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IN 1945 this famous photo flashed around the world signalling the first meeting of American and Soviet troops in Europe, on a wrecked bridge over the Elbe River. A participant in this historic WWII tableau was Fra Bernard E. Kirschenbaum, Cornell '46 (second from left), then with the U.S. 69th Infantry Division. Fra Kirschenbaum later finished his education and became an accomplished architect and sculptor. (Photo by Allen Jackson, 1945.)

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# The ΣAM Centennial Year Begins in August

*Sigma Alpha Mu moves now to the final year of its Centennial celebration which will run through 2009 and end with the anniversary dinner in New York November 14, 2009.*

**Convention 2008  
August 8-10**



This year, for its 99th anniversary convention, the Sammies gather in Chicago, the Midwest Mecca where there have been members of ΣAM living and working since before the birth of Rho chapter at U. of Illinois in 1918.

Headquarters will be the elegant one-year-old Westin Chicago North Shore in Wheeling, IL.

As ΣAM begins the final year of its first century, this convention will be a time to celebrate achievements and loyalty, announce awards, honor accomplishments, renew friendships, make new ones, view the Centennial video, hear a report on Centennial activity, (no fund-raising!), and look ahead to where ΣAM is going to be in 2109. There will be something for all who attend. Highlights of the Centennial Dinner Saturday will include presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to a frater whose service to ΣAM has not dimmed in a half-century, plus there will be the Achievement Medal presentation to a frater whose face and voice will probably be familiar to every one.

*Note: By July 1, the 2008 Convention Foreword is to be published on the new Sigma Alpha Mu "Members Only" web page, which will allow fraters to look up other members, update their own membership information, find alumni clubs and more. The site is linked to the sam.org home page and may be accessed by clicking on "Members Only." (See page 13.) In July the Foreword is to be mailed to pre-registered Convention delegates and chartered alumni clubs. Fraters who wish may request the Foreword be mailed to them and may do so by contacting the Fraternity Headquarters directly.*

*The coupon below is for student registrants. Alumni registering for Alumni Day August 9, should make reservations through the ΣAM office in Indianapolis by calling 317-846-0600 or 888-369-9361. Alumni Day fee is \$90 per person which should be paid before July 15. Included are breakfast, lunch, business session, reception and dinner.*

## Friday, August 8

11:00 a.m. . . . . Registration begins  
2:30-3:00 p.m. . . . . Convention Welcome  
3:00-5:30 p.m. . . . . Educational Session  
5:30-6:15 p.m. . . . . Fleur-de-lis Society  
Reception (by invitation only)  
6:15-8:30 p.m. . . . . Sigma Alpha Mu  
Foundation Lawrence D.  
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Recognition Dinner  
8:30-11:00 p.m. . . . . Model Ritual/Colony &  
Interest Group Meeting

## Saturday, August 9

8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. . . . . Alumni Day  
8:00 -8:30 a.m. . . . . Breakfast  
8:30-11:30 a.m. . . . . Educational Sessions  
11:30-1:00 p.m. . . . . Lunch/Service Project  
1:30-6:00 p.m. . . . . Business Session  
6:00-7:00 p.m. . . . . Pre-Banquet Receptions  
7:00-10:00 p.m. . . . . ΣAM Foundation Banquet

## Sunday, August 10

8:45-10:15 a.m. . . . . Breakfast/Goal Setting  
10:15-12:00 p.m. . . . . Province Meetings  
12:15 p.m. . . . . Adjourn

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Per person, double . . . . . \$745

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When Sigma Alpha Mu reached its 75th anniversary in 1984, the ΣAM Foundation, founded in 1944, began in earnest to realize its reason for being. Since that time 2000 students, 98% of them fraters, have received some form of financial aid from the ΣAM Foundation to assist them with tuition and other college expenses. Of course it's not enough. Inflation works against endowed funds. Educational expenses go up constantly; college tuition increases outpace the cost of living. Universities have large endowments. Fraternities do not. We need to do more. But what we *have* done is dramatic. In 1972, the ΣAM Foundation offered two annual scholarships. There are now 129, as listed in the Spring '08 Octagonian. Now for the first time, we list here donors of scholarships, funded or being funded.

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### The Ira Lind Society

When the Founders were living, a Founders Banquet was held each fall in New York, at which they were honored. It was at such an affair that Fra Lind announced his intention to make a substantial gift to the Foundation; it was the first. It opened the door to the serving of ΣAM's educational needs. Alumni present at that dinner began to heed his urging as have hundreds since, a result Fra Lind had hoped for. When he passed away, a provision in his will doubled his earlier gift.

Generosity of alumni through the years has swelled the Foundation's capacity to serve its charitable and educational mission (see right). The 75th anniversary campaign of 1984 sharply increased the number of our scholarships for worthy and deserving fraters. Today the Centennial campaign is in progress, and the Foundation is now the primary financial repository of ΣAM. We expect to reach or exceed our \$5 million centennial goal, modest compared to some others but a necessary boost for our educational

*It is the mission of the Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation to support the educational interests and activities of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity, to furnish student aid, and to encourage and develop conduct and traits of character consistent with high morals, constructive citizenship, scholarship, leadership and community service. (Foundation Mission Statement)*

needs that constantly increase.

The effort to grow our educational foundation is in line with the movement of all fraternities, at a time when higher education costs continue to increase and in fact to outstrip the cost of living. While fraternities cannot bear the brunt of inflated academic needs, groups that cannot at least hold their own with the others will be left behind. Approaching our second century, we need to do more to assist our deserving younger brothers. That's why the Foundation exists.

We will not be left behind.

**Here's a late update. The Kansas City Centennial Brunch will take place at Plaza III in Leawood, Kansas at 11 A.M. on November 2, 2008.**

## A Centennial Thought Opportunities

ΣAM has the expertise and personnel to teach leadership skills, to instruct our undergraduate men in how to use the Fraternity as a learning tool. All college fraternities try to set before their younger brothers the myriad ways they can profit by their experience. That's what fraternities do, help their people and chapters to be better. Our young men have easy access to good advice. Sometimes they don't seek it, or didn't expect it, or weren't prepared for it. Then their chapters may be weak, small, ill-behaved, when they could be better. Missed opportunities.

Fraternities exist for the bene-

fit of their members—educational benefit, social benefit, cultural benefit, to teach the lifelong necessity and value of accommodation of personalities one to the other, so that men can appreciate that getting and giving should go hand in hand. If everyone takes and no one gives back, one cannot expect real growth and the ability to help the younger ones.

In the ΣAM century, young men have learned first what fraternity means, in growth and maturity, and how one prospers by his fraternity association.

