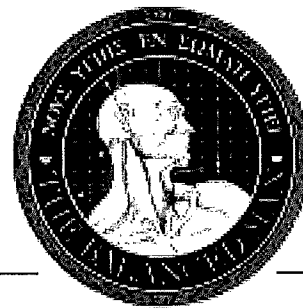


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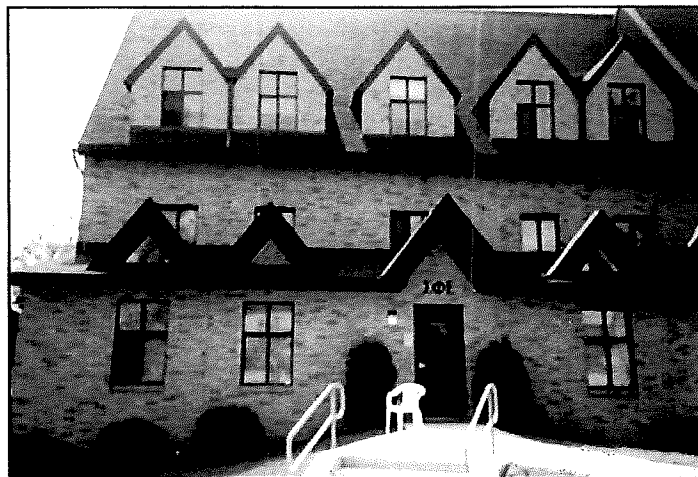


OHIO IOTA OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO — FALL 2006

State of the Undergraduate Fraternity

Dear Brothers,
The Ohio Iota chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon has maintained our tradition of excellence in 2006, living the Balanced Man Ideal to make a truly balanced fraternity. 2005's hard work was awarded this April at Greek Recognition Night. For the 5th year in a row, SigEp was awarded the 1st place Dean Parks Awards for Academics and Athletics and a 3rd place Dean Parks Award in Community and Campus Involvement. This Spring, SigEp lead all fraternities with a 3.204 GPA. In athletics, SigEp is off to a great start on our way to a 6th straight Dean Parks Sports Award. This spring we won basketball, floor hockey, outdoor soccer, and managed a second place finish in softball in a game lost by only one run in extra innings. In February, we were recognized by our own at SigEp's Carlson Leadership Academy. Ohio Iota was recognized with awards for having the highest GPA and manpower among UT fraternities, and achieving at least a 3.15 GPA in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse. Individually, Thomas Crawford was recognized as the Zollinger Outstanding Senior in Ohio and, sophomore Matthew Bauer was one of 19 SigEp brothers chosen nationally to attend the Tragos Quest to Greece this summer. Also this summer, sophomore Lee Reynolds will be representing Ohio Iota at "SigEp's Top Gun," the Ruck Leadership Institute.

The Ohio Iota chapter is widely recognized for our strong



Balanced Man Program, and we have continued to improve and supplement the BMP. This spring, SigEp welcomed two guest speakers to our chapter meetings, most notably Jim Irman, a Toledo area attorney and Ohio Iota alumnus. Brother Irman, though bombarded by questions from many different areas of the law, shared a wealth of knowledge and experience with the brothers present. Not only did the undergraduates receive invaluable legal advice, but we left feeling a closer bond to our brothers in the alumni ranks.

SigEp has maintained a high-profile around the University of Toledo through campus involvement and leadership. We can count the presidents of the Student Alumni Association, Interfraternity Council, Mortar Board, and the UT Engineering Council as brothers along with the vice president of the Latino Student Union and countless other positions too numerous to name here. At Songfest, SigEp had Matthew Bauer, Michael McCrystal, and John Mehler tapped into Mortar Board National Honor Society and Adam Scharf and Ryan Schroeder tapped into Blue Key National Honor Fraternity. Nikko Ronquillo, dressed in tuxedo, served as MC for Songfest 2006. And, for several months, Richard Miller's smiling face and ROTC fatigues greeted every visitor to the University of Toledo home webpage.

The undergraduate chapter has remained strong, and we graduated an amazing class. In the past year, SigEp has graduated a chapter president, former presidents of Blue Key, Mortar Board, and Student Government, strong athletes, and overall great brothers. They are moving on to further education reaching as far as Utah and jobs as far as South Carolina. We wish you the best, Class of 2006. We are going to miss you, and we are forever proud to call you brothers.

