

The MUSE

Mu Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity at Cornell University

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Board Plans For Improvements

There has been a great deal of activity concerning the alumni board in the last several months. Here is a condensed version of the minutes from the various meetings.

Sigma Pi Alumni Corporation Meeting October 15, 1989, Ithaca, New York

Nominated and elected:

Bruce Kornfeld '89 (term expires October '91)
Jim Keene '57 (term expires October '91)
Nick Reitenbach '56 (term expires October '91)
John Altmeyer '81 (term expires October '91)

Ford Fay '82 continues as a member of the board till October '90 and was designated president of the alumni board.

Board of governors are appointed by the board for various regions. Rick Rego and Joel Van Wynen '58 were appointed for the New York City metro area.

Fund-raising for capital improvements was discussed, and the new board has resolved to make it a number one priority for the coming year and will meet in New York City on November 5 to come up with a plan of action.

Sigma Pi Alumni Corporation Meeting November 5, 1989, New York, New York

Attendees: all of the alumni board and board of governors, as well as Doug Parker and Dave Dewey.

Following a discussion of the issues surrounding a capital improvements program, it was resolved to split up the work into two major areas. One concerns fund-raising and the man power and methods that would be necessary to raise a sizable amount of money for the improvements that are needed. The second area is to define the specific improvements and renovations that are needed to make the house a safe and attractive place to live and to estimate the cost of such improvements.

Because the group felt that a successful fund-raising campaign would require a clear plan for spending the contributions, a meeting in Ithaca was set for December 9 to better define what type of reconstruction would be required. Help from other alumni with expertise in building and architecture would be

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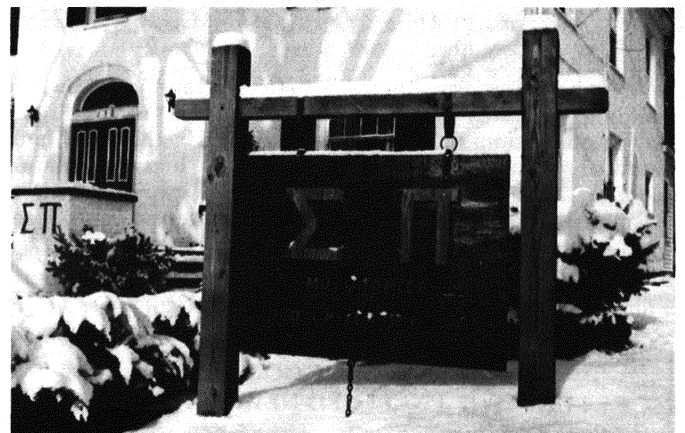
Our Sage Reports

As I settle down to write my *Muse* article this semester, we at the Pi-house have been basking in the unusual Indian summer weather that has graced Ithaca this fall. Although the Greek system has recently been coming under fire from the powers that be at Cornell, Sigma Pi has so far avoided these misguided attacks. Many alumni no doubt have heard about the two tragedies that recently befell the Cornell community. What alumni may not know is that the Cornell fraternity system is being used by the administration as a convenient scapegoat for these and other incidents. Following a trend recently seen at other campuses, Cornell's administration has been issuing a series of repeated condemnations of the Greek system. Needless to say, Sigma Pi and other houses have been active in the IFC's promoting a positive Greek image at such events as Fun-in-the-Sun and Greek Week.

On the light side, Homecoming was a great success this year. I and the other active brothers greatly enjoyed interacting with the alumni at the Saturday morning tailgate and then watching the Big Red beat Harvard in the game. The formal was also a great success, and much thanks is owed to Dolly for cooking the great meal and to our alumni secretary, Al Rosen '91, for organizing this smooth-running event. I hope the alumni enjoyed it as much as I.

Rush is moving along fine, and as you know from the other articles in *The Muse*, the house is thriving. With your continued support, the future looks good. Best of luck to all.

Bruce Glazer '90
Sage



Alumni News: pages four, five, and six.

Pi-Men Pursue Sports Crown

It's been a mixed bag for Sigma Pi sports this year. The relatively small number of senior brothers is taking its toll on intramurals; however, the rookies look forward to the challenge of beginning the dynasty anew. The football team began the season ready to tear up Jessup Field; however, the addition of flag football rules held Pi-house tacklers in abeyance. The team managed, nonetheless, to compile a 3-2 record under the leadership of captains Joe "Keg" Cohen '90 and Bruce "Donut" Glazer '90. Jamie "Personal Foul" Relihan '92 personified our team's inability to deal with the no-contact rules, which certainly cost us a playoff berth. Football did, nevertheless, end with the discovery of a bright spot: Jon "Cucumber" Broder. After the team discovered his talents as a quarterback, it was undefeated, so we look forward to a championship season next year.