Joining a fraternity is like sitting down to a banquet. Not to partake is to starve.

In this Centennial mood, it's a privilege to be present at the banquet.

## A New Study Says

### Giving Is Getting

Money can't buy happiness, it is often said. But according to a recent study at the University of British Columbia, that old saying may not be entirely so.

Scientists at the University have found a correlation between a person's happiness and the amount of money they give to others. Elizabeth Dunn, a psychologist at the university, wrote about those findings.

"Regardless of how much income each person made," Dunn said, "those who spent money on others reported greater happiness, while those who spent more on themselves did not."

While the exact reasoning may be unclear, one thing does appear to be fairly obvious. People really do get more satisfaction from helping others as opposed to funding their own needs.

## In Your Will

Should you wish to include the SAM Foundation in your will, the appropriate language may be as follows: "I give and bequeath to the Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation, Inc. the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_% of my residual estate) to be used for the following purposes (you specify them), or as the Foundation shall determine in pursuit of its educational purposes (you select)." The Foundation is a not-for-profit 501c (3) corporation, Federal Tax ID number is 13-6093817. If, as part of your Estate Planning, you are contemplating a form of charitable trust—such as a Charitable Remainder or other trust vehicle, the Foundation would be pleased to work with your professional advisors to create a plan that would be most beneficial to you, while also benefiting the Foundation. Please contact us if you are interested.

*If you have already remembered the Foundation in your will or through another instrument, or if you intend to do so, please contact the Foundation. We want to acknowledge your generosity and welcome you to membership in the Ira Lind Society.*

## Centennial Events

**Here is the latest information on cities and dates**

**Phoenix**, 8/11/07 (Held)  
**Lewisburg**, 10/20/07 (Held)  
**Atlanta** 2/20/08 (Held)  
**South Florida** 3/1/08 (Held)  
**Chicago** 8/9/08;  
**Cincinnati** 9/20/08;  
**Baltimore** 10/23/08;  
**Kansas City** 11/2/08;  
**Owensboro, KY** 4/25/09;  
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## OLD PHOTOS WANTED!



Vintage pictures like the one on the cover of this issue appear when we receive them but more of these are welcome. If you know descendants of ΣAM old-timers who might be able to help, please tell us and we'll contact them.

*Author's Note: This is the fourth in a ten-part series that attempts to give an overview of the development of Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity and the impact of historical events on the fraternity over its first ten decades.*

*This overview is not intended to be an all-encompassing history; that task I leave to others. Sources for this work include The Octagonian of Sigma Alpha Mu, ΣAM archives, historical interviews and "Going Greek: A Social History of Jewish College Fraternities in the United States", by Marianne Sanua, Ph.D.*

On the occasion of the Fraternity's 60th Anniversary in 1969 Executive Secretary Emeritus Jimmy Hammerstein penned "A Summary of Six Decades"; this is what he said about the 1940s:

*"December 7, 1941. Pearl Harbor! America followed Canada into war. Many deeds of bravery reported; countless purple hearts; 86 stars of gold (war dead). "Sammy will be here when you return." Return they did, older, wiser, more discerning. Never before, nor ever since, were Chapter homes so crowded, vibrant and exciting."*

Sigma Alpha Mu and the world entered the 1940s under the cloud of war. While the United States would not enter World War II until December of 1941, Europe and Asia were already two years into armed conflict and Canada was in it too, bringing many Canadian fraters into the battle. The first half of the 1940s would be defined by war and the second half defined by the men who returned from it.

Sigma Alpha Mu entered the 1940s with thirty-five chapters. Mu Beta at Alberta was the last chapter installed before the USA's entry in the war. The Fraternity was a maturing organization with members reaching the age where they were becoming prominent. Samuel A. Weiss, Pitt '21, was the first ΣAM elected to congress, Judge Louis Levinthal, Penn '14, was President of the Zionist Organization of America, and in 1945 Lawrence Spivak, Harvard '21, founded Meet the Press.

The 1940 Convention in Washington DC passed a resolution in support of fraters serving in the Canadian armed forces. The Octagonian would begin tracking fraters in the armed services with the April 1941 issue reporting 52, this number would

peak with over 1700 fraters known to be in the armed forces of the USA and Canada in 1943.

Japan's December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor launched the USA into World War II. Fra Ira Weill Jeffery, Minnesota '39, who died at Pearl Harbor, was the first frater killed in the war. Ensign Jeffery, a ΣAM Campus Star, was honored with a posthumous Citation for Valor for "distinguished devotion to duty and extraordinary courage." The USS Jeffery was the first US warship named for a Jew.

Sigma Alpha Mu, like all men's collegiate fraternities, would mobilize itself to support the war effort and many fraters joined the armed services. With the mobilization for the war effort, college Greek Life largely ceased with men going into the service or other war effort and chapter houses taken over by the armed services. Yet the fraternal bonds of friendship remained and may have been at their strongest as fraters found themselves fighting side by side. The Fraternity would make every effort to keep track of men in the service, serve as a communication link for soldiers to their homes and loved ones, and connect fraters serving near each other. Meeting in the chaotic weeks following Pearl Harbor, the 1941 St. Louis Convention voted to give the Octagon special emergency powers for the duration of the national emergency, and the Octagon would make the support of winning the war the focus of Fraternity operations. The Octagon moved quickly to mobilize the Fraternity's support of the war effort and Conventions were suspended until 1946.

The Octagon, with the support of the Endowment Fund, chapters and many fraters, launched a series of War Bond drives to raise needed funds for the war effort. At least five bond drives were spearheaded by the Fraternity in a four-year span. These drives funded production of a B-17 bomber, the "Spirit of Sigma Alpha Mu", an EVAC Hospital and there were other efforts important to the war effort. Sigma Zeta (Indiana) alone would raise \$47,178.50 in one bond drive.

## Eventful Decade 1940-49

According to Reuters news, Captain Henry G. Plitt, Syracuse '38, was the first American to

set foot on French soil on D-Day. Fra Plitt was a member of an airborne group and was wounded in action. Reading the "Chapter Eternal" published during the war is a sobering experience that brings great sadness for what was lost and great pride in what these and other fraters gave to the cause of freedom. The service rendered by fraternity men in World War Two deserves its own story. Our research indicates that at least 86 members of Sigma Alpha Mu gave their lives during the war; countless stories of heroism and fraternalism can be found.

During the war Sigma Alpha Mu continued its efforts to help Jewish students escape from Europe, though the full extent of the horrors of the Nazi efforts to exterminate Jews would not be known for several years. Sigma Alpha Mu and the other Jewish groups would sponsor and house dozens of Jewish students on campuses in the US and Canada.

