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## Dean's Column

by Dean Kruse

Greetings again from the beautiful Pacific Northwest! It really is necessary for me to begin this with an apology. The demands of work and home have severely limited the amount of time I have been able to devote to Gamma Sigma and as some of you have noticed, I have essentially been on an unofficial leave of absence since our last newsletter. The good news from my point of view is that we have attracted an able replacement for position of Dean of Science and Technology, so I have been able to return to my much preferred role of humble biology instructor. And I hope a better steward of the position with our esteemed group that has been entrusted to me.

## An Observation

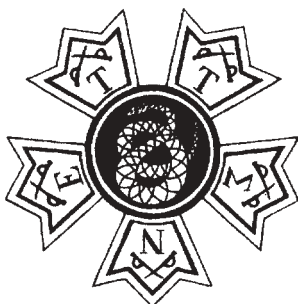
In my vast and eclectic wardrobe, there exist a number of Iowa State t-shirts and sweatshirts that I proudly wear on occasion. Just today I wore one to the gym and a fellow Iowa Stater introduced himself to me. This is the fourth ISU graduate I have encountered in the past year at Bally's Fitness Center alone. Other alums have stopped me while we have been out shopping at the mall and even a softball player from an opposing team introduced herself and volunteered that she is a chemical engineering graduate from ISU now working for Intel. While the northwest is generally a friendly place, it is amazing to realize that just wearing one of these shirts declaring your affiliation as a Cyclone enables strangers to form an instant bond and a camaraderie of sorts based on our shared experiences. Iowa State holds a special place in all of our hearts and I believe each one of us is proud and grateful for the education we received and the friends we have made. And while we may have left for a job or to attend graduate school or even relocate to find a more hospitable climate, the very positive ISU experience remains and a great part of this is Gamma Sigma.

## Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

Again a significant number of you have stepped forward to offer your voluntary contributions to the House Corporation and alumni group. Since the last newsletter, the following individuals have collectively contributed a total of \$515.00

Robert I. Burkhart  
Matthew L. Cardinale  
George R. Croker  
Thomas L. Daugherty  
Daniel P. Dodd  
F.H. Forrest  
Calvin F. Glattfelder  
James E. Gleason  
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James E. Inglefritz  
Lester A. Juon  
Walter T. Matzen  
N. Wilson McBeath  
Charles E. Nye  
Shawn M. Ovenden  
Frederick (Fritz) H. Raab  
Wayne D. Siebold  
Dr. Gerald H. TePaske  
Donald H. Thompson  
E.C. Vandenburg  
Gerald B. Whittemore  
Robert T. Wilson

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### **A Request**

We would, of course, like to see more names listed – and yet, we specifically do invite you to participate in this purely voluntary effort. To build our alumni association, establish ourselves in a financial position so that these gifts can be a legitimate tax deduction for the brothers and to reestablish an undergraduate chapter on the Iowa State Campus, we will need to raise significantly more money than we have to date. I know how uncomfortable I feel when the elders at church inevitably rise to speak with their requests for the congregation to increase its giving. At least I do not need to attempt to convince you to tithe. And I well remember those extended periods when my own family's needs and wants far exceeded the income to pay for these items, much less send a few dollars to Gamma Sigma. Indeed such was my personal situation a number of years ago when brother Skip Sherman performed a Herculean effort to raise much needed money for the house. Even now in our own home, the concept of disposable income has become more restricted as my wife Deb continues her search for a new position, having left her old job in April. Please brothers, consider the needs of Gamma Sigma when you look at your family budgets and write checks for those monthly expenses and contribute to the best of your ability.

Please send your voluntary contributions made out to Gamma Sigma House Corporation to our treasurer:

Jason Gammack  
14 Rosedown Place  
The Woodlands, TX 77382-4417

You may notice this is a significant change from Jason's last address in Seattle. Brother Gammack's wife, a physician, has accepted a position at the prestigious Baylor University Medical School in Houston. We wish them lots of luck as they establish new lives in the great state of Texas.

