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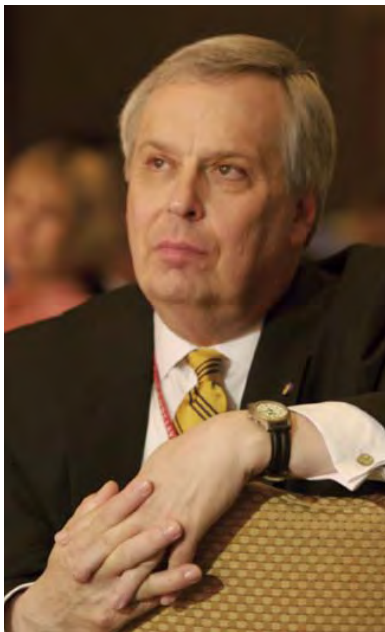
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*Stephen B. Shanklin, Murray State '70, served as a regional director for the Headquarters staff and has volunteered for numerous chapters and national committees. In 2001, he was inducted into the Order of the Golden Heart, and he was elected to the National Board of Directors in 2005. Brother Shanklin and his wife, Darlene, live in Martin, Tennessee, where Steve is an Instructor in Accounting at the University of Southern Indiana. Steve and Darlene have a daughter, Anna, and son, Jon, who is a member of the Indiana Zeta Chapter at Valparaiso University.*

## On the shoulders of Giants...

*(excerpted from Grand President Shanklin's acceptance speech, August 11, 2007.  
For his full remarks, go to [www.sigep.org](http://www.sigep.org))*

In 1676, Sir Isaac Newton stated, "If I have seen a little further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants." I have had the very good fortune of being in the midst of giants in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We have been the Fraternity of firsts only because, I believe, we have been a Fraternity of giants. How else can one explain a small national fraternity that initiated a full-time traveling staff to serve its chapters nationwide? How else can we explain programming to establish a single-tier membership that has become the model for the Greek community to emulate? How else can we explain national academic performance that exceeds that of all others in the college fraternity world? We must surely have been among giants.

We are part of a larger group of Greek-letter organizations. The general public perception for this group is questionable at best. And as much as we might wish to distinguish

ourselves from the others, we are forever linked to them by our common heritage and campus association. In fact the first line of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Creed begins with the words: "I believe in the American College Fraternity." The second line is more specific: "I believe in Sigma Phi Epsilon." That is the conundrum for our chapters. We must believe in and support both. We must however do it in SigEp style.

When Carter Ashton Jenkins and his friends looked for a fraternal organization to join at Richmond College in 1901, they did not find one that met their expectations.

Many young men arrive on campus with similar feelings. Do I commit a portion of my time to a fraternity? Parents are even more engaged in this decision process. The answer all too often is coming back as NO. The fraternity is not seen as providing a good return on their investment of time. Host campuses see a greater liability in Greek life than a valued partner in student development and retention. Is this growing public perception truly reality? It can be and all too often is.

Frank Ruck was clear in his admonition that SigEp cannot simply be the best and, therefore, expect to be the last fraternity standing. We must engage our neighbors on fraternity

row to join us in the revolution to excel in re-establishing honor and integrity to fraternity life.

### How do we at SigEp take on this challenge?

On a national level, we must:

1. Assess and extend the Strategic Plan to become a more dynamic document for the future. This strategic approach has been invaluable in moving our Fraternity forward systematically toward our vision.

2. We must make the Ritual the foundation of membership in SigEp. Emphasize that Sigma Phi Epsilon is not just a membership, but a lifestyle.

3. Clearly articulate in recruitment who and what we are, aggressively seeking out young men and delivering on the promise of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

4. Raise our expectations and standards in new member development. This means simply delivering on the promises we have made in the recruitment efforts.

5. We must move even further in the areas of property and risk management – SigEp must assure a wholesome and safe environment for all our chapter homes and activities.

6. We must continue to re-energize alumni and volunteer engagement in this fraternal process. Our alumni are the quality control factor of the SigEp experience. They are the trustees of our future.

7. The Fraternity must continue to become more closely aligned with our Educational Foundation and its lofty goals of advancing the educational opportunities afforded to all members of the Fraternity.

8. Enhance Headquarters ability to be an even better facilitator of our chapters' efforts.

In order to be successful we must be aligned in values, while joined in principle...the principles we established. They have been our foundation for over a century. How we apply them to the future is our challenge.

My grandfather tried to instill in me a true sense of gratitude. When I was recognized for a personal achievement, he would always caution me about my success. He would say, "Don't forget, we drink from wells we did not dig." Many of the successes in SigEp are due to wells dug long ago by the giants I referenced earlier.

My brothers, we must be about the work...we have wells to dig...



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*William G. Tragos, Washington in St. Louis '56, embraces James Clayton, Tennessee '57, after the astonishing impromptu fundraising challenge hosted by Foundation President Garry Kief, Southern California '70, (second from left) at the 50th Grand Conclave's Foundation Luncheon. In response to a \$5 million challenge by William A. Schreyer, Penn State '48, alumni of all ages stood and made pledges until another \$10.1 million had been committed.*



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## Next Issue

The Journal will feature Profiles of SigEp Leaders from Academics, the Arts, Business and the Community.

## Get Published!

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# Letters to the Editor

COMMENTARY FROM JOURNAL READERS

## Journal Editor:

This note comes to you from our beach shack about 130 miles south of Sydney, Australia, a place where the *SigEp Journal* thankfully still manages to find me. I am writing to comment on some aspects of *The Journal* I particularly enjoy.

Firstly, in nearly every article there seems to be at least one mention of either how the Fraternity has been of benefit to the brother featured in later life or how SigEps were perceived as undergraduates. Quite possibly your touch; if so, well done.

Brother Hedgepeth's comment for instance: "When a SigEp walked into a classroom or the cafeteria, heads turned." This instantly reminded me of my days in the early '60s at Colorado Epsilon when we were taught to always try to be seen on campus walking with at least one other brother. It was also hard not to agree with Jeffrey Heaney's remark that "the diverse crowd at our chapter helped broaden all of our views on relationships with all kinds of people."

I was also hugely interested to see the increased number of vignettes ranging from an undergraduate trash collector to the inventor of basketball, whom I did not know was a SigEp.

Your article on Mike Sawa was my favorite. I have no idea about other graduates, but personally, I hope to continue to see more articles of that nature, that is, vignettes of successful brothers and their "real life" achievements.

Keep up the good work and very best wishes for continued success.



Michael Lembach  
Northern Colorado '65

## Announcements

### Look for SigEp Champions in spring '08

To continuously promote the Balanced Man Ideal, *The Journal* will begin a new feature: SigEp Champions. This feature will track the accomplishments of intramural champions on our campuses across the country. Each chapter will be asked to share intramural standings as well as other information about the Balanced Man Ideal as part of an annual chapter assessment. Look for SigEp Champions in the spring 2008 edition of *The Journal*. The Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse helps you focus on Sound Mind. SigEp Champions will keep your eye on Sound Body. Hopefully, you stayed fit over the summer!

### Journal Survey: Go online and give your feedback

Right now, you can go to [www.sigep.org](http://www.sigep.org) and provide your feedback on *The Journal*. This easy, online survey takes less than five minutes and gives you the opportunity to influence your Fraternity's publication. Let us know what you like and don't like. And give us your great ideas about future articles.

## Parent praises SigEp in letter to AVC president\*

Dear Mr. Hartman,

I wanted you to know what a great impression the gentlemen from the SigEp chapter made during formal recruitment at Mizzou (Missouri-Columbia, Missouri Alpha). My son is an incoming freshman, graduated in the top 13% of his class of nearly 600 and was an honor-roll student as well as president of Future Business Leaders.

Despite getting rushed hard from other houses, John said the men of SigEp really stood out. They were the only house to ask about his goals and aspirations and what *he* wanted out of his fraternity experience. They took recruitment seriously and even had a sit-

down interview with him. Afterwards, they called and followed up to answer questions, without being pushy. They also seemed very committed to not just taking quota, but taking the right students to build the chapter and embrace the Balanced Man philosophy.

So, from a Greek (AXO alum) mom who was still a little hesitant to have her son go into a fraternity, I wanted you to know I am delighted in the selection he has made.

Congratulations on your leadership and setting a new standard of excellence in recruitment as well as a new model of what a fraternity can be.

Warmest regards,

Tracy Feller

\* John Hartman, Missouri-Columbia '61, recently served as Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President for Missouri-Columbia.

# Red Door Notes

## CHAPTER HOUSE PROFILES



*The tradition of a red door on Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter houses began at Syracuse University, New York Alpha, in 1928. The original house and red door are pictured above, at what is now the Slutzker Center for International Services. Today, nearly every SigEp chapter home has a red door.*



### Louisiana Beta-Louisiana State RLC

■ Louisiana State's three-story house was purchased with the support of the National Housing Corporation in 1991 for the re-chartered chapter. Newly initiated brothers moved into their Residential Learning Community (RLC) the following fall, and it now houses 28 brothers in private rooms. It faces the Louisiana State lakes with intramural athletic fields and a Student Recreation Center behind it.

■ A full-service kitchen serves lunch and dinner five days a week, and the dining room doubles as a study hall after meals.

■ Other amenities include a library, house director's quarters and a large chapter room on the first floor below the living quarters. The second floor includes a computer resource area.

■ Alumni have recently refinished the floor of the chapter room and added a deck. The alumni and a very supportive Parents' Club have refurnished the chapter room, and they bought new equipment for the kitchen and new drapes for the chapter room and dining room.

■ Brothers take great pride in the upkeep of their home. They paint, clean, lay carpet, fix up individual rooms and make other minor repairs to keep their home away from home a great environment.

### Pennsylvania Epsilon-Lehigh RLC

■ The renovation of the library and chapter room/lounge at Lehigh represents the largest undertaken by the chapter. The Alumni and Volunteer Corporation spearheaded the campaign and hit the goal of \$80,000 in 2005. Renovations of this Residential Learning Community began in February 2006.

■ The library was designed as a showcase for awards. The library includes built-in bookcases, an oak conference table with a glass top, leather chairs, a computer and printer, and fresh paint and window treatments.



■ The chapter room/lounge was designed as the center of the house to host major meetings and events. Paneled walls, hardwood floors and new fluorescent and track lighting were installed. The room now sports new furniture including leather chairs as well as wall hangings, lamps and window treatments.



■ SigEp awarded Lehigh the Lower Northeast Region's 2006 Chapter House of the Year at the Carlson Leadership Academy in Virginia.

## Your house makes a statement

BY JOHN WEIR, PURDUE '01

Managing Director, National Housing Corporation

Over the past six years, I have visited more than 100 SigEp chapter houses. When I arrive at a SigEp house, I see walls lined with SigEp memorabilia, just one example of the pride we all feel.

Once in awhile, chapter houses match their interior color schemes with our Fraternity colors: purple and red. When our 12 Founding Fathers chose purple and red as our official colors, decor was not the driver.

As you make improvements to your facilities, invest in the areas that have the greatest impact on our image: curb appeal and common area space. Here are some suggestions for maximizing each:

### Do these simple, cost effective things to keep a shine on your chapter's image:

#### Curb Appeal

- No more than two pieces of signage on the exterior of the house.
- Signage should be professionally made and installed.
- Avoid wooden letters painted with any combination of red, purple, and gold.
- Invest in and maintain the landscaping.
- Keep the exterior (including

sidewalks in front of the house) clear of trash.

#### Common Area Spaces

- Provide adequate lighting.
- Keep all walls freshly painted and avoid purple or red.
- Keep furniture in good condition or throw it out.
- Deep clean and sanitize common areas twice a year.



## On the banks of the Potomac, Georgetown is chartered

BY GREG BARRA  
Texas-Austin '03

In April 2007 the Georgetown Sigma Epsilon Chapter officially became the District of Columbia Gamma Chapter of SigEp. The ceremony was held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C., and attended by brothers and dates, parents, volunteers and Headquarters staff. The Honorable **Archer L. Yeatts III, Richmond '64**, served as installing officer, while Executive Director **Craig Templeton, Kansas '81**, and Regional Director **Bryan Kaminski, Johns Hopkins '06**, assisted in the program. Past Chapter President **Michael Manuccia, '07**, presided as Master of Ceremonies.

Earning its charter was no easy feat for the men of D.C. Gamma, considering that Georgetown University wanted nothing to do with SigEp or any other fraternity for that matter. In spring 2005, SigEp Expansion Directors **Jason Cherish, Saint Louis '03**, and **Dennis Kaps, Ohio State '03**, arrived with the goal of starting the first North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) member fraternity on campus. Prior to arriving, the staff worked tirelessly to set up Georgetown for success. The preparation paid off as the chapter got off to a great start with 38 new brothers. In an environment where there was no organized Greek system, starting a new chapter proved to be quite a challenge. "We had to take everything one day at a time," Manuccia said. "Not only did we have to build the infrastructure that any new chapter would have to create, but we also needed to teach our members what it meant to be in a fraternity."

### Living the Balanced Man Ideal

Part of what led to the chapter's ultimate success was its tenacious adherence to the Balanced Man Ideal, Sound Mind and Sound Body. The chapter is



*Georgetown brothers show off their new charter on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.*

particularly proud of its retreats which current President **Paul Happel, '08**, believes, "encompass the vision, ideals and leadership goals of Sigma Phi Epsilon, all while building brotherhood and having a memorable time in a single weekend." The D.C. Gamma chapter has grown to more than 70 men with a 3.50 chapter GPA, a testament to the chapter's recruitment and development standards.

### Volunteer support

This chapter has a dedicated group of volunteers led by Chapter Counselor **Anthony Balestrieri, George Washington '03**, and AVC President **Scott**

**Howard, Angelo State '90**. Those volunteers have done everything from attending chapter meetings and retreats to providing individual support and mentorship for the brothers of

Georgetown. Happel said, "Our volunteers have been instrumental in D.C. Gamma's success. They made it easier to weather the tough times and gave us an extremely valuable perspective on SigEp and, more importantly, on life."

### About the campus

Founded in 1789, Georgetown is the nation's oldest Catholic and Jesuit university, with a centrally located, 104-acre campus in Washington, D.C. The diverse undergraduate population of 6,853 students

represents all 50 states and 130 countries. While Georgetown has a number of religious and professional Greek organizations, SigEp is the first NIC fraternity on campus. In our nation's capital and on a campus largely devoid of Greek life, the brothers of D.C. Gamma have truly started a fraternity that will be different.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Originally Founded: **2005**

GPA: **3.5**

Total Lifetime Members: **101**

Current Undergraduate Membership: **70**

**"In an environment where there was no organized Greek system, starting a new chapter proved to be quite a challenge."**

# California-Riverside becomes state's 20<sup>th</sup> chapter

BY SHAWN SHAHANI  
California-Riverside '07

Since formation in early 2004, SigEp at California-Riverside quickly attained the top spot among 10 fraternities on campus. In April the three-year-old Sigma Epsilon chapter was awarded its charter as California Beta Gamma by Grand President **Archer L. Yeatts III, Richmond '64**. The ceremony took place at Riverside's historic Mission Inn, a landmark hotel frequented by several American presidents.

Founded with 38 men, the chapter spent its first year establishing its infrastructure for success to grow to its current membership of 53 men. When the chapter petitioned for its charter, it was the Greek community's largest and had the top of GPA every quarter. Brothers served in leadership and community service positions throughout campus and won intramural championships in soccer and flag football.

## Living the Balanced Man Ideal

The California Beta Gamma chapter has an average GPA of 3.08, well above the all-men's average of 2.64. The chapter challenges its members with visits to the world-renowned J. Paul Getty Museum, etiquette dinners, and theatre productions. **Alexander Myerchin, '08**, starred in the musical "Urinetown," and brothers were encour-

aged to bring a date and expand their minds while supporting a brother.

Riverside SigEp has seen success in athletic pursuits as well. Winner of Scot's Year, the annual intramural competition among all IFC fraternities, California Beta Gamma is a top competitor for championships every quarter. Brothers **Tristan Webster, '08**, and **Franco Curiel, '08**, are members on the school's Division I track and field team. Members take regular physical fitness tests with the chapter, and they are encouraged to design personalized workout plans.

## Volunteer support

California-Riverside volunteers assist the Fraternity with time, talent and commitment to enable the brotherhood to accomplish its lofty goals. Alumni from multiple chapters and non-SigEp volunteers bridge the gap between undergraduate education and future career goals by providing professional mentorship, facilitating workshops and retreats, and providing guidance to aid brothers into graduate schools. Members of the Alumni and Volunteer

Corporation Board include President **Paul Dimarino, California State-San Bernadino '94**, Vice President **Ryan Price, Cal Poly-Pomona '95**, Chapter Counselor **Kevin Fleming, Loyola Marymont '00**, Balanced Man Steward **Dina Calderon**, and **Kurtis Matzkind, California-Irvine '03**.