The sports success story of this fall semester is of our underdog tennis team. The team comprises Brian "Smash" Happ '90 and Steve "Toris" Closter '91 and advanced through round after round in the tournament until being stopped in the semifinals. The duo's victories gave the house much needed All-Sports points, which will keep us in the running for the overall championship in the upcoming semester.

"We are looking at the best soccer team in the fraternity league, by far!" were the words of captain Ted Szarzanowicz '90 at the opening of the season. After seeing our record, though, one must wonder which team it was he was looking at then. Despite a disappointing season, there were a few bright spots, such as young players like Darren Bedell '92, "Cosmo" Cannon '91, and Seth "Jets?" Morris '92, who showed more than a fancy foot or two with the ball.

The basketball season has begun, and we are doing remarkably well. Working on a 2-0 record, the team is playing beyond all expectations, especially considering the team's rather modest average height of 5'6". The return of center Tim "Stretch" Camuti '90 has been the driving force the team needed, along with the stunning guard maneuvers of Joey "H'r" Hellerstein. Be sure to check the next *Muse* for the exciting accomplishments of this explosive team.

Now, part way through the sports year, I look forward to some truly powerful spring teams in lacrosse, softball, broomstick polo, and horseshoes. With talented returning athletes, it is in these sports that Sigma Pi will excel and perhaps capture the elusive All-Sports crown.

Pat Young '91
Sports Chairman

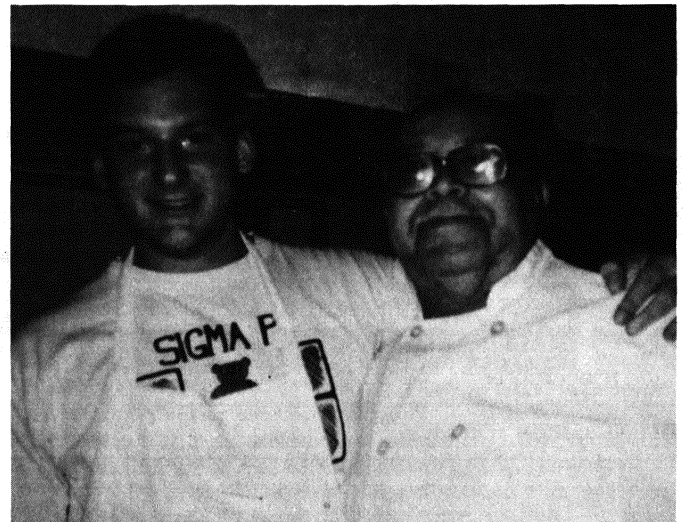
Board Plans, continued

solicited to assist at this meeting.

Sigma Pi Alumni Corporation Meeting December 9, 1989, Ithaca, New York

With help from Pete Romeo, Rob Colbert, and Jack Low, the building committee (Jim Keene and Rick Rego) met to discuss the various options that should be considered by the full alumni board regarding the physical structure of the house. A detailed room-by-room description of the possible projects will be assembled and cost estimates obtained from a number of local contractors.

Rick Rego '82



Kitchen boy Jon Broder '91 and the Doll.

Doll's Del Tradition Continues

The bell tower strikes 12:30 and your stomach growls in harmony. But where do you go for lunch? The Ivy Room? Hardly. The Big Red Barn? Not quite. Entrepot? Chicowdy. Why, it's down to Doll's Del, of course.

Every day, Monday through Friday, Chef Hailstork displays his formidable culinary prowess as he prepares a veritable smorgasbord of a luncheon. Each meal offers soup, sandwich, chips, beverage, and dessert to many hungry Pi-men. But let's start with the soup.

Besides his standard arsenal of chicken, vegetable, and tomato soups, Dolly also prepares a "soup of the day." Be it shrimp gumbo, kreplach, or his famous "cham clowder," the tasty specialty is quickly devoured by appreciative brothers. But don't worry, the Doll ensures us that there is enough for everyone.