### **Lost Brothers**

We are again including a list of lost brothers. I do sincerely thank all of you for providing updated information to us. While many people have contributed, Brother Alan Peterson has been particularly helpful in supplying us with

data of late. And a special thanks to you, Alan. While the U.S. Postal service provides us with updated addresses for those who have moved, this service has a viable life of only six months per individual move. Consequently, with each new mailing, a few are returned here to me as undeliverable. Unfortunately we seem to lose track of a few with each new mailing. The most recent losses include brothers:

Kenneth Dodd (apparently no longer at Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse in Switzerland)

Erik Wilson of Oakton, Virginia  
Jay D. Anderson of Honey Creek, Iowa  
Aaron Benike of Rochester, Minnesota  
Josh Finley of Ames and Mason City, Iowa

John Cunion of Noblesville, Indiana  
Don McVey of Warren, New Jersey

Again, if you can help out with any of these individuals, your assistance would be much appreciated. And if you could, please let us know when you move? Now that is really a lot to ask, but...

In case you were wondering, we are using the current mailing list of national and sometimes they are a bit slow in entering data that we have submitted. Given my record, I will be the last person to criticize them for this. There is a very relevant parable about tossing the first stone as many of you will recall. But just in case you reported some changes to us that seem to have been ignored, we would beg your patience.

Brother Dan Simpson continues to work diligently on this "lost brother" list. Both Dan and I have recently had problems with the master Iowa State Alumni directory, but we are attempting to utilize this valuable resource as well.

In addition, there have been a few brothers reported to have gone to Chapter Eternal since our last newsletter. These include brothers:

Alvern S. Wendel  
Omar (Bill) Stauch  
Richard A. Meltser  
Fred L. Way  
Charles H. Rowe  
George I. Wood Jr.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our brothers and their families as they struggle with their losses.

### **A Possible Model for Gamma Sigma**

The most recent issue of The Delta (Spring 2001) contained an interesting article on Gamma Pi chapter at West Virginia University. Entitled "Gamma Pi Chapter: The Best of Times and the Worst of Times" chronicles the life of a chapter founded in 1904 that became inactive in 1994. Their situation clearly parallels our own. I would encourage all of you to read this article if you have not already done so or perhaps read it again if your copy of The Delta has not yet made it to the recycling bin. You should also be able to obtain an electronic version by going to [www.sigmanu.org](http://www.sigmanu.org). I fully intend to make this article the centerpiece for my portion of the Gamma Sigma Spring newsletter.

### **Messages from Brothers**

One of the most fun things I do is read the notes that many of you send. Your news is of great interest to us and is important in helping to rebuild a spirit of brotherhood among our widely scattered alumni. Please continue to send your comments, I pass them along to Brother van der Linden, our esteemed editor. You will see several of them in this newsletter. Brother Jim Gleason even included a picture of himself and his two lovely daughters. Thanks, Jim!

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### **President's Message**

An Article in the Burlington Free Press on Memorial Day proclaimed "War Stories Lost with Passing of Vermont Veterans." So it is also with the history and traditions of our own fraternity.

Gamma Sigma was built by the efforts of each and every one of us. When we recolonize, we will want to impart the history and traditions to our new members so that they will indeed be a continuation of our chapter. Thus we need to remember our past while we are building for the future.

The first steps in this process were taken when brothers Hill, Thompson and Adamson sorted through our storied possessions and separated out what was important. However, there is a lot more to be done. Preserving our history has many different aspects, including:

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# Announcements

**David P. Handke**

150 Pheasant Run Drive  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022  
440-247-2710

Barbara, my wife of 50 years died in January 1999. I remarried in January 2000 to Marcia. I have one son in Cleveland and one in Chicago, both married and both have two children.

**Robert T. Wilson**

853 S.E. Riverview Lane  
Waldport, OR 97394  
[robertt@casco.net](mailto:robertt@casco.net)

Enclosed is \$50 for two years dues. If you are ever in Waldport please stop for a visit. Following is a note: During the summer of 1950 I decided to wash dishes at  $\Gamma\Sigma$  rather than Hughes Hall. I was of the opinion I would gain more couth at  $\Gamma\Sigma$ . I was right! I have sold veterinary pharmaceuticals, operated retail stores, real estate developer and contractor. Lynn and I have lived in MN, WI, FL and now OR.

