



# Epsilon Echo

Epsilon Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity at  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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*From The Alumni President*

## New School Year Begins With Energy And Enthusiasm

With the birth of each new academic year at WPI, there comes a sense of renewal and new beginnings. At Theta Chi, this means new brothers residing in the chapter house for the first time, new chapter officers at the helm, new ideas for rush and programming, new house projects, new leadership and scholastic challenges, etc. The same is true for alumni-related activities. Our existing alumni programming is quite seasoned and well exercised. However, I'd like to take advantage of this inspirational time of year to solicit new ideas for alumni programming or new ways to get more out of existing programming and to keep things fresh. The EBA board is here to serve *you*, our valued alumni brothers. Please tell us what works for you and send us any ideas for improvement or additions.

Speaking of new, I'm delighted to announce two new officers on the EBA board of directors. Ryan Johnson '01 will be serving as our director of alumni pro-



*Lean Mean Wrecking Machine takes the title at the EBA Open golf tournament. Left to right: Ray Durling '87, Derk Rogers '89, Rich Wholey '88, Tom McMorrow '89.*



*Doug Wood '83 and Dennis Aves '84 prepare for golf.*

gramming, and Chris Seveney '97 will be serving as our new treasurer. If you are interested in helping out on the board, there are currently two open positions: director of academics and co-director of alumni activities (to work closely with Ryan). I'd be happy to discuss other arrangements if you would like to contribute, but perhaps not on the board. We can always use another mind at the table to help us make decisions and organize and direct high quality projects and functions. We are extremely fortunate to have six former chapter presidents on the new EBA board of directors!

Homecoming is October 11! Let's not forget the new presence on the quad. Stop by and say hello to your fellow brothers and pick up some fine

grillings by the undergrads. Don't forget to check out the activities at the house as well. (See schedule of events on page three.) We'd like to consider some new, fresh activities for Homecoming starting next year. What two things would bring you back to WPI and Theta Chi for Homecoming? Drop me an e-mail with your ideas, and we'll review any and all suggestions with the EBA board.

Rich Wholey '88 was the new director for this year's EBA Open golf tournament. Rich did an excellent job, single-handedly organizing and running the tournament. This year we had a record turnout of 86 Theta Chis on the links at Leicester Country Club. Congratulations to Lean Mean Wrecking Machine for their well-earned victory. Also, congrats to Civilized for their continued dominance of Simply

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## Brothers Keep House In Good Shape; Several Capital Improvements Planned

With quarterly Chi inspections of the house occurring on a regular basis I am proud to say that the brothers living at the house are doing a great job keeping the place looking good! Chi inspections are alumni-sponsored house tours that ensure the house is maintained in a safe and sanitary manner throughout the year.

In addition to the daily maintenance handled by the actives, several new capital house projects are planned for the coming months. We have contracted the assistance of Matt Colangelo '86 to rebuild the handicapped accessible bathroom/shower on the first floor—which will be completed by Homecoming this year. We are also gearing up for a major kitchen renovation in the next two to three years. The kitchen has not been renovated for over 20 years and is in desperate need

of a makeover and reconstruction. This expensive project will take several months to plan and scope out.

Also on the project wish list is the conversion of the alumni room on the first floor into a conference room with a sizable table, comfy chairs, spacious whiteboard, remote conferencing capability, and closable, soundproof doors. This will also double as a reserved study room when not in use. There are also several other things on our wish list including a new, more elegant Salisbury Street front entrance, a handicapped accessible entrance, and of course, the ever elusive deck on the roof.

Mic Kearns '98  
Alumni Co-Director of Plant Management  
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## We Want Your E-mail Address!

While there are no thoughts of eliminating the *Echo* publication, e-mail is a fast way to communicate about late-breaking news and events from both alumni and actives. You will not be spammed! E-mails are reviewed for content prior to broadcast to ensure they meet our goal of facilitating productive, newsworthy correspondence.

Please go to <http://oxepsilon.com:1856/oxe/alumni> and click on e-mail to be sure we have your current address. If not, send an e-mail directly to Jim Melvin at [james.melvin@sun.com](mailto:james.melvin@sun.com) so we can include you!

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the {Left|Right} Breast. Interestingly enough, the oldest golfers in the tournament are from the class of '82. I have to believe there are golfers amidst the earlier classes! Please don't be shy and get your fellow classmates together and join us as a team or individuals for next year's tournament on Saturday, July 31, 2004. We'd love to have you join us!

