



## Report of the President

*Nathan A. Neal - E '83*

The July social gathering held at **HOOTERS OF WASHINGTON, DC**, was a success. We were excited to see many new faces there and we had several new brothers join Capital City Alumni Chapter. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at **CHADWICKS OF GEORGETOWN** located at **3205 "K" Street, NW in Washington DC, 202-333-2565**. Be on the lookout for an email from the Social Chair Brad McCormick for a small event in August 2003.

Ryan Harmon and I are back from the 74<sup>th</sup> Sigma Chi Grand Chapter which was held in Orlando from June 25-29. On my third and final bid to become the Eastern Province Grand Praetor, I was not successful. Congratulations to Jon T.

Miller (Tulsa Oklahoma State, 1966) for being elected Eastern Province Grand Praetor. In addition, outgoing Grand Praetor Harvey A.

Silverman (Northern Colorado, 1968) was elected as one of 15 Sigma Chi Grand Trustees and Past President Northern Virginia Alumni Chapter and

Eastern Virginia Grand Praetor Dennis R. Santoli (Case Western Reserve, 1967) was re-elected and also elected to be the Grand Praetors' Representative to the Sigma Chi Execu-

tive Committee. Dennis R. Santoli, a second term Grand Praetor, replaced Albert F. Cuite who somewhat retired from International Sigma Chi activities. Lee A. Beauchamp (Texas A&M, 1975) was elected the 63<sup>rd</sup> Grand Consul.

Keith J. Krath (Purdue, 1979) was elected Grand Pro Consul. Congratulations to all of the newly elected Grand Officers.

As for my bid to become Grand Praetor, we went to Orlando with two undergraduate Chapter nominations; however, because of heavy pressuring by Nominations committee member Ben Trachtenberg and others, Towson University's delegate was persuaded to switch their Chapter's nomination and thus, Brother Jon Miller had the majority of the undergraduate Chapter nominations from the Province.

Kappa Rho wanted my name to stand for the office of Grand Praetor and Consul Marc Bridgeman and Magister Dan Krupnick, two fine undergraduates, desired to continue the effort by nominating from the floor under their leadership. Their Chapter, as well as the Capital City Alumni Chapter, supported this effort.

The two Kappa Rho undergraduate delegates represented Kappa Rho, and I believe the Province, outstandingly. Voicing an opinion is part of being a

Sigma Chi. That's how this fraternity was started! Collectively, Marc and Dan showed bravery, courage, integrity and fidelity to principle, noble characteristic traits of their 10 founders and indicative of American University students

(Founding Fathers of Kappa Rho: James Messina, Drew Myler, Brian Tinger, Jason Gordon, Bill Cerrato, Step Hovnavian, Matt Graham, Teddy Novin, Zach Koester, & Mike Schieffer give the undergraduates a call

or shoot an email thanking them for their efforts and congratulating them for honoring the integrity of Kappa Rho and Sigma Chi Rho.) Kappa Rhos of all ages must be proud of these fine young men. I certainly am as your Installing Magister and a follower of the high ideals and principals for which we all have been Initiated into. Kappa Rho (Sigma

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Chi Rho) has kept their promise to me and I to them, and for that I am honored. No need to let my name stand or be nominated for any general fraternity position in the future.

Also, Capital City Alumni member, Washington, DC Alumni member and Northern Virginia Alumni Chapter Vice-President, Bill Creighton, spoke on my behalf concerning my extensive work history with the Epsilon Chapter. His speech was full of vigor and honesty. Thank you Bill for sharing your thoughts and the thoughts and well wishes of those who were unable to attend and speak, **YOU WILL FIND IT HERE**. Additionally, Capital City secretary Ryan Harmon spoke on my behalf regarding our accomplishments at Capital City. Thank you. Though a member of Alpha Nu, you fit into the membership of Capital City well. I am grateful and thankful for the efforts of all of these Brothers. Job well done; all of you are worthy of being members of Capital City or any alumni Chapter for that matter. The political process of the General Fraternity, like most political processes, is not the most pleasant. Unfortunately, I must personally, as a SIG, acknowledge my negative experiences within this process. I am not unhappy in any way, just articulating a point of view. I truly feel blessed to have had the opportunity to be somewhat involved on the International Fraternity level since 1991.

The next Grand Chapter is scheduled in June 2005 in Cincinnati Ohio. This will be the 75<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter and Sigma Chi will host this Grand Chapter close to our founding site, University of Miami at Ohio. At this Grand Chapter, as I have stated to many times, I will not allow my name to stand for any International office appointed or elected.