## About the campus

California-Riverside was founded in 1959 on a 1,200-acre campus approximately 50 miles east of Los Angeles. The campus continues to expand, with a number of buildings under construction or renovation. Enrollment is presently at 14,571 undergraduates and 2,051 graduate students, with 6% of undergraduates in Greek organizations. A total of 10 fraternities and six sororities have chapters on campus.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Originally Founded: 2004

GPA: 3.08

Varsity Athlete Sports: Track and Field

Total Lifetime Members: 108

Current Undergraduate Membership: 53

*The brothers of California-Riverside crowd around their hard-earned charter this past April.*





# Stevens Tech re-charters as a campus leader

BY MATT PARAGANO  
Stevens Tech '08

In late 2002, Stevens Tech was shut down due to disciplinary action resulting from alcohol-related incidents. After conferring with Headquarters and Stevens Tech Greek advisors, the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC) was determined to successfully re-charter. In spring 2004, 55 men were selected to populate the new, substance-free Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC) at Stevens Tech.

The following summer, the SEC saw 40% of members leave, unwilling to accept a substance-free chapter. The remaining members harbored doubts about the future of the chapter, just three months after its re-colonization.

Over the next year, the SEC had to develop its leadership from scratch, deal with members insistent on making the Fraternity more “traditional,” endure ridicule from other fraternities, and overcome a lack of meeting facilities. At one point, brothers lived in the YMCA while the chapter house was completed. Membership fluctuated, but the brotherhood remained determined to be the best fraternity on campus. Grand President **Archer L. Yeatts III, Richmond '64**, conferred the charter on New Jersey Alpha in May.

## Living the Balanced Man Ideal

In October 2005, Stevens Tech moved into their \$4 million house, and residents included Faculty and Resident Scholar Jonathan Wharton, a social sciences professor who had been inducted as a Renaissance Brother at the chartering ceremony. With strong chapter leadership and a Resident Scholar, the chapter began to flourish. Trips to local museums, an annual “24-hour Teeter-Totter for YouthAIDS” with a sorority, a SigEp Lift-A-Thon, and a Wii Sports Night allowed brothers to demonstrate Balanced Man Ideals and incorporate them into recruitment.



*Stevens Tech brothers and friends brave their last winter as a Sigma Epsilon Chapter. Their charter was conferred in May.*

New Jersey Alpha boasts 63 brothers and a chapter GPA of 3.415, the highest on campus of any Greek organization and higher than the non-Greek average by 0.2. Brothers represent five varsity sports and serve as captain for three of those. They are leaders of two campus-wide honor societies and various arts organizations.

## Volunteer support

New Jersey Alpha would not be back today without the efforts of its AVC. This core group of volunteers, President **Jeff Saltiel, '88**, Treasurer **Stephen Buce, '86**, Secretary **Gary Blauth, '66**, and Chapter Counselor **Peter Ko, '92**, have created momentum over the last several years to bring the chapter back to campus quickly. The AVC also placed great trust in the re-formed chapter's success, investing \$1.5 million to make SigEp's three buildings livable for the undergraduates.

## About the campus

Stevens Tech was founded in 1870 in Hoboken, New Jersey, across the Hudson River from New York City. It is named for a distinguished family who perpetuated a tradition of excellence in American engineering, dating back to the early days of the Industrial Revolution. Stevens Tech seeks to develop its graduates as leaders who possess the skills and insight needed to renew American innovation, competitive spirit, and productivity. Its 1,700 undergraduate students study engineering, sciences, or business management. Nine fraternities and three sororities represent 30% of the student population.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Originally Founded: **1938**

GPA: **3.41**

Varsity Athlete Sports: **Baseball, Track & Field, Cross Country, Fencing, Volleyball, Wrestling**

Buchanan Cups Won: **3**

Total Lifetime Members: **924**

Current Undergraduate Membership: **63**

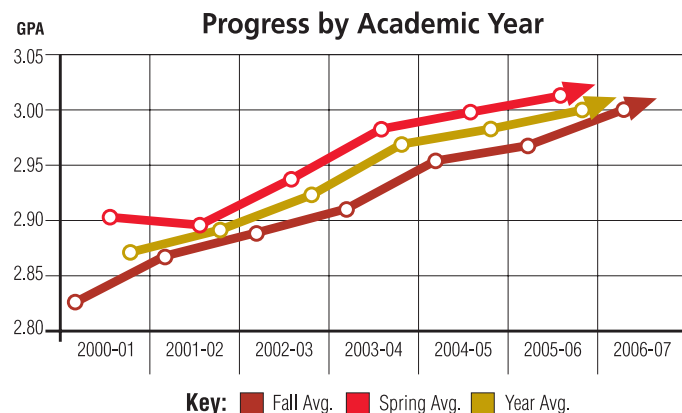


# Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse

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## Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse GPA steady; Fraternity-wide GPA closing in on 3.1

With 170 chapters reporting grades for fall 2006, 53 chapters are in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse and the Fraternity's GPA was 3.0, for the fourth consecutive semester. Since spring grades often trend higher, we anticipate a Fraternity average that starts to close in on 3.1 for the 06-07 academic year. Congratulations to our chapters who have achieved a GPA of 3.15 or higher. Look for spring 2007 standings in the next issue of *The Journal*.



Bucknell, ranked 4th in the fall '06 Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse, received the YouthAIDS Chapter of the Year Award at the 2007 Conclave.

### Fall 2006, GPA for 170 chapters reporting: 3.0

SCHOOL	GPA	RANK	MANPOWER
1. Duke	3.57	1/15	70
2. Washington in St. Louis	3.53	1/9	79
3. American	3.52	1/10	18
4. Bucknell	3.48	3/13	84
5. Dartmouth	3.44	1/13	97
6. Ohio State*	3.44	3/31	78
7. Northwestern*	3.42	5/18	108
8. Stevens Tech	3.41	1/11	42
9. Illinois*	3.39	2/45	155
10. Drake*	3.36	1/8	92
11. Miami	3.33	3/11	61
12. Southern California	3.33	2/20	70
13. Carnegie Mellon*	3.33	2/13	67
14. Washington	3.31	n/a	32
15. Richmond*	3.3	1/6	85
16. Toledo*	3.3	1/10	66
17. Baldwin Wallace	3.29	1/5	9
18. Cincinnati*	3.29	1/16	91
19. Saint Louis	3.29	1/13	94
20. Pennsylvania	3.29	19/29	62
21. Villanova	3.29	1/11	48
22. California-Berkeley	3.29	n/a	39
23. Valparaiso*	3.29	1/9	66
24. Washington and Lee	3.28	11/16	10
25. St. Mary's	3.27	1/7	19
26. MIT	3.27	11/27	16
27. Quinnipiac	3.26	n/a	59
28. Maryland-College Park	3.26	3/22	49
29. Florida	3.25	9/26	146
30. Marquette	3.24	1/7	29
31. Davidson	3.24	2/7	83
32. Creighton	3.24	3/5	87
33. Michigan	3.23	7/28	90
34. Susquehanna	3.23	1/4	30
35. San Diego	3.22	2/4	65
36. Indiana	3.21	3/26	48
37. Wisconsin*	3.21	3/23	121
38. Washburn*	3.21	1/5	31
39. Miami (Ohio)*	3.21	3/29	113
40. Colorado	3.2	2/15	51
41. Virginia	3.2	14/32	54
42. Worcester Tech	3.19	n/a	72
43. Loyola Marymount	3.19	3/6	112
44. Stetson*	3.18	1/7	37
45. Maine*	3.18	n/a	35
46. Lehigh*	3.17	3/10	68
47. California-Santa Barbara	3.17	4/17	63
48. Minnesota*	3.17	3/22	48
49. North Dakota*	3.17	2/13	56
50. Oregon State*	3.17	1/24	84
51. DePaul	3.16	1/6	29
52. Lawrence	3.16	1/5	30
53. Delaware	3.15	1/20	64

Key: ■ 3.5 Chapter-wide GPA: Phi Beta Kappa Standard

\* Residential Learning Community

*Italics denotes a Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC)*



Supporting your rainmakers:

# A volunteer's guide to recruitment

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Often, alumni ask “what can I do to help?” While you can explore numerous opportunities to make a difference, improving new member recruitment is one of the best ways to have long-term impact. Why? Because we want to deliver our superior SigEp undergraduate experience to as many men as we can find. And we need to work hard to find them.

Sororities have known for decades that larger chapters are stronger chapters. They fused quality and quantity years ago. Size affords sorority volunteers the ability to ensure full, clean, and first-rate chapter houses. Size affords a tremendous pool of potential volunteers, ample resources for chapter and volunteer programming, and healthier chapters over the years. Size is a competitive advantage.

## **AVCs and volunteers: advocates for growth**

A fraternity's success is bolstered by manpower. From a financial perspective, more men means the chapter house is more likely to be full, full of men who are benefiting from one of the best fraternity experiences in the nation. A full facility means the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC) can:

- Ensure competitive housing through preventative maintenance and regular improvements.
- Sponsor programming and communications for alumni to strengthen their SigEp ties.
- Build a savings reserve and a plan for future renovations, additions, or builds.

Even without a facility, larger chapters provide more future volunteers, tap into more resources, and can more effectively absorb the ups and downs of fraternity membership. The chapter's focus changes from how to get by to how to be the best: respected by our university, envied by our peers, and relevant to our members. Alumni are confident in the chapter, and our members carry themselves with pride.

## **Size means options**

Most importantly, larger chapters have more options. Larger chapters can be inclusive, yet selective, attracting the right men. Larger chapters can make the tough decision on sub-par members without sweating the financial implications. Larger chapters can have a great executive committee while other members lead on campus. Larger chapters enjoy enhanced standing with sororities. Larger chapters win intramurals and provide the best in service learning opportunities.







## Alumni taking action

Volunteers are in a unique position to set the stage for their chapter's recruitment success.

*Enable the recruitment plan:* Help set the vision, inspire ambitious goals, communicate plans, provide feedback, and tackle unique chapter challenges. Provide resources and hold members accountable to their plans and goals.

*Agree to standards:* Define your requirements for character, leadership, academic performance, and a desire to be part of a different fraternity experience. Men committed to building a Sound Mind and Sound Body will be more dedicated members because they join SigEp for the right reasons.

*Select the right man for the job:* To find the most men on campus, chapters need rainmakers. AVCs must invest time to ensure a rainmaker is elected vice president of recruitment. Often, the best recruiter is elected, rather than the best rainmaker. However, the best sales person is not always the best sales manager. Rainmakers combine recruiting skills with the ability to manage, organize and motivate others to achieve recruitment success. With elections closing in, the search for rainmakers is on.

*Hire him for the summer:* The AVC should "hire" the vice president of recruitment. Offer him scholarships or housing stipends if he meets recruitment benchmarks. His hard work in the summer means our chapters find the best men before everyone else. Your AVC should budget now for summer 2008 to fund your recruitment team and the Balanced Man Scholarship.

*Surround him with a great team:* Great recruiters use their brothers to generate results. More men dedicated to recruiting means more chances for success. Identify a rainmaker, surround him with talent, add hard work, and watch your chapter flourish.

*Provide mentoring:* A recruitment advisor should meet regularly with the recruitment team to aid in goal-setting, action planning, and follow up. He can also spot signs where the plan or approach may need to be adjusted.

*Rush less, recruit more:* Rush is often about the "sizzle" and not the "steak." Do not rely solely upon the Interfraternity Council to fill our chapters. Find the best men by taking rush to them. Use the Balanced Man Scholarship,

summer recruitment, sorority presentations, and the Yale Meeting Plan to meet great men throughout the year.

*Differentiate SigEp:* Theme parties and tight brotherhood are not differentiating factors. Our differentiation is our size, academic prowess, Sound Mind and Sound Body programming, Residential Learning Communities, the Balanced Man Program, and the Leadership Continuum. Use the differentiating factors that work on your campus, and you'll find great men.

*Provide training:* Would you send a new hire into the field unprepared? Neither would SigEp. Members must be confident in themselves and the chapter. Regular training improves communication skills that allow the recruiter to refine his story about SigEp's benefits, and comfortably approach new people. Volunteers should lead a recruitment workshop every term for the chapter and more frequently for the recruitment team.

## Growth matters

By aspiring to excellence in manpower, you enable the legacy of SigEp on your campus. By advocating the benefits of growth, you identify how SigEp can impact higher education and how our chapters can thrive, rather than survive. When manpower is high, morale is high, and resources follow.

Ultimately, a strong, dominant chapter on your campus will mean more men benefit from the bonds of brotherhood. You will see our reputation for excellence grow and the global network of brotherhood expand. And that's what volunteering for SigEp is all about.

## Five steps for volunteers to drive recruitment success

1. **Assess current reality** • is SigEp competitive?
2. **Develop a compelling vision** • what future do we wish to create?
3. **Set a manpower goal** • shoot to be the largest, because you have the best product to offer.
4. **Develop a written recruitment plan** • share the plan with everyone and hold people accountable to their commitments.
5. **Execute the plan** • Recruitment is hard work. Put the time in and you can reap great reward.

# SigEp leads campus learning partnerships

BY BENJAMIN Y. LOWE  
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**O**f the nearly two dozen Greek organizations on campus at Miami University (Ohio), professors hold classes in just one. For two years, SigEp has welcomed university professors into the chapter facility to teach courses for credit. While the arrangement enables chapter members to bond academically, it also helps them distinguish themselves from Miami's 21 other Greek organizations.

"We wanted an intelligent move, to really earn some respect around the campus—not only among students, but also among the administrators," said **Matt Korte, Miami (Ohio) '08**, Ohio Eta's vice president of member development and Residential Learning Center coordinator. "When someone asks how seriously we take academics, we tell them we have professors teach in our house."

Korte's chapter, with 117 members, is one of several SigEp chapters that have helped redefine the impact SigEp and other fraternities can have on the undergraduate academic experience. They also improve their image on campus by forging academic relationships with their university.

"The big thing that really brings this all together is the concept of being a valued partner in higher education," said **Craig Templeton, Kansas '81**, SigEp's executive director. "It's a slow learn for people to start thinking about a fraternity in that kind of light."

Templeton said the Fraternity's board of directors is driving this new effort on academic partnerships. SigEp, he said, can capitalize on a nationwide trend that has colleges re-emphasizing residential and academic colleges.

"Back in the 1920s virtually all the Rhodes Scholars were Greeks," Templeton said. "Somewhere along the way we lost track. So it's kind of exciting to see it coming around full circle."

In addition to Ohio Eta, chapters at Villanova and Oklahoma State have developed an academic partnership with their universities, particularly in leadership programming.

Both are Sigma Epsilon chapters, vying for their charters, and said their academic programming not only helped the brotherhood, but it also enabled them to attract members who, in addition to wanting a social life, are diligent about grades.



"A lot of faculty and administrators are noticing that SigEp is doing something different," said Chapter President **Tom Forster, Villanova '08**, a senior computer engineering major. Forster's chapter has tailored its Balanced Man Program (BMP) to what the university calls the Passport to Leadership. The Passport to Leadership is a three-stage process that teaches practical leadership and management skills. "What we did was write it directly into our BMP," Forster said. "They made it easy for us. The university is providing the education for key aspects of our BMP."

Forster said getting a positive fraternity image in front of university officials is an essential benefit of integrating the BMP with university programming. "Other groups on campus participate in leadership programs, but not to the extent that SigEp took this on," said Christine Quisinberry, a Villanova administrator who, prior to working in the president's office, helped develop the Passport to Leadership. "SigEp made this their leadership development program."

Quisinberry, who was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority while an undergraduate at Villanova, said she knows first-hand the misperceptions Greek organizations face, but she added that SigEp's full-fledged participation in the Passport to Leadership definitely challenged what others thought of fraternities on campus.

"The Passport to Leadership's facilitators are various staff and faculty on campus," she said. "They are getting an understanding of a different part of being in a fraternity when they see letters out there and students are participating, taking notes."

Oklahoma State has followed a similar pattern, except that this chapter partnered with the university to apply challenge requirements in the Balanced Man Program toward a leadership minor. Members still need to go to class, but, beginning this year, can use the BMP to satisfy some course requirements.





*Clockwise from left: Dr. Stuart Watson teaches a class on fatherhood at the Miami (Ohio) chapter house last semester. Villanova chapter leaders (l. to r.) Alex Lee, '10, Brian Sharp, '08, Tyler Boyne, '07, Eric Gallagher, '09, and Tom Forster, '08, gathered over the summer to plan their strategy for partnering on leadership programming with the university. Oklahoma State brothers Drew Dawson, '10, left, and Jesse Hollingsworth, '09, take advantage of the learning environment in their house.*



"We thought of it as another opportunity to not only improve our chapter and the image of fraternities, but also as a way to improve our members," said Chapter President **Eric Adkins, Oklahoma State '08**, a senior pre-pharmacy student. "You look at any other fraternity on campus, and they're not going to be partnered with a leadership certificate program in the fall."

