



Fall 2008

WIN
MAN
The
ALPHA



Paul Wineman Is New National President

Paul Wineman '55 was elected National President at the recent Grand Arch Council in Indianapolis. He is the first University of Washington alumnus to lead the fraternity. His father, Paul R. Wineman, was a graduate of Pennsylvania Beta, Allegheny College, class of 1918.

As a professional negotiator and trainer of business negotiating skills, Paul has taught this subject in Leadership Training sessions with Jerry Nelson, to our chapters nationwide and at the American Leadership Academy for the last eight years. He has served as an Endowment Fund trustee, and held the office of National Vice-President since 2006. This exposure to all Phi Psi chapters, and the National management, made him uniquely qualified to be President.

Since he was elected over a month ago, he has often been asked about the goals of the National Fraternity.

"To get them thinking, I challenge undergraduates with this question: 'What do you intend to be doing by the time you're 55?' Seldom do they know. The Fraternity has the same challenge, to define where we will be two, ten, or twenty years from now. As the newly elected SWGP, I am stating a vision of where we need to go at the outset of this biennium, and start working toward that during my term, and beyond.

"I realize my goals may be controversial and challenged. I welcome this, as long as it arouses discussion and interest in the future of Phi Kappa Psi, and most important, encourages participation by Brothers who take a negative view of change."

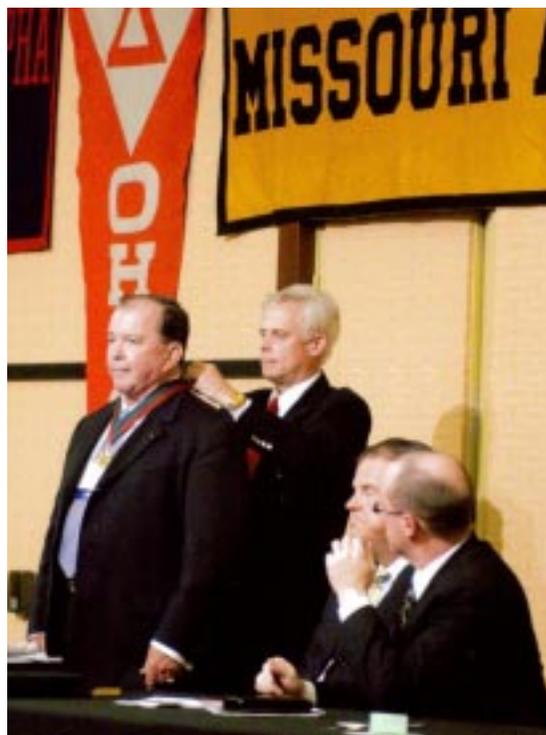
Paul shared his vision for the future of Phi Kappa Psi. Here are his objectives:

Short Term:

These are my objectives for the next two years:

- Expand the abilities of our National Web site to constantly inform undergraduates and alumni about (a) our goals, and (b) how we're going to get there. The Web site will be an increasingly important means of communicating objectives.
- Expand our current chapter membership (99), and continue adding colonies. We need to grow to compete, in number of chapters and membership, and alumni associations to support them.
- Expand the role of chapter House Corporations, and Chapter Advisors, to understand the concerns of undergraduates, so that the Fraternity can better respond to them. A House Corporation exists for the benefit of chapter Brothers and alumni — not the other way around! Alumni involvement is paramount!
- Expand our mentoring programs, both by phone and the internet, so that any young Phi Psi can seek out help and support of alumni experienced in many career fields. Undergraduates need guidance, both from a chapter Big Brother, and an alumnus Big Brother. They have to be prepared to "hit the ground running" when they graduate.
- Promote a chapter atmosphere that values leadership and scholastic achievement, with emphasis on chapter GPA. There is no excuse for any chapter to fall below its campus All-Men's GPA.
- Support House Corporations and Chapter Advisors in creating capital campaigns to renovate, and/or expand existing chapter houses. We have an obligation to "pay back" — make up for what we didn't pay as undergraduates.
- Promote the seriousness and absolute necessity of the National position against (a) drugs, and (b) excessive use of alcohol. Each class must set an example, "do as I do," not "do as I say."

The challenges to the Greek System nationally are increasing. It is our job as National officers to ensure that our undergraduates and their chapters overcome them, grow, and SUCCEED.



Paul Wineman '55 receives the badge of office at the 2008 GAC.

Wineman Is New President (Cont. from page 1)

Long Term:

I want to encourage the National Fraternity to “strategically plan” beyond my two-year term — ten, even twenty years from now. To get the ball rolling, here is MY vision of where the fraternity must head, and how it must grow:

- From 5,000 to 8,000 undergraduate membership;
- From 99 to 130 chapters nationwide;
- To 85 Alumni Associations to support the growth in chapters;
- To \$100 million capital in the National Endowment Fund;
- Recognition of The American Leadership Academy as the pre-eminent program nationally for fraternity leadership and career development. No other fraternity has such a training program, and that other fraternities would like to emulate;
- A National Mentoring Program — career identification of alumni and an assigned Big Alumni Brother network for EVERY Phi Psi undergraduate;
- National Employment Network: A formalized plan for networking and job placement for both undergraduates and young alumni. Every successful alumnus is a potential source of information, jobs, or reference;

“Without a long-term mindset, we will focus only on the present.”

- Average Chapter GPA: Raise the GPA of all chapters above the All-Men’s Average (currently below 3.0);

- A House Corporation and a Chapter House for every chapter;
- A Housemother/Chapter Director in the larger chapters. Some of the best chapters now have a housemother or chapter director — they make a great difference;

- A nationally supported and publicized Philanthropic Event for all chapters;

- A Refurbishment/Sinking Fund established by every House Corporation for the purpose of renovation or updating

of their physical plant. We didn’t pay rent — just operating expenses. Chapters need a fund for maintenance and renovation, in addition to available assistance from the newly formed Canonsburg Corporation.

For the common good of the fraternity, I hope that the presidents who succeed me will continue building toward these goals. *For without a long-term mindset, we will become only focused on the present.*

It doesn’t matter to me if you’re an alumnus or an undergraduate, I need to hear from you and I’ll value your input. To contact me, my e-mail is PWin903611@aol.com. I’ve presented this to the Executive Council as my vision for the future of Phi Kappa Psi. Let’s keep the ball rolling!



