

Whitney R. Harris: *World War II and the Prosecution of Tyranny*

Whitney Harris, '30-225, at 93, has witnessed nearly all of the major events of the last century — the aftermath of World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, and all of the world conflicts and events since. He is one of the very few remaining American prosecutors from the Nuremberg Trials, the first-ever international war crimes tribunal, for the prosecution of principal Nazi war criminals at the end of World War II.

In 1945, the tribunal of American, Soviet, British, and French judges and prosecutors — the victors — met in Nuremberg, Germany, to put on trial the vanquished, senior Nazis accused of war crimes, crimes against peace, and crimes against humanity. They are considered the most momentous trials of the 20th Century, and last November was the 60th anniversary of their beginning.

Born in Seattle in 1912, Whitney attended the University of Washington, pledging Phi Psi in 1929 and graduating with an AB degree, magna cum laude in 1933. When he was initiated in 1930, the Washington Alpha Chapter House was new, completely rebuilt after the Thanksgiving eve 1929 fire. This was the start of the Great

Depression, when few young men or their parents could afford college. *"There weren't any jobs; it was much easier for me to support myself in school than trying to find full-time work."* Whitney added, *"Pledging young men was highly competitive. One of the Brothers got access to a private plane in which we flew our rushing prospects over Puget Sound. They were impressed and we obtained a stellar pledge class."*

Upon graduation, he attended law school at the University of California, graduating in 1936. (He was admitted to the California Bar in '36, the US Supreme Court Bar in '45, the Texas Bar in '53, the US Court of Appeals in '55, and the Missouri Bar in '64.) He practiced law in Los Angeles until 1942, when he entered the Navy as an Ensign. (He served as a line officer throughout World War II, then remained on reserve status until 1972, when he retired as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps.) *(Cont. on page 2)*

Whitney Harris today, 60 years after the Trials



Nuremberg Trials: (bottom center of photo): Assistant Prosecutor Navy Lt. Whitney Harris, standing next to Secretary of War Stuart Symington, and just behind Chief Prosecutor Justice Robert Jackson, at the American prosecution table.



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Whitney Harris at Nuremberg *(Cont. from pg. 1)*

When he entered the Navy as an officer, he found that his legal training afforded him opportunities that he never had anticipated. Near the end of the War, he was transferred to the OSS (predecessor of the CIA), and sent to Europe, where he was put in charge of investigating war crimes. In August 1945, Whitney was invited to serve as an assistant prosecutor on the staff of the Chief Prosecutor, Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, appointed by President Truman to head the Nuremberg Trials.

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He was in charge of the prosecution of defendant Ernst Kaltenbrunner, who had been head of the SS in Austria, and later was appointed Chief of the Reich Main Security Office and two principal repressive agencies, the SD and the Gestapo, all of which were convicted by the Tribunal. In researching the concentration camp system, Whitney was able to interview Rudolph Hoess, the former commandant of Auschwitz/Birkenau, the largest camp within the system. (There were 27 concentration camps.) Evidence obtained by Whitney was some of the most incriminating in the entire Trials. For his services at Nuremberg, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the highest decoration received by any trial counsel. In 1954, he published the first definitive book on the Trials, *Tyranny on Trial: the Evidence at Nuremberg*. (A second edition was published in 1995, and a third in 1999, covering the subsequent war crimes trials after Nuremberg.) Last fall, Whitney made two trips to Germany to attend 60th Anniversary commemoration events. *Der Spiegel*, one of Germany’s leading news publishers, interviewed Whitney Harris about his experiences. Here are some excerpts from that conversation:

Q. Were you overwhelmed by the enormous responsibility of bringing charges against the former Nazi leaders?

A. *It was a huge challenge. I was assigned the case against Ernst Kaltenbrunner, meaning I had to investigate the murder of millions of Jews. Kaltenbrunner, as head of Reich security, was in charge of thousands of Gestapo agents, police, and security forces.*

Q. How well informed were you before the start of the Trial?

A. *I hadn’t the slightest idea of the scale of genocide by Germany. We didn’t have much solid evidence until the investigations began.*

Q. Tell me about your questioning of Auschwitz Commandant Rudolph Hoess.

A. *That was the dramatic turning point of the Trials. The British had captured Hoess. I requested that he be turned over to the Nuremberg court and was granted three days to question him. Hoess explained to me that the head of the SS, Heinrich Himmler, had personally ordered him to convert Auschwitz into a mass extermination camp in 1941. Hoess had gas chambers and crematoria constructed in the new camp section at Birkenau. He provided detailed information about the Nazi atrocities and estimated that 2.5 million Jews, gypsies, and prisoners of war had been killed — plus another half million who died of starvation, illness, and mistreatment. At his own trial in Warsaw, Hoess later claimed that these figures were too high.*

