

The Red Door

Alumni Newsletter for Ohio Iota of Sigma Phi Epsilon
The University of Toledo

Summer 1997

Toledo, OH

Homecoming '97 is October 18th

Yes, its true. Homecoming '97 is only a few months away. As many of you know, last year's event was a tremendous success. The day started with a parade viewing party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Croak. Along with most of the active chapter, alumni Marco Pescara, Greg Szymanski, Mike Todak, Chris Croak, Frank Conrad, Tom Bowers, Kirk Hutchison and Scott Walsh were present to cheer on the Sig Ep float and Homecoming Queen nominee.

As game time drew near, the crowd moved to campus. The tail gate party proved the first rule of Sig Ep: free food will draw a large Sig Ep crowd. Eric Koch, Ted Behnken, Dan Horman, Dave Carter, Tim Williams, Gus Urdaneta, Alan Diskin, Jim Irmen, Ron Binder, Mark Christoff, Jeff Rastocan, Scott Irwin, Rick Garand, Brian Arbaugh, Dan and Doug Nowak, Russ Karban and Jim Bica all stopped by the see familiar faces and talk about old times.

After the game the on-campus Sig Ep House was open. Rick St. John, Matt Tavigian, Bill Garbe, Tom Zahorac, Brian Paskvan, Paul Sopko, Ruis Ely, "Dino", Frank Petersberger, "Boris", Bill

Bixler, John Herl, Andy Conrad, "Vinnie" and Chris Wiederhold all shared a cookout style buffet dinner.

Over 150 Sig Eps and their families participated in Homecoming '96, and

Homecoming '97 promises to be even bigger. While the format will remain the same, better publicity promises to make it the most fun in history. Stay tuned for more details.

Alumni Board Approves Alumni Management Services Contract

The Ohio Iota Alumni Board has taken another important step in improving communications with all Sig Ep members. At the June Board meeting, a contract with Gilchrist Alumni Management



Many great memories at this house. Homecoming '97 will be a great time to see old roommates and get updates on where everyone who lived in this house is now.

Associates (GAMA), Inc. was approved. With this resource on our team, you can expect more *Red Doors* (mailed to the correct address) and better communication of upcoming events. We are joining a growing number of fraternities and sororities that take advantage of these services to help with their alumni communication programs.

However, we still need your help maintaining correct addresses. Any changes should be sent to JR Hoppenjans, 3509 Harley Road, Toledo, OH 43606 or e-mailed to JRHopp@aol.com.

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Behnken Receives Jefferson Cup

Theodore R. Behnken ('82), best known as Ted, was honored by Sigma Phi Epsilon's Board of Directors at the February meeting of the Carlson Leadership Academy with the presentation of the Jefferson Cup for Distinguished Alumni Service.

This award is presented annually at CLA to outstanding alumni who have given dedicated service for more than seven years to the Fraternity. Ted well exemplifies the cardinal principles of Sigma Phi Epsilon in his work as an alumnus of the Ohio Iota Chapter.

He has served for many years on the alumni board in various capacities, including his current position as treasurer. His major contributions to the chapter, however, have been in two areas. He has been an outstanding chapter counselor for four years, helping the chapter work through crises in leadership, establishing higher standards of excellence in scholarship and developing and maintaining quality programming.

His work on the Balanced Man Scholarship has been the crowning achievement of his efforts. The UT program is one of the best in the nation, largely through Ted's efforts. His continuing strength on the alumni board makes Ted Behnken a person well worthy of the Jefferson Cup for distinguished alumni participation.

Where Is He Now?

Ohio Iota's past regional director has now moved on to another chapter! Dan Mudd, Kansas Gamma '95 (University of Kansas) now resides in Dallas, TX. After a career search, he determined his best opportunity was with Campbell Sale Co. (Campbell Soup), where he serves as a territory manager with responsibility for 78 grocery stores throughout the Dallas/Ft. Worth Area.

Dan is now serving on the alumni board for Sig Ep at Texas Christian

where he is providing assistance to the Balanced Man Scholarship chairman. Dan says that his goal is get the TCU brothers to do the Balanced Man program as well as Ohio Iota!

Next year's regional director will be announced later this summer.