Washington Alpha Delegates at the Recent GAC

L-R: Jarrett Haynes '06, Brandon Williams '05, Matt Anglin '90, Brian Fissel '05, Tony Wiegering '94, President Paul Wineman '55, Brett Peterson '06, National Attorney General Jim Boyle '88, and Mentoring Committee member Ken Katzaroff '04.

ΦΚΨ Facts*

99 Chapters

5,236 Undergraduates

71,000 Living Alumni

40 Alumni Associations

Endowment Fund: \$38 million

111,281 Initiates Since 1852

* As of 2007

Grand Arch Council Report From Bill Good '69, Iowa Beta

About 670 delegates were registered, making this one of the better attended conventions. The convention passed a \$20-per-undergraduate-member per-year fee that will go to the Canonsburg Corporation, a tax-free foundation for national housing. This is a long overdue, modest start toward building a fund to help chapters with housing issues. *We have many chapter houses that are beautiful structures but they are getting old, and without substantial renovation, will literally crumble away.* Iowa Beta was fortunate to have a loyal alumni base that contributed to our latest renovation but, not all chapters are so fortunate. Even with good alumni support, bank financing is often

required, and that’s not easy to get even when the banking industry isn’t going through a credit crunch. *The Canonsburg Corporation will grow, and be able to provide real assistance to chapters for future generations of Phi Psis.* One of the highlights of the convention was the President’s Reception held at our new headquarters, Laurel Hall. We’ve all seen pictures of this building in *The Shield*, but you have to see it to appreciate it. The inside is even more impressive than the outside, and thanks to the great generosity of a few alumni, and money from the sale of the old HQ building, the new headquarters is owned outright, debt free. It is truly a headquarters that all Phi Psis can be proud of.

National Interfraternity Council Foundation

Special Report

From Bill Good '69, Iowa Beta

This is an organization of the national fraternity and sorority foundations. Our session was on "Capital Campaigns — A View from the Trenches." Wade Gerard, Executive Director, Phi Psi Endowment Fund, was the moderator, and three other panelists were also Phi Psis who have been heavily involved in capital campaigns for their chapters.

The overriding theme of the conference was that the only chapters that will succeed long term are those that (1) are run like a business, and (2) have strong alumni involvement. This idea isn't a revelation, but the fact is that, in the current environment, it's simply not possible for a chapter to bumble along, year-to-year, and stay in business. That may have been possible in the past, but no more.

This means that undergraduates must (1) have standards and programming to attract quality members (not just house bills), and (2) keep their houses full and charge market rents. *Chapter houses will not stay competitive with other campus housing without sufficient membership revenues to keep the houses properly maintained.*

Alumni must also be involved.

No longer can we just sit passively with the "Call me if you need me," or worse, "Let someone else do it" attitude. The chapters that stay strong have alumni who are visible and who provide sweat equity by spending time advising, mentoring, and guiding. Alumni also need to "give back" financially on an annual basis to assist with leadership training and scholarships for students who make a positive difference in the chapter and on campus.

In short, those chapters with good alumni involvement will get right back up if they stumble. (Young people learn as much from mistakes as from successes, so stumbles will occur.) *Those without good alumni involvement will stumble — and not get up.*

Editor's Note: *Bill's observations summarize the paramount challenges to the survival — and growth — of Washington Alpha and many other Phi Psi chapters, and all fraternities.*



Alumni Association News



The Phi Psis and Friends Golf Tournament drew 65 alumni, undergraduates, and pledges to Summer Meadows Golf Course.

2009 Golf Tournament: The second annual golf outing will be Saturday, June 13, 2009, at Summer Meadows.

Bill McCallum '56, Alumni Association president, and his fellow officers — Matthew Donegan-Ryan '02, VP; Jerry Gonzalez '91, treasurer; and Brad Phillips '89, secretary — have been busy organizing unusual and interesting monthly alumni meetings and events, which have included an Alumni/Undergraduate Picnic and Phi Psis and Friends Golf Tournament at Summer Meadows. The first annual golf tournament drew 65 alumni, undergraduates, and pledges to Summer Meadows Golf Course. Participants were treated to a barbecue and beverages following the event. Tom Millett '55 and his group, Bill Anstiss, Dave Livingston '88, and Mike Johnson '62, were the winners with a -9 under 63 in the scramble format. Nick Hawley '02, Dave Hawley, and Ross McCathern, and Brothers Joe Pruss '81, Rich Clasen '83, Kevin McCourt '83, and Mark Coker '82 tied for second place with -8 under 64's.

On November 12, 2008, the monthly Alumni Association meeting at the Wilde Rover Irish Pub & Restaurant featured a trivia contest with teams of six competing for cash prizes. It was great fun, and we can do it again! The Pub is located at 111 Central Way in Kirkland.

A Husky Homecoming Game Tailgate Party was held October 18, starting at 11 a.m. in the Montlake North Parking Lot, E-1 (RVs) before and after the game. There was a motor home, food, and drinks. The event was successful, so more Tailgaters are planned for next year:

Homecoming: October 24, 2009

UW vs Oregon

Apple Cup: November 21, 2009

UW vs WSU



Coming Alumni Association Meetings

December 4: Husky Basketball, UW vs Oklahoma State

6 p.m. — Meet at Chapter House for dinner with undergraduates

8 p.m. — Walk with undergraduates to game at Hec Edmundson Pavilion

Tickets \$20, available at: <http://groups.google.com/group/seattlehipsi>

January 14 Meeting, 6:30 p.m.: Dinner with Undergraduates + Poker
at the Chapter House

Founders Day Is February 21, 2009

Open House - Chapter House, starting 4 p.m., and after Founders Day

Dinner - University of Washington Faculty Club
(UW campus behind HUB bldg.)

Plentiful Free Parking

\$75 - dinner and Alumni Association dues

Open Cash Bar (no script needed)

Wine Auction before dinner; Auction after dinner

Invitations to come in January

8th Cabo Chapter Retreat

If It Is To Be, It Is Up To Me!

This simple statement sums up the purpose of the seminar sessions: To get our undergraduates to start thinking about their future, in both college and careers.

Despite the higher cost airfares, 50 undergraduates, parents, and alums came together in this wonderful place for a week of learning, sharing, and fun.