Q. What was Hoess like?

A. *Not the least bit imposing; there was nothing about him that suggested a monstrous murderer. He was cool, objective, matter of fact, without sense of guilt, or apologetic. In a sense, I think he had a certain pride of accomplishment.*

Q. Were the trials fair?

A. *Certainly. I think we managed to combine the best from each legal system. The crucial question wasn’t whether Germany had carried out war crimes. We were only interested in the question: Was each defendant involved in these crimes? And, to what extent was he responsible? To answer these questions, just part of the task required examining thousands of documents.*

Q. What was the mood on the day that the executions were carried out?

A. *Extremely tense. The media attention was huge. When it became known that Hermann Goering committed suicide in his cell by taking cyanide, the reporters went crazy.*

Q. How have you come to terms with the experience of the Trials?

A. *Hitler was only a name that symbolized the absolute and world-wide breakdown of morality in the 20th Century. It started in 1914 with World War I, when everyone killed everyone and no moral standards remained. Revenge was the order of the day. And afterwards, what did the Communists do in Russia? And, the Japanese in China?*

Q. And now?

A. *The same problems. Look at terrorism — nobody knows when it might end. If we want a future for our children, if we want to survive, then we desperately need to examine our political and moral attitudes.*

Q. In what respect?

A. *We can’t tolerate war in this world anymore. Wars are not only disastrous for the societies involved but also fatal for all of mankind.*

Q. Isn’t it ironic that of all countries, it’s the U.S. that fiercely refuses to ratify the Rome Statute establishing the International Criminal Court in The Hague?

A. *I’m a strong advocate of the International Criminal Court, and I find it completely unacceptable that the U.S. has still not ratified the statute. The U.S. also took 40 years to sign the U.N. Convention on Genocide. How can you possibly take that long to take a stance against genocide? I fear that we may have to wait a long time for the ratification of the Rome Statute.*

After his work at Nuremberg, Whitney served as Chief of Legal Advice on the staff of General Lucius Clay in Berlin through the perilous period of the Berlin blockade and air lift.

He returned to the United States as professor of law at Southern Methodist University, was named director of the Legal Services Task Force of the 1953 Hoover Commission, became the first Executive Director of the American Bar Association, served as Solicitor General of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in St. Louis, and engaged in private practice of law until his retirement.

He has devoted much time and effort to philanthropy and was named the national fundraising volunteer of 1983 by the National Association of Fundraising Professionals. He established the *Whitney R. Harris Collection on the Third Reich of Germany* at Washington University. In 2002, the *Whitney R. Harris Institute on Global Legal Studies* at Washington University was established.

His biography published in *Who’s Who in the World and in America* concludes with this quotation from his book, *Tyranny on Trial*: “Tyranny leads to inhumanity, and inhumanity to death. Let us resolve that tyranny shall not extend its sway, nor war become its game — placing our faith in the cause of justice, in the freedom of man, and in the mercy of God.”

Today, he lives in St. Louis with much of his family nearby. “My wife, Jane, passed away several years ago. We had one son, Eugene, a Stanford graduate, who is a principal in a major St. Louis investment firm. I married again, and my wife, Anna, and I, between us, have five children and 14 grandchildren. Most of them live within five minutes of our house.”

“We learned from each other. Isn’t that the real meaning of fraternity?”

Looking back over 70 years to his days at the University of Washington, and in the fraternity, Whitney made these observations: “Having started my scholastic life at the University of Washington, it is appropriate that I wind up my career with a significant affiliation with Washington University here in St. Louis.

“Like most college freshmen, the beginning of university life was exhilarating and mysterious to me. Joining other young men in Phi Kappa Psi gave me the confidence that my scholastic life would be successful and rewarding. And, it was. We were all facing the same challenges together. Learning how other Brothers met their collegiate problems helped all of us in the Fraternity master our own problems. We learned from each other. Isn’t that the real meaning of fraternity?”

