



The Constantine Sig

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PSI CHAPTER: HONORING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE

A GOOD SIG CELEBRATING DON SOURS '58

At a recent event to commemorate the completion of the rebuilding of 608 Preston Place, House Corporation President **Jim Mallon '81** remarked that if there were ever to be a "Mt. Rushmore of Psi Chapter," **Don Sours '58** would be on it. It is unlikely that any Brother has done more than Don Sours to preserve, protect, and promote Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at the University of Virginia.



Don graduated from Washington – Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia, in 1954, entered the University of Virginia that fall, and joined Sigma Chi in 1955. His thoughts about Sigma Chi and the reasons he rushed and then pledged have not changed. He was impressed by its "smart, witty, fun-loving members, who were also in positions of leadership on the Grounds." Sigma Chi has been at the center of his life ever since.

After graduation from the School of Engineering and Applied Science, Don began a career with DuPont "building chemical plants around the country." During this time, he also served as a captain and company commander in the Army National Guard. Commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Army ROTC program at UVA, Don is proud of his service to his country. In the early 1970s, Don and his family returned to Charlottesville, where he began a highly successful career as a professional engineer, project manager and a corporate officer for R.E. Lee & Son Construction Company, eventually becoming president. He retired in 2002.

During these years, Don also became involved in his community and the University. Among his many activities, Don served as chairman of the City of Charlottesville Planning Commission and as a member of the city's Board of Architecture Review (BAR). With the university, Don

became a member of the University of Virginia Engineering Foundation Inc., organized to support the School of Engineering and Applied Science and the University of Virginia Foundation.

In 1980, Don was appointed by the Sigma Chi Grand Praetor for the Eastern Region of Virginia to be a member of the Psi Chapter House Corporation Board of Directors. He became president of the board shortly after that. His record of 40 years of service, including 25 years as president, is unmatched. A few of his most noteworthy accomplishments include bringing the fraternity into a property management contract with the UVA Foundation and its Historic Renovation Corporation, arranging the financing and managing the 1983 restoration of the Chapter House, and organizing the early planning and financial strategy that led to the recently completed rebuilding of the Chapter House at 608 Preston Place.

Don is now a director emeritus on the House Corporation and continues to stay involved with Psi actives and Alumni. His unwavering commitment to Psi Chapter was recognized in 1998 when he was inducted into the Order of Constantine, the highest honor that Sigma Chi bestows upon a Brother for his commitment, dedication, and service to the fraternity.

Don stays in touch with his classmates and has faithfully gathered once a year for the last 30 years for a football game, and often a visit to the "the House"—frequently alongside **Mike Daniel '58**, **George Wilkes '59**, and **Bud Senell '59**.

Speaking of Don, Bud put it this way: "Don loves this fraternity. He's given much of his life to it, and we are all the beneficiaries of his tireless dedication and service. He is a good Sig".

Don and his wife, Josephine, live in Keswick, Virginia. The couple has six adult children and six grandchildren. You can contact Don at ch1636@aol.com

*We Want to Hear
from You!*



Tell us what you're up to! How have you lent a hand in your community lately? Do you have any career highlights or family updates you'd like to share with your Sigma Chi Brothers? How have you been coping with life during the pandemic? Have you reached out to any Brothers for support during this time of uncertainty?

Share your story and it may appear in a future issue of *The Constantine Sig*! Submissions can be sent to our communications coordinator at aolbrych@penningtonco.com.

Now more than ever, it's important to stay connected to our Psi Brothers. We hope you have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season.

HOUSE CORPORATION UPDATE

HONORING AND REMEMBERING VALUED BROTHERS



Steve Herbert '68 and Jim Mallon '81 cut the ribbon to celebrate our renovated Chapter House.



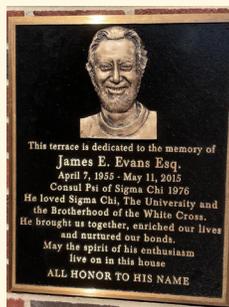
Psi Chapter had a great turnout for Homecomings Weekend!



