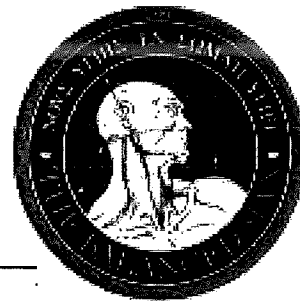


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OHIO IOTA OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO — SEPTEMBER 2008

Undergraduate Perspective:

Songfest and Campus Leadership Highlight Exciting Spring for Chapter

As the University of Toledo continues to grow and strive toward new endeavors, so does Ohio Iota of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The closing of the 2008 school year marked once again a successful and exciting year for SigEp at Toledo. Both as individuals and a chapter as a whole, Ohio Iota continues to influence Toledo's campus in a variety of ways.

Coming off a strong fall recruitment class, Ohio Iota continued to focus on its year round recruitment goal by adding nine new members in the spring. These nine new members have proven to be an important addition to our fraternity, as they embody the same goals and aspirations that the rest of us hold.

After returning from winter break, our chapter was ready to head to Chicago for the year's Carlson Leadership Academy. While there, Ohio Iota was recognized for its academic accomplishments by being awarded the Grand Scholarship Cup and Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse award. Brother Aaron Alt also added to our chapter's success by taking home the Zollinger Award which honors him as our district's most outstanding senior.

The weekend and events surrounding Songfest this year proved to be an exciting and memorable one for our chapter. Under the leadership of directors John Hicks and Brandon Smeltzer, SigEp won Songfest for the second year in a row with its rendition of "Remember the Titans." Later that night, Brother Andrew Doughty was chosen to become a member of Blue Key in recognition of his outstanding leadership ability. This continued Ohio



Eighth Annual Alumni/Senior Dinner

Iota's long tradition of involvement in that organization. Also that evening, Brothers Matt Kostoff and Adam Motycka were chosen for Mortar Board in recognition of their academic and campus involvement.

At the spring 2008 Greek awards night, SigEp was a big winner once again. This spring, Ohio Iota achieved an overall chapter GPA of 3.301 and took home the Dean Parks award for being number one scholastically among all fraternities. SigEp also continued its dominance in Greek Life by placing in the top third in both sports and campus involvement for the year.

Knowing that college is more than just academics, the brothers of Ohio Iota have made SigEp's presence felt in many of the campus's organizations. Toledo SigEp's are involved in organizations such as student government, CAP, community service groups, and political campaigns just to name a few. This spring Brother David Green became the president of the Student Alumni Association which is the

university's largest organization. Also holding a presidential position is Brother Andrew Gochenour for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

As summer comes to an end, SigEps at Toledo continue to work hard and prepare for another successful year for Ohio Iota. This summer, Brothers David Gonzalez and Adam Motycka attended SigEp's Ruck Leadership Academy at the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Later in July, brothers convened at Alumni Board Treasurer Ted Behnkin's lake house for the chapter's annual summer retreat.

With our chapter's Balanced Man Scholarship this past summer, Ohio Iota has been gearing up for an exciting fall recruitment.