Twenty-Four (24) years as a SIG, twenty (20) years since graduating from George Washington University and three (3) unsuccessful Grand Praetor bids has

made me come to the realization that a General Fraternity office was not meant for me. My experience with the General Fraternity election process is over and I have completed legitimate service to the Order. I thank all who have supported me over the years and I am grateful to all of the Brothers whom I have met and worked with over these many years. I have finished my work and, to be honest, I was happiest being a Capital City's first voting Delegate at the 74<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter, an opportunity which has been closed to many recent alumni in the area for sometime. As I plan for retirement, Capital City needs to think of whom they will send to the 75<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter in 2005. Brothers, feel honored that you are now reading the James E. Montgomery 2003 Alumni Publication Award winning newsletter. The Fraternity annually recognizes the most outstanding alumni chapter publications with the Montgomery Award, named for the late Indiana newspaper publisher James E. Montgomery (Butler & Stanford, 1908). A committee of alumni journalists evaluates alumni group publications received at Headquarters on the basis of frequency, content



and balance, writing and editing, general appearance, effectiveness, and overall quality. The Capital City Alumni Chapter was awarded the title at the 2003 Grand Chapter. I was not aware that Capital City was to be honored with this Award; I was sitting in the audience when it was announced and was a little shocked. Nonetheless, I knew that we had a good product. We truly report the SIG news as it comes to us in a well-balanced format. Our editor Mike Lally deserves significant credit for making sure that Capital City publishes the Capital City Constantine on a regular basis and all of you have contributed to the

Capital City Constantine should be proud and honored. Congratulations Mike Lally and to the entire Capital City membership for a collective and team effort. Additionally and more inspirational, after 1½ year of existence as an Association and 5 months as an Alumni Chapter, and out of approximately 132 alumni groups, Capital City was one of seven Alumni Chapters awarded an Alumni Chapter Excellence Award. The membership should be honored and hopefully proud of your accomplishments. This award comes with a \$100.00 scholarship, which will be credited to an undergraduate Chapter in the name of Capital City Alumni. Brothers Robert Farrow and James Ormerod will coordinate the efforts of selecting the undergraduate Chapter to benefit from the scholarship. Special thanks to Grant Olan, our past Awards Committee Chairman, for his effort in gathering the information needed for this award. The Alumni Chapter Excellence Award recognizes not just one individual's efforts to improve the alumni experience, but the accomplishments of an entire chapter. This biennial award was conceptualized and is sponsored by Constantine SIG Bruce Morgan Casner (Epsilon '71), Past President of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter and 1978 recipient of the Jay Minton Outstanding Alumni Officer Award. It honors those alumni chapters that strive toward excellence in all aspects of program and operation including: Membership Fulfillment: programming and services that fulfill the interests and needs of area alumni; Undergraduate Support: assisting area undergraduates improve and strengthen their Sigma Chi experience through healthy interaction and assistance; Community Involvement: assisting and supporting alumni members in demonstrating the ideals of Sigma Chi in their daily lives and community. The other Alumni Chapters to receive an Alumni Chapter Excel-

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lence Award were: Cincinnati Alumni Chapter, Cleveland Alumni Chapter, Dallas Alumni Chapter, Halifax Alumni Chapter, Houston Alumni Chapter, San Diego Alumni Chapter. Congratulations to these outstanding Alumni Chapters. Other business at Grand Chapter included: (1) the failure of the dues restructure; (2) the tabling of the term limits for Grand Officers until Grand Council and/or the 75<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter; and (3) a new governing law which states that Alumni Chapters and/or Associations must have at least 6 meetings or events in a given year to be considered active. Moreover, I can say that I am happy with two Brothers G. Thomas Varner (Gamma Sigma, Auburn University), and T. Jack Walsh (Omega Omega, University of Arkansas) for receiving the LeClerc Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award at the 2003 Grand Chapter. Both of these Brothers were in my Balfour Leadership Training Workshop (BLTW) discussion group. I am proud of my two Chapter Advisor students. Keep up the good work advising your Chapters. It should also be noted that Brother G. Thomas Varner was elected in his first term as Grand Praetor for the Georgia Province. Congratulations.