Some of the subjects presented this year: “*Entrepreneurship — Turning Passion into Reality*,” “*Negotiating Skills — Dealing With People*,” “*Winner or Loser — Make the Right Choices*,” “*Life Planning*,” “*Being Financially Responsible*,” “*Objectives, Strategies & Tactics for Success*,” “*How to Start Investing Early*,” “*Building a Successful Resume*,” “*Successful Job Interviews*,” and “*Teamwork & Leadership*.”

The Retreat is so much more than just the seminar sessions. It’s the mixing and socializing at Jerry’s Turtle Bar, getting to know the undergraduates, parents, and other alumni, the fun dinners together in Cabo and at the Hotel, the beautiful accommodations, and playing tourist in Cabo and San Jose del Cabo. In short, it’s a wonderful week.

Let those who were there tell you about the Retreat:

“The Alums and Parents Learn as Much or More than the Kids”

David Thomas, father of Blake ’07:

“Boy, did I get away with a good deal! I spent \$250 to attend the Retreat, and got a week that was worth many times more! The seminar subjects were terrific. Oh, how I wish I could have gone through something like this when I was an undergraduate. Some of the things that were presented I already knew but, much of the life lessons taught took me thirty years to discover. And, I had to figure them out by trial — and error. The subjects the alumni presented give our sons a huge head start: Over my generation, and over the other men of their generation.

During the week, I kept telling my son, ‘PAY ATTENTION — these presenters are not bs’ing you.’ These subjects will help him for the rest of his life.”

Tim Hunter and Victoria Sangrey, parents of Nick ’07:

Tim: “I can’t count the number of times that we said, ‘Boy, if only ALL the boys in the House could be here for this! Those that were there had limitless access to older fraternity Brothers who have realized tremendous success and achievements. The seminars, the casual chat sessions around the pool, even



discussions during meals offered endless life lessons for both the boys and their parents.”

Victoria: “As first-time parents visiting the Nelson Estate and attending the seminars, we were both a little overwhelmed and very impressed. The magnitude of what is offered to the fraternity by the alumni is beyond or equal to ANY opportunity they will ever receive in their lives. It’s not just the undergrads — the parents and alums learn, too. We highly recommend the Cabo trip! It is a lifetime experience we will value always.”

“Alums shouldn’t wait three decades, like I did, to reconnect with the Fraternity.”

David Bolson ’76:

“The retreat was my first contact with Phi Psi since attending Founders Day 1980 — almost 30 years ago! I’ve read about the retreat in *The Alphan* over the years, and it sounded interesting but, it was my co-worker, **Ken Katzaroff** (after we discovered that we were fraternity brothers!) who insisted that I go. I’m glad that I did!

“I thought it would be a bunch of alums gathering at a retiree’s modest home in Mexico, hanging out and drinking. WRONG! I had no idea that it would be a multimillion dollar estate, beautifully laid out like *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*, and supervised by its tremendous host, Jerry Nelson. Another surprise: great well-organized seminar sessions that everyone, young and old, can learn from; and finally, having the new National President participating, too.

“I am not exaggerating, it was truly a wonderful experience — one that EACH Washington alum should take advantage of sooner rather than later. They shouldn’t wait three decades, like I did, to reconnect with the Fraternity.”

Brad Phillips ’89:

“This week was a winner again, just like the past retreats Nicole and I have attended. It’s a pleasure to get to know the undergradu-

ates and pass on some knowledge. We get to know them and their parents on a level impossible back in Seattle. I am proud of the quality of the kids in the House now. I just wish that all of them could afford to come to the Retreat, too.”

Julie and Steve Dahl, parents of Matt (pledge, soon to be a Brother):

“As parents new to the Greek System, we weren’t sure what to expect. We came away convinced that our son has made a great choice, and will benefit greatly from his lifelong association with Phi Psi. The caliber of the seminars was outstanding. The undergrads are getting exposure to concepts and lessons that it has taken us a lifetime to learn. Every parent should experience this with their son — we will treasure it for years to come. Matt is a serious person — he will absorb the lessons offered and apply them in his life. Jerry often said to them in the sessions, ‘Write it down!’ Matt now carries a small notebook and pen with him everywhere!”

Matt Dahl, fall pledge:

“Jerry, I want you to know that this retreat was a life-changing experience for me. It helped me realize that there is so much more to joining a fraternity than what I originally thought. I joined because I liked the guys, wanted more friends in college, and more parties. I realize now these were partially the wrong reasons. I now understand that the networking and relationships that I’ve already started to build will help me far beyond college. This trip has made me proud to be a pledge, and I look forward to being initiated in January. I enjoyed having a one-on-one talk with someone as successful as you. It wasn’t just your advice but that you took the time to answer my questions. I look forward to seeing you again in March (at the ALA), or at the next Retreat.”



(Continued on page 5)

Retreat (Cont. from page 4)

Rich Steffens '92:

"This was our second trip to the Retreat, and once again, I came home energized to get involved. I have been sharing my experiences with other alumni and urging them to get re-involved with the Fraternity through the Alumni Association, the House Corporation, and the Retreat. Parents that I spoke with were BLOWN AWAY by what they saw their sons experiencing. The speakers presented useful 'real world' advice and life lessons that the undergrads will never learn in a classroom. That goes for the rest of us, too!"

Terry and Mark Crisler '80:

"After two years of scheduling and business conflicts, Terry and I were able to attend this year. I have to admit I was skeptical about attending a retreat in Cabo. I WAS SO WRONG! From the opening comments to the final farewell dinner, we were so impressed — by the presenters, the leadership and business expertise, and the passion of everyone who attended, including the undergraduates. It really inspired us, how this retreat week has grown the fraternity experience beyond just a place to live during college. The information in the presentations is what most companies spend big money developing for their mid- and high-level management. But, at this retreat (and the larger ALA Spring Break sessions), it's free, and we're giving it to our young men NOW, before they start a career.

"Whether you have or haven't thought about attending, don't wait any longer, DO IT, you'll be so glad that you did. Everyone — alums, parents, spouses, undergraduate members, and pledges — gains from this experience.

"You don't have to be a presenter to make an impact — just your presence, talking with and getting to know the undergrads and their parents, is HUGE. It's like being a Big Brother again — someone they can look to for advice, ask questions about an industry or business, or just get used to talking to experienced business people. Think back what this would have done for you, when you were an undergraduate.