While the Fraternity's focus was on the war effort and keeping fraters connected, the

Octagon would also look to the post-war era. It incorporated the Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation in 1944; the Foundation's early efforts would be to assist Fraternity veterans returning from war to go back to school. The Octagon monitored the impact of men returning from the service and how the make-up of chapters was influenced thereby.

The Allied victories over Germany and Japan in 1945 would lead to rapid demobilization of the armed forces and a huge influx of men to college campuses. In December 1946 Fort Worth, TX hosted the first post-war Sigma Alpha Mu Convention and the 250 delegates would learn that all chapters operating pre-Pearl Harbor had resumed operation, that after a ten-year dormant period Sigma Sigma chapter at Cal - Berkeley had reactivated and new chapters established at Case School of Technology (Mu Gamma), Louisville (Mu Delta), and Miami, FL (Mu Epsilon). Fraters would also be informed that under the stewardship of the Octagon, Endowment Fund, and newly created Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation, the financial resources of ΣAM had greatly expanded, with the Endowment Fund passing \$100,000 in assets

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## The "Spirit of Sigma Alpha Mu"



*This picture, which appeared in the summer 1944 Octagonian, is of a Boeing B-17, the famous Flying Fortress of World War II. Its name, emblazoned on the fuselage, was Spirit of Sigma Alpha Mu. It was paid for by U.S. War Bond purchases by fraters through the Fraternity's Third War Loan Drive. The B-17 was "quite an airplane for its day." By the time this photo appeared, the Fifth ΣAM War Loan Drive, conducted by alumni in New York, had already sold enough bonds to equip an evacuation hospital.*



# 1940s Refugee Program Revisited

## Three More Are Identified

At the 1935 Convention, ΣAM Chaplain Fra Rabbi Isserman reported on his two visits to Germany to investigate reported discrimination against its Jewish citizens and specifically denial to them of admission to German universities. The convention responded by resolving to help such victims as we could to obtain an education in North America.

Thus began our Refugee Program that started in 1936 and continued for a dozen years, as thousands of our fraters have become aware. Of all our communal projects, it was the most dramatic, some said "our finest hour." From time to time, The Octagonian has published information on those who were helped to emigrate by the Octagon and alumni and chapters, and of course the universities we recruited to help. We have reported on their activities and progress, especially those who became members of ΣAM but also others we were in touch with. (About half were initiated.)

Only weeks ago we reported on the death of Fra Tom Lantos (U. of Washington '50), the only Holocaust survivor to serve in the U.S. Congress and who became chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He was given aid and comfort and a home by Sigma Nu chapter and its alumni when he arrived in Seattle in 1948.

These refugees were largely talented, bright and studious. They were of course happy to be safe and to leave chaos behind them. Most who stayed behind wanted to emigrate but few could. The agencies screened prospective emigrants scrupulously. In a world depression no country wants people who might be a burden on its own. So refugees had to be sponsored, their solvency guaranteed, jobs of citizens protected from promising newcomers. Some were required to declare they would return home post-war. (None did.)

The refugees recommended to us showed great potential. As post-grads, the ones we could follow succeeded, made good lives, became engineers, scientists, professors, deans, public servants. One who was recommended in a letter from Albert Einstein, later published in the Octagonian, was hired by the U.S. Government just as soon as he became a naturalized citizen.

Not all of the refugees were German. One, who was from Austria, was a concentration camp survivor whose entire family was killed before his eyes. An outstanding student, he was working for his doctorate when, sadly, in 1952 he took his own life. Executive Secretary Jimmy Hammerstein met some of the refugees as they disembarked in New York and put them on trains to the chapters that awaited them.

One refugee was detained on arrival and Fra Hammerstein went to Ellis Island to get him cleared through immigration.

By the end of World War II, the Nazi plan to exterminate the Jews and others had resulted in the murder of millions, including six million Jews. Because of the scope and complexity of the Nazi plan, it was assumed more refugees had been aided by our people than we knew. So it is no surprise that that assumption is now verified, even 65 years later.

On May 19, 2008, Fra Raymond Turgel of our Manitoba chapter identified himself and two other fraters as having been helped to emigrate by the chapter and alumni. The Octagonian interviewed him and Hans Adler by telephone. The third frater, Peter Schurmann, died

two years ago. We have also spoken to the frater whose Winnipeg family helped to sponsor these men. He is Joseph Freed, alive and well at 93. There were other Winnipeg alumni involved whose identity is not now known. We are looking further into this and expect to have more to report.

Addenda are being added to our record of the Refugee Program in our archives, and the summary of the program is now being updated and will appear in one of the upcoming enlarged issues of The Octagonian marking the Centennial.

Fra Turgel's letter appears here.

May 19, 2008

(Written to Regional Governor Dan Grossberg of North Potomac, MD)

Dear Daniel,

Some time ago I noticed in The Octagonian that you were listed as a Regional Governor in the area I live in. There are not too many of my generation left who were Sigma Xi chapter members at University of Manitoba, as I was, from 1942 to 1946. I am writing to you because I owe a great deal to a group of alumni of Sigma Alpha Mu and would like to express my gratitude for their generosity.

In 1938, when I was 14 years old, I was sent from Berlin, Germany to a boarding school in England. (Fortunately my parents managed to escape from Germany soon after and settled in England during



Raymond Turgel  
(1943)

*"The ΣAM Refugee Program was a humanitarian effort like few in the annals of membership organizations."*

World War II). The school I attended in England happened to be near the Channel coast and in 1940 when a German invasion was anticipated and I had just turned 16, I was interned as an enemy alien. Ultimately, I was transported to internment camps in Canada.

In 1942 a Canadian Jewish committee negotiated with the Canadian government for the release of several internees in my age group. The condition for release was that a sponsor guaranteed the living expenses. This is where a group of Sigma Alpha Mu alumni in Winnipeg got together and decided to foot the bill for four of us in the internment camp. And that is how I landed in Winnipeg attending high school and then the University of Manitoba until graduating in 1946. While at the university we joined the local Sigma Alpha Mu chapter (Sigma Xi). I am still in touch with one of the fellow refugee students who now lives in Ottawa, Canada. While the alumni committee took care of our living and educational expenses, the Freed family in Winnipeg took a more personal interest in our life and we have kept in touch throughout the years.

After graduation in 1946, I was finally able to return to my family in England and pursue graduate studies at Birmingham University in England. I received a Ph.D. degree in physics, and returned to Canada working for the National Research Council, but ultimately settled in the United States first in New York City and then as a Physicist at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC where I worked for over 30 years.