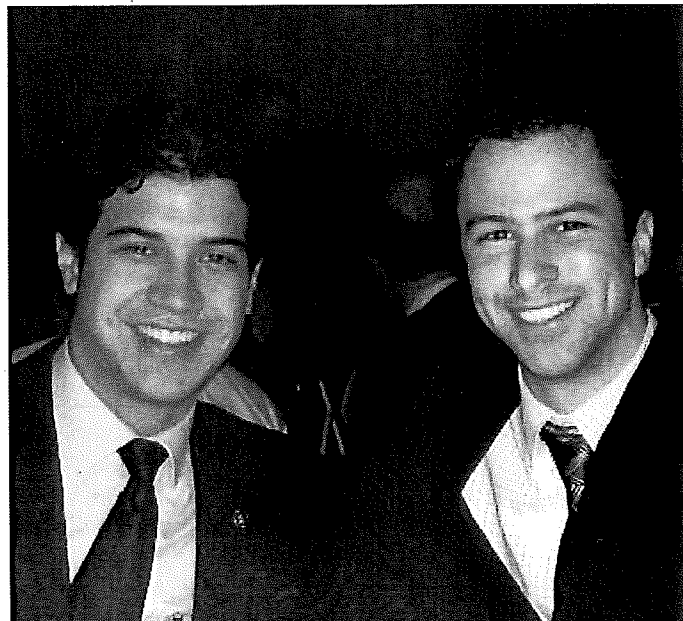
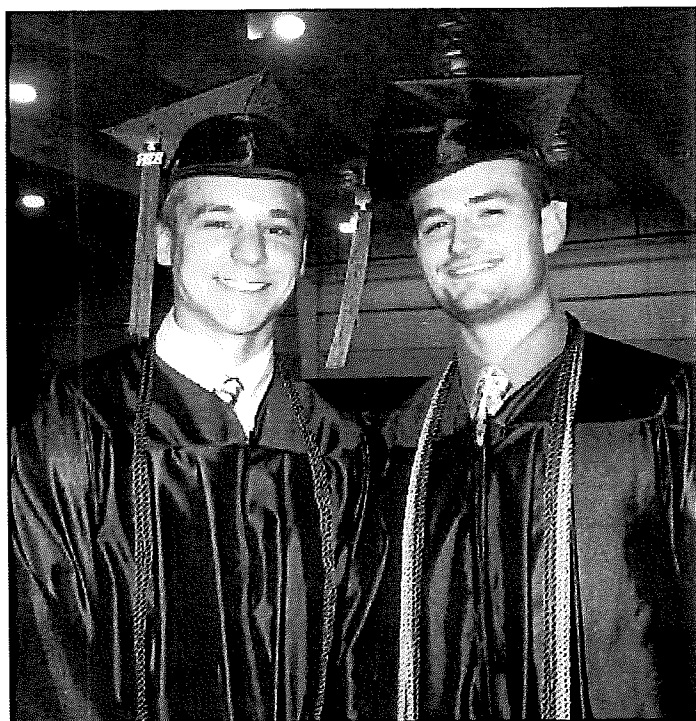
I look forward to another exciting fall for our chapter as Ohio Iota continues to push for success in all aspects of collegiate life at Toledo.

Fraternally,
Christopher R. Lehmann
Chapter President

New Members from Spring 2008

Ohio Iota is proud to announce its newest members for Spring 2008.
We are excited about these new members and welcome them to the Ohio Iota SigEp family!

NAME	CLASS YEAR	HOMETOWN	MAJOR
Christopher Frazee	2010	Engineering	Strongsville, Ohio
Nick Givan	2010	Accounting & Finance	Springboro, Ohio
Kyle Poplawski	2009	Finance	Toledo, Ohio
Mark Denterlein	2009	Pharmacy	Fairfield, Ohio
Andrew Davis	2009	Engineering	Defiance, Ohio
Scott Talley	2010	Business	Canton, Ohio
Jon Floering	2009	Music Performance	Toledo, Ohio
Bryce Roberts	2009	Religious Studies	Toledo, Ohio
Adam Schwab	2010	Electrical Engineering	Columbus, Ohio



*Left: New Alumni Exec Board members Aaron Alt & Erich Stolz;
Above: Undergrad VP of Programming David Gonzalez
and President Chris Lehmann.*

Ohio Iota Undergraduate Executive Officers 2008

NAME	CLASS	OFFICER POSITION	MAJOR	HOMETOWN
Christopher Lehmann	'09	President	Finance and Accounting	Gahanna, Ohio
David Gonzalez	'10	VP of Programming	Communications	Amherst, Ohio
Dan Ferguson	'10	VP of Finance	Healthcare Administration	Oregon, Ohio
Andrew Gochenour	'10	VP of Member Development	Finance	Fayette, Ohio
Adam Motycka	'10	VP of Recruitment	Accounting and Finance	Convoy, Ohio
Andrew Doughty	'09	Chaplin	Mechanical Engineering	Willard, Ohio
Jarred Sigmon	'11	VP of Communications	Pharmacy	Circleville, Ohio
Bryan Darling	'09	House Manager	Mechanical Engineering	Attica, Ohio

Parent's Corner

By Dave Ferguson, Alumni Board Parent Rep.

Greetings to all you parents out there. I hope your summers are going well. I also hope your sons are excited about school starting again and looking forward to the opportunities that come from being a part of the finest fraternity on campus! Parents, I hope you are as proud of your sons as I am of mine! With regards to the parent's club, let me fill you in on what has happened so far in 2008 and what to look forward to this fall.

