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Reunion 2015: All Greek Weekend, June 6th-7th

Letter from the Editor

Hi Bros and Friends,

I must start out thanking **Tracy Gagnier** and **Ronna Bosko** of the **Alumni Relations Center** and the rest of their staff for their planning of this wonderful weekend! The events were carefully organized and proved to be most entertaining, particularly the All Alumni Quad Party, The Center Street Block Party and the Disco Party at the Statesman (formerly the M&B in my day). Everyone says they had a great time at these college sponsored events.



A thank you goes to **Billy Manza (Pledged '88, Class of '90)** for making arrangements for the Sig Tau Party at Club 41. It provided a great opportunity to meet all the attending Sig Taus.

MOST IMPORTANT! I can't miss this opportunity to thank **John Hopf (Pledged '69, Class of '70)** and **Gidget Hopf (Class of '72)** for their third and sad to say last Geneseo House Party and their great generosity and hospitality. Their food has always been delicious and the booze has flowed endlessly. They will be moving to their new home in the Catskills in the coming year. *(See Gidget's letter later in the Newsletter.)*

The highlight at the Hopfs was the reuniting of the **Sig Tau Legends (a.k.a. ZT Legends)** a Sig Tau fraternity band that performed in the late 60's and early 70's in Geneseo. Thanks to the following members for their great entertainment: **Frank "Paco" Maier (Pledged '69, Class of '71)**, **Mikey Kohlhas (Pledged '70, Class of '72)**, **Mooney (Tom) (Pledged '68, Class of '71)**, **Enzio (Peter) Massari (Pledged '69, Class of '71)** and **John Hopf (Pledged '69, Class of '70)**. These guys planned all year for this performance. It paid off! You guys were you were terrific!

The Sig Tau Golf Tournament was Great fun! More than a dozen Sig Taus and some wives participated in this event. Special thanks goes to **Pete Massari** and **Doug Dixon (Pledged '68, Class of '71)** for their excellent planning.

I would also like to thank the people who contributed articles to this Newsletter, particularly **Tom DeBello (Founder '63, Class of '65)** and **Bruce Jordan (Founder '63, Class of '65)**, **Doug**

Dixon (Pledged '68, Class of '71) and Al "Smitty" Smith (Pledged '69, Class of '72) and John Leck (Pledged '69, Class of '72).

Those who submitted **Bios and Favorite Geneseo Memories**, and **Reunion 2015 Memories** also deserve a big pat on the back. *(See by lines in upcoming Bios/Favorite Geneseo Memories and Reunion 2015 Memories)*

I would like to thank the many who contributed pictures of **Reunion 2015 and Memories: The Way We Were** for the Sig Tau Alumni and Friends Picture Gallery. Those that come to mind are **Pete Massari, David Swain (Pledged ?, Class of '95), Kevin Foody (Pledged '88, Class of '91) and John Leck (Pledged '69, Class of '72)**. Please excuse me if I left anyone out. Special thanks to **Joanne Monkelbaan Case (Class of '90)** for her treasure trove of pictures from the 90's era. *(More about those sites later in the Newsletter.)*

Our Webmaster **Dave Mead (Pledged '65, Class of '68)** and I will continue to keep you posted on events and any news through our websites and emails but this may well be the last Newsletter for several years--the Newsletter only comes out every two or three years. Beginning my seventh decade I may not always have the good health, energy, patience and enthusiasm that is necessary to make a good, informative Newsletter. And member participation and enthusiasm may be dwindling. It seems to be always the same people who choose to contribute. But we'll see.

I would appreciate any comments or suggestions regarding this Newsletter.

Stay safe and well,

Chuck Curatala

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.....Now onto Reunion 2015 Memories

Rich Romito (Pledged '88, Class of '90).....The 2015 reunion: hats off to **Tracy Gagnier** and her crew for pulling off an awesome event. The block party by far was the highlight of the weekend. It was as close as you can get to the 2013 Sig Tau gathering in the IB and the way that night ended in being circle up on the dance floor singing Piano man.... The block party allowed old faces, new faces, enemy faces,(I actually spoke to a DK) acquaintances and everyone in between, the opportunity to all just get along and chill from the everyday hassles of life in general. Tents, sun, beer, food and new memories being made. (Just look at some photo booth pictures on the website. Picture is worth a 1000 words)

The closing act at the Statesmen really signifies the changes that have taken place over the past 25 years. I say that because I never made it to the Statesmen while at Geneseo. Seeing **Doug Percival (Pledged '86, Class of '89)** and **Billy Manza (Pledged '86, Class of '90)** (oops my fault Billy didn't make it) up on the Statesmen version of a dance floor stage, with the whole AGO crew, did encourage flashbacks of the good old days. BTW the AGO's are aging very well. All in all a great event, with the good ole Sig Tau Boyz.

Until we meet again, stay safe and enjoy.

Al "Smitty" Smith (Pledged '69, Class of '72).....Good morning, Chuck.....Thanks for the reminder and I thought that I would sit myself down and see if my short-term memory is still functional. In regards to the All-Greek Reunion that was held on June 5th and 6th, it is always great to see former brothers, meet some of the younger brothers and additionally to see other non-Sig Taus that I haven't see in many, many years. It was especially good to see **John Leck (Pledged '69, Class of '72)**; who my wife and I haven't seen since our wedding in July, 1973. John still looks the same, sounds the same and has a very lovely wife, Linda, who seemed to enjoy herself amongst the brothers who were in attendance. The girl knows how to drink with the best of them. The Sig Tau band (a.k.a. Zig Tau Legends) definitely enjoyed themselves and their music wasn't all that bad. **Frank "Paco" Maier (Pledged '69, Class of '71)** does have a very good voice as he belted out some of the classics from the '60s and early '70s.

I was quite impressed with the turnout of DKs for this event. Not that I knew a substantial number of them, always good to see Jim Sheehan and Pete Kecorius. I think that the DKs must have had us outnumbered by at least a margin of 10-1. This made me reflect a bit and wonder why more brothers of Sig Tau; especially those who live or at one time lived in the greater Rochester/Buffalo areas, cannot find the time to at least stop in and say "Hello" to those in attendance. I realize that our lives change and other obligations; both known and unknown, assume greater precedence, but when the reunions are announced so far in advance, it does make one wonder.

I think my wife, Pat, said it best as we arrived in Geneseo before noon on the 5th. "Whenever we return to Geneseo, it seems as though we are coming home and a wave of peace comes over me." (Picture: Al and Patty and Family)

This was the last reunion that **John (Pledged '69, Class of '70) and Gidget (Class of '72) Hopf** will be hosting at their home in Geneseo as I expect that by next year they will have moved to their new home in the Catskills; somewhere north-northeast of Roscoe, NY. John and Gidget have graciously opened their home for many reunions and for those of us who have attended; whether it is once or many times, we owe them many thanks and a sincere debt of gratitude for their hospitality. It may have been most fitting that the Sig Tau Band reunited for the first time in 45 years to help send the Hopf's into a new adventure in their lives.

Thanks, again, for all of your and **Dave Mead's (Pledged '65, Class of '68)** efforts. It is now almost 12:30 as I was pleasantly interrupted by a phone call from **Tom "Moonzo" Mooney (Pledged '68, Class of '71)**.

Dear **John (Pledged '69, Class of '70) and Gidget Hopf (Class of '72)**....We've only met once....at your lovely home in Geneseo after some Sig Tau event...but I just wanted to say what enthusiastic and GENEROUS supporters you've been of Sig Tau. Your two names appear in Charles' newsletter more than anyone else. I'm sure you'll miss Geneseo (it's always been a secret treasure to me, filled with wonderful memories) but good luck in the Catskills. That's also a pretty magical place. Thanks for hosting so many nice parties. All the best...**Bruce Jordan (Founder '63, Class of '66)**

Reflections from a Sig Tau Wife **Gidget Hopf (Class of '72)** on 2015 Greek Reunion.....As I walked and talked among our Sig Tau brothers and spouses during the reunion party at our house, I was struck with the warmth and camaraderie that still exists after 40 years. In one case, **John Leck (Pledged '69, Class of '72)** made his first appearance in Geneseo since graduation. He and his lovely wife Linda, who we'd never met, joined in like they had always been part of the group. There was so much joy among us; we have been blessed with great friends, jobs, children, grandchildren, travel, and wonderful memories. There has been sadness too among us, and hopefully our fraternity of friendship and caring provides a buffer for the worst of those feelings.

The Sig Tau Band (a.k.a. Zig Tau Legends) was truly a hit and I even enjoyed the timeless bickering among them that is reminiscent of earlier days. Whatever the slight complaints were among them, they sounded great. And I got a kick out of the months of correspondence through emails about which songs they'd play. These guys truly took it seriously and put on a great show for us. **Frank "Paco" Maier (Pledged '69, Class of '71), Mikey Kohlhas (Pledged '70, Class of '72), Mooney (Tom) (Pledged '68, Class of '71), Enzo (Peter) Massari (Pledged '69, Class of '71) and Jack, (John) Hopf (Pledged '69, Class of '70)** you were terrific.



Thanks to Peter for arranging a great golf outing and for including the wives. We had a great time and enjoyed meeting some younger Sig Taus. We were pleasantly surprised on the golf course when from beyond the trees, **Chuck Magliazzo (Pledged '69, Class of '71)** appeared. It's a testament to the bond of fraternity that all of us jumped out of our carts with glee to greet him....and Chuck was only an honorary Sig Tau!

We all owe a debt of gratitude to **Chuck Curatalo (Pledged '63, Class of '67)** who has been the glue that keeps us together. His persistence in keeping the traditions going is evidence of his genuine love of his fraternity and the values it espoused. He is a wonderful

human being and a true Sig Tau.

Even though John and I are moving away, I will still be working in Rochester and keeping an apartment there. We will always have ties to Geneseo and hope to see everyone again at a future reunion. Thanks for the memories.....**Gidget Hopf (Class of '72)** (Picture: John and Gidget Hopf)

Chuck (Curatalo),

You are doing great work here and providing a service that is keeping the Brotherhood together and well informed. In many cases, aside from the few Brothers who any one of us may keep in touch with on a regular basis, your newsletters and updates in general creates another way to stay connected to the fraternity and other alumni. Many, many of us really do appreciate it.

Thank you!