In addition, for each lunch Dolly meticulously slices juicy roast turkey, hearty salami, bologna, and ham for sandwiches. There is also a selection of fine imported cheeses. To the meat and cheese, one can add fresh lettuce, tomato, and mustard—all between two thick slices of bread baked every other day. When you're through, you have a sandwich fit for a king—or at least a Pi-man. For dessert, Doll presents sliced pears, peaches, or perhaps some banana cream pie that is left over from dinner the night before.

Food aside, it is the company that makes the Del so appealing. What better way could one spend a break between classes than talking to Dolly while he plays with his new puppy, Yoko, and dining with the other brothers. Besides those brothers who live in the house, there are several out-of-house brothers who frequent Doll's Del. Jon "J.B." Broder '91, Brian "Cosmo" Cannon '91, Pat "Mac" Young '91, Mikey "Vatos" Ferrier '91, Adam "Turkey on Tuesdays" Galowitz '90, and I are among the regulars who keep the food moving and the conversation lively. As you can see, any way you slice it—food, company, or atmosphere—Doll's Del is the definitive place for lunch.

Dan Appelbaum '91

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Secretary Views Changes

Greetings from the office of alumni secretary. As I sit and think how things have changed during my term as alumni secretary, much comes to mind. I see a change in attitude and commitment and progress that gives us renewed faith in the future of Mu Chapter.

You may ask, "What change in attitude is he talking about?" I am referring to that of both active brothers and alumni. The neophytes and other actives are more aware of the work needed to maintain the house. Seeing this, the alumni have been encouraged. There is growing commitment from both the actives and the alumni, as was evidenced by the great turnout at Homecoming 1989. During this weekend, we examined our long-term problems and set long-term goals. The house can no longer exist with temporary remedies for major problems. These problems were discussed at the alumni board meeting.

As a future alumnus, I hope that all of these positive trends will continue into the future. Again, I thank you for all that you have done as alumni. For those of you who haven't been as active, maybe now is the time to become more involved and to show support for an organization that has been such a great part of your life. I hope to see many more alumni at Spring Weekend and Homecoming 1990.

Alan Rosen '91
Alumni Secretary

MOVING? LET US KNOW!

Director Of Greek Life Addresses Alumni

Greetings from the dean of students office. As an alumnus of the Cornell Greek system, you have much to be proud of. The Greek system is doing very well. Over the past two years, the Interfraternity Council has made major improvements. Currently, the IFC is involved in many initiatives such as an alcohol awareness week, Greek leadership conference, faculty speakers program, and risk management and reduction program. The IFC has developed educational programs to combat alcohol abuse, date rape, hazing, and drug use.

The IFC currently meets weekly to address and confront the needs of the system. A new judicial system has recently been adopted to assist the IFC in its self-governance. All of these initiatives have led the Cornell IFC to be recognized as the most outstanding IFC in the Northeast Interfraternity Conference.

While there has certainly been a lot done, I suggest that there is a lot more to do. The students face challenges that many of us have never faced. The Greek system has been plagued with alcohol abuse, date rape, hazing, and intellectual abuse. Liability has reached crisis proportions.

We in the dean of students office are very committed to assisting the undergraduates in returning to the traditional values of fraternal living. In order to be successful in this area, however, we need you. The alumni must become involved when and where they can to provide examples and to lend advice from experience.

The founders of your fraternity left you with a great legacy and a great tradition to carry on. They provided you with an opportunity to join, enjoy, and be with people whom you could learn from and share experiences with. But they also challenged you to be the best—and to give something back. I would only suggest that the great experience that you had at Cornell—and its obligation—did not end when you walked out on graduation

Actives Host Enjoyable Reunion

To the Brothers of Sigma Pi:

On behalf of all the alumni attending Cornell reunions in June, I want to express my appreciation for the hospitality shown us at the Pi-house. The doors were open to us for the whole weekend. We were greeted by four or five brothers with cold beers upon our arrival Friday night. These young men stayed around all weekend, making sure we were taken care of and humoring us when we were obnoxious.

The blowout on Saturday afternoon (conceived under the guise of a mid-afternoon cocktail reception) provided us an excellent opportunity to relive the old front porch days. The house was in the best condition I have seen it in years, which is particularly remarkable considering that it was summer. Speaking of good condition, Doll looked better than ever and was dealing out abuse with style.

We appreciated the open bar, cold beer, and fine hospitality. Tunes provided by deejay Higgins (courtesy of Jimmy Horn) put us in the spirit of the times. The 17 attending alumni from 1979 were rocked back with such classical pieces as "Green Grass and High Tides" by the Outlaws and "Starship Trooper" by Yes. Later in the evening, we were treated to a dissertation from Professor Leo "Stump" Timms on "The Articulation of Bovine Mating Calls." Thanks go to Kevin Kruse for audio teaching aids.

