources to this great cause. I would encourage all Brothers to find out what's happening at Washington Alpha right now, get reconnected, get involved, and get to Cabo!"*

## Bonding: Developing an extended family that will last a lifetime

#### Blayde & Nicky Fry, parents of Travis '04:

*"Nicky and I enjoyed the seminars and particularly appreciated the opportunity to get to know Travis' fraternity brothers better. Travis is making more than college friends; he is developing an extended family that will last his lifetime. To me, the underlying message of the Retreat is just that, Phi Psi is a family, and as in my family, while we want you to be happy and successful, we also want you to be a good citizen who cares about others. Alums are using this Retreat to pass those traits on to the undergrads."*

#### Nancy & Doug Johnston, parents of Ryan '05:

*"The Retreat was a phenomenal experience: the scenery, the accommodations, Jerry and Florence's hospitality and generosity, the food, evening gatherings, all were exceptional. But the leadership sessions were the best part. For those willing to follow Jerry's theme, 'If it is to be, it is up to me,' they were rewarded with a new life focus and a better understanding of the Brotherhood of Phi Psi. These young men are given an incredible gift of life lessons they'll learn nowhere else. We are so glad to have had the opportunity to share this experience. I would recommend that every parent attend with their son."*



#### Kitty & Jim Rowse, parents of Danny '05:

*"We want to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to the Nelson's and everyone else involved with the Retreat. It was truly paradise on earth! Not only were we treated like royalty but, we were able to be a part of the learning and growing experience of the undergraduates. We came away with a great respect for fraternities and Phi Kappa Psi in particular. The involvement of the alumni in teaching and mentoring them was awe-inspiring. Getting to know our son Danny's Brothers, undergraduates and alumni, was something that we will cherish forever. They are all inspiring, wonderful people."*



## Is It Your Turn for a Cabo San Lucas Retreat?

These Retreats for alums, parents, and undergraduates, and the Spring Break sessions for undergraduates, all taught by alumni, are more beneficial than any other gatherings in the history of Washington Alpha. There has never been anything like them in its 90+ years.

They require growing involvement and more alumni-taught curriculum to ensure their success and continued quality. Get involved and you will find it very rewarding. If you are interested in learning more about them, and the American Leadership Academy, see the information below, and also visit the new Web site at [www.americanla.org/v4/](http://www.americanla.org/v4/).

Although alums and parents stay at the Nelson estate, undergraduates stay just down the beach at the Marbella Suites hotel, the home of the ALA and where the seminar sessions are held. Views of it can be seen at [www.marbellasuites.com](http://www.marbellasuites.com).



Floating Phi Psis at Cabo

From left: Laura & Greg McGreevey '92, Gary Glein '62, parents Jim & Nancy Johnston with son Ryan '05, Mark Medzegian '90, Nicole & Brad Phillips '89, Stan Kohagen '55, pledge Brett Peterson, Sam Taylor '05, Billy Kerechek '04, Tyler Katzen '04, and Travis Fry '04.

### Chuck Bleth '88:

*"In the several trips that Kathy and I have made to Cabo, I never leave quite able to explain (to those who haven't been there) just how incredible the experience is. The setting is amazing but the amount of learning is priceless. The Retreats are creating an unmatched networking group and think tank with as much interaction as anyone asks for. Steve (Gundersen '88) and I hope that our topic of 'Presentation Skills' provided some valuable lessons that the undergraduates can start using immediately."*

### John Lapsansky '00 (Chapter Advisor):

*"I've experienced the Cabo Retreats both as an undergraduate and now as an alum. This Retreat was by far the best because I can see our Chapter growing and developing into a Brotherhood that I am truly proud of. I see its future in the pledges who attended, and it is bright. I am excited to have the opportunity to work with these young men this year. Thank you to all the parents who talked with me, either about my background, or about experiences in the house. If you ever have any questions about your son and the Chapter, please contact me."*