Adkins said the 113-man chapter floated the idea to university officials after realizing that requirements for the leadership certificate program and BMP were "one and the same." Technically it would be 12 hours you would have to pay for, but the majority of the work would be met through the BMP."

As Oklahoma State begins its program, members at Miami (Ohio) are planning the class for next spring. For two years, the chapter had two professors lead courses, one on international studies and the other a SigEp-only course on psychology/personal development during the spring term.

"The class was their idea," said Dr. Stuart Watson, chair of Miami's psychology department and the chapter's faculty fellow. "That's something that sets them apart and is a testament to their seriousness about academics. They're doing something that no other fraternity is doing and doing it as a brotherhood."

Watson first taught about leadership and motivation in spring 2006. He led a course about fatherhood last year and will be consulting with Korte and the membership on what he plans to teach in spring 2008.

"While the chapter house is an academic environment, it's still laid back," Korte said. "The class is an opportunity to get together to talk about something that you're not normally going to be focused on. It's a chance to be with 20 of your brothers and learn."

## Unlocking your school's resources

BY BRIAN WARREN

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Interested in taking the experience your chapter offers to the next level? Help is closer than you think. Your university is full of people who are passionate about developing undergraduate students and helping them make the most of their time in college. They have departments that cater to personal and academic development such as leadership development offices, career development centers and departments of academic success. Surprisingly, these resources are underutilized, and departments are on the lookout for partnerships that will engage undergraduates in a better learning experience.

### How your chapter can take advantage of these on-campus resources:

- 1** Define goals for your development program. Where is it lacking? What skills do you want members to gain? What abilities will define success for them now and later in life? With goals in hand, you can begin your search.
- 2** Identify university departments or resources that address your chapter's goals, and meet with the department's director. Reach out to them with confidence; it's their job to help you succeed. Department faculty and staff want to work with undergraduates, so several undergraduates should make the partnership proposal. At least one volunteer should be present to demonstrate support and engagement in the chapter's development efforts.
- 3** The proposal should outline your current development program, the goals of your program, and highly specific ways the university can help members meet the program goals. Proposals should also include the amount of weekly staff time needed, programming sites, funding of academic materials, and the key contact from your chapter.
- 4** Communicate the partnership to your members, and engage them in the program.
- 5** Get the word out on campus: this is impressive stuff. And it's one more way to attract the best men on campus to your chapter.



*Alumni from the 60s and 70s gather at the Lehigh chapter house to reminisce.*

## Lehigh centennial unites generations

BY BEN WAGMAN  
Lehigh '98

Last year, Lehigh University's Pennsylvania Epsilon Chapter considered ways to mark the occasion of their centennial anniversary. Since re-colonization in 1994, much of the focus was on building the chapter's strength. The results are impressive: the Buchanan Cup (2003) and Chapter House of the Year for their region (2006) from the Fraternity, as well as campus awards including Silver Chapter of Distinction (2004-2005) and Chapter of Distinction (2005-2006). The chapter's GPA is 3.27, and it ranks first in manpower at Lehigh. Just recently Lehigh was also accredited as a Residential Learning Community. In addition to these successes, chapter leaders knew they could do better in one aspect of fraternal life: alumni involvement.

The chapter wanted alumni back in the fold to help bridge the gap between various generations of Lehigh SigEps. First the chapter established a database of every brother's contact information. The university provided this data, but the chapter felt they needed to own and maintain it to get the results they wanted. They started a monthly email newsletter to update alumni and complement the semi-annual printed newsletter. This e-letter service allows brothers to

manage their contact information online.

Previous alumni events were held at the chapter house and well attended, but turnout was often limited to brothers living nearby. With that in mind, the chapter embarked on a year-long centennial celebration that would re-engage its more distant alumni. The chapter hosted reunions in cities along the eastern seaboard (where most brothers settled after graduation), and will hold a Centennial Gala this fall to benefit SigEp's service learning partner, YouthAIDS.

Many long-lost brothers spanning several generations attended events held in New York, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. With a bit of help from the chapter, SigEps from the 60s and 70s held a reunion organized by alumni from that era. At the largest gathering of Lehigh SigEps in the last ten years, younger brothers were awestruck by the sheer number of brothers attending, and by their generosity. The chapter strengthened that sense of history it had been rebuilding for years and was grateful to be welcomed at this reunion. Pennsylvania Epsilon is not just celebrating its centennial anniversary at Lehigh, members are also building a stronger brotherhood for the next hundred years.



*Lehigh brothers from Philadelphia celebrate at one of several gatherings in different cities.*

## Pepperdine celebrates 10 years; plans for next 10

BY BLAKE KNIGHT  
Pepperdine '09

After a prosperous 10-year run, Pepperdine has positioned itself for continued success by implementing a plan for the next 10 years. Alumnus **Kevin Gifford, '04**, along with other founding and current brothers, presented goals to reach by 2017 at their 10-year alumni reunion.

**Matthew Hubbell, '07**, coordinator of the California Psi Ten-Year Plan, focused on improving the chapter's GPA, encouraging chapter involvement, and increasing annual philanthropy fundraising.

Hubbell gave the chapter tangible ambitions to strive for at the first Ritual meeting of the spring semester. Using the past 10 years as a model, the team looked at how to plan for continued progress. "A 'strategic team' met for two months," Hubbell said. The plan calls for incremental steps in order to achieve key objectives. For example, the plan calls for the chapter's GPA to be 3.05 this year and 3.1 next year, continuing until the chapter reaches its 2017 goal of a 3.5 GPA.

"By taking the initiative to form a 10-year plan, the alumni are confident that the undergraduate brothers will continue to strive for greatness as a chapter and as a brotherhood," Gifford said. "The success of this plan will depend on the dedication it takes to follow it throughout the next 10 years," Hubbell said.



# Georgia Tech celebrates centennial

BY DANNY GIGLIO  
Georgia Tech '08

In its 100th year, Georgia Tech has experienced a pivotal time in the chapter's history. With a nearly complete house renovation and playing host to Conclave in Atlanta, Georgia Alpha has much to celebrate.

Founded on April 1, 1907, Georgia Alpha continues to foster brotherhood and provide momentum for adult life. These past years have been marked by achievements in all aspects of fraternal life, including campus involvement, academics, social functions, intramurals, philanthropy, leadership, and brotherhood.

In celebration of their centennial year, brothers and alumni attended a formal function at Bobby Dodd Stadium in April. Guest speaker Wayne Hogan, Associate Director of Athletics, delivered the opening presentation to mark the occasion. Other speakers included Building Committee Chairman **Bill Oakes, Georgia Tech '91**, Chapter Counselor Professor **Dick Rodgers, Illinois '52**, Alumni Board President **Rob Cowhig, Georgia Tech '98**, Chapter President **Ben Kerford, '08**, and **Scott Thompson, Southern Mississippi '99**, of the SigEp Educational Foundation.



*Georgia Tech's house renovation is expected to be complete this fall.*

After waiting on construction for two years and renting another fraternity's house, Georgia Tech returns to its original location in September in the heart of campus, giving them another point of advantage in recruitment.

Switching to the Balanced Man Program (BMP) five years ago has enabled the chapter to continue growing, despite recent housing challenges. New brothers comment that the BMP gives SigEp a positive and distinctive difference.

They also say the absence of hazing and immediate entry into full chapter life creates an atmosphere of cooperative brotherhood from the start, enabling them to concentrate on academics while beginning the BMP.

This 2007 Centennial Year has been made especially memorable because, for the first time in chapter history, Georgia Tech raised its chapter GPA to 3.09 last semester, and has maintained a 3.00 for five consecutive semesters. The BMP will continue to help them set the pace in Greek life at this academically challenging school.



*Georgia Tech brothers enjoy the meal at their centennial celebration.*

## Lamar celebrates 50 years

Over 200 attendees celebrated the 50th anniversary of Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, in March. Four original founders were there to enjoy the Black Tie King's Ball event. Brothers represented nine states from as far away as Washington. Order of the Golden Heart Recipients **Lamar Roach, Lamar '60**, and **John K. Tyler, Texas-Austin '63**, sat at the head table with Key Note Speaker and SigEp Educational Foundation Executive Director **Doug Scheibe, Kansas State '87**, and Citation Award Recipient **Thomas Allardyce, Lamar '70**. The evening culminated in a video presentation documenting the chapter's 50-year history.



## Spring sports review

BY JAY LANGHAMMER



Chris Hartley, Purdue '06

### Basketball

Closing a good career for the 22-12 **Purdue** NCAA Division I playoff team was guard Chris Hartley, '06, who played in 14 contests and was the team's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award nominee. Earning All-NCAC second team honors for 18-10 **Ohio Wesleyan** was center Dustin Rudegeair, '08. He led in minutes played (660) and was second in scoring (358 points, 12.8 per game) and rebounding (164, 5.9). His top game was 22 points, 10 rebounds versus Wabash, and he was on the Penn State-Behrend All-Tournament Team.

Seeing action at forward for the 18-9 **Westminster** Division III playoff team was Mike Kobal, '09. Other players were forward Matt Steger, '10, of **Northwestern**; guard Nick Metzger, '10, of **TCU**; forward Joseph Munley, '10, of **Moravian**; and the **Monmouth** duo of guards Tyler Morrow, '10, and Zach Phelps, '10.



Dustin Rudegeair, Ohio Wesleyan '08

### Swimming

Brad Byars, '08, was named Co-Most Valuable Performer for **Saint Louis** after posting top season times for 50, 100 and 200 freestyle events. He was named All-Atlantic 10 after placing third in the 100 freestyle, sixth in the 50 freestyle and on the 400-meter relay that set a school record. Byars was also chosen for the Atlantic 10 Academic team. Teammate Steve Sash, '07, competed in 50 and 100 freestyle events. **Missouri State** diver Cole Kalkbrenner, '07, placed fourth on the one meter board and fifth at three meters during the Sun Belt Conference meet, and Kyle Gurkovich, '08, of **Delaware** swam freestyle and butterfly events.

Winning the **Yale** Karl B. Michael Award as Most Outstanding Diver was Jeff Lichtenstein, '08, who won the EISL three meter event and placed third on the one meter board. Teammate Morgan Locke, '08, had the fourth-best 100 and 200 freestyle times and fifth-best 200

freestyle time. Also competing for Yale was Aaron Kessler, '07, who had the fourth-best times for the 50 and 100 butterfly events. Scott Frantz Jr., '09, of **Davidson** tied a school 100 backstroke record (50.09) in a third place finish at the Colonial Athletic Association meet and was on the record-setting fourth place CAA 400 medley relay. Jeff Cohn, '07, posted the season-best 500 freestyle time for **George Washington**.

Three SigEps were on the **Valparaiso** squad. At the Mid-Continent Conference meet, Kyle Verage, '09, was on the fifth place 800 freestyle relay and placed 11<sup>th</sup> in the 100 backstroke. Joining him on the 800 relay was Ansel Hillmer, '09. Matt Schuchhardt, '09, also swam for Valparaiso. Josh Mueller, '09, of **South Dakota State** placed eighth in the 1,650 freestyle at the Mid-Continent Conference event and was



Brad Byars, Saint Louis '08

joined by teammates Hadleigh Tyler, '07, and Kyle Milleman, '09. At the PAC meet, Seth Senior, '08, of **Westminster** set a school and PAC record in winning the 1,000 freestyle. He was also third in the 1,650 freestyle and fourth in the 500 freestyle. Teammate Ian Yarger, '08, placed fourth in the 200 backstroke and 400 IM and was fifth in the 200 butterfly. Matt Storey, '07, of **Denison** swam at the NCAC meet, placing seventh in the 200 backstroke and 10<sup>th</sup> in the 100 backstroke.



John Kaiser, Monmouth '10

John Kaiser, '10, of **Monmouth** was a key athlete at the Midwest Conference meet with two second place finishes (200 and 400 medley relay), two third place finishes (200 and 400 freestyle relay), fourth in the 100 butterfly and seventh in the 200 butterfly. He was MWC Performer of the Week at the Carroll Invitational. Teammate Joe Schwinger, '10, joined him on the MWC second place medley relays and the third place 200 freestyle relay. Swimming for **Washington in St. Louis** was Charles Stewart, '09, who was on the UAA 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

### Water Polo

Named to the All-American first team and the Academic All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation first team was Michael March, '06, of the 17-6 **UCLA** squad, which ranked third in the nation. He scored 25 goals and ended his career with 87 goals in 101 games. Teammate Grant Zider, '06, earned All-American honorable mention for the Bruins after posting 22 goals. He ended his career with 77 goals in 94 games. Playing for the 5-3 **Virginia** squad was Carl Price, '08.



## Track and Field

Pole vaulter Andy Lane, '06, of **Tennessee** set a personal best of 17'1" in a third place finish at the indoor Southeastern Conference championship. He was second at the SEC outdoor meet with a 16'10" height and competed at the NCAA Mideast regional. Kevin Liu, '06, was a top weight man for **Utah State** and had a best hammer throw of 190' 1". At the Western Athletic Conference outdoor meet, he was second in the discus (161'3"), fourth in the shot put (53'1"), and eighth in the hammer (178'11"). At the WAC indoor meet, Kevin threw the shot (53'8") and 35-pound weight (63'4").

Kevin Silver, '09, of **Miami (Ohio)** was on the All-Mid-American Conference Academic Team and had career bests for 1,500 meters (3:54.81), 3,000 meters (8:33.38) and 5,000 meters (15:10.52). At the Mountain West Conference outdoor meet, Adam Benz, '09, of **TCU** was seventh at 200 meters and eighth at 100 meters. His top 100 meter time was 10.82, and he ran 60 and 200 meter distances indoors. Paul Applegate, '07, of **Rutgers** threw the shot put at the Big East meet and placed second at the Metropolitan Championship, third (52'11") at the Fordham Invitational and fourth at the Great Dane Classic. Dave DiVirgilio, '09, of **Delaware** had a season-best pole vault of 13'9" and Eric Guja, '07, of **Bucknell** ran in 200 and 400 meter outdoor events.

Charlie Stoebe, '08, anchored the **Dartmouth** fifth place 1,600 relay at the Heptagonals meet and was second at 400 meters during the NEICAAA meet. Teammate Nicholas Weir, '09, was third in the decathlon (6,048 points) at the NEICAAA meet and fourth at the Holy Cross multi-events meet. Also on Dartmouth's squad were Andrew Han, '09, (sixth in the NEICAAA 3,000 meter steeplechase), Mike Lynch, '08, and Steve Durham, '09. Placing sixth in the decathlon at the Mid-Continent meet was Dustin Lawrence, '09, of **Valparaiso**, who was joined by teammates Stefan Schalk, '10, and Kris Schmautz, '06. Tristan Webster, '08, of **California-Riverside** had a best 800 time of 1:59.26.

Competing at the NCAA Division II meet for **Missouri-Rolla** was Chris



*Chris Carsten, Missouri-Rolla '07*

Carsten, '07, who was 18<sup>th</sup> in the hammer (school record 182'2") and 20<sup>th</sup> in the shot put (school record 54'1"). His best discus throw was 133'9", and he threw the 35-pound weight 52'9" indoors. Matt Kempton, '07, of **Ohio Wesleyan** won the NCAC 5,000 meter run (4:06.20) and placed fourth at 10,000 meters. Teammate Alex Havran, '09, was fifth in the 3,000 steeplechase and Clay Davis, '09, was sixth at 10,000 meters. At the CTC meet, Ryan Price, '07, of **Stevens Tech** set a school javelin record, and teammate Fred Hardenbrook, '08, placed fifth in the steeplechase.

Nine SigEps led the **Moravian** squad. Robert Shaffer, '09, placed second at 100 meters and fifth at 200 meters during the MAC outdoor meet. Teammate Josh Kline, '07, was third at 200 meters and fourth at 400 meters. Tying for fourth place in the pole vault were Allan Fatzinger, '08, and Alan Woods, '09. Other key Moravian athletes were javelin thrower Michael Ossont, '07 (eighth at the MAC outdoor), James Bell, '08, who ran on the winning 800 relay (with Shaffer and Kline) at the MAC indoor meet, javelin thrower Justin Starcher, '09, and distance runners Vince Pagano, '08, and John McCullough, '09.