The members of our class were favorably impressed with the brothers we met during all of this revelry. It was obvious that they had a lot of pride in the house. Sage Bruce Glazer and Alumni Secretary Al Rosen were very interested in maintaining strong alumni relations. If Reunion Weekend is any indication, I would say the house is heading in a very positive direction.

Thanks again for making our Reunion Weekend more memorable. Keep up the good work.

Dave D'Orlando '79



Ten years . . . already?

day. It was for a lifetime. The service to others is truly the highest tradition of every fraternal organization, and assisting in the development of young men and women who will be the future leaders of our world is the best service one can be involved in.

In that spirit, I look forward to your further involvement in Greek life. If I can ever be of assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Randy Scott Stevens
Director of Greek Life

Sigma Pi Alumni Report

Send best wishes to JOSEPH A. WITZEL '21 at 105 Eden Rd., Stamford, CT 06907. He pens, "We're looking forward and making plans for our 65th wedding anniversary."

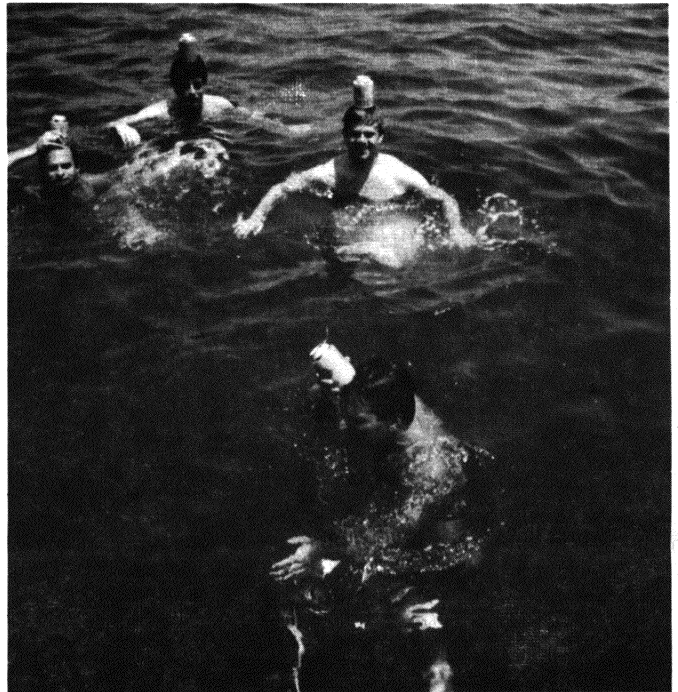
Writes MILLARD R. KREINHEDER '22, "Having been born in 1899, I am perhaps the oldest living Sigma Pi Fraternity member in existence." Mill was a freshman in 1918 and knew COUNT HARTMAN '19 very well: "He was a senior when I joined Sigma Pi and was very fatherly to the new members. I also remember ART NASH '27 and DICK MOLLENBERG '27—the latter from Buffalo. I used to meet him at the Buffalo Club. His cousin, BILL MOLLENBERG, was a close friend. Another close friend was OTTO BUERGER '20. I attempted unsuccessfully to contact him a few years back." Mill proposed to his wife, Ada, during a crew race in 1920 by pinning her with his fraternity pin. "She still wears it, modified as a ring." Mill is enjoying good health and happiness at 10338 Floriade Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351.

Drop a line to C. RUSSELL CARR '29 at 478 Hammond St., Corning, NY 14830.

Although blindness has curtailed his activities, JOHN A. FEICK '32 keeps up-to-date with talking books and talking magazines. His wife, Hildegard, writes that glaucoma caused Jack's blindness, "so tell your brothers to have a yearly exam—early detection may help!" The Feicks live at 225 Germonds Rd., West Nyack, NY 10994.

HARRY W. LUNDIN '33 (Rte. 6, Box 334, Leesburg, FL 34748) asked us if we'd had any word from BILL NELSON '32 or ROY NELSON '32, and we're sorry to inform him that both are listed as deceased in our files. Harry is retired and has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Reports CHARLES H. DAWSON '38, "I retired from SRI at the end of 1988. Since then I have been catching up on home proj-



ects and getting in some travel. Granddaughter number one is starting her MBA at Duke after two years with the congressional budget office; number two is back at Middlebury after spending her junior year in Paris and Moscow; number three graduated from Berkeley High School last June; and number four will be 10 in October." Our address for Charles is 208 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Write to FRANK C. ABBOTT '42 at 1776 Garland St., Lakewood, CO 80215.