### Betty & Allan Bidwell '54:

*"This was our second time to Cabo. We were very impressed with the quality of the Brothers and pledges who could come. The 'Winners & Losers' presentation by Jerry Nelson, and the 'Negotiating Skills' sessions given by Paul Wineman were highlights of the seminar week. The Nelsons are to be praised for their commitment to youth of today, in particular undergraduate Phi Psis, who will become future leaders. Every Washington Alpha alum and parent who hasn't attended one of these Retreats has missed out on a great experience."*

## Cabo Retreat #6 in 2006

Sunday, September 10 to Sunday, September 17

Alums and parents, if you would like to get more information, please contact:

Stan Kohagen at [stanko206@aol.com](mailto:stanko206@aol.com)

Jim Boyle at [jdb\\_uwhuskies@yahoo.com](mailto:jdb_uwhuskies@yahoo.com)

**"The amount of learning is priceless."**

### Steve Gundersen '88:

*"I was very pleased to see the increase in the number of parents who joined us at the Cabo Retreat. Their participation added to the richness of the experience for everyone. I know that several of them returned home as strong advocates of Phi Psi now that they have a deeper understanding of the benefits for their sons' futures."*

## Unusual '56 Stories — Rediscovering the Fraternity

### Colin Sandwith:

*Pledged in 1956 — Initiated 34 Years Later*

Kerry McMahan '55, frequently saw Colin "Sandy" Sandwith in neighborhood stores. Sandy went through pledging with his Class of '56, and Kerry assumed that he had been initiated then. He invited him to the upcoming Founders Day. Sandy reminded him that he had completed all of his pledge training but had to leave school, and was never initiated. This led to a first-time initiation of a pledge 34 years later — in 1990.

A very long story made short — Sandy left school to marry Florence 'Frosty' Carlson, and went to work at Boeing to support his new family. With the quick realization that having no degree was a dead end, he worked nights, entered the UW, and earned a BSME degree in '61.

Next came work in Hanford on atomic reactors, then through a scholarship he earned a PhD in Materials Science at OSU, followed by a professorship at UW in mechanical engineering. Along the way, Sandy and his wife had four children — three sons and one daughter. He is now Principal Mechanical Engineer, and Resident Assoc. Professor, Mechanical Engineering at the University of Washington.

Sandy remarked: "I always wanted to be initiated, and thought it was too late. Thanks to Kerry, and Brothers Curt Tenzler and Ron Ubags, I became part of the Brotherhood. See you at Founders Day!" He may have been initiated in '90 but he's still part of the Class of '56!



### Gordie Burgess:

*Reconnected to His Class — After 50 Years!*

Gordie was initiated with his spring 1956 class. After 2 ½ years, pre-dentistry was, as he says, 'too much of a grind,' no pun intended, so he left school and the fraternity to do what he really wanted — to learn to fly. He joined the Navy, was accepted into flight training, and stayed in the military for eight years. This was followed by 25 years with Pan American World Airways, and 11 years as a captain with Delta Airlines.

Gordie commented: "I flew off aircraft carriers and around the world but I didn't find time for the Brotherhood until I attended Founders Day 2005. Jane, grandson Brandon, and I also went to the recent Retreat — what a great experience, back with old friends, meeting new ones, socializing with the current undergraduate Brothers, pledges, and parents. No one should miss this opportunity. You cannot believe it until you experience it — it is beyond 'marvelous.'

"An alum has pledged to match half of all contributions to the Washington Alpha Scholarship Fund in 2005. Dig in and give something back to this great cause — it's tax deductible.

"I'll be at Founders Day next February 18 to celebrate our 50 Years of Brotherhood. It's time for all '56-ers to come together once again. 'Okie John' (Holland), I challenge you to an arm wrestle!"



