

# The Red Door



OHIO IOTA OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO — DECEMBER 2004

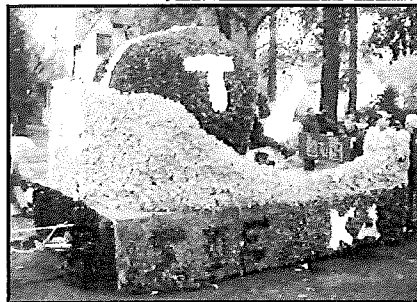
## Homecoming '04 a Hit!

**M**any Ohio Iota alumni ventured back to Toledo for Homecoming on the first weekend in October. The air was crisp, the leaves were just starting to turn, the campus was alive with undergraduates and alumni, and the sounds of the marching band could be heard across the mall. It was a great day to be back on the UT Campus!

Homecoming began with the traditional parade. We have been blessed for years by Tim '82 and Sarah '83 Croak allowing us to once again use their house for the annual Parade Viewing Party. Many alumni, partners and children were in attendance for the parade with a record 70 vehicles! The Sig Ep and Kappa Delta float was a hit of the parade and once again, the parade was stopped as Sig Eps, both undergrads and alumni did the cheer!

After the parade, the annual cookout was held at the house for alumni and parents of undergraduates. The game was a

Ohio Iota Alumni Gather for the annual Parade Viewing Party / The Sig Ep and Kappa Delta Float



great one as UT marched victoriously down the field time and again, dominating Ohio University on their way to another MAC Championship!

Homecoming is a time for acquaintances and friendships to be renewed. Ohio Iota is fortunate to have over 1,500 alumni among its ranks who delight in keeping in touch with their brothers across the ages and across the country. Thank you to all who attended Homecoming 2004. It was great to see so many of you back at UT! ■

## News from the Alumni & Volunteer Board

**O**n Founder's Day, November 1, 2004, I received an excellent greeting from a good Sig Ep friend. With his approval I have paraphrased his sentiments, because I believe that it is a message for all of us.

Greetings on this 103rd anniversary of the founding of our fraternity, an opportune time to remember the influence of Sigma Phi Epsilon on our lives. So many events mark the passage of our time in this world: the attainment of goals like a promotion or graduation, the birth of a child, the finding of a lifelong partner, or the passing of a loved one. These events, though they happen to us all at one time or another, are unique in the feelings they produce individually. Consistently, though, we can rely on our brothers to celebrate with us, encourage us, or sustain us through out the journey of life. The companionship we gained through Sigma Phi Epsilon is at the very heart of our life experience. Over the years, many of you have honored me by sharing some of the significant events in your lives and in the last year I have

enjoyed visiting with many of you either in Toledo or on my travels throughout the country.

The friendships made through the everlasting bonds of our brotherhood are without a doubt its greatest benefit. Nowhere else have we the chance to meet people with such a diversity of skills, philosophies, and life experiences all the while sharing those important basic principles of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love. Of course, sometimes this diversity can lead to misunderstandings and disillusionment. Sometimes our brothers may disappoint us. Sometimes, perhaps, we disappoint. But such is the nature of human interaction. Disappointment, however, can be fleeting, quickly replaced by the joys of our fraternal relationship. We need only take a moment to recall the pleasant memories of our Sigma Phi Epsilon experience. The love within our brotherhood is binding and holy, forever tying us to one another.

Could those twelve men in Richmond 103 years ago have imagined our world as it is today? Our lives can be a cacophony of

competing interests. Careers and family can easily overwhelm us. Pulled in so many directions we forget those small but important parts of our lives. But the lessons of our beloved fraternity are there to lead us through the chaos; an advantage we should be ever mindful of. In virtue, we find strength; through diligence, we endure; and in brotherly love, we become aware of all those things that make life worth living.