Regarding Reunion 2015: This was now the third year in a row that I attended and I have to say

it gets more enjoyable each year. I am already looking forward to the 2016 Reunion and hope many more brothers attend. The overall attendance at these Reunions is really impressive and I never get tired of seeing other alumni from the years that I attended the college. It really never gets old. It is like a Hot Tub Time Machine in many ways! Once you are there, it feels like you never left. The school is relatively the same, the dorms are just as uncomfortable as ever, the townies are all still around and there really is nothing better than regrouping for a couple of days with old friends and making new ones at the same time.

Once again, the brothers of ETY from the '90's had a great showing. We are officially going to start to refer to ourselves as "The Kinda Old Guard". My only regret was that I didn't get a chance to fill in as drummer at the Hopf BBQ. Unfortunately, I had a previous gig booked at the Yard of Ale that day.

Looking forward to next year. For those of you who are thinking of attending but don't have a good enough reason, 2016 will be the 53rd Sig Tau Anniversary make an effort to attend. Chuck, Keep the information coming. I will try to make some time to forward some pictures on this past Reunion for the newsletter. (Picture: Rob and Family)

Be well....**Rob Donley (Pledged Fall '89, Class of '91)**

Dave Mead (Pledged '65, Class of '68).....I had a great time at the summer reunion! I really enjoyed doing the Star Gazing event the night before the parties. Too overcast for stars from the Telescope so we were taken inside to the planetarium. This spot rivals that of the science center in Rochester. It was computer driven instead of that old multi-light beams from the monster they used to use. Too bad only 6 of us showed up (over 25 were registered and they were afraid too many would show up). The next day we met at the Big Tree for warmup drink. Once primed we went for a fantastic party at John Hopf's house - still would rather call him Jack Hopf ☺. Plenty of food and drinks and fun listening to the music provided by a mostly drummer less band. They were great!

We also attended the colleges block party. There we met a lot of old DK friends. The block was packed but we somehow managed to get some brew. That was a real nice touch for the weekend and I hope it is continued. It appears that the college has learned from the casinos – give them enough booze and the money will pour in. Next we went to Club 41 but it was packed and not many Sig Taus were yet in attendance so Chuck and I went over to the Big Tree to get dinner and another round or 2. Chuck went back to the Club so I joined the Hussey's and some DK friends spin more yarns and quaff some more suds.

This day was one of the most packed with fun of most of the reunions I've attended. It's too bad more of the Old Guard didn't participate. Had a ball with the ones that did. I know I have no excuse for missing these when I live a crawling distance to home.

I have a friend who went to Geneseo but never comes back to any of the get togethers. When I asked why I was told that they were not in a Greek organization so had really no reason to go back as there was no one they really wanted to see. Made me even more proud of being a Sig Tau because I treasure my OLD friends and enjoy trading tales with them. Would not miss it for the world

The golf was healthy
The Hopf's were gracious as usual
The bar was raucous
The ZT Legends were entertaining
The weather was great

Ready for the next show, God willing!.....**Joe Mantione (Pledged '69, Class of '70)**

Jim Colucci (Pledged '69, Class of '70).....One of the highlights of my reunion was seeing **Tom Mooney (Pledged '68, Class of '71)**, after over 40 +years. He, Tom, **Tom Wega (Pledged '69, Class of '71)**, and **Tim Lyons (Pledged '67, Class of '69)** were roommates at Courtside apartments from 69-70. I watched him learn and progress on guitar among many other adventures I won't mention for publication.

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Kevin Foody (Pledged '88, Class of '91)..... On the way to the Statesman, a couple of brothers and myself stopped at the AGO house to say hello. It was just some catching up with folks we hadn't seen in a while. However, when we left the AGO house, things turned interesting. Three of

us, the other two will remain nameless to protect their careers, were walking by the Phi Lamb house on our way to the Statesman on Saturday night. We noticed something strange going on. All of the windows and doors had either wrapping paper on them or some other type of paper to cover up the inside. There was also a silhouette dancing on a coffee table. We all decided to investigate. We rang the bell and knocked on the door, but no one answered. We then went around back. The door wasn't locked, but was definitely being blocked by something. Fearing for the safety of those inside, we pushed our way in. At that point, two "SAMMIES", whatever they are, approached me and started asking questions. The two other brothers walked passed the "SAMMIES" to investigate. It was at this point, that I just started rambling about some Phi Lamb alumni and how we were supposed to meet them here and did they know them or had they seen them. Eventually, I think they grew tired of my shenanigans and asked us to leave. I never did find out what was going on in that house, but we laughed all the way down to the Statesman about it. Oh by the way, that's a picture is me at the Idle Hour.

Go to the Album: Click on **Reunion 2015: All Greek Weekend** on the **Gallery** Site for reunion pictures. (First album on first album title page. <http://www.etoldguard.com/etgallery/>)

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Reflection on 50th Anniversary – One Year Later

By Founder Tom DeBello (Founder '63, Class of '65)

Homecoming 2003 a bunch of us got together. We were old men who use to be college guys, guys I once considered brothers. I hadn't been to any reunions since the 25th, and I guess I was uncertain of how we would relate. Within a few moments the years shed away and we were those Sig Taus of 1963 again.

One of the most memorable parts of the day was a walk that a few of us took to the then Sig Tau house on Court Street. We ambled along sharing memories of that first walk on Nov. 22nd. At the Sig Tau house we met a few of the brothers, saw a few artifacts (a regatta oar that managed to survive house moves), and re-told a few stories. Someone, probably **Chuck Curatalo (Charter Member '63. Class of '67)** had the good sense to take a few pictures.



On the drive home I realized that I was looking forward to the 50th reunion and I guess it was at that point that I envisioned walking onto the quad again, the way we did in '63.

What a blast that 50th was! In true Sig Tau fashion we had to be coaxed out of the bar to get that terrific group picture! So many years, so many brothers!



I was more determined than ever to make the walk on the actual 50th anniversary – it just seemed right. Brother **Jim Vidoczy (Founder '63, Class of '66)** drove down from Canada, **Jack Piedemonte (Founder '63, Class of '66)** joined us. He lived for 40 years in Germany and had recently returned to the U.S. This was his first time on campus since he Class of in '66. **Bob Hussey (Pledged '63, Class of '67)** and **Dave Mead (Pledged '65, Class of '68)**, my little brothers joined us at the Big Tree. A phone call with **Bruce Jordan (Founder '63, Class of '66)** assured that he was there in spirit.

While the walk was shorter, and the numbers fewer, the emotions ran just as high. Where was Blake Hall? Wasn't the road here? Was Phil Bracchi your RA? And so the questions went. Underneath all of that was the silent recognition that we weren't making the walk for ourselves, but for all the brothers who were bold enough to take that first step with us fifty years ago and for the brothers who followed us and kept the fraternity going. Each generation of Sig Taus has their stories and memories and the current brothers on campus are creating similar memories. Just take a look at the fraternity website – styles change and yes, the pictures *are* in color, but how easy it is to relate to them. Looking at Sturgis Hall evoked a sense of pride – we made it! Sig Tau Psi is fifty years old and it's going strong!



We were definitely conspicuous by our generation. Students and staff greeted us along the way and one volunteered to take our picture. It's a great picture – you have to imagine that we are leaping high in the air – two feet off the ground. That's how we felt!

Bios and Favorite Geneseo Memories

Chuck Curatalo (Pledged '64, Class of '67) is my Little Brother. Founder to Charter Member. For Chuck not much has changed from 1963. He still can't count or tell time. But he has a big heart! And his Barbra Streisand impression is priceless!..... **Jim Vidoczy (Founder '63, Class of '66)**



Al "Smitty" Smith (Pledged '69, Class of '72) After graduating from Geneseo in '72, Uncle Sam caught up to me with an official letter congratulating me on being selected for service in the Armed Forces. It was even signed by Richard M. Nixon. Somehow I have misplaced that letter, but did enlist in the U.S. Army Reserves and served from '72-'78. After completing active duty in June of 1973, I was able to land a teaching position in the Jasper, Jasper-Troupsburg Central School District in Jasper, NY (Steuben County) and was employed there for 32 years as a secondary social studies and math teacher. Had a short coaching career that involved Varsity Boys' Soccer for eight years. My fiancée, Pat Sullivan, was able to find a kindergarten teaching position in the Canisteo, Canisteo-Greenwood Central School District, Canisteo, NY in 1972 and served the students and district for 32 years as well; after taking time off to spend a little time at home when each of our two children, Jessen and Megan, were born. Pat and I were married in July of 1973. We both retired from teaching in June 2005. We still reside in Canisteo which is found just south of Hornell, NY.



Like most school teachers, I spent several summers painting houses (was also college summer employment) and was enticed by a colleague to venture into a Christmas Tree growing experience that lasted 30 years. Quickly found out how much work is required to grow a beautiful Christmas tree! I also spent 12 summers working with a master carpenter framing houses, building additions, decks, etc. Received a great deal of pleasure at the end of the day when I could stand back and see what had been accomplished during the day's labors. Have now retired from those extra-curricular activities as well.

Our two daughters, their husbands Mike and Ryan, and our two grandsons, Owen and Emmett, all reside in Corning, NY. Pat and I try to get in a little fall travel every year and are thinking of a driving trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan sometime after the upcoming Labor Day. Have also done four spectacular fishing trips with Doug Dixon '71 that found us in Alaska, twice in Manitoba, Canada and once on the Salmon River in NYS. During the last trip to Manitoba we were graced by the presence of Tom "Moonzo" Mooney, '71. Pat and I currently spend 3 winter months on the east coast in Cape Canaveral, Florida. Our travels have also taken us to Aruba, Ireland, throughout New England, the beaches of Delaware and North Carolina, the Maritime Provinces of Canada, Colorado, Wyoming and a great experience tasting wonderful red wines in Napa Valley.

This coming winter we will be establishing a "Little Geneseo" on the shores of the Atlantic as John and Gidget Hopf (who own a place in Cape Canaveral), Doug and Linda Pacelli Dixon, and Tom and Jackie Mooney will all be spending part of the winter in the Cocoa Beach/Cape Canaveral area. Pam and Sam Walrath will also be there. Pam (Davidson) was an AGO as was Pat and Sam is a younger brother of Dahn Walrath; one of the founding brothers of Sigma Tau Psi. At this point in time it is not possible to predict what kind of chaos and trouble will be created! Done!!!!!!