I live in Potomac with my wife, have two married children and several grandchildren. Fortunately, we were able to support our children through university and will shortly assist some of the grandchildren on their way through a college education.

It is now time to return a long-overdue debt to Sigma Alpha Mu. I would like to attend the Centennial Dinner in Baltimore listed at the Woodholme Country Club and meet some of the members even if they are not of my generation.

I would also like to make an annual donation to benefit a student and frater of Sigma Alpha Mu in need of financial aid.

Sincerely yours,  
Ray Turgel

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Leon Benveniste, *Oregon*'46  
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Dave Friedman, *USC*'64  
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Michael J. Havdala, *Arizona St*'93  
David Lieberman, *Tulane*'95  
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Scott Rubinsky, *Texas*'07  
Michael S. Weiss, *Brooklyn*'93



*News & Notes About Alumni*

### Alpha-CCNY

**Marvin N. Kaphan, '49**, is the author of two chapters in the new book "101 Interventions in Group Therapy," written to be a source of ideas for psychotherapists from leading practitioners in the field; Fra Kaphan is a former president of the Group Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, he is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has worked in his field forty years, and has wide expertise especially in group psychotherapy but also in residential treatment, child guidance, play therapy and suicide prevention. He is an accomplished speaker, has taught at several Los Angeles area colleges and was field teacher for the U. of Southern California School of Social Work. His writings have been published in many professional journals including the American Journal of Psychiatry and the American Journal of Psychotherapy.

### Beta-Cornell

**Brett R. Nadler, '00**, is on the technical staff, Los Alamos National Laboratory, NM....  
**Dale L. Neaderhouser, '67**, is a scientific programmer in Katy, TX....  
**Andrew Needle, '74**, practices law in Miami, FL....  
**Matthew C. Sonfield, '64**, is a professor at Hofstra U.

### Eta-Syracuse

**Frank Nicoletti, '68**, practices law in Manhattan.

### Theta-Pennsylvania

**Dr. Robert C. Holub, '71**, veteran professor and dean at Cal-Berkeley, and recently academic vice chancellor at U. of Tennessee-Knoxville, has been appointed a chancellor of U. of Massachusetts at Amherst; Fra Holub has enjoyed a distinguished career as a chief academic officer at leading public universities....  
**Sander R. Gerber, '89**, was appointed by President Bush to the U.S. Honorary Delegation to the cel-

ebration in Jerusalem of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel....  
**Dr. Adam P. Nelson, '82**, practices medicine in Kentfield, CA....  
**Paul D. Nissenbaum, '72**, practices law in Somerville, MA.

### Kappa-Minnesota

**Barry J. Newman, '88**, is an attorney specializing in estate planning, in St. Louis Park, MN.

### Nu-Buffalo

**Ron A. Silver, '67**, was appointed by President Bush to the U.S. Honorary Delegation to the celebration in Jerusalem of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel.

### Omicron-Cincinnati

**Sanford E. Pomerantz, '62**, a member of the executive board of the St. Louis Jewish Community Center, has been inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame....  
**Hanno D. Mott, '55**, Past Supreme Prior of the Fraternity, Vice President of the SAM Foundation and a trustee of the SAM Endowment Fund, is a New York lawyer whose professional concentrations are in art law, international taxation and international private law; he is a member of the board of the American Friends of the Israel Museum as well as its vice president, and chair of the planned giving committee, member of the board and executive committee and chairman of the budget committee of the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan; he has been awarded an honorary fellowship by the Israel Museum....  
**Stanley M. Chesley, '58**, was appointed by President Bush to the U.S. Honorary Delegation to the celebration in Jerusalem of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel.

### Xi-M.I.T.

**Jeffrey D. Heller, '63**, of Berkeley, CA, who is president of the California Architects Board, is a partner in Heller-Manus Architects which is building a high rise office building in Shanghai.

### Rho-Illinois

**Dr. Mitchell D. Lirtzman, '73**, who testified before both houses of the Louisiana legislature to enact the Clean Indoor Air

Act, was named the Outstanding Advocate of the Year by the American Heart Association in Louisiana, and currently serves as State Director for Advocacy and Policy for the AHA; in Lafayette, LA, he was chief of staff at Southwest Medical Center where he now serves on the board of trustees....  
**Richard H. Schneider, '78**, was appointed by President Bush to the U.S. Honorary Delegation to the celebration in Jerusalem of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel....  
**Wayne L. Newman, '83**, is practicing law in Chicago....  
**William A. Nitekman, '03**, is an analyst with Accenture, Ltd., in Chicago....  
**Dr. Leslie A. Friedman, '74**, is a practicing neurologist, now living in Scottsdale, AZ.

### Phi-Washington U.

The Honorable **Sam Fox, '51**, was appointed by President Bush to the U.S. Honorary Delegation to the celebration in Jerusalem of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel....  
**Robert A. Nathin, '84**, is a corporate real estate broker in New Jersey....  
**Jay M. Newman, '74**, practices law in New York City.

### Psi-Pittsburgh

**Stewart M. Nacht, '99**, is a talent agent in Long Island.

### Omega-Toronto

**Harvey Naftolin, '58**, is an optometrist, in North York, Ontario....  
**Hartley R. Nathan, '60**, still practices law in Toronto....  
**Jerry M. Nesker, '69**, practices law in North York, Ontario.

### Sigma Beta-Ohio State

**Edward G. Levine, '06**, horticulturist, lectures and teaches part time at the Cleveland Botanical Garden....  
**Michael C. Hennenberg, '70**, has been selected for inclusion in the 2008 "Ohio Super Lawyers" magazine....  
**Leslie H. Wexner, '59**, was appointed by President Bush to the U.S. Honorary Delegation to the celebration in Jerusalem of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel....  
**Stephen M. Nechemias, '66**, practices tax law in Cincinnati....  
**Bryan Newman, '77**, is a financial analyst in Peoria, AZ....  
**Leonard M.**

**Newman, '82**, is an accountant in Plymouth, MN.

### Sigma Gamma-Tulane

**Lawrence J. Nachman, '59**, is a fitness consultant and author, in Charleston, SC....  
**Dr. Robert A. Nathan, '70**, is an allergist in Colorado Springs....  
**Jeffrey E. Nathanson, '00**, is a computer engineer in Chicago.

### Sigma Delta-Rutgers

**Richard M. Nierenberg, '58**, of Princeton Aero Corp., owner and operator of the Princeton, NJ airport, is believed to be the only frater ever to own an airport; the Princeton airport will soon celebrate its hundredth anniversary....  
**Mark A. Angelson, '72**, is the former CEO of R.R. Donnelly who led the effort that transformed the printing industry and created the world's largest provider of printing services; he has become chairman of MidOcean Partners, a New York and London-based private equity firm....  
**Dr. Larry M. Newman, '70**, is medical director and assistant professor at Temple U. School of Podiatric Medicine, in Philadelphia.