Take a moment today to contemplate the part Sigma Phi Epsilon has played in your life. Take time to call a brother, or send him an email, or write him a letter and share your triumphs and tragedies. Whether your time in SigEp is as long as mine or just a few months; whether you're active in the brotherhood today or find yourself detached from the organization; I think you'll find somewhere somehow the fraternity had a positive impact on your life and still can. We are watched over even when we are far apart one from another

I wish you all a happy Founders' Day. In the bonds,  
Rick St. John, Alumni President ■

# President's Perspective

Dear Brothers,  
It is with great honor to announce that the gentlemen of the Ohio Iota Chapter at The University of Toledo continue to strive and achieve excellence. We are on the road to achieving our second straight Buchanan Cup, which will be given out this August at Sigma Phi Epsilon's Conclave 2005, in Nashville. This prestigious award is our fraternity's highest honor at a national level and is given out to chapters who show excellence in all aspects of operation during a 2-year period.

Our 80 undergraduate brothers have once again shown dominance in all aspects of fraternity life during the past semester. Our spring semester GPA of a 3.29 again ranks first above all Greek organizations and a continued spot in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse, a national mention of all chapters with a GPA above a 3.15. An article in the Winter 2004 SigEp Journal recognizes our chapter for consistently being in the Wheelhouse and discusses how we achieve this excellence. We are very excited about this national recognition but we are not satisfied. We continue to work hard for the education that will one day make us successful in our careers.

The chapter has shown success not only in the classroom but also in co-curricular activities. The first place sports trophy remains in the chapter house for another year as we have dominated the playing fields. SigEps are regularly seen helping the community by taking part in Adopt-A-Highway, building a playground at a local elementary school, reading Dr. Seuss to local children, Relay for Life, and participating in many philanthropy events. I am so proud to call myself a SigEp during these great times of accomplishments. If our brothers continue the hard work to live up to our high ideals, there is no doubt in my mind that our chapter will continue to grow and prosper in the years to come.

We have just completed an application to become a Residential Learning Community chapter, largely in part to Brother Adam Scharf. With this title, we will show the nation that we are committed to keep

our home a positive place to live where there is always a place to study and be mentored by faculty. Also, we are committed to a substance free house and keeping our belongings at the highest quality. We have begun renovation of the storage room in our basement to turn it into a computer/study room where faculty members can have an office. This office should be complete by end of the Spring '05 semester. I encourage you all to take a moment and stop by the chapter house to relive experiences or look back at your days in college. I am sure you will find it worth your while!

Finally, I want to thank the entire Alumni Board for their constant presence and dedication to make our fraternity what it is today. They always provide great advice and support when times get tough. The entire chapter greatly appreciates your hard work. Thank you for all of your support!

Fraternally,  
Allen M. Bresson '05, President  
Ohio Iota of Sigma Phi Epsilon ■

## Alumni Board Hosts Senior Etiquette Dinner

The Ohio Iota Alumni Board hosted our sixth etiquette dinner this semester at the home of Dr. Ron Binder '83. Our Parent Representative on the Alumni & Volunteer Board, new Brother Gary Hagemeyer and his wife acted as host and hostess for the event. The group began the evening with a mock-tail party and then progressed to a formal dinner.

Sig Ep's new Balanced Man Program encourages chapters to host such events to prepare our members for life after college. The Alumni Board, along with the undergraduates, have hosted this program for six semesters and plans to offer it next semester as well. We are always in need of alumni couples to help out with this event. The event is usually hosted at Ron's house so all the alumni couple need to do is act as the hosts for the event. If you are interested please call Ron Binder at 419-787-8191. ■

## Fall '04 New Members

Ohio Iota is proud to announce 16 new members for Fall 2004. These new members, along with the current members, take the chapter to over 70! The Alumni Board held a welcome dessert for the new members at the home of Dr. Ron Binder '83 where the alumni board and undergraduate leaders talked of their history with Sig Ep and why they chose to join Ohio Iota. We are excited about these new members and welcome them to the Ohio Iota Sig Ep family!