So long for now. I've got to get back to work on last year's new year's resolutions and planning for this upcoming new year at Theta Chi.

Fraternally,  
James Melvin '85  
Alumni President  
[james.melvin@sun.com](mailto:james.melvin@sun.com)



Joe Gugliemino '83 cools off at the EBA Open.



Civilized takes the handicap title. Left to right: Dave Polcari '88, Paul Anastasia '89, Erik Maki '89, Don Gallucci '89.



### EPSILON ECHO

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## Come Back To Theta Chi And WPI For Homecoming 2003!

Homecoming is the ideal opportunity for alumni of Epsilon Chapter to reacquaint themselves not only with what's going on at WPI, but with what's happening at Epsilon Chapter as well. This year Homecoming will take place on Saturday, October 11. The on-campus highlight will of course be the football game vs. Norwich with kickoff this year at 7:00 p.m., but the festivities will begin much earlier at 85 Salisbury Street.

Homecoming 2003 festivities will kick off at 11:00 a.m. with the annual EBA meeting at the chapter house, which is planned to last until noon. Feel free to show up before, during, or after the EBA meeting for a tour of the house guided by the active brothers. Everybody in attendance will then be treated to lunch prepared by the actives, followed by the annual Epsilon's Strongest Brother weightlifting competition. Last year the actives dethroned the alumni; let's hope the alumni come back in full force this year to regain their title!

After the ESB competition will be the annual awards presented by alumni to overachieving actives and the annual pool and foosball tournaments at the house. Next up after those events will be a transition to the quad around 5:00 p.m. for tailgating and a barbecue dinner. Since the house has recently made the much-publicized transition to alcohol-free status, this will present a perfect opportunity to kick back with a few "cold ones" without breaking house rules before the football game at 7:00 p.m. Once the football game is over and WPI has defeated Norwich, we plan to proceed en masse to a local establishment for further drinks and general merriment.

There are other events taking place on campus that alumni might be interested in, such as the 15th reunion of the class of '88 and an historic gathering of Theta Chi alumni from the 1950s (see article below). Regardless of whether your idea of Homecoming is trying to best the legendary Jon Tucker in the ESB weightlifting competition, tailgating on the quad before the game, or just catching up with old friends and brothers, join us for this year's Homecoming festivities or you'll be sorry you missed all the fun!

Ryan Johnson '01  
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### HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

11:00 AM - NOON  
EBA MEETING (WILL END AT 12:00)

NOON - 2:00 PM  
HORS D'OEUVRES AND LUNCH  
PREPARED BY ACTIVES

2:00 PM  
ESB COMPETITION

3:00 PM  
AWARDS,  
POOL AND FOOS TOURNEYS

5:00 PM  
TAILGATING ON THE QUAD,  
BURGERS AND DOGS, BARBECUE

7:00 PM  
FOOTBALL GAME

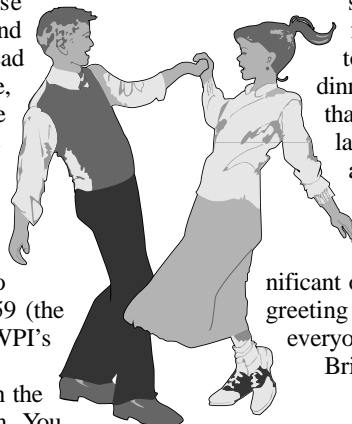
10:00 PM  
POST-GAME FESTIVITIES TBD

## Special Homecoming Reunion Invites '50s Alums To Remember When

"Check out for meals and change your sheets!" "Octet rehearsal!" Goldie's Moldies, the E.U.B.C., and the G.G.A. If you were at Epsilon during the '50s, you'll remember these words. Do you remember who Perv One, Two, and Three were? Do you know who stole the goat's head and hid it in the wall of the chapter house? Mouse, Axel, No-Action, Sabu, and how they got those nicknames? The pledge class of '59 stealing all the house silverware? John Minott's scooter?

Come back to Homecoming on October 11 and join us to reminisce about our days here. In addition to the Theta Chi activities planned (see related Epsilon Homecoming schedule above), anyone who was a brother or a pledge from 1950 through 1959 (the class of '63 started in the fall of '59) is invited to WPI's '50s reunion.

