



The Constantine Sig

Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi at the University of Virginia • Spring 2024

GRATITUDE FOR HIS SERVICE

Remembering Don Sours '58

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of **Don Sours '58**. Don entered Chapter Eternal on October 31, 2023, peacefully in his sleep. He will be greatly missed and thought of kindly and often.

At the celebration of the completed renovations at 608 Preston Place, **Jim Mallon '81** remarked that if there were ever to be a Mt. Rushmore of Psi Chapter, Don Sours would be on it. It is unlikely that any Brother has done more than Don to preserve, protect, and promote Psi.

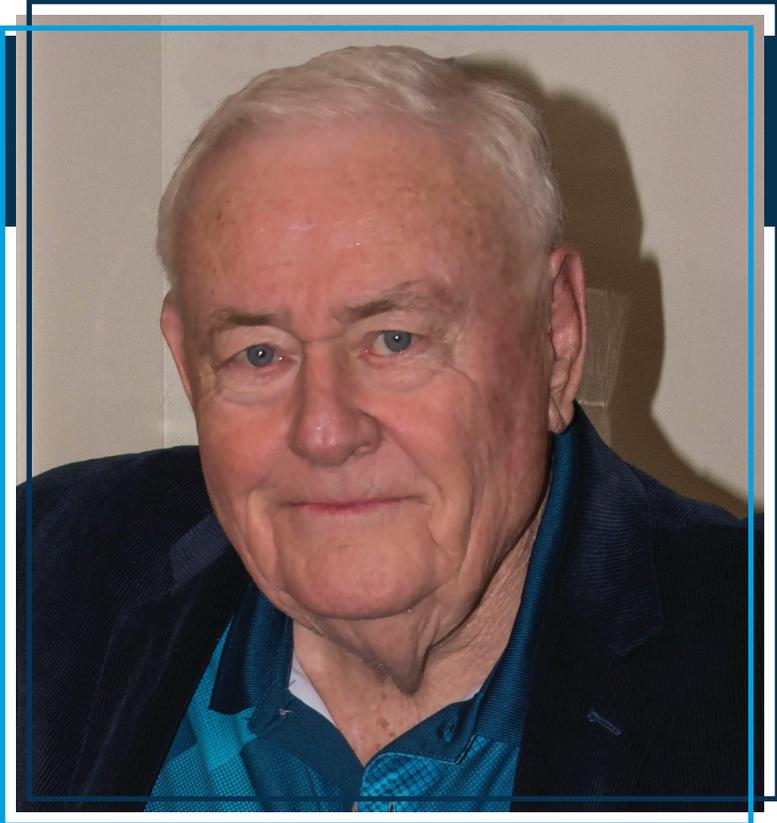
Don graduated from Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia, in 1954, entered the University of Virginia that fall, and joined Sigma Chi in 1955. He was impressed by Sigma Chi's "smart, witty, fun-loving members who were also in positions of leadership on the Grounds." Sigma Chi was at the center of his life from then on.

After graduating from the School of Engineering and Applied Science, Don began a career with DuPont "building chemical plants around the country." During this time, Don 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 was proud of his service.

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 corporate officer for R.E. Lee and Son Construction Company, eventually becoming president, retiring in 2002.

During these years, Don also became involved in his community and the university. Among his many activities, he served as chairman of the City of Charlottesville Planning Commission and as a member of the city's Board of Architecture Review. Don became a member of the University of Virginia Engineering Foundation Inc., organized to support the School of Engineering and Applied Science in addition to the 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 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 which led to the recently completed rebuilding of the Chapter House at 608 Preston Place.

Don was a director emeritus on the house corporation and stayed involved with Psi Actives and Alumni until his passing. His unwavering commitment to Psi Chapter was formally 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 stayed in touch with many of his contemporaries and leaves behind his wife, Josephine, six children, and six grandchildren. **Bud Senell '59** put it this way: "Don loved this fraternity. He gave much of his life to it and we are all the beneficiaries of his tireless dedication and service. He was a good Sig." All honor to his Name.

In Hoc,
Mark Senell '87
HRC President



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A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Nixon Family Legacy Centers on Sigma Chi

From serving on the house corporation board to raising funds for chapter house renovations (and everything in between!), Bill, Barby, Justin, and Devon Nixon have demonstrated their commitment to Sigma Chi's values and the spirit of our brotherhood.

Bill Nixon '70 chose to attend UVA against his family's recommendation, so he funded his own college education by working in the school cafeteria. When Dorm Counselor **Jim Moore '68** offered him the job of house manager, he knew it was an unmissable opportunity. "That job was a gift of kindness unequaled in all my life. Sigma Chi immediately became my family, and in later years, became woven into the fabric of my life."