"It's not all business — a lot of fun, too — socializing, networking, and sharing. This is not your typical Baja Mexico experience. The Nelson estate, like a private resort, is second to none, and the ALA hotel is a beautiful facility. Consider this — three dwellings down the beach is Sammy Hagar's Cabo home, a very large and nice place. The Nelson estate *dwarfs* Sammy's two to one! Imagine beautiful accommodations, standing in an infinity pool right on the beach gazing out at the ocean, fun meals together in Cabo and at the hotel, hanging out and talking with your Brothers and parents — sharing drinks and conversation at the Turtle Bar or by the other pools. To duplicate this on your own, you'd need an economic stimulus package!"

"I intend to be more involved in this incredible leadership experience. I'll be back in March for the Spring Break ALA sessions,



Bulldogs and shrimp: everyone had a good time at the Shrimp House lunch.

when our Washington Alpha undergrad delegates are there, making a presentation on Entrepreneurship. And then there's the next retreat in September!"

The dates for the '09 Cabo Chapter Retreat will be announced in the Spring '09 Alphan. For information, e-mail Jim Boyle at jdb_uwhuskies@yahoo.com or Stan Kohagen at stanko206@aol.com.



Whitney Harris '30 Honored in "Wondrous 100" Alumni

Columns Magazine, June '08, in its "Wondrous 100 Alumni" section, marking the 100th anniversary of the magazine, includes **Whitney Harris** among the 100 alumni honored.

One of the highlights of Whitney's career was serving as assistant prosecutor on the staff of the chief prosecutor, Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, appointed by President Harry Truman to head the Nuremberg Trials, following WWII. After Nuremberg, he was Chief of Legal Counsel to General Lucius Clay during the Berlin Airlift.

He has also been a professor of law at Southern Methodist University, served on the 1953 Hoover Commission, was the first Executive Director of the American Bar Association, Solicitor General of Southwestern Bell Telephone, and had a distinguished private practice until retirement. He has published several books on The Third Reich of Germany. He is the last surviving American prosecutor from the major Nuremberg Trials.

In 2002, the *Whitney R. Harris Institute on Global Legal Studies* was established at Washington University in St. Louis. The *Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center* was established at the University of Missouri in 2007.

From the Chapter President

Jeff Menday '05

Seattle: Ballard H.S.

Major: Construction Management

Alumni and Friends of Washington Alpha,

As we enter the new school year, I am honored to write to all of you about the successes and excitement of Washington Alpha. Coming out of the accomplishments of this summer and the latest outstanding Washington Alpha Retreat in Cabo San Lucas, the chapter is poised to make big leaps forward! Washington Alpha received the *Ritual Exemplification Award* at the GAC in August. This award is given to the chapter that best understands and performs the Fraternity's rituals for pledging, initiation, and conduct of chapter meetings. This is the third year in a row that Washington Alpha has been singled out for excellence in chapter management (2006 Alumni Relations and 2007 Scholarship).

We're proud that one of our own, **Paul Wineman '55**, was elected National President at the GAC, and **Jim Boyle '88** is serving as Paul's Attorney General. **Ken Kataroff '04** was appointed to the National Mentoring Committee.

Combining winter, spring, and summer rush, we have a total of 18 pledges thus far in 2008. Two of the winter 2008 pledges were initiated at the start of this quarter: **David Birlenbach** (son of **Dr. Ulrich Birlenbach '71**) and **Lyle Zoumut**.

Fall Work Week was hard labor but had good results as we spruced up the chapter house before school started. In addition to general cleanup, repairs, and cosmetic work, we re-worked the front parking strip, the front yard, and back yard. Things look pretty good around the physical plant, and we hope you all will stop by if you're in the area.

We are grateful to **Craig Nishizaki '88**, for working with the chapter as we strive to meet all 12 of the program requirements in the Fraternity's *Chapter Excellence and Accreditation Program*. This is a tough program to meet on all 12 fronts: we just missed on two criteria in the last measurement period. The 12 accreditation categories are: ritual, scholarship, membership recruitment, campus/community involvement, chapter operations, fraternity education, financial management, alumni relations, operating budget, risk management, and code of conduct. But with Craig's guidance, we're highly confident that we will cover all bases this time around. Look for the results of our efforts later this year in *The Shield*: if we're "Accredited," we met 10 of 12; if we're "Accredited With Honors," we met 11, and if we're "Accredited With Distinction," we met all 12.

Grades are Priority One this year. As part of our accreditation efforts, we've raised the standards for the Chapter Scholarship Program, with a goal of a 3.2 GPA for each quarter of the school year. We're continuing our tutoring at Loyal Heights Elementary School, and we're planning an All-Greek Etiquette Program, working with Chi Omega. Sorority money-raising philanthropies have started — we WON the flag football tournament sponsored by Delta Zeta. Next is a soccer tournament sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha. We're fired up to win that tournament, too!

We worked closely with the alumni association this past summer, and will continue to do so throughout the school year. The alumni association had poker tournaments at the chapter house, a rush barbecue at the home of **Matthew Donegan-Ryan '02**, a Go-Kart rush event, the golf tournament, and the recent Homecoming Tailgate Party. We've enjoyed working with our alums, and want to extend special thanks to **Bill McCallum '56** for all of his efforts and enthusiasm in energizing the Seattle Alumni Association.

We enjoyed seeing everyone who was able attend the Pledge/Parent Brunch at the chapter house, Sunday, November 9, honoring the pledge parents, and all the parents. Founders Day will be at a new venue, The University Club (behind the HUB building), Saturday, February 21, and we'll see you there! There will be an Open House at the chapter house before and after Founders Day! Amici, — *Jeff Menday '05*



Jeff with others at the Cabo Retreat

Welcome 2008 Pledges

Soon to Be Initiated Brothers!