## Looking Back Almost 80 Years: *Building the Chapter House*

**Thanksgiving Eve 1929:** A fire that started in the basement virtually destroyed the original Chapter House at 2120 NE 47<sup>th</sup>. Fortunately, because it was a holiday, only eight Brothers were there, and only one, **Don Lauder '26**, was injured. Much of the details about what happened then have been lost over time. The house was gone, and returning Brothers had to move back home or live in boarding houses. The House Corporation received \$14,000 in fire insurance money. It was estimated that it would cost over \$60,000 to rebuild the house (equivalent to \$2 million now). In comparison, a new car then cost \$400, and a two-bedroom home was about \$4,000, but few could afford either. It was the year of the Stock Market Crash, and the start of the Great Depression, the worst economic downturn in US history. Eighteen million men were out of work.

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## FOUNDERS DAY 2006

**Saturday, February 18**

The Seattle Yacht Club Fireside  
Room

1807 East Hamlin Street  
Cocktails starting at 5:30 p.m.

**Class of 1956:  
Your 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion!**

Dick Arnold, Gerry Barker, Bill Behan, Jim Blackford, Gordie Burgess, Doug Galer, Stu Hanson, Ken Hart, John Holland, Fred Holmes, Lee James, John Meyer, Rog Meyer, John Sahr, Jim Sullivan, Neil Tikka, Dick Troyer, Ron Ubags, Gary Mapes, Ed Jensen, Stan May, Bill Moser, Rollie (Plochowitz) Bermth, Colin Sandwith, Herb Saunders, and Curt Tenzler. Come together again; remember 'the old days' and those who are gone: Sid Bailey, Dave Beitz, and Ron Vogler.

## New Scholarships Honor Alums

Each year, the number of scholarships that can be awarded to deserving undergraduates grows, with the gradual increase of capital from your contributions into the Washington Alpha Scholarship account at the National Endowment Fund.

Two new scholarships will be announced at Founders Day '06, in the names of specific alumni. Their level of contributing over previous years now totals enough to support individual scholarships. One will be named in honor of **Charles 'Del' Cyr '46**, to be awarded to a needy freshman, and the other in honor of Superior Court Judge **John M. Meyer '65**, to be awarded to an undergraduate studying pre-law. These scholarships will continue in perpetuity.



## Looking Back *(Continued from page 5)*

**Al Rein '32**, now 93 years old, remembers some of the details: "The Brother who really saved the Chapter was **Anson Moody '15**, whose family owned a lumber mill in Everett. Anson loaned or contributed much of the cost, and any of us who had a job, and could afford a dollar or two, contributed to a Bond Fund. The general contractor was Brother **Art Strandberg '15**, and his older brother, **Ed Strandberg '14**, a Boeing engineer, also helped."

In 1931, Washington Alpha moved into its first new home, built to last forever. In a *University Daily* article on the dedication, it was described as "a large white brick structure overlooking Lake Washington and the Cascades. The handsome building, designed by **George Vernon Russell '25**, a young New York architect, is typical of a southern French country mansion."

**Ruddick Lawrence** (who became a vice-president of the New York Stock Exchange) recalled in his speech at the Chapter 75<sup>th</sup> Anni-

versary Dinner, "In January 1931, we were the first pledge class to move into our beautiful new house. Outside, it was gleaming white-washed brick but, since Russell wanted it to look like an old French mansion, we pledges had to take long sticks and try to scrape off some of the new whitewash. Inside, the house was furnished with hand-made custom heavy oak and red leather furniture, the same furniture that's there today. The Mothers' Club — bless their hearts — did all the decorating."

The Chapter thrived, attracting larger pledge classes with the new facilities. The Fire Party commemorating the Thanksgiving Eve disaster became, and remains today, one of the highlights of Chapter social events.

The house is still as beautiful as it was then, just very 'tired' after housing kids, all of us fresh out of high school, for almost eight decades. The need for renewal is as great now as it was after the '29 fire.