Among my favorite memories of being a brother was the fall of '70 and spring of '71. Sig Tau completed the Triple Crown of Intramural Athletics by sweeping championships in football, basketball and softball. In the fall of '69, we had won the intramural soccer championship. I believe that

before I arrived on campus in the fall of '68, Sig Tau won its first intramural championship (swimming) in '67-'68. In the fall of '69, intramural championship soccer in soccer was achieved. I cannot begin to list all of the brothers who were members of these various teams, but I know that it sure felt good to hoist the championship trophies in front of our Greek and Independent rivals! Of course, there was a copious amount of Genny Cream Ale that was consumed during the post-game celebrations...But at the top of my list of memories was meeting my future wife, Patty Sullivan at Geneseo; still married after 42 years, and all of the wonderful brothers who I met, became life-long friends and still maintain contact with many. (Picture: Al and Family)

Don Russo (Pledged '91, Class of '93) lives in Fairport, NY with his wife Jean (Rosati) and children Jillian and Nathaniel. I worked for nearly twenty years in Radio/Television Advertising before changing careers recently. I am currently working in Surgical Management/Consulting in the Rochester/Syracuse territory for Integrated Medical Systems, which is based in Birmingham, Alabama. After Geneseo I earned my Master's Degree in Management from Nazareth College in Rochester. I enjoy spending time with my family, especially the kids' sports. Also, I remain loyal to my Buffalo Bills and Sabers. I also enjoy competing in triathlon and running events throughout Western New York.



Dave Mead (Pledged '65, Class of '68)....One very foggy memory I have: Somehow the Avon Inn agreed to host a keg party in their very nice facility. As I recall it was packed to where there was very little room left to move. Our band was playing the keg (we sure did all the popular keg tunes of the day) and the beer seemed to be ankle deep on the floor. I was singing some song (I don't recall which – **Bob Veltz (Pledged '65, Class of '68)** might remember) and the mike started to grow taller and seemed to be almost to the ceiling the last I remember. Bob has told me it was because I slid down the pole slowly to the floor where I was totally past out. I have no recollection of anything after that but I do know we never got to have a keg there again! Great times which I shall forever cherish. Just wish someone had taken just one picture of our band playing as I have no visual proof we existed! Long live the **Spectres!!!**



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Roger Brown (Pledged '68, Class of '71).....I was a member of the Class of '70 (pledged in '68) but didn't graduate until 1971 as I was red-shirted by the Palace Lounge. Tom Donovan and I shared an apartment at the infamous 21 Center St. Mooney and Powers also had an abode there. A couple of weeks after graduation found me at Ft. Dix for a summer filled with camping, exercise, fellowship and great fun. The food sucked and the camp counselors were cranky. I did get to hang around with Mike Sobczak and below is a picture of us socializing with another General trainee from the Caribbean. Later in my military career I was assigned to keep the godless commies out of the bars in Heidelberg, Germany near where our late brother John Hoffman was stationed. Somewhere I have a picture of us punting down the Rhine River on our way to invade Poland. Can't find that photo so here is one of us drinking beer in the laundry room with Troskosky and Parmiter.

After closing out a brilliant Army career (only one Article 15) I took a job with the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation where I spent the next 20 years. My job involved a lot of traveling throughout the U.S. and at one point visited New Orleans where I ran into the late Tony Siviglia. Tony was a waiter at an upscale restaurant in the French Quarter and I was about to feel sorry for his lot in life until I learned he made about twice my salary in tips alone. Any rate we partied for two days and he picked up the tab so I felt better.

After leaving D&B I spent the next 17 years as a speed bump on the highway of corporate

success. In this role I was an officer of a financially troubled insurance company which we sold after a successful turnaround and then SVP of an insurance group (the last piece of Xerox Financial Services) which we sold after our attempted LBO went south. Next up was EVP/COO of a consulting company based in Chicago from which I was drafted by a customer to be an officer/investor in a venture capital-backed start-up company in automotive parts manufacturing, on to another automotive company and lastly as an officer of Lone Star Steel subsequently sold to US Steel - took buyout and retired. Came out of retirement to run a failing YMCA for three years, retired again and have recently started part-time with a Credit Union doing staff and organizational development.

Married twice, three kids, I still have my own teeth and hair plus about 75 pounds.



**More Bios and
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Founding Brother Bruce Jordan Returns to Geva Theatre for the Fourth Time

By Bruce Jordan (Founder '63, Class of '66)

The Alumni event that **Michelle Worden and Ronna Bosko and Suzy Boor of the Alumni Relations Staff** organized for "**Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike**" at the Geva Theatre (Rochester, NY) on May 17 turned out to be a really fun get-together. The highlight was seeing so many graduates from the '60s, many of whom I've been friends with for years and years and years.



As I said briefly that day, I first saw "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" in the spring of 2013. It was written by Christopher Durang and starred Sigourney Weaver and David Hyde Pierce. I enjoyed every minute of it, laughing heartily all night and frequently feeling my eyes fill up. I knew I wanted to direct the show one day, so I was thrilled when the Laura Kepley, the artistic director of the Cleveland Play House and Mark Cuddy, the artistic director of Geva asked me to direct this co-production.

The part that was particularly meaningful to me, and maybe to all of us from the '60s, was the rant that Vanya goes through at the end of the play when he rails at a young man who has no iPhone etiquette. This rant leads Vanya to recount how in the 50's and 60's we all shared common experiences. And how disconnected he feels the world is today. And he talks about all those shared moments from Davey Crockett to Annette Funicello to "Ozzie and Harriet" to the Ed Sullivan Show to "Old Yeller" to Bishop Sheen.



Christopher Durang weaves these subjects into a funny harangue, but my generation does miss the shared memories and the social connection that made up the fiber of our lives. I know I do. So it was really great to be together at the reception after the show and see so many friends face to face. The Sig Tau and Friends representation was awesome...

Spike (Founding '63, Class of '65) and Sally Leonard (Class of '62), Chuck Curatalo (Charter Member '63, Class of '67) Jim (Pledged '65, Class of '68) and Ann Burk, Dave Mead (Pledged '65, Graduated '68) Bob (Pledged '63, Class of '67) and Nancy Hussey (Class of '68), Jack (Honorary, Class of '67) and Gail Langerak (Class of '68), Betty Walrath (Class of '66), Jeff (Pledged '66, Class of '68) and Peggy Gosch (Class of '68), Bob (Pledged '65, Class of '68) and Karen Veltz, Tom (Pledged '63, Class of '68) and Maureen Welch, Gordy (Pledged '63) and Laura Bruce, Jon (Class of '66) and Ann McNight (Class of '66), Rick (Class of '69) and Christine Beard, and Walt (Pledged '63, Class of '67) and Ann Peek, and Hinda Crewell (Class of 67).

In the high tech world we live in, it's wonderful to keep alive these interpersonal moments that give us these delightful Geneseo-based "shared memories". (Picture: Bruce at Geva Reception)

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Thomas Powers (Pledged 1967, Class of 1971)....I left Geneseo to work in the public schools as a speech therapist which motivated be to go back to grad school and pursue audiology. Moved on to Ohio University and received my MA and Ph.D. from Ohio U in 1977. My first job in audiology was as a partner in a private audiology practice in Huntington, WV. From there I moved on to work in the hearing aid industry for the German-based company Siemens. I am currently the vice president for our government business and also manage our clinical trial program (verification of product claims). I have been fortunate to travel most of the globe for my job and



even got to the White House to fit hearing aids on President Ronald Regan. The hearing aid business of Siemens was recently purchased by an equity firm (EQT investments of Sweden) I married Geneseo alum **(Donna Erat, Class of '70)** we have three daughters, and six grandchildren. Currently reside in Oxford NJ.

I think my favorite Sig Tau moments involved the Follies and of course the regatta. I really wish I could have attended the recent reunion BUT was giving a talk in Jackson WY and could not get back east.

Kevin Foody (Pledged Spring '88, Class of '91)I currently live in Fairport NY. I have 3 boys keeping me busy with baseball and football. I currently work for Manning & Napier as the Software Quality Assurance Manager.....One of my many memories involved a trip to Kelly's.



5 or 6 Brothers went on a Friday around 12 PM. We started playing a game of chance with dice and making each other do stupid stuff. Some examples include Brother **Greg Walsh (Bird) (Pledged ?, Class of '90)** having to kiss a dog under the pinball machine and the dog biting him on the face. I had to run from Kelly's around the Bear and back in nothing but my boxer shorts. Keep in mind it was around 2 in the afternoon and there were people everywhere. We ordered a shot of warm Vermouth and instead of the bartender pouring the shot and giving it to us; he heated in the microwave for 10 seconds. This was a onetime event and I don't think I laughed so much in my entire 4 years.

Another great memory I have is of breakfasts! Breakfast with the Phi Lambs, Clios or Agos were so much fun that it would be very hard to go to class. During one such occasion, I had a test that I had to take. I took the test at 1:00 in the afternoon and I had no idea what I wrote in the booklet. It was like someone else took the test for me when I got the book back. Somehow, I ended up with a C on the test.

Bob Pruett (Pledged '? , Class of '81)....Served as President, Vice President and Master of Ceremonies. After graduation - worked at Geneseo as Assistant Director of the College Union and extended my Geneseo experience another 4 years. Our pledge class headed by me, **John Karnath Pruett (Pledged '? , Class of '82)** and **Jim Burm Pruett (Pledged '? , Class of '82)** wrote a clever but tasteless and offensive song that we performed at the Pi D Mixer and alienated every sorority on campus. The song (On Top of an AGO) was banned and torn out of the pledge books but copies do still exist. *(See censored copy in Sig Tau Songs later in Newsletter).*

Our class secured the House at Bank Street, just a short crawl from the Inn Between and hosted many great after hours parties. On weekdays after studying there was always somebody who suggested we go next door "for just One drink". The Vital Spot (also next door) was always the first bar to open and I remember stumbling home in the early hours to find a brother sleeping in the doorway. When I woke him up, he said he was waiting for them to open.

It is rumored that some brothers would go on midnight runs to MJ dining hall by climbing the side of the building, entering from the roof and participating in the self-serve buffet. Of course that is only a rumor.

