



The MUSE

Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity at Cornell University

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Brothers Roast Dolly Hailstork At Gala Dinner In New York

I'm happy to report that the Dolly Hailstork 25th Anniversary Roast was a total success. Our modest goal of roasting Dolly at a dinner for 150 turned into a mini-Sigma Pi reunion of 225 alumni and undergraduates in New York City on September 27. Alumni from all over the country (really the *world*, thanks to Jarett Wait—Tokyo, Japan) enjoyed a weekend of parties, reminiscing about past exploits and creating new ones. We had hoped to raise \$10,000 for Dolly's retirement fund; however, because of everyone's generosity, we presented Dolly with a three-foot by five-foot check for \$17,000 the night of the banquet. About \$1,000 in late contributions will also be transferred to Dolly's retirement fund. Any further contributions should be *clearly marked as such* and sent to the same Ithaca address as all other alumni correspondence. Also presented to Dolly was a scrapbook containing a collection of messages from each contributor and many old pictures and composites from his 25 years at the house.

The roasters at the banquet were Herb Holden '63, Ed Kemp '68, Bill Strusz '73, Chris Garavente '77, and Tim Hawes '82. A testimonial was done by Tom Garr '76, and Kevin Kruse '79 was the master of ceremonies. Behind-the-scenes work for the banquet was provided by Jeff Brown '80, Gary Derck '81, Dave Gabler '81, and Steve Pieretti '82. Special thanks must go to Dave D'Orlando '79 and Brian Finneran '81 for their many months of work on the whole campaign.

Some statistics regarding the drive:

- Oldest contributing classes: '42, '45, and '55.
- Highest number of contributors: Class of '80, with 20 members.
- Contributions were received from 28 classes, 20 of which were represented at the banquet.

This banquet, I believe, was the largest Sigma Pi alumni gathering ever held outside of Ithaca and was the most successful fund-raising campaign ever conducted by our chapter. Its success should give us confidence in having other events to bring together groups of alumni in the future. Also remember that twice a year in Ithaca, this same opportunity is provided at Homecoming and Spring Weekend.

Back in Ithaca, the final money from the remortgaging is being spent on roof repairs in the west lounge. Many more capital improvements are necessary, and more long-term capital funds are sorely needed. Contributions that are received go to funding alumni communications and to a capital improvement fund. Our receipts of about \$4,400 last year really will not go very
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Sigma Pi celebrated Dolly Hailstork's 25th anniversary with the fraternity by "roasting" him at a dinner in New York City on September 27, 1986. An astonishing number of brothers turned out for this gala event, raising well over \$17,000 for Dolly's retirement fund. Top: The guest of honor poses with an admirer. Bottom: Brothers proudly display the Adolphous C. Hailstork "Up Your Giggy!" T-shirt. More photos inside.

Undergraduates Thank Alumni For Their Generous Support

Greetings from the office of the alumni secretary. By this time, Dolly's Roast has come and gone. The fund-raising drive has succeeded beyond everyone's expectations; alumni raised over \$17,000 in a generous show of gratitude to Mr. Hailstork. Congratulations on a job well done to all involved!

I can say with confidence that alumni support for Sigma Pi is significantly greater now than it was at this time last year. This fact is not only proven by the success of such events as the one in New York last September, but also in donations to the house itself. While I reported in the last issue of *The Muse* that one of my goals was to raise the dollar amount of donations, I must admit that privately I was a bit conservative in my estimation. Surprisingly, however, the total amount of money that alumni have contributed to our chapter, including money from the Dolly Roast, has surpassed any one year's figure in the history of our chapter! All this from a Sigma Pi organization that was in serious financial trouble not long ago. Of course, the recent surge in alumni revenue does not preclude the need for future financial help. Our house is very old; renovations are constantly in order. For example, we are just now building a new ceiling in the west lounge. It will be completed by Homecoming Weekend.

Speaking of Homecoming—it will have taken place already by the time you receive this newsletter. I hope that many of you will have made the trip to Ithaca to see the house and your alma mater. The alumni secretary is always ready and available as a "liaison" between you and a brother with whom you may have lost contact over the years. We have phone numbers and addresses at our disposal. Please feel free to contact the Pi-house anytime, whether for a specific reason or just to get in touch with what is happening at Sigma Pi. We will be glad to hear from you. Again, congratulations and thanks for a year of fantastic alumni support!