Running for **Denison** at the NCAC meet were Ben Pendery, '09, (third on the 1,600 relay team

and eighth at 800 meters) and Brandon McAdams, '09, (sixth with the 400 meter relay). Placing fourth at 400 meters during the MWC meet was Jacob Stott, '09, of **Monmouth**. Prasanna Chandrasekhar, '09, of **Johns Hopkins** threw the discus at the Centennial meet. Four **Baker SigEps** competed at the HAAC meet, with Matt Kmiec, '07, the top placer (second in the pole vault). Others were Trevor Gleason, '09, (fourth in the 400 meter relay, fifth in the 1,600 meter relay, eighth in the triple jump and ninth in the long jump) Also competing from Baker were Zach Atzeni, '08, (eighth in the decathlon, 12<sup>th</sup> in the high jump) and pole vaulter Leo Smith, '10. Others were Ryan Kindermann, '08, of **Emory**; the **John Carroll** duo of Matthew Hess, '08, and Ed Borowy, '08, Tom Campana, '08, and Nate Capello, '09, both of **Westminster** and Kevin DiGenova, '07, and Russell Rodewald, '10, of **MIT**.



*Adam Benz,  
Texas Christian '09*

## Baseball

Three SigEps were on the rosters of Big Ten Conference schools this spring: pitcher Jonathan Smiley, '07, of the **Illinois** club, infielder Matt Fisher, '07, who played in seven contests for the **Michigan** NCAA playoff team and pitcher Dean Wolosiansky, '10, of the **Ohio State** NCAA playoff squad coached by Bob Todd, **Missouri-Columbia** '71. After posting a 38-22 record in his 20<sup>th</sup>



Scott Picerno, Stevens Tech '09

**"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."**

— Plato

season with the Buckeyes, Todd has now won 925 games.

Leading **Ohio Wesleyan** to a 27-16 record and the Division III playoffs were five SigEp players. Outfielder/DH Sean Ring, '07, hit .329 (47-143) with 11 doubles, four homers and 40 RBI. As a pitcher, he had an 8-4 record and 4.33 ERA. Ring was on the NCAC All-Tournament Team and the All-Mideast Region second team. First baseman A.J. Dote, '08, hit .378 (56 of 148), led with 45 runs batted in and was named to the All-Midwest Region third team. Matthew Struble, '10, who pitched in 19 contests, led with three saves and won two games. Also playing for OWU were third baseman Matt Rhode, '09, (.270 in 18 games) and first baseman Greg Vasami, '09, (.333 in 16 games).

Winning All-Skyline Conference honors for the fourth year was shortstop Adam Sandt, '07, of **Stevens Tech**. An NJCBA All-State third team pick, he hit .364 (51 of 140) with 37 runs, 33 RBI, four homers and 13 steals. Also on the All-Skyline first team was second baseman Andrew Tesoriero, '07, who hit .351 (52 of 146) with 28 RBI. The top pitcher was Scott Picerno, '09, who was 6-5 with team bests of 73 innings and 50 strikeouts. Other hurlers were Alex Sota, '10, (3-1), Jim Waterman, '08, (2-1) and Mike Ivey, '08, (team high 18 games, 3.54 ERA).

Also playing for Stevens Tech was catcher Dan Silva, '10, who hit .279 (19 of 68).

The **Denison** squad featured six SigEp players. Second baseman Andrew Pakla, '07, hit .319 (46 of 144) with 30 runs and 14 steals. He earned All-NCAC mention and had a five hit game versus CWRU. Catcher Jake Mihalov, '10, hit .321 (26 of 81) and split time with Alex Horn, '10, who had 19 starts. Seeing mound duty were Mike Hudson, '09, (1-0 in 13 games)



Andrew Pakla, Denison '07

and Luke Gelber, '09. Regulars for **Truman State** were infielder Neil Bleish, '09, who hit .271 (42 of 155), and outfielder Matt Macke, '10, who started 46 games. Pitcher A.J. Barton, '08, had a 3-2 record and Justin Robbins, '10, pitched in 14 contests.

A top pitcher was Conor Fahey, '09, of **WPI**, who was Co-Most Outstanding Player from ECAC Division III New England schools and an All-NEWMAC first team selection. He had a 6-3 record, 2.52 ERA and 78 strikeouts in 75 innings. **Westminster** had seven players, led by outfielder Donnie Womeldorff, '08, who hit .344 (44 of 128) with three homers and 29 RBI. Tony Cunningham, '07, pitched a team-high 13 games and was joined on the mound by Scott Carney, '08, Cory Baker, '09, Adam Blythe, '08, and Kyle Gruszecki, '09. Other players during the 2007 season included pitcher Joe Cooper, '09, of **Washington in St. Louis**; pitcher Brett Taylor, '08, of **Huntingdon**; and outfielder Andrew Weidner, '10, of **Monmouth**.



## Volleyball

Helping lead **Ohio State** to a 23-4 record was middle hitter Layne Dreven, '07, who ranked third nationally in hitting percentage with a .534 mark. He was named to the All-MIVAA first team and the MIVAA Academic All-Conference team. Dreven, who started every match, also had 206 kills and 95 blocks for the Buckeyes. Will Foley, '07, helped lead **Stevens Tech** to a 33-9 season and led with 129 block assists. He also had 247 kills and played in every match. Teammate Andrew Fessler, '10, got into 12 matches.



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Layne Dreven, Ohio State '07

## Wrestling

Winning All-American honors at the NCAA Division I meet was **Northwestern** heavyweight Dustin Fox, '08, who placed third. He won the Eastern Michigan Open, placed third at the Big Ten meet and had a 33-5 record. Placing eighth as a heavyweight at the Division III meet was Kyle Brown, '07, of **Thiel**. An NCWA Scholar Athlete, he was 41-10 in 2007 and finished with a 128-34 career record. Also seeing action were teammates A.J. Parker, '07, and Matt Bannister, '07. **Stevens Tech** regular William Young, '07, had a 13-18 record at

285 lbs., and Rob Doverspike, '10, (133 lbs.) was a regular for **Johns Hopkins**. Other wrestlers included Chris Thumen, '10, (133 lbs.) of **Duke**; heavyweight Corey Shepard, '08, of **John Carroll**; and the **Truman State** duo of Mitchell Bainbridge, '10, (141 lbs.) and Cameron Mitchell, '10, (165 lbs.).

## Tennis

Receiving All-MIAA mention for **Truman State** were three SigEp players. Peter Bracha, '10, was 21-10 in singles and 18-11 in doubles. Ryan Cope, '07, had a 22-16 singles mark and was 20-13 in doubles play. Ben Rusk, '10, was 9-3 in doubles and 7-9 in singles. Seeing action for **Murray State** were Mikel Headford, '09, and Nick Ksiezopolski, '08. Posting a 12-7 record in doubles play was Brian Jordan, '07, of **Monmouth** while Slavi Fildish, '10, of **Washington in St. Louis** was 3-2 in singles and 2-2 in doubles. Regulars for **Huntingdon** were Glenn Rudolph, '09, (#1 singles, #2 doubles) and Al Zachos, '07 (#3 singles and doubles).

## Golf

Kyle Seibert, '10, was the number two shooter for **Central Arkansas**, averaging 76.4 over 29 rounds (low of 71). He tied for 17<sup>th</sup> at the Tennessee-Martin Grover Page Classic and tied for 27<sup>th</sup> at the Southland Conference meet. Teammate Daniel Reilly, '09, placed 10<sup>th</sup> at the McNeese State meet and shot 82.4 over eight rounds (low of 72). Chris Tipper, '08, played 10 rounds for **Marshall** and averaged 80.4 (low round of 73). Jeff Denny, '07, of **Monmouth** was co-medalist at the Beloit College meet and tied for eighth at the MWC Southern Division meet. Tying for 71<sup>st</sup> at the NCAA Division III meet with a 74 was Keith Jungen, '07, of **Huntingdon** and Frank Steinberg, '08, averaged 81.2 over six rounds for **Denison**. Playing in the HAAC meet for **Baker** were Jared Drummond, '10, (26<sup>th</sup>) and P.J. Matulka, '09 (31<sup>st</sup>).



Kyle Seibert, Central Arkansas '10

## Lacrosse

Seeing action for **Tennessee** were starting goalie Doug McCullam, '09, and his backup Ryan McConnell, '10. Other Vols regulars were attack David Meslar, '08, and midfielder Chris White, '09. Playing for the 11-4 **Denison** Division III playoff squad were five SigEps: defenseman Dave Harman, '08, (12 starts, 13 ground balls), long stick midfielder Matt Hourigan, '08, (10 ground balls), defenseman Andrew Doggett, '08, midfielder Justin Hess, '10, and goalie Patrick Cuff, '10. Playing for the 9-7 **Missouri State** club were attack Eddie Corno, '09, and defenseman James Stratman, '09. Also playing were midfielder Eric Herzig, '09, of **Clarkson** and defenseman Rocco DiPaolo, '06, of **Moravian**.

## Other Sports

Members of the **Duke** fencing squad were Michael Bruno, '07, Peter Bruno, '10, and Jonathan Cross, '10. **Stevens Tech** captain Matt Paragano, '08, competed in saber at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic/South regional meet and teammate Piotr Czerechowski, '07, placed fourth in epee at the Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association meet. Playing the number two position on the **George Washington** squash team was Alex Funk, '08, while Joe Shane, '09, played in six meets for the **Murray State** rifle team.

Key regulars for the **Dartmouth** lightweight crew varsity eight were Will Suto, '07, and Anthony Fahden, '08. Other teammates were Travis Green, '08, Joe Hanley, '08, and Colin Treseler, '09, also on the sailing team. Helping lead the **Johns Hopkins** crew to the all-points trophy at the Mid-Atlantic championship were Lukasz Bujaj, '07, Teddy Drivas, '07, Taylor Reese, '09, and Chris Viemeister, '09. Other crew team members included Louis Socha, '09, of **Yale** and the **Georgetown** duo of Paul Keith, '10, and Michael Miller, '10. **Yale** sailors Philip Stemler, '07, Matthew Barry, '07, and Drausin Wulsin, '07, helped lead the team to the Admiral's Cup and Marchiando Trophy, in addition to a second place finish at the New England Team Racing meet.



## Swart throws for Missouri and goes for pre-med

BY BRIAN SHAWN  
North Dakota '02

**Michael Swart, Missouri-Columbia '10**, is just starting out his career as a thrower for the University of Missouri track and field team. Swart is a pre-med major and plans to pursue pathology. As a freshman, Swart earned a 3.68 GPA his first semester. He visited numerous fraternities on campus but found SigEp to be the right fit. "I looked at other fraternities on campus but was turned off by the pledging process. SigEp's

Balanced Man Program was much different," Swart said.

Swart participates in the hammer throw, disc, and shot put. Swart says Division I athletics are time consuming, but SigEp has helped him through it. "Getting involved forces you to be much more disciplined," Swart said. "None of my teammates even looked at fraternities, but the Balanced Man Scholarship got me interested and it just snowballed from there."

## Wrestler rediscovers sport

BY BRIAN SHAWN  
North Dakota '02

When **Kyle Brown, Thiel '07**, first came to college, he didn't join the wrestling team. "I got burnt out on wrestling after high school and decided only to play football my first year," he said.

After a year off, Brown, a heavyweight, decided to get back on the mat and found a new love for the sport. "I missed it and came back better than when I left," Brown added. After getting hurt his second year of playing football, Brown concentrated on wrestling full-time and flourished. "I was mediocre in high school, but found a new drive for wrestling I didn't have before."

In his senior year, Brown decided to join Sigma Phi Epsilon thanks to his friend and future brother, **Nelton Neal, Thiel '06**. "I spent a lot of time at the house because of Nelton and got to know a lot of the other guys," Brown said. "Brothers came to my matches and cheered me on; it was great."

Brown is a four-time Academic All-American and finished his physics degree after the 2006 school year with a GPA of 3.35. But he decided to pick up another major and come back for a fifth year so he could wrestle. His decision paid off, earning him All-American honors at the 2007 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships in Dubuque, Iowa. "My goal was to get All-American, but I wish I could have done better," Brown said. He was slowed by a back injury, but gutted out a victory to finish in the top eight. "When I came off the mat after that match, my coach told me that was the best he had ever seen me wrestle."

Brown treasures his experience with SigEp and looks forward to returning for alumni events. "It's great when I see



Kyle Brown, Thiel '07 (left)

alumni come back and tell stories," he said. "I hope to come back 20 years from now and do the same thing."

Brown graduated with degrees in physics and mathematics and is teaching high school math in Maryland.



Prostate cancer:

## Get tested and reduce your risk

BY ERIN MULLALLY  
Michigan State '99

**P**ink Ribbon Day. Mammograms. Celebrity-awareness campaigns. T-shirts. Women know how to encourage and educate others about breast cancer. Mention prostate cancer, a far more common occurrence among men than breast cancer is among women, and watch us wince. You may not want to think about it, but most men will have a problem with their prostate at some point.

### What you need to know about the prostate

The prostate is a walnut-sized gland in men, located just below the bladder in the midst of the urinary, sexual and bowel systems.

As men approach middle age, the prostate can enlarge, sometimes doubling in size. Because of its sensitive location, an enlarged prostate can create serious health problems. For example, it could constrict the urethra, the tube that carries urine from the bladder to outside the body, making urination painful and difficult.

The prostate is also highly susceptible to cancer as men age. While the exact causes of prostate cancer are unclear, several risk factors are clear:

- **Hereditary Risk:** Men whose fathers or brothers were diagnosed with prostate cancer are twice as likely to develop it themselves.
- **Race Risk:** African-American men have a 60% higher risk of developing prostate cancer than Caucasian men.
- **Weight Risk:** The risk of developing prostate cancer is 35% higher for obese men.
- **Age Risk:** While rare for men under 40, the incidence of prostate cancer in men over 65 increases faster than any other cancer.

### What you can do

Unfortunately, prostate cancer has no visible symptoms in the early stages. You'll need to see a doctor to ensure prostate health.

#### Before Age 40:

- **Get informed and stay aware:** Thankfully, wider screening efforts and advances in treatment options have reduced deaths caused by prostate cancer by 25% in the last decade.
- Understand the screening options.
- Take steps to reduce your risk.
- Ask your doctor about prostate cancer during your next physical.
- Know the treatment options so you can think about how you might deal with it.

#### Beginning at age 40 (35 if you are high risk):

- **Get a PSA test:** The PSA (prostate-specific antigen) test is a way to screen for prostate cancer. The PSA enzyme is secreted by the prostate gland, and as your prostate becomes enlarged or a cancerous growth occurs, tissue barriers in the prostate can break down, allowing PSA to leak

into the bloodstream. Your PSA number can fluctuate over time, but a consistently high PSA reading is an early indicator that you should arrange further exams with the help of your doctor.

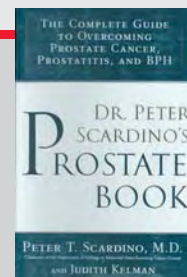
- **Schedule a DRE Exam:** A physical exam of the prostate, the Digital Rectal Exam or **DRE**, is an uncomfortable but important test. Your doctor ascertains the size of the prostate and whether it feels hard or soft. Hard lumps or abnormalities within the prostate suggest the possibility of cancer.

As New York Yankees manager Joe Torre said about his own scare with prostate cancer, "When you get the information, the fear just sort of melts away." Keep this trend moving in the right direction. Encourage each other to stay vigilant and educated about prostate cancer.

### For more information:

National Prostate Cancer Coalition:  
[www.fightprostatecancer.org](http://www.fightprostatecancer.org)

Dr. Peter Scardino's Prostate Book:  
*The Complete Guide to Overcoming Prostate Cancer, Prostatitis and BPH*  
(Avery, 2005)





# Chapter turnarounds: Three chapters reclaim excellence

BY MICHAEL D. MCDOWELL  
Nevada-Reno '03

Even the best-run chapters in the nation can fall on hard times, lose momentum slowly or screech to a halt from a single incident. When this happens, some chapters disappear while others fight to reclaim the success they once experienced. Among chapters that attempt to improve, some can propel themselves to be more successful than ever. What challenges do chapters face? Re-evaluation of mission and purpose. Creation of a vision, and sharing it as a team. Holding each other accountable for the standards they set in recruitment, academics, finances and conduct. And finally, understanding that turnarounds take time. They mustn't give up if progress is slow; any progress signals success. Learn from the three chapters highlighted here.



## Fixing broken windows

Several years ago, our Central Arkansas chapter appeared strong to the campus but concealed cracks at its core. The chapter's culture lacked accountability, cultivating a disappointing 2.4 GPA, severe debt and a chapter house riddled with holes and marred by garbage and broken windows. The chapter's new Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC), led by **Gary Huff, Central Arkansas '91**, and **Gary Bunn, Central Arkansas '88**, decided to channel the chapter's energy toward renewal, rather than concede defeat. Believers in the broken window theory, the AVC replaced every broken window in the house. They bought spare windows so they could replace newly broken panes immediately. This marked the rebirth of accountability at Arkansas Zeta.