### Sigma Zeta-Indiana

**Dr. Neil Natkow, '68**, is CEO of PhyTrust in Sunrise, FL.

### Sigma Eta-Purdue

**David I. Fuente, '67**, is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Miami....  
**Ronald J. Nagel, '85**, is a standard and specification specialist with Rolls Royce in Indianapolis.

### Sigma Theta-Texas

The Fall '08 alumni reunion in Austin is scheduled for the weekend of October 25. See page 12 for early details....  
**Michael D. Rubin, '91**, has his own law practice in Dallas, TX primarily in the area of family law....  
**Adam B. Nisenson, '90**, is owner and graphic designer, Active Imagination, in Houston....  
**Michael D. Rosenberg, '93**, is president of Rosenberg Indoor Comfort in San Antonio, TX.

### Sigma Iota-Michigan

**Kenneth Bialkin, '51**, was appointed by President Bush to the U.S. Honorary Delegation to the celebration in Jerusalem of the 60th anniversary of the



State of Israel....**Lloyd M. Newman**, '56, is managing director of the Northwood Foundation in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

### **Sigma Kappa-Lehigh**

**Charles M. Newman**, '70, is a lawyer in New York, NY.

### **Sigma Omicron-Nebraska**

**Lawrence R. Namerow**, '74, is a science teacher in East Providence, RI.

### **Sigma Pi-UCLA**

**Joshua H. Rudnick**, '88, is a deputy city attorney for the City of Bakersfield, CA.

### **Sigma Sigma-UC/Berkeley**

**Dr. Mark V. Nadel**, '65, is associate commissioner, U.S. Social Security Administration, in Washington, DC....**Warren J. Naphtal**, '83, is an investment manager in Boston....**Jay D. Newman**, '69, is a principal at Los Angeles Business Capital, in Beverly Hills, CA.

### **Sigma Phi-Bucknell**

**Philip Roth**, '54, the celebrated novelist, has received the PEN/Nabokov Award for lifetime achievement, a prize which includes \$20,000; it was presented by the American chapter of PEN, the international literary organization....**Kenneth Bialkin**, '51, was appointed by President Bush to the U.S. Honorary Delegation to the celebration in Jerusalem of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel....**Phi V. Nguyen**, '98, is a software engineer in Piscataway, NJ.

### **Sigma Chi-Maryland**

**Jonas M. Nahoum**, '99, practices law in Newtown, CT....**Scott E. Nates**, '01, is an account executive for the Sloan Group, in New York.

### **Sigma Omega-N. C. State**

**Robert C. Naumann**, '68, is an architectural engineer in Boulder, CO....**William A. Neal**, '78, is in automotive sales in Norcross, GA....**Henry L. Needle**, '74, is a sales application engineer for GM Isuzu Commercial Truck, in Atlanta, GA....**Roy M. Neulicht**, '72, is senior research engineer for RTI International, in Raleigh, NC.

### **Mu Epsilon-Miami (FL)**

**Dr. Edward A. Dauer**, '72, is a

member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Miami.

### **Mu Eta-Drexel**

The Mu Eta classes of 1970-79 have planned a reunion for Saturday, September 13, 2008. Location is the Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill in Cherry Hill, NJ beginning at 3 PM. The event will include a reception and grand buffet. The reunion committee, now collecting advance reservations, invites email inquiries to Don Feigert, '75 (leemetal@aol.com), Mark Urbassik, '77, (murbassik@kure-sources.com) or Rob Volusher, '73, (watever211@comcast.net), or phone 724-457-8309. The committee is also pursuing other fraters who are temporarily "lost" so additional information is being sought on whereabouts of those you may know. Wives or other guests are welcome. This is going to be a blowout, we hear. Reservations have already been received from the far west....The Honorable **Earle I. Mack**, '59, was appointed by President Bush to the U.S. Honorary Delegation to the celebration in Jerusalem of the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel....**James L. Nester**, '87, is vice president for sales, Crawford Industrial Group, Telford, PA....**Richard A. Nicoll**, '61, is a lawyer in Margate, FL.

### **Mu Theta-USC**

**Brian A. Newman**, '74, practices law in Culver City, CA.

### **Mu Lambda-Penn State**

**Stephen L. Nitzberg**, '60, is a business advisor, in Los Angeles.

### **Mu Rho-Rochester**

**David J. Nagel**, '01, is a research technician at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY.

### **Mu Upsilon-Brooklyn**

**Dr. Aron P. Newfield**, '58, is an orthopedic surgeon in Ormond Beach, FL.

### **Mu Phi-LIU**

**Emery W. Nemeth**, '70, is a special investigator for the New York Attorney General.

### **Mu Chi-Michigan State**

**Ross A. Niskar**, '91, is vice president of Boulder Credit

Services, in Troy, MI.

### **Mu Psi-Miami (OH)**

**Hon. Brian M. Nemenoff**, '70, is presiding judge, Illinois Tenth Judicial Circuit, in Peoria....**Steven H. Newman**, '77, is in real estate management, in Fairlawn, OH.

### **Beta Beta-Ferris State**

**Stuart Sinai**, '63, was selected for inclusion in the "Michigan Super Lawyers" magazine for 2007.

### **Beta Gamma-Arizona**

**Craig A. Nochumson**, '92, is a regional vice president of Primerica in Arlington Heights, IL.

### **Beta Epsilon-Mass.**

**Albert H. Belsky**, '68, who has retired from the Office of Public Affairs of the U.S. Dept. of Labor, is now a public affairs consultant for professional associations in Washington, DC; he was recently profiled in Federal Computer Week magazine....**Lt. Col. (Ret.) Lee F. Kichen**, '70, is a veterans service officer for the VFW at the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in St. Petersburg, FL....**Joshua I. Neier**, '03, is staff accountant for Major League Soccer, in New York City.

### **Beta Eta-Cal St./Northridge**

**Dan J. Newman**, '89, is an income property specialist in Santa Monica, CA.

### **Beta Iota-Wisconsin**

**Steven D. Binder**, '93, is a writer-producer for the NCIS television show....**Michael W. Naiditch**, '86, is a sports agent in Chicago....**Robert Neumann**, '86, practices law in Chicago.