Michael Carner '88
Alumni Secretary

Sigma Pi Continues To Excel In Intramural Sports

In intramural athletics, Sigma Pi has prospered this year with the addition of some very talented neophyte sportsmen—although it seems as if the loss of our experienced senior athletes has proven troublesome in certain areas. In football, Sigma Pi finished at 3-2, missing the playoffs during a close match in the final game of the season. The loss of our "all-senior" secondary raised some problems for our defense, but our offensive power was augmented by the addition of quarterback Eric Kabot '89, as well as lacrosse standout Kevin Finneran '87 at wide receiver.

Soccer is off to a 1-2 start, but Coach Matt Bromberg '88 says his club is ready to fight like "rabid woolly-eyed dogs" for a playoff berth. Tennis, with standouts Jay Littman '87 and Mark Unger '88, brought in all-sports points for Sigma Pi, as did Steve Parker '87 and Jeff Greenberg '88 with their cross-country track wins. In broomstick polo, we almost stole a win—Pi-house saddler Stu Strumwasser remained strong throughout.

Overall, we are entering teams in every category and hope to finish among the top three fraternity teams.

Mike Weissman '88
Sports Chairman

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Pi-Men Modify Social Events To Comply With New Laws

As social chairman in 1986, my major objective is to adapt our social calendar to the stringent requirements set by the dean of fraternities and sororities in accordance with the rise in the New York State drinking age to 21. The requirements have been a serious concern for virtually all fraternities at Cornell. The latest news is that we are now prohibited from publicly advertising any of our parties at which alcohol will be served. This has caused an uproar from the Interfraternity Council and the Cornell Civil Liberties Union; I have heard that a lawsuit has been started in opposition to the requirement. For the time being, unfortunately, we must advertise our parties by private invitation *only*. This cuts down on our ability to draw specific "target groups" from outside Cornell to our parties. For the past year, we have been assigning one or two brothers as "drivers" for our guests who have had a few too many. This system works quite well and reduces our risks considerably.

On a brighter note, the Pi-men still know the value of a good party. Last year, our parties were always packed. Traditionally, our parties were keg- rather than theme-oriented, but, lately, such new additions as "rum and reggae" and the "real bung party" have been winners on the social calendar. Unfortunately, the old party classic, "rock 'n' roll tea," had to be cancelled last April, as liability insurance for the day would have cost thousands of dollars. Maybe a fund-raiser this year will bring it back.

My own view regarding the effect of the new 21 drinking laws on social events at Sigma Pi is that we must remain cautious and see what develops. We hope that restrictions will relax and fraternities will at least be able to advertise their parties publicly again in the near future. In the meantime, rest assured that the Pi-house will be greatly enjoying parties while reducing liability risks. Hope to see you by the bar sometime. . . .