For much more information about Whitney Harris, the Nuremberg Trials, and the Whitney R. Harris Institute on Global Legal Studies, visit www.whitneyharris.com

Founders Day 2006: *The Chapter — Present and Future*

By Jim Boyle '88

February 18: *The Seattle Yacht Club, a capacity crowd mixing and renewing friendships and a program focused on the Chapter, its immediate past, present, and future.*

Back in 2001, we were challenged by alumni to improve the status of the Chapter — a challenge I think we've met — as a precursor to launching a Capital Campaign to renovate the house.

Each of us remembers our days in the Chapter — each with a different set of recollections, shared and gained from the experience. In the last five years, we have worked to improve the quality of the Washington Alpha Experience, despite an aged Chapter House. Here is a review of the positive changes:

- **Scholarship**

A cumulative GPA of 3.21 (last spring, it was 3.31 — 4th of 27 fraternities). Eight years ago, we would have struggled to reach 2.8.

- **Undergraduate Scholarships**

In that past five years, we've awarded about \$70,000 in scholarships to our undergraduates, this year nearly \$16,000, up from \$13,500 last year. Each year the amount increases, funded by income from our Chapter Scholarship Account at the Endowment Fund. This account has steadily grown, thanks to your contributions.

- **Washington Alpha Scholarship Fund**

Contributions now total about \$350,000, not including pledges yet to come. At present, we have the 4th largest Scholarship Fund among all chapters of Phi Kappa Psi.

Let me review how the Fund operates:

We can never spend this money, only borrow from it and repay ourselves back into our account at low interest rates. Held and invested by the National Endowment Fund, it is, in effect, our *forced savings account*. Part of the income from the account funds the annual scholarships awarded tonight, the other part adds to capital.

We can borrow from the capital, at market rate interest, for use in improving or renovating the house. Because we, in effect, repay ourselves, the money will remain available to the House Corporation *in perpetuity — forever* — and provide future House Corporations with access to capital on an as-needed basis without having to look to outside lenders. This account must grow in the near future, for a desperately needed renovation to occur.

- **Founders Day Attendance**

Alumni involvement is increasingly important in the strength of the Chapter and



Classmates of '56 together at Founders Day (from left): Curt Tenzler, Fred Holmes, Neil Tikka, Lee James, Gordon Burgess, Gerry Barker, Herb Saunders, Ron Ubahgs, Colin Sandwith, and Bill Moser.

we've seen solid increases in attendance at Founders Day. And, we thank **Don Kennedy '44** for being our sponsor at the Yacht Club.

- **The *Alphan* Newsletter**

I don't think there is a better alumni newsletter in Phi Psi than *The Alphan*. We greatly appreciate all of you who have contributed to the Publication Fund in recent years — your loyalty and contributions keep this publication going.

- **The Cabo Experience**

You've read about The American Leadership Academy at Cabo, the spring break leadership training, and our exclusive Washington Alpha Retreat each fall, all thanks to alum Jerry Nelson. The Retreats are a coming together of a vertical Brotherhood of all ages, to educate and mentor undergraduates — a sharing of the experience by alumni, parents, and their sons, working in support of the Chapter. There is no experience like this in the history of the fraternity, or the Chapter.

- **Quality Undergraduates**

I can go no further without mentioning how great the group is in the Chapter now. They're smart, hard-working, motivated, communicate well with the alumni, and are working with us to make the Chapter better. It's an uphill climb to recruit quality men with the housing competition now at the University. But I'll explain this further in a moment.

- **The Parents Group**

In the 'old days,' it was the Mothers Club. Now, it's the Parents Group. And they have done so many things in the past few years to help the Chapter — the Pledge/Parent Brunch, the Christmas stocking tradition, work parties at the house, decorating the sleep-

ing porch, and participating in Cabo. These parents gain by sharing in their sons' college and fraternity experience. There are fourteen Parents' Group representatives here tonight.

- **The House Corporation**

Members of this all-volunteer group have given their time to help steer the Chapter House through its challenges. Special thanks to **Matt Anglin**, the current president, and **Jim Boyle, Chad Lepper, Dustin Birashk, Joe Pruss, Curt Tenzler, Kerry McMahan, Lee James, Aaron Faulk, Dave Auckland, Terry Bjorke, Daryn Klinginsmith, Darin Forkenbrock, Stan Kohagen, Dave Kentala, and Mark Medzegian.**

- **Chapter House Improvements**

The house is old and needs a lot of work, but despite limited resources, with financial help from some alums, we've made improvements in the last few years: new living room drapes; new carpet in the second-deck hall; new dining room floor and chairs; new, completely furnished Computer Lab in the old Penthouse — thanks to **Paul Wineman**; a comfortable, attractive Study Hall in what was the original sleeping porch; new wiring in the old part of the second floor; a refurbished north sleeping porch, complete with new carpet, fresh paint, new drapes, and additional new beds; a re-worked parking strip in front of the house; and much repainting by the undergraduates. Two years ago, **Paul Homer '02** painted the entire party room and mezzanine — by himself!