## From the Chapter President

*By Travis Fry '04*



We did it again — our **spring quarter GPA climbed higher, to 3.31**. Our chapter is now ranked in the top four among 27 fraternities. Alums tell me that this is the highest quarter Chapter GPA achieved in nearly 20 years. We're very proud, and we hope you are, too!

Summer rush resulted in a quality class of 17 pledges, thanks to the hard work of rush chairs **Billy Kerechek '04** and **Tyler Katzen '04**. A few more may be added this quarter. Six of the pledges were able to join us at the Cabo Retreat, and I know

they all learned and bonded by being there together. Next year, we aim to have even more attending — the Retreat is too great to miss. We appreciated the help from alumni with the cost of airfare.

The pledges have already started a community service project by collecting food for a local food bank. And, the Chapter continues to have regular all-member cleanup days to maintain our Adopt-A-Highway section northbound near Northgate.

The old north sleeping porch has been a very unappealing room for a long time but, not any more! We were able to get the paint free, and the walls are now a combination of maroon and warm white. The House Corporation installed dark green, hard-wearing carpet, and mom **Kathy Katzen** made matching drapes for all the east and west windows. The room now looks great, and it's become more than just a sleeping porch — a place for the pledges to hang out with a davenport, chairs, and a TV. New beds also will be added soon.

Hosting the Executive Council was a great honor and experience, even if we had to wear coats and ties most of the weekend! It gave us all the opportunity to see the National officers in action, mix with them, showcase the chapter house, and introduce the new pledge class.

Each year, the UW Alumni Association sponsors the Dawg Dash runs to raise money for scholarships. We won the male team division of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Race, scoring the lowest time with our four fastest runners: pledges **Brett Peterson** and **Drew Dahlstrom**; **David Parascand '04**, and me. Brett was the fastest, running a six-minute mile.

The Chapter has a new chef, Shiela (yes, that's the correct spelling) Miller, who's doing a great job. She prepared a terrific Parents' Brunch Saturday, October 29, honoring the new pledges' parents and all the other parents. The house was all spic 'n' span, and many parents and some alums attended, including some pledge parents from California. The Brunch gathering provides a great opportunity for parents to meet their sons' Brothers and other parents, and see the chapter house.

We passed a new by-law in Chapter to raise money to improve the computer and networking capabilities in the house. Five dollars will be added to each house bill starting winter quarter. I know it doesn't sound like much, but this money will build a reserve fund to help pay for some upgrades in equipment. Our social season is off to



**The repainted and carpeted north sleeping porch, showing part of the east window drapes made by mom Kathy Katzen. New beds come next.**

a good start, with the fall Kamikaze Party and Halloween parties. The next big party on the schedule: the Fire Party in November. Come by the chapter house to meet some of us, and see the improvements made over the last few years. The house may be old, but we are gradually trying to make it look and function better. And, we enjoy hearing stories from your time in the house! Please ask for me if you do come — or any of us can give you a tour! Amici,

— Travis Fry '04

# Welcome, New Initiates and Pledges!

## January 9, 2005

- 1615 Kevin Bradley Abena ..... Cathlamet, WA
- 1616 Michael Joseph Verhe ..... Palo Alto, CA
- 1617 Daniel Thomas Rowse ..... Spokane, WA
- 1618 Brian Michael Fissel ..... Seattle, WA
- 1619 Joseph James Kurz ..... Tumwater, WA
- 1620 Jack Chang ..... Pasadena, CA
- 1621 Matthew Thomas McClintock ..... Redmond, WA