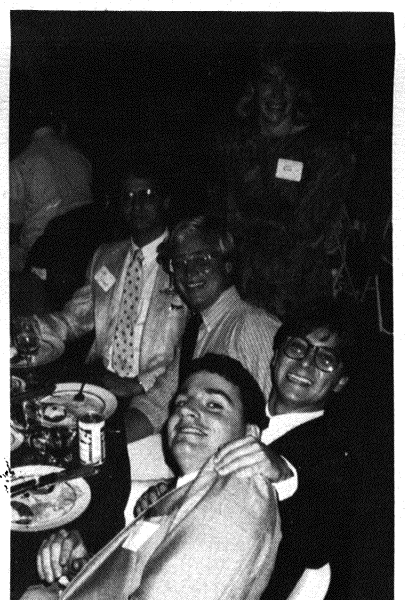
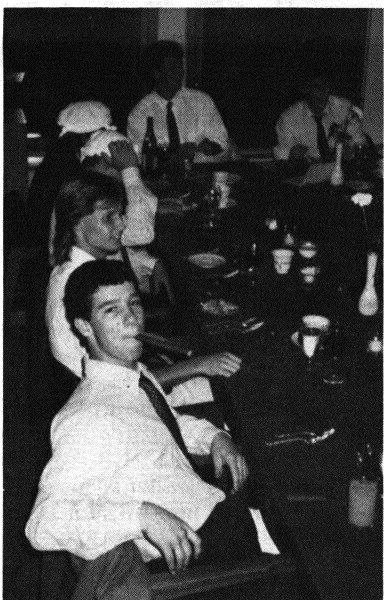
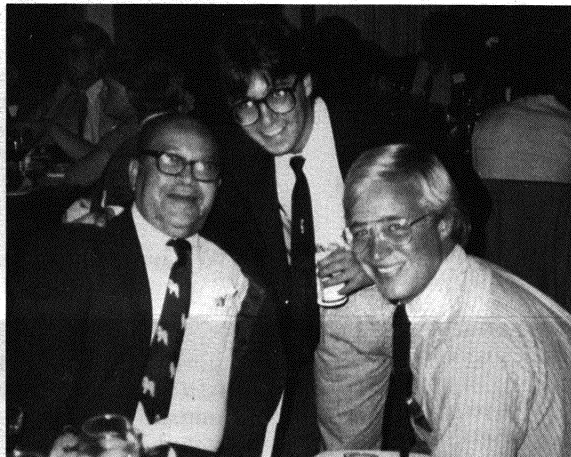
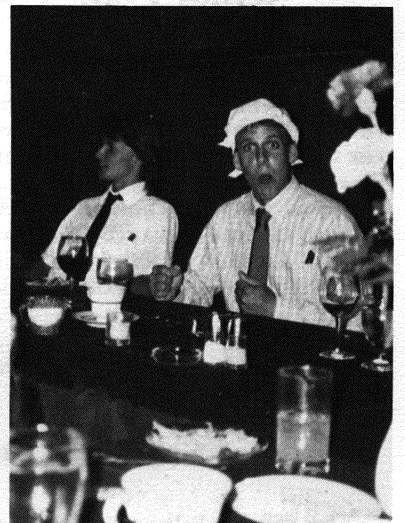
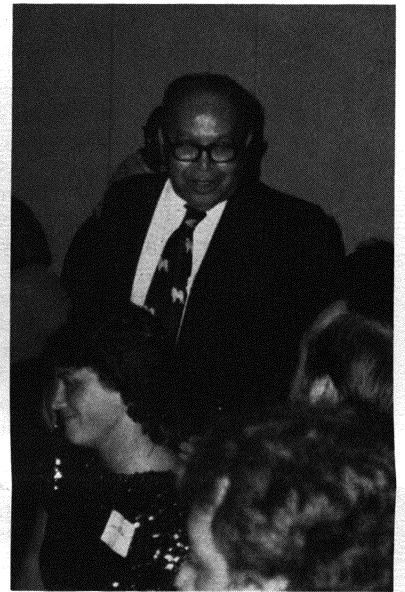
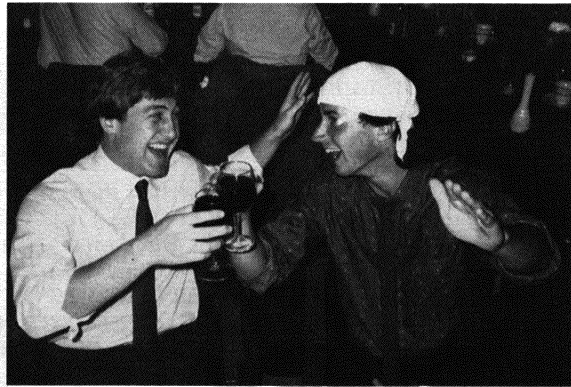
Rich Melby '88
Social Chairman

Brothers Roast, continued

far. Obviously, the day-to-day upkeep of the house must be shouldered by the undergraduates, and some alumni who return express dismay over its condition. A letter in the February *Cornell Alumni News* described as a "disgrace" the condition in which an alumnus (from another house) found his fraternity on a trip to Ithaca. A subsequent letter from another alumnus (*CAN*, July) challenged the author of the first letter to "continue [his] leadership and guidance as an alumnus." He further wrote, "Remember, as an alumnus, you, not the undergraduates, are an owner. Active and supportive Cornell alumni made your university and fraternity what they were when you were a student. Many of us strive today to continue that tradition." Well put!

