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Ohio Iota of Sigma Phi Epsilon at the University of Toledo – Winter 2007

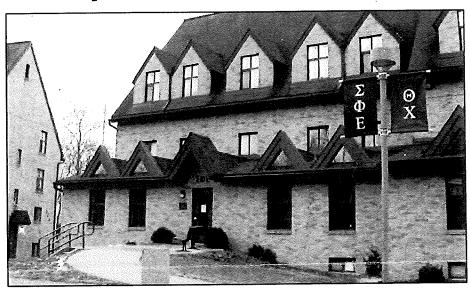
Alumni & Volunteer Board Perspective:

A Great Chapter In Operation at Toledo

has been very diligent in their efforts to work with the chapter to assist them in maintaining a quality presence on the UT campus. Ted Behnken reported at the last meeting on the nearly doubling of our investments over the last decade. Scholarship donations are at an all time high, and gifts from the spring solicitation for alumni operations and chapter support continue at a steady pace.

One major activity of the Alumni Board continues to be the upgrading of the D-1 facility in the McComas Village. Recently added were three couches, end tables, a large curio cabinet for historical XBX and ΣΦE items, and a media cabinet which will hopefully soon have a 60" flat screen TV on it. New library tables will soon be ordered and the entire first floor will have new carpeting in place this summer. If there are any out there who wish to purchase specific items, please contact rstjohn@bex.net. Mitch Rall '02 and his parents donated the curio cabinet, and Les Lipski and brothers from the mid '60s and early '70s got together for their annual Holiday Tournament and donated money collected from the evening to the AB to purchase one of the new end tables in the remodeled TV and study area on the main floor.

It has been a great pleasure to see all of the alumni who have returned to the campus this year for the various Open Houses sponsored by the chapter, for Homecoming, or just to drop in to the house to see what is happening. The visits always seem to include looking at the composites which date back to the early '70's which are now



all restored and hanging proudly on the walls of the unit. One project now getting under way is the refurbishing of the many scrapbooks that have been done over the years. A new cabinet to properly store them is to be built soon in the Residential Learning Community area to be constructed in the basement in the near future.

Plans are underway for the Alumni/ Senior Appreciation Dinner on Saturday 24 March at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Two alumni will be honored for their contributions to the chapter and to the university community at that dinner. The Volunteer Excellence Award will be awarded to Dr. Deron Horman '88 for his outstanding service to the chapter while serving as chapter counselor. The Career Achievement Award will be awarded to Dr. Ken Hergenrather '84 for his outstanding contributions to his profession. Mark your calendar now for the Senior/Alumni Appreciation Dinner to be held on 24 March. More and more alumni are attending this

event each year, and it is scheduled this year on a weekend in hopes that many of you will plan to attend.

Any Chi Beta Chi or SigEps who have historical items they would like to donate to the chapter and have displayed at the house, please contact me at rstjohn@bex.net or 419-478-0471. We are especially looking for a XBX sweetheart pin and SigEp pins, sweetheart or little sister pins and party favors. Any old trophies that you might have are also most welcome additions to our collection.

When you are in the area, please take the time to drop in to see a great chapter in operation on the University of Toledo campus. If not before, see you at Homecoming 2007. If you are interested in joining the alumni board, please contact one of the current board members to place your name on the meeting contact list. Additional members are very welcome.

Rick St. John '63
President, Ohio Iota Alumni
& Volunteer Board

Recent Undergraduate Awards

Lee Reynolds attended SigEp National Ruck Leadership Institute last summer, one of 160 SigEps chosen nationally to attend this prestigious institute, which is known in the SigEp world as "Top Gun," in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Matthew Bauer was a Quest to Greece Scholar, one of 17 SigEps chosen nationally to attend the Quest to Greece, a ten day excursion to Greece where brothers are challenged to find the origins of SigEp and the Balanced Man Ideal by studying Greek culture, history, and philosophy.