Matthew J. Bauer
President, Ohio Iota ■

Homecoming Set for Weekend of 6-7 October

Mark your calendars for the weekend of 6-7 October for Homecoming UT! The weekend will begin with a new feature, a Friday night reception at the house beginning at 7 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served as alumni and undergraduates gather to rekindle friendships. The traditional Parade Viewing Party will be held at the home of Tim '82 and Sarah '83 Croak on Middlesex, beginning at noon. Pop, snacks and candy for the kids will also be provided. A cookout will then be held at the house from 3-7, then onto the game at 7!

To help alumni see who is going to attend Homecoming, we have set up an E-Vite system. We will send out an electronic invitation to those interested in attending Homecoming. Once you click on your attendance, everyone can see who is going to attend. This dynamic system will allow alumni to see early on who will be attending Homecoming, perhaps sparking an interest in returning to gather with those from your era. To receive an E-Vite, email Ron Binder at ronbinder@yahoo.com ■

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Dr. Ron Binder '83 was recently appointed the chair of Sigma Phi Epsilon National Fraternity's National Leadership Committee. This committee oversees all leadership activities of our national fraternity for the 14,000 undergraduates in our 256 chapters. His six-year term on the National Leadership Committee ends at the 2007 Conclave in Atlanta.

Alex Copeland has recently moved to Newburgh, Indiana.

In response to the list of lost brothers, brother **Tom Schnell '55** writes: "On the living side, **Richard Halbach** is alive and well in Sun City West, Arizona... **Arlen Miller** lives nearby me in Manito Beach, Michigan... I saw **Bill Zahn** several years ago at a Los Angeles UT Alumni function, he was fine at the time and was then the longest living heart transplant recipient.

"I want to add my kudos for your outstanding contribution to the on-going success of the chapter, keep up the good work. Fraternaly, Tom Schnell '55, XBx and charter member Sig Ep, the very last name listed on the charter since I came home from the Marine Corps to attend inaugural ceremonies."

Greg Wilson '04 reports that he is in school at William and Mary in the MBA program and lives in Norfolk, Virginia.

Bill Dunwoodie '84 reports that post U of T he received an MBA from Michigan State '86 and started with the Whirlpool Corporation where he is now the Director of Marketing for Whirlpool Brand

Refrigeration. His wife Joy is a Chiropractor, and they have four children: Leland - age 10, Sutton - age 8, Raegan - age 6, Cheney - age 4, and they live in Saint Joseph, Michigan.

Jerry Walz writes that he graduated in 1961, but pledged in '54 - not all engineers took that long! He is now a retired government lawyer with an Internet contract law news business (PubKLaw LLC) and keeps active in the government contract law area. His law firm can be found at <http://www.pubklaw.com> He lives with his wife Mayo '58 in Reston, Virginia, and will be back on Toledo for a Devilbiss Class of 1954 reunion in September. His email is jwalz@pubklaw.com

Kenneth "Dick" R. Cosgrove is retired and lives in Fairborn, Ohio. His email is richcsgrve@aol.com

Don L. Petsche is retired and lives in California. Email: dlppetsche@cs.com

Mike George '94 writes that he currently lives in Punta Gorda, Florida, and would love to hear from you guys, and if any of you are ever down this way stop in. Chris Carroll lives about 30 minutes south of me in Bonita Springs, Florida, just outside Naples and Ft Myers. You guys are always welcome.

Roger W. Vangunten '70 has been retired for the last 10 years and lives in Sarasota, Florida. He is in the phone book so give him a holler!

James M Dandar '70-'86 is a captain in the Toledo Fire Dept. for the last 20

years and is the one who responds to all the false fire alarms in the UT Greek Village!

Brian Lorenz '96 just had a child and moved to Powell, Ohio.

Thomas G. Mandula '83 recently moved to Windermere, Florida.

Jerry D. Homish '85 recently relocated to Reedsville, Ohio.

Gerald J. Bauer '64 recently co-authored "Strategic Sales Leadership: Breakthrough Thinking for Breakthrough Results (available by Thompson Books).

Jason Rodriguez '03 recently moved to Indianapolis to work for Sepracor Pharmaceuticals and recently got engaged and will be married this fall!