Richard T. Rego '82
Alumni President

Happy Anniversary, Dolly!



Mu Chapter Enjoys Continued Financial Stability

Financially, the year has gone very well so far for Sigma Pi. The current officers are showing their resolve not to become complacent with the stable finances that the previous executive board, alumni board, and alumni in general have helped provide for them. The work on the roof above the west lounge (the "beach") was completed during the summer and looks great. Other areas of the Pi-house are in need of repair, but we cannot at this time provide adequate funding for this.

Our alumni accounts receivable is slightly over \$20,000. This money would go a long way toward creating a better fraternity house for you to visit and for us to live in. Please do your best to correct your financial arrears with Sigma Pi. For those of you who have been sending Mu Chapter contributions through Sigma Pi National, I ask that you please contribute to our chapter *directly*, as this eliminates unnecessary delay. Thank you.

George Rocklein '87
Treasurer

Rush Gets Under Way

It will certainly be difficult to recreate the success of last year's rush. In 1985 Rush Chairman Chris Selland '86 spearheaded rush efforts that brought in 24 fine Pi-men. This year I have to improvise a bit, due both to the implementation of a "dry" rush and lower rush figures overall.

Indeed, all Cornell fraternities and sororities are encountering the need to adapt to changes brought about by university alcohol policies. I remain confident that, with a little innovative effort, we will emerge with an excellent 1987 pledge class.

Tim Donohue '87
Rush Chairman

Brothers Study At Other Campuses

This year, we believe that we have a record number of Sigma Pi brothers studying either elsewhere in the United States or abroad. They are as follows:

Dean Asofsky '88 Oxford University
 Matt Bromberg '88 University of the Sorbonne
 Michael Carner '88 University of Dublin
 Daniel Reed Gerson '88 University of London
 Jeff Greenberg '88 University of London
 Jon Haas '88 Cornell-in-Washington
 Pete Locke '88 University of London
 Rich Melby '88 New York City—CUNY
 Bob Pearl '88 Peace Corps; destination unknown
 Al Riffkin '88 University of London
 Steve Yonish '88 London School of Economics

And That's The Way It Is:

Members of the film world and broadcast media can have an overwhelming impact on how we perceive the world. Fraternity member Walter Cronkite, for example, was once voted "the most trusted man in America." Other famous fraternity names include President Reagan, Tom Selleck, Ted Koppel, David Letterman, Harrison Ford, Harry Reasoner . . . and many, many more!



"I've had the spring issue of *The Muse* for some time now," writes LOUIS J. CONTI '41, "and am happy to get the news on what's going on at the 'tool shed,' as it was popularly known in my day." Lou still stays in close contact with former roommates ROBERT HAMILTON '41 and PAUL MATHERS '41 and with Brothers FREDERICK HAVERLY '42 and RICHARD HUFF '44. "Bob is still working in Los Angeles, Paul has retired to Pinehurst, North Carolina, and Fred is teaching at Florida State in Miami. Dick has retired and is living in Coronado, California. He just informed me that his brother, WILLIAM J. HUFF '41, died last year in Florida. Bill was editor-in-chief of the *Cornell Daily Sun* during his undergraduate days and was an active Sigma Pi." Lou retired last year as chief executive officer of a New Jersey shipping company, but, discovering he "couldn't stand the inactivity" of retirement, he remains associated with the company. He makes his home at 648 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

After five years of working and going to school part-time at night, BARRY P. WEISS '81 has received his MBA from New York University. He is the director of artist development at Jive Records. He keeps in touch with HOWARD J. GORDON '81, who works as a general counselor for a real estate corporation; CARY N. GOLDBERG '81, who is a litigation attorney for a major Chicago corporate law firm; and GARY S. WAGONER '81, who is a successful trader on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, specializing in foreign currency. Barry lives at 230 W. 76th St., Apt. 3D, New York, NY 10023.

