

# The Sigma **TATTTLER**



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## Message from New Chapter President

My name is Kevin Gorman, and I recently have been elected to the position of chapter president. I currently am a junior in Industrial Engineering and was the vice president of the chapter last year. I also served on the IFC judicial board for one year. As president, I plan on continuing the excellent leadership of my predecessors and upholding Theta Chi's name on campus. In this article, I will inform you of a few of my goals and aspirations for the following year.

This year, the chapter has a pledge class of 26 men, and I must admit that it is one of the most impressive classes that has come through this fraternity. These men are great leaders and I am confident they will do great things for this chapter. I have made it one of my personal goals to increase campus participation among this class by stressing the advantages and importance of Greek involvement to the individual and our chapter. I feel that Greek involvement on campus is key in building good rapport with the community. This also ties in with sponsoring more community service events and putting on philanthropies — both are excellent ways of establishing good public relations.

Another goal I have is to improve rush activities during the summer. I have decided to live in the house over the summer so that I may work closely with the rush chairman to increase the undergraduates' participation in rush events. The main problem I've seen in the past is planning great rush functions, only to have a handful of undergraduates attend. Rush has become so competitive that we simply cannot afford to have this continue. I propose having a set amount of mandatory events to participate in, and fines will be assessed to those who do not attend without giving prior notice.

I would like to hear any suggestions that you may have. I know that many alumni would like to be more involved with the chapter, but cannot find a way to help out other than financially. Here's your chance — I can be reached at (503) 753-0779, or write to me at 361 NW 26th St., Corvallis, OR 97330. Thank you for your time. Fraternaly yours, — *Kevin Gorman*

## Alumni Relations Report

Well, it's about time I turned out one of these newsletters. I apologize for not getting one out sooner, but the funds needed to produce the newsletter have been very low. This *Tattler* will attempt to briefly recap the last four months and point to future events.

As you probably have noticed, there has been a changing of the guard in the top executive positions. The new guys are eager and extremely capable. As far as events go, be expecting a super-telefund in the first week of April. This will be an activity designed to raise funds for the chapter, as well as give current information on upcoming chapter and alumni activities. Alumni Golf Weekend is again in the works; expect that around mid-May.

Thanks again for all the alumni support during Homecoming Weekend — it definitely was a good time. Congrats are due to Jim Dwyre and his new bride, who were married on the same day as Homecoming. Nice timing, Jim!

I encourage anyone who has any suggestions or would like to submit an article, voice an opinion, or make an announcement, to submit their news to the *Tattler*. If you have any other questions, feel free to call me at (503) 753-6056 or write to me at 607 NW 26th St., Corvallis, OR 97330. — *Greg Lemhouse*

## Outgoing President's Message

I'm just finishing up my year in office and I have enjoyed holding this position. I will continue to contribute to our chapter as many of you have and still do. Being president, I have worked closely with the alumni corporation. These alumni have shown great pride in our chapter by taking time out of their busy schedules to help out the undergraduates. They currently are involved with remodeling the exterior structure of the chapter house. This is my third year in the house, and again Alumni Weekend in the fall was a great success. I thank all of those who attended and hope to see all of you again next time.

The year has proceeded at an astounding pace as most college years do. The fraternity has taken great strides to adopt a more pleasant environment for everyone and this has proven successful as we have picked up four informal rushees this winter term alone. This is more than any other chapter on campus.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next alumni function in the spring. If you are ever near Corvallis, please stop by and give the chapter a visit! Fraternaly yours, — *David Sheehan*



Pictured here is an old photo of Curt Carroll ['86-1167] as he enjoys the warm sun — Rick Stockwell ['88-1205] and Earl Freepons ['88-1203] admire Curt's dressing style.

# Mystery Photos!



Whoa! Look at these jive turkeys! Who are these people? If anyone can identify these brothers, please let us know!

***Pledge  
Class of  
1979 — Let  
Us Know  
What You  
Are Up to  
These Days!***



## Alumnus Al Evans Takes Job in Hawaii

(Note: This article first appeared in Science Education, a newsletter published by the Curriculum Research & Development Group (CRDG) at the University of Hawaii.) Al now lives at 4711-B Matsonia Dr., Honolulu, HI 96816.

Albert T. Evans, '73-899, is the new director of dissemination of CRDG's science programs: Hawaii Marine Science Study (HMSS), Foundational Approaches in Science Teaching (FAST), and Developmental Approaches in Science and Health (DASH). He also is developing a dissemination model that will be used for other CRDG programs.

Before joining CRDG, Al was an assistant professor of science education at Eastern Washington University, where he taught methods courses in elementary science and social studies and directed the DASH consortium. Enticed by the warm weather and the challenge of working with exemplary programs, he joined the CRDG team in January.