**"It is not living that is important, but living rightly."**

— **Socrates**

Chapter members, led by Chapter President **Bart Shaw, Central Arkansas '04**, held each other accountable for all elements of chapter operations. They improved finances by expelling members who violated their financial obligations and sent their debts to collections. Academics re-emerged as a fundamental component of the SigEp culture. To ignite interest, the chapter divided into three academic teams, offering discounted dues to the team that improved its GPA the most. Again, members held each other accountable for academic success. Conversations turned from, "I'm really close to failing," to "I'm really close to a 4.0!" The volunteers also emphasized academic success by purchasing \$500 in gift cards. Members showed up at chapter meetings with assignments graded a B or higher to





*Above: SigEp brothers from California-Northridge take part in a neighborhood clean-up sponsored by their local councilman, Greig Smith (far left).*

*Right: Washington in St. Louis (chapter house, right) decided they could be better than good. Their efforts have proven it.*

The chapter leaders found that they attracted a higher caliber of new member when they focused their conversation on academics, athletics, brotherhood and accountability during recruitment.

*Opposite page: Andy Winkelman, Central Arkansas '08, chapter president, is visible through a repaired window in the Arkansas Zeta house, a symbol of the bright future for the chapter.*



qualify for gift card drawings. More than just incentives, the drawings drove academic conversations at each chapter meeting.

Chapter President **Justin Linington '05**, led the chapter to adopt and stick to recruitment standards of high GPA, leadership involvement, service learning and athletics. As a result, only quality new members joined their roster, and plenty of them. The chapter recruited 40 new members in one semester, and never looked back. Once they hit that goal, they met it year after year. Today, the chapter boasts 113 men, consecutive intramural championships, a 3.1 GPA, 17 members with 4.0 GPAs, 70% of the student government, student body president two years running, \$15,000 in savings and *not one broken window*.

Central Arkansas dedicated efforts to more than just survival — they wanted

to advance and flourish. What made the difference? Volunteer involvement was crucial. The chapter set standards and holds themselves accountable. Incentives helped spark the excitement for academics, allowing grades to re-energize the culture. Fixing those broken windows gave every man a clear picture of what the Fraternity could reclaim.

### From near-extinction to excellence

California-Northridge had its back against the wall several years ago. The dean of students and the chapter's neighbors were demanding SigEp's removal from the chapter house due to numerous noise and conduct complaints. The chapter's unbalanced culture generated a 2.2 GPA, more than \$10,000 in debt, low retention and multiple officer resignations. Clearly, the chapter's

future was in serious jeopardy, and members would need to redefine SigEp in order to survive.

Chapter President, **Gil Sandoval, '05**, and Vice President of Member Development **Hal Ellison, '07**, began to imagine what their

chapter could be and led the group in a new direction. The chapter moved out of the facility, and Sandoval implemented standards that made most members balk. He required timely payment of debts and expelled members who neglected their financial responsibility. He restricted members with low GPAs from playing intramural sports. The chapter lost about one-third of its membership, but it was left with a strong core of men who were dedicated to an excellent future. "I told them that if they don't agree with the direction we're going — tell me!" recalls Sandoval, "This has to be a team effort."

The chapter leaned on its alumni and volunteers for support. Regional Director **Ehren Stanhope, Tulane '05**, showed the chapter examples of excellence, exposed them to available resources from Headquarters, and encouraged them to stay on the path. Inspired and aimed in the right direction, the chapter saw its new identity begin to emerge. Spearheaded by Ellison, the chapter activated the Balanced Man Program, which had existed in name only. In fact, the previous development program was void of any development, and it was frustrating to the chapter's leadership. After Ellison stumbled upon the SigEp Lexicon in the Greek Advisor's office, he read through it, only to discover his roadmap to improve the development process.

"We never had an answer to the question, 'Why should I join your fraternity?' when potential new members would ask," explained Ellison. "Now we



As the undergraduates demonstrated their dedication to excellence, alumni volunteers have matched it...holding the chapter accountable.

*Undergraduates at California-Northridge completed a ropes course together this past semester as a Sound Body event.*

can show them how the Balanced Man Program will benefit them.”

The chapter leaders found that they attracted a higher caliber of new member when they focused their conversation on academics, athletics, brotherhood and accountability during recruitment. They also used the Balanced Man Scholarship as an effective tool to recruit the best men. Their scholarship banquet has become a source of pride and has flourished with the support of alumni. This year, the chapter expects to offer \$5,000 in scholarships, thanks to growing contributions from alumni. As the undergraduates demonstrated their dedication to excellence, alumni volunteers have matched it, committing to maintain that excellence by holding the chapter accountable.



*Joey Henderson, California-Northridge '10, captures the Homecoming Prince title this past spring.*

Today, the chapter enjoys first place in GPA among fraternities, success in intramurals, virtually no debt, multiple campus leadership positions and “Most Outstanding Fraternity” and “Greek Organization of the Year” awards from the university. The dean of students who predicted extinction a few years before, recently praised SigEp as the model chapter on campus. A chapter that used to avoid Headquarters now embraces the partnership and the SigEp Leadership Continuum. A chapter that ignored alumni engagement now welcomes the guidance and mentorship their alumni offer. Facing dire circumstances, the California Sigma chapter redefined its mission with conviction and discovered excellence.

### Good isn't good enough

The Missouri Beta chapter at Washington University in St. Louis was not a bad chapter with 60 members and a GPA above 3.0. They were, however, complacent with their status and able to function on autopilot, uninvolved and uninspired. They weren't facing extinction, and they weren't forced to reshape their chapter. So why should they make a change?

Because good was no longer good enough. A combination of influences exposed Missouri Beta to its potential. Leadership Continuum programming such as Carlson Leadership Academy, Conclave and the Ruck Leadership

## IMPROVE YOUR CHAPTER

What separates the most successful chapters from the rest is their ability to set high standards and hold each member accountable for attaining them. After all, the best men, the type of men we want in our Fraternity, yearn to improve every day.

### WHERE TO BEGIN:

#### Build a Crystal-Clear Vision

- Hammer it out in a few carefully chosen words.
- Clearly articulate your rationale to get agreement.
- Connect the vision to everything you do.

#### Create Accountability

- Set and adhere to clear financial expectations and payment due dates.
- Set and adhere to clear academic requirements. We fail our members if we allow them to fail academically.
- Set and adhere to clear standards of conduct. Use the Fraternity's "Statement on Individual and



Institute showed members a dimension of SigEp outside the Washington in St. Louis campus. Alumni and volunteers, led by **John Hartman, Missouri-Columbia '61**, set expectations for the chapter, and more importantly, they provided direction, support and encouragement to members.

"We had to step back and evaluate ourselves," recalls Chapter President **Chris Rhodes, '08**, "We were so wrapped up in tradition and complying with the way things had always been done. We asked ourselves where we wanted to put our time and energy."

Chapter Responsibility." To expand these standards, engage your local volunteers, campus officials or your Regional Director.

### Expect Participation

- Set clear, reasonable participation expectations before each term.
- Be accommodating — today's college students are very busy. Find ways they can contribute to the chapter within their schedules. Don't leave them out.

### Recruit Great Men

- Constantly strive to find the best possible members.
- Understand what they want from an organization and find ways to provide it.
- Tout your standards. The best men want to be part of something great. Tell them about your high academic standards, the positive behavior you experience, and the campus leaders in your chapter.
- Enlist potential members in what your chapter wants to become.



*After a campout, Washington in St. Louis brothers (left to right) Ryan Saevitz, '08, Will Staton, '08, Chris Halenkamp, '08, Chris Rhodes, '08, and Dan Liebetreu, '08, pause on campus for group shot. The chapter now claims a 3.5 GPA, intramural championships, and brothers who lead on campus as well as in the chapter.*

They decided to focus energy on recruitment first. They ran a successful Balanced Man Scholarship (BMS), attracting the highest caliber of freshmen. At their BMS Banquet, they also recognized sophomore, junior and senior brothers for their achievements as balanced men. The chapter's leadership armed its quality membership with a compelling vision. At their officer transition retreat, outgoing and incoming officers and volunteers created a vision and its execution plan. The beacon for this vision was to win a coveted Buchanan Cup—to be considered one of the best of SigEp's best. The leadership spent less chapter meeting time on instruction and more on how the Fraternity would achieve this goal as a team. Chapter meetings featured lively discussions where members delved into the vision, engaged in the planning, and took ownership of the steps toward success. Each member then served as an ambassador of the vision.

Today, the chapter's culture breeds men who are caring, genuine and have a desire to be great. It has 80 men, a 3.5 GPA, intramural championships and involved campus leaders to herald its success. This chapter raised expectations about what it could achieve and refused to be satisfied with standing still. Members made up their minds to be great, carefully mapped the route to their vision, held each other accountable and executed their plan as a team.

**"The Greeks took Troy because they never stopped trying."**

— Theocritus, 254 B.C.



# On the ground at the 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Conclave

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BY GAY-LYNN CARPENTER, Editor

You step off the airport shuttle alongside dozens of brothers from across America, with your luggage and your curiosity close at hand. Across the vast atrium of Atlanta's Hyatt Regency Peachtree Center, you see people you know and people you want to know. The 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Conclave has begun.

For four days, more than 1,200 SigEp brothers will humbly accept awards, passionately debate legislation, sincerely pledge millions of dollars, and dutifully elect their leaders for the next two years.

You are a part of fraternity history. You will discover common bonds with brothers you just met. You will learn things from each other, from elder brother alumni, from famous professionals in varied fields.

You will connect with each other as if you were all one giant chapter. And you will remember.

You will make the weighty decisions of the Fraternity's future by debating its position on issues before the U.S. Congress, deciding on SigEp housing and real estate programs, determining the make-up of your alumni boards, and shaping day-to-day fraternity programming.

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In an atmosphere that is both intimate and grand, you spread out among 55+ events each day, covering two towers and three levels of the hotel complex.

No one knew on Day One that 35 Buchanan Cups would be awarded, that **Stephen B. Shanklin, Murray State '70**, would become the next Grand President, that brothers would be awed by the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Ritual.

Or that alumni would pledge over \$15 million at the Educational Foundation luncheon to raise more money over lunch than had been raised in any single event in SigEp's first 100 years—more than any fraternity, ever.

If you weren't there, you missed a piece of SigEp history being made. Read on to know what happened at Conclave.



# SCENES FROM CONCLAVE



**"I think Conclave is the coolest thing I've ever been to."**

— Greg Mezey, Cornell '09

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*In a video challenge filmed at his office, Chairman Emeritus of Merrill Lynch & Company William A. Schreyer, Pennsylvania State '48 (here with his wife, Joan) shared his passionate commitment to SigEp. "I love this Fraternity as much today as I did when I was chapter president," he said. Then he challenged alumni to take SigEp to the next level, so it could have a significant impact on higher education. He got the ball rolling with a \$2.5 million pledge to the national Fraternity and another \$2.5 million to his chapter. What happened next will go down in Fraternity history.*

## Over \$15M pledged at luncheon *Schreyer challenge spurs historic alumni generosity*

**BY E. SCOTT THOMPSON II**  
Southern Mississippi '99

An historic moment took place during the Educational Foundation Luncheon at Conclave in Atlanta. **William A. Schreyer, Pennsylvania State '48**, Foundation chairman emeritus and Chairman Emeritus of Merrill Lynch & Co., joined Saturday's luncheon through a video to talk about what SigEp means to him and make a pace-setting pledge: a cash-matching, challenge gift of \$5 million to Sigma Phi Epsilon's Educational Foundation—\$2.5 million to the Leadership Continuum and \$2.5 million to a coming campaign for his chapter at Pennsylvania State.

In a surprise fifteen-minute ending to the luncheon, Foundation President **Garry Kief, Southern California '70**, reacted to the Schreyer message by challenging everyone to respond and

"Get 'er done." Within minutes, SigEps were making heart-felt commitments of tens, hundreds, thousands, and millions of dollars. SigEp and fraternity fund raising records were smashed by 17 alumni who stood and pledged another \$10.1 million to better the lives of our young brothers. (See donor list on p. 32)

"That was the most unbelievable thing I've ever witnessed in my life," said Grand President **Archer L. Yeatts III, Richmond '64**.

To put this in perspective, Grand Treasurer **Chris Bittman, Colorado '85**, noted that this is more than SigEp raised in any single event in its first 100 years. The Campaign for the Heart in the early 90s raised \$7 million.

Kief said, "I'm blown away. What happened today is way beyond my expectations and proves SigEps believe in the undergraduates and the future of the Fraternity." That future will see

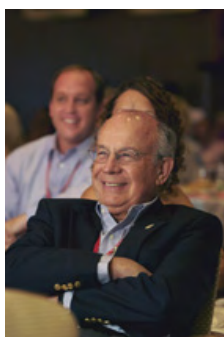
these pledges used to fund and promote scholarships and the programs that make up the Leadership Continuum: EDGE, the Carlson Leadership Academy, Ruck Leadership Institute and Tragos Quest to Greece. More undergraduates will participate in these leadership events.

Educational Foundation Executive Director **Doug Scheibe, Kansas State '87**, said, "It's a good start. We have an opportunity to truly be partners in higher education. We need to invest and provide resources like universities."

"Working with Brother Bill Schreyer and his team at Merrill Lynch for nearly 20 years is a great example of my SigEp experience," said Foundation Trustee **James Clayton, Tennessee '57**. "It is my pleasure to be able to match his wonderful gift of \$2.5 million to the Educational Foundation.

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— James Clayton, Tennessee '57

point I walked through the red door as a sophomore at Tennessee Alpha, my life changed dramatically. To engage and team with others was not negotiable with the chapter leadership team headed by President Bud Pennington, a highly decorated Korean War veteran. Bud went

on to become an exemplary husband, father, and business leader. His beloved Fraternity was always a priority as evidenced by his generous gifts of time and money.

"Following this example, I have provided many opportunities to SigEps through my business and the Educational Foundation, and I could relate more stories where SigEps like Bill Schreyer and Wally Doud have helped me."

**Anthony Balestrieri, George Washington '03**, the youngest donor and chapter counselor at Georgetown, said, "The vast majority of the alumni who

pledged never benefited from the Leadership Continuum." He explained that he "participated in Ruck and Carlson, and I am one of the first in the generation that has had these programs available and been lucky enough to experience them. I have first-hand knowledge of how my resources will benefit the undergrads."

In the week after the Conclave, Bill Schreyer said, "I made this a matching gift to leverage our opportunity to raise as much as possible. It

is important to follow through now. This is not an ending. It is a beginning. I continue to be bullish on Sigma Phi Epsilon. It is time for us to rise to the challenge. I appreciate the brothers stepping up at lunch to provide momentum."

— Matt Hunt, Georgia '05 contributed to this article.



## Foundation auction features Hank Aaron autographed jersey

*The Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation hosted a reception and auction to raise money for scholarship and leadership programming. Foundation Executive Director Doug Scheibe, Kansas State '87, congratulates Dave Balint, Cleveland State '69, for the winning \$3,250 bid on an Atlanta Braves baseball jersey autographed by Hank Aaron from when he broke the home run record.*

## In your own words: The Alumni Conclave Experience



**Andrew C. Land  
Clemson '04**

(Andrew Land is the chapter counselor and Alumni and Volunteer Corporation president for Clemson's South Carolina Beta Chapter and agreed to share his impressions as an alumnus attending Conclave for the first time.)

### Wednesday, August 8

When the Clemson group pulled up to the Hyatt, we ceased being mere representatives of Clemson – we were now Conclave attendees, a true and tangible part of the whole of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

It struck me that these were all the type of friendship that mandated no weekly contact, no thinking-of-you-type of e-mails. No, these were friendships for which simple yet rock-solid brotherhood was enough.

### Thursday, August 9

The Balanced Man Celebration was next. The highlight of the evening was Grand President

Yeatts' address. One of his sentences is now permanently seared onto my memory: "I DEFY YOU," Yeatts roared, in his grandfatherly but very judge-like way, "to find ANY WORD, ANYWHERE in the Ritual, that condones or promotes hazing!" The whole house was on its feet with an unprecedented roar of applause. You can't help but admire and respect this gentleman on so many levels – he typifies the word genuine and is so natural and comfortable being himself. Archie Yeatts is SigEp.

### Friday, August 10

This afternoon was the Ritual Exemplification, where the contemporary version of the

Ritual and the original version, from 1907, were conducted. It brought to mind Grand President Yeatts' admonition to find any word, anywhere in the Ritual, that condones hazing. I couldn't – no one can – because it isn't in there.