Aaron Alt	Criminal Justice – Delphos, OH
Danny Baker	Business/Finance – Findlay, OH
Matthew Bauer	Pharmacy – Canton, OH
David Brighton	Engineering – Temperance, MI
Justin Carr	Exercise Science – Defiance, OH
Bryan Darling	Engineering – Attica, OH
Bryan DeArdo	Communications – Pickerington, OH
Tyler Fish (2ND YR)	Int'l Business/Finance – Findlay, OH
Kyle Glasgow	Pharmacy – Uniontown, OH
Zachariah Kurtz	Engineering – Tiffin, OH
Robert Nearhoff	Pharmacy – Lake Milton, OH
Nathan Patrick	Pharmacy – Findlay, OH
Brent Pieper (2ND YR)	Political Science – Millbury, OH
Russel Lee Reynolds	Pharmacy – Londonville, OH
Josep Ribe	Pharmacy – Woodville, OH
Jeff Willoughby	Engineering – Willard, OH

## Fall Parents Day Shows Different Perspectives

The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was proud to sponsor their fall Parents Day on Saturday, October 9, 2004. It was held in the UT Student Union. A light lunch was provided and three speakers presented the parents with three different perspectives.

Dr. Richard St. John spoke to the group describing many points that the fraternity is following and the direction it is taking. He told of the commitment of the Alumni Board, which is made up of graduated Sig Ep members. Gary Hagemeyer, Parents Representative to the Alumni Board, spoke on the development of the Parent's Club. He is hoping to put together a newsletter with all of the upcoming spring events. Mathew Hagemeyer was the main speaker. He spoke on what the fraternity has meant to him, both as an undergraduate while attending the University of Toledo as well as an alumni. Many of the parents attended the football game on campus that evening. Thank you to the parents who took advantage of a sweatshirt sale that was offered to raise money for the start of the Parent's Club. Also, thanks to Allen Turner for his great planning which made this day a success. ■

## Ohio Iota of Sigma Phi Epsilon Undergraduate Officers 2004

Allen Bresson	President	Physical Therapy	4th Year	Louisville, OH
Jon Hassel	VP Programming	Biology/ Pre-Med	3rd Year	Springfield, OH
Jason Hoyng	VP Finance	Engineering	4th Year	Celina, OH
Rich Miller	VP Recruitment	Engineering	3rd Year	Castalia, OH
Devon Scheible	VP Member Development	Criminal Justice	4th Year	Clyde, OH
Greg Wilson	Chaplain	Engineering	5th Year	Pickerington, OH
Adam Scharf	VP Communications	Engineering	2nd Year	Kenton, OH
Brian Zorman	House Manager	Engineering	3rd Year	Boardman, OH

# ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

**Steve Adams** recently retired from the Xerox Corporation after 30 years of service as an Account Manager. Steve resides in Sylvania, Ohio.

**Daniel G. Bauer '82**, is the President and CEO of CUSP, Inc. an energy and telecommunications concern operating throughout North America. Dan has lived and worked in and around New York City for 18 years as well as overseas in China and Malaysia from 1996 through 1998. Dan is a Canadian and American citizen and resides in London, Ontario, Canada.

**Dr. Ron Binder '83** was recently elected President-Elect of the Association of Fraternity Advisors, a 1,300 member organization comprised of University Fraternity and Sorority Advisors nationally. Binder will serve this year as President-Elect, the following year as President and the next year as Past-President. Ron resides in Sylvania, Ohio

**James E. Brunning, Ph.D.** recently retired and sold his oil and gas company in 2000. He resided in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

**Brandt A. England** recently had his first child, Madison. Brandt recently started a new business of buying 40-50 homes and high-rise condos per year, renovating and then selling them. He resides in Henderson, Nevada.

**Adam P. Fuchs '86** and his wife Jackie announce the arrival of a baby boy, Aidan Joseph, on 10-23-04. Adam works as a Food

Safety Specialist for Steritech Corporation in the Connecticut, New York and New Jersey areas.

Adam and Jackie reside in Westchester, New York.

**Mike Honner '95** reports that life in Alaska is great with his wife Charlotte, and they recently purchased their first home.

**Dr. Matthew J. Kirlough '90** is the General Practice Residency Director for the Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio, where he resides with his wife Renee and children Brianna (4 years old) and Olivia (18 months).