Songfest 2008 was April 12 and was held at the Seagate Center. It was a great evening for the men of SigEp! The sorority competition went first and the ladies performed some great skits. Next up was the co-ed competition, which was unique and entertaining. Then it was show-time for the men of the different fraternities. Most of the routines were good, a few were pretty good, and then there was SigEp. For the second year in a row, the men of SigEp took first place in this spirited competition. In case you were not able to make it to Songfest; let it be known that their performance was awesome! The next day, it was Open house at the fraternity and a luncheon was held at the student union. This luncheon was well attended and I want to thank those parents who attended and helped make the day a success.

What's up next? Why, it is Homecoming for the University of Toledo. Parents, there will be an open house from 4:30PM to 7:30PM on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Food and refreshments will be served and you can tour the house and see where your sons attend their house meetings. For many, you can also see where your sons are residing for the school year. Hopefully, you will take time to meet other parents and get to know some of the young men of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Following open house, many of you may have plans to attend the football game.

I am curious if any of you parents are interested in doing something more for the men of SigEp. There has been talk of having a major cleaning of the house prior to the school year getting underway. What about getting together more than twice a year? Maybe we host a dinner in the fall and spring semesters. If you have other thoughts let me know what you think. I can be reached at 7036 Corduroy Rd. Oregon, OH 43618; (H) 419-836-7317 or (C) 419-343-8990; or at ddfergusonx@bex.net. Take care and I look forward to hearing back from you!

Dave Ferguson,
Parent's Club Rep.
Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Board

2008 Alumni/Senior Dinner

Our Alumni/Senior Banquet in April was a fantastic success. It was held at Spagetti Warehouse in downtown Toledo with cocktails at 6 P.M. and dinner immediately following.

The Career Achievement Award was presented in absentia to Gerald Seizert '75. The Distinguished Service

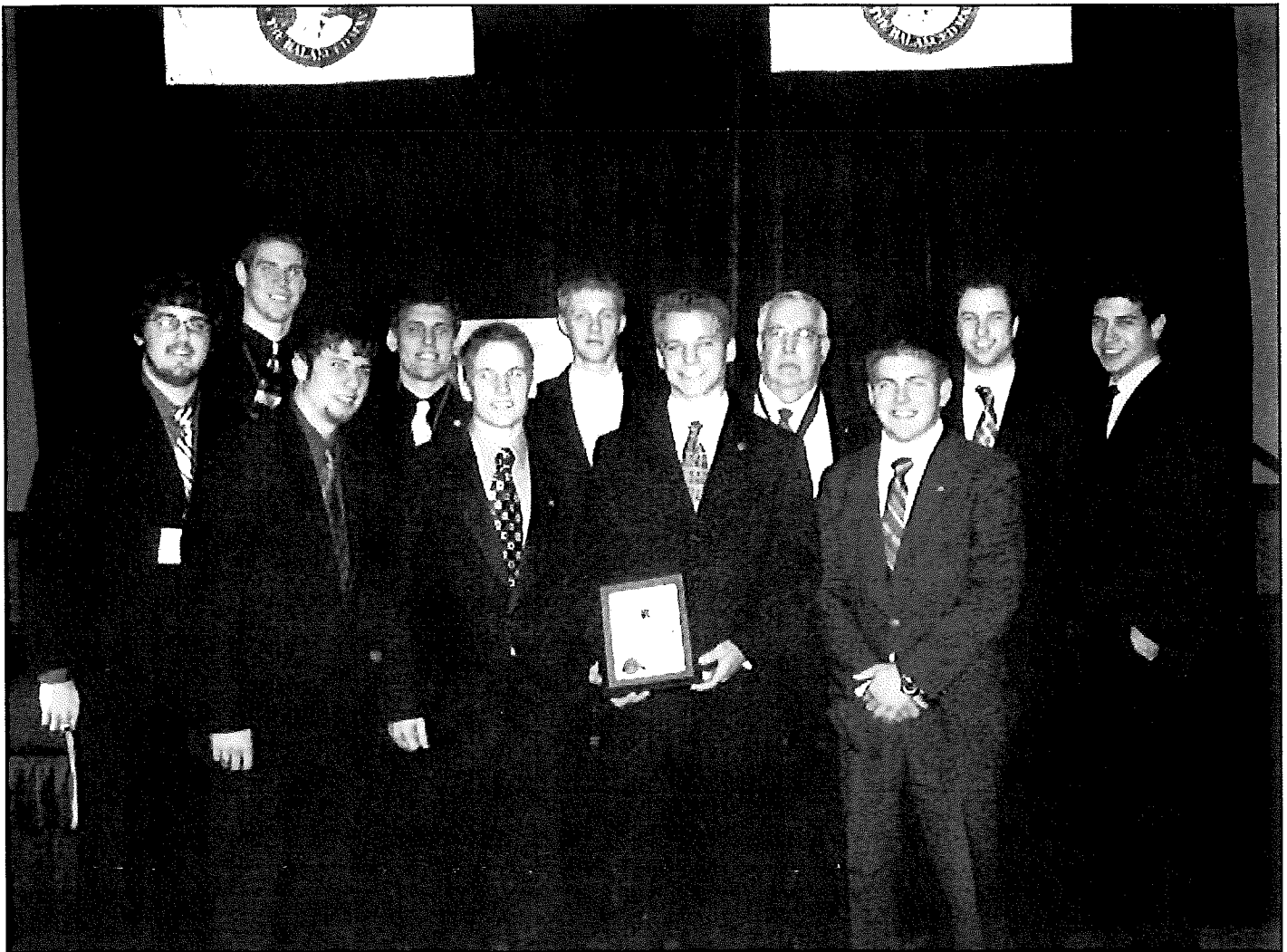
Award went to Dr. Tom Bowers '78, and the new Founder's Awards were presented to Richard L. Springer '52 and Donald L. Thurber '52. Many alumni traveled some distance to be there, including Chuck Rauch '49, Wil Elchert, Bill Blackwell '56, Doug Palmer '74, Les Lipski '73, Ray Young