Our donor plaque for the Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future campaign—finished at last!



Bruce Duerson '68 presents Steve Herbert '68 with his Significant Sig award.



This plaque, memorializing Jim Evans '77, hangs in the side terrace adjoining the Chapter Room.

The Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi House Corporation held its annual meeting on September 26. Among other things, we bade farewell to four long-serving directors: Judge **Jim Moore '68** (former House Corporation president), **Steve Herbert '68** (former chairman of both the Building Committee and the capital campaign), **Dick Dyas '67**, and **Bruce Duerson '68**. Collectively, these four had almost half a century of service to Psi Chapter. Their devotion to the Chapter is immeasurable, and the results of their dedication are amazing. During their watch, more than \$2 million was raised, a new wing was added to 608, and a complete renovation was accomplished. They were relentless in their pursuit and achievement of what many considered an overly ambitious goal. I am grateful to have served with them, to have learned from them, and to be able to call them friends and Brothers.

Shortly after this, more than 60 of us gathered at 608 on Saturday, October 6, immediately after UVA punned Duke. It was an evening of recognition and remembrance. Steve Herbert formally dedicated the newly renovated House and recognized the closure of the capital campaign, thanking all who contributed to the effort. He summarized what was a long, arduous process, recognized all those involved in the renovation, and unveiled an impressive plaque denoting all those who contributed more than \$2,500 to the campaign.

Bruce Duerson and I then had the pleasure of presenting Steve Herbert with the Significant Sig award. Sigma Chi International selected Steve for this award, which is presented to alumni whose exemplary achievements in their fields of endeavor have brought great honor and prestige to the name of Sigma Chi. Since his graduation in 1968, Steve has served his nation and community with courage, grace, and compassion. As a Navy lieutenant, he earned the Navy Cross in Vietnam; he served as city manager for Suffolk and Hopewell, Virginia, and was the deputy city manager of Virginia Beach; he was appointed by the Virginia Beach City Council in 2014 to be a member of the Military Economic Development Advisory Committee; he was appointed by Governor McAuliffe in 2015 to be a member of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans

Service Organization; and he has served as the vice chairman of the board for the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival. Currently, Steve is serving as vice president for Lynnhaven River Now, a leading environmental organization in Virginia Beach; he volunteers with his church, St Andrew's Episcopal Church in Norfolk; and he is a devoted family man, friend, and Brother. Congrats, Steve, on this well-deserved recognition!

We then dedicated the side terrace adjoining the Chapter Room to **Jim Evans '77**, who passed away in May 2015. Jim's wife, Tamara, sister, Rebecca, and brother-in-law, Bill, were in attendance. **George Maughan '74** offered some wonderful words highlighting Jim's exuberance for all things Sigma Chi. **Jim Chappell '76** then read a poem written by **Terry Rainey '77**, one of Jim's best friends (see poem on page 3). Lastly, **Steve Rublee '76** played his guitar, singing The Eagles' "Peaceful, Easy Feeling." It was a fitting ceremony for a wonderful man who is deeply missed.

More recently, **Dave Holmes '84** stepped down as our Chapter advisor. He served as counselor, mentor, and the voice of reason for seven consuls. He was *always* there for the actives, helping them work through the construction and renovation turmoil; adjust appropriately to increasing oversight and scrutiny by the UVA Dean of Students Office; deal with UVA COVID procedures and sanctions; diplomatically handle difficulties with neighbors and other fraternities; and coordinate with Sigma Chi International. In every instance, Dave provided the Chapter with reasoned and analytical, yet compassionate, advice. Dave, on behalf of the hundreds of actives you served during your tenure, and all the Alumni who benefited from your efforts, thank you. You have made a difference.

We are looking for a Psi to serve as Chapter advisor. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to me at jjgmallon@comcast.net or our regional Sigma Chi Grand Praetor, **Mark Paniccia**, at mark.paniccia@sigmachio.org.