Thomas Crawford was named a SigEp Zollinger Outstanding Senior, an award given to the outstanding SigEp senior in Ohio. In his honor, a \$1,000 scholarship was given to a sophomore who displayed similar leadership skills as Tom Crawford. Aaron Alt was awarded the Zollinger Scholarship. Tom joins a long line of Ohio Iota members who have won this award.

Ohio lota Scholarship Ranks 6th Nationally! In a national GPA ranking of all 256 SigEp chapters, Ohio Iota was in 6th place with a 3.40 GPA! Below is a list of SigEp's top 10 schools.

Rank	Chapter	School	GPA
1.	MA MIT	Mass. Institute of Technology	3.60
2.	CT Delta	Yale University	3.58
3.	PA Kappa	Bucknell University	3.48
4.	FL Gamma	University of Miami	3.43
5.	TN Vanderbilt	Vanderbilt University	3.41
6.	OH Iota	University of Toledo	3.40
7.	FL Alpha	University of Florida	3.34
8.	IN Zeta	Valparaiso University	3.34
9.	MA Zeta	Tufts University	3.33
10.	IL Alpha	University of Illinois	3.32

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New Members for Fall 2006

hio Iota is proud to announce 14 new members for Fall 2006. These new members, along with the current members, take the chapter to over 70! The Alumni & Volunteer Board held their usual welcome dessert for the new members at the home of Dr. Ron Binder '83 where the board and undergraduate leaders talked of their history with SigEp and why they chose to join Ohio Iota. We are excited about these new members and welcome them to the Ohio Iota SigEp family!

NAME Justin Bradford	YEAR Sophomore	Нометоwn Petersburg, Michigan	MAJOR Political Science
Alex Chapa	Freshman	Liberty Center, Ohio	Psychology
Dan Ferguson	Freshman	Oregon, Ohio	Healthcare Administration
Andrew Gochenour	Freshman	Fayette, Ohio	Marketing
David Gonzalez	Freshman	Amherst, Ohio	Education
David Green	Freshman	Belpre, Ohio	Pharmacy
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Clay Krebs	Freshman	Findlay, Ohio	Pre-Med
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Justin Muir	Junior	Bowling Green, Ohio	Chemistry Education
Micah Ronquillo	Freshman	Manila, Philippines	Computer Science and
•			Engineering Technology
Mark Sendi	Freshman	Sylvania, Ohio	Pharmacy
Jimmy Vasill	Freshman	Graytown, Ohio	Political Science
Robert LeBlanc	Freshman	South Rockwood, MI	Education
Eric Theller	Freshman	Fremont, OH	Civil Engineering
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Alumni Board Hosts Seniors for Etiquette Dinner

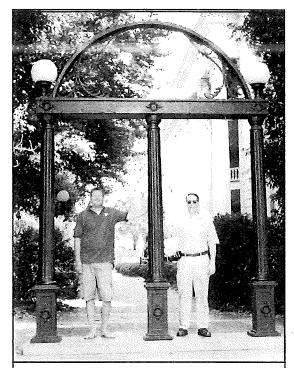
■he Ohio Iota Alumni Board hosted our ninth etiquette dinner at the home of Dr. Ron Binder '83. The group began the evening with a mock-tail party and then progressed to a formal dinner where the specifics of etiquette were explained. SigEp's new Balanced Man Program encourages chapters to host such events to prepare our members for life after college. If you would like to serve as the alumni couple, contact Ron Binder at 419-787-8191 ronbinder@yahoo.com.

Alumni/Senior Dinner to Honor Dr. Ken Hergenrather '84 & Dr. Deron Horman '88 on Saturday 24 March

Senior Dinner is set for Saturday 24 March, 6 P.M. at the basement of the Spaghetti Warehouse in downtown Toledo. This signature event for Ohio Iota marks the full circle of undergraduate membership for our brothers as we welcomed them into the ranks of alumni and as we honor our alumni who have excelled professionally and have given to Ohio Iota over the years.