## April 4, 2005

- 1622 Brandon Jeremy Williams ..... Kirkland, WA

## October 3, 2005

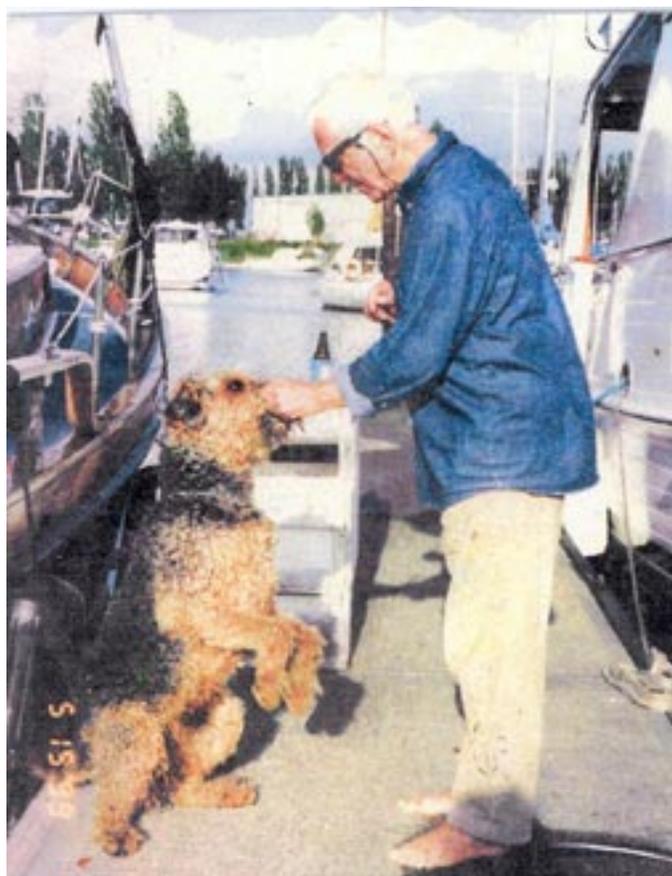
- 1623 Ryan Douglas Johnston ..... Tumwater, WA

## Pledges

- Drew P. Dahlstrom ..... Spokane, WA
- Jeffrey M. Garcia ..... Issaquah, WA
- Michael J. Goldman ..... Palo Alto, CA
- Jarrett R. Haynes ..... Everett, WA
- Michael K. Hirano ..... Bothell, WA
- Matthew P. Horjus ..... Vancouver, WA
- Kyle R. Juhnke ..... Spokane, WA
- Spencer A. Lane ..... Kent, WA
- Jeffrey T. Munday, Jr. .... Seattle, WA
- Michael V. Moldoveanu ..... Woodinville, WA
- Anthony L. Morris ..... Everett, WA
- Jack G. Newman ..... San Francisco, CA
- Brett A. Peterson ..... Marysville, WA
- Robert J. Robinson-Hamm . Federal Way, WA
- Michael G. Rossie ..... San Rafael, CA
- Philip M. Segal ..... Cupertino, CA
- Ryan N. Shauers ..... Bremerton, WA

## Farewell to Tom Ables, '46-475

*“Many, many Phi Psis from the University of Washington knew Tom.”*



**Tom with his beloved Airedale, Smiles**

**Thomas L. Ables, '46-475**, of La Conner, Washington, died June 11, 2005. Tom attended the 2005 Founders Day dinner in early March, just as he had done for many years. During the class introductions, he informed us that he had cancer in remission. Outwardly, he was the same as always, with his great smile, and warm, enthusiastic way. It might have been easier on him to stay at home, but he came anyway, maybe as his way of saying “goodbye.” By June, the cancer had spread to vital organs, and on the morning of June 11, Tom passed away in his sleep.

“Many, many Phi Psis from the University of Washington knew Tom,” wrote **Bob Edgers, '49-533**. “He may have held the record for

the longest undergraduate tenure there. I think it was 11 years and three or four degrees. Over the years, he received a lot of good-natured kidding about that — and kind of enjoyed it, I think. There were innumerable rush parties and events at his folks’ house on Three Tree Point, near Burien, south of Seattle. Tom was generous with his time (and with his various boats) for rushing and entertaining.”