Chemical engineer MICHAEL R. SFAT '43 continues to run Bio-Technical Resources, a 27-year-old process and product development firm with 30 employees. He recently heard from ELMER "Tug" TOLLE '43, who has sold his Boston business and home and now owns lakefront property in Fernandina Beach, Florida. When Mike wrote to us in June, he and wife Jane were awaiting the arrival of a second grandchild. Greet Mike at 1030 W. Crescent Dr., Manitowoc, WI 54220.

Reports E. GILBERT BARKER '51, "Lieutenant Colonel Gil Barker of Essex County, New York, has been elected president of the Silver Falcon Association of the United States Air Force Academy at its annual conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Silver Falcon Association is an international organization of retired air force officers who have served the U.S. Air Force Academy as admissions liaison counselors throughout the continental United States and overseas." In 1976 Gil was honored as one of the top three officers in the U.S. and was cited as Outstanding Liaison Officer Coordinator in the Northeastern United States. He is currently managing broker and partner of the Martin Agency-Real Estate. He and wife Joyce receive mail at Box 568, Crown Point, NY 12928.

WARREN R. LEACH '53 writes that he's in his third year of directing "Leadership New Jersey" and that he's also directing the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission. "Anyone interested in supporting the construction of the memorial, please write or call." His address is 4 Skytop Rd., Edison, NJ 08820.



Ryan Bosshardt (at 13 months)—class of 2010!

Chapter Looks To The Future

As my term as treasurer comes to a close, I would just like to say that the Pi-house continues to improve economically and physically. House bills continue to be paid on time due to the new bursar billing system that Cornell implemented last year. As a result, our accounts receivable have dropped dramatically, though not totally, in the past year. The new brothers continue to find new ways to improve our house, whether it be painting the walls, maintaining a clean house, or fixing the things that they can. These physical improvements can, however, only be considered temporary. As the Pi-house continues to age, some major structural repairs will have to be made in the near future or the Pi-house will not continue to exist.

I am pleased to say, however, that during Homecoming Weekend these repairs were discussed in detail at our annual alumni meeting. For those of you who attended, thank you very much for showing genuine support for the improvement of the Pi-house. For those of you who were, for whatever reason, unable to attend this meeting, you will be hearing—through current brothers, other alumni, and newsletters in the mail—about what was discussed and the direction the Pi-house will be heading in the future.

This is the first time I have seen a long-term outlook for the Pi-house in my four years here at Cornell, and I am very hopeful that I, as a future alumnus, will be able to come back to a "new" Pi-house.

Joe Cohen '90
Treasurer



The house.

Our Alumni Write To Us

Now divorced and living in New Jersey, ROBERT C. ZIMMERMAN '67 can be reached at 539 Corporation Alley, Cincinnati, OH 45210. Bob is a teacher.

"Jeffrey David Lebovici was born on November 8, 1988," reports VICTOR B. LEBOVICI '70. "Linda and I are surviving and hope we can keep up the pace." A patent lawyer, Vic works for the firm of Weingarten, Schurgin, Gagnebin & Hayes in Boston. He and his family make their home at 29 Farmington Rd., West Newton, MA 02165.

WAYNE S. BUDER '79 writes, "Thanks for the wonderful hospitality at our 10th! It's great to see such a great group of

Kitchen Runs Like Clockwork

Another semester has gone by, and my term as steward draws to a close. During the past year, it has been fulfilling to see what I believe to be positive trends both from Dolly and within the kitchen itself. Dolly, chiefly through the acquisition of his new dog, Yoko, has been in excellent spirits and seems to take joy from the attention given the puppy by both the brothers and their friends. He still bowls frequently and, in his 30th year, remains one of the busiest cooks on the hill.

As usual, he could be counted on to single-handedly create a tremendously successful Homecoming dinner for over 130 people, which included steaks and everybody's favorite: BCP (banana cream pie). For those of you who attended, Dolly would like to thank you for the appreciation that you showed afterward. For those of you who didn't, let me personally invite you to visit the house at the next opportunity, for who's to say how much longer the Doll will be here to make such events possible?

Generally, the kitchen has continued its commitment to variety, has been running like clockwork, and, in my opinion, is in a far better state than a year ago.