**Dr. Greg Machnik '80** recently became a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry, and works for the California Department of Corrections and enjoys his job thoroughly. Greg resides in Chino Hills, California.

**David L. Rozelle** was recently honored by the Western Michigan University as their association's Accounting Educator of the Year for 2004. David is the Beulah I. Kendall Associate Professor of Accounting and has entered his 35th year at Western Michigan and has won several honors at Western including being designated a Presidential Named Professor for Teaching Excellence, receiving the Alumni Teaching Excellence Award twice, Inter-Fraternity and Panhellenic Council Professor of the Year and being named by Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honor Society as the Outstanding Faculty Vice President. David resides in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**Richard L. Springer '52** was recently named the Outstanding Blue Key Alumnus for 2004. His award was bestowed at Homecoming.

**Ryan Webb '00** and his wife had a baby boy on October 22, 2003, who Ryan thinks is a future Sig Ep in 2021!

**Ray T. Wohl '77** sends his congratulations on Ohio Iota's continued success and invites any brothers to visit him in Chicago where he teaches and is an actor.

We regret to announce the passing of **Emmons R. Duvall** of Erie Shores, Michigan, and the passing of **David L. Walkowiak '65** of Temperance, Michigan.

## Can Your Help Find These Lost Alumni?

Send updates to ronbinder@yahoo.com

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## Thank You Brothers!

This summer the Ohio Iota Alumni Board conducted its Annual Campaign and raised \$33,758! Through the generosity of our alumni we are able to fund all of our alumni communications (thus saving our undergrads from this expense), Homecoming and the Alumni/Senior Dinner. Without your generous support this would not be possible. Thanks for believing in Ohio Iota! Below is a list of our donors to date.

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## Save the Date!

### Alumni-Senior Dinner – April 14

On Thursday, April 14, alumni and undergraduates will gather once again for the 5th annual Alumni-Senior Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Warehouse. This signature event for Ohio Iota marks the full circle of undergraduate membership for our brothers as we welcome them into the ranks of alumni. Cocktail hour begins at 6 P.M. with dinner at 7 P.M.

In addition to honoring our graduating seniors, we will also honor two alumni. The first alumni award is for the annual Distinguished Service Award, for an alumnus who has given of himself in service to Ohio Iota. (Current alumni board members are ineligible for this award.) The second alumni award is for the Outstanding Career Achievement Award, for an alumnus who has distinguished himself in his career. Past recipients have been Les Lipski '74, Tim Croak '82 and Mike Todak '80.

To nominate someone for either award, send a note to Ron Binder at ronbinder@yahoo.com stating why this alumnus should receive either award. The alumni board hopes to select our recipients at its February meeting.

Ohio Iota is extremely fortunate to have alumni who have not only excelled in their professions but have also found time to give back to the chapter. Help us honor our brothers who embody our cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love. ■

### News to Share?

Send us your alumni news or address updates to Ron Binder at: ronbinder@yahoo.com

### Check Out the Sig Ep Web Sites

For the latest news on alumni and undergraduates, check out the websites:

For the Undergraduates: sigep.utoledo.edu

For the Alumni: sigep.utoledo.edu/alumni/

### Fraternity Pins Wanted

The Alumni Board has been slowly acquiring fraternity pins for our display case. We are looking for Chi Beta Chi pledge pins and sweetheart pins. If you have any fraternity pins (brother pins or sweetheart pins) we'd love to have them for our display case. We are also searching E-Bay occasionally also. If you would like to donate such items, please call Rick St. John '63 at 419-478-0471.

### Designate Your UT Gifts!

When making gifts to UT be sure to designate them to the Sig Ep Scholarship Fund or the newly created Sig Ep Mandula Scholarship Fund. These endowed funds with UT provide undergraduate scholarships that help the chapter tremendously. The next time you make a UT gift, be sure to designate it to Sig Ep!

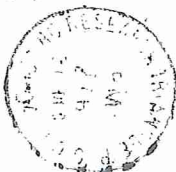


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