We will be conducting fifteen seniors through the Hoop of Steele ritual ceremony at the dinner. We will also be awarding our two highest alumni awards at the dinner. Dr. Ken Hergenrather '84, Professor of Health Policy at George Washington University (D.C.), will receive our Career Achievement Award for his research in the Health Policy area. Dr. Deron Horman '88 will be receiving the Distinguished Service Award for his good work in the 1990's as the Chapter Counselor for Ohio Iota.

Cocktail hour begins at 6 P.M. with a cash bar. Dinner is served at 7 P.M. followed by the program. The cost is \$20 for alumni, payable at the door. Please come and welcome our undergrads into the ranks of alumni and come celebrate Dr. Ken Hergenrather and Dr. Deron Horman's success.



Devon Scheible '05 and Dr. Ron Binder '83 at the University of Georgia during the summer of 2006

State of the Undergraduate Fraternity

ear Brothers,
As 2007 begins, the Ohio Iota
Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon
is rising to the top of SigEp chapters
everywhere, both in Ohio and across
the nation. Currently with a very comfortable 60 men, and a fall recruitment
class that's the most gifted and promising I've seen since I joined SigEp in
2003, there's no doubt in my mind
that we will continue to rise in
dominance in all aspects of campus
and fraternal life.

On a national level, brothers in SigEp have received a variety of awards. Brother Matthew Bauer was awarded a Quest to Greece, given to the Top 17 SigEp's across the nation. He was able to fly to Athens, Greece, in the Summer of 2006, and spend ten days learning about Greek culture, heritage, and why Sigma Phi Epsilon was founded on the principles it was founded upon. Brother Lee Reynolds was accepted to Ruck Leadership Academy, where he was joined by the top SigEp brothers in the country to learn how to better their chapters. Brother Tom Crawford was selected as the Zollinger Most Outstanding Senior in District 12, the 3rd year in a row that an Ohio Iota Brother has brought home that accolade. The Ohio Iota Chapter has also raised over \$3,200 for YouthAIDS, our national philanthropy, with it's semi-annual "SigEp Stromboli" event, headed by Brother Bobby Nearhoof.

Locally, Brother Aaron Alt was selected as our Most Outstanding Sophomore for his hard work and dedication to the chapter and the University of Toledo. We received the top collective grade point average on campus in the Spring of 2006, with a 3.36 GPA, tops in the Greek Village. We also brought home the Intramural Sports Trophy this year. Ohio Iota has been at the top of the Greek Village in grades and sports in each of the four years that I have been a member of the chapter.

We have brothers involved in virtually every aspect of student and campus life. We currently have a brother in Blue Key National Honors Fraternity, which is comprised of the Top 13 leaders at The University of Toledo. We have a variety of brothers involved in Student Government and the Student Alumni Association (SAA), the largest student organization on campus, including SAA's President (Adam Scharf), Vice President of

Finance (Lee Reynolds), and Vice President of Communications (Andrew Tuttle). Ohio Iota has the Inter-Fraternity Council's (IFC) outgoing President (Mikey McCrystal) and incoming Secretary (Niketas Katsaros), which governs all of UT's fraternal life. We also have brothers involved with the Catholic Student Association, Latino Student Union, and Habitat for Humanity, as well as an array of different social and professional organizations on campus. I am also proud to announce that Brother Richard Miller has graduated in December of 2006 with a degree in Civil Engineering and is serving as an active duty officer in the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Alumni Board and all of our Ohio Iota Alumni who have generously contributed to some recent renovations to our house on campus. We are getting new carpet, furniture, and a television on our first floor in the coming weeks. The continued support of all our alumni makes our success at The University of Toledo possible!