### Saturday, August 11

The most touching moment (at the Educational Foundation Luncheon) was when Jim Clayton, former head of Clayton Homes, rose and, in his quiet affable way said he would match Schreyer's gift to the national Fraternity. With that, another \$2,500,000 was on the table, and I think you could have counted every tooth in that room,

so big were the smiles and the feelings of amazement. This has got to be some kind of record. I did a back-of-the-envelope calculation: while we were at lunch from 12:30 to 2:55, or 145 minutes, an astounding \$104,137.93 was raised every single minute we were there – including seating time, all courses, tea and coffee!

Orlando's not too far away in 2009, and we'll keep in touch with old friends and new ones just made 'til then. Tomorrow we leave, filled with renewed hope and energy and passion for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

# Ritual's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrated

BY PATRICK MURPHREY  
Christopher Newport '05

This year's Conclave marks the 100th Anniversary of the adoption of the Ritual of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The 1907 Conclave and first Ritual were held in Richmond, Va., on September 13-15.

On Friday, August 10, 2007, over 1,000 brothers gathered for a special exemplification of the Ritual. The first ritual team consisted of District Governors with Grand President **Archer Yeatts III, Richmond '64**, presiding, and they conducted the original ritual. The second team included the entire modern Initiation ceremony and consisted of select 2007 Ruck Leadership Institute scholars.

One of the most moving moments occurred following the ceremony when the brothers clasped hands to sing the Fraternity Anthem.

Earlier in the day, brothers commented on what the Ritual means to them. Yeatts stated that "regardless of when or where we become a brother, our Ritual has been the tie that has bound us together." Another perspective came from recent initiate and first-time Conclave attendee **Mitch King, Old Dominion '10**, who said, "the Ritual causes me to stop and reflect upon our brotherhood, our duties to Sigma Phi Epsilon, and it reminds me of our core values."

Attending his 16th Conclave, **Dean Duncan, Indiana State University '52**, said the Ritual has inspired him to fulfill the lifetime responsibility of brotherhood.



## William & Mary brothers receive Doud-Clayton Award

*Jean Coleman, mother of Timothy Coleman, William & Mary '97, just finished recounting the story of how her son's fraternity brothers had supported him through the cardiac arrest and death of his wife, Melissa Kirshbaum. Coleman nominated Brian Frickert, William & Mary '97 (accepting award), Eric Karlins, William & Mary '98, and Christopher Heishman, William & Mary '97, and the alumni of the William & Mary Chapter for the Doud-Clayton Award. She said, "These young men must exemplify what Mr. Doud and Mr. Clayton had in mind when they set up this award recognizing the ways in which brothers help brothers." The Doud-Clayton award is a grant of \$10,000 which recipients can use to issue scholarships to deserving SigEp undergraduates.*



## Conclave photo competition winners

*Attendees at Conclave were encouraged to enter a photo competition to capture the essence of Conclave.*

*First prize winner is Brian Wright, San Diego '08, who captured the sea of brotherhood in the Atlanta Hyatt.*

*Second prize winner is Daniel Allen, Central Arkansas '08. His photo shows an elated Roger McKinley, Cal-Poly Pomona '08, holding the Bedford W. Black Man Mile Award his chapter won for the most miles travelled to attend Conclave, about 75,000.*

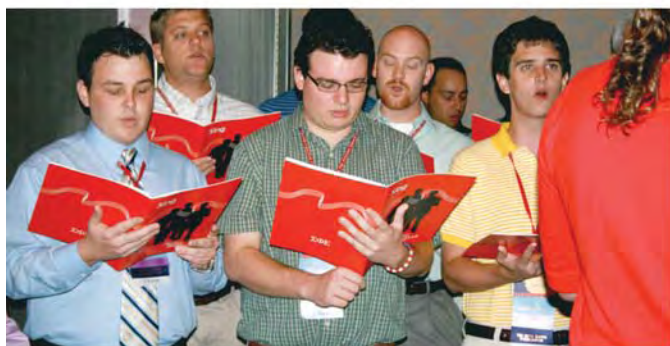
*Third prize winner is Steve Daniels, Lambuth '78, who shot the emotional moment when Grand President Archie Yeatts charged the Fraternity to fight hazing.*

*Congratulations to the winners!*





## MORE SCENES FROM CONCLAVE



## In your own words: The Undergraduate Conclave Experience



**Steve Dorsey**  
**American '09**

(Steve Dorsey is majoring in Journalism and Spanish. He is a SigEp Stringer, or field reporter, for *The Journal* and

agreed to provide his impressions as a first-time undergraduate attendee of Conclave. Coincidentally, he was also elected to the National Board of Directors on the last day of Conclave.)

### Wednesday, August 8

As soon as I got to the airport, I found a bunch of other SigEps who welcomed me, and gave me the inside scoop on how to navigate the MARTA—Atlanta's commuter train.

I didn't know what to expect when I got to the hotel, but I walked through the door and felt like I was back with my own chapter—except with 1,200 more brothers. I saw Ruck friends, my old Regional

Director, Brian, and fitness/muscle-knot-busting legend Frank Butterfield.

### Thursday, August 9

Sore, almost limping, and moving in a way I've never moved before: that's how I started my morning after giving Power Yoga a try in the Wellness Center. It was a great workout, but maybe I'll try sleeping in tomorrow morning.

Later, we really got down to legislative business. It was very interesting to witness the future of our ritual and bylaws unfold before us. I began to understand how careful we must be in the language of our resolutions.

### Friday August 10

The Necrology remembered dozens of brothers who've lived SigEp's principles, but have passed away since the last Conclave. It definitely put life and SigEp in perspective.

The Fraternity honored the Tulane Chapter with the Order of Philias Award for outstanding examples of brotherly love. Instead of vacating Louisiana and refusing to return to the devastated area after Hurricane Katrina, every SigEp in the chapter came back to provide as much support, construction, and human compassion as they could to their home city—truly an example for the rest of us.

### Saturday August 11

Late last night the Student Director Nominations Committee called to tell me I had been nominated for a Student Director position on the National Board. All I can say is, what a surprise!

Early this morning I met with the committee and I began drafting my speech for the election during today's legislative session. These brothers put over 25 hours into interviewing and deliberating in secret, all for the Fraternity.

At elections today, I can't remember being as nervous before. I am very honored to be elected to the Board, and I am willing to help any brother who needs me.





Brothers from North Dakota  
celebrate their Buchanan cup



**"Almost everything I have  
needed to know about  
leadership for the Marine  
Corps, I learned at SigEp."**

— General James T. Conway,  
34th Commandant of the Marine Corps  
accepting his 2007 Citation Award

## Buchanan Cup winners represent the very best

The Buchanan Outstanding Chapter Award, known as the Buchanan Cup, was established in 1961 as the Chapter Leadership Cup to recognize outstanding chapters. In 1967, the award was re-named for **Edwin T. Buchanan, Ohio State '11**. "Buck," as he was affectionately known, served as Grand President from 1953 to 1955 and as Grand Treasurer from 1932 to 1967.

The average GPA for a Buchanan Cup chapter is 3.21, above the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse threshold. The average manpower for these chapters is 86.6, one-third larger than SigEp's average chapter size of 58.1. The Gold Cup recognizes five consecutive Buchanan Cup wins. If you are in one of these chapters, be role models. If you know these chapters, emulate them.

### Gold Cup Winners

	# of cups
Cincinnati	
Ohio Theta RLC	13
Dartmouth	
New Hampshire Alpha	6
Nebraska	
Nebraska Alpha RLC	16
North Dakota	
North Dakota Alpha RLC	5
Loyola Marymount	
California Chi	5

### Silver Cup Winners

Central Arkansas	
Arkansas Zeta	2
San Diego State	
California Delta	1
California - Santa Barbara	
California Gamma	2
California State Polytech - Pomona	
California Mu	4
Delaware	
Delaware Alpha	7
Stetson	
Florida Beta RLC	7

Miami	4
Florida Gamma	
South Florida	3
Florida Iota RLC	
Drake	3
Iowa Delta RLC	
Illinois	4
Illinois Alpha RLC	
Valparaiso	6
Indiana Zeta RLC	
Kansas State	6
Kansas Beta	
Morehead State	8
Kentucky Zeta	
Louisiana State	1
Louisiana Beta RLC	
Babson	4
Massachusetts Theta	
Washington in St. Louis	4
Missouri Beta	
Missouri State	3
Missouri Eta RLC	
Southeast Missouri State	4
Missouri Zeta RLC	
Nebraska - Kearney	3
Nebraska Gamma	
Clarkson	2
New York Chi	
Miami (Ohio)	10
Ohio Eta RLC	
Ohio State	5
Ohio Gamma RLC	
Toledo	7
Ohio Iota RLC	
Oregon State	19
Oregon Alpha RLC	
Bucknell	6
Pennsylvania Kappa	
Carnegie Mellon	3
Pennsylvania Theta RLC	
Memphis	2
Tennessee Beta RLC	
Texas Christian	1
Texas Gamma	
Christopher Newport	1
Virginia Pi	
Wisconsin	3
Wisconsin Beta RLC	

## National Board of Directors elected

Delegates voted at Conclave for those who will serve on the National Board of Directors. Nominees came from committees made up of undergraduates who studied the qualifications of each of the candidates. Student Directors serve a two-year term. The other Directors serve staggered six-year terms.



Grand President  
**Stephen B. Shanklin**  
Murray State '70



Grand Treasurer  
**Christopher L. Bittman**  
Colorado '85



**Richard W. Bennet III**  
Central Missouri '74



**Brent E. Bentrin**  
Charleston '94



**Phillip A. Cox**  
Indiana '84



**Steven R. Dorsey**  
American '09



**Bert J. Harris III**  
Florida '74



**Garry C. Kief**  
Southern California '70



**Jeffrey D. Prouty**  
Iowa State '78



**Michael Schlotterbeck**  
Wichita State '07



**Jace Thompson**  
Texas Christian '08



# Alumni recognized at awards dinner

BY STEVE DORSEY  
American '09

Undergraduates, alumni, volunteers, and supporters were all honored at the traditional Alumni Awards Dinner gala, capping off the 50th Grand Chapter Conclave.

Over 1,000 gathered to honor SigEp's past, present and future and the dedication to the Fraternity demonstrated by distinguished members. For many attendees this was their first Conclave, but the traditional "stand-down" recognized those in the room who have made attending Conclaves a legacy they continue today. All brothers are asked to stand, and then they sit down as the number of Conclaves they have attended is called, until only one man is standing.

With 25 Conclaves under his belt, Order of the Golden Heart recipient and past Grand President **John Hartman, Missouri '61**, was the final participant left standing.

**William G. Tragos, Washington in St. Louis '56**, was awarded the North-American Interfraternity Conference Alumni Award of Distinction, SigEp's first-ever recipient. The award recognizes fraternity alumni who teach values through daily action and have had high moral and ethical standards. "I am so happy that an award from outside of our Fraternity recognizes the invaluable asset Bill Tragos is and continues to be to Sigma Phi Epsilon," Past Grand President **Ed Hammond, Emporia State '66**, said.

Four Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation Awards and three Order of the Golden Heart Awards were bestowed.

The Paul B. Slater Award honoring service as an alumnus member of the National Board of Directors was presented to Past Grand President **Archer L. Yeatts III, Richmond '64**. The C. Maynard Turner Award for service as an undergraduate member of the National Board of Directors was presented to **Joseph Baird, Florida Atlantic '07**, **Brian Barclay, Loyola Marymount '06**, and **Christopher Purdum, Wichita State '07**.

The Foundation also auctioned off the Conclave banner, with Wichita State posting the winning bid of \$45,000, which will go directly to the Educational Foundation.

Yeatts also formally installed the 2007-2009 National Board of Directors, elected earlier in the day, and was for-

mally recognized for his contributions to the Fraternity during the past two years.

New Grand Chapter President **Stephen B. Shanklin, Murray State '70**, stressed the need to improve the overall image of the Greek community while continuing our track record of accomplishment.



## Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation Awards

The Citation was awarded to four alumni who have achieved uncommon success and stature in their particular professions and fields of endeavor, bringing great honor to themselves and the Fraternity. Read more about these distinguished alumni on [www.sigep.org](http://www.sigep.org).

**General James T. Conway**  
Southeast Missouri State '69  
34th Commandant of the Marine Corps

**D. Travis Engen**  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology '65  
Retired President and CEO of Alcan

**Charles E. Haldeman**  
Dartmouth '70  
President and CEO of Putnam Investments

**Fred L. Turner**  
Drake University '55  
Retired Chairman and CEO, McDonald's Corporation

*Past Grand President Archer L. Yeatts III, Richmond '64, covers his face as he realizes that the next Order of the Golden Heart is about to be awarded to him. His wife, Elaine, seems to understand just how much it means to him.*

## Order of the Golden Heart

Sigma Phi Epsilon's highest honor, the Order of the Golden Heart, was awarded to three alumni who give outstanding service to the Fraternity over a lifetime. Since it was first awarded in 1959, only 134 brothers have been so honored.

Longtime volunteer and former District Governor  
**Stephen J. Taylor**  
Tennessee Wesleyan '76

24-Year Housing Trustee and Chapter Volunteer  
**Shawn McKenna**  
Maine '77

Past Grand President  
**Archer L. Yeatts III**  
Richmond '64

## More Conclave highlights

Go to [www.sigep.org](http://www.sigep.org) and click on Conclave Highlights to read about recent legislation, award winners, the Grand President's report and check out even more candid shots of this year's Conclave. And mark your calendar for Orlando in 2009!

## \$100 Million

BY GARRY C. KIEF  
Southern California '70

All of us are on a Conclave high.  
It happens every two years.  
And it's a feeling you'll never forget.



Phone calls and emails fly across country at warp speed. Great ideas are swapped. Promises are made. Vows of brotherhood are renewed. Commitments are re-ignited. But most of all, we remember.

We remember that our Founders charged us to be different. Our Founders charged us to be great. And we are.

For all of my days, I will remember the moment when Fraternity Grand Treasurer Chris Bittman tallied the results of our impromptu after-lunch fund raising. In fifteen minutes, our Brothers had committed more than \$15 million to your Foundation. That's more than SigEp, more than any fraternity, more than any sorority, has ever done...ever. Different ? Great ? Both ? You bet.

In fifteen minutes we more than doubled the size of the SigEp Educational Foundation Endowment.

In fifteen minutes, we gave our fund raising gurus heart attacks.

In fifteen minutes, we convinced everyone that we were nuts.

And it was worth it.

But there's more to do.

I remember the same euphoria after our one hundredth celebration and Conclave 2001 in Washington, D.C.

Here's the email I sent then to our Executive Director, Chuck White:



In response to Brother Schreyer's \$5 million challenge, these generous brothers made commitments totaling \$10.1 million during the luncheon.

**\$15,000**

Anthony Balestrieri  
George Washington '03

**\$50,000**

Shawn Sedlacek  
Southern California '93

**\$100,000**

Scott Bice  
Southern California '65  
John Corby  
Arizona State '74  
Shawn McKenna  
Maine '77

**\$125,000**

Frank Ko  
Pepperdine '97

**\$150,000**

Mike Williams  
Memphis '69

**\$200,000**

Tim Lambert  
Long Beach State '90

**\$250,000**

Jay Hurt  
Davidson '88

**\$500,000**

Chris Bittman  
Colorado '85  
H. Clark  
North Carolina State '56

**\$1,000,000**

Mark Davis  
Nebraska '90  
Garry Kief  
Southern California '70  
A.J. Scribante  
Kansas State '56  
Bill Tragos  
Washington in St. Louis '56

**\$1,500,000**

Don Hudler  
Ohio Wesleyan '56

**\$2,500,000**

Jim Clayton  
Tennessee '57



Bill Schreyer



Shawn and Deb McKenna



Bill Tragos

Chuck...

*Over the last two months and many hours on airplanes, I've finally had the chance to focus on where I think we need to take the Foundation in the years ahead.*

*Everyone has done an excellent job of developing programs. We now know what works. We just need the funds to make it happen. Not just now, but forever.*

*I truly believe that SigEp can be the Fraternity of the future. We can have an overwhelming positive impact on the lives of countless young people...and on our country.*

*To do so we need funds. And we need to realize who we are.*

*On any day, we're a good-sized University. We have 15,000 undergraduates on our campus. 140,000 living alumni. Dorms, and professors...and courses. We just happen to be scattered across 250 locations.*



I still believe that.

There is something wonderful happening out there.

And we need to make sure it happens forever.

I went on to outline the Century II Capital Campaign to create a permanent endowment to fund those programs that have proven successful:

- EDGE
- Carlson Leadership Academies
- Ruck Leadership Institute
- Tragos Quest to Greece

To create Residential Learning Communities.