**Daniel Dodd  $\Gamma\Sigma$  335**

9806 Ashby Road  
Fairfax, VA 22031

If you want to locate missing brothers I suggest that you purchase the ISU Alumni Directory 2000 edition;

ISU Alumni Association  
Alumni Suite, Memorial Union  
2229 Lincoln Way  
Ames, IA 50014

**Charles E. Nye  $\Gamma\Sigma$  321**

105 Regency Parkway  
La Porte City, Indiana 46350-5977

I sold my interest in an insurance agency in 1985. I've had some health problems but still manage to play golf twice a week. Work out at the YMCA. My wife Marian and I celebrated our 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June 2001.

**Jim Ilgenfritz**

1833 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Arcadia, CA 91006

Just a note to let you know I enjoyed the newsletter and am looking forward to the next one. Also, I found out that

Jerry DeDiemar lives in Upland, only 24 miles from us. Our youngest son, Rob, who teaches at Arcadia High School, also lives in Upland, on Camphor Way. We will try to see Jerry in the future.

**Jerry TePaske  $\Gamma\Sigma$  657**

1216 Firth of Lorne Circle  
Fort Washington, MD 20744  
[GHTEPASKE@AOL.com](mailto:GHTEPASKE@AOL.com)

My wife Sue and I have two kids who have left the nest. I retired from veterinary practice in 1996. Hobbies are farming and singing. We live in Maryland suburbs of Washington D.C. Would welcome visits from late 50's and early 60's alums.

**Wilson McBeath  $\Gamma\Sigma$  274**

[WIL-McB@WORLDNET.ATT.NET](mailto:WIL-McB@WORLDNET.ATT.NET)

I live in a retirement home near Akron. Not as chipper as I used to be. My wife Margaret Quaife (ISU '36 GPB) is in an adjoining nursing home (Alzheimer's). Missing brother Omar (Bill) Stauch  $\Gamma\Sigma$  265 died in Fort Myers, Florida about 5 years ago.

**Calvin F. Glattfelder  $\Gamma\Sigma$  439**

Summer: 544 Candlewood Lane  
Flat Rock, NC 28731  
828-697-0492  
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Naples, FL 34119  
941-455-8209

Thanks to you brothers helping to keep Gamma Sigma alive! Enjoyed reading Dwight Burnham's and Jim Ilgenfritz's notes. I've met many Sigma Nu's but only Don Sorenson from our chapter and that was over 50 years ago when we were both in the Navy. Staying cool here in the NC mountains until fall, when my wife Lib (54 years) and I will return to Naples, Florida for the winter.

**George F. Croker  $\Gamma\Sigma$  409**

212 Fairway Drive  
Aberdeen, WA 98520  
360-532-8036

Retired 14 years ago and love it. Busier than ever. Golf three times a week, plus gardening. Hope Gamma Sigma can organize to former glory.

**Robert Burkhardt  $\Gamma\Sigma$  709**

1959 was a long time ago, but it seems like yesterday. I am grateful to Sigma Nu for helping Iowa State University to be more than just a big institution. The principles of Sigma Nu are lofty and hopefully can be revived at ISU again. In life we often live from one major goal to another. Then it was to graduate and "get out there." Now it is to retire and "get out there" (hopefully in two years). For those who are ever in Washington State, please don't hesitate to stop for a visit.

P.S. missing brother: John B. Cook  $\Gamma\Sigma$  665, 1905 Bailey Drive, Marshalltown, IA 50158

**Tom Dougherty**

6340 Palomino Drive  
Pinetop, AZ 85935  
[tomld@msn.com](mailto:tomld@msn.com)

Received your information on Gamma Sigma and happy to hear  $\Gamma\Sigma$  is alive and well. I have moved a few times in the last few years and had lost contact with  $\Gamma\Sigma$ . Glad to get back on the mailing list and hope I can help out on getting  $\Gamma\Sigma$  back on good turf in Ames. My wife Barbara (47 great years) and I have been enjoying the good life of retirement with our children and grandchildren. We have been out seeing the world and just returned from a great trip cruising up the Rhone River in France. Now it's time to work on my golf game.

**Jim Gleason  $\Gamma\Sigma$  832**

Oakbrook Terrace, IL

I wish to thank you Fritz Raab, Steve Hill, Marshall Wilharm and the others for taking the initiative to revive the Gamma Sigma chapter. Keep up the good work! Your efforts are much appreciated.

I pledged Sigma Nu in September of 1968. Jim Rung was Commander and Bob Smallwood was Lt. Commander. I have wonderful memories of my time at Iowa State. The house at 2132 Sunset Drive and my brothers who lived there will always have a special place in my heart.