"Work is going well at Celeritek, where the company is growing super quick," writes WILLIAM W. HOPPIN '85. "The California sun is proving addicting. Still manage to have a few Genesee Cream Ales (imported) in the fridge for kidnapped pledges (plane fares are so low)." He lives at 355 Britton St., Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

We have a new address for PETER M. KENNEL '61. He can now be reached at 85 Huntsman's Horn, The Woodlands, TX 77380.

Since he has received his MBA from Columbia University, BRADFORD L. CROOKE '81 is going to work for Touche Ross & Company as a consultant. He will move back to his hometown of Boston. "Attention: TIMOTHY M. HAWES '82, MICHAEL D. VERNICK '83, and DENNIS P. McNAMARA '83 are wanted for 1986-'87 Procrasticup Tournament." Get in touch with Brad at 117 Emerson Gardens, Lexington, MA 02173.

As manager of *in vitro* research and development for Charles River Biotechnical Service, Inc., GORDON G. PUGH '79 works on developing new ways to produce drugs and viruses "so that you young guys can live longer than us old guys." His address is 11616 W. 113th St., Overland Park, KS 66210, but he is planning to move to the Boston area soon.

Congratulations to KENT G. SHENG '78, who is engaged. He also relocated to New York City, where he works for Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. He tells us that WILLIAM CAVANAUGH '78 was moving from Baltimore to New York City in April. Write to Kent at 70 River Rd., #65, Clifton, NJ 07014.

Pi-Men Take Pride In House

The house manager's is not an easy job at Sigma Pi. All of you alums who have held the position know what I mean.

At the beginning of this year, we had some trouble getting organized for cleanups. However, now that the dates for cleanups are posted well in advance and I (rather ingeniously) have harnessed the mechanism of peer pressure within the house toward doing a good job during cleanups, the place looks great. Come by and see for yourself.

No major repairs have been necessary this semester, except that a small section of the front porch collapsed, which we needed to attend to. This has since been taken care of without much of a problem.

Eric Gordon '89
House Manager

Divestment: An Important Issue For The Cornell Community

The Muse serves a useful purpose to the Sigma Pi, Mu Chapter community, for it keeps our vast brotherhood apprised of events currently going on within Sigma Pi. However, many of you may be interested in news that affects not our Mu Chapter exclusively, but the Cornell environment as a whole. That is why I welcome this space as a forum through which to communicate about a controversial issue at Cornell: divestment.

The university has millions of dollars invested in South Africa, a country whose reprehensible degradation of human rights shocks the world. Major corporations (IBM, to name one) have seen the moral hypocrisy of their investments in this country and have taken the logical step of pulling them out.

The cry for divestment is nothing new to Cornell. In the spring of 1985, over 1,000 Cornellians were "arrested" by public safety officials during "sit-ins" at Day Hall. Among them, I am happy to report, were several ethically conscientious Pi-men, including myself. Now that the board of trustees has taken the initiative in ignoring the pleas of its Cornell students and professors, it is time for the Big Red's alumni to take a stand. Your lobby is more powerful than ours in that your donations help run the university. I take this opportunity to urge that you write the proper Cornell officials and let them know your stance. I am confident that they will listen. As undergraduates and alumni of one of the great universities of the world, we should have the integrity to stand for what we know to be morally right. Let me leave you with the banner cry of the Cornell protesters as they were carted off to Barton Hall to be "booked" for civil violations: "We will never rest until Cornell divests." And neither should you.

Bob Pearl '88

Neophytes Help Make 1986 A Great Year

Greetings to all you crazy Pi-men! I'm happy to report that 1986 has been a great year for the Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi. The neophyte class is 24 strong and, to say the least, an interesting crew. I've managed a solid two hours sleep each night while getting to know them. They need no help from the sage to figure out how to socialize, though. They've even shown me some new tricks. They're a great bunch—when they're sleeping. You would all be proud of the cleanups we've had this year. Just about every neophyte shows up with a mop in his hand. If you are ever lucky enough to be in Ithaca and stop by at the house late in the week, I'm sure that you will see for yourself how well the new class is doing.