To improve housing.

To support a Resident Scholar at each chapter.

To support a Faculty Fellow at each chapter.

And the total hit \$100 million.

That was a long way from the \$9 million we then had in the bank.

Of course, you gotta start somewhere.

Five years ago, Bill Tragos said it better when he responded to my email by saying "If you don't have a dream; how's it going to come true?"

Five years later, I still have that dream.

And at Conclave, I realized that a lot of others have that same dream.

It's the dream of our Founders.

To be different.

To be great.

To be the Fraternity of the future.

Not the frat house of the past.

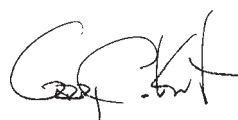
It's a dream that I now know can come true.

It's a dream that will forever establish SigEp as America's Number One Fraternity.

And it's a dream whose day has come.

Carpe diem, my Brothers.

Carpe dinero, my friends.



*I've attached two documents. The first is my letter for The Journal. At this point it might be premature. But then again... it might be appropriate to warn them that there's more to come.*

*The second is a re-cap of what we need. It's kind of my chicken-in-every-pot speech. Bottom line is that we need to raise around \$100 million to take us into the future and establish a meaningful endowment that will fund our programs... forever.*

*I know that number can be overwhelming. But I've based my numbers on an annual return of only 6%. And when you divide the goal by 140,000... that means we need only \$715 per member. Or maybe we should make it \$901. Or \$1901.*

*There's something wonderful happening out there at our chapters Chuck... we need to raise the funds to make sure it happens forever.*

*Garry*

# Educational funding through the Sigma Phi Epsilon Foundation

## Local Scholarships for 2006

Each chapter has a fund established with the Educational Foundation for its specific use for scholarship or leadership purposes. The chapter and its Alumni and Volunteer Corporation can establish separate accounts as necessary. Visit [www.sigepfoundation.org/fundraising\\_funds](http://www.sigepfoundation.org/fundraising_funds) or email Doug Scheibe at [doug.scheibe@sigep.net](mailto:doug.scheibe@sigep.net) for more information.

## Key:

B.M.S. • Balanced Man Scholarship  
L.G. • Leadership Grant  
General • general scholarships  
*Names in italics* • non-members<sup>‡</sup>

SCHOOL RECIPIENT	AWARD/ SCHOLARSHIP NAME				
<b>BRADLEY</b>					
Ryan M. Luedke, '07	General				
<b>CAL POLY-POMONA</b>					
Damian R. Doffo, '07	Centennial-L.G.				
<b>CALIFORNIA-SANTA BARBARA</b>					
Brice W. Casebeer, '10	B.M.S.				
Jarett J. Goldsmith, '09	B.M.S.				
Kristin E. Jellison, '10	B.M.S.				
Robert C. May, '09	B.M.S.				
Eliot J. Peper, '09	B.M.S.				
Gregory T. Simon, '10	B.M.S.				
<b>CENTRAL ARKANSAS</b>					
W. Steven Estell, '08	Roach				
Colby A. Holland, '08	General				
<b>CLARKSON</b>					
Andrew D. Cahil, '08	Clarkson-Edward M. Valenta				
<b>COLORADO</b>					
David Collins, Colorado	B.M.S.				
Nicholas J. Cunningham, '10	B.M.S.				
Jonathan Hermann, '09	B.M.S.				
Scott A. MacDonald, '10	B.M.S.				
<b>COLORADO STATE</b>					
Ross A. Hendrix, '07	Edward T. Bradford				
Andrew M. Frohardt, '07	Saylor				
Jeremy M. Polk, '07	Saylor				
<b>COLUMBIA</b>					
Ajay K. Mangal, '10	B.M.S.				
Michael Topol, '10	B.M.S.				
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>					
Michael A. Chioditti, '08	Admiral Elmo Zumwalt				
Matthew P. Melander, '09	General				
Tomas P. Subatis, '07	General				
Jonathan Terry, '08	Admiral Elmo Zumwalt				
<b>DARTMOUTH</b>					
Benjamin J. Chapman, '09	B.M.S.				
Ian P. Dumant, '09	B.M.S.				
Nathan J. Niparka, '09	B.M.S.				
<b>EAST TENNESSEE STATE</b>					
Chris Forrester	B.M.S.				
<b>FORT HAYS STATE</b>					
Amanda J. Woolf	Mary Ann and Joel S. Biddle Memorial Scholarship				
<b>GEORGE WASHINGTON</b>					
Sean P. Flaherty, '07	Heckel-Pitt				
Edward P. Goodwin, Jr., '10	Schurg-B.M.S.				
Benjamin A. Koppenheffer, '08	Schurg-B.M.S.				
<b>IIT</b>					
Sean A. Huber, '05		H and Callie Ann Clark			
<b>INDIANA STATE</b>					
Joshua N. Crisp, '07		Dean Duncan			
Scott A. Garrigus, '08		Dean Duncan			
Justin M. Hoyt, '07		Dean Duncan			
Andrew R. Jacone, '09		Dean Duncan			
Jason D. Nejman, '06		Dean Duncan			
Marshall M. Steward, '06		Dean Duncan			
Jose A. Vega, Jr., '09		Dean Duncan			
<b>INDIANA TECH</b>					
Jonathan Bereman		B.M.S.			
<b>KANSAS</b>					
Michael J. Gillaspie, '09		Findley			
<b>KANSAS STATE</b>					
Zachary W. Harmon, '10		Scribante			
<b>LAMAR</b>					
Kevin N. Albright, '08		Roach-Robert Daigle			
Shaun M. Boudreaux, '07		Roach/Enderle			
Shaun M. Boudreaux, '07		Lee			
Jeremy W. Hayes, '10		Centennial			
D. Scott McGee, '08		Roach/Tyler			
Jim A. Metteauer, '08		Roach			
Christopher L. Murrell, '06		Roach			
Christopher M. Vasquez, '09		Lee			
Christopher M. Vasquez, '09		Roach/Adams			
<b>MARYLAND-COLLEGE PARK</b>					
Shreyus Kulkarni		Schurg-B.M.S.			
Justin L. Sieffert, '06		Patrick O'Reilly			
<b>MIAMI (OHIO)</b>					
Nick Johnson		B.M.S.			
Andrew Speath		B.M.S.			
<b>MINNESOTA</b>					
Jason M. Burbach, '07	Will McLaughlin Endowment				
Matthew L. Knutson, '10	Curtis L. Carlson B.M.S.				
<b>MISSISSIPPI STATE</b>					
Matthew A. Thurmon, '06	Mattiace/Edwards				
Carl C. Williams, '09	Mattiace/Edwards				
<b>MIT</b>					
Jhanavi Pathak		B.M.S.			
David Reshef		B.M.S.			
Wen Hui Tan		B.M.S.			
<b>MONMOUTH</b>					
Nick D. Raes, '07		Suhs			
<b>NEBRASKA</b>					
William C. Alms, '07				Homer Scott	
Robert D. Dudzinski, '08				Homer Scott	
John V. Higgins, '08				Homer Scott	
David R. Paulmeyer, '09				Homer Scott	
Mitchell R. Rodgers, '07				Homer Scott	
<b>NORTH TEXAS</b>					
Garrett J. Bond, '08				General	
Kenneth G. DuBois, III, '08				General	
Devin E. Hawk, '09				General	
David M. Kollinofsky, '07				General	
Michael C. Mangini, '08				General	
Michael A. Munday, '09				General	
Ben J. Remmert, '08				General	
Mark N. Ryan, '09				General	
Reid D. Singleton, '07				General	
Kevin Tran, '07				General	
Brian R. Weinberg, '08				General	
Jeffery S. White, '06				General	
Kyle G. Witherspoon, '09				General	
Northeastern Junior College					
Kayla M. Young				Mary Ann and Joel S. Biddle Memorial Scholarship*	
<b>OHIO</b>					
Andrew Betsch, '10				General	
<b>OKLAHOMA STATE</b>					
Jonathan Winston				B.M.S.	
<b>OREGON</b>					
Kyle A. Becker				B.M.S.	
Erik Berg-Johansen				B.M.S.	
Cady A. Bjorklund				B.M.S.	
Patrick L. Burton, '10				B.M.S.	
Mitchell L. Holt				B.M.S.	
Steve Vi Lam				B.M.S.	
Evan M. Luchaco				B.M.S.	
Kofi Sarfo-Kantanka, '10				B.M.S.	
William M. Taylor, '10				B.M.S.	
Ryan J. Waite				B.M.S.	
<b>OREGON STATE</b>					
Christopher S. Beaman, '08				General	
Scott G. Cowgill, '07				Dubach	
Thomas H. Cutsforth, '08				Dubach	
Kyle R. Day, '08				Dubach	
Kyle R. Day, '08				General	
Kyle R. Day, '08				General	
John F. Delplanche, '04				U.G. Dubach Memorial Graduate Fellowship	
Jeremy S. Gragg, '07				Dubach	
Sam J. Greenstein, '06				U.G. Dubach Memorial Graduate Fellowship	
Vishal A. Khemlani, '08				Dubach	
Vishal A. Khemlani, '08				General	



Derek W. Nagle, '09	Dubach	<b>RUTGERS</b>			<b>TRUMAN STATE</b>	
Derek W. Nagle, '09	Dubach	<i>Kareem Absolu</i>	<i>General</i>		Travis P. Pettibone, '08	Vince Lukowski
Alex R. Plantenga, '96	U.G. Dubach Memorial Graduate Fellowship	<i>Kareem Absolu</i>	<i>B.M.S.</i>		<b>TULANE</b>	
		<i>Kareem Absolu</i>	<i>Witemeyer</i>		Brendan Lally-McGurl, '09	Roach/Hydrick
Michael J. Powers, '07	General	<b>SAN DIEGO STATE</b>			<b>HOUSTON</b>	
Richard J. Rich, '07	General	Benjamin Z. Cohen, '10	B.M.S.		Alberto O. Real, '10	B.M.S.
Kevin L. Richards, '02	U.G. Dubach Memorial Graduate Fellowship	Charley M. Lyons, '10	B.M.S.		Patrick C. Tyczynski, '07	Heard Leadership
		Andrew R. May, '10	B.M.S.		<b>RICHMOND</b>	
Cameron M. Saffer, '07	Dubach	<i>Benjamin Le Vine</i>	<i>B.M.S.</i>		Matthew C. Schaffer, '06	Phillips
Cameron M. Saffer, '07	General	<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>			<b>TOLEDO</b>	
Dane J. Schulze, '09	Dubach	<i>Evan Grant</i>	<i>B.M.S.</i>		R. Lee Reynolds, '10	L.G.
Evan O. Sekulic, '06	Dubach	Tillman C. Hudson, '08	General		<b>WASHBURN</b>	
Evan O. Sekulic, '06	General	Saloman Tenenbaum, '07	Garry Kief- California Beta Scholar		Nathan J. Ansley, '09	Hawkins
Josh D. Shanks, '07	Dubach	<b>ST. JOHNS</b>			D. Justin Bravi, '06	Hawkins
Josh D. Shanks, '07	General	Renzo A. Garcia '08	General		Travis J. Brown, '08	Hawkins
Justin D. Shanks, '08	General	Renzo A. Garcia '08	Paul Litcher		Chad M. Clanton, '06	Hawkins
Paul J. Strauser, '09	Dubach	<b>STETSON</b>			Anthony J. Dallen, '08	Hawkins
<b>PENNSYLVANIA STATE</b>		Nathan J. Alessandro, '08	Buddy Coachman		Jacob D. Greathouse, '08	Hawkins
Michael A. Barasch, '09	Biacchi Memorial	John P. Baker, '07	Buddy Coachman		Jared F. Hanschu, '09	Hawkins
Daniel C. Hadas, '08	William Schreyer Leadership	Jason S. Becknell, '08	Buddy Coachman		Casey D. Horton, '08	Hawkins
		Kevin P. Chambers, '09	Buddy Coachman		Scott D. Maley, '06	Hawkins
Bradford J. Koehlinger, '08	William Schreyer Leadership	Roger J. Foley, '07	Buddy Coachman		Nathaniel E. McComas, '09	Hawkins
		Paul L. Jump, '09	Buddy Coachman		Shawn A. Walker, '06	Hawkins
David K. Motemaden, '09	Lyons Memorial	Phillip A. Rodriguez, '09	Buddy Coachman		Bryson G. Wheeler, '06	Hawkins
Gregory S. Blumenkrunz, '08	Oswald Memorial	<b>TEXAS CHRISTIAN</b>			<b>WESTERN MICHIGAN</b>	
Daniel C. Hadas, '08	Mateer Memorial	<i>Clayton Dude</i>	<i>James Wood B.M.S.</i>		Michael A. DePerro, '10	Jim Bernard B.M.S.
<b>PURDUE</b>		<i>Andrew Gessaroun</i>	<i>James Wood B.M.S.</i>		Steve Phillips	Gene Jerkatis B.M.S.
Jeremy P. Klausung, '08	Nelson	<i>Brandon Mojica</i>	<i>James Wood B.M.S.</i>		William Vauters	Mark Stavropoulos B.M.S.
Jason T. Schonhoff, '09	Clarke	Aaron W. Walker, '10	<i>James Wood B.M.S.</i>		<b>WISCONSIN</b>	
Samuel H. Sharp, '08	Selke				Mark R. Thomson, '07	Jere D. Fluno Academic Achievement Scholarship
Aaron J. Shearer, '07	Centennial					
Aaron J. Shearer, '07	Kettlehut					

## Winning speller gets SigEp scholarship

BY STEVE DORSEY  
American '09

"S-E-R-R-E-F-I-N-E," a word meaning small forceps, was the final word Evan O'Dorney spelled correctly to be named the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee champion on May 31.

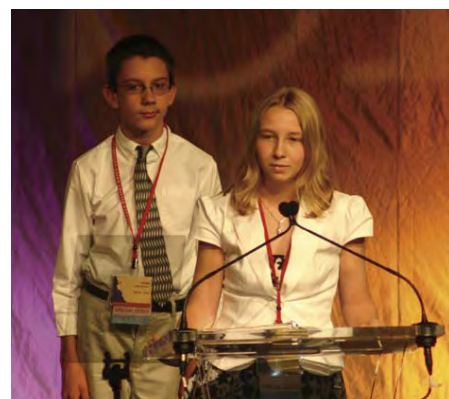
On top of his more than \$35,000 in winnings, 14-year-old O'Dorney from Walnut Creek, Calif., won a \$5,000 scholarship from the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation at a special awards banquet the following evening. O'Dorney received the scholarship along with prizes from the Bee, Merriam-Webster, Franklin Covey and LeapFrog.

O'Dorney and 2006 winner Kerry Close from Spring Lake, N.J., said a few words at the Foundation Luncheon to Atlanta's 50<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter

Conclave attendees. Close said, "From my win I learned that I could accomplish anything through hard work and perseverance." She hopes to study journalism in college. O'Dorney will attend an advanced math class at Berkeley this fall in addition to his high school studies.

"We want to reward these kids who are already living the balanced life," said **Scott Thompson, Southern Mississippi '99**, director of chapter campaigns for the SigEp Educational Foundation. "You get the sense that this is the first of many milestones for them."

The scholarship was first awarded to the 2005 champion, Anurag Kashyap, from San Diego, who also attended that year's Conclave with his family.



*Evan O'Dorney, a 14-year-old California eighth grader, won the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee and a \$5,000 scholarship from the SigEp Educational Foundation. He and the 2006 winner, Katharine "Kerry" Close, from Spring Lake, N.J., addressed Conclave attendees in Atlanta to thank them and share their educational plans.*

## Of course, your Educational Foundation accepts euros...

Jay Hurt, Davidson '88, counts euros donated by scholarship recipient Russ Terry, Alabama '09, at the Educational Foundation Luncheon. Terry began his lifetime of giving by donating euros left over from his recent *Tragos Quest* to Greece trip this spring.



## National Scholarships

Each year the Educational Foundation awards scholarships to outstanding SigEp undergraduates. Below is a listing of brothers receiving scholarships in 2006 and 2007. Visit [www.sigepfoundation.org/?foundation\\_04fund](http://www.sigepfoundation.org/?foundation_04fund) for more information.