Al earned his bachelor's degree in general science with minors in biology and education at Oregon State University. He received a Master's in Science Education from the University of Florida. He has completed course work for a doctorate in science education and is working on his dissertation.

## Alumni Spotlight —

### Oliver W. Miller, '32-185

Oliver writes, "I hope Sigma Chapter receives the Alter Award — you are most deserving!" Below is a brief version of his "Summary of Key Career Duties."

#### Col. Oliver W. Miller, USAF Retired

- 1934 *Commissioned 2nd Lt. US Army Air Forces*
- 1940-42 *Communications Officer, 17th Bomb Group, McChord AFB; 1941, 17th Bomb Group Maneuvers, Pearl Harbor*
- 1942-43 *Communications Officer, Hdq. 309th Bomb Group, Columbia, SC, attended Harvard/MIT*
- 1943-44 *Communications Officer, Hdq. 344th Bomb Group, Iceland (WWII); Communications Inspector, Iceland*
- 1944-47 *Sup. & Exec. Officer, Radar Training School, Boca Raton, FL, and combined Chanute, Boca Raton & Keesler*
- 1948 *Chief of Documentation, 3-atomic tests, "Project Sandstone," photo towers, Joint Task Force #7*
- 1948-50 *Monitor for Tech. Training, Hdq., AF Training Command, Scott AFB, and Chief Weather & Atomic Energy Division*
- 1950-52 *Chief Electronics Division, Hdq. Far East, Tokyo, Japan, and Director of Communications*
- 1953-56 *AF Coordinator, Communications & Electronics, Hdq. Pentagon, and Plans & Policies, JCEC*
- 1957-60 *Director of Electronics, North American Defense Command*
- 1960 *Retired from the Air Force after 26 years*
- 1960-75 *Corporate Planner, GTE/Sylvania*

Vernon F. Hanscam, '38-210, passed away June 19, 1993.

Kenneth T. Otto, '47-461, passed away in June 1993, according to his wife, Lucille. He had been a resident of Portland, Oregon.

John N. Caspar, '51-542, of Clayton, California, passed away Easter Sunday, April 11, 1993.

John M. Beckley, '55-598, passed away December 11, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Carol (AΦ, OSU), and sons Steve, Tim, and Mike. John was a rancher in the Elkton, Oregon, area, where his wife continues to reside.

## Tattle Tales

Carol O. Youngstrom, '25-110, is retired — he formerly worked for the University of Idaho Agricultural Extension Service. He and his wife, Betty (KKΓ), live at 1005 S. Owyhee, Boise, ID 83705. They have two children, Robert and Mary. Carol is involved with Kiwanis, Shriners, and the Idaho Senior Citizen Lobby Board of Directors. He adds, "I also enjoy golf, fly fishing, and some politics. Betty and I were in Corvallis for the Golden Jubilee Reunion of the class of '28 on June 5. We didn't see any other Theta Chi brothers. We stopped by the chapter house and met a few of the undergraduates — they were studying for finals."

Marvin L. Fisher, '26-125, writes, "I was sorry to hear about Don Hartung ['24-96] who recently passed away, and Edwin Stastny ['35-221] who suffered a stroke. I saw Frank Dedman ['29-159] and his wife at a dance on March 27. I've been enjoying card playing, traveling, cruises, and golf." Marv retired in 1968 from the Los Rios Junior College District, and lives at 2310 N. Manor Dr., Sacramento, CA 95822. He has two children, Gordon (56) and Sandra (52).

Frank W. Dedman, '29-159, also is retired, and lives with his wife, Helen (AΦ, U of OR), at 847 Commons Dr., Sacramento, CA 95825. They have three children, William (53), Margaret (48), and Gail (45). Says Frank, "I enjoyed my 60th class reunion last year. Sorry to hear of the loss of two Theta Chis of my class during the past year — Howard Merrill ['29-155] and Lee Hunt ['29-154]. I turned 86 as of August 23 — still going!"

Steven J. Eyman, '41-299, a farmer, and his wife, Dorothy (ΔΔ, '44), live at 9718 S. Barnards Rd., Canby, OR 97013. They have three children, Jon, Paul, and Nancy.

Robert L. Kruse, '41-309, has a new address, 6460 Fairway View Blvd. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33707. Bob is a retired US Air Force officer (meteorologist) and has owned farms in Oregon and Wisconsin. He adds, "I fish and hunt — I've been the Chicago representative to the International Lightweight Fishing Tournament for the last 25 years. I do most of my hunting in Oregon. I still enjoy playing golf and have been sailing my yacht, Genie." Bob founded AAMED Medical of Chicago, Rent-A-Tech (Temporary Respiratory Therapists registry), MED (Medical Equipment Distributors rehabilitation equipment), and AARC (American Association of Respiratory Therapists).