Dolly is also doing very well; he seems happier than ever. He really likes the new guys, except, of course, for those loud potters in the cave. He had an amazing time at the roast and thanks all of you again. He's happy to wake up to a clean kitchen every morning now, as well. (The new house policy is to close the kitchen each night.) A group of women from Wells came to the house recently wearing "Phi Moo Zoo" shirts and asking for the "Barracuda." Needless to say, Dolly was never so upset that he was out bowling.

Our intramural teams are, as always, competitive. We've suffered some fairly agonizing defeats, though—for instance, in broomstick polo. We stand in third place right now, hoping to creep up on Chi Psi and Sigma Nu quickly.

I hope you will all come to visit soon and see the new "beach" and the new ceiling in the west lounge. I know that I speak for all in saying that we would all welcome some new (but old) faces to Ithaca. Be well.

Brad Fortune '87
Sage

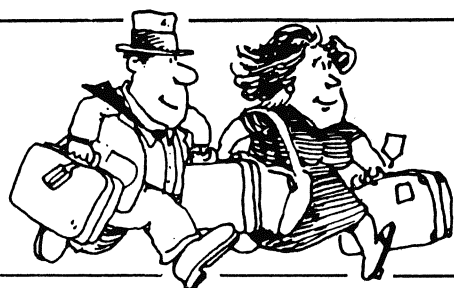
Steward Reports

A grand hello to you all from the steward. The kitchen is in good (not great) shape this year. It is certainly cleaner, as a result of last year's rule, which calls for the kitchen to be locked at 11:00 p.m.

Dolly is his usual self—his sarcastic jibes have not been tamed in the least (fortunately) by our recent show of appreciation for him. I personally think that he can last until the year 2000. Anyway, we just received an order of 25 new chairs; they're bright yellow and look sort of strange out there in the dining room, but you can sit in them just fine. The microwave works well—makes the food nice and hot.

I hope to see you at Spring Weekend—or anytime!

Lloyd Robinson '87
Steward



MOVING? LET US KNOW, TOO!

We don't want you to miss even a single issue of the newsletter, so be sure to keep us up-to-date on your address!

Our address is on page two.



News From Pi-Men Continues

After receiving the last issue of *The Muse*, PHILIP A. THURSTON '62 wrote to us to elaborate further on the hiring of Dolly Hailstork. He writes, "First of all, it was JOEL VAN WYNAN, not Joe Van Wynan, who was the sage at the time and should be credited with hiring Dolly. This might seem to be belaboring a small misprint, except that Joel was a very talented guy who brought the house back from a very difficult period. He did more than hire Dolly and should be recognized for those things. Secondly, Dolly's predecessor(s) didn't die. When I was a pledge, there was a German couple employed by the house; she did the cooking, and he did a few odd jobs around the house. We thought that they were irreplaceable. When the first-floor toilet overflowed into their quarters for the third time, they quit on the spot and went to work for Sigma Phi. . . . There are more than a few things that I remember about Dolly Hailstork, but what sticks out most in my mind are the endless games of "pitch," which were a good excuse to waste an afternoon when you should have been in physics lab or studying or doing anything else useful." Phil makes his home at 2 Conerly Rd., Somerset, NJ 08873.

A botanist and retired teacher from Drew University, BENJAMIN C. BLACKBURN '29 can be reached at Box F, Gladstone, NJ 07934.

Reporting a new address is KURT E. BOSSHARDT '83. He now lives at 1533 Valmont, New Orleans, LA 70115.

As a lawyer, DOUGLAS M. PARKER '56 is engaged in general litigation. His older daughter will attend Oberlin this fall, and his younger daughter is a possible candidate for Cornell. The Parkers make their home at 32 Twin Oak Rd., Short Hills, NJ 07078.

Retiree FREDERICK H. SCHROEDER '26 makes his home at 7 Bourne Lane, Asheville, NC 28803.

Med student JOHN S. SCHOR '83 writes that he and MICHAEL A. FEIERTAG '83 will receive MD degrees from the University of Miami Medical School ("Sun Tan U") in May '87. John hopes to do his residency in New York City and to specialize in heart surgery. His address is 800 West Ave., #PH-37, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

An engineer for Kodak, ANDREW P. ROBBINS '85 makes his home at 177 Pennells Dr., Rochester, NY 14626.