In Hoc,
Jim Mallon '81
 President
 Psi of Sigma Chi House Corporation



DAVE'S SEVEN CONSULS

Chapter Leaders Reflect on the Legacy of Dave Holmes '84

“Dave embodied the best of Sigma Chi in his role as Chapter advisor. What stands out to me is that Dave consistently made an effort to really get to know the Brothers. I know I speak for many when I say that I have fond memories of meeting Dave for coffee or lunch on the corner, chatting in Natty Beau, or at his plot at the Foxfield races. He was genuine at all times, and was always available to discuss issues, concerns, or upcoming decisions to be made. I was always inspired by Dave’s thoughtful and principle-driven approach, which was ever-present and on display over his last few weeks guiding the Psi Chapter. He will be missed in his formal role.”

—**Owen Sperling '16**

“My experience working with Dave was primarily from 2015-17. The Chapter Advisor role was always a tricky one for anyone to undertake due to the unpredictable nature and timing of problems that could arise. Whether it was helping calm tensions with University administrators or disgruntled Charlottesville residents, or handling permitting, noise, or living situations, Dave was consistently quick to respond and always with an appropriately light touch. Dave never interfered or got involved when he didn’t have to—and when we did need to lean on him, he always delivered. Dave also helped us handle Sigma Chi International relations. His involvement in the Charlottesville community as well as his deep alumni relations came in handy not just with issues, but also with helping coordinate positive things such as Homecomings or house commemorations. Dave was a great ally to the Brothers at 608, even through tough times, and his calming, respected presence will be thoroughly missed in the Chapter advisor role.”

—**Conor Kelly '17**

“Dave was always a tremendous resource and, more importantly, mentor for the active Brotherhood. Whether it was during formal settings, such as initiation and checks-ins, or informal settings like a dinner and his annual Foxfield plot, Dave served as a strong leader and role model. Despite the change, we all look forward to continuing and building on our relationship with Dave.”

—**Rob Raiola '18**

“As our Chapter Advisor, Dave Holmes was a steady hand, a boundless source of advice, and a tireless advocate who always had the best interests of the Psi Chapter and its members at heart. He helped each new class of Chapter leadership understand their responsibilities to the Brotherhood and navigate through the challenges that they inevitably faced along the way. I will always be thankful that I had Dave Holmes as a mentor, sounding board, and friend during my time as an active... and I hope he can find a less stressful extracurricular activity in the near future!”

—**Sean Fitzgerald '19**

“Dave was truly a great influence on me while I was an active and in my role as Consul. He helped me develop a solid relationship with Psi alumni and navigate situations with a broader perspective. He performed his role as Chapter Advisor with humility and treated all the actives with respect. Dave really stepped up and supported me in coordinating large

events at the House that connected the actives with alumni, including alumni interviews for the initiation ceremony, fundraising events, and class reunions over the summer. He always helped actives see the long-term relationships we can establish with our Psi Brothers.”

—**Mattias Pinto '20**

“Dave was an incredibly active and invested leader of the Psi Chapter. He was committed to ensuring the actives made the most of their undergraduate experience. Dave was the first person the actives would seek out for help in any situation, and he was always there to respond. He is a fundamental part of why the Brotherhood of Psi Chapter is as strong as it is today.”

—**Ryan Franks '21**

“I had the pleasure of working with Dave closely over the past two semesters. I am extremely grateful for the guidance he gave over what was a very difficult time for the Chapter, the university, and the overall community. On behalf of the actives, I would like to thank Dave for being our Chapter advisor.”

—**Tim Sever '22**

Singular Enthusiasm

By Terry Rainey '77

“Snavé” had a singular enthusiasm about staying in touch—
When he thought about someone, he didn’t put it off,
he picked up the phone and called—
Laughing easily, quickly, fully, finding common ground.

With his restless intelligence and empathetic nature,
He was innately interested in how you got where you were
and, wherever you were going,
He trusted you were headed in the right direction.