Born in Longview, Washington, on January 11, 1927, Tom later moved to Three Tree Point with his parents, Esther and Joe Ables. He graduated from Highline High School in 1944, enrolled in the University of Washington, and was initiated by Washington Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi in 1946. He also rowed on the Husky Lightweight Crew for several years. First, he earned bachelor’s degrees in both zoology and chemistry, and eventually graduated with a degree in dentistry in 1955. Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the US Navy and served in the Dental Corps. After his Navy service, he returned to Seattle, opened a dental practice in West Seattle, and operated three large dental clinics between 1958 and 1980.

Tom was very active in the fraternity, well known by many Brothers, and contributed much to their fraternity experience. Even while in dental school, he helped with Formal Rush and was responsible for pledging a number of Brothers from the Three Tree Point area. He was always very generous — beach parties at his parents’ home, rush parties and water skiing, and outings on his different boats. His father was an airline executive, and through Tom, helped Brothers obtain summer jobs.

Seafair became Seattle’s major summer celebration in the 1950s. Tom was the first captain of the Seafair Guard, a group of uniformed ‘guards’ who escorted the Seafair Royalty to all the events. He made sure that the group was made up of all Phi Psi Brothers for nearly a decade. Through his connections in Seafair, Tom and Brother **Jim England, '50-564**, became good friends with the Leo Scherer family. The Scherers ‘adopted’ the Chapter and helped it in many ways. The highlight for about four years was the cocktail party at their beautiful home in Blue Ridge before the Spring Formal, very sophisticated events for young college men and their dates.

Tom loved boating and was a life member of the Seattle Yacht Club. About 15 years ago, he moved to La Conner and lived on his 40-foot cruiser, *Sea Quest*. Tom is survived by his faithful companion, Smiles, the dock dog (who has been adopted by one of Tom’s friends); his cousin, Emerson Ables, and family in Ceres, California; and many longtime friends in the Skagit Valley and Seattle.

A dockside reception to celebrate Tom’s life was held near the *Sea Quest* at the La Conner Yacht Harbor for his friends and family on Sunday, June 26, 2005.

## Other Obituaries

**Robert R. Sullivan, '29-220**, of Seattle, died February 10, 2005, according to Social Security records.

**Richard A. Pollard, '39-349**, of Scottsdale, Arizona, died August 28, 2002. His wife, Dorothy Pollard, informed the alumni office.

**Ramsay H. Sandelin, '43-417**, of Honolulu, Hawaii, passed away June 21, 2005 at age 82. **Frank Nolan, '43-421**, provided the following information about brother Sandelin's life: Ramsay Hjalmar Sandelin was born in 1923 in San Francisco, but his mother, Mabel Hicks Sandelin, brought her son to live in Hawaii when he was four years old. She had met Evert Hjalmar Sandelin, of Stockholm, Sweden, in Honolulu. Evert served as engineer on the USS *Wilhelmina* and the SS *Maui*, and as captain of the passenger liner *Lurline*. Ramsay grew up in Waikiki, where many of his days were spent surfing. Though he was an only child, he had a large family in Sweden. After graduating from high school in 1941, he entered the University of Washington in Seattle, but his education was interrupted by World War II, when he served in the Army. After the war ended, he returned to Seattle and graduated from the university in 1948. Returning to Honolulu, Ramsay began his 37-year career in banking. He retired as a vice president with First Hawaiian Bank. He and his wife, Marian, were married in 1950. They have a daughter, Victoria (Vicki) Reisner, and a son, Ramsay Jr. (Sandy), who both live in Honolulu.

## Dawg Talk

**Robert D. Bloxom, '33-270**, and his wife, Winnifred, live at 2002 W. Sunnyside Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85029. In Phoenix, he plays golf once a week. Orcas Island is their destination in the summer.

