

You Can Go Home Again

Back in 1963, 35 men at Eastern formed the first local fraternity, Epsilon Sigma, which was the first Eastern fraternity to gain national affiliation, becoming Lambda Chi Alpha. They lived at 306 F Street in what is now the Alphi Phi sorority house.

This past August, 24 of the founding brothers and members from the first few pledge classes gathered from across the nation for a reunion on campus, the first time many had returned since graduation.

"We attended college during some rough times, the Vietnam era, when ROTC was mandatory and there was a lot of soul-searching going on," said **Gary Higley** ('67 BA social work). "I'm proud to say that of the 35 founding members, we all earned our degrees." (A few transferred and actually earned degrees elsewhere, but remained loyal to the fraternity and Eastern, Gary reported.)

They went on to lead very productive lives – some career military, some in K-12 or higher education, a successful writer (**Terry Davis**, '69 BA English, author of *Vison Quest*),



businessmen and more. Many have retired, and some have started new careers in retirement.

Back in the '60s, one of them – **Dennis Lazzar** ('67 BA physical education) was dating a pretty Eastern student, **Manoie Hendershot**. They went their separate ways but found one another in recent years and attended the reunion together. At the reunion dinner at The Davenport Hotel in Spokane, before all his fraternity brothers, Dennis asked Manoie to marry him. She accepted. Finally.

1. **Lowell Cline**, '66 BA education-mathematics and '68 MA education-mathematics, retired computer analyst living in Renton.
2. **Lynn Kuehn**, who transferred to the University of Washington for his degree, a dentist in Zillah.
3. **Doug Skelton**, '68 BA general business, retired computer analyst in Bellevue.
4. **Dick Brown**, baccalaureate at the UW, retired Boeing analyst, living in Lincoln, Mont.
5. **Charlie Cobb**, '67 BA physical education, retired coach and now athletic director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County, living in Marysville.
6. **Jerry DeMello**, '67 BA psychology and BA education-psychology, director of University Relations at the University of Hawaii in Hilo.
7. **Jim Damon**, '68 BA communication disorders, living in Beaverton, Ore.
8. **Gary Christopher**, '72 BA anthropology, retired postmaster, living in Silverton, Idaho.
9. **Denny Lazzar**, '67 BA physical education, an ombudsman with the Environmental Protection Agency, Tacoma.
10. **Bruce Grambo**, '61 BA physical education and '64 BA education-physical education, a high school coach in Seaview. He was the fraternity's student advisor.
11. **Gary Higley**, '67 BA social work, after a career in the automotive business, now involved with dental and medical office properties, living in Mead.
12. **Jerry Anderson**, '69 BA radio-TV, employed by Horizon in Wenatchee.
13. **Chuck (Farley) Fischer**, '67 journalism, dean of economics at the University of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, Kan.
14. **Bob Stevens**, '64 BA journalism, vice president of Alaska Distributors in Seattle.
15. **Dick Taylor**, '68 BA psychology, an investment advisor in Lakewood.
16. **Tony Brittain**, '68 BA business administration, retired from the personnel department of Rosauers, now administering GED tests to incarcerated individuals in Spokane.
17. **Peter Nebb**, '65 BA physical education, a retired Air Force colonel living in Monterey, Calif.
18. **Gary Klassen**, '68 BA education-history, a Spokane teacher.
19. **Jim Lorensen**, '66 BA social science, who retired from the railroad in Spokane.