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce that in the Toledo Blade was the obit for a lost Ohio Iota member - **Terrance J. Evans '63** - of 1965 Oak Ridge Place, Williamsport, PA, who died on 28 April 2006. He retired after 35 years as regional manager for Betco Corporation, Toledo, Ohio. He had lived in Williamsport for 35 years.

We regret to announce that **Sarah Mersereau Coley**, wife of **Dr. Joe Coley, Ohio Iota '61**, and Sig Ep sweetheart in the early '60s, died on 1 May 2006 of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Sarah, an AOPi, graduated in 1961. She was a nursery school and kindergarten teacher. A memorial garden at the Toledo Zoo is planned in her honor.

And we regret to announce that these brothers also died recently:

Ray R. Ritzenthaler '54

David B. Diller '50

William B. Michael '63

Ohio Iota Takes Home Greek Awards

The Annual UT Greek Recognition Night was held on April 25th with Ohio Iota being very successful, winning both "the usual" awards and some new trophies to grace the chapter house. Sig Ep was awarded the following:

- 1st Place Dean Parks Academic Award (Highest GPA among fraternities)
- 1st Place Dean Parks Intramural Sports (Sig Ep accumulated 465 points, the next best fraternity was Pi Kappa Phi with 230 points)
- 3rd Place Dean Parks Campus and Community Involvement Award (a combination of campus involvement, community service hours, and philanthropy money raised).

Sig Ep also won the "White Glove House Award" for the highest scores in the weekly house inspections with a 99.3% average for the year.

In addition to the Greek Recognition

Night awards, several SigEp's were initiated into Mortar Board and Blue Key this month:

Blue Key - Ryan Schroeder and Adam Scharf were officially initiated as brothers #6 and #11 in Blue Key, respectively.

Mortar Board - John Mehler, Michael McCrystal, and Matthew Bauer were initiated into Mortar Board. John was elected president of Mortar Board, the fourth year in a row a Sig Ep has held the position (Todd Altenburger, Tom Crawford, Rich Miller) and Mikey McCrystal was elected to Songfest Chair, who along with coordinating Songfest, will MC the event with a woman from Blue Key. Mikey is the third Sig Ep in a row to hold this post (Andrew Sturgill, Nikko Ronquillo).

Congratulations to the brothers that are keeping Sig Ep's lesser known traditions alive. ■

Alumni Board Hosts Etiquette Dinner

For the fifth year the Ohio Iota Alumni & Volunteer Board hosted an etiquette dinner at the home of Dr. Ron Binder '83 for six Epsilon's (the third phase of the Balanced Man Program). As part of this program this dinner teaches the men many aspects of etiquette that they will need while in college and later in life. Dinners are held in Ron's home but we are always in need of an alumni couple to serve as hosts. If you are interested in helping, please call Ron at 419-787-8191 or email him at ronbinder@yahoo.com. ■

Thank You Brothers!

Thanks to our generous brothers we were able to raise a record \$15,658 this year for our three endowed funds through the University of Toledo Foundation! Never have our brothers been so generous in their giving to Ohio Iota. The three endowed Ohio Iota Funds are:

1. The original Balanced Man Fund, established in 1986, with a current balance of \$46,015, including \$5,045 in gifts for 2005.
2. The Mandula Fund, established in 2003, with a current balance of \$25,120, including \$9,838 in gifts for 2005.
3. The Richard and Gail Springer Leadership Fund, established in 2005, with a current balance of \$11,970, including \$775 in gifts for 2005.

The following brothers made gifts to these funds in 2005.

The Mandula Fund

Tom Bowers
Ted Behnken
David Mandula
Steven Cowgills
Rick Stegman
Mark Mandula
Mike Willard
Jack (John) Mandula

Brian Schmidt
Robert Minke
Albert Kleine
Donovan Nichols
Charles Seawater
Charles Hutter
Mike Matthews
Les Lipski
Larry Beer

Brian Darr
Arthur Deshetler
Matt Jank
Guy Beeman
Matt Allen
Robert Beate
Robert Gang
Allan Diskin
Coca Cola

The Balanced Man Fund

Ted Behnken
Jay Gilchrist
Don Thurber
Richard Bensman
Walter Barrett
Brandt England

Harry McGovern
Richard Cordell
Lawrence Leake
Phillip Woolaver
Charles Harste
David Walkowiak
Dennis Herrold
Matt Kirlough

The Richard and Gail Springer Leadership Fund

Richard Springer
Dr. Richard St. John
Lou Barth Jr.
Lawrence Leake
Dr. Ronald Binder

From these funds we were able to make the following awards:

The Mandula Fund

Awards made to an undergraduate member of Ohio Iota.