**Robert S. Bell, '41-382**, reports: "In March 2005 (as in 2004 and 2003), a golf tourney was held in Sun City West, and afterward we all had dinner with our wives, including Barbara Pollard, widow of **Dave Pollard, '41**, and Pat Compton, widow of **Bob Compton, '46**. Golfers, in addition to myself, were **Marty Burkland, '42**; **Lee Puro, '49**; **Tom Whitney, '46**; **Bill Olson, '47**; **Ernie Ingram, '47**; and **Dick Zahniser, '42**." Contact Bob at 14114 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292; 360-652-6661; caybell@webtv.net.

**John P. Nordin, '45-466**, comments: "I always enjoy reading *The Alphan*, particularly when Frank Nolan writes of his contacts and reunions with other Phi Psis of the '40s." John is active in the Pioneer Association of Washington, the Swedish Club, and a number of public

health and environmental health associations. He is a retired director of environmental health. He and his wife, Juanita Johnson Nordin (ZTA-UW), live at 6819 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115, and their phone number is 206-524-7837. They have a son, Eric (50), and a daughter, Valerie Sanders (46).

**Charles C. Cruver, '47-500**, has moved from Indianola, Washington, to 49354 Biery St., Indio, CA 92201.

**Charles I. Johnson, '49-545**, writes: "I have decided to retire for the second time this next year. I've had four careers, and I'm looking forward to something else. Hope to be moving to San Juan Island in 2006 and doing something up there — maybe a book?" Chuck will retire from 12 years of engine room work with Washington State Ferries. He and his wife, Kathleen (WSU), have one son, Carl (49). Chuck receives mail at 3725 SW 171st St., Burien, WA 98166, and phone calls at 206-243-8182.

**Robert D. Pollock, '57-701**, formerly of Seattle, now receives mail at PO Box 4254, Ketchum, ID 83340. Bob sent this note to share his recollection of Bob Ashford: "I had the opportunity to 'assist' Bob in the kitchen of  $\Phi\text{K}\Psi$  for three years. To this day, I use some of his colorful and descriptive sayings, like 'If a bullfrog had wings, he wouldn't wear his ass out hopping.' I did receive my degree from the UW, but I got my education from  $\Phi\text{K}\Psi$ , and especially Bob Ashford."

**Stephen E. Murphy, '63-832**, and his wife, Vicki (KKΓ-Iowa), can be reached at PO Box 15155, Seattle, WA 98115; 206-525-5511; or [s\\_e\\_murphy@hotmail.com](mailto:s_e_murphy@hotmail.com). "Our family-supported 'Pixote Literacy Fund' to help kids in the Americas to read is celebrating its second year. For more information, check our efforts on [www.partners.net](http://www.partners.net)."

**Robert J. Martinson, '66-896**, wrote in July 2005: "Suzanne and I are moving back to the Pacific Northwest." They have been living in Pennsylvania for a number of years. Their daughter, Jessica, is 26. The Martinsons' new address is 204 Aaron Dr., Kelso, WA 98626; 412-841-7833. Send e-mail to Bob at [BSJMAR2@aol.com](mailto:BSJMAR2@aol.com).

**Warren W. Wilder, '76-1127**, writes: "I'm living in Houston and raising three active teenagers. My work takes me around the world. I remember fondly my days at Washington Alpha." He is vice president of Olefins & Styrene. Warren and his wife, Elizabeth (Wellesley), live at 6645 Westchester St., Houston, TX 77505.

**Colin J. Sandwith, '90-1380**, writes: "Sadly, I missed the fantastic Founders Day, due to taking care of my mom, who was sick. I'll be there next year. Missed my buddy, **Ed Jensen ['56-695]**. Contact Colin at 23816 106<sup>th</sup> Pl. W., Edmonds, WA 98020; 206-546-7788.

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Many thanks to the 77 brothers listed below, who have contributed a total of \$3,860 thus far in 2005 to keep *The Alphan* going. Many of you have responded to our call for support, and all contributions are important. Remember that your involvement — through writing a few lines of "Dawg Talk" and sending a donation if you haven't yet done so — is always important. We look forward to sharing your news in the next *Alphan*!

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