Rich Romito (Pledged fall 88, Class of '90).....Played lacrosse for 88 & 89 seasons. Married for 16 years to Claire. Have three beautiful children, Lauren, LJ and Jenna. I am currently an Assistant Principal for Eastern Suffolk BOCES. Live in Hauppauge NY. Famous quote" Get to your libraries".

Mike J. Kohlhas (Pledged '70, Class of '72)....After graduation 1972 my business partner and I (Mike Patton) formed Leisure Craft Pools in June. We tiled and plastered Swimming pools until 1975 when my wife Judy and I bought Mike's interest in the business. We grew the business to 20 employees 1999 and broadened our services to include decorative concrete and pool service. 2005 our children Laura and Jeff bought controlling interest in the business and since expanded to 35 employees. Leisure Craft Pools has provided services such as tile plaster, and concrete for over 10,000 customers.



Judy retired 2009 and I work part time, performing some project management. I still get "in the hole" a few times a week. Judy and I are avid golfers and share much time in that pursuit. We are frequent travelers, having visited dozens of cities in the US and several countries as well. (Ireland, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, Greece, Italy, Austria, France, Costa Rico, Canada, Mexico, Turks and Caicos, and St Martin) This fall we are traveling to Iceland and then on to London for the Buffalo Bills game.

About a dozen years ago Judy traced her Irish ancestry and obtained her Irish citizenship. We travel to Ireland yearly anywhere from 3 weeks to 2 months.

Judy and I have recently purchased a new home in East Aurora NY. We plan to move in spring 2016 after some remodeling. We are leaving our home of 37 to be only 1/2 mile from our son's children, Oliver 6, Hazel 3, and Silvie 1. Good Health to all!...(Picture: Mike and Judy at Powers Court Ireland)

Rob Donley (Pledged Fall '89, Class of '91)....Big Brother is Brian Shaw, Little Brother is John Barrett. Married 18 years to my beautiful wife Dawn. We have 2 wonderful boys, Bobby, 12 and Brendan, 10. I am Vice President Client Services at W Services Group and live in Commack, NY. I have been to the last 3 Summer Reunions for the school and have enjoyed each one more than the last. Each year brings new antics for sure. The best thing about being a Sig Tau in general is that no matter how much time passes between these events and get-togethers; it instantly feels like we have all never been apart. That is true friendship and I really do appreciate and miss all of the brethren from during our years together in G- Town. I wish more could attend and we should make more efforts to keep in touch with one another. Just exchanging stories about the old days made it feel like those who couldn't attend were actually there. Hope to see more Sig Taus next June-- Smooth Rob



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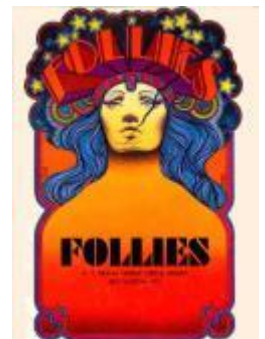
Whatever Happened to the Sig Tau Follies?

The Sig Tau Follies (Zieg Tau Follies) were a yearly event held every fall, originally at the Riviera Theater on Center Street and later in Wadsworth Auditorium on campus. A creation of **Bruce Jordan (Founder '63, Class of '66)**, the Follies was a musical variety show in which only the brothers performed. The Follies were a spoof on the Vaudeville era of the 1920's. The first Follies were held on

Saturday, December 12, 1964. It featured such skits as Torche La Phlegm, Norma Vincent Peele, and Mamie Neal. **See picture below.** {**Jack Sheehan**

(Founder '63, Class of '66) as Master of Ceremonies, Tom DeDebello (Founder '63, Class of '65) as Torche La Phlegm, Spike Leonard (Pledged '65, Class of '65) and Dick DeMay (Pledged '63, Class of '67) as the Flying Pharts}. By 1973 according to **Doug Fox (Class of '73)** the Follies were the grossest, dirtiest display of non-talent that anyone at Geneseo had every come up with. Sexual innuendoes abounded, and girls often groaned after each skit. According to a Lamron review of the 1975 Follies, they were the "debasement, crude and graphic"—they were also "damned entertaining." It was all in good fun, and everyone on campus enjoyed the event. The proceeds from the sale of tickets went to a scholarship fund established by

the fraternity. The fund was used to pay high school tuition for a Philippine student each year. After eleven years, the College had enough of the Follies, and refused to allow the event held in Wadsworth Auditorium. The 1975 show was, therefore, the last held. **{From Chronicle of Sigma Tau Psi: A History of the Fraternity, Published 1997, Editor Brian M. Castelli (Pledged '94,**



Class of '97), Submitted by Les Arthur (Pledged' 67, Class of '69))} See copy of Cover



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Ken Crofts, (Class of '73).....Married Barbara Patt (class of '74) 40 years ago. 4 children and 8 grandchildren so far, ages 1 to 19. I retired from General Motors after 40 years on April 1, 2013. Currently living in Leesburg, Florida.



John Ferris (Pledge Spring '85, Class of '88).....Served as President my senior year. I decided to move to Boston after hearing a glowing report about the City from an alumni brother back for Spring Alumni Weekend. Received MBA from Babson College and moved to Silicon Valley. Spent seven years in California. Helped bring one company public. Moved back to Syracuse, NY my hometown in 2002. Started my own business managing and owning apartment buildings. I'm up to 115 investment units now. Work full time in construction for a real estate developer. Married to Corri Zoli, two children Arabella age seven and Maxine age 3. Best college experience: Studying abroad for a semester in London. Best fraternity experience: Ongoing. The only folks I keep in touch with from Geneseo are ETY Brothers. Biggest Regret: Not attending the 50-year reunion in July.

A little bio by **Mike Sobczak (Pledged '66, Class of '69)**...got an MS and PhD at Tulane in New Orleans.....married 3 times – couple of Italians and a Pilipino....fumbled them all away.....finally landed with Tall-Blond-Nurse-Who-Owns-A-Boat, that would be Lois, and I just married her too!....I think she was born with the sun inside her....worked for an environmental engineering firm for 30 years.....spent 10 of those in Asia and Africa based variously in Nairobi, Cairo, Bangkok, Colombo.....spent the last 20 in the NYC area....have spent the last 10 years in Hilton Head with Tall-Blond-Nurse-Who-Owns-A-Boat.....for the past several years have been almost retired, but then spent 2009 in Western Australia managing a fleet of divers, turtle taggers, hydrodynamic modelers, engineers, etc. helping BHP get the largest super tanker port in the world off the ground...Lois and I also spent months traveling all over Oz and New Z...we also have been to Costa Rica, Jamaica, Belize, Italy and shortly to Austria and Croatia - I have been in over 90

countries!....and all I wanted to do was see if anything existed beyond the white-outs in Buffalo...I do have a shining light in my daughter, Kira Marie, who was a pro ballerina and now an engineer with a Masters from Berkeley and now a P.E. license....she married an industrial psychologist and they are in Houston with 2 daughters who, God willing, will eventually steal me blind....played b-ball forever including a Cajun team in western Louisiana and for a pro club team in Ecuador (we actually won the country title!)....gave it up at 55 after taking 22 staples in my head driving to the hoop and finding the bleachers....now a 4.0 tennis player and trying to hit golf balls into people's houses (so don't live next to the fairway)....but my real hobby is fly-fishing....I used go every year to Alaska or BC or Colorado to stand in freezing water and throw the fish back....now I fish here in the marshes or streams in Ohio....hell, I just want to stay home and play with Tall-Blond-Nurse-Who-Owns-A-Boat... Lois has a wonderful heart and 3 ex's of her own.....between us we have a six-pack.....I believe that everyone's story is extraordinary, equally full of consequence and importance and that each of us is a mélange of experiences, emotions, discovery and energy flow.....but don't just wait around because the world only spins forward.....be at peace and sense the rightness of your journey.....Cheers! Mike

Dale J. Metz (Pledged '65, Class of '68)....."Dale Metz has a diverse background of education and experience which has served him well for over 39 years as a non-profit executive director, principal, and teacher. For 21 years he served as Principal of Gateway Education Center in Greensboro. The school serves over 300 children from birth to age 21 with multi-disabilities including autism, severe and profound developmental disabilities, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and life threatening medical problems. Over those years the school became a national model school and received numerous awards for service to children and their families. After Dale retired (the first time) he then served as Ex. Director of an adult day health facility, After Gateway Inc. until 2008. Dale has been a Hospice of the Piedmont for over a decade. Dale Married Sue Spas (Geneseo Alum) in 1968. Sue was also a teacher. In 1987 Dale was award the honor of being North Carolinas Principal of the Year. He has also received North Carolinas' highest service award the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Dale and Sue have two grown children Jessica and Aaron. In 2012 Dale was honored with the naming of a special needs public school: the Sarah Welden Herbin/Dale J. Metz Education Center in Greensboro. Dale and Sue live in Jamestown, N.C. Favorite Memory of both Sue and Dale: The White Rose Ball and the Sig Tau Follies (esp. Fifi Le Phlegm AKA Tom DeBello).



Michael Crino (Pledged '67, Class of '69)....After graduating in '69 I enrolled in a graduate economics program at NIU to wait for the draft to catch up to me-- it did, with a lottery number of 7. Fortunately I had time to finish the degree by enlisting and delaying my training a few months. I spent the next four years in the Air Force working in computer operations. I was stationed for my entire enlistment in Madrid where I met my wife Laurie, who was a Saint Lawrence University student studying Spanish literature at the University of Madrid. When my tour was up, I enrolled at the University of Florida for a PhD in management and organizational behavior. While writing my dissertation, Dave Martin offered a teaching position at Geneseo; there was no way I was going to pass that offer up. It was fun





returning to Geneseo, but the blizzard of 1977 was too much, even for a native Rochester boy.