- **Purchasing the Nelson House**

The remodeled house and property below and north of the Chapter House are going to be converted to a multi-story duplex in

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Founders Day 2007

Seattle Yacht Club ~ Saturday, February 17, 5:30 PM

Mark your calendars ~ Feb 17, '07, FD at the SYC!

Founders Day 2006: Chapter — Present and Future (Cont. from page 3)

2001. This would have completely finished “cake-boxing” our property. With help from Jerry Nelson, we bought the property and repaid Jerry with a loan. It’s now a house for seniors and 5th-year students.

• The Chapter House

It’s impractical and irresponsible to ignore that our Chapter House is 75 years old and needs attention. Our biggest concerns involve the structural integrity and safety of the building: electrical wiring, plumbing, seismic retrofitting, brickwork tuck-pointing, and

the need for more general-use space — just to name a few. We face stiff competition for student housing from the University, new apartment buildings, and renovated fraternities. Both UW residence halls and off-campus apartments offer amenities that we can’t presently match. We need to recruit and retain more quality men — and our house, though still beautiful, can’t compete.

• The Implicit Social Contract

Although society has changed greatly in the last 50-60 years, the benefits of a well-

managed fraternity are as great as ever. It gives these young men — just as it gave us — the time and the place to grow into men — and future leaders. We need to ensure that this will continue.

As **Ed Jensen ’56** said in his speech at Founders Day 2005, there is an “*implicit social contract to give back*” — for what we gained from Washington Alpha. I hope you believe in this, and that you’ll step forward, in any way that you can, when called upon to do so.

From the Chapter President By Billy Kerechek ’04



I’m proud to say that the Chapter is strong. We are focusing on continued growth in Chapter size, academics, and our Brotherhood. This year, we had a pledge class of 17 men, and they will all be initiated by this quarter. They are a quality group who will grow into leadership positions. One freshman, **Jarrett Haynes**, has already been elected Rush Co-chairman, with sophomore **Brandon Williams**. As rush picks up over spring and into summer, we look forward to working together to bring in another excellent class.

As many of you know, our academic standing has been rising. GPA Spring Quarter ’05 was 3.31, fourth out of 32 fraternities. It dropped fall quarter to 3.1 so we have implemented study tables and quiet hours to help us get back on track. Currently, our Chapter cumulative GPA is 3.21. (See <http://uwgreeks.com>. Go to IFC, academic rankings.)

Our Brotherhood has been strained and tested over the past year. Arguments, disagreements, family troubles, personal differences — through it all, we’ve learned so much from each other and it has strengthened our Bond. Despite our differences, it’s a great feeling to know that each of us has 40 close friends to rely on, and who will help in time of need.

Many of you have helped the Chapter through your contributions to the Scholarship Fund. Unfortunately, there isn’t space here to name — and thank — all of you. But, as you’ll see from the article on scholarships, the list is growing, and the scholarships are a financial boost to the undergraduate members. Many of us work to pay school costs, some even using student loans, so we greatly appreciate all the help.

This year, rather than honoring one *Alumnus of the Year*, we’d like to recognize ALL, from many different classes, who have helped recently to make the Chapter better. By working on the House Corporation or Alumni Association, making improvements in the house, teaching at Cabo Spring Break Leadership Sessions, or the Chapter Retreats, helping with airfare to Cabo, helping organize the Executive Council meeting, supporting the Parents’ Group, and much more:

Matt Anglin, Lee James, Jim Boyle, Darin Forckenbrock, Stan Kohagen, Rich Clasen, Chad Lepper, Daryn Klinginsmith, Mike Wiegeling, Jeff Thompson, Greg Litton, Craig Nishizaki, Mark Jonson, Dustin Birashk, Bob Edgers, Chuck Johnson, Fritz Hayes, Gary Glein, Paul Wineman, Chuck Bleth, Steve Gundersen, Ed Jensen, Fred Holmes, Brad Phillips, Mike Archuleta, Barry Katzen, Kurt Helgersen, Joe Taller, Al Bidwell, and Chapter Advisor John Lapsansky.