Jack D. Saubert, '46-451, writes, "I have returned to my birthplace — Florence, Oregon. I have a boat and have been fishing salmon at sea, but a recent heart attack may have put a crimp in it." Jack now lives at 1601-507 Rhododendron Dr., Florence, OR 97439, with his wife, Bobbie. They have two daughters, Joan and Jean.

Ellsworth D. Purdy, '47-458, of 2848 NW 11th Ave., Camas, WA 98607, writes, "I enjoyed reading the comments from Chuck Boyden ['42-357]. Our Medford funeral home/cemetery operation does business with his brother, Mark Boyden ['43-368], a top-notch surveyor in Medford. Both Boydens were outstanding Sigma Chapter men. I trust the Building Fund is beginning to grow and the objectives are being met. While the appearance of the chapter house exterior looks like a fortress, I remember well the constant maintenance requirements even back in the days over 45 years ago. Keep up the good work!"

Bertram M. Tonkin, '48-483, and his wife, Mary Ann (Mills College), make their home at 268 Lombard St., San Francisco, CA 94133. They have twin daughters, Wendy and Jill, 34. Bert has been president of Western Exhibitors, Inc., since 1953. He

## Obituaries

William F. Forrest, '29-162, has passed away, according to a notice received by the alumni office. He had been a resident of Eugene, Oregon.

William Donald, '32-191, of Portland, Oregon, passed away on August 23, 1992, according to a notice received from his daughter.

adds, "I manage some of the largest trade shows in San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle. I get to travel a lot as we have exhibitors and buyers in the shows from all over the world! I also enjoy the Merced Country Club, and am involved with the Concordia-Argonaut Club, Big Brothers of San Francisco, and the International Association of Exposition Managers."

**Charles D. Mosher, '62-722**, is a federal auditor with the General Accounting Office, and adds, "I recently was elected vice-chairman of the Bellevue, Washington, Planning Commission. In addition, for 1993, I am the national president of the American Water Resources Association, a 4,000-member professional association." Chuck and his wife, Betty (ΔΔΔ), live at 4730 154th Pl. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006. They have three children, Jeffrey (21), Jason (18), and Janelle (11), and one granddaughter.

**Mike L. Hornbeck, '64-748**, writes, "I sold my business January 1, 1993 — now it's travel, boating, and golf. I've got lots of time, so if anyone is in the area, please stop by." Mike and his wife, Susan, make their home at 3009 Eldorado Dr., Medford, OR 97504.

**Stephen B. Jolley, '66-784**, and his wife, Robin, live at 244 Grant St., Lake Wales, FL 33853. Says Stephen, "I married Robin — a Florida girl — in October 1992. I finished two years of coaching in Qatar, and now have a new job in Kuwait."

**Greg A. Aldridge, '71-865**, writes, "I'm finishing my seventh year at Flowery Elementary in California's wine country. We received our second California Distinguished School Award this year. It's quite an honor to be in the state's top three percent. I still play music. The current project, AFM (Anything For Money), has former members of Bananarama and Tom Jones. We play old Motown, soul, and funky dance material. I write a record review column for the local paper, and ride my Harley-Davidson in my spare time. Good to hear from **Albert Evans ['73-899]** and **June Morris**, our former housemother." "Grog" lives at 227 Granada Pl., Santa Rosa, CA 95409, and adds, "I'm single again!"

**Roger E. Tipley, '78-987**, of 11611 Laneview Dr., Houston, TX 77070, writes, "I'm managing a small research and development group now — Compaq Computer's Desktop PC Strategic

Technology — but I still get to be an engineer too." He and his wife, Laurie (ΑΟΠ, OSU), have three children, Geoff (9), Kyle (7), and Katie (5).

**Jeffrey P. Ryman, '80-1028**, a captain in the Marine Corps, writes, "After eight years in southern California we made this big move to Japan. I get to fly VIPs all over the Orient. My goal is to be fluent in Japanese, to add to my MBA from Pepperdine. I may be back in the Northwest in two or three years." "Chief" and his wife, Winn (ΑΟΠ), have two children Lexi (3) and newborn Rexford. The family can be reached via PSC 561, Box 0999, FPO AP 96310.

**James L. Grant, '83-1087**, a pilot with the US Navy, has a new address, 8548 Chadwell Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32244. "The General" and his wife, Heidi (ΘX court member), have a one-year-old daughter, Brittany. Adds James, "I haven't been in contact with many brothers lately except **Scott Hamersly ['83-1097]** who came out to visit with his wife, Joell. I've been away from home quite a bit with work — went to the Persian Gulf at the end of the war — fueling off the USS Eisenhower. Recently my squadron sent me to Navy Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun) in Miramar, where I missed **John Gremmels ['84-1115]** by a month after he left for instructor duty in Corvallis. Next up is a medical cruise on the USS George Washington."