'75, Chris Hastin '71, Rich Schneider '78 and Jay Gilchrist '61.

Comments by the recipients were very heartfelt and Wil's teaching of the old songs got a bit ribald. We also were proud and pleased to welcome 12 recent graduates to the ranks of Ohio Iota Alumni.



2008 Hoop of Steel Ceremony



Proud recipients of awards presented at the 2008 Carlson Leadership Academy in Chicago .

Spring 2008 Undergraduate Awards

From the Carlson Leadership Academy:

Grand Chapter Scholarship Cup:

Awarded to Chapters who rank first in academic standings among fraternities at their university for an entire year.

Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse Award:

Chapters who obtain a 3.15 or above for an academic year.

Alumni and Volunteer Corporation Operation Excellence Award:

Awarded to the top alumni board in the district. This year was the first time ever that the award was given out.

Zollinger Outstanding Senior:

Brother **Aaron Alt** received this award for being the most outstanding senior in our district. The award is based on outstanding scholastic achievement, fraternity and campus leadership, and community involvement. This award is the highest honor a brother can obtain while an undergraduate member of SigEp.

Donald S. Parks Awards:

Emerging Female Leader/Emerging Male Leader:

David Gonzalez

This award recognizes a freshmen or sophomore male and female who have excelled in their organization and have demonstrated true leadership qualities. The selection of the award is based on his and her involvement in campus activities, leadership initiatives, school pride and overall contributions to their student organization or program.

Songfest 2008:

Blue Key:

Andrew Doughty

Blue Key members who are selected are actively involved in campus activities and community service and excel in leadership and scholarship. Activities that Blue Key Members undertake each year include sponsoring the Homecoming Parade and co-sponsoring Songfest.

Mortar Board:

Matt Kostoff and Adam Motycka

The membership of Mortar Board consists of a select group of students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership, maintained high academic achievement and participated in campus activities and community service.

Mortar Board Underclassman Award:

Andrew Gochenour

Given to up to 10 sophomore standing students with a minimum GPA of 3.0. The recipients are chosen carefully based upon their honors, awards and scholarships. These outstanding students also make significant contributions within their major, are involved in various campus activities and leadership positions, and are actively involved in the community.