Sincerely, Adam Scharf '07 Ohio Iota Undergraduate President

Thank You Brothers!

hanks to our generous brothers we were able to raise \$5,305 this year through our Annual Campaign. 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." Ohio Iota Annual Campaign Donors:

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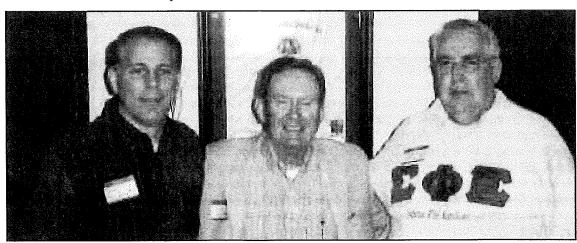
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Homecoming: Huge Success

lumni gathered from near and far and back in time for this year's Homecoming at UT. A large crowd gathered at the home of Tim '82 and Sarah '83 Croak for the annual Parade Viewing Party. Many alumni, family and friends showed up to watch the UT Homecoming parade and to renew friendships. After the

parade a cookout was held at the chapter house in the Greek Village where many parents of undergrads were in attendance. New this year was an alumni reception on Friday night of Homecoming. Alumni stopped by who normally could not on Saturday with a surprise visit from Founder Jim McCune.



Dr. Ron Binder '83, Ohio Iota Founding Father Jim McCune, and Dr. Rick St. John '63 at the Homecoming Reception

Parent Perspective

ear Parents,
Back to school with another busy schedule. Our sons are involved with all aspects of fraternity life and campus activities. This year is no exception with weekly events scheduled. This group continues to excel by being involved with many different organizations on campus while maintaining their grade point averages at the University of Toledo. The friendships and trust that they are building will be carried with them throughout their life and activities.

Many projects surface throughout the year that we as parents may be able to lend a helping hand, spending the weekend working alongside your son. These events are always offered. I encourage you to talk frequently with your son on how you might be able to be involved when these events are scheduled.

Parent's Day this spring is set for Sunday, April 1, from noon–2:00 P.M. This is the Sunday after Songfest when many parents are in town. We will host a brunch and talk about the latest with the chapter and parents. Look for more details later.

If you have any suggestions how we could improve this event, please contact me. Watch for information on the schedule for this event. We will try to let you know as early as possible to allow you to save the date.

As always, 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. My email address is gary.hagemeyer@kaufmanengsys.com

Gary Hagemeyer '05 Parents Representative, Ohio Iota Alumni and Volunteer Board

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

At Homecoming 2006, three alumni brothers were honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards: Jack Mandula '81, College of Engineering, The Honorable John Potter '40, College of Arts and Sciences, and Tim Scherer '69, '76, Judith Herb College of Education.

Dr. Ken Hergenrather '84 recently presented the following two papers at the British Psychological Society Division of Health Psychology Annual Meeting in Essex, England: Persons With Disabilities and Employment – Application of the Job-seeking Self-efficacy Scale, and Using Photovoice for exploring the job-seeking behavior of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Carl Richie writes that he is retired from Dow (and Indianapolis) and has been living in Scottsdale, AZ for the past 5 years. "Yes, it's hot but sure is nice right now! If anyone is down this way, give me a call. That's what we do as retirees in AZ – we get together with old friends! Even Steve Adams '64 comes down here for a month. Bob Latso is here and we get together when Steve is here (lives way over in Surprise) and supposedly Don Purse is there also."

Dr. Ron Binder '83 recently completed his term as the national president for the Association of Fraternity Advisors, the 1,500 member professional group of fraternity and sorority advisors in North America.

For those of you who remember Tom Johnston, or who remember

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the passing of **George W. Huebner Jr. '49** on 15 November 2006. George graduated in Business and worked as an accounting clerk for Doehler Jarvis, retiring in 1982.

We regret to announce the passing of **Donald L. Greenman '63**, known as "Greenie," who died in on 4 July 2004, and was buried in Austin, MN. where he was born. Greenie was active on the campus, business manager of the Campus Collegian, and had one of the largest families in the fraternity with eight little brothers over the years.