When he wrote to us in May, RICHARD A. BOSSHARDT '80 was in the process of completing his new home in Kingston, New Hampshire, and was looking forward to moving in with his wife, Therese, and their son, Sean (1½). Send them your best at 28 Temple Dr., Kingston, NH 03848.

An account representative with Exxon Chemical, GLENN A. MAZZAMARO '77 is still enjoying California life. In June '85 he married his hometown sweetheart, and he and Janice are expecting their first child in January '87. "If any Pi-man is planning a California vacation around San Francisco, give us a call," Glenn writes. "We've been out here for over two years and make great tour guides." Write to them at 506 Breck Court, Benicia, CA 94510.

President of United Pet Supply, Inc., STEVEN J. ZERILLI '72 makes his home at 17 Jones Dr., Highland Mills, NY 10930.

Restaurateur JAMES M. HORN '79 and his wife, Robin, have two children, James and Jillian, and they make their home at 17 Blackburne Terrace, West Orange, NJ 07052.

At age 86, ANTON G. NOSEK JR. '25 is "beginning to slow down a bit"—but he writes that he nevertheless keeps quite busy doing metal sculpture in steel, bronze, and brass. A widower, Tony lives with his daughter at 4919 Gardena, Riverside, CA 92504.

MICHAEL REINER '78 recently became president of Scan-Plast Industries, Inc., which imports and distributes Swedish housewares. Send him your best at 48 Lawrence Parkway, Tenafly, NJ 07670.

Formerly employed by the Gallo Winery in Modesto, California, WILLIAM R. JOHNSON '67 has packed up his family and relocated to Oregon, where he now works as operations manager of Valley Wine Company in Portland. Bill wrote that he would miss the get-togethers with brothers and their families in California, but that he was looking forward to a visit from the family of RAYMOND P. POTWORA '68. The Johnsons now live at 5722 Charles Circle, Lake Oswego, OR 97034.

Congratulations to WILLIAM A. STEVENSON '62, who was recently promoted to senior vice president of Daverman Associates, Inc. His wife, Bobbi, has returned to teaching. They have two sons and live at 1621 Fisk SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

FORD B. FAY '82 loves the weather in Florida and is beginning to miss the North less and less, although he will probably move back there in a couple of years. He is a procedures analyst for Microtel, Inc., and keeps in touch with RICHARD T. REGO '82, who has managed to visit Ford two years in a row. Ford's address is 9100 Saddlecreek Dr., Boca Raton, FL 33434.

ROY G. BROWER '72 makes his home at 1229 Roundhill Rd., Baltimore, MD 21218.

After 13 years as conference minister of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ, BENJAMIN R. ANDREWS JR. '40 has retired. His recent travels have included Great Britain, China, and Spain. He continues to do some consulting and interim work with churches, and he also enjoys gardening, sailing, reading, and a little bird watching. He keeps in touch with ARCHIBALD W. THOMSON '39 and LOHNAS H. KNAPP '40 and would love to hear from other members of classes '39-'42. Write to Ben at Scruton Pond Rd., Barrington, NH 03825.

Assistant manager of marketing for Illinois Bell, KEITH R. MOLOF '79 spends his free time playing hockey, skiing, and cheering on the Chicago Bears. He is "learning to fit into corporate America by picking up golf." He hears from BRUCE A. STOUFFER '79 and LEO L. TIMMS '79 (who is on our "lost" list). Keith makes his home at 5237 N. Osceola, Chicago, IL 60656.

STOWELL W. ARMSTRONG '16 can be reached at 2223 Cannon Farm Hill Rd., Atlanta, GA 30329.

DECEASED

We regret to report the deaths of the following alumni:

ALF K. ADLER '44
DEAN D. CRANDELL '22, May 8, 1986
WILLIAM J. HUFF '41, July 9, 1985
DUDLEY F. PHELPS '26, January 6, 1986
LUTHER S. WEST '21, December 14, 1985