The list wouldn’t be complete without **Jerry and Florence Nelson**, whose generosity and leadership have helped us in so many ways. I hope that I haven’t missed anyone. From the Chapter, THANKS to all of you!

When I rushed Phi Psi, I was told that we have a great network of alumni. Over the past two years, I’ve been able to meet many of you at Cabo, around the Chapter House, and at Founders Day. I feel that Founders Day is one of the most important events — it allows us to meet and appreciate the ‘vertical’ alumni Brotherhood, which each of us will join in four short years.

Two years ago we started the tradition of inviting alumni back to the Chapter House following Founders Day. Thanks to all of you — some 30 alumni, despite the late hour, who came by to mix with us, reminisce, and see the House. — *Billy Kerechek ’04, GP*

Mike Rossi Places Second in Mr. Greek Contest

The Contest, sponsored by **Alpha Gamma Delta**, raises money for the Tree House Children’s Foster Care Foundation, and juvenile diabetes research. All 32 fraternities enter the annual contest, and each entrant is judged 45 percent on funds raised, 35 percent on talent contest, 15 percent on Mr. Greek T-Shirt and sweatshirt sales — and 5 percent on “demonstrating the best female pickup line.”

The Chapter entered freshman **Mike Rossi**. He raised \$3,100, not quite as much as Chi Psi. Delta Upsilon raised slightly less but won out in the talent category. Mike placed second overall in fundraising and talent, but we’re fuzzy on how he came out with the pickup line!

An alum contributed a considerable amount to boost Mike’s fund-raising. In return, he asked Mike to come back with ideas of what he got out of participating. Here’s what Mike says he learned:

1. To take command of a room
2. To be spontaneous and entertaining on stage
3. To sell people on a belief or idea
4. Not to quit ‘until the final whistle’
5. Have fun with whatever you do
6. You have to ‘make deposits to get withdrawals’
7. Don’t leave things to the last minute, and
8. Play to win — always.

Mike, you came in second, but you’re still a winner!



Results of "Giving Back": 28 Scholarships = \$16,000



A group of the 2006 Scholarship Winners at Founders Day

Your contributions to the Scholarship Fund have yielded income to fund twenty-eight undergraduate scholarships for 2006. **Matt Anglin '90**, chairman of the Scholarship Committee and president of the House Corporation, introduced the '06 winners at Founders Day. (In addition to the following list, \$2,000 is reserved for entering freshmen scholarships).

Academic Achievement

(\$140 per consecutive quarter for GPA above 3.25)

*Freshmen who earn 3.25 in their fall quarter are awarded \$420

Kevin Abena	\$140	Joseph Kurz	\$420
Brett Peterson	\$420	Jarrett Haynes	\$420
Jack Newman	\$420	Joe Dobish	\$280
Kyle Ducey	\$420	Colin McKendry	\$420
Danny Rowse	\$280	Oley Mizik	\$140
Jeff Garcia	\$140	Robert Rose	\$280
Michael Moldoveanu	\$420	Adam Yudiskas	\$140
Travis Fry	\$140	Matthew Horjus	\$420
		Tyler Katzen	\$280

Freshman of the Year

Mike Rossi, \$800

3.5 GPA first quarter; Pre-Law or Medicine; IMA Sports; Current PHU; Second Place in Mr. Greek Contest.

Sophomore of the Year

Brian Fissel, \$800

3.3 GPA; Pre-Med; Alumni relations chair; Organized Parents Brunch fall quarter; Elected fraternity educator; Children's Hospital volunteer.

Junior of the Year

Billy Kerechek, \$800

3.5 GPA; Accounting; Co-Rush Chairman '05; Current GP; Greek/IMA Chairman.

Brent Streich Memorial Scholarship

Jim Connelly, \$1,200

3.5 GPA; Microbiology; '05 GP; Red Rose Ball chairman; Grievance & Risk Management Chairman. Greatest contribution in advising younger Brothers.

Dale McKnight Scholarship for Most Improved Scholastics

David Parascand, \$800

GPA rose from 2.7 in '04 to 3.2 in '05. Current Recording Secretary, Chaplain, and Finance Chairman.

Del Cyr Scholarship to Financially Needy Freshman

Robert "RJ" Robinson-Hamm, \$800

3.97 GPA; Business/Finance; Paying own tuition through work and student loans.

Rudd Lawrence Scholarship for Community Service

Ken Kataroff, \$800

3.6 GPA; Business Administration; Community Service Chairman; Governing Committee; Newly appointed House Treasurer; Volunteers at Union Gospel Mission and University Baptist Church; Organized Adopt-A-Highway Program.