After I finished my dissertation I left Geneseo to work at Texas Tech, then LSU, and finally at Clemson University, where I retired in 2006. Since I retired I have been a visiting faculty member and administrator at a few universities-- enjoying being back in the classroom, living in different places and meeting new folks. Since 2002, I have spent most summers teaching in Clemson's study abroad program in Beijing and Dalian, China, although the last few years have found me in Barcelona each summer, also with Clemson students. I retired completely last year and have really

enjoyed the free time. And like many other Clemson football fans, I am hoping for another National Championship this coming year, even though Notre Dame, FSU, and Georgia Tech are on the regular schedule. Over the last few years Laurie and I have tried to spend a few months every year living in Barcelona and visiting and traveling in Spain with friends we made while there in the 1970s. We currently live in Anderson, SC -- half way between Atlanta and Charlotte, and will be celebrating 40 years married this month. I often think about how lucky I was to have been at Geneseo during the late 1960s—what a time to be in college, and about how much I value and enjoyed the great times with the brothers of Sig Tau. (Pictures: Blizzard of '77, Mike and Laurie Crino)

Jim Colucci (Pledged '68, Class of '70)..... I attended Geneseo from 1968-70 and pledged Sig Tau's spring of 68. I fondly remember the Sig Tau follies and regatta. Does anybody remember the Rathskeller under Letchworth Dining Hall? I spent as much time there as the Idle Hour. I graduated in 70 with bachelors in psychology with honors being on the dean's list 4 semesters. I joined the National Guard and completed basic training at Fort Ord, California. I remained in the guard and reserves for 12 years. In January of 1971 I realized that I needed a master's in psychology to get a job in that area so I returned to Geneseo and obtained a bachelor's in special education which I completed in the spring of 1973. It was in Geneseo that I met the love of my life, Janice Poland- Knox. She was a recent divorcee with 2 young children who was in one of my classes. We married in the summer of 1972. I adopted her children and we had one of our own 4 years later. I worked as a special ed teacher in Ilion, NY for 6 years. In 1979 Janice and I moved to Kansas. She and I continued teaching in the area of special ed. In the early 1980's I received a master's in special ed from Wichita State University with a perfect 4.0 cum. I continued teaching until 2004 when Janice passed away after a short battle with her 4th cancer. Since retiring I have pursued my interest in music playing guitar, harmonica, banjo, mandolin, and ukulele in various jam groups and gigs. I have recently become a square dancer. I travel as much as I can and have many other hobbies to keep busy. My plan is to never stop moving, always have something to do tomorrow and long term goals for the future. I have a huge bucket list....(Picture: Jim is playing his vintage Mossman guitar. They were made in Winfield by Stuart Mossnan from late 60's to early 70's. It is one of many guitars in his collection.)



Whatever Happened to the Sig Tau Junkyard Regatta?

The first Regatta was held on May 16, 1964. Contestants were required to race the length of Hemp Pond on a craft which they made themselves. Rules stated that the craft could be anything but a boat or a canoe, to be crewed by no less than two and no more than 15 people. Before taking off, contests drank a set amount of beer or soda (soda became allowed when they rose the drinking age to 21), and during the race a certain amount was consumed. During the course of the event, it often turned into a demolition derby. Contestants came up with many interesting devices with which to eliminate the competition. In the 1972 Regatta (**see picture below**), for example, Sig Tau brothers sailed to victory with a raft equipped with a six-foot rapid fire sling, capable of accurately firing an empty beer can 100 yards. The competition didn't get near their raft that year. The Regatta was a very popular event and regularly drew crowds of over 800 spectators. The success was partly due to the fact that teams from every fraternity and sorority and the dorms were accepted. It was an opportunity for everyone on campus to come together for a very unique event.



The last Regatta was held in 1978. The following winter, an ice storm knocked a number of trees into the pond, leaving it not able to navigate. Brothers spent a weekend in the spring of 1979 clearing the trees from the pond with chain saws and pulleys, but the event was not held again. **{From Chronicle of Sigma Tau Psi: A History of the Fraternity, Published 1997, Editor Brian M. Castelli (Pledged '94, Class of '97), Submitted by Les Arthur (Pledged' 67, Class of '69)}**



Can you find Tom Mooney '68 (Pledged '68, Class of '71), Tom Wega (Pledged '69, Class of '71) Steve Troskosky (Pledged '68, Class of '71), Doug Dixon (Pledged '68, Class of '71) and Eddie Mace (Pledged '70, Class of '74) on an inner tube? How about Sam Trespino and Norm Allen?

Photo of the Regatta by Tom "Moonzo" Mooney (Pledged '68, Class of '71)

A Recollection by Tom "Moonzo" Mooney

The pictured winning raft was an alumni entry by the brothers of the class of '71 (of which I was a proud member). There had been some minor acts of piracy in the previous year Regatta, so we built our ship fully prepared for any such encounters on the high seas. Our barrels were attached on the morn of the race with steel cable....all framing done with 2 - by lumber. Crewman **Troskosky** (unfortunately not shown in the image - I think he took the photo) had his BOCES students build a 5 foot mounted slingshot capable of propelling an empty beer can up to 50 yards, and all crew were armed with hockey sticks... Aye, there would be no unauthorized boarding of THIS vessel on THIS

day! She was in no way built for speed, indeed her deck with crew and several cases of beer aboard stayed barely above the water line!! She was built to endure and endure she did. From the start of the race we systematically destroyed and sank the completion one by one... First with beer can shelling volleys from the giant slingshot, then hand to hand combat. The other surviving raft was captained by Brother **Eddy Mace (Pledged '70, Class of '74)**. He is pictured in the photo, for some reason, floating harmlessly in a drunken stupor in the inner



tube just behind us? The obvious fact that he and his dismantled craft presented no threat to our victory was probably the reason his vessel was not ravaged with the others. The crew in the

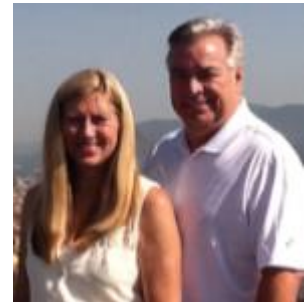
foreground from left to right is brothers **Tom Wega (Pledged '69, Class of '71)**, **Tom Mooney (Pledged '68, Class of '71)**, **Doug Dixon (Pledged '68, Class of '71)** and **Mike Kohlhas (Pledged '70, Class of '72)**. Standing on the raft with his back to the camera is "**Mean Captain Johnny Berry**" a longtime friend and ally of the '71 ETs. He provided us with the steel cable and hockey sticks. The remains of the mounted slingshot are clearly visible on the starboard bow. Perhaps the violence of this day had something to do with the end of the annual Regatta? I'm not sure, but it was an ET memory I will always cherish and remember... It was no doubt the greatest naval battle ever fought in the Genesee Valley. IT was... a great day at sea!!!! (Picture: Victory at the Finish Line)

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Rod Curran (Pledged '69, Class of '72)During the 1970-1971 school years the Sig Tau teams had an impressive run in the primary intramural sports. In the fall of 1970, the Sig Tau football team advanced undefeated through the season, into the single-elimination play-off, and won the championship. In the winter of 1971, the Sig Tau basketball team advanced through the basketball season, into the single-elimination play-off, and won the championship. In the spring of 1971, the Sig Tau softball team advanced through the softball season, into the single-elimination play-off, and won the championship. In the fall of 1971, the Sig Tau football team again advanced undefeated through the season, into the play-offs, and won the championship. Again – 4 straight.

Today, I live on Long Island in Saint James with my wife Ginny, and our three children. I work for GEICO – my first job out of Geneseo. I've remained friends with many of the Sig Tau's from the 70's – and we've had some great reunions almost every year -- about 7 years lately. The 50th year of Sig Tau in 2013 was a great reunion. Geneseo and Sig Tau are still some of my lifetime high-lights. (Picture: Rod and Daughter)



Doug Dixon (Pledged spring 68, Class of 71, BA Biology)...married Linda (Muffett) Hughson (Phi Lamb, Class of 71) in 2014 and moved back to central NY's Cayuga Lake after nearly 40 years living in Maryland/Virginia. Linda and I share 4 young adults – a Jeff, two Kates, and a Caroline. Plus a cat Lilly and two grand dogs Lilly2 and Ziggy. Currently employed as a Technical



Executive and Program Manager in the Electric Power Research Institute (www.epri.com) managing research on fish protection for power plants across the U.S. and around the world. Did graduate studies at the College of William & Mary, Virginia Institute of Marine Science and was/have been a basketball referee for many many years. Maybe retirement in the very near future but only to start next career in viniculture or boatbuilding, maybe both. Best Geneseo memory: **all of them** – sports & partying with bros, the ET Follies, Regatta, and Jenny Awards, cards at the old Bailey and new Union, freshmen and varsity basketball and lacrosse, walking and sitting the quad, the Varsity Inn, Rathskeller, Copy's, Palace, Hotel, Idle Hour, those crazy Homecoming floats, living in our first house including TAP burning a

tree (literally) in the fireplace and 20 dozen+ eggs compliments of Smitty, and having bros and really close bros for all my life. Thank you! (Picture: Doug and Linda)

Hi Bros,

I'm not sure when I checked in here the last time, but I've been fairly busy of late. I retired from Geneseo in 2010. A major impetus underlying my retirement was the critical illness (early onset brain disease) of my late wife of 28 years. She required my constant attention 24-7. After about a year, it was abundantly clear that I was unable to adequately care for her so I put her in hospice care. Wendy passed about a year later. To get my life back in order, I sold our house, upgraded the electronics on my boat, bought a condo on Irondequoit Bay, and went online. Making a long story short, I got married last June to a woman who lives in my condo complex in the summer and in her condo in New Port Richey, Florida in the winter. We are selling her Irondequoit condo, any takers? Mick Brenno and his wife spend the month of March on the Gulf not far from us. We spent some quality time having drinks at Sam's Beach Bar looking west out on the Gulf. Looking forward to doing that again, Mick.



Anyway, things are going pretty well now. My son is married living in and teaching earth science in Brighton. I have two grandchildren. Hope to see many of you at the next reunion.... **Dale Evan Metz (Pledged '67, Class of '70) a.k.a. Dartzo**

Jeff Gosch (Pledged '65; Class of 68)....Lacrosse - '66, '67 & '68; Student Senate President - '67-'68; married to Peggy Lippmann (class of '68) for 46 years; 2 children - Sean & Lindsay; Army - "68-'70; currently practicing law in Syracuse, New York and part-time Town Justice; favorite memories - Sig Tau Follies & Regatta. Recalls being over served on pledge night, "bathing" in the fountain in center of Village, splashing water on Chief of Police when ordered to out, and being "saved" by the brothers. Hangover lasted a week.

Andrew Chasen (Pledged Fall of '85, Class of

'88)....I am married to Michelle Mallardi a beautiful and talented singer who has appeared on Broadway as Belle in Beauty and the Beast. I am currently VP of Sales at Select Nutrition. Living in South Huntington, NY. My favorite memories: The IB, GJ's, Kegs & Eggs with the sororities.