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**Sigma Nu House Corporation, Inc.  
2000 Financial Statement**

2000 Income Statement

Revenues

Member			
Contributions	\$840.00		
Expenses paid by members	\$1078.58		
Subtotal			\$1,918.58
Nonmember			
None			
Unrelated			
Interest, FNB savings	\$10,330.77		
Subtotal			\$10,330.77

**Total Revenues  
\$12,249.35**

Expenses

Operation of Corporation			
Legal	\$0.00		
Telephone conferences	\$298.34		
Tax preparation, paid	\$0.00		
Tax Preparation, donated	\$220.00		
1999 Federal tax paid	\$978.00		
2000 Federal estimated tax	\$699.00		
Subtotal			\$2195.34
Fraternal Activities			
Storage/Moving	\$1,032.00		
Newsletter, paid	\$278.25		
Newsletter, donated	\$858.58		
Subtotal			\$2,168.83

**Total Expenses  
\$4,364.17**

Net Income

Revenues	\$12,249.35	
Expenses	\$4,364.17	
Revenues – Expenses =		<b>\$7,885.18</b>

Balance Sheet for 12/31/00

Assets			
FNB checking	\$5,701.25		
FNB savings	212,532.26		
Total			<b>\$218,233.51</b>
Liabilities			
None	\$0.00		
Total			<b>\$0.00</b>
Net worth			
Assets – liabilities			<b>\$218,233.51</b>

Check

Assets	12/31/99	Change	12/31/00
FNB checking	\$8,146.84	-\$2,445.59	\$5,701.25
FNB savings	\$202,201.49	\$10,330.77	\$212,532.26
Total	\$210,348.33	\$7885.18	\$218,233.51

Check: Above change of \$7,885.18 matches net income.

Prepared by Jason T. Gammack, Treasurer, March 28, 2001.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

I have received and reviewed the bank statements and the resulting financial statements for Calendar year 2000. The bookkeeping system utilized appears to be adequate for the Sigma Nu House Corporation's minimal level of activity. Everything seems to be accurately recorded and in proper order.

Joel B. Thorpe, ΓΣ 762 '64, Past Treasurer, September 4, 2001.

**Jim Gleason's Message** (Continued from page 3)

From 1971 to 1973 I served our country as a military policeman in the U.S. Army. This included 14 months in the Republic of Vietnam where I was awarded a Bronze Star Medal. After being honorably discharged in 1973, I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, IL. I served 4 years as president of the Elmhurst College National Alumni Association and currently I am Vice President of the EC Annual Fund.

In 1974 I started with International Harvester Co. and worked in accounting at various locations in the Midwest. In 1981 I began my career in the investment business and today I am an Associate Vice President with Dain Rauscher out of Oakbrook Terrace, IL.

In 1979 I married Ellen Moyer, a Phi Mu from the University of Illinois. We had two beautiful daughters, but tragically she was killed in a car accident 10 years ago. For the last three years, I have been going with Barb King, a Delta Zeta from Northern Illinois University. She has 3 kids of her own ranging in ages from 18 – 23. We will be married soon. Her oldest son is a Sigma Nu from Western Michigan University. It think it would be appropriate for me to pass out cigars and provide for a champagne toast. Maybe the guys can get together and serenade this new "Sweetheart of Sigma Nu." I sure do miss those serenades...we had some outstanding singers in the house.

I would be very interested in a Gamma Sigma reunion of any kind, at any place and at any time. Please note that I have included information on Roger L. Carlson ΓΣ 831 so that he won't be a lost brother any longer.



*The Gleasons – Jim Gleason (ΓΣ 832) is shown here with his daughters, Erin and Megan.*

Newsletter Contributions  
for the Spring Newsletter

Deadline: April 1, 2002.

Contributions may be sent to editor John van der Linden by any of these media:

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fax: 712-336-0611

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office 712-336-2805

# MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the SIGMA NU HOUSE COMPANY, INCORPORATED

(Under the Amended and Restated By-laws)

A meeting of the Sigma Nu House Company, Incorporated was held by conference call on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at 11:00 P.M. EST. The meeting was called to order by Frederick H. Raab, President. Also in attendance were Dick Winchester, Steve Hill, Dean Kruse, and Jason Gammack.