### **Beta Pi-Northwestern**

**Dr. Donald A. Sylvan**, '70, is president of the Jewish Educational Service of North America.

### **Beta Rho-Houston**

**Adam B. Nisenson**, '90, is owner and graphic designer, Active Imagination, in Houston.

### **Beta Sigma-North Texas**

Past Supreme Prior **Phillip I. Glauben**, '76, recently received the Outstanding Service Award of the U. of North

Texas at the UNT annual Alumni Awards Banquet; he is currently president of the school's alumni association, a member of the board of the Dallas Holocaust Museum, a past director of the Dallas chapter of B'nai B'rith, and he is chairman of the Education Committee of the ΣAM Foundation.

### **Gamma Theta-UC/Davis**

**Eric R. Foster**, '98, is account manager for GEM Mobile Treatment Services in Signal Hill, CA.

### **Gamma Lambda-N. Ill.**

**Joel T. Speakman**, '91, is Conference Sales Manager at Sunday River Resort and Conference Center in Newry, ME.

### **Gamma Pi-SUNY/Albany**

**Larren M. Nashelsky**, '88, practices law in New York City.

### **Gamma Rho-UC/San Diego**

**Jeremy J. Nathanson**, '99, is a mechanical engineer in San Clemente, CA....**Lon N. Nguyen**, '97, is a deputy sheriff in San Diego.

### **Gamma Sigma-SUNY/Binghamton**

**Gary J. Nachman**, '92, is a research analyst for Morgan Stanley in New York.

### **Delta Theta-SUNY/Stony Brook**

**Michael Napolitano**, '96, is a chiropractor in New York City.

### **Delta Iota-SUNY/Brockport**

**Jonathan M. Neveloff**, '93, is director of ad sales and business development for Hotels.com.

### **Delta Lambda-Delaware**

**Gregg F. Clyne**, '98, who died in 2006 of a rare form of cancer, is being memorialized with a foundation he himself requested be formed to help needy high school students. It is the Gregg F. Clyne Memorial Foundation, a 501c3 corporation qualified as a public charity; make contributions directly to the foundation at 567 Lawrence Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090 and or call George Clyne, 908-654-6349.

### **Delta Nu-Western Michigan**

**Gregory S. Newman**, '95, works in commercial real estate for The Beale Group in Southfield, MI.

# SAMMIES in the NEWS

## Renaissance Award Hillel Honors Wexner

On May 21, a blue-ribbon crowd of 600 saluted **Leslie H. Wexner**, *Ohio State '59*, with the second annual Renaissance Award of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. Fra Wexner is founder, chairman and CEO of Limited Brands. He is a lifelong supporter of Hillel and a philanthropist dedicated to excellence, leadership and community service throughout his business and his many charitable endeavors. Many worthwhile institutions bear his name. The Wexner Israel Fellowship Program, the Wexner Heritage Program, the Wexner Graduate Fellowship Program, the Harvard Center for Public Leadership—launched through a Wexner grant plus the Wexner Jewish Student Center at Ohio State. There are more. His legendary business success that began with his first Limited Store in Columbus was honored when he was awarded the Sigma Alpha Mu Achievement Medallion in 1991. A loyal member of Sigma Alpha Mu since 1955, his career has been closely followed by his fraternity brothers.

While Les Wexner's successes and his leadership have been most visible, he may be proudest of the fact that many people have followed his generous lead, his passionate support of his Jewish heritage, of education and of *alma mater*. He actively supports The Ohio State University in its own academic role and his leadership position at OSU is central to him.

Hillel's Renaissance Award goes to one "whose bold vision and transformative initiatives enrich the campus, the Jewish community, and the world." Les Wexner fits that criterion perfectly. His Fraternity is proud of him.



## A Theatrical Veteran Buff Shurr of Dallas

**Bernard J. Shurr**, *Maryland '50*, first began to earn his acting, dancing and directorial spurs as a very young man. He has kept at it ever since, in all forms and in many ways. After earning his theater degree at Maryland, he headed for New York and graduated there from the Neighborhood Playhouse School. Then ensued a remarkable career: a dozen Broadway and off-Broadway shows, television, the 1964 World's Fair, shows with the likes of Bob Hope, Ethel Merman, Hal Linden, Joel Grey, Ann Miller, Jerry Orbach, John Raitt. In an adventure which is still exciting, he has not escaped opera, musicals, playhouses, Shakespeare—nor did he want to. He is indeed a man for all seasons. And his shows earn multiple awards.

What's his secret? He has none, it seems. A Dallas producer calls him a "consummate director" who "pays great attention to detail and is involved in every aspect of production." He is a dedicated craftsman.

Though Fra Shurr's base is the Dallas-Fort Worth area, he works elsewhere too. In his stint with regional summer theatre, he often had four shows touring at the same time; the dinner theater company operated in Austin, Cincinnati, Columbus, Indianapolis and Atlanta. In Dallas since 1975, Buff is an acknowledged maven of community theatre. Recently the Dallas Morning News asked him for advice to aspiring actors. He said "do your homework", "stick it out", and "be thick-skinned." The star-struck had better listen, Buff Shurr knows his business.



## DREXEL

The Mu Eta classes of 1970-79 reunion will be September 13, 2008 at the Crown Plaza Cherry Hill in New Jersey. The event is scheduled to begin at 3 PM and feature a reception and grand buffet. Contact Don Feigert (leemetal@aol.com), or Mark Urbassik (murbassik@kure-sources.com) or Rob Volusher (watever211@comcast.net), or phone 724-457-8309. Wives or other guests welcome. (See Have You Heard.) According to the Octagon, Mu Eta reactivation effort is scheduled for the '08-'09 academic year.

## OREGON

Alumni of Sigma Tau chapter held a reunion June 1, 2008 in Portland. Some sixty alumni attended, from as far away as Tulsa and Los Angeles. One of the highlights of the reunion was the participation of Len "Ike" Donin, class of '34. Now a young 97, Donin, a baseball and basketball star for the Ducks, is the oldest living letterman. He was honored by the University when he was chosen to throw up the ball at a basketball game last season. Every frater in attendance recounted an episode in his experience as a Sammy at Oregon.

When the chapter disbanded in the sixties, chapter funds from the sale of the house were placed in an account and the proceeds designated for Hillel on the Oregon campus. So enjoyable was the event that there was unanimous sentiment to hold another in the near future.

Harry Glickman '48

## DELAWARE

Last January 10, Delta Lambda fraters gathered in the City of New York for the chapter's first reunion for alumni and undergrads. On the eve of Delta Lambda's tenth anniversary, Scott Silverstein and Craig Sendach, both '06 grads, attracted seventy fraters, and a

# REUNIONS

well-rounded group it was: 55 alumni and 15 undergrads including three new initiates. Scott and Craig decided to forego direct mail and email and make a more personal appeal, by telephone. They chose well, for the event was a success, and well attended for a young chapter. Sendach said the good turnout resulted from the "personal" contact of phone conversations.