The '50s reunion tailgate party will be set up on the quad in the morning and will start about 1:00 p.m. You



are encouraged to bring some food, as simple as chips or as elaborate as setting up a barbecue grill. Bring coolers and drinks. Make sure you have some to share. For the first time, the football game is in the evening, so use the afternoon to visit and tour the house and campus. Cocktails and dinner will be in the new campus center, early enough so that we can attend at least part of the game, but not too late for all us senior citizens. Figure on a cash bar and about \$25/person for dinner. We'll need to get a head count for dinner, so send me an e-mail by September 30 if you are planning to come to dinner: alpappy@juno.com. By the way, wives or significant others are also welcome. If you can't make it, send a greeting to all your old buddies. We'll have them there for everyone to read.

Bring your memories. It should be a fun time.

Al Papianou '57

# Alumni Write

When ROBERT N. GOWING '49 opened the spring 2003 issue of the *Epsilon Echo*, he was quite surprised to find a reproduction of EBA board meeting minutes from 1964 (regarding the rebuilding of the chapter house) with his signature attached. "Did that bring back memories! When time came to 'do over' the old house, there were many debates about what to do, how to do it, and when. Finally, 'twas decided that a new enlarged exterior would be built. One clever design feature was that the new structure would include and incorporate the structure of the old building. This avoided demolition of the old house—which had been considered. A unique stairwell and balcony design feature resulted in a projected cost of \$262,000. Unfortunately, we had to cut costs with a conventional design that brought the cost down to \$183,000—and even that sum was a lot of money in 1964, when a good home could be purchased for \$15,000 to \$25,000. I don't remember what the WPI tuition was then, but in the early 1970s, when my son Scott attended WPI, we'd get notices from the administration that they were pleased to announce that they'd been able to hold down tuition costs for the coming year to \$3,500. Some difference from today!" Bob makes his home in Florida (3580 S. Oceanshore Blvd., Flagler Beach, FL 32136) and can be reached by e-mail at [rngowing@yahoo.com](mailto:rngowing@yahoo.com).

ROBERT E. MILLER '49 resides at 2239 Colonial Ave., Navarre, FL 32566.

Stay in touch with JEROME W. KILBURNE '54 at [jwagkil@aol.com](mailto:jwagkil@aol.com) or at 35 Hawktree Dr., Westwood, MA 02090.

In his retirement, CHARLES E. GUNN '56 keeps busy with old cars and car clubs. When he wrote to us in March, he'd just finished two years as national president of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. He's also a jazz aficionado and a regular attendee of the Connecticut Jazz Festival. Drop him a line at 62 Basswood Dr., North Branford, CT 06471, or at [cgunn01@snet.net](mailto:cgunn01@snet.net).

ALFRED E. BARRY '57 is president of the Standard Lock Washer & Manufacturing Company of Worcester.

Mail reaches him at 65 Lake Ave., #202, Worcester, MA 01604, and e-mail at [fred57stanlok@aol.com](mailto:fred57stanlok@aol.com).

Retiree JAMES A. ALFIERI '59 stays very active and busy raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by running marathons. He stays in touch with brother (and brother-in-law) JIM DUFF '57, who lives in New Jersey and was planning a summer visit to California. Both of them are looking forward to Homecoming. Write to "Alfie" at 4707 Ponderosa Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95404, or send e-mail to [jamesangelo9@aol.com](mailto:jamesangelo9@aol.com).

On April 1 ROBERT V. SHARKEY wrote, "Today is the first day of my third attempt to retire. I hope this time I got it right." Our address for Bob is 71 N. Shore Rd., Stoddard, NH 03464 ([bsharkey87@attbi.com](mailto:bsharkey87@attbi.com)).

WILLIAM A. KERR '60 reports a new address of 134 Abundance Dr., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 ([wkerrnewharbor@aol.com](mailto:wkerrnewharbor@aol.com)).

Send e-mail to ARTHUR E. DOBRESKI '62 at [adobresk@westmont.edu](mailto:adobresk@westmont.edu) and "snail mail" to him at P.O. Box 548, Carpinteria, CA 93014-0548.

SEYMOUR WILLIAMS III '64 lives at 11201 Raehn Court, Great Falls, VA 22066, and e-mail reaches him at [howdoc@erols.com](mailto:howdoc@erols.com).

PETER J. MULVIHILL '78 is now vice president and operations manager for Fire Protection Management, Inc., in Las Vegas, where he's been working for the past eight years. He was also appointed to the Nevada State Board of Fire Services last year. Drop him a line at P.O. Box 60971, Boulder City, NV 89006.