## REPORTS

The minutes of the third meeting meeting (Feb. 10, 2001) were approved.

Treasurer Gammack reported savings and checking accounts at \$214,920 and \$4400, respectively. Federal taxes for 2000 have been paid.

The number of "lost brothers" is now estimated to be under 240. National left about 30 of our recently sent corrections listed as "undeliverable".

## E-MAIL VOTES

Payment of the 2000 Federal income tax and 2001 estimated tax was approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

Raab reported that Don Geiger (ΓΣ 655) is now working on our Iowa tax returns, which should be ready in a week or so. This will allow timely filing of the 2000 return. Raab plans to revise the 1998 return over the summer for payment of capital-gains tax on the sale.

Hill reported that the property to be donated is still in storage. He will try to arrange something within the next couple of months.

## NEW BUSINESS

Winchester moved to pay Iowa 1999 and 2000 income tax as well as Iowa 2001 estimated tax. Kruse seconded. Passed unanimously.

Nonmatriculate initiation of Gerry Whittemore was discussed. His pledgship was interrupted by World War II. Based upon discussions with National, we would reserve the next pin

number for him, but the actual initiation would have to be done by a currently active chapter. He comes from a Sigma Nu family (father, uncle, brother, son). Winchester (who knows him) moved to sponsor membership. Gammack seconded. Passed unanimously. Raab will write the invitation.

Options for investment of the SNHC's funds were discussed. The consensus was that we should put the funds in something with guaranteed principal; i.e., no stocks. A significant amount of the money (half) must remain in relatively liquid form in case of a disagreement with IRS. Treasurer Gammack will talk to his financial advisor in a couple of weeks and send some recommendations.

Procedures for Board voting by e-mail were discussed. The consensus was that the following would be workable and in line with our bylaws:

- (1) Best used for simple administrative matters.
- (2) President or someone else puts out the question by e-mail.
- (3) Board members respond to the secretary.
- (4) The first YES vote counts as a second.
- (5) If any Board member objects, the question is put on hold until a regular meeting.
- (6) Two weeks are allowed for responses to be delivered to Secretary.
- (7) Secretary notifies members of result.
- (8) Secretary records result in minutes of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the fall unless it is necessary to discuss investments further.

The meeting was concluded at 12:00 EST.

Respectfully submitted  
Frederick H. Raab, ΓΣ 772, President

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## Board Meets: Plans 2002 Reunion at Ames

The Gamma Sigma Board of Directors met via conference call the evening of September 19. A considerable number of alumni have said they'd like to see a Gamma Sigma reunion, and preferably at the time of a football game (perhaps homecoming), in Ames.

It was decided to make plans for the reunion a year from now...Fall of 2002. The athletic ticket office and the alumni office at ISU both tell your editor that a definite Homecoming date has not yet been set. However it will probably be October 19, 2002, at which time the Cyclones play Texas A&M. The probable alternate date for Homecoming would be October 12, when the Cyclones play Colorado.

So...you may want to consider these dates as you make plans for next fall. The ticket office phone number is 515-294-1816.

## Board Candidates

Steve Hill's term on the Board of Directors ends December 31 and he prefers not to serve for another term (3 years). Now is the time for anyone who would be willing to serve to step forward. Suggestions for others who would make good board members will also be appreciated. Send names to:

Fritz Raab  
Sigma Nu House Company President  
240 Staniford Road  
Burlington, VT 05401

**President's Message** (Continued from page 2)

- Memorabilia
- Official Records
- Newsletters
- Year by Year History (initiates, activities, anecdotes, etc.)
- Profiles of each member

Now we need to organize the memorabilia and records so we know what we have. Some things may need restoration or some sort of treatment to ensure they are preserved.

We need to compile a complete set of our newsletters. This will go a long way to establishing a history.

Many of us have some sort of records, a journal, or just some photos and souvenirs filed away in a box. Certainly all of us have memories. Each of us needs to take some time to jot down some of the events during his days at ISU. Even day-to-day activities will give us a record of how things were in the many different eras spanned by

our alumni. Some of the material may even find its way into the newsletter.