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Whatever Happened to the Genny Awards?

In the evening after the Regatta, the yearly Genny Awards were presented—a takeoff on the Emmy and Oscar Awards. It was at this time that the brothers said a special “thank you” to the people on awards. The two Sig Tau MC’s rented tuxedos and trophies were made of Genny Light beer bottles and a block of wood. Many of the awards were given out to immortalize events that people would probably rather forget. Categories included “Best BJ of the year”, etc. Anyone on campus was eligible to be a victim of these awards. The awards were very popular and were soon adopted by other Sig Tau chapters throughout the state. Today, Genny Awards are presented to brothers at the Spring Formal Rush who have gone above and beyond the call of duty within the fraternity. {From Chronicle of Sigma Tau Psi: A History of the Fraternity, Published 1997, Editor Brian M. Castelli (Pledged '94, Class of '97), Submitted by Les Arthur (Pledged '67, Class of '69)}



Comments from Brothers on the Genny Awards

Genny Awards: I Got Caught With My Pants Down Award, Thomas Paine Common Sense Award, Simpleton of the Year, It Took Guts..... **Irv Beimler (Pledged '65, Class of '68)**
FYI, I remember receiving a Genny Award, so this tradition must've stopped in the early- to mid-'90s, although I don't know/remember why.....**Chris Vanni (Pledged '88, Class of '91)**

Let me think.....You (Chuck) and I should remember some of the Genny Awards.....I think you and I were the presenters our senior year.....The Empire Waistline Award -- Usually given to some obviously pregnant girl. The award itself was a Genny bottle. The We All Know You Do It So Why Don't You Admit It Award, Song of the Year, Best Production of the Year, Quasimodo Posture Award ...**Al Tolsma (Pledged '65, Class of '67)**

The Genny Awards were always the highlight of the year. It was a great chance to tell stories about brothers and recognize drunken antics and achievements. 10 years after leaving Geneseo, I resurrected this tradition with a bunch of friend who drank and played volleyball together. Everyone got a trophy (beer bottle glued to a wooden base) and a story, but we did not drink purple dragons.... **Bob Pruett (Class of '81)**

Hear a recording of the 1970? Genny Awards with presenters Frank “Paco” Maier and the late Tony Siviglia on the Sig Tau Friends and Old Guards website. Recorded by John Hopf (Pledge '69, Class of 1970) and Gidget Hopf. (Last menu item) <http://www.etoldguard.com>

More Bios and Favorite Geneseo Memories

Bob Hussey (Charter Member '63, Class of '67).....First semester was rough. 1st course registration in Schraeder Gym was a nightmare followed by trying to find used books so we still had drinking money. JFK was assassinated and most of us packed up and went home stunned. That was the day Sig Tau came out. Then some of us missed a few days fighting a big forest fire near Hemlock. Bailey Science Building was just under construction so classes and "labs" were in the Ad Building and we were forced to take Intro to the Arts. The only test I got a 95 on, they curved it down to a B.



But it was all good when I met some smart guys named Tom DeBello, **Bruce Jordan (Founder '63, Class of '66)**, **Jack Sheehan (Founder '63, Class of '66)**, **Jim Vidocz (Founder '63, Class of '66)** and others who were starting a unique fraternity comprised of kegs with **Dave Mead's (Pledged '65, Class of '68)** Band, got down and dirty at the Regatta/Jenny Awards, but also cleaned up our act for the White Rose Ball at the Big Tree Inn. We won some intramural championships and some ice sculptures, we beat our own drum (as did the Pope on our Homecoming Float), and we weathered some storms and became lifelong friends. Perhaps

our highpoint was the Zig Tau Follies at the sold out Riviera Theater with Torchy La Phlegm, The Phlying Phartz, etc.!

Dr. Nancy (Konieczny, Phi Lamb '68) and I have loved living, working, raising two sons, and retiring in the Genesee Valley. A bonus of living in Dansville is we always go to alumni weekends and Homecoming and get to meet up with old friends as well as newer bros. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the Sig Taus who came after us and not only did us proud in keeping the traditions, but also never failed to welcome us back and treat us like kings! (Pictures: Bob and Nancy at 50th ETY Reunion)

Gary Foti (Pledged '69, Class of '71).....Upon graduation I began and spent my entire teaching career at Pittsford schools, first in a middle school and for the majority of time at Sutherland high school. Over my career I earned my Masters in Education and CAS in Administration. I did a year as a fill in vice principal (an interesting experience but not my preference), coached football at various levels and Varsity tennis for 40+ years (two state champions in tennis), negotiated several teacher contracts and headed the Sutherland Science department for 25 years. Retired in 2013 after 42years.

I backpacked through Europe during the summer of '74 where I met my wife, a woman from Michigan traveling



and having the same life experience. We married in '77 and had four children, two boys and two girls who have (except for a few scattered moments) been a source of great joy and pride. Three of the four are math/science professionals, two engineers and a doctor, and one is a teacher currently at an American school in Costa Rica. One grandchild, a 2 1/2 year old boy and one on the way. Divorced in 2012 and still living in Pittsford.

Overall with all the ups and downs, Life has been good and I'm in good health and can still remember my name. I play a lot of golf, hike, and cross country ski volunteer and travel (most recently to China) so the days are full and go by quickly. Will be traveling to Egypt in the fall and enjoy a week or so in Florida in the winter.

Kaie Fuhrhop (Sig Taus Overseas Brother, Pledged '65).....

What I left out two years ago is the reasons why I went to the US in the first place. I had done three semesters of studying General Agriculture when I left Germany in 1964.

Sometime before that my long-time girlfriend who was the daughter of an American consul in Hamburg had to go back to the States as her father was transferred to Fort Bragg NC. When I expressed my wish to spend some time studying in the US I was invited to start my way the family. From Charleston NC where the ship, a Volkswagen transporter, landed I made my way there. Much to my disappointment the daughter had just left the family home for Wellesley College near Boston.



But her parents knew an agricultural consultant who placed me with the Niedermeyer farm in the Geneseo area, where I worked for a while (to make a living) and also made a number of acquaintances especially with the Sig Tau brothers who lived in the fraternity house at that time. They invited me to stay there. I still remember most of them, although I would probably not be able to recognize one if I met them in the street today.

To be able to move Morris Niedermeyer took me down to an automotive dealer named Meeker to buy a means of transportation which was a low mileage 58 Dodge Country Sedan. If I remember correctly I paid 400 \$. I wrecked it later on a gravel road because of a micro sleep. I got away with a few bruises. Later I bought that white Studebaker Hawk which I was able to sell to pay for the Islandic Air ticket via Iceland back to Frankfurt, Germany.

Well, in tracing my old girlfriend I finally made it to Boston, where – as you may guess– another disappointment was waiting for me. But I was valiant, stayed at some fraternity house at Harvard and let myself be dragged from one party to the next one. Then I cancelled the idea of going to Cornell and had a wonderful time in and around Geneseo instead. I worked in the salt mine, for a construction company in Rochester and finally on the Selden farm.

When you think about events that happened way in the past there are constantly more coming up from your memory and to write all of them down would blow the mail. But here is one: I caused a

hilarious situation in the dining hall where someone – I don't know any more who, and who else was there – had taken me. Of course my English vocabulary was far from being perfect. While we were talking about the food on the table we mentioned mashed potatoes and I wanted to explain that in Germany often nutmeg is used as a spice, but couldn't find the word for nutmeg apples. So I used all my imagination and transformed the German word Muskat (for nutmeg) and called them muskrat nuts. How embarrassing! I have never raised a laugh like that again.

Anyway, back in Germany I got married late (in 1981). I have two children and one grandchild, got divorced in 1995, remarried in 1999 and think of getting divorced again. I am still running my marketing communications company, as my daughter who was going to take over, resigned. So we will see what happens. (Pictures: Kaie (on far left) and Family, Kale's House and Garden}



Bruce Parmiter (Pledged '68, Pledge Master '69, Class of '69).....MBA

Northeastern University '71. Retired over 38 years of government service in 2004. Happily ensconced with our boat on the banks of the York River in

Gloucester County, VA in 2009. Fairly soon after we moved into Gloucester County, Brother Doug Dixon moved out! Now what's up with that?

(Picture: Bruce and Janet with Grandchildren)



Fred Koch (Pledged '68, Class of '69).....After graduating from Geneseo majoring in special ed., I continued at Geneseo in their Master's Program in Education of the Deaf. I began as a teacher at the Rochester School for the Deaf in January 1970 and finished my MS degree from Geneseo in 1973. I married Jo-Ann Muriello (also a graduate of Geneseo) in 1971. I taught high school science at the school for the deaf until 1975 when I took a leave of absence and moved to California for a year to work on a 2nd Master's degree from Cal. State Univ. at Northridge majoring in School Administration in the Area of Deafness. After completing this degree, I returned to Rochester and became the Principal at the Rochester School for the Deaf. Following that, I became the Assistant Superintendent of the school in 1985 and held that position until my retirement in 2002. During that time, I also taught at Geneseo as an adjunct professor in their Education of the Deaf graduate program and also taught as an adjunct professor at Canisius College in Buffalo in their graduate program in School Administration and Supervision. I am now retired and am still married to Jo-Ann. We live in Greece, NY and have two daughters who also attended Geneseo. One is an elementary school principal here in Greece She is married and has three young children (two girls and a boy). My other daughter is an elementary school assistant principal in the Williamsville school district outside of Buffalo. She is married and has twin boys. I fill my time now volunteering on Fridays at a hospice-home for the dying in Greece and also on Wednesdays in the archives



department at the school for the deaf preserving their history of over 140 years. I also travel extensively and play golf when I can.

Christian (Chris) Vanni, (Pledge Class of spring '88, Class of '91).....

Tried to "walk on" the men's varsity soccer team in the fall of '87 but did not make the team (but made great friends). Live in New Rochelle, NY with my wife of 10 years, Kim, and our 14-month-old son,

Christian. Decided that four years of "studying" wasn't enough, so went to NYU and received my MBA with the Class of '02. Currently a banker working in the New York City area.