John Quick Memorial Scholarship – Outstanding Brother

Randy Wiegering, \$1,200

3.7 GPA; Construction Management; Dean's List '05; 20-hour a week job at construction company; 2 years as Treasurer; Rush Co-chair '04.

John M. Meyer Scholarship for Pre-Law

Isaac Benham, \$800

3.8 GPA; Pre-Law; English/Philosophy double major; Deans List every quarter; Current Chapter Scholarship Chairman; Participates in IMA sports.

From Del Cyr '46:

"I've wanted to pay back for the many benefits from my four years in the Chapter, and I've done it little-by-little as I could afford to do so. I plan to continue to contribute on the same basis, so that this scholarship can grow.

"It's gratifying to know that the income from what I've contributed now totals enough to provide an annual scholarship to a deserving freshman — and will continue forever into the future, long after I'm gone. I hope that other Brothers, much younger than I, will follow this example."

From Judge John Meyer '65:

"Over the past five years, I've made a significant financial commitment to our Scholarship Fund. From now on, the income from this will provide some help to a young Brother planning to follow the legal profession.

"Why have I done this? It's simple: When I came to the 'U,' I was immature, full of myself, and needed to be taken down several pegs. The fraternity and my Brothers gave me the time and the place to grow up and find my potential. They tolerated me and taught me a lot about how to become a man — they didn't know it but, they were my mentors. I will never forget this."



Alphan Postscripts

Feedback from alums, parents, and others

From Bob Berst '49, about Tom Ables '46:

"I understand that Tom died from a melanoma that showed up in his lungs and spread rapidly to the rest of his body. He was especially close to **Joann** and **Dick Anderson '42** and spent holidays and other times with them. He continued this relationship with Joann after Dick died in 2003, and she was one of the last of our 'clan' to visit him in the hospital shortly before his death. Joann and I were scheduled to visit Tom on Monday but he died on Saturday."

From Kathy Katzen (Tyler's mother):

"We had a great time filling the Christmas stockings. I got an overwhelming response this year from the parents. **Christina Hamm** (RJ's mother) made the name tags for all the stockings. We had to have an extra bag under each stocking to hold everything. **Craig Nishizaki ['88]** came by and brought energy drinks. **Mike Archuletta ['95]** gave us toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss, and **Nicole Phillips** (wife of **Brad Phillips '89**) helped too, and they are going to donate money to buy a Sunday dinner for the boys — Phi Psi has such great alums! We had about nine parents there plus some siblings. All in all, it was a great day."

From Kitty Rowse (Danny's mother):

"The crew of parents and alums did an outstanding job this year on the Christmas stockings. Danny was so excited to get his, and named off each thing to me over the phone as he took it out. This is really a special part of Christmas for the guys."

"The Cabo Chapter Retreat was such an amazing experience; we would love to go again next year. It was really special to get to know some of the boys better, and to see them again when we came over from Spokane for the October Parents' Brunch. It felt like we were old friends."

From Jerry Nelson, about ALA Cabo Spring Break Sessions:

"The fraternity is now impacting hundreds of Brothers every year to a depth never before reached — thanks to our outstanding cadre of alumni speakers, and guest speakers, who focus on essential elements to be effective in a career path and in community life after graduation. We had about 900 Brothers here so far this year."

Seventeen of our participants were TKE undergraduates, and they were welcomed by our Brothers! They were amazed and eager to tell their alumni when they returned. TKE national board members also joined us. Charles Traboid, TKE national president, was so excited — as he feels that they need this (training) in their fraternity, too. A strong friendship has grown up between us. I am invited to their Executive Council meeting in Chicago next month — they have 270 chapters."

From Ryan Hagebuch, a TKE Undergraduate, to Jerry Nelson:

Jerry, I attended the Cabo ALA in January. As my Brothers would agree, TKE was very fortunate to be given the opportunity to grow as leaders with Phi Kappa Psi. Almost two months now since the leadership training, my Brothers and I have taken what we learned and implemented it into our operation and performance as a chapter. Not only did we grow as individuals, but we grew as a chapter and as a fraternity on a national level. We will be forever grateful for the opportunity that you have given us not only to become better leaders, but also better Americans."