2008 Songfest Men's Competition:

Sigma Phi Epsilon 1st place

Songfest 2009 Master of Ceremony:

Adam Motycka

Greek Awards Night 2008:

Sigma Phi Epsilon:

1st in Grades, 2nd in campus involvement, 3rd in Sports

Excellence in Campus Involvement:

100% of chapter memberships involved in campus

Academic Excellence:

Chapter GPA of 3.2

Order of Omega:

Andrew Doughty and Christopher Lehmann

An honor society recognizing particularly meritorious men and women in the undergraduate Greek community.

Exemplary Campus Leader:

Matt Bauer and Kwaku Kankam

Awards at Formal 2008, Pittsburg, PA:

Brother of the Year: Josep Ribe

New Member of the Year: Andrew Page

Senior of the Year: Ryan Gunther

Junior of the Year: Matt Kostoff

Sophomore of the Year: David Gonzalez

Athlete of the Year: Nick Langenderfer

Sweetheart: Bre Democko (Alpha Omicron Pi)



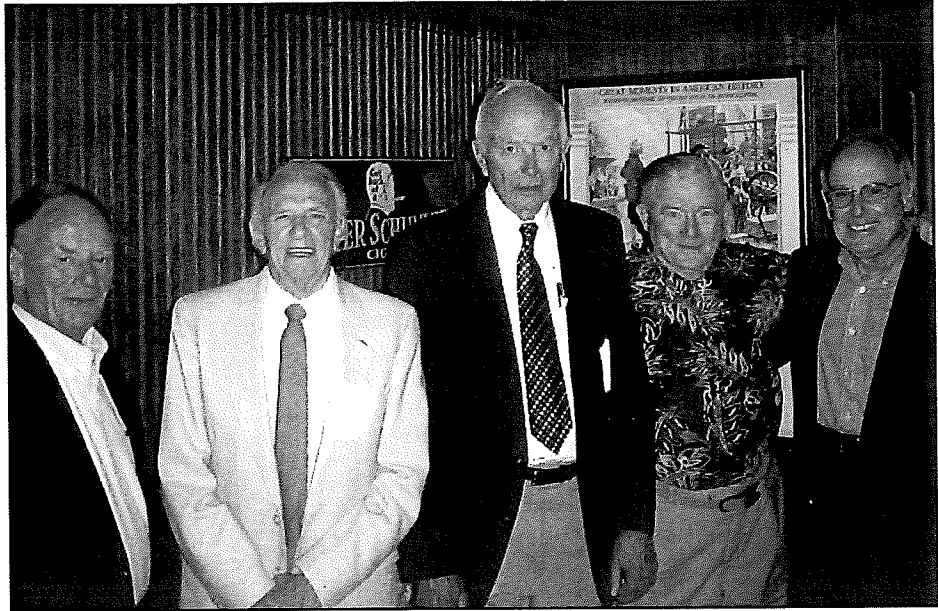
The graduating seniors from 2008

Alumni & Volunteer Board Perspective

Brothers of the Heart, As we are preparing this newsletter we are looking forward to a year from now in Orlando with high hopes that our continued success will bring us our fourth Buchanan Cup in a row at the 51st Grand Chapter Conclave. Chris Lehmann, the chapter president, has recounted the year in his article. It has been a spectacular one.

I am pleased to report to you that in addition to the undergraduate awards, your alumni board (AVC) was the first to be honored with the new Alumni and Volunteer Corporation Operation Excellence Award at the February CLA in Chicago. We were totally surprised and pleased to be recognized. In addition, Matt Blecke and I are among the first 13 men to be trained to work with alumni boards throughout the nation in becoming more successful, and most of our current board members have completed the on-line training modules that are now available for alums and required for Buchanan Cup eligible chapters.

There have been some changes on the board and some shuffling of positions. Matt Hagemeyer has moved to the position of secretary and we have welcomed Aaron Alt ('08) to the VP Housing position. John Mehler ('07) stepped into the chapter counselor



Some Founding Members of Ohio Iota at the Eighth Annual Alumni/Senior Dinner

position as Nate Konrad moved to the VP-Member Development Programming and BMS Steward slot. Dave Ferguson is now the Parent Club representative, and Dr. Ron Binder decided not to commute from South Carolina where he is now in a new Greek position at USC. We were very fortunate to find Erich Stolz ('08), another recent grad, who was most willing to step into that slot. We are still looking for people to assist with the Balanced Man phases, so if you are in the Toledo area, just give us a shout!

