

# The Red Door



OHIO IOTA OF SIGMA PHI EPSILON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO — SPRING 2003

## Save the Dates!

### Alumni/Senior Dinner Thursday, April 24th

**O**n April 24th, graduating seniors from Ohio Iota will gather with the Alumni Board and our alumni to welcome these gentlemen into the ranks of alumni. We will gather at 6 p.m. at the Old Spaghetti Warehouse in downtown Toledo for a reception with dinner to follow at 7. Cost is \$15 payable at the door. We will be performing the Hoop of Steele ritual ceremony and giving out our Distinguished Service Award and our Excelsior Award to an Outstanding Alumnus. To RSVP to this event, please call Ron Binder at 419-843-4341 or email at [ronbinder@yahoo.com](mailto:ronbinder@yahoo.com)

Please make plans to join your brothers and our newest alumni as we celebrate Sigma Phi Epsilon.



### Alumni Golf Tournament Set for Saturday 26 July

**O**nce again the Toledo Sig Eps will host the annual Golf Outing, set for Saturday, July 26th, at Ottawa Park Golf Course, near UToledo. A cookout will follow at Ted Behnken's house at 5 p.m. Tee times begin at 12:30. Golf only is \$27. Cost for golf, 1/2 cart and meal is \$35. Meal only is \$12. Even if you don't golf, join us for dinner. To RSVP, contact Ted Behnken at 419-346-4700 or [tedohio@aol.com](mailto:tedohio@aol.com)



### Hold October 10-12 for Homecoming 2003

**W**e'll host the traditional parade viewing party, the tailgate by the River and Open House. Watch your mail for more details later.

## Balanced Man Etiquette

**T**he Ohio Iota Alumni Board hosted an etiquette dinner on Friday, December 13 for 12 seniors at the home of Dr. Ron '83 and Karen Binder.

Tim '82 and Sarah Croak also helped out by showing the seniors what is proper at a formal dinner. 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 worked with the undergrads to put the program together and plan to offer it

each semester. We are always in need of alumni couples to help out with this, so if you are interested please e-mail Ron Binder at [ronbinder@yahoo.com](mailto:ronbinder@yahoo.com).



# President's Perspective

Dear Brothers,  
We are pleased to announce that the Ohio Iota Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon is continuing its pursuit of excellence at the University of Toledo. So much so, that we have displayed near domination in all aspects of Greek and University life. The 56 undergraduate members are fully committing themselves to the Balanced Man ideal. That commitment has shown through in every activity we, as a fraternity, embark upon.

Scholastically we continue to dominate. Our chapter has been first in grades for the past 3 years with no end in sight. As a chapter, we have achieved Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse for the fall 2002 semester. Phi Beta Kappa. Wheelhouse is a prestigious mention given by the Sigma Phi Epsilon National Headquarters for the achievement of a cumulative GPA greater than 3.15 for a semester. Our chapter's cumulative GPA of 3.2 earned us that honorable mention. A 3.2 GPA puts us a full 0.5 over the all campus average. Congratulations gentlemen!

We are by no means a group of bookworms though. With a little under 2

months left and 5 sporting events still to come, our chapter stands first in overall points for the yearly intramural championship. This athletic achievement stems from our chapter's view of the necessity of a physically fit individual. The joke on campus is that the Sig Ep's require all members to go to the rec. Seeing 25 Sig Ep's scattered throughout the rec at one time is a fairly common sight. Our chapter's pursuit of a Sound Mind with a Sound Body is in full effect.

Not only are we seen at the library and at the rec, but in just about every student organization on campus. With Donovan Nichols as the Student Government President and Steve Studer as the newly elected President of the Inter-Fraternal Council, Sig Eps are leading both the University and Greek communities. Jason Rodriguez will be the Master of Ceremonies for Songfest 2003, an honor reserved for only the best UT has to offer. Congratulations are due to these three men for the attainment of these very significant positions! Well done guys!

As if our chapter wasn't busy enough shaping and bettering The University of

Toledo, twenty of our undergraduate members and two distinguished alumni attended the Carlson Leadership Academy in West Lafayette, Indiana, from February 14-16. Yes, we gave up our Valentine's Day to learn more about how to be a dominating force on our campus. The weekend was filled with workshops but ended in true Ohio Iota fashion. Our chapter was selected to perform the ritual for every chapter in our region. I am proud to announce the initiation of Renaissance Brother Michael Rodriguez as a result! After ritual, Ohio Iota was awarded the Excelsior Cup for Recruitment thanks to our exemplary efforts on last summer's Balanced Man Scholarship.