From Dave Suter '59:

"Reading the article about **Bob Ashford** (the Chapter cook, '52-'68) brought back a lot of memories. Bob was my 'dad' away from home. He would expect me in the kitchen about 3:30 p.m. for a game of Cribbage or Gin, and woe to me if I was late! His favorite saying when he had trounced me (which was regularly) was "Get out of here now and don't let the doorknob hit ya in the ass on the way out." When you gave the rundown of the Class of '56 reunion, it brought back fond memories of those guys. Most of them were still around when I was initiated in '59 and **Doug McCallum '58** was my 'Big Brother'."

From Whitney Harris '30:

"Yes, I am about the only prosecutor alive from the (Nuremberg) Trials of the major German war criminals. I spoke in Nuremberg last October at the invitation of the mayor of Nuremberg. I was the only American. We are having a major conference on the 60th Anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials at the Whitney R. Harris Institute on Global Legal Studies at Washington University here in St. Louis next October. In the interim, I am planning speaking engagements in Los Angeles and San Francisco. So, for an old guy (indeed a very old guy) I keep going apace."

From Gordon Burgess '56:

"Last September, I had the great privilege of going to Brother Jerry Nelson's estate and the American Leadership Academy in Cabo San Lucas. Our Chapter Retreat brought my wife and me together with old classmates and their wives, alumni of all ages, and present day undergraduates. What a treat and opportunity to learn. No one should miss this opportunity. What Jerry is doing for Phi Psi goes beyond marvelous. You cannot believe it until you experience it."

From Bob Edgers '49:

"This was one of the finest Founders Days yet! Truly, it was wonderful! Kathy Katzen (from the Parents Group) was completely surprised and delighted by the special recognition. Thank you for letting me be a part of this (presenting the recognition). When she hugged me later, I don't think that I have had a hug that hard for a long time. She also said that she had never had a bouquet of that many flowers in her life — and red roses made it even more special."

The presentation by Jim (Boyle '88) was a great foundation piece (about the Chapter), no pun intended! Seeing the pictures of Cabo, the stairway with the Christmas stockings, the sleeping porch redo — did more than words alone. All the pieces fit together very well — and a good time was had by all."

**Live ever,
Die never,
Phi Kappa Psi!**



Washington Alums Speak at ALA Spring Break Sessions

“Communicating,” “Negotiating Skills,” “Establishing Credit,” “Tactics for Success,” “Ethics,” “Geopolitics of the Middle East” — these were some of the topics taught at the American Leadership Academy in Cabo in recent leadership training sessions. About 900 Phi Psi undergraduates, including seven from our chapter, have just completed training there during their spring breaks. Four of our alumni were speakers. **Steve Gundersen '88** presented “Verbal Communication Skills”; **Paul Wineman '55**, a professional negotiations trainer for corporations, taught “Negotiating Skills”; **Craig Nishizaki '88** presented “Objectives, Strategies & Tactics for Success”; and **Matt Donegan-Ryan '02** spoke about “How to Establish Great Credit.” Matt, a recent graduate, knows something about establishing credit at a young age — he worked all four undergraduate years at Bill Pierre Ford Finance and now, at 23, owns two homes!

Speakers (l-r) Steve Gundersen, Paul Wineman, and Craig Nishizaki relax with Jerry Nelson (in pool) after Spring Break sessions.

The Christmas Elves Came Back!

Christmas stockings have become a great tradition, thanks to the Parents Group. Headed by **Kathy and Barry Katzen '64**, parents of **Tyler '04**, eight parents, some siblings, and several alumni gathered at the Chapter House last December, before the annual Christmas Party, to decorate the spiral staircase from top to bottom with Christmas stockings stuffed with goodies. There were so many stuffers that the overflow had to go into bags below each stocking. **Christina Hamm**, mother of freshman “**RJ**” **Robinson-Hamm**, made the embroidered Husky and name design for each stocking. Thanks to all the parents and alumni who contributed items or money!



Front row, l-r: Barry Katzen, Kathy Katzen, Diane Menday, and Janelle Menday. Second row: Bill Kerechek, Bev Fissel, and Nicole Phillips. Back row: Christina Hamm, Cary Peterson, Anna Peterson, and Bob Read. Missing: Nancy and Doug Johnston, and Craig Nishizaki '88.



Greenery and filled stockings lined the staircase from top to bottom!

Remember the White Chamber Pot? (or Whatever Happened to the BS Trophy?)