Winter 2008

David Murphy Birlenbach
Curtis Senior H.S., University Place, WA
(Initiated 10/08)

Lyle David Zoumut
Decatur H.S., Federal Way, WA
(Initiated 10/08)

Ben Eizen Ernst Yamaguchi
Kailua H.S., Kailua, HI

Alex Bianco
Santa Monica H.S., Los Angeles, CA

Fall 2008

Michael Alan McLaughlin
Mt. Rainier H.S., Normandy Park, WA

John Alexander Tsailakis
Blanchet H.S., Seattle, WA

Alex Jonathan Golshan
Ballard H.S., Seattle, WA

Jacob Daniel McNeely
Kentwood H.S., Snoqualmie, WA

Matthew Gregory Vaughn
Sunset H.S., Vancouver, WA

Travis James White
Kalama H.S., Kalama, WA

Ryu Robert Sikora
Skyline H.S., Sammamish, WA

Brendan Michael Allar
Inglemoor H.S., Woodinville, WA

Andrew Steven Duenkel
Eastlake H.S., Sammamish, WA

Matthew John Dahl
Lake Washington H.S., Redmond, WA

Nick Aaron Zielinski
Curtis H.S., Kent, WA

Charles Li Li
Lake Washington H.S., Kirkland, WA

Gordon Heinrich Freischlad
Basis Tucson H.S., Tucson, AZ

Michael Lam Nguyen
Skyview H.S., Vancouver, WA



Alphan Postscript

From **Brian Fissel '05**, former chapter president, to **Paul Wineman**: "I want to thank you for everything that you did for us as delegates at the GAC. It wasn't until I left, that I realized how important to me the friendships with other Brothers from other chapters, and especially the bond with my Chapter Brothers mean to me."

Remembering *The Phi Psi Quartets*

Back in the “Fabulous ’50s,” there were many singing groups — the Mills Brothers, Kingston Trio, the Ames Brothers, Limelinters, the Inkspots, the Highwaymen, Chad Mitchell Trio, and more. Later, in the 1960s, folk music groups became popular, with Peter, Paul & Mary, the New Christy Minstrels, and many other groups, as well as individual singers. At the same time, The Brothers Four became popular — but more about them later.

In the early ’50s, **Gary Munn ’53**, with urging from classmate **Don McCandless ’53**, formed the first Phi Psi Quartet. Gary was a multi-talented person: singer, playwright, and songwriter. The group originally was composed of **Gary Munn, Nick Freeman ’53, Dick Beckman ’54, and Mike Gamble ’54**, with **Don McCandless** on guitar. Later, **Bob Munson ’55** temporarily replaced Munn.



The original Phi Psi Quartet (minus Gary Munn): From left, Nick Freeman, Mike Gamble, Bob Munson, Dick Beckman, and Don McCandless on guitar.

The Quartet became popular with the sororities, and on campus. The group sang at all the Phi Psi dances, serenaded the sororities with the whole chapter as backup, and was featured at the Homecoming Ball, high school proms, Seafair, and many other events. With a group from AΔΠ, the Quartet won the all-campus Songfest several years. They were also hired by KING-TV to provide a vocal “banner signature” for a weekly local events program. Some of you who were in the chapter house during that time may remember singing “*Red Sails in the Sunset*,” “*Easy Street*” (made popular by the Mills Brothers), and “*Scotch & Soda*” in sorority serenades, backing up the Quartet.

As the members of the original group graduated, four more Phi Psis continued the Quartet: **Ron Ubaghs ’56, Curt Tenzler ’56, Ralph Hawkins ’58, and Don Edgers ’58**, with **Clint Viebrock ’57** sometimes filling in.



The second Quartet: Ralph Hawkins, Curt Tenzler, Ron Ubaghs, and Don Edgers.

Some of the songs they sang were “*Blackberry Boogie*,” “*The Lion Sleeps Tonight (Wimoway)*,” “*Susie*,” “*Charlie & The MTA*,” and “*Zombie Jamboree*.”

Don Edgers recalls a story about this last song: “Hawkins and Ubaghs were both Queen Anne High School graduates. We were invited to sing at an assembly. We went through our repertoire, minus ‘Zombie Jamboree.’ The audience wanted us to do an encore, and all we had left was ‘Zombie,’ which was a rather raunchy song. The audience loved it; however, the principal went ballistic. Partway through

the song, he made a beeline to the stage, yelling at us to stop singing. He jumped on the stage, had the curtain pulled, and dismissed the students. He chewed us out royally, and banned us from further Queen Anne functions. This was a great boost to our notoriety; we became legends, and this no doubt helped us in recruiting for the fraternity.”

Don has written two books, and his second book, *An Island in Time II: Coming of Age in the 1950’s*, includes a chapter on his college and fraternity life. Here’s a segment about the Quartet from his book:

“Early in ’58, the Quartet got a request from the ASUW to sing and get paid at a sports banquet. Evidently our notoriety spread rapidly because we began getting requests to perform at banquets, other high school assemblies and dances, cocktail parties, cotillions, conventions, cruises, department store fashion shows, and all 16 of the fraternity’s social events. One of our mothers fashioned spiffy red vests with brass buttons to wear with our dark-colored suits, and we all wore white socks with our black penny loafers. We were the epitome of the mid-fifties.

“What struck me as unbelievable during this period of the quartet’s popularity was that we were paid to do something that was so much fun!” *

About the same time, four Phi Gamma Delta brothers formed a group called *The Party Dollars*. Edgers recalls how the two fledgling groups converged: “We had so many paying jobs we couldn’t keep up with the demand. When we’d serenade sororities, The Party Dollars would follow us around to get ideas for songs they could sing in two-part harmony on their serenades. Their original group actually had five guys — one of them was Bob Flick, who recently married actress Loni Anderson.

“In ’58, the Colony Club in downtown Seattle asked us to sing. They wouldn’t pay anything, but said ‘*we’d get good exposure*.’ As a prank, we arranged for someone to call the Fijis, pretend to be the agent from the Colony Club, and invite The Party Dollars in for an audition. When they arrived, even though they weren’t expected, they were allowed to sing a few songs anyway, and were subsequently hired.”

A Columbia Records agent heard them, and the rest is history. The group changed its name to *The Brothers Four*. They became famous, made millions, and were still active as of 2007. Their songs are still played on “easy listening” radio stations.

The second Phi Psi Quartet continued until the group graduated in the early ’60s. If any of you know more details about the two quartets, let us know through DawgTalk.

* For information about both of Don Edgers’ books on growing up in the 1940s and ’50s in Seattle and on Fox Island, go to www.anislandintime.com or donedgers@aol.com.

Alphan Postscript

From Curt Tenzler ’56 and Sally Ubaghs, October 21, 2008:

“**Ron Ubaghs ’56** had surgery last Thursday at UW hospital for cancer of the esophagus. The doctors caught it at its earliest stage. Carol and I visited him Saturday, and while he was still quite sedated, he seemed to be doing well. If you would like to send Ron a ‘Get Well’ note, his e-mail address is ubaghs@earthlink.net.”