Jim remembered every single person’s story,
Took each of us to heart— part of his abiding belief
in respect, inclusiveness, and loyalty—
He strengthened bonds of brotherhood with his reverence for
friendship.

Along the tide of years, we grew—
In ways we couldn’t imagine—
Blessed by what we shared with him
and what we share, today and into the future,
In the light of his singular enthusiasm.

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Brighter Days Are Here

Psi Chapter Achieves Philanthropy Success as Restrictions Loosen

During the 2021 spring semester, Psi Chapter underwent another successful recruitment and pledge process, admitting a class of 33 new members. In the fall, **Jamie Garrison '23** and **Noah Schmeisser '23** were granted admission into the McIntire School of Commerce, while **Robert Gerber '23** and Noah Schmeisser were granted admission to the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy. Also, **Jay Chadha '24** was accepted into the University Guide Service, a prestigious volunteer organization, wherein he proudly advertises the Chapter to incoming students and their families.

Many Brothers enjoyed some familiar company for Dad's Weekend over the weekend of September 24th. Our fathers enjoyed a Cavalier football game tailgate after a day of visiting the scenic wineries and breweries in Charlottesville with their sons.

The athletic involvement in the Chapter never fails to show success, as Brothers placed second overall in the fall intramural soccer league, led by **Timothy Sever '22**, **Ryan Post '23**, **Joseph Purvis '23**, and **Cabot McTavish '23**. We also saw success in the intramural football league with a third-place finish, led by **Hugh Bower '22**, Timothy Sever, **Grant Killian '22**, **Nicholas Pasternak '22**, **Henry Haywood '24**, and **Patrick Hourican '23**.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, our new members have brought some great morale to Psi Chapter and formed tight bonds—both with one another and with Brothers of all ages. We look forward to furthering the Derby Days tradition and raising a record amount of money



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for Children's Miracle Network at the UVA Health System after a limited year in terms of events.

We wish the best of luck to the 22 Brothers in the class of 2021 as they begin their careers this year! Remember, as alumni, you are always welcome at your beloved Chapter House.

In Hoc,
Patrick Hourican '23



*Brothers at the Delta Gamma Parents
Formal at Boar's Head Inn.*

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Luke Addington '24 | Great Falls, Va.
Mateo Aguiar '24 | McLean, Va.
Taylor Aukward '24 | Salisbury, Md.
Carter Begley '24 | Boston, Mass.
William Bell '24 | Sewell, N.J.
Daniel Burke '24 | Boston, Mass.
Richard Bush '22 | Reston, Va.
Jay Chadha '24 | Sterling, Va.
Christian Craft '24 | Newport Beach, Calif.
Joseph Connors '24 | Washington, D.C.
Christopher Daleo '24 | Westhampton Beach, N.Y.
Thomas Dillard '24 | McLean, Va.
James Garrison '23 | Haymarket, Va.
Robert Gerber '23 | McLean, Va.
Matthew Hanley '24 | Alexandria, Va.
Henry Haywood '24 | Lexington, Va.
Patrick Hourican '23 | Staten Island, N.Y.

Nicolas Jaramillo '24 | Bogota, Columbia
Andreas Kamali '24 | Fairfax, Va.
Drew Kim '23 | Great Falls, Va.
Patricio Lopez-Guerra '24 | Lima, Peru
James Mahoney '24 | Northampton, Mass.
Juan Marcos '23 | Guayaquil, Ecuador
Christian Marinaro '24 | McLean, Va.
Adam Martin '24 | Fairfax, Va.
Dante Massimo '24 | Manassas, Va.
Ishaat Mawla '23 | Lorton, Va.
Cabot McTavish '23 | Virginia Beach, Va.
Benjamin Moskowitz '24 | Newton, Ma.
Joseph Purvis '23 | Vienna, Austria
Adam Rogers '24 | Fredericksburg, Va.
Benjamin Stone '24 | McLean, Va.
Ritik Verma '24 | Potomac, Md.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

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