Steve Solomon '90
Steward

Final Update Of 1988-'89 Donors

Since the tabulation of the honor roll you received in the summer, we have received additional contributions from the members listed below. Their gifts were credited to the 1988-'89 operating year, which runs from September 1 through August 31. We offer them our sincerest thanks. The strength of Sigma Pi depends on our continuing support.

Steven L. Bergh '79	Frederick C. Hoge '72
Wayne S. Buder '79	Robert A. Inslerman '67
Joseph W. Calby Jr. '51	William R. Johnson '67
P. Louis Callan '26	James H. Keene III '57
David C. D'Orlando '79	Millard R. Kreinheder '22
Timothy Donohue '87	John W. Lloyd '49
Donald A. Farrey '35	Harry W. Lundin '71
Ford B. Fay '82	Lorenz K. Muller '46
John A. Feick '32	Steven Muson '88
David W. Feldbaumer '80	Robert D. Novo '79
Gregory W. Fisher '72	Christopher B. Olie '79
William E. Ford '73	Stephen B. Silverman '84
Jeff Greenberg '88	Thomas K. Smith '61
Philip P. H. Grosse '65	Bruce A. Vanicek '86

Pi-men. Take care of the Doll!" He lives at 1700 Beach St., #206, San Francisco, CA 94123.

Congratulations to DAVID C. D'ORLANDO '79 and his new wife, Kay, who are "settling into married life" after a honeymoon in the Florida Keys. Dave writes, "I had a great time at the 10th reunion, thanks to the great hospitality shown by the current brothers. Attending our reunion were WAYNE BUDER '79, STEVE BERGH '79, BRUCE STOUFFER '79, RICH NISSI '79, STEVE ROSENZWEIG '79, BOB NOVO '79, JIM HORN '79, KEVIN KRUSE '79, LEO TIMMS '79, CURT QUANTZ '79, TIM McCANN '79, TOM WRIGHT '79, LARRY MacLENNAN '79, and JOHN HAGGERTY '78." Dave is an administrative manager for Westvaco Corporation, and he and Kay reside at

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Alumni Write To Us, continued

1612 Woodlawn Ave., Wilmington, DE 19806.

"Felicity and I had a great time at my 10th reunion this summer," reports CURTIS A. QUANTZ '79 (3486 Cooper Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051). "The brothers who were around did an excellent job of welcoming everyone back. I was happy to meet some of those who are now carrying the Sigma Pi banner on campus. It seems like a group that I would like to join, were I 14 years younger and entering as a freshman this fall. Keep it up."

Writes JONATHAN R. ZIRN '81, "I am pursuing joint residencies in pathology and dermatology and will not earn a respectable living until well after the effects of my numerous college debaucheries have caught up with me." Our address for Jon is 1303 York Ave., #4H, New York, NY 10021.

We thank Alexa and KURT E. BOSSHARDT '83 for the pictures that appear on page four. Alexa writes that they had a visit earlier this year from Washington Pi-men GERRY LEAPE '82 and TIM HAWES '82. She adds, "Congratulations to Tim on his recent engagement to Sharon." Kurt is an attorney, and he and Alexa have a young son, Ryan. The Bosshards live at 260 Hibiscus Ave., Lauderdale by the Sea, FL 33308.

Beverly and JESSE F. HAMMERMAN '83 are the proud parents of a daughter, Leah Rae, who was born on March 25,

1989. Send them your best wishes at 529 E. 88th St., Apt. #2B, New York, NY 10128.

"Excellent porch function on the Saturday of Reunion Weekend," remarks STEPHEN B. SILVERMAN '84. "Higgins was awesome. Thanks to the brothers who hung out and made us all feel welcome." He receives mail at 875 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022.

When he wrote to us in April, MICHAEL NAJJAR '88 had just returned from a two-week vacation in Kuwait, where he visited family and friends. "For those of you who are interested, everything is going well back in my homeland since the recent revolution." Michael works as an investment banker at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, and he shares an apartment with ALAN RIFFKIN '88 at 355 W. 85th St., Apt. #75, New York, NY 10024.

DECEASED

We regret to report the death of the following alumni:

STOWELL W. ARMSTRONG '16, January 4, 1989
 JAMES M. ARNOLD '27, January 26, 1989
 JOHN E. BARINGER '52, March 24, 1989
 FRANK L. GIUSTI '22, May 15, 1989
 FRANK L. PIGUET '45, May 19, 1989



Homecoming, October 1978.