By the way, some of us attended the game against theon Saturday June 14, 2003. We even broke a world record for brushing one's teeth, I recall the number as being about 4,000 people. It was awesome. Come to Bowie Baysoxs. It's cheap. Recently there was the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, a program designed to improve the quality of leadership in the Fraternity. Each August, chapter leaders from Sigma Chi's undergraduate chapters spend four days on a college campus, deeply involved in presentations, discussions, and problem-solving sessions about chapter operations and other issues that affect a chapter's viability. I attended this year's training as a facilitator and it is my hope that I was able to assist the Alumni Team as it prepares Chapter Advisors, Grand Praetors and other active Alumni officers with respect to their duties in the General Fraternity. In closing, I will keep the Chapter abreast of my fraternity retirement, if permitted, which is approaching rapidly. Until then, enjoy the reminder of your summer and watch for the next publication in September 2003. Staying in the hunt for the Marine Corp Marathon. Last

We hope you had a safe and happy summer!



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## Upcoming Events

- **9/10/03** - *Meeting/Social Event* - Chadwicks of Georgetown
- **10/8/03** - *Meeting/Social Event* - Chadwicks of Georgetown
- **11/12/03** - *Meeting/Social Event* - Chadwicks of Georgetown
- **12/10/03 or 12/17/03** - *Christmas/Holiday Party* - TBD



## Other Province Reports



### Kappa Rho - American University *Mark Bridgeman - Consul*

[www.geocities.com/EXPsig](http://www.geocities.com/EXPsig)

Although school has adjourned for the summer and our Chapter meetings are in recess, we have a very busy summer planed. We are proud that two of our Brothers, Tony Lyon-Loftus ('05) and Matt Klaus ('06), have been selected to attend the Horizons program. We know that they will gain a great deal from the experience and will continue to give tremendously to our Chapter. Our Previous Horizons graduates have given enormously to us, and I am sure that the trend will continue.

In addition Kappa Rho has sent five Brothers to the Balfore Leadership Train-

ing Workshop. BLTW is another venue in which members will gain valuable experience in order to better serve the Chapter. During the trip to Nebraska, the sight of this year's LTW, Brothers will work on the vision quest, laying out the goals for the year; improve our recruitment techniques; and better prepare for the coming year.

Brother Krupnick ('04) and myself also attended Grand Chapter in Orlando. At Grand Chapter we took care of general Fraternity business like elections of our new Grand officers and dealing with new dues proposals, and also use the opportunity to strengthen our ties within the Eastern Province and general Fraternity.

I hope everyone has a great summer, and look out for news about the Peterson.



### For The Good *Jon Miller, Eastern Province Grand Praetor*

[www.sigmachiep.org](http://www.sigmachiep.org)

My Brothers, Grand Chapter 2003 is behind us. If there was one word that was used over and over during the campaign speeches and award recipient talks, it was "service." This Grand Chapter reminds us that our involvement in Sigma Chi brings an opportunity for service. The question to be raised is "serve what?" What do we serve? We serve our Fraternity best when we remember our three great aims, Friendship, Justice and Learning. Does it seem strange that we serve "friendship?" Well, perhaps that is stretching it. As we do the things that provide a service to others and each other, we must remember that friendship, as an aim, must not be forgotten. Sometime this is

referred to as "taking your self too seriously" and forgetting to have fun. Our past has been clouded with issues that are distant from fun. Let's change that, resolving to make the future more fun and consistent with the second great aim. Friendship begins with trust. Injustice breeds distrust. Let us resolve anew to begin the next two years in an environment of trust. Working together, we can be open with each other. We can be honest with each other. We can be inclusive. We can be understanding. We can give some slack where slack is needed. We can be forgiving. We can further our service by promoting a healthy brotherly spirit within the province. We can learn together the treasure each of us is

to Sigma Chi.

Aiming to learn is a lifelong quest. We learn from our successes. We learn from our mistakes. We learn by formal education. We learn by hard knocks. Our work in the province will provide many opportunities to advance our interests. Will we make mistakes? Yes! Will we learn together in a positive way when we fail? That is a question that challenges us all. Each brother's dignity must be preserved.

I welcome this opportunity to serve you as your grand praetor. I "aim" to seek your friendship. I "aim" to be open and honest to achieve justice.. I "aim" to learn with you as we strengthen our bonds and province.





## Member Updates



**Steve Lally** (Kappa Rho, '99) is looking for any IT engineers (especially those with an active DoD clearance) who would like to work for the fast-growing integrator in NOVA, Technica Corporation. You can contact Steve at 703-662-2057 if you're interested.

Capital City would like to congratulate **Abel Olivo** (Ohio, '99) on his May 3rd marriage in Notre Dame Chapel at Trinity College, Washington, DC to Aimee Elizabeth Dolaway from Chambersburg, PA.