THOMAS J. SOLITARIO '79 works for Scopus Network Technologies as director of sales for North America. He lives with his wife, Leslie, and their two daughters, Chiara (7) and Allegra (4), at 808 Tavistock Dr. SE, Leesburg, VA 20175, and his e-mail address is [solitario@wans.net](mailto:solitario@wans.net).

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## EBA Seeks To Fill Two Director Positions

Great progress is being made, but we'd like your help! The EBA is currently looking to fill two director positions on the team.

### Director of Academic Development

This director position oversees the academic development of the chapter and promotes "Alma Mater first and Theta Chi for Alma Mater." Its mission is to organize programs to promote academics and help the actives with their studies.

### Co-Director of Alumni Activities

This person would work together with the current co-director of activities, Ryan Johnson, to organize all the fun things we do as alumni such as Homecoming, the EBA Open, EBA Weekend, monthly alumni dinners, etc. The position requires an individual who enjoys a good time and knows how to throw a party. I'm sure there are many amongst Epsilon alums who fit this billing!

Keep in mind that all alumni are welcome and encouraged to participate at any time—and particularly at EBA meetings. We currently meet about twice per quarter during the school year. If you would like to help out the EBA in either of these positions or would like to know when the next meeting is, let me know!

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**MOVING? BE SURE WE HAVE YOUR NEW ADDRESS!**

## Report From The Chapter President

Dear Brothers,

This coming year should be prosperous, yet challenging, for Epsilon Chapter. As most of you know, Theta Chi National Fraternity has decreed that all chapters implement alcohol-free housing (AFH). We have been alcohol free since July 1, and we will be alcohol free until February 2004, or possibly throughout the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year. This situation presents challenges that we've not had to face in the recent past, but we do not foresee these challenges being a problem for Epsilon during the coming year.

We want Epsilon Chapter to maintain its strong presence in the national fraternity, as well as in the WPI community this year. On the national front, we sent four undergraduate members to the Theta Chi Chapter Leadership Conference at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. We will continue to be involved in Theta Chi National events throughout the year as well.

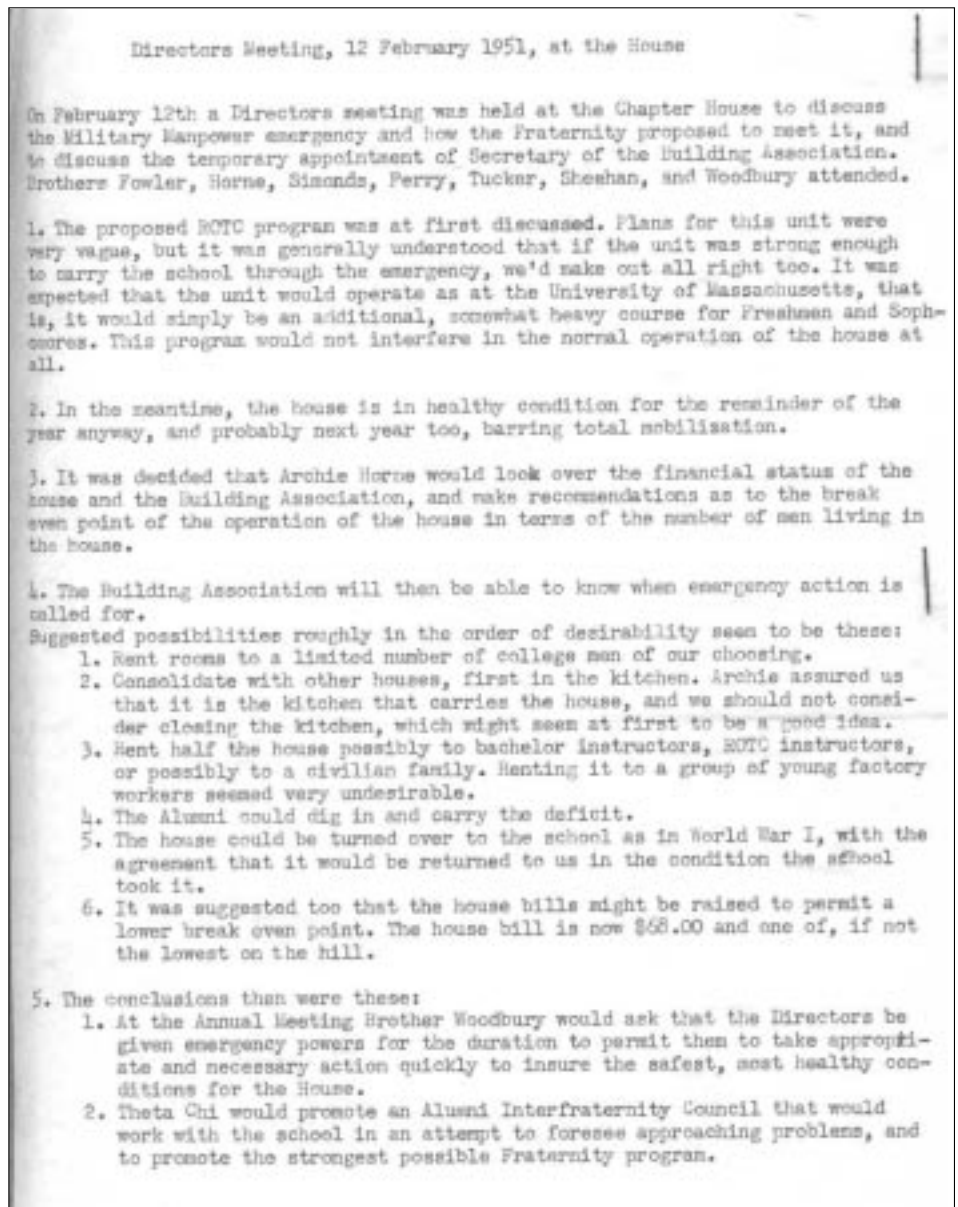
Epsilon Chapter plans to continue its already big presence on campus at WPI. We plan to keep a tight grip on the coveted Greek Cup, which we won last year. We are also involved in almost every facet of life here at WPI, including student government, orientation, Skull, Crimson Key, crew, football, hockey, soccer, and various other intramural sports. In fact, out of the 30 orientation leaders, Theta Chi has the biggest representation, with an astounding five orientation leaders!