When Gamma Sigma is re-established, I think we shouldn't hesitate to make some demands upon our new members. Among them is that they keep the chapter history up to date by:

- Designating a historian
- Recording major events
- Compiling photos
- Beginning member profiles at the time of initiation and updating annually

The member profiles will include not only official initiation records, but also a summary of what each member did while in school and after graduation. In addition to being part of our historical records, the profiles have another important purpose. Fraternities get a disproportionate amount of negative publicity from a few unfortunate incidents. Member profiles will enable potential pledges and their families to see that fraternity men take responsible

places in all aspects of society and professional life.

When we re-establish the chapter and build a new house, I propose that we designate an "alumni room" in which to keep and display our history. In addition, we can scan things like photos and written material and distribute it to our geographically scattered membership for next to no cost.

There is a lot of work to be done here. Think what anecdote you would write down or tape. Do you have a file of newsletters that can be copied? Who wants to help organize the things stored in Ames? Is anyone familiar with preservation and restoration techniques? Someone needs to start compiling profiles on our present members. And – most important – we need a volunteer to be our chief historian who will coordinate all of these efforts.

Fraternally,  
Fritz Raab, Gamma Sigma ΓΣ 772 '65

## Double Brother Van Der Linden Edits Gamma Sigma News

Editor of Gamma Sigma News is John E. van der Linden, ΓΣ 348, for many years an editor of weekly newspapers in Minnesota and Iowa, and of the monthly Dairymen's Digest magazine.

John grew up in Ames, Iowa; worked for a year after graduating from high school, and then entered Iowa State University in the fall of 1936. His brother Louis, ΓΣ 362, 3 years his junior, entered ISU in the fall of 1937. The youngest brother,

Harold S. "Spence", ΓΣ 417, entered Iowa State in the fall of 1941; became a "Sig" just like his older brothers... but had his education interrupted by World War II and didn't get his diploma until 1948.

After WW II both John and Lou took jobs in Des Moines, bought a house that was under construction, finished it up and for a year had the neatest bachelor pad you can imagine...nicely furnished with Cyclone and World War II

souvenirs. John was named "director of expansion and stabilization" of the Iowa Department of the American Legion; his job was doing some writing for the Iowa Legionnaire monthly newspaper, and speaking to veterans groups, urging WW II vets to join the Legion. Lou got a job with the Iowa office of the U.S.

Department of Commerce, helping vets get started in civilian jobs and handling the issuance of sugar quotas and other rationed products. Meanwhile Spence graduated at Iowa State and

became office manager for Western Engineering at Harlan, Iowa.

John and Lou both left their Des Moines jobs the next year, John becoming editor of the Marshall Messenger of Marshall, Minnesota, where he met his wife-to-be, Marjorie Wetherbee, Lou becoming an operative for Opinion Research, Inc., where he met his wife-to-be, Carolyn Champlin, at Princeton, New Jersey.

All three brothers were married in the fall of 1948; Spence to Janeth Meneough (an Alpha Gam from ISU) in September. John and Louis were married in what they called a "double wedding by long distance" on Saturday, November 27, 1948: Lou and Carolyn at the Episcopal Church at Lahaina, Hawaii; John and Marge at the United Church, (Congregational-Presbyterian) at Marshall, Minnesota.

John and Marge bought an interest in their first newspaper, the Northwood Anchor of Northwood, Iowa, and moved to Northwood (while their honeymoon was still on) in December, 1948. John continued to edit and publish weekly newspapers until retiring and selling the Sibley Gazette-

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The three sons of John and Kathleen van der Linden were photographed at Ames, Iowa in the fall of 1948, wearing Hawaiian "Hula Shirts" brought back to Iowa by Louis van der Linden from Maui, where he made his home until his death in 1971. Left to right are John E. van der Linden, ΓΣ 348; Harold S. "Spence" van der Linden, ΓΣ 417; and Louis G., ΓΣ 362.



*"Ye Editor"*

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### **Double Brother** (Continued from page 6)

Tribune in 1977. Since then he has been a broker and consultant for Midwestern weekly newspapers, and living at Spirit Lake, Iowa. They had three sons, Peter, Dirk and Tom. Pete is director of Fernwood, a nature center at Niles, Michigan; he and Judy have three children; Dirk and wife Lee Horn are publishers of the Belmond Independent, a weekly paper at Belmond, Iowa. They have two children. Tom and his wife Jean Silberman are publishers of the weekly Houston County News at La Crescent, Minnesota.