Favorite Sig Tau memories: 1) AGO breakfasts, 2) stealing the Oar from our pledges sleeping in the library, 3) final bids, 4) living in the Sig Tau house (10 Court St.) my senior year, 5) having dinner and watching the Simpsons with the AGOs on Sunday nights, and 6) quarter drafts and 10-cent wings at the Inn Between.

Geneseo moments I will never forget: 1) actually getting accepted to the school...I didn't think my grades/scores were good enough, 2) sunsets over the valley, 3) having "mono" my freshman year and not being able to play sports or consume "beverages" for two months, 4) living in Monroe my freshman and sophomore years, 5) Sundance Books, and 6) the night I became a Sig Tau.

While I don't see many of the brothers on a regular basis anymore, being in Geneseo for our 50th anniversary was as if I had never left. The conversations, the antics, all the "I remember when..." We picked up right where we left off the last time we all saw each other...it was like it was yesterday. And to this day, all of my closest friends are Geneseo Sig Taus. I think it is this camaraderie and these life-long friendships that define Sigma Tau Psi and that make my decision to pledge one that I'll never regret.

Favorite Reunion '13 moments: 1) seeing Jack Sheehan's Sig Tau jacket and hearing his wife tell the story about it. Thank you, Jack, and to all of the founding brothers for your dedication to starting the fraternity. Without it, I would not have had the experience I had in Geneseo or the friends that I have today; 2) being in the Inn Between again...some things never change; and 3) just being there.

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The Sailing Sig Tau's Three Hour Tour Continues:

By Doug Dixon (Pledged '68, Class of '71)

If you remember – tough to do at our age as I already forgot the story I was going to tell, oh yeah,

three years ago in this very newsletter I told of the story of **Al "Smitty" Smith (Pledged '69, Class of '72), myself Doug Dixon (Pledged '68, Class of '71)** and **Tom Mooney (Pledged '68, Class of '71)** (see photo) and participating in a classic wooden boat regatta on Onondaga



Lake. While piloted by Capt. Moonzo we entered a violent storm with seas up to 30 feet or more in height. Water was coming over the bow and Smitty was bailing furiously to keep us afloat. Well down came the mast ending our regatta hopes. We were adrift for many days and after landing on what we thought was a deserted island we found two girls... Well I digress. We



were rescued and the yacht was put in storage until I could find a new mast which I did last year which brings us to the recent present or recent past. With new mast, Smitty & I participated in the 2015 Champagne Classic Wooden Boat Regatta on Keuka Lake the weekend of July 10-11. Prior to the start of the race, we once again were in violent storm and First Mate Smitty was again bailing furiously (he is a good bailer and I remember him bailing out Sig Tau Brothers from the Geneseo jail "back in the day" when he was our Treasurer – I guess we never lose the GSU talents we picked up, I digress again) to keep us afloat and our dreams of winning trophies alive. When all of a sudden what should appear but the bill of a marlin up thru the bottom of the boat! I pushed the bill out with my bare hands but it left a hole about 4 inches round (see photo) and now water was pouring in and we were sinking (it's a much better story than hearing how I pulled a plate out of the bottom while on a boat hoist...). Realizing the yacht was headed to the cold dark bottom of Keuka Lake, I put on a harness and rope and jumped in the lake and swam while pulling the yacht to shore. When I got to shore, however, the ramp was blocked by a powerboat (there are three things in life that I absolutely hate (1) prejudice, (2) phigs, and (3) powerboats). I kindly asked the 300 lb., 6' 13" stinkpot skipper to move his ass so I could pull my sinking yacht out. He refused to move accusing me of doing his wife or something like that. I got in his face, he said he was a Federal Officer, I said I was a Sig Tau and he was last seen driving his pickup towing the boat and trailer in the direction of Mexico... Well the yacht was saved; it is now on a trailer and headed for bottom repair. The story will continue. We learned how to sail on Hemp's Pond and that skill will eventually lead us to the coveted wooden boat trophy in the future. We'll be back and the story will continue...

Captain Ahab, (Oops, I mean Doug)

You nailed the ongoing saga to perfection with complete detail and dishonesty. Nothing comes to mind that you might have omitted except that the marlin was estimated to be in the 800-900 lb. range and that I had to forgo the bailing and jump overboard to furiously pull on its tail while you pushed on its bill with your bare hands in our efforts to dislodge it from the bottom of the hull.

So beware all you sailors of Lake Keuka. Somewhere in the cold, dark depths of the waters of Keuka lurks a monster marlin. Next year I hope to not hold a bailer in my one hand and jib lines in the other, but in that hand that once held the bailer will be my harpoon ready to strike if this monster should once again come near the vessel. End of story.

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Chris Geatrakas (Pledged '69, Class of '70).....After graduation I stayed in the Rochester area working nights tending bar and days at Frederick Douglas Jr High. In April of '71 I satisfied my patriotic urges and volunteered for the Draft (my lottery number was 343; my mother would have been drafted before I was). A psych exam was given...they ask three questions: is the girlfriend pregnant? Are you here at the direction of a court or are you f'ing crazy. Guilty as charged, crazy. Stationed in Ft Bragg NC, assigned to a MI battalion and we lived with the army boxing team. Good gig, civilian food, no KP, no guard duty, no formations.

After ETS, came back home and entered the construction trades: loved it, always was hands on. Became a Union steamfitter, worked as a chiller service tech, manager for a service company and finally bought the business in '87.

I have been married for 38 years, have two wonderful daughters in medicine, my wife Beth is a teacher who just retired this past June. We are planning to move to Cape Cod in the upcoming year, closer to the kids.

Much of my business is the design and install of ice rink refrigeration systems, including the ice floor and energy management /control system at the Geneseo Ira Wilson Center. The Geneseo hockey coach was impressed that I knew Ira Wilson (NYS History). Makes me "vintage" (old). My installations include AHL, NHL (Rangers, Flyers, Sharks and Avalanche, Barclay center NYC), colleges and private rinks from Bangor, Maine to Shanghai, China. Moving forward I plan to be less active in the business, try to sell myself as a consultant or insulant depending on who you ask, and try to retire. Getting a bit tired of the day to day...

Although I did not follow a career path in education, my years in Geneseo have served me well. Having Geneseo and Sig Tau after my name certainly has not hurt me. My thanks to all...

Pete Massari (Pledged '69, Class of '71)....

As most of you know I've been a financial advisor for the past 38 years--about 10 years ago I became involved

in Harness Racing and currently own about 20 horses- I breed and race at various tracks including Yonkers, The Meadowlands, Saratoga, Pocono etc.

I've been married to the same beautiful woman, Cynthia for 35 years and have 2 daughters 31 & 26--the older one Laura works with me--the

younger Natalie, models and acts---most of my time is spent developing Stock Market trading models for myself and clients--still fish quite a bit as well as golf and shoot archery--took up guitar again after quite a few years of not playing and was an original member of Froggie and the Magic Twangers who recently (attempted) to play at The

Hopf's reunion party. I try to get together with many of the Brothers as often as possible--always a good time. (Pictures: Pete, Wife and Daughters)



Carl Kanoff (Pledged '68, Class of '70).....

I retired after teaching 34 years of science (earth science the last 17 years) at Candor Central School. I also coached baseball at various levels for 20 years. I have 2 sons. Currently living in Candor NY, I stay busy with many hobbies; the most recent is spoiling a grandchild.

I remember going on road trips with the brothers. I'm not sure if it is because of the length of time that has passed since events occurred or because of other factors like a few too many beers consumed, but details are sketchy. One time, we traveled to Oswego for the Sigma Tau Chi Regatta. While we held our regatta on a small cut-off oxbow of the Genesee River, their regatta was on the lake. Another time, we went off to Cortland and stayed at the Gamma Tau Sigma house. There were too many bars to visit in

Cortland but we tried. I remember that before we came back to the house, we stopped in to visit the DK house up the street. I don't remember which of the trips it was, but we stopped near Rochester and picked up a couple of gallons of homemade hard cider. Strange how beer and cider causes the formation of intestinal gases. Somewhere on the Thruway between there and our destination, I was told to stop polluting the air in the car or I would walk the rest of the way. Remembering the night when we were pledges and were dropped off miles from campus with no idea where we were, I tried my best not to pass any more. (Picture: Carl with his sons, Drew on the left and Carl on the right.)



John Leck (Pledged '70, Class of 72).....

I think my big brother was called Rat. I married Linda, one son, John, one daughter, Kristina, 6 Grandchildren. Following Geneseo, worked 7 years as a MRDD rehab counselor, 12 years selling high risk auto insurance. Suit and tie and a DWI? See me, and finally retired last year- 20 years as a High School Earth Science teacher at a nice Greene County NY country school. Always wanted to be a science teacher, and time was running

short. I attended the 2015 Greek reunion, first time seeing many brothers in 43 years, and had a terrific time. Currently having a home built outside of Wilmington NC, and will be moving away from the snow, and NYS, in March 2016. Sometimes I think I never grew up, and miss the Rathskeller, foosball, Varsity Inn, appreciate getting the bid, visiting Rod and meeting his family in Belmore LI, the guys in Buffalo. The Fort Lauderdale trip with Rod and Mike Venturino. House parties, to list a few. JC Superstar was a superb production I'll never forget.



Tom Wolff (Pledged 1969, Class of 1973).....I graduated in 1973 with a degree in Speech and Hearing and promptly married Arethusan Jan BeGell (Harv) in August. Jan left Geneseo after her sophomore year to return to Corning NY where she started a successful career in banking. She had a job and I was just searching for one, so we settled in Corning. I was hired by



Chemung-Tioga BOCES as an itinerant speech therapist and teacher of the hearing impaired working in the Elmira/Watkins Glen area. After two years in that position I left to join my father's business as a manufacturer's representative for commercial restaurant equipment. My older brother had just died of cancer at the age of 26 and my father needed the help. I quickly realized that this would not be my dream job and left after two years. I enrolled at Alfred University, got a master's in counseling and became the Director of the Steuben County Youth Bureau. In 1980 Jan and I felt constricted by the prospects of advancement in Corning and moved to the Buffalo area. The change turned out very well professionally for both of us. Jan advanced very quickly in mortgage banking and I launched a career in public school

administration after earning a second master's degree in that field from Buffalo State. I worked 14 years at Erie 1 BOCES, 10 years as Director of Pupil Services in the Hamburg Central School District before becoming the Executive Director of Student Services in the Kenmore, Town of Tonawanda Schools. For nine years, THIS was my dream job. All my training and experience came together in this position where I was responsible for special education, psychologists, social workers, counsellors, nurses, superintendent's disciplinary hearings and many other odds and ends. Loved it! The icing on the cake was that this was the district I grew up attending K-12. I literally "came home"!