Location was New York's midtown Appetito Restaurant, which happily agreed to close off its main dining room for the Sammies, it being a week night (and cold!). The co-chairmen reached back to the 1989 charter members, the word got around and the event "took on a life of its own" according to Fra Silverstein. After dinner there was a Good and Welfare, and no one wanted to leave. Plans for the next reunion are being discussed.

(We are reminded that the successful March 1 turnout for the South Florida Centennial luncheon was also the result of aggressive telephone contact.)

## TEXAS

The Sigma Theta alumni reunion next fall is set for the weekend of October 25, to be held in Austin. The early information is that there will be a bountiful opening buffet at the chapter house on Friday. The Saturday event will be at a hotel, and the time of the Saturday game with Oklahoma State—as soon as it is set—will guide the reunion dinner schedule that day. Farewell closing brunch will be back at the house. Also this will be the occasion for Leon Washington's "final" retirement and he says he really means it this time. Best guess is Leon is closing in on fifty years with Sigma Theta. More information on the weekend will go directly to alumni after final arrangements can be completed. Meantime, for details contact David Siegman (DAS21387@mail.utexas.edu).



# FROM YESTERYEAR....



Eleanor Roosevelt was Rho Chapter's guest in 1955 when Prior Merton Silbar, '56, arranged her appearance at the University of Illinois. Before her speaking engagement, the former First Lady and University officials had dinner at the chapter house, where the men of Rho serenaded Mrs. Roosevelt as "Sweetheart of Sigma Alpha Mu." (The unidentified lady was a member of the Roosevelt entourage.)

Up and Running!

## Members Only Website

Initiated members of the Fraternity may now access the Fraternity's membership database, post jobs, find mentoring opportunities and much more on the Fraternity's "Members Only" site. Members can set up a "login" by going to <http://members.sam.org/> or by hitting the "Members Only" link on the sam.org home page. If you have trouble logging in or signing up as a New User please email us at: [samhelp@cmsolutionsllc.org](mailto:samhelp@cmsolutionsllc.org).

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## The Golden Bronze Society

The ΣAM Foundation has this year added to its menu a voluntary annual appeal program for the undergraduate fraters. This custom has already been established by a number of college fraternities. It has even been suggested by some of our student members who want to begin now the tradition of giving. In this inaugural year, the response has been good, with scores of our young men volunteering to donate to the new program at its outset. Funds raised through the new society will be used to support Foundation educational programs and scholarships benefiting both undergraduate fraters and chapters....The program is to be a permanent one. Contributors receive a bronze tone lapel pin. Minimum donation is \$20.09 per frater per year. Higher amounts will be recognized, for which special mementos have been designed. The Golden Bronze refers to the bronze ΣAM coats of arms that once were owned by a number of chapters. New members of the Golden Bronze Society will also be recognized in The Octagonian.



## Our Creed

*"...To foster and maintain among its sons a spirit of fraternity, a spirit of mutual moral aid and support; to instil and maintain in the hearts of its sons love for and loyalty to Alma Mater and its ideals; to inculcate among its sons such ideals as will result in actions worthy of the highest precepts of true manhood, democracy, and humanity."*

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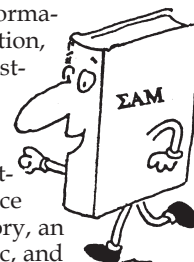
## New SAM Directory

*Find the old friends you  
promised you would  
never forget!*



Announcing Sigma Alpha Mu's upcoming new directory - some of you may have already received the emails asking you to update your membership information. If you have yet to receive communication, look for a postcard to be mailed soon requesting updated contact information.

Even if it has been years since you last made contact, you can still reconnect with long-lost friends. Sigma Alpha Mu has partnered with Harris Publishing, Inc. to produce the Centennial Edition Membership Directory, an invaluable resource with personal, academic, and business information on all fraters. Don't miss your chance to be included!



# Top Ten Recruiting Chapters

Here are the top recruiting chapters for 2007-2008. They are going for excellence!

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Sigma Zeta, Indiana	30
Sigma Iota, Michigan	30
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Beta Gamma, Arizona	27
Beta Psi, Virginia	26
Delta Zeta, Florida Int'l	26

## How To Kill A Chapter

Here is an actual quote from a report of a chapter. As a favor to the chapter, we have deleted the chapter designation. *"After much discussion (Blank) chapter decided to forego the recruitment process for the spring semester to maintain the excellence of the brotherhood."*

### Foundation Gifts

## Remembrance

Contributions to the ΣAM Foundation are accepted in memory of Sigma Alpha Mu fratres, family and friends, and also to honor living members. Suitable acknowledgements are sent. Contributions are made to the Sigma Alpha Mu Foundation, 9245 N. Meridian St., Suite 105, Indianapolis, IN 46260-1812. Gifts received (\$25 minimum) are used to further the Foundation's educational efforts on behalf of our student fratres.

### In Memory Of ...

**Sondra L. Breslauer**  
By M. Robert Breslauer

**Dr. Bernard Dash**  
By Mrs. Linda Dash

**Dr. Harold F. Goodman**  
By Bernard Goodman

**Judith Viero**  
By David S. Rice

### In Honor Of ...

**Alvin F. Goldenberg's 75th Birthday**  
By Joanne and Harry Glickman

**Sidney H. Guller** for his constant efforts  
on behalf of SAM  
By Harvey Shaynes

In appreciation of...  
**Kaki Garard's** 100th campaign efforts  
By Aaron Girson

## From Phoenix in '07

Here are a few written comments from convention delegates last year.

"Amazing first experience"

"Damn proud"

"Impressed by the verve and organization"

"Great convention"

"Makes me want to be even more involved."

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and the ΣAM Foundation boasting \$17,443 in donations from fratres. At the recommendation of the Octagon, its emergency powers were terminated and the traditional memorial service recognized fratres lost in the war.

The influx of men to campuses and chapters led to a boom in chapter size with chapters at Cincinnati, Illinois, Berkeley and Ohio State passing 100 members. The increase in chapter size would also lead to a boom in chapter housing projects with the 1945 - 1949 period seeing projects at campuses including Nebraska, SMU, Rutgers, Pitt, NC State, Oregon, Butler, Berkeley, Purdue and Lehigh.

In 1948 the Fraternity celebrated the establishment of the modern State of Israel and the Convention passed a resolution in commemoration of the historic event. Conventions in 1948 and 1949 expanded the Octagon to 12 members, created the nominating committee, approved moving the Convention to summertime, defeated proposals to create honorary membership, removed the restrictive clause and elected Jack Freeman, U. of Washington '30, as the first Supreme Prior from the west coast.