Alphan Postscripts

Feedback from alums, parents, undergrads, and others . . .



Sophomore Carnival Follow-up

From Frank Nolan '43:

"The Soph Carnival '46 and the Phi Psi Burlesque deserve more clarification. Our act was a carryover from before WWII. At the time, there was a professional stripper at the Rivoli Theatre named Carmode. Our 'star' was a take-off of her, with **Ed Ladum '46** as Commode, direct from the local American Standard/Kohler showroom. **Bruce Gillespie '43**, with a red fright wig, was producer, writer, and director, in a rather loose fashion. It didn't matter anyway, as each show was pretty much extemporaneous, consisting of almost no vocals, but lots of kicking of legs (not always in unison) and fake boobs. **Ed Larson '46** did the decoration and scenery; **Bob Compton '46** (Compton Lumber Co.) furnished the stage lumber. The 'dancers' were **Warren Whaley '47**, **Dick Miller '47**, **Paavo Timo '46**, **Don Whitmer '46**, **Ramsey Sandelin '43**, **Sam Watkins '43**, and **Jack Watkins '46**.

"Performers periodically took nourishment backstage of distilled spirits, and creativity grew as the evening wore on. Our show drew good crowds until word got around that a Kissing Booth, operated by one of the more obscure sororities, had slipped one by the Deans of Men and Women, and was offering French kisses! Armed with an ample supply of script, I found that indeed one of the three girls, perhaps a sociology major doing research, was offering a rare level of intimate smooching. This quickly killed our crowd, as a lineup of patrons formed, lips parted, even as the Pavilion lights were turned out."

From Bob Edgers '49:

"The Sophomore Carnival article (Spring '08) needs a little follow-up from me. I was chairman of the event in 1950. The name comes from the fact that the Sophomore Class sponsored the event, and proceeds went to the Class fund, or to the University — this time we made money. When I was chairman of the Varsity Ball the next fall, we rented a big venue (the Armory, later the Seattle Center Food Circus), hired a big name band, and lost some money. Checking in a couple Tyee annuals, I began

to flag Phi Psi names and pictures and was surprised at how much campus exposure we had in those years. Of course, times have changed — a lot. Greeks ran the campus political and social life then."

The Scavenged Bell



Bellringer Kenny Taylor '43

From Frank Nolan '43:

"You asked for a picture of **Kenny Taylor '43** and our pledge class scavenger hunt trophy, a ship's bell. Well, here he is, ringing the bell. He has mounted the bell on all eight houses that he's owned. Kenny would rather call than write, and often, before he responds to my 'Hello,' he rings the bell! I instantly know who it is!"

Homecoming Tailgater

From Matthew Donegan-Ryan '02:

"The Homecoming Game Tailgate Party Saturday, October 18, was a great success. Even though the game was a bust, fun was had by all. **Andy Ness '91** told me that it was the best alumni event that he can remember, a good mix of alums, young and old, and undergraduates. **Brad Phillips '89** and **Mark Jonson '90** did an excellent job of organizing the event — donating food, beverages, and the motor home. We're planning further Tailgate Parties for Homecoming and Apple Cup '09."

Cabo Retreat

From Bob Edgers '49:

"I'm not surprised that the presentation **Mark Crisler '80**, gave at the Retreat, "Entrepreneurship — Turning Passion into Reality," was so well received, and that he's been invited back to present it at the Spring Break ALA sessions. To think that his dad **Ferg Crisler '46** was my pledge trainer! Wow! That was 60 years ago! We do continue to stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. If we have a fundraising auction at the '09 Founders Day, tell Mark that I have one last bottle of that very special Alexander Valley Cabernet to donate!"

To Jerry Nelson, From Tim Hunter, parent of Nick Sangrey '08:

"Jerry, you sincerely appreciated the learning and growing opportunities that you offered to our son Nick. We not only were thrilled to see and hear the seminar

sessions but noticed that Nick embraced every topic. In just that one week, we saw more confidence and his natural leadership abilities coming forward. He is very excited to do everything that he can to implement the ideas and philosophies he brought back with him to Washington Alpha."

From David Bolson '76:

"Jerry, I had a delightful time! Your gracious hospitality, beautiful accommodations, and wonderful location, and terrific seminar sessions made for an unforgettable experience. I'm so glad that my co-worker **Ken Katzaroff '04** encouraged me to go and get re-connected to Phi Psi. What a change since I was in the House 31 years ago. The fraternity has devoted leadership — both nationally and at the Chapter. I'm sure that I learned as much from the kids as they learned from me."

From Brad Phillips '89 to Bob Edgers '49:

"The retreat was great again this year. Nicole and I couldn't go the two years prior but it was just as good, if not better, this year. I hope that you can join us next year. Do you go to the football games? We are planning a tailgate party at Homecoming October 18th, with a motor home, and serving food and beer. The undergraduates will be there, and we're hoping many alumni will stop by. The Alumni Association plans to make this an annual Homecoming event."

From Nancy Johnston, mother of Ryan '05:

"Ryan had a great time at the Cabo Retreat. He said that this was the best year yet. He enjoyed his time with the alumni and especially enjoyed mentoring some of the younger Brothers. Doug and I continue to be so thankful that Ryan has the fraternity in his life. We know that he has grown up in so many ways as a result of the responsibilities given him, and the people that he has met. He just finished Marine OCS in Quantico before the Retreat."

and Others . . .

From Mark Raugust '01:

"I just was offered a really good job with the State Department in Washington, DC, taking over the Africa desk for Overseas Citizens Services. I'm really excited about the job and living in DC, despite the awful weather."

From Tim Hauser '01:

"I'm at Bagram AFB, Afghanistan. Back in June, I was assigned to the Integration Team. Its goal is to reshape the national logistics policy for Afghanistan. The team is great to work with, and for the last two months we've been working with some high-ranking Afghan Army Generals. The idea is to help the Afghan Army manage their logistics system. This is the first time the ANA has worked together with us, and they (and we) are excited about the challenge."

Golf's a Hard Game to Figure

By Frank Nolan '43

Golf teaches one many things, the foremost of which is that no matter how badly you play, it is always possible to get worse.