Time flew by quickly after we got married and it was 14 years before Jan and I started our family. We have two sons: Christian is 27 and Sean, 24. They are absolutely fantastic young men and we are very proud of them. No grandchildren yet, but we hope that will be happening in the not too distant future as Christian is soon to be engaged. Sean is still, ah, sampling the field...

Jan and I will be celebrating our 42nd anniversary tomorrow. And to think we met freshman year in the old Rathskeller in 1969! We are both enjoying retirement now. We do some traveling, spend some time at my in-law's lake cottage in the Finger Lakes region (Lanoka Lake) and maintain the house in Orchard Park. Life is good! I also work a couple nights a week doing family counseling. I've recently developed the "bad" habit of collecting old vinyl: rock, folk, country, vocals and even classical. Don't toss that old vinyl, call me! I've also rediscovered the benefits of our Sig Tau brotherhood. I've gone to the reunions of the past few years and reconnecting with old brothers

and meeting new ones has been fantastic! I'm looking forward to doing this well into the future. Give me a call if you're ever in the Buffalo area (716-867-7444) and we can catch up over a Genny Cream! Okay, maybe not....(Picture: Tom with Tom Moonzo and Bob Hussey at the Sig Tau Golf Outing—Reunion 2015)

Hi Chuck from **Bill Palmer (Pledged '69, Class of '71)**

If you are recruiting the likes of **Rod Curran (Pledged '69, Class of '72)** to get the Old Guard off our dead asses, well, that's a hard invitation to decline. A couple years ago I shared some experiences I had while at Geneseo involving hitch hiking to other SUNY campuses to spend weekends with their versions of Sig Tau. You put my e-mail up on the web, and it elicited several responses from brothers who had had similar adventures. Times were certainly different back in the late '60s and early '70s. I found myself on the campus in the summer of 2012 and, with no students around to speak of, I had free rein of the place. The expansion and improvements that have been made over the past 40 years are jaw dropping.



I was a member of the pledge class of 1969 and graduated from Geneseo in 1971. I spent one year in the dorm, which I believe was a requirement of incoming freshman, then stayed in various apartments both in and around the village, including one over Pontillo's Pizza Shop and one at the Beetle Bailey farm house. Tim Lyons and I shared a place in Mt. Morris in the fall of '69, and he and I watched the first Monday Night Football Game on a little TV set at the end of the bar at the bowling alley on Main Street. Right around the corner was the Idle Hour and across the street from there was the liquor store, conveniently located next to the movie theater. The other liquor store was on the outskirts of the village, and was owned by none other than former Yankee pitcher Vic Raschi, "The Springfield Rifle." Ted Williams noted often that Vic was the toughest right hander he ever faced. I interviewed Mr. Raschi several times for a journalism course I was taking and found him to be very

accommodating despite his gruff exterior. I also interviewed Rod Serling, creator of "The Twilight Zone," at the Big Tree Inn one afternoon. He was speaking later that evening as a guest of the Theater Department, but that didn't stop him from consuming several martinis once he discovered that our visit was on the university's dime. I did not make it to the lecture. As part of a music course I was taking, I saw Ravi Shankar perform and remember being mesmerized by his deft playing of the sitar. I guess The Beatles liked it, too.

My principle motivation for rushing Sig Tau was to play on their intramural sports teams. As a freshman, I played on a dorm team that beat the Phigs in flag football and that attracted some Greek attention. Several guys on that team became Sig Taus and, if memory serves, won the triple crown

during the '70-'71 intramural season. I also recall driving Beetle's farm truck as our float in the Homecoming parade, until the engine began smoking uncontrollably, and we had to pull it off on a side street. There might have been beer involved. As with all the Old Guard, I also have fond but somewhat fuzzy memories of Final Bids Night, the White Rose Ball, The Genny Awards, The Regatta, The White Elephant Sale, etc. Good times.

Personally, following graduation Susie Bradt (Clio) and I were married and settled in Camden, NY, where we taught, coached, volunteered and raised our family for 33 years, retiring in 2004. In 2005 we bought our dream house, a log home, on a little piece of land in Madison County. Sadly, Susie contracted cancer in 2009 and was taken from me after 40+ wonderful years of marriage in 2012. Some of you might remember her as our White Rose Queen in 1970. Our only child, son Zack, inherited my love of journalism and is now an editor and consultant for several small newspapers in Eugene, OR, as well as a part time sports reporter for that city's Register-Guard.

My principle interests continue to involve the outdoors, whether it is the maintenance of this little farm, bird hunting and the dog training that is a large part of it, fly fishing and skeet shooting. I am an avid sports fan and can often be found at the Carrier Dome whether it be for football, basketball or lacrosse. In 2013 I finally deferred to Old Man Winter and bought a little house in Melbourne, FL, where I wait out the snow and cold of Upstate NY before coming home for the spring....(Picture: Bill and Susie Palmer and son Zack, and pets; Bill and Suzie Palmer at 1970 White Rose Ball)

Memories: The Way We Were

There are new pictures of the 80's and 90's on the **Memories: The Way We Were** album.

Go to the Album: Click on **Memories: The Way We Were** (The third album on the first album page) on **the Sigma Tau Psi and Friends Gallery** site to view these pictures: <http://www.etoldguard.com/etgallery/>



Composites Anyone?

"Don't know if I mentioned this before but I was thinking that it would be cool if we had access to more composites as it appears the current Sig Taus are not very good at preserving things. If people would scan them in good resolution and send them to either you or me I would be happy to put them on The Sigma Tau Psi Alumni and Friends website <http://www.etoldguard.com/>. It is sad to see the missing links we have already and this makes it much easier for us to lose track of brothers..."

Dave Mead (Pledged '65, Class of '68), Webmaster dmead001@rochester.rr.com

Sig Tau Songs

We Are the Sig Taus

We are the Sig Taus,
Sig Taus are we,
Happy-go-Lucky
Bare-assed and free,
God damn it
We are the freshmen
We are the best men
We are the Sig Tau men
YOU BET!

We are the Sig Taus,
Sig Taus are we,
Happy-go-Lucky
Bare-assed and free,
God damn it
We are the sophomores
We always get more
We are the Sig Tau men
YOU BET!

We are the Sig Taus,
Sig Taus are we,
Happy-go-Lucky
Bare-assed and free,
God damn it
We are the juniors
We are the mooners
We are the Sig Tau men
YOU BET!

We are the Sig Taus,
Sig Taus are we,
Happy-go-Lucky
Bare-assed and free,
God damn it
We are the seniors
We got the wieners
We are the Sig Tau men
YOU BET!



CENSORED VERSE: we did not sing this at the Big Tree

We are the Sig Taus,
Sig Taus are we,
Happy-go-Lucky
Bare-assed and free,
God damn it
We are the alumni
We like the CENSORED or (We like to get high)
We are the Sig Tau men
YOU BET!

SURPRISE: View the video recording of the brothers singing at the 50th Reunion at the Sigma Tau Psi Alumni and Friends website: <http://www.etoldguard.com> (second last item on menu)

White Rose Song

She has those dreamy eyes of blue
A smile beyond compare
Two ruby lips to kiss you
a wealth of golden hair
She wears the badge of Sigma Tau
She's the sweetest flower that grows
She's Sigma Tau's own sweetheart
She's Sigma Tau's White Rose

Submitted by John Leck (Pledged '69, Class of '72)

On Top of an Ago (Censored Version)

On top of an Ago,
All covered in sweat,
There isn't an Ago,
We have _____ yet.

We _____ all the Phi Lambs,
A Clio or two (or three, or four)
We _____ Arethusia,
And when we were thru

We went back to the Ago's

And took one to bed
'Cause everyone know that
Ago's give good _____.

We _____ in their mouths
It _____ down their chin
Then we went back
And _____ them again.

We _____ on the tables
We _____ on the floor
We _____ in the bathroom
We _____ out the door

So if you're ever horny
Perhaps lonely too
Just go _____ an Ago
Please wait till we're thru

Tune: On Top of Old Smokey

Those Who Served Our Country.....



Chris Geatrakas	Specialist 4	US Army	1971-1973
Roger Brown	Specialist 5	US Army	1971-1974
Jeff Gosch	Sergeant	US Army (Field Artillery)	1968-1970
Dave Mead	Petty Officer 2 nd Class	US Coast Guard	1969-1973
Dale E. Metz	Sergeant (E-5)	US National Guard	1970-1976
Dale J. Metz	Staff Sergeant (E-5)	US Air Force	1969-1973
Bob Meyers	Sergeant	US Army	1969-1976
Bruce Parmiter	Cadet	US Coast Guard	1963-1967
Al Smith	Sergeant First Class	US Army Reserves	1972-1978
George Speedy	Sergeant	US Marine Corps	1966-1968
Jim Vidocz	Petty Officer 2 nd Class	US Navy	1966-1970

Mike "Looch" Luczak, president 1968, completed a 20 Navy career. He retired as a Navy Commander.

If you served in the military and want to be added to the list contact Chuck
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In Memoriam

Larry Allen P'63 (G'67)
Bill Brigham P'63 (G'67)
Don Durbin P'69 (G'70)
Don Fuller P'65 (G'67)
John Hoffman P'67 (G'69)
Mark Limerick P'65
Bruce Lomnicki P'68 (G'70)

Roland Littrell P'69 (G'71)
Jack May P'70 (G'72)
Don Peterson P'65 (G'68)
Jack Sheehan FG'63 (G'66)

Tony Siviligia P'69
Dahn Walrath FG'63
(G'66)
Lou (Karl) Ziegler
P'69
Jim Tuck P'69 (G'72)
Lou Pettica P'63 ('67)



Sig Tau Psi Alumni and Friends Website News

New Website Design:

When you log on to the website at: to:

<http://www.etoldguard.com> you will now automatically come to the main menu instead of the current newsletter. If you wish to print any of the composite pictures from the website it is best to save them to your hard drive first; then print them using either **Microsoft Picture It!** or **Photoshop** or other similar programs.

Again thanks to **Dave Mead (P'65, G'68)** our webmaster for designing and maintaining this site.

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