This November 1st will be the 107th 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. 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 throughout the journey of life. Take a moment today to contemplate the part *(Story continued next page)*

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ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Board Perspective, *Continued.*

Sigma Phi Epsilon has played in your life. Take time to contact a brother. As soon as our new website is up – www.sigeptoledo.com – check it out and check the listing for lost alumni and see if you can help us reconnect with your brothers.

With that thought I would encourage you to think about Sig Ep and the lifetime experience that it is. How are you making it a part of your life today? Many of you contribute generously to our scholarship funds and to the annual appeal or serve in some capacity through our Alumni Board.

Maintaining a quality house costs money in today's world, and though we feel we have a great facility, we now have competition with some houses that have big bucks coming in. Our Balanced Man Scholarship program is now being copied by most of the fraternities on our campus.

No matter what your experience with SigEp has been or continues to be, 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. And please remember, your help in whatever way you can contribute is needed.

In the Bonds,
Rick St. John '63, President,
Alumni & Volunteer Board

Rich Miller '07 is currently serving in the Army at Fort Campbell, KY where he is the Executive Officer for the 591st Engineer Company (Sapper). Rich was promoted to first lieutenant (1LT) in June and was married on February 2, 2008 to Shari Pulskamp. Currently he is scheduled to deploy overseas in late December.

Fred Zimmerman '66 will be one of ten inducted into the UT Athletic Hall of Fame for his achievements in Football from 1963-1965. Zimmerman was selected first-team All-MAC as a defensive end his senior season ('65) and was winner of the Nicholson Award (Team MVP in 1965). He was drafted by the AFL's Houston Oilers and the NFL's Atlanta Falcons in 1966. He later signed with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Matt Mathews '95 and wife Beth Mathews formed Elite Logistics in May 2007. Recently TFX Inc. has bought a piece of Elite further adding to the services offered.

Dr. Ken Hergenrath '84 has been awarded tenure, and promotion to Associate Professor of Counseling, by The George Washington University Board of Directors. He has also been selected as one of 15 researchers in the U.S. to participate in the two-year American Psychological Association's

Cyber mentor Program. This program prepares doctorate-level behavioral and social scientists for careers as independent researchers in the areas of HIV/AIDS and communities of color. It also prepares mentees to submit a successful NIH grant application and assists them in developing a network of professional relationships to support their research efforts.

Dr. Ron Binder '83 was recently appointed the Director of Greek Life at the University of South Carolina. He previously served as the Director of Greek Affairs at Bowling Green State University. The USC Greek Community consists of 34 chapters and 3000 undergraduates.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the passing of **David L. Walkowiak** of Temperance, MI. David worked for 33 years in the education system as a school counselor and teacher at Toledo Public Schools and Owens Community College.

We regret to announce the passing of **Mary D. Morris**, wife of Robert Morris.

Thank You Brothers!

Thanks to our generous brothers who contributed to the Annual Fund this year. These funds are a critical funding source for the alumni communications program, Homecoming, Etiquette Dinners and the New Member Desserts. Without your generous support, the Alumni & Volunteer Board could not provide these programs to our alumni and undergraduates. We appreciate all our donors and say a hearty "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

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If you have addresses for men who were in the chapter when you were, please send us their home address, phone, and e-mail.

News to Share?

Something exciting going on in your life? Got married or retired? Had a reunion with SigEps or are planning one? If so, write a short article and announce it to your fellow SigEp alumni in our newsletter. Please email your information to Erich Stolz '08, VP for Alumni Relations, at stolz74@gmail.com

2008 Homecoming October 4!

2008's Homecoming festivities will kickoff the weekend of October 4th. We welcome all alumni to join us at 2:00 P.M. at the home of Tim '82 and Sarah '83 Croak for the annual Parade Viewing Party. Alumni, family and friends will gather to watch the traditional parade and to share fellowship with their families and friends. Snacks and pop will be provided as usual. Following that from 4:30-7:30 P.M. will be the annual Undergrad w/Parent's Club. The game begins at 7:00 P.M., we hope to see you all there.

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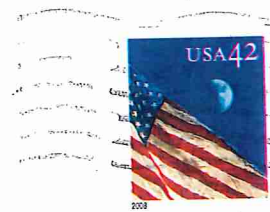
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