For 10 or 12 years, I played — and I use that term hesitantly — golf every Sunday in season with **Dick Anderson '42**, **Bob Compton '46**, and Bob's father-in-law, Dr. Jim Moriarty. We usually played at short, but interesting, 18-hole Cedarcrest, outside Marysville. We bet little, out of necessity kept our eyes on each other's ball, kept our own scores, bought our own beer after 18, and, in general, passed a most enjoyable morning together.

Dick, who was permanently affected the first time he came into contact with pay toilets and realized the possibilities, only bet on sure things and usually in amounts in multiples of dimes. However, Dick was always on time and had an expert eye for lost balls and never claimed one until it stopped rolling. He once said, "I wish I could play my normal game . . . just once."

Bob was a quiet, cheerful partner who said on one of his better days, "I think my game's improving." And Doctor Jim quickly answered, "I do, too. You're missing the ball much closer." One, but not the only, unusual feature of Bob's game was his backswing, which was so fast as to deny detection. The tee on one hole was tucked into the woods, although about 30 yards out opened into a fairly wide fairway. Bob methodically prepared to hit the ball, taking his whirlwind backswing. Bad mistake. He must have reached higher than usual, smacking a stout branch above the tee. His club wrapped around the branch, looking not unlike a French horn. Golf clubs will usually break before they curl about a branch. This one didn't. The next week, it was still there, and Tom Quast, the course owner, told us he was thinking of charging admission to see it.

I often wondered about Doc Moriarty's bedside manner, as his normal voice was roughly the volume of the Tatoosh fog horn. As it was frequently necessary to yell, "**FORE!**" he usually voiced the

alarm. When he cut loose, golfers on all 18 holes ducked. He loved to needle Bob. One of his explosions I'll not forget was, "**Bob, you're about a clown's mouth away from being sent down to miniature golf!**"

One day, four tall, lithe teenage boys followed us and began hitting into us. We would warn them and they would fall back for a hole or so, but then would again reach or even pass us with their tee shots. Finally, Doc had had enough. He walked up to the ball that was farthest ahead, took a deliberate stance and a practice swing — by this time, the kids realized what he intended and gave cry — and he hit that sucker a mile over the fence separating the golf course from the dairy farm next door. The boys could see barbed wire, pasture, cow pies, and cows between them and the ball, and they slowly fell back. We never saw them again.

My worst hole — and that's a really top low — happened to be a slight dogleg, woods on both sides of a narrow fairway, featuring a large tree right in line with what would otherwise be a perfectly placed shot. Rather deep in the woods on the left was an outhouse. One day, I hooked a mighty blow into the woods and set out, trailed by my partners, who were shouting things like, "**Hey, Frank, got your chainsaw?**" or "**Don't forget your orange vest! It's hunting season!**" Finally, someone located my ball. The last user had left the door of the outhouse open, and my ball reposed on the floor. All I could think of — and I've not thought of anything better to say in all these years — was, "**How do I play this one?**"

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day, you'll go out and hack, slice, top and shank it, hit into all the bunkers, roughs, and out-of-bounds, and miss every green. Then the next day, you'll go out and really stink. It's been more than 45 years since I hiked the fairways with those guys, and they're all gone now. But the memory is still clear of those days — days that I loved.

Φ K Ψ Obituaries

Leslie G. Kirkman, '37-323, of Seattle, Washington, died February 3, 2006, according to the family.

Robert G. Keever, '40-364, died September 13, 2008. He was a resident of Mercer Island, Washington, and president of the White and Bollard Commercial Real Estate Company. He served in the US Navy during World War II. Robert's family wrote that he "will be remembered for his entrepreneurial spirit, keen sense of humor, his loving, fair, and kind nature — the stable foundation of his family." His wife, Barbara, passed away in March 2007. Robert is survived by his sons, Ed, Robert, and Michael Keever; daughters, Kathy Fasen and Jill Du Bois; 18 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. *Thanks to Frank Nolan '43 for informing the alumni office.*

Robert O. "Bob" Blecken: A Life Lived Loving Plants and People



Bob Blecken, '47-499, grew up on a fruit orchard in Yakima, Washington, where he began a lifelong interest in horticulture. Friends would kid him that he loved plants almost as much as people. A past president of the Memphis Botanic Garden Foundation and co-founder of the Memphis Horticultural Society, Bob died of pulmonary fibrosis at his home on Friday, June 13, 2008. He was 81.

A charter member of the American Conifer Society, Bob grew many exotic conifers from seed and gave several to the Botanic Garden. "He liked conifers because they were native to Washington," said Ann Blecken, his wife of 54 years. Through the

years, the Bleckens took many groups on tours of gardens throughout Europe. "We went everywhere," said Ann, "and we had a wonderful time." Bob was very outgoing. "He liked people a lot, and the feeling was mutual. That's why he made such a good insurance executive," his wife said.

When he was 17, Bob joined the Navy, and served during World War II. After the war ended, he was a quartermaster on the USS Rendova, an escort aircraft carrier used as a training ship. He entered the University of Washington in 1946, was initiated into Phi Kappa Psi in 1947, and earned an economics and business degree. **Frank Nolan '43** remembers him as an undergraduate: "Bob was not only a handsome young man — I doubt that he ever went more than a few moments without a smile."

He went to work for the Washington State Apple Commission upon graduation, and traveled extensively promoting apples. He met Ann on his first trip to Memphis. He soon accepted a job as manager of The March of Dimes in Memphis. Later, this led him to start an insurance agency representing health insurance companies, and eventually the agency became very successful. Bob was a 30-year member of the Kiwanis Club, and a 55-year member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion. He was a past president of the Episcopal Kingsmen Group, and a member of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew.

In addition to his wife, Ann, Bob leaves behind an older brother, **William E. Blecken '42**, and a nephew, Kenneth Blecken, both of Seattle, and three nieces, Karen Gordon of White Sulphur Springs, MT; Kris Adams of Everett, WA; and Karol Hiegel of Marysville, WA.

A member of the Solon Summerfield Society, Bob left a planned legacy for the Washington Alpha Scholarship Fund held by the National Endowment Fund. *Thanks to Stan Kohagen '55 and James Slayden '43 for informing the alumni office.*

Dawg Talk

Frank W. Nolan, Jr., '43-421, 900 University St., #12-G, Seattle, WA 98101, sent his reminiscence of playing golf with Washington Alpha brothers **Dick Anderson '42**, **Bob Compton '46**, and Bob's father-in-law, Dr. Jim Moriarty (page 9). Contact Frank via e-mail at fn49bn@myuw.net, or call him at 206-524-2899.