"Mom" Mathie will be interested to know that Jean Johnston, member of Psi Chi Phi (now Delta Delta Delta) and wife of Tom Johnston (64 years married) died in the 90th year of her life. She was "Mom" Mathie's daughter. She and Tom have been strong supporters of SigEp and Tri-Delt among other organizations.

Jason Ice '04 writes that he hopes that all is going well and to let everyone know he now lives at at 2803 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208.

Rick Stegman '79 writes, "While I have truly loved working in higher education for the last 27 years I have made the decision to follow a dream of mine: I am opening a Bed & Breakfast Inn and Wedding Center in my historic hometown of Bellevue, Ohio. I purchased a beautiful, 100+ year old, 24-room Victorian Tudor on Main Street of Bellevue. My new contact information is restegman@excite.com, 175 N. Buckeye Street, Bellevue, OH 44811; phone 419-483-9404.

Matthew Kirlough '90 D.D.S. is the Director of General Practice Residency at the Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland. He and his wife, Renee, have three children: Brianna (age 6), Olivia (age 3), and Alexander (just born on 25 October 2006). He can be reached at brutusdds@msn.com.

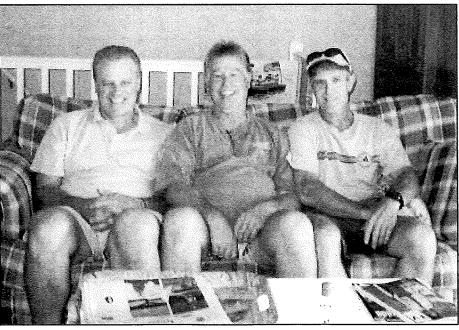
Nick Husser '02 is a chiropractic school intern at Palmer Chiropractic Clinics in Davenport, Iowa.

Chris Carroll '99 writes that the company he works for, WCI Communities, did a build for the show Extreme Makeover: Home Edition recently in Tampa, Florida. They built an entire house from the ground up in just under 100 hours! It is scheduled to be aired on ABC on Sunday March 4, 2007 at 8 P.M. You can check out the pictures and details on the build at www.wciextremehome.com and at http://snap.tbo.com/pages/gallery.ph p?gallery=309465. He hopes everyone is doing well!

Russ Ely '81, writes that although he doesn't get a chance to attend many alumni events (usually due to kid-event conflict and his busy job), he enjoys seeing that alumni events take place and enjoy reading and seeing the news. Keep up the good work!

Barry Alcock '72 (Note picture below.) writes that he keeps regular contact with Brothers Palmer, Janna, Leslie, Joniec, Dandar, Lipski, Hastin, Thompson, Hermann, Navarre, Sendi, Pickering, and Robie. He says that e-mail is the key!

Brian Metzger '96 writes that he recently moved to 587 Lodgepole Drive, Milford, OH 45150.



Jim Hermann, Barry Alcock and Big Al, sitting on the couch at the Hermann's Buckeye Lake home.

Can't remember who helped us get up off the couch.

News to Share?

Do you have 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 via our newsletter. Please email your information to Ron Binder '83, VP for Alumni Relations, at ronbinder@yahoo.com

Check Out the SigEp Toledo Web Site

For the latest fraternity news, go to www.balancedmen.org

Remember to Designate Your UT Gifts!

When making gifts to UT be sure to designate them to the SigEp Scholarship Fund, the SigEp Mandula Scholarship, or the Springer Leadership Fund. These endowed funds with UT provide undergraduate scholarships and leadership grants that help the chapter tremendously. The next time you make a UT gift, be sure to designate it to SigEp!

Ohio lota Alumni & Volunteer Board 2007

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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.

Mark Your Calendar!

Alumni are more than welcome to attend ritual dates. Those dates are Sunday 25 February, Sunday 18 March, and Sunday 22 April, all from 6:00-7:00 P.M. with chapter meeting to follow, and all at the chapter house in the Greek Village by the football stadium.



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