August 28 marks the beginning of the 2003-2004 academic year, which will be a different and exciting time for all the brothers of Epsilon Chapter. There are a large number of brothers living in the house, and almost everyone is involved on the local or national level. The undergrads expect a big turnout for Homecoming in October and are looking forward to a successful rush period and an exciting first semester in general!

Faternally,  
Chris Johnson '04  
Active President  
Prodigy@wpi.edu

## Support Our Brothers In Uniform

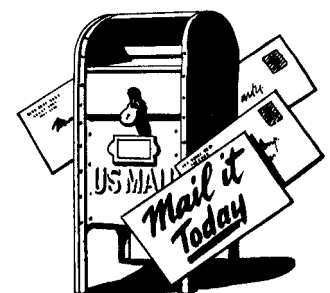
Are you in the military? Do you know a brother who is? Send a note to rldurling@aol.com for publication in an upcoming *Echo*. In the meantime, check this out!



*Minutes of the EBA directors meeting of February 12, 1951. Notice the reference to the "military manpower" emergency. For the next Echo, please send any info you might have regarding this and the WWI reference.*

## Please Return Your Newsform Today!

The success of this newsletter depends, in part, on the participation of our alumni. Please take a moment to fill out your newsform and return it to the address on page two. Include your latest news, news of brothers with whom you've kept in touch, and maybe also one or two of your fondest memories of Epsilon Chapter or thoughts on what Theta Chi means to you. We'll look forward to sharing your news in the next issue of the *Epsilon Echo*.



# Alumni Write

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Colleen and CHARLES M. SULLIVAN '80 have been married for nearly 20 years and have three children, Chuck, Daniel, and Nellie. A vice president at Smith Barney, "Sully" can be reached at charles.m.sullivan.iii@smithbarney.com or at 9 Agawam Park Rd., Rumford, RI 02916.

"After spending a year in West Palm Beach, we have moved back to Tampa to work on the replacement of three bridges at the beach on Treasure Island," writes project engineer JAMES B. FITZER '85. "My office looks out over the water. This is why civils rule!" Write to "Fitz" at jim\_fitzer@ecdriever.com or at 11718 Derbyshire Dr., Tampa, FL 33626.

MARK W. WHITE '85 has a new home address: 1165 W. Donington St., Glendora, CA 91741.

The director of business development at Cookson Electronics, STEVEN R. BREED '86 lives at 475 S. Main St., Sharon, MA 02067. Send e-mail to him at sbreed@cooksonelectronics.com.

Karen and J. PAUL KLING '86 are pleased to announce the birth of J. Connor Kling on March 25, 2003. Congratulations can be sent to the Klings at 1018 Yorkshire Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024; pklings@pacbell.net.