While pursuing his Phd. in clinical psychology, Bill met his wife, Barby, a member of the University of Virginia's first class of female graduates. "I got to know Bill's brothers at Sigma Chi as a student," she said. "Later, I visited my sons, who are brothers of Sigma Chi, and was able to meet a new generation of members!" One of Justin's clearest memories of his mom's visits features her kneeling in the backyard, picking weeds. Barby remains committed to the chapter house being a source of security and support for its residents. She found her own avenue to support this effort by editing the chapter's newsletter.

Bill served on the House Corporation board and was instrumental in organizing and raising funds for the recent chapter house renovation. When asked about his motivation, he was eager to share. "I enjoyed seeing my sons have the same life-changing experience I had as a Sigma Chi, and I want to see that continue for future generations. The most defining thing in my life as a man and as a friend was this brotherhood."

Indeed, when the time came for **Justin Nixon '03** to choose a college and fraternity, Bill did his best to make the decision an easy one. "Dad called the chapter house and asked if someone could pick me up for my campus visit," Justin recalled. "Amazingly, **Chris Komelasky '00** agreed!" After visiting the house and meeting some brothers, Justin knew following in his father's footsteps was the right choice. From then on, Sigma Chi continued to provide Justin with opportunities, in college and beyond. (He met his wife, Hadley, when she was a Sigma Chi sweetheart.) After graduating, he followed his father's lead again and began volunteering on the House Corporation Board in 2008.

"Sigma Chi made me a better friend, father, and citizen."

"Not only was Sigma Chi a key component of our college experience where we met lifelong friends, it has continued in our adult lives, through friendships and staying engaged," Justin shared. He now works for Duke Impact Investing Group in Durham, N.C., where he and Hadley are raising their three children, aged 12, 10, and 7.

Devon Nixon '06 experienced his first year in the chapter house while Justin was enjoying his last. "We became brothers by choice not just by blood," he said. "I knew the legacy connection was unique when I was 18, but as I got older, I realized just how special it was." In addition to developing existing family relationships, Sigma Chi also opened the door to new connections. "The support system helped me during a stage in life when I was finding out who I wanted to be and laid the groundwork for friendships I have carried into my 20s and 30s and beyond." Devon continues to meet up with his fraternity brothers despite moving across the country due to his work as an orthopedic surgeon. He now lives in Utah with his wife, Emily, and their daughters Charlotte and Isabel.

CHAPTER GOALS FOR 2024

- 1 Obtain 150 cumulative volunteer hours per semester.
- 2 Continue our Bottle Tab Initiative with RMHC.
- 3 Raise \$10,000 for philanthropy.

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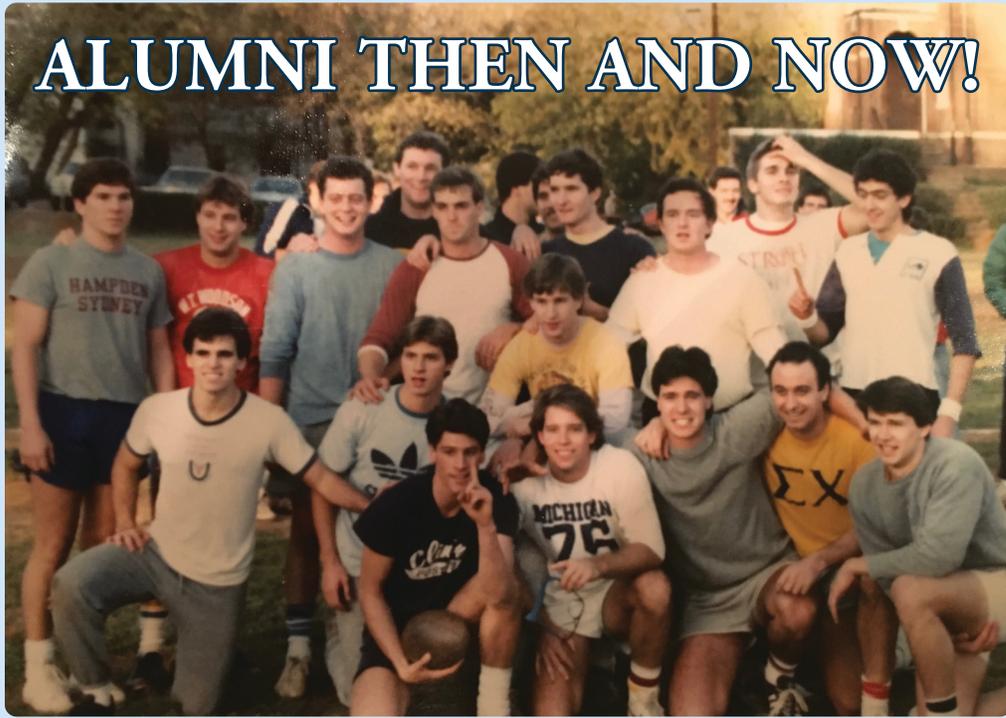
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ALUMNI THEN AND NOW!