Welcome to new member **Armando Valdes-Prieto, Yale (Theta Upsilon) 2001**



Join brother **Anthony Dauer** (SFL & MD, '93) on the 6th of September at Benjamin Piatt Runkle's monument in the Arlington National Cemetery in commemoration of his birthday on the 3rd. Participants will meet at Runkle's grave (Section 1, Grave 240) at 10:30 am, the ceremony will begin promptly at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon at Red Hot & Blue in Arlington at 12:30. This event is open for all alumni and undergraduate brothers who would like to attend. Please contact brother Dauer <Anthony.dauer@verizon.net> if you have any questions.

Capital City Alumni is pleased to share with you that Benjamin Ilan Wander (pictured at right) has joined Emily and **Mitch Wander**, (Epsilon '91). Benjamin was born on May 8th.. He weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches tall. Benjamin's first name was Mitch's maternal grandfather's name his middle name is in memory of Ilan Ramon, the Israeli astronaut who flew on the Space Shuttle Columbia's final mission.



## Listserv Rules

*Bob Grabowski - KP '01*

Thank you to all of you who responded to my first email regarding this issue. I have come up with the following email that I am going to send to the entire Capital City Alumni chapter. After I send it, I will reopen the listserve to everyone's use. I will send it out around noon tomorrow. You have until then to email me with any MAJOR concerns regarding the email. If I don't hear from anyone, it will be sent out as is. Here it is:

Brothers, the Capital City LISTSERV is designed to allow informative communications among our membership and with other SIGs who desire to receive such information. It is not a forum for open discussion or debate. Our aim in opening the LISTSERV is to ensure that when someone opens a message from Capital City, positive and informative information is provided therein. We do not want to run the risk that when our members receive an email from the LISTSERV, the Brother will automatically delete the message. As such, we have developed some fundamental rules for all to follow in using the list serve. They are as follows:

- 1) Please use cautiously, always keeping in mind that over 70 brothers are on this LISTSERV. Most, if not all, brothers do not wish to have their inboxes flooded with email from our LISTSERV.
- 2) Any email proposing new business for the Capital City Alumni chapter should be emailed directly to any member of the executive committee and NOT BROADCASTED TO THE ENTIRE LISTSERV. The executive committee member will then send this to the entire executive committee for the appropriate follow-up. To make this easier, at the footer of every message, the email addresses of all the Executive Board members will be listed. Please contact them directly with any questions or proposals.
- 3) Any email that sparks any type of debate whatsoever is strictly prohibited. If a valid concern needs to be brought up to the entire chapter, please email this to any member of the executive committee ONLY.
- 4) Various numbers of announcements are welcome, always keeping in mind Rule #1 on this list.
- 5) Any response to any announcements located in Rule #4 should be sent ONLY to the brother making the announcement.

## Treasurer's Report

*JP Paluskiewicz - KP '02*

We are now well into another Fiscal Year. With our goals of increasing brotherhood activities for both area undergraduates and alumni alike it is essential to increase our dues paying members. Dues for this year's membership are only \$25! If you haven't already paid dues for 2003-2004 please do so ASAP! Checks can be made out to Capital City Alumni Chapter and mailed to our PO Box. Please fill out our membership form in this newsletter so that we have all of your correct contact information. For all the recently graduated, we have extended our payment plan option through the summer. Remember that more members will only lead to stronger Alumni Chapter!

## Grand Chapter Recap

*Kevin Cook, Alumni Representative to the Executive Committee*

Grand Chapter 2003 in Orlando has ended. Host alumni chapter Central Florida is to be commended for the wonderful organization, hospitality and generosity extended. Thank you! Brother Lee Beauchamp was elected our 63rd Grand Consul.

I am delighted to be returning to the Executive Committee as your representative and always seek your input, thoughts and concerns. I also have a small travel budget for visits. In an attempt to make life a little easier for your chapters, we amended our laws so that for your chapter to remain 'in good standing' you need to have 6 'meetings and / or events' in a calendar year.

I hope to have news on this year's Alumni Chapter Officer Training before long. The Exec Comm will be meeting in Chicago, San Jose, Boston and Vancouver BC over the next 15 months. I invite our alumni chapters in those cities to be involved.

Lastly, congratulations to our alumni chapters and officers recognized as follows:

BEST ALUMNI CHAPTER OFFICER: Steve Batutis - San Diego, Joe Gross - Cleveland, George Theriot - Dallas

BEST ALUMNI PUBLICATION: **Capital City**

ALUMNI CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: Cleveland

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