**Todd A. Hamilton, '86-1156**, also has a new address, 3211 SE 23rd, Portland, OR 97202. He has been working for SEH America as a development engineer for the past three years. He adds, "My wife, Nora (ΔΔΔ, OSU), and I got married in April 1993 (80 percent of the groomsmen were brothers!). We bought a house in southeast Portland — old, but in perfect shape. We've been having a great time painting and fixing little things. I also enjoy bicycling, tinkering with vintage Volkswagens, and brewing beer — sometimes I'm the only one who'll drink it. Say 'hi' to the brothers!"

**Michael S. Gorman, '86-1162**, writes, "I finally got out of Medford. I'm working for Anaquest, an anesthesia company, selling vaporizers and gas anesthesia. We're based out of Spokane, with territories covering eastern Oregon, Idaho, western Montana, eastern Washington, and half of Seattle." Michael receives mail at PO Box 639, Spokane, WA 99210.

## 1993 Honor Roll of Contributors

Congratulations, Theta Chi! Your continuing financial support has resulted in contributions totaling \$4,160 via the 1993 alumni communications program and to the Building Fund. Thank you to each of the 94 brothers who gave so generously. We invite all brothers to send a donation in 1994 — your continued support is very important!

Name	Init.	Yr. & No.							
Paul K. Richardson	19	54	Richard M. Thurin	48	475	Bradley D. Hagedorn	70	850	
Carol O. Youngstrom	25	110	John A. Ielmini	48	481	Gordon P. Currie	71	864	
Marvin L. Fisher	26	125	Bertram M. Tonkin	48	483	Gregory A. Aldridge	71	865	
Fred S. Winters	28	144	Paul C. Buhler	48	488	Brian N. Sommer	71	867	
Gustav O. Ciliax, Jr.	28	147	Joseph J. Merchep	48	495	Peter P. Hillman	71	870	
Ralph G. Ciliax	29	151	Oliver L. Grimes	49	502	Gregory A. Parrott	73	891	
Frank W. Dedman	29	159	Curtis R. Richmond	50	521	Albert T. Evans	73	899	
Curtis C. Tigard	29	160	John N. Caspar	<i>in memoriam</i>	51	542	Michael P. Vahl	76	959
Oliver W. Miller	32	185	Jack Pratt		53	561	David J. Nitsch	76	961
Arnold Z. Greenlaw	32	187	Charles E. Carlbom		54	577	Jeffrey A. Woodside	78	986
Raymond W. deLancey	32	196	David F. Harra		54	581	Roger E. Tipley	78	987
Louis P. Hanson	33	206	George H. Caspar		54	585	James A. Murphy	79	1001
Edwin J. Stastny	35	221	John M. Beckley	<i>in memoriam</i>	55	598	Gordon C. Root	80	1018
Frank H. Allhands, Jr.	36	230	Ken S. Hessel		58	654	W. Louis Peterson	80	1031
Robert W. Jensen	37	240	Jack I. Hamilton		58	662	Kevin P. Carbin, Jr.	81	1037
John C. Plankinton	37	244	William A. Lamb		58	667	Kenneth W. Johnson	81	1042
Hollis D. Brown	39	268	James W. McKune		61	705	Michael L. Owen	81	1047
Jack P. Martin	40	273	Dwight J. Matson		62	719	George B. Ament	82	1063
Herbert T. Osborne	40	288	Robert G. Nelson		62	721	James L. Grant	83	1087
Steven J. Eyman	41	299	Charles D. Mosher		62	722	John P. Kiefer II	83	1092
Robert L. Kruse	41	309	Kirby W. Schwinck		63	725	Scott W. Hamersly	83	1097
David M. Rockwood	42	339	Steven L. Senders		63	732	Jeffrey M. Bettendorf	84	1112
Lanar H. Coverstone	43	374	Richard E. Cancilla		63	738	Timothy F. Sheerin	84	1113
Marion B. Caster	45	410	Michael L. Hornbeck		64	748	Kenneth L. Osborn	85	1137
Arnold F. Peterson	45	411	Verlin R. Rhoades		64	758	Darin R. Loesch	86	1155
Alvin B. Friedrich	45	412	J. Gregory Bradsher		65	769	Todd A. Hamilton	86	1156
Jack D. Saubert	46	451	Darryl L. Stockton		66	776	Mark A. Marxer	86	1159
John C. O'Brien	47	452	Terry S. Rosenau		66	780	Michael S. Gorman	86	1162
Ellsworth D. Purdy	47	458	Steven E. Wall		66	781	Mark B. Schaffer	86	1163
Fred E. Harem	47	459	Stephen B. Jolley		66	784	David C. Ogden	88	1200
Edward J. Campbell	48	471	Robert C. Byrne		69	834	Craig A. Keudell	89	1224
			Thomas S. Jackson		70	848			