At Lahaina Lou was labor relations director for Pioneer Mills for a number of years; then worked for American Factors in developing the Kaanapali resort complex. He and Carolyn also developed a 42-home residential complex at Alaeloa, north of Kaanapali. Lou and Carolyn had two daughters; Lou died while on a family vacation August 4, 1971, in Amsterdam, of a heart attack.

At Harlan, Iowa, Spence was manager of Farm Service Co-op for 31 years, building it into one of the largest farm cooperatives in southwest Iowa; with an annual operating budget of \$30 million. He and Jan had two daughters, and each of them has two children. Spence died in an auto accident September 10, 1982.

## Electronic Communications

Our web page can be found at <http://members.home.net/sigmanuisu>. It is maintained by Marshall Wilharm, Gamma Sigma 771 '65 ([marshallw@home.com](mailto:marshallw@home.com)).

Our e-mail repeater (list server) is a

convenient way of distributing news and coordinating activities. To join, sign up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gammasigma>. The list is restricted, so there will be a short delay while you are approved. Once approved, you broadcast to the list members by sending an e-mail to [gammasigma@yahoo.com](mailto:gammasigma@yahoo.com). If your e-mail address changes, you must go back to yahoo and update their list.

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Another passage has occurred in our lives as my son Marc, a 25-year Ph.D. student in the department of clinical psychology at the University of Texas at Austin, was married on August 11th. It was a truly wonderful day and the kids really seemed to have a great time. While the church wedding was quite conventional, many of the smaller details of the rehearsal dinner and reception were strikingly new to me. Marc made a remarkable emotional video using photos from his and Crystal's childhood as well as their life together at this point. To say the least, the tears were flowing freely from many of the guests at the rehearsal dinner. Unable to choose between his two best friends, we had a double best-man ceremony. During the customary speeches and toast at the reception dinner, Kevin, Marc's college roommate and one of the two best men, delivered a Power Point presentation. Each wedding guest was treated to a souvenir CD of the couple's favorite songs complete with a color photo of the smiling couple on the front. Apparently it is now common to have a post-reception after the formal reception. While this was primarily an event for the young couple, Deb and I were invited to a remarkable spot known as Dave and Busters, perhaps best described as a Chuckee Cheese for adults. If you have one of these establishments close to you, and they have branches in many states, you might consider visiting. If nothing else, you will find that the food is much better and far less expensive than that provided by the hotels and restaurants hosting the requisite rehearsal dinners and receptions.

My daughter Kelly remains unmarried, but assures me that I will not have to worry about a formal wedding. She intends to let us know the day after she marries! To be honest, I am not quite

sure how to respond to her statement on either an emotional or intellectual level. Clearly I do not have a whole lot of say in the matter. Kelly has been independent-minded since birth, but I could probably manage to rent and wear a tuxedo one more time if the situation demanded.

However, I am clearly not emotionally ready yet to become a grandparent – although this will likely happen in time. I fully realize that many of you have already experienced this significant stage of and have not only survived but also actually enjoyed the experience – particularly after you have returned the kids to the parents. As a contemporary and great admirer of humor writer Dave Barry, I hope to wait for him to first cross this barrier and write another book on the line of "Dave Barry's Guide to Grandparenthood for the Emotionally Immature" so I will be fully prepared. Deb and I volunteered to baby sit the twin boys next door, Riley and Zach, so their poor, beleaguered parents could get out for dinner and a movie. At the time the boys were about 10 months old. Whatever skills and patience I may have had in terms of child rearing are clearly gone as no matter what I did, Zach continued to howl in my ears for at least three centuries apparently without pausing for breath. My ears are still ringing, but his parents assure me that Zach has fully recovered from his trauma.

Another milestone occurred in July when my mother, Arlene Kruse, celebrated her 90th birthday. It was quite a week visiting with relatives who came to Santa Barbara from all over the country to join us for the festivities. Although her health is starting to fail, her mind remains sharp although I am perhaps appropriately treated as an oversized eight year old. Quite a remarkable woman, my mother has lived alone since my dad died 17 years ago. Interestingly enough, she still has not forgiven him for making her give up her home in Chicago (Park Ridge) to move to Santa Barbara in 1967.

I hope this year has been good for all of you.

Fraternally, Dean

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