Aaron Alt: \$500

The Balanced Man Fund

Awards made to three entering freshmen to UT.

Nicholas Langenderfer: \$500 John Grega: \$500 Jay Strawser: \$500

The Richard and Gail Springer Leadership Fund

Awards not made since the fund was just established.

These funds allow Ohio Iota to remain the most competitive fratertntiy on the UT campus and to provide our undergraduate brothers with the means to develop into balanced leaders. We appreciate all our donors and say a hearty "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

New Members for Spring 2006

Ohio Iota is proud to announce seven new members for Spring 2006. These new members, along with the current members, take the chapter to over 60! The Alumni & Volunteer Board held a welcome dessert for the new members this fall at the home of Dr. Ron Binder '83 where the 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!

Andrew Doughty	Freshman	Mechanical Engineering	Willard, Ohio
Joshua Hatfield	Freshman	Business Administration	Fairfield, Ohio
Jon Hicks	Freshman	Pharmacy	Uniontown, Ohio
Matthew Kostoff	Freshman	Pharmacy	Uniontown, Ohio
Nathan Martinez	Sophomore	International Business	Oregon, Ohio
Brandon Smeltzer	Sophomore	Pharmacy	Salem, Ohio
Brandon Scott	Sophomore	Pharmacy	New Philadelphia, Ohio
Erich Stolz	Sophomore	HR Mgt./Pre-Law	Springfield, Ohio

Dear Parents,

As the school year starts again, I am the parent's representative to the Alumni Board of the University of Toledo Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter. This group continues to excel in many different organizations at the University of Toledo. I encourage you to contact me if you have any concerns with the chapter or would like to offer ideas on improving this group of men. Many projects surface throughout the year that parents may be able to help with, and it means spending the weekend working alongside our sons. Events are always changing, and I encourage you to talk frequently with your son on how you might be involved and when these events are scheduled.

Parents' Day will be held in spring term, as the fall is too busy with events already planned by the chapter. Our hope is to highlight the awards won this year and the senior group of men who will be graduating. Look for more information after the first of the year detailing these plans. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact me by email at Ghag5@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Gary Hagemeyer ■

Alumni/Senior Dinner Honors Dr. Gary Corrigan & Jim Irmen '82

The sixth annual Alumni/Senior Dinner was held on Thursday, March 23, at the Old Spaghetti Warehouse where undergraduates and alumni gathered to welcome our newest alumni members and to celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni. Dr. Gary Corrigan, VP for the Dana Corporation, received the Career Achievement Award for his work in the business field and Jim Irmen '82 received the Distinguished Service Award for his work in the early 1990's making the UT Greek Village a reality and for securing Sig Ep's house in the Village. This signature event for Ohio Iota marks the full circle of undergraduate membership for our brothers and allow us to honor our alumni who have excelled professionally and have given to Ohio Iota over the years. ■

Parent's Corner

News to Share?

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

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!

Fraternity Pins Wanted

The Alumni Board has been acquiring fraternity pins for our display case. We are looking for Chi Beta Chi pledge pins and sweetheart pins. If you have any fraternity (brother or sweetheart) we'd love to have them for our display case. We search EBay occasionally also.

If you would like to donate such items, please call Rick St. John '63 at 419-478-0471.

Check Out the Sig Ep Web Sites

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

Undergraduates: sigep.utoledo.edu • Alumni: sigep.utoledo.edu/alumni/

Ohio Iota Alumni & Volunteer Board 2006

President: Dr. Rick St. John '63
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If you are interested in serving on the Alumni Board, please contact Rick St. John at 419-478-0471 or email at rstjohn@buckeye-express.com. These positions require two hours per month meeting with the undergrad officers, plus an every-other-month Alumni & Volunteer Board meeting at the chapter house.

Ohio Iota Undergraduate Officers

Jason Hoyng	President	Senior	Industrial Engineering (Bus. Admin)	Celina, Ohio
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