John F. Humphrey, '43-434, and his wife, Bonnie (ΓΦΒ-UW), live at 3625 Perada Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598. They have a son, Jeffrey (51), and a daughter, Ann (48). John reports that his greatest interests are "church — grandkids — golf." Send e-mail to bonjonn@astound.net or call 925-935-7766.

Kenneth D. Graham, Jr., '49-535, a retired medical doctor, writes: "Bev and I celebrated our 50th anniversary last year. I heard from **Grant Winther ['50-570]** a while back." He and Bev raised four children, Ken, Steve, Sue, and Kevin, and they have four grandchildren. "We lost one grandchild to AIDS." Kenneth enjoys tennis, fishing, bird hunting, biking, and their summer place at Hood Canal. Contact him at 3301 N. Shirley St., Tacoma, WA 98407; 253-752-3457.

Charles I. Johnson, '49-545, is retired, but remains active in Kiwanis, the Sons of Norway, and the Swedish Cultural Center. Chuck writes that he and his wife, Kathleen (ΑΓΔ), still plan to relocate to San Juan Island, but Kathleen's health is not good at present. "My engineer's license is still valid until 2011, but I'm afraid I'm 'finished with engines' and land bound." Chuck and Kathleen have one son, Carl (52). Write to 3725 SW 171st St., Burien, WA 98166, or call 206-243-8182.

Peter W. Dease, '55-647, writes: "After close to 30 years in Chicago as the Midwest director of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau, I took early retirement and returned to the island of Kauai, where I was born and raised. I have been busy volunteering and enjoying Kauai's laid-

back lifestyle!" Peter serves on the board of the Kauai Historical Society, and he is a trustee of the Kauai Museum. He is also a docent/volunteer/member of the National Tropical Botanical Gardens, the Waaina Kai Garden, the Grove Farm Homestead Museum, and the Kilauea Lighthouse. He can be reached at pdease@gmail.com; 808-332-0342; or 3448 Lawailoa Lane, Koloa, HI 96756.

Thomas M. Treece, '57-704, 13807 NE 48th Pl., Bellevue, WA 98005, saw **Bob Jungar's ['58-735]** name on the Washington Alpha Lost List, and wrote, "Bob is currently the mayor of Raymond, Washington."

Stephen E. Murphy, '63-832, writes: "I continue to consult for Pacific Northwest firms expanding 'south of the border' — especially Brazil. Our Pixote Literacy Fund is still providing grants for kids to read in our hemisphere. Thanks to Phi Psi bros who have helped with contributions." The Fund was established by Steve and his family to help at-risk children in the Americas gain literacy and life skills, and to forge alliances with groups of faith to reach pixotes (at-risk children). Steve and his wife, Vicki, receive mail at POB 15155, Seattle, WA 98115, and e-mail at semurphy@pnwa.com. He gave the Web address for the Pixote Literacy Fund: www.partners.net.

Michael A. Garland, '71-1012, now receives mail at PO Box 423, Hubbell, MI 49934.

Colin J. "Sandy" Sandwith, '90-1380, research associate professor emeritus in mechanical engineering at UW, has offered to sponsor any Phi Psi student brothers who would like to take handball classes at the university. He will cover costs for the class tuition every quarter for students who wish to take advantage of his offer. Sandy has covered costs for 10 students to attend the classes in the past. The class is scheduled for this fall, and will be taught by Joe Cox, nationally recognized by the USHB Association. Sandy can be reached at 23816 106th Pl. W., Edmonds, WA 98020; 206-550-5586.



Founders Day Is February 21, 2009

Mark your calendars: February 21 – FD at the UWFC

2008 Honor Roll of Contributors

Many thanks to the 65 brothers and friends listed below, who contributed \$3,875 as of November 10, 2008, 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 your news in the next *Alphan*!

Name	Init.	Yr. & No.						
Cranston D. Raymond, Jr.	38	336	John E. Johnson	50	567	Joseph L. Bigas	62	796
E. Lamont McDonald	40	355	John E. Largis	51	585	William R. Creech	63	824
Richard A. Marble	41	367	Richard L. Simkins	51	589	John M. Drath	63	826
Robert S. Bell	41	383	Earl S. Thygeson	53	627	Stephen E. Murphy	63	832
Richard D. Margerum	41	385	Benjamin R. Simkins	54	637	David R. Bowers	64	847
Richard S. Zahmiser	42	389	Joseph A. Taller	54	638	Steven S. Marquard	66	892
Lyle E. Ostlund	42	401	Peter W. Dease	55	647	Peter L. Osborne	66	900
William E. Blecken	42	402	Wayne T. Browne	55	649	John W. Larson	69	962
James B. Slayden	43	416	Harold W. Hoggatt	55	655	Kyle J. Crews	70	980
Frank W. Nolan, Jr.	43	421	R. Stan Kohagen	55	657	Alan M. Bernstein	77	1136
John F. Humphrey	43	434	David N. Milburn	55	660	Gary P. Bosworth	78	1160
John P. Nordin	45	466	Charles R. Olmstead	55	663	Steven A. Fawthrop	79	1178
B. Ferguson Crisler	46	476	Paul R. Wineman	55	669	Christopher T. Browne	79	1179
C. Del Cyr	46	477	Gordon O. Burgess	56	679	Daryn R. Klinginsmith	86	1306
Donald N. Whitmer	46	484	J. Fred Holmes	56	684	James D. Boyle	88	1335
Robert O. Blecken	47	499	Richard H. Troyer	56	691	Mark A. Jonson	90	1371
William J. Ryberg	48	517	Edmund P. Jensen	56	695	Colin J. Sandwith	90	1380
Robert A. Berst	49	532	Thomas M. Treece	57	704	W. Edward Hatzenbeler	90	1383
Kenneth D. Graham, Jr.	49	535	Thomas F. Neilson	58	712	Brian T. Smith	91	1392
Gordon T. Krekow	49	539	Gary A. Michels	58	725	David W. Auckland	93	1446
Charles I. Johnson	49	545	Edward A. Lawrence	61	782	Brenton A. Streich <i>in memoriam</i>	00	1547
			Clark H. Mounsey	61	790	Bob and Nan Streich		