I must thank the alumni and parents for all your support. I hope our efforts as a chapter displays adequately our love for SigEp and our pursuit to the betterment of each member. With your continued support, I am certain that Ohio Iota will become the benchmark to which all other fraternities are compared.

Fraternally,  
Ryan C. Schmidt '04,  
Chapter President

## Ohio Iota New Undergraduate Officers

Ryan Schmidt	President	Pharmacy/Pre-Med	4th year	North Royalton, Ohio
Greg Wilson	V.P. Programming	Mechanical Engineering	3rd year	Pickerington, Ohio
Alex Sturgill	V.P. Finance	Accounting	2nd year	Springfield, Ohio
Allen Bresson	V.P. Member Development	Physical Therapy	2nd year	Louisville, Ohio
Sean McMannis	V.P. Recruitment	Undecided	2nd year	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Devon Scheible	V.P. Communications	Criminal Justice	2nd year	Clyde, Ohio
Chris Emanuele	Chaplain	Mechanical Engineering	4th year	Mentor, Ohio
Lance Smith	House Manager	Pharmacy	2nd year	East Palestine, Ohio

## Thank You Brothers!

Thank you to All Donors to the UT Foundation Sigma Phi Epsilon Fund! We raised over \$2,505 toward our endowed fund with UT. The fund balance is \$27,000 which is the second largest such fund at UT.

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# News from the Alumni Volunteer Board

**Y**ou might have noticed that the name for our alumni board has been changed slightly from the Alumni Board to the Alumni & Volunteer Board. This change is to reflect the idea that we have expanded our board to include board members not from Ohio Iota and we have included a Parent on the board. For the past two years we have been fortunate to have Matt Blecke from the University of Cincinnati on our board. Matt serves as the Chapter Counselor this year and attends the undergraduate executive board meetings. As I have moved around the country I have served on several Sig Ep Alumni Boards and can attest to the different opinions members from other chapters bring to such a board.

We have also been fortunate to have a parent on the board this past year, Mike Rodriguez. Mike is the father of Jason Rodriguez, chapter president. This is the first year we have had a parent on the board. Mike has spent a lot of time at the chapter, written a column in our newsletters and has helped out with several projects around the house. In honor of his service, the chapter initiated Mike this past February at Carlson Leadership Conference held at Purdue University. Having a parent on the board has been very helpful and has kept us focused on the undergraduates.

We also welcomed some new members to the board. Several recent graduates have volunteered to serve in various capacities this year on the board. We are fortunate to have board members spanning several eras and having various talents that they can lend. Board members serve for three-year terms and can opt for additional three-year terms. Board officers serve for one-year terms and can opt for serving additional terms. We hope our Alumni Board is one that works well on both alumni activities and mentoring our undergraduates.

This semester the Alumni Board once again welcomed our new members with a dessert. The highlight of these semesterly gatherings is to hear of who is joining our fraternity and why. Students enjoy greatly these gatherings to learn about the fraternity they are joining and to see that Sig Ep is a lifetime experience, not just four years.

New this past semester, the Alumni Board hosted an etiquette dinner at the home of Ron and Karen Binder. Brother Tim Croak '82 and his wife Sarah helped with the dinner. As part of the Balanced Man Program, juniors and seniors are required to attend such a dinner. The alumni and undergrads greatly enjoyed themselves with this program and learned a great deal. We will be continuing this

program each semester in hopes of providing good programming for all our members to make this a full, four-year experience.

The Alumni Board just returned from Sig Ep's annual Carlson Leadership Academy, held at Purdue University. Ten undergraduates and two alumni board members attended the academy and learned a lot. The undergrads attended several officer-training sessions as well as learned about leadership skills. As was mentioned earlier, Mike Rodriguez was initiated with the Ohio Iota Ritual Team, a great honor for the chapter.

On Thursday, April 24th, alumni will gather at the Old Spaghetti Warehouse in downtown Toledo for our annual Alumni/Senior Dinner. We hope you will be able to join us as we welcome to the ranks of alumni our graduating seniors. We will be making our annual alumni awards for Distinguished Service and Outstanding Alumnus. Please plan to join us at 6 p.m. for refreshments and dinner at 7.