Lt. Col. MICHAEL M. SMITH '86 is chief of safety at Yokota Air Base in Japan. Write to him at smithfam@yta.attmil.ne.jp or at PSC 78, Box 3001, APO AP 96326.

Please note this new address for ROBERT K. YARD '86: 12 Baxter Dr., Paxton, MA 01562 (ryard@mercurywire.com).

NOEL S. OTTERNESS '87 lives at 2524 Cowley Dr., Lafayette, CO 80026, with wife Samantha, stepson Gabriel, and daughter Corinne. "Anyone who wants to come out and ski, look me up!" He's the principal engineer at Pillar Data Systems, where he can be reached by e-mail at notterness@pillardata.com.

ERIK R. MAKI '89 and his wife, Karen, welcomed their second child, Lauren, on June 10, 2003. Lauren joins big

sister Elisabeth, who is two and a half years old. Contact Erik at emaki@rizzo.com or at 79 Winthrop St., Holliston, MA 01746.

TRACY COIFMAN '93 writes, "I completed two MBAs this year from Columbia University and London Business School's inaugural 2003 joint executive global MBA program. During the last 18 months I commuted one week a month while working full time and alternated between New York City and London as well as completing project work/classes in Hong Kong and Rio de Janeiro. More importantly, I got married on May 10 to Agnes Rios Gomez in Puerto Rico. In attendance were JOHN ADAMS '93, DEREK CYGAN '93, ANDREW HOYEN '93, PHIL MARKS '93, and JOHN MURPHY '93. Agnes and I will continue to live in San Juan, where I work as vice president of Able International/Tril Export of Puerto Rico." Send your regards to Tracy at tcoifman@compuserve.com or at P.O. Box 9507, Santurce, PR 00908.

"On May 9, 2003, Heather and I welcomed our first child, Tyler Edwin Narva," writes KERN NARVA '93 (16 Seneca St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545; knarva@townisp.com). "Mother and son are doing great, and our dog, Dinga, is very excited about having a new friend. Can anyone suggest a good sleep supplement?"

Write to EWEN ROSS '94 at ewen\_ross@loomis.org or at 4 Batchelder Rd., Windsor, CT 06095.

"Two more Swanks have arrived!" announces JON P. SWANSON '94. "My wife, Jennifer, and I now have twin boys, Avery Ryan and Nathaniel Benjamin, born January 1, 2003. I have already notified the Worcester Police." Jon can be reached at swank911@mindspring.com or at 9 Welcome St., Peabody, MA 01960.

BRIAN KLAUBER '96 wrote in April that he'd relocated back to New Hampshire from Seattle, Washington, and was expecting his first child in May. Contact him at P.O. Box 312, Hanover, NH 03755, or at bklauber@microsoft.com.

MICHAEL P. KEARNS '98 tied the knot with Amy Howell on July 12, 2003,

at the Higgins House at WPI. In attendance were brothers STU HUDSON '99, PHIL MOUSSEAU '98, BILL LUCAS '98, MANNY LITOS '99, JOE PILSBURY '99, ANDY MORRISON '98, and CHRIS CAPALBO '98. After a two-week honeymoon in sunny Hawaii, Mic and Amy returned to their home in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Send best wishes to the newlyweds at mic\_kearns@hotmail.com.

"I'm currently flying the F-16CJ Viper over Iraq in Operation Iraqi Freedom," wrote MATTHEW R. POISSON '99 in April. "I've been stationed in the Mideast since early February and hope to be back in Germany by midsummer. I will pin on the rank of captain on June 21." Mail reaches him at PSC 9, Box 4905, APO AE 09123 (matthew.poisson@spangdahlem.af.mil).

A technical supervisor at Corning, PAUL A. GANCHI '00 can be reached at ganchijr@yahoo.com or at 119 Clarks Mills Rd., Dayton, ME 04005.

Stay in touch with GREGORY V. SAMOS '00 at bluto\_ox@yahoo.com or at 17 Westhill Dr., Nashua, NH 03062.

Sara and MICHAEL F. JACENE and their one-year-old daughter, Megan Rae, live at H115 Kings Arrow Rd., Budd Lake, NJ 07828. A mechanical design engineer, Michael can be reached by e-mail at mjacene@aol.com.

## DECEASED

*We regret to report the death of the following alumni:*

EARL F. HARRIS '44  
November 8, 2001

JOSEPH R. WINSLOW '49  
February 20, 2003