Blast from the past: Psi Chapter's 1983 IFC intramural football championship team!



Steve Cricchi '85 (far left)—leader of the band Unfinished Business by night, Executive Director of the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division by day.



Psi alumni enjoy a pizza dinner at the 2013 reunion weekend.



*A complete group of Psi groomsmen at the wedding of Brian Ohlhausen '14!
From left: Jeff Del Presto '13, Leo McLaughlin '14, Brian Ohlhausen, Andy Coulson '13, Michael Bugas '14, Phill Connell '14, Chris Hutson '15, and Corbin Bagenstose '14.*

ALUMNI NEWS



David C. Hale '62 is enjoying retirement with lots of travel, including stops in Charlottesville as often as possible. He lives in San Francisco, Calif. Email: dhale26328@aol.com

Robert F. Rando '79 retired at 50, having worked in drug discovery and development. He now lives in Annandale, N.J., and writes fiction under a pen name. "Email me and I'll send it to you." Email: r1234f56r@comcast.net

Jim W. Rowe '79 has been on a weekly Zoom call (two hours each Saturday) with Brothers **Chris Answell '79, Jeff Brown '79, Bob Feath '79, Jim Rogers '79, Dave Rivard '79, Joe Babarsky '79, and Tom Fitch '79** since the beginning of the pandemic. "We are still going strong after three-and-a-half years." Jim lives in Philadelphia, Pa. Email: jrowe@agooslovera.com

Lincoln Foran '10 and his wife, Cristina, welcomed their daughter, Susanna, on February 17, 2023. They live in Washington, D.C., and Lincoln recently left the staff of the Senate Finance Committee for a new role at McKinsey. Email: rforan@gmail.com

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- Edward H. Schirmer '50 – June 14, 2023
- Stewart T. Bowden '56 – March 26, 2023
- Donald E. Sours '58 – October 31, 2023
- Casey Cummings '70 – May 12, 2023

Read about Don's Sigma Chi legacy on page 1.

PAVING A NEW PATH

Psi Works to Do Right by Sigma Chi



From left: Brothers Dylan Overstreet '26, Zach Overstreet '25, Shaurya Nayyar '25, and Mike Armentrout '25 celebrate time well spent with their moms at Mother's Weekend this past October.

2023 was an excellent year for Psi.

In the spring, we initiated a class of 32, the largest class of all 32 fraternity chapters at UVA! Rest assured, this class is high quantity **and** high quality, and we have enjoyed getting to know them all.

In the fall, we continued to comply with a social suspension issued by Nationals, working hard to restore the ritualistic standards set by Sigma Chi. During this time, seven of our Brothers (**Luke Lustig '26, Patrick Fox '26, Krish Patel '26, Mason Lewis '26, Dylan Overstreet '26, Shane Clark '26, and Luke Buroker '26**)

became officially certified as Ritual Peers! These men may now (if called upon) preside over other Chapters' rituals of initiation.

As part of the Chapter's reorientation, we have begun work on another long-term goal: expanding beyond Derby Days to support more philanthropic events. We hold Derby Days every spring over a week-long period to raise money for local organizations; last spring's recipient was UVA Children's Hospital. Thanks to the hard work of our new philanthropy chairmen, **Joe Hardy '26 and Scott Daley '26**, we have expanded into a new mode of charity:

collecting soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Charlottesville. RMHC, which houses patients from the children's hospital, collects these tabs because they are denser in aluminum than the rest of the can. We have put up buckets all over the Chapter House to encourage a friendly competition between classes, which has proved to be very successful and popular so far.



From left: Brothers Adam Rodgers '24, Joe Connors '24, Taylor Aukward '24, Patricio Lopez-Guerra '26, Shaurya Nayyar '25, Ritik Verma '24, and Chris Craft '24 share quality time at a fall 2023 football game.

At the time of writing, we are in the throes of spring recruitment with high hopes of securing another excellent pledge class. We will solidify Psi Chapter as not only the embodiment of the national vision for Sigma Chi, but also an exemplary staple of the culture here at UVA as well.



In Hoc,
Krish Patel '26
Quaestor