Finally, this summer, August 13-17, Sig Eps from across the country will gather for our Conclave in San Antonio. A large delegation from Ohio Iota will be traveling to Texas for this every two-year gathering. The undergrads are excited about attending since they hope to be in the hunt for our fifth Buckhannon Cup.

## Sig Ep Conclave

**August 13-17  
in San Antonio**

Every two years Sig Eps nationwide gather to reaffirm our fraternity, pass legislation and renew friendships.

This August over 1,500 Sig Eps will descend upon San Antonio to celebrate our fraternity. The Alumni Board and undergraduates will be sending a large delegation (maybe even renting a bus!). To register for Conclave, go to [www.sigep.org](http://www.sigep.org)  
See you in San Antonio!

## Parent Needed for the Board

**D**This past year Mike Rodriguez, father of Jason Rodriguez, chapter president, served on the Alumni and Volunteer Board and did an outstanding job. Mike helped out with Homecoming, projects around the house, signed the letter to the parents of new members and had a column in this newsletter. After serving for his one-year term we are now searching for a parent of an undergrad. If you know of someone or would like to serve yourself, please contact Ron Binder at [ronbinder@yahoo.com](mailto:ronbinder@yahoo.com) or 4190841-8191. The responsibilities of this position entail attending monthly board meetings, working on the annual Parents Day, writing a column for the newsletter, and keeping contact with the parents of our members. The position is for one year and begins in June.

## Ohio Iota Alumni Board

President	Dr. Rick St. John '63
Chapter Counselor	Matt Blecke, Ohio Theta
VP-Undergrad Operations	Matthew Hagemeyer '02
VP-Member Development	Nate Konrad '02
VP-Recruitment, Scholarships & Awards	Matthew Motil '02
VP Alumni Relations	Dr. Ron Binder '83
VP Risk Management	Vacant
Treasurer	Ted Behnken '82
Secretary	Brent Denny '02
Faculty/Alumni Advisor	Dr. Rick St. John '63
Member at Large	Brent Denny '02
Alumni Webmaster	Mitch Rall '02

### *Alumni News & Notes*

We regret to announce the passing of James Vernon Lattin, Chi Beta Chi '48. James worked for 31 years at Owens Illinois, retiring in 1984.



# Spring 2003 New Members

Ohio Iota is proud to announce 14 new members for Spring 2003. These new members, along with the current members, take the chapter to over 60! The Alumni Board held a welcome dessert for the new members at the home of Ron '83 and Karen Binder, 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 this new member and welcome them to the Ohio Iota Sig Ep family!

Doug Barker	2nd	Middle Childhood Education	Piqua, Ohio
Guy Beeman Jr.	3rd	Finance	Clarksville, Ohio
Tom Crawford	1st	Construction Engineering	Fremont, Ohio
Tony Doglio	2nd	Civil Engineering	Mentor, Ohio
Kyle Glispie	1st	Accounting	London, Ohio
Scott Haas	1st	Pharmacy	Canal Fulton, Ohio
John Hassel	1st	Biology/Pre-Med	Springfield, Ohio
Brad Johnson	1st	Undecided	West Jefferson, Ohio
Rich Kopronica	1st	Bioengineering/Pre-Med	Amherst, Ohio
Matt Maluchnik	3rd	Electical Engineering; Computer Science & Engineering	Curtice, Ohio
Jeff Ozimek	1st	Middle Childhood Education	Parma, Ohio
Drew Piper	1st	Pharmacy	Elyria, Ohio
Gordy Pokorny	2nd	Pharmacy	Huron, Ohio
Matt Schreiner	1st	Mechanical Engineering	North Ridgeville, Ohio

## Want to Keep In Touch With Your Brothers Electronically?

Subscribe to the Toledo Sig Eps listserve  
To subscribe send an email to the following:  
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We will send out periodic news and announcements

## News to Share?

Send your alumni news or address updates to the following:  
[Ohio\\_Iota\\_Alumni\\_News@yahoo.com](mailto:Ohio_Iota_Alumni_News@yahoo.com)

## Check Out the Sig Ep Web Site

For the latest news on the alumni  
and the undergraduates, go to:  
[www.utoledo.edu/~sigep/](http://www.utoledo.edu/~sigep/)

## Remember to Designate Your UT Gifts!

When making gifts to UT be sure to designate them to the Sig Ep Scholarship Fund. This endowed fund with UT provides 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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