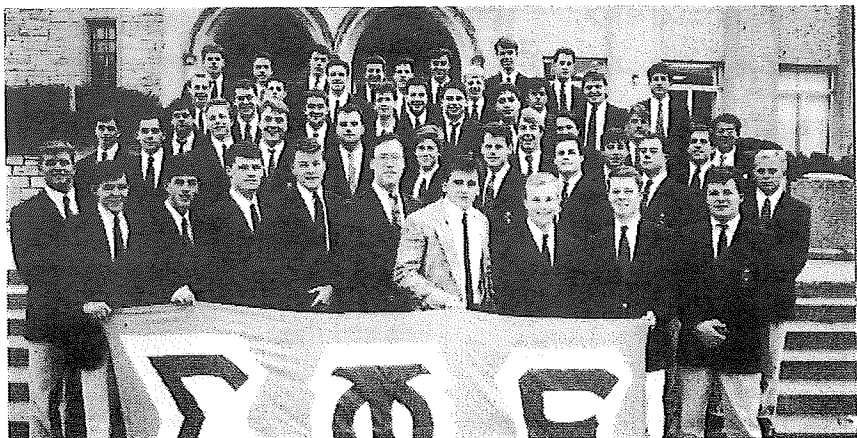
Horman Named Chapter Counselor

Dr. Deron Horman has recently accepted the position as Active Chapter Counselor. Deron pledged Sig Ep in Fall of 1984 and was known at the time as Delta Delta Deron for his efforts at facilitating effective communications between Sig Ep and a UT sorority. He received his undergraduate degree in Biology/Premed in 1989 from UT, graduated from Medical College of Ohio in 1993, and in 1996 completed his residency at The Toledo Hospital. Deron is now a Board Certified Family Physician. His hobbies include fitness, the outdoors, and of course, golf.

1996-97 Ohio Iota Alumni Board Members

- Ted Behnken
- Matt Blecke
- J.R. Hoppenjans
- Deron Horman
- Kevin "Jake" Jacobs
- Ty Menna
- Rick St. John

We currently have open positions on the Board and several terms expire this fall. Please contact JR Hoppenjans at 419-472-6874 if you are interested in serving. You will find that serving on the Board and working with your fellow alumni and undergraduates is a rewarding experience.



If you are in either of these photos why not come to homecoming and see your old friends. (Of course if you are in the top photo, we hope you'll have better taste in clothes!)



Announcing the 1997 Sig Ep Alumni-Active Golf Outing



**Saturday, August 9
South Toledo Golf Club**

Tee Times from 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

4 man scramble format

There will be many prizes for individual and team results. Also, a 50/50 raffle will be available with proceeds to support the Sig Ep Balanced Man Scholarship Fund.

Price is \$45/person for alumni and \$35/person for actives. Price includes 18 holes, 1/2 cart and a steak dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner will be served by the South Toledo staff immediately following the tournament.

	
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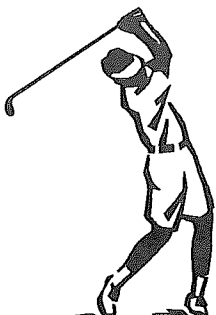
For more information, call Kevin "Jake" Jacobs at 419-836-8170. To RSVP call

Jake at the same number by July 25. If Jake is not available, please leave a message. Checks made payable to Sigma Phi Epsilon will be collected on the day of the tournament.

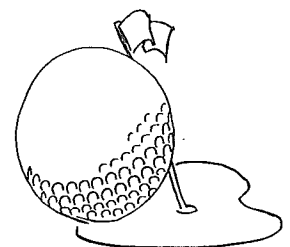
WE STILL NEED PRIZES AND SPONSORS. IF YOUR COMPANY HAS GOLF BALLS OR OTHER PROMO ITEMS, PLEASE CONTACT KEVIN "JAKE" JACOBS AT THE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE.

NOTES: Soft spikes only are allowed at South Toledo

Most alumni do not have a full team, please sign up and we will make final groups on the morning of the Tournament.



**We look forward to seeing
you at the Tournament!**





In 1983 Sig Ep Stormed B.G. for what is now known as the I-75 Bowl. Are you in this photo or do you know who is? The Golf Outing is an excellent time to talk about that 1983 football game and other great Sig Ep times.

Let Us Know What You Are Up To

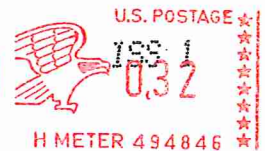
Just had a child? Received a promotion? Won an award? We want to know what is happening with you. Please send us any announcements or updates on your activities for inclusion in future issues of *The Red Door*. Also, if you know information about other brothers that we should include in our alumni news section, please send that as well. All correspondence to *The Red Door* should be sent to Sigma Phi Epsilon, 3509 Harley Road, Toledo, OH 43606.

We Need Your Photos

We would like to have any old photographs you might have of Sig Ep events to add to our scrapbooks. You may send the photos to JR Hoppenjans at 3509 Harley Road, Toledo, OH 43606.

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**Mark Your
Calendars**

**1997 Golf
Outing
August 9**

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October 18th**