In November 1949 long-time employee Grace Bender celebrated her 25th anniversary on staff (she would not retire until 1969), Eta chapter at Syracuse won the 1949 Founders Cup, and the Fraternity ended the 1940s in strength, with a chapter roll of forty-eight and a high level of alumni and undergraduate activity.

A.M.G.



IN BRUSSELS at the U.S. Embassy are Phi alumni of Washington U. who traveled to Belgium for the birthday of Ambassador Sam Fox: Harvey Gershenson ('51) and wife Audrey, Harry Samuels ('52) and wife Flora, Jerry Levy ('51) and wife Elaine, Ambassador Fox ('51) and wife Marilyn, Elaine and Oscar Goldberg ('51), and Janice and Seymour Krout ('51).



AT WEST VIRGINIA U. are leaders of Epsilon Theta chapter, named Best on Campus; the four are Prior Sean Whelan, Matt Modansky, Adam Horn, and Recorder Bryan Yeaglin—they are flanked by IFC advisor Sam Madia, and Ron Justice, the Mayor of Morgantown, West Virginia.





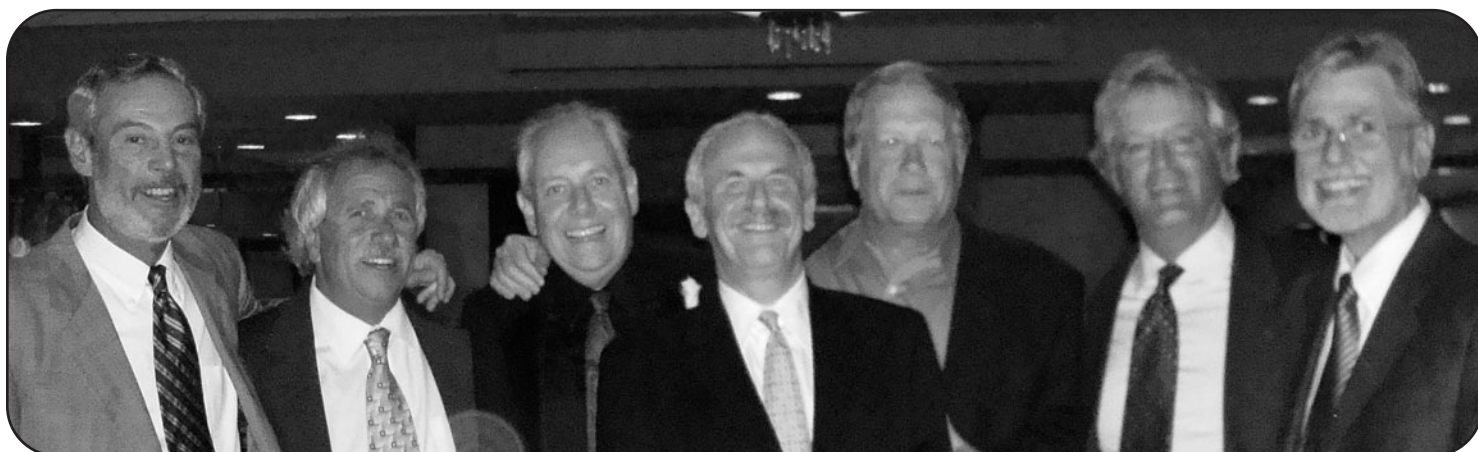
# SAMMY CAMERA



ARIZONA STATE Gamma Phi delegates at the Convention in Phoenix last year.



AT TEXAS A&M, the growing Gamma Kappa chapter poses on its adopted street in College Station, TX; the chapter copped 6 awards at the 2007 Convention. In the A&M fraternity system, it is #1 scholastically.



SIGMA ZETA men from '69 met at the wedding of Paul Uslan's daughter Cassandra last fall. They are Ed Dobrow, Bob Malman, proud father of the bride Paul Uslan, Steve Dann, Gene Teibloom, Mike Rose, and Mike Brodsky.



AT SOUTHERN CAL last March 30, Mu Theta chapter was reinstalled on the Los Angeles campus; pictured are the 22 neophytes and their installation team.

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## CHAPTERS NEED PROSPECTS IN THE FALL (& SPRING TOO)

### Where?

See the Chapter Roll on  
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## Chapter Eternal

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**Harold Buchwald,** Manitoba '48, was highly regarded by all. He and the Winnipeg firm he helped



**Harold Buchwald**

found were prominent in the practice of the law. His community leadership contributions were legion, involving all manner of communal interest: legal, patriotic, ethical, civic, medical, cultural, charitable, what The Octagonian once referred to as "nearly every phase of human endeavor." He was appointed to membership in the Order of Canada in recognition of his career and his services to others. Late in his life came establishment of the Harold Buchwald Lecture Series in Human Rights at his beloved Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In ΣAM, he was active in the 1950 and 1962 Winnipeg conventions, was chapter

advisor to his Sigma Xi chapter and a Regional Governor. Among those who survive him is his brother Martin, also of Sigma Xi. Bucky passed away April 17.

**Whitney J. Greenberg,** Indiana '42, was born in the back seat of a Jordan automobile in Akron, OH. He was a well-known merchant in Indianapolis and a loyal Sammy who served as chapter advisor of the old Mu Iota chapter at Butler. A decorated air force veteran of World War II, he brought back two Bronze Stars and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Among those who survive him is a Sammy, his son Bruce.

**Peter Schurmann,** Manitoba '46, who died in 2006, was one of the German refugees helped by Sigma Alpha Mu members and chapters. There were at least three of those who went to Winnipeg and became fraters of ΣAM, but this did not come to light until recently. (See page 7).

**Gordon E. (Buddy) Kopald,** Illinois '48, who died in March, was a popular and personable figure in the active and loyal mid-1940s group of Rho chapter whose reunions he faithfully attended.

**David Leventhal** (Syracuse '39)

**Dr. Philip C. Dragul** (Cincinnati '59)

**Robert P. Lipman** (Rutgers '35)

**Martin Perlman** (Texas '54)

**Gregg F. Clyne** (Delaware '01)

**Milton G. Druck** (Minn/U. of Wash. '39)

**Manuel Miller** (Dartmouth '33)

**Melvin H. Hurwitz** (Pitt '55)

**Dr. Robert A. Harris** (Miami-Ohio '78)

**Dr. Harold F. Goodman** (Indiana '46)

**Howard R. Ruvelson** (Minn. '52)

**Herbert R. Ginsberg** (Alabama '46)

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