If you were in the Chapter in the 1930s through the 1960s, you'll remember the white porcelain pot that sat on the shelf in the library. Named after **Lewis J. Raines, Class of 1929**, it was more than just an antique chamber pot. Popularly known as the “BS Trophy,” it was awarded each spring at Senior Breakfast. For almost 40 years, each name lettered in black represented the most memorable “character” in the Chapter from that year — the Brother with the “greatest gift of gab.” Sometime in the 1970s (as best can be determined), it was stolen, along with other trophies. It probably ended up discarded at another fraternity, meaningless to those who stole it, but irreplaceable for those whose names were on it. No known photo of it exists. *If any Brother knows the details of when the Conversational Trophy was stolen, please send a note through this issue's Dawg Talk.*

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Wilbur B. Ives, '47-492, has moved to 9027 SE 50th St., Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Harold J. Burton, '53-617, reports that he has had two novels published since 2001, and his third novel will be published in 2006. Hal lives with his wife, Jeanette, at 61 N. Picnic Dr., Lilliwaup, WA 98555; 360-877-0613. He receives e-mail at colsurf@hctc.

Michael I. Gamble, '54-632, retired from Boeing. He and his wife, Charlotte, moved to 173 Rainbow Dr., #7387, Livingston, TX 77399; 253-709-8026. Send e-mail to mikegamble@direcway.com.

William M. McCallum, '57-700, now receives mail at PO Box 3327, Bellevue, WA 98009.

Neil W. Botting, '60-754, writes: "I spent time as an RN doing hurricane relief at Dallas Convention Center Clinic, Northeast Medical Center ER in Humble, Texas, and a clinic on a FEMA-chartered ship in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Very moving and rewarding experience." Neil is retired and lives with his wife, Michal (WSU), at 4585 W. Hwy. 24, Florissant, CO 80816. They have a son, Tye (40), and a daughter, Shaar (38). Contact Neil at 719-748-3003 or neil@BottingNet.com.

Joseph L. Bigas, '62-796, writes: "Once again, I enjoyed reading the Fall 2005 Alphan, especially the pictures of the chapter house. For those of us who have moved far away and are getting up in years, it brings back memories." Contact Joe at 185 La Cima St., Soquel, CA 95073; 831-476-2711; bigas@surfnetc.com.

Kyle J. Crews, '70-980, has served the City of Tacoma as an attorney for 28 years. He writes: "I went to my first Husky away game October 29 at Arizona State. The Alumni Association for the U.

puts on a blast of a pre-game party — a sea of purple! My daughter, Elisabeth (20), a KAΘ at ASU, even wore purple and gold for her dad and sat with the Husky contingent. Of course we lost, but I can't wait to go again." Kyle also has a son, Cameron (18). Write to Kyle at 3602 N. Monroe St., Tacoma, WA 98407, or kylejcrews@yahoo.com. He receives phone calls at 253-759-8802.

Kelly G. Crisler, '74-1083, has moved across the country, from South Burlington, Vermont, to Newport Beach, California. Contact him at 4240 Park Newport, #312, Newport Beach, CA 92660; 949-640-1381; kgcrisler@msn.com.

R. Robert Garretson, '87-1312, is a financial advisor with Waddell and Reed. He and his wife, Heather (Calvin College; Creighton Law), have two children, Benjamin (3) and Cate (6 months). Bob is active in his church, and with the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program. "Great to get an update on the fraternity and some recognizable names and faces (Chuck, Craig, Jim, Steve). In 2005, our daughter, Cate, was born. Two children is more than one. My family is doing well and we are currently building a house in Grand Haven, Michigan. We plan to move in July or August of this year. My wife's family lives in west Michigan, so we are moving 'home' to be closer to grandparents and extended family. It also is a good transition for my business as a financial advisor. I hope my wife and I will be able to make the Cabo trip in coming years. Fraternaly, Bob G." Write to Bob at 300 E. Dartmouth Rd., Kansas City, MO 64113, or bobg6789@earthlink.net, or call him at 816-444-3734.

Chad R. Barnes, '90-1386, has moved to 6825 24th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115. His e-mail address is cr_barnes@hotmail.com.

Erik K. Farstad, '93-1437, has a new address: 18311 92 Ave. E., Puyallup, WA 98375.

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The 2005 alumni communications program year ended with a flourish. Yes, 105 brothers of Washington Alpha Chapter donated a total of \$6,355 for 2005. Many thanks to each of you, and to the seven brothers listed below who have already sent contributions for 2006. Please join them on the 2006 Honor Roll of Contributors. Your contributions keep *The Alphan* in circulation. When you're sending a contribution, write a note to Dawg Talk, too. Let us — and your classmates — know what you're doing, and where you are!

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