### Hicks Scholars: *Sophomore Academic Improvement* 2006

Roger J. Foley Jr., Stetson '07  
William J. Gregory, Texas-Austin '07  
Benjamin C. Jaggars, Wisconsin '07

### 2007

Douglas Ansel, Duke '08  
Mark Chilivets, Texas '08  
Nicholas L. Conti, Wisconsin-Madison '08  
Zachary W. Gaver, Miami '08  
Sean Kempfer, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville '08  
Ryan Kohan, Babson '08  
Matthew J. Manuri, South Florida '07  
Andrew M. McDonald, Texas '08  
Neil Solomon, Texas '08

### National Competition Scholars: *Top 20 Scholar Leaders* 2006

James D. Corrales, Pepperdine '07  
Dimitry Ekshtut, NYU '09  
Michael P. Gembitsky, Old Dominion '08  
Michael R. Guentner, Western Michigan '09  
Paul Happel, Georgetown '08  
Ross A. Hendrix, Colorado State '07  
Robert E. Hughes II, Southern California '07  
Sang W. Kang, NYU '08  
R. Allen Ligon Jr., Georgia '08  
Nickolas J. McGurk, Northwestern '08  
Brian Meyer, Washington in St. Louis '07  
Hartland J. Moede, College of Charleston '09  
Michael J. Powers, Oregon State '07  
J. Cole Rickers, Colorado School of Mines '07  
Cameron M. Saffer, Oregon State '07

Grant R. Swanson, Kansas State '08  
Jordan W. Turner, Murray State '09  
Andrew S. Ulrich, Colorado School of Mines '08

### 2007

Daniel Arsenault, Maine '08  
Zachary Bryson, Cincinnati '09  
Bradford Cardonell, Kansas '09  
Matthew Eby, Colorado School of Mines '09  
Daniel Giglio, Georgia Tech '09  
Jeremy Grabouski, Iowa '09  
Paul Happel, Georgetown '08  
Brandon Herrmann, Kansas State '08  
James Howe, Northwest Missouri State '08  
David Jette, Clarkson '08  
Adam Johnson, Richmond '08  
Marc Kinon, California-Riverside '07  
David Kohn, Southern California '09  
Eric Lum, NYU '09  
Michael Parsons Jr., Davidson '08  
Christopher Rhodes, Washington U. in St. Louis '08  
Adam Ring, Miami (Ohio) '08  
Russell Terry Jr., Alabama '09  
John Wood, Texas Christian '08

### Zollinger Scholars: *Outstanding Rising Leaders*

Tyler C. Allie, Texas Christian '07  
Aaron D. Alt, Toledo '09  
Anthony Atkins, Monmouth '09  
Benjamin J. Averill, Wyoming '08  
Brett K. Bartholomew, Kansas State '08  
Eric A. Boggs, Tulane '07  
Jonathan E. Brouk, Tulane '08  
Jordan M. Bruns, Drake '10  
James D. Connolly, North Texas '08

Vincent J. Daniele, Lawrence Technological '09  
Kyle R. Day, Oregon State '08  
R. Blake Edwards, Georgia '07  
Andrew K. Gackenbach, Maryland-College Park '07  
Eric R. Galley, Nebraska '07  
Robert E. Gemmill, Virginia Tech '08  
Ryan E. Grady, Colorado School of Mines '07  
Timothy Hodes, Michigan '07  
Paul A. Janczyk, California-Berkeley '08  
William B. Jobe, Austin Peay State '08  
Andrew H. Karaba, Northwestern '07  
Eric L. Kent, Stanford '07  
Adam M. Kerrigan, Ball State '06  
Thomas Kleiderer, Texas-Austin '08  
Ryan J. Kohan, Babson '08  
Gregory L. Kozerski, SUNY-Fredonia '08  
Kyle M. Krater, Dartmouth '07  
R. Allen Ligon, Georgia '08  
Andrew Locke, Washington in St. Louis '08  
Patrick N. Lohman, Ball State '07  
Tom W. Mackenroth, Montana '07  
Cameron Mazdyasni, California-Santa Barbara '08  
Gregory D. McCarroll, Arkansas '08  
Lonny B. Miller, Arizona '06  
Evan L. Ringle, Pittsburgh '07  
Jason D. Russ, Maryland-College Park '08  
Adam K. Scharf, Toledo '08  
Gregory J. Schonefeld, Texas A&M '07  
Michael L. Scott, Christopher Newport '07  
C. Michael Self, Truman State '08  
Chad C. Sewell, Arizona '08  
Joshua Sleicher-MacCracken, Miami '08  
Colin M. Sternhell, Carnegie-Mellon '08  
Thomas R. Vogt, Duke '07  
Brendan E. Williams, Bucknell '08  
Michael R. Zodda, Muhlenberg '07



## Seuss on the loose!

D.C. alumni organize Seuss celebration for kids

BY BRANDT HEATHERINGTON

George Mason '86

**S**igEp Feds ([www.sigepfeds.org](http://www.sigepfeds.org)), the Washington, D.C., area SigEp alumni group, initiated a new program to introduce local kids to the literary works of Dr. Seuss, *a.k.a* **Theodor Geisel, Dartmouth, '25**. A Feds member mentioned Brother Geisel's upcoming birthday during a philanthropy brainstorming session, and the program was born. SigEp Feds alumni volunteers coordinated the program with elementary schools and after-school clubs such as the Boys & Girls Clubs and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The program involved volunteers reading Dr. Seuss books to the kids. Rather than limit the opportunities to the anniversary of Seuss's birthday, SigEp Feds designated March as "Seuss Month" and coordinated reading engagements throughout the month.

The children as well as their teachers and mentors were excited to have the

program at their school or club. Two venues and about 75 kids were involved for the first year, and the SigEp Feds expect to expand the project next year in the Washington, D.C., area and perhaps beyond. They are informing more school districts about the 2008 program and will recruit more volunteers. SigEp Feds is also seeking endorsement from foundations or charitable trusts such as the Seuss Foundation and the I AM Foundation, to help finance a supply of Seuss books. An ample number of books can help increase the number of kids involved and can be



*George Duthie, Buffalo State '98, is the "Cat in the Hat" reading to kids at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday during the month of March. The SigEp Feds, a Washington, D.C., area alumni group, coordinated the effort which involved 75 kids this year and is slated to expand.*

left with the reading groups. When the kids get excited about reading, the books are a tangible connection to commemorate their trip through the magical world of Dr. Seuss.

*For details about starting a similar program in your area, contact Brandt Heatherington at [Brandth605@aol.com](mailto:Brandth605@aol.com) or 703-307-1574.*

## SigEp becomes novelist in his 60s, Western style!

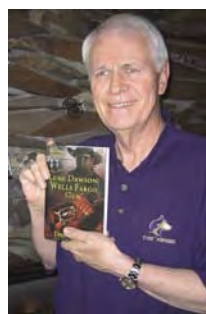
BY RICHARD K. RODGERS

Illinois '52

Frustrated with inaccuracies in Western action novels, **Denny Andrews, Washington '61**, decided to write his own. Avalon Books just released his first Western, **Luke Dawson: Wells Fargo Gun** ([www.wellsfargogun.com](http://www.wellsfargogun.com)), and has accepted Andrews' second in the series, slated for release in February.

Andrews grew frustrated with another author's careless reference to a type of ammunition not yet invented but still cited in a Western he read. That error gave Andrews the final impetus to awaken his latent novel writing talents. An avid student and collector of antique firearms, Andrews began writing his own Western in 2001.

Set in war-torn Kansas in 1863, the novel opens with five-year-old Luke



the roads and adventures his journey would reveal.

Fans of John Wayne, James Bond, Spenser, Jesse Stone and Jack Reacher take note: Luke gets his special training the hard way. First he saves Sing Loo, a Chinese railroad laborer working near Dawson's Circle D Ranch. In turn, Sing Loo teaches Luke the art of hand-to-hand combat.

Circle D becomes embroiled in a range war with the neighboring Bar H ranch.

hiding. He hears his Mother, Merle, murdered by three riders terrorizing the area. Years later, after he had becomes a rancher, Luke decides to strike out on his own as a hired gun. Little did he know

Luke, Sing Loo and Circle D Ranch hands take the fight into Bar H territory, giving Luke the chance to earn his skilled gunslinger reputation. Wells Fargo agents in nearby Dodge City then offer him a job as Special Agent, setting up his next adventure in Andrews' second novel, **Luke Dawson: Wells Fargo Agent**.

Andrews was a Distinguished Military Graduate of the U.S Air Force Officer Training School and went on to serve five years in the Air Force, achieving the rank of Captain. He was in sales for Xerox and a vice president of sales in the commercial furniture industry for 25 years. He and his wife, Lorna, have four children and four grandchildren in the Seattle area. With three more Luke Dawson novels on the drawing board, Andrews has not "retired" but merely shifted to another promising career path: Word Wrangler!

# Former Mr. Arkansas still in full form at age 81

BY PATRICK C. MURPHREY

Christopher Newport '05

**E**d Kinsey, Arkansas '49, epitomizes the lifetime commitment that we make to the Balanced Man Ideal of Sound Mind and Sound Body. Kinsey joined Arkansas in 1948. He was active in the chapter's intramural competitions and graduated with a degree in physical education. He won the first ever Mr. Arkansas competition in 1948, and was crowned again in 1949.

Kinsey's commitment to physical fitness blossomed while serving as a fireman aboard the carrier U.S.S. Thetis Bay during World War II. In order to pass the time at sea, Kinsey and several other sailors used to perform what he called "two-man lifts" which involved lifting other sailors over their own head. To make use of his gymnastics background, Kinsey would also walk around the carrier's flight deck on his hands.

Throughout his life, Kinsey has inspired young and old to strive for fitness in order to live healthier lives. A fellow Arkansas Alpha alumnus, **Jack Otten, Arkansas '91**, shares how Brother Kinsey has inspired him. "Ed is definitely an inspiration to everyone on what can be done in your golden years if you stay active and take care of yourself. I know one thing: I want to be just like him when I reach that age. I want a good quality of life, just like his."

At 81, Kinsey still works out three times a week and volunteers as a personal trainer to other patrons at his health club. When asked about his sound body philosophy, he compared the human body to a car: "If you leave it out sitting for a week or so and try to start it up, you just can't do it. The key to a healthy body, like any machine, is to keep it active."



*Ed Kinsey, Arkansas '49, won the first Mr. Arkansas competition in 1948. Nearly sixty years later, he can still claim his winning physique and inspire others to maintain a sound body for life.*

## ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

**John Worthington, San Jose State '66**, senior vice president of corporate communications for Security Service Federal Credit Union, was awarded the Del Oro 2007 Tex Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award from the San Antonio chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. The coveted award recognizes achievement and outstanding leadership for public relations professionals serving in their field more than 20 years.

**James N. Higdon, Texas-Austin '67**, of Higdon, Hardy & Zuflacht, L.L.P. in San Antonio was recently sworn in to serve on the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas. Higdon will serve a two-year term.

**Blake Battaglia, Texas-Austin '96**, was recently selected as Outstanding Young Engineering Graduate of the College of Engineering at Texas. He is one of four alumni to be so honored for the '06-'07 year from more than 40,000 alumni of the College.



*Blake R. Battaglia, Texas '96, Outstanding Young Engineering Graduate*

Battaglia works for a private equity fund group called ABRY Partners and serves as a director on the boards of multiple media and communications companies.

**Armando Cortinez, Southwest Texas State '93**, was recently nominated by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison to attend the National Hispanic Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. About 350 Hispanic participants, all nominated by their Congressional Representative, came together from across the country to discuss policy issues with members of Congress and the administration. "Bringing together Hispanic leaders and our federal officials for an open dialogue and exchange of ideas is vital to our nation's continuing efforts to address the most pressing issues affecting our families, communities, and nation," said Sen. Hutchison, summit organizer. Keynote speaker and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez was joined by several other members of the administration to update attendees on issues that impact the Hispanic community.



# Youth Villages CEO drives dramatic growth to help troubled kids

BY ROBERT P. MILLER  
Huntingdon '09

**P**atrick Lawler, Memphis '77, was honored as one of America's top leaders for his work as CEO of Youth Villages by *US News & World Report* in 2006. The mission of Youth Villages is to help emotionally troubled children and their families.

How has SigEp helped someone achieve such a great honor? "Being a member of SigEp gave me my first opportunity to be part of a group that shared common goals. We wanted to have a good time, be the best fraternity. But we had to learn to work together and find each member's strengths to be able to achieve our goals, just like we do here at Youth Villages."

Youth Villages wasn't always a thriving organization. At age 24, Lawler was hired to revitalize a failing program known as Dogwood Villages. "At 24 you think you know everything, but you really don't know anything, at least about running a business," Lawler says when asked about running Dogwood Villages. "I guess the closest I came to being in charge of something was as the president of SigEp. The president was primarily responsible for maintaining a reasonable amount of structure, keeping the Fraternity out of trouble while having a good time, leading key



*Youth Villages CEO Patrick Lawler, Memphis '77, seen above with kids and lower left with teens, has devoted nearly twenty-five years to helping emotionally troubled children and their families. He has plans to expand this vital program to more states to help thousands more kids over the next five years.*

initiatives (regular parties and formals, pledging, and initiation) and of course making sure the bills got paid, and the house was kept up. Actually, there were a lot of similarities to running Dogwood Village."

Through the hard work and determination of his staff, Lawler saw the program blossom. In 1986, Dogwood Villages and Memphis Boys Town came together to form Youth Villages.

Still, the organization had not reached its full potential. Annual revenues were \$900,000 in 1986, but have grown to over \$90 million in 2006, and the program has spread beyond Tennessee to cover Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas and Washington, D.C. "We

have programs in seven states and the District of Columbia that assist 11,000 young people, and we have plans to grow in these states and expand to several new states to serve 15,000 additional youth over the next five years."

This isn't all Lawler has planned for the future. He intends to focus on helping our nation's leaders understand the best way to allocate resources to produce more favorable outcomes for children. This leadership focus will be balanced, of course, with swimming, biking, running, participating in triathlons, reading business books, doing mission work in Honduras and spending time with his new grandson. Learn more about Youth Villages at [www.youthvillages.org](http://www.youthvillages.org).



**"Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one."**

— Marcus Aurelius

# SigEps in the service

BY MICHAEL SELBY

Eastern Michigan '02

**S***emper fidelis*. Always faithful. The motto of the United States Marine Corps finds much in common with the ideals espoused by our brotherhood in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The famous motto was adopted for the Marines in 1883, and almost 125 years later, the words remain as powerful as ever. The man leading the Marines, the 34<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps, General **James T. Conway, Southeast Missouri State '69**, received the Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation at this year's Grand Chapter Conclave, August 11, in Atlanta.

General Conway serves as the symbolic and functional head of the Marine Corps, a position of high esteem among Marines, and is a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is most well known as the Commanding General of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Force from 2002 through 2004, taking part in the 2003 invasion of Iraq and Operation Vigilant Resolve in Fallujah, Iraq.

Conway is not alone in his selfless service to our nation. SigEp soldiers are discovering that the bonds of our brotherhood endure even the most trying times.

SigEp brothers, **Lt. Col. Thomas Shea, SUNY-Cortland '83**, and **Maj. Craig Wertheim, SUNY-Oswego '91**, are nearing the end of their one year deployment to LSA Anaconda, Balad, Iraq.

Both are deployed with their unit, the 411<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade out of New Windsor, New York. Although the two have been acquainted for roughly 10 years, it took deployment to Iraq for them to discover their SigEp connection. During a routine mail call, they realized they were fraternity brothers when each received their copy of *The Journal*.

Shea joined the 411<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade in November 1997, following 11 years on active duty and a reserve assignment with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He now serves as the Design Engineer for eight bases throughout Iraq.

Wertheim joined the brigade in 1996, serving first as the commander's Aide de Camp, and as the Headquarters Company Commander. He is the Assured Mobility Officer in Charge responsible for overseeing the counter improvised explosive device operations conducted by the brigade.

At home, SigEps continue to serve our country in other capacities. Brothers **Michael Dubie, Vermont '82**, and **Brian Dubie, Vermont '82**, who are also brothers in SigEp, are serving the military and the state of Vermont in their duties.



*Lt. Col. Thomas J. Shea, SUNY-Cortland '83, and Maj. Craig Wertheim, SUNY-Oswego '91, outside the brigade operations building in LSA Anaconda, Balad, Iraq.*

Brian Dubie is the lieutenant governor of Vermont. Though he had served on school boards and other small committees before his election in 2002, Dubie's primary job experience is as a pilot. He served in the Vermont Air National Guard, and has made a career out of flying for American Airlines as a captain. He also holds the rank of colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Maj. Gen. Michael Dubie serves as the Vermont adjutant general and also shares another passion with his brother: being a pilot. Both Dubie brothers are F-16 pilots.

**Joseph Davis, Grand Valley State '04**, reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola in September 2006, to begin Officer Candidate School (OCS) and in January 2007 received his commission into the United States Navy as an ensign. His selected designation is to be trained as a Naval flight officer. Davis is on active duty and remains stationed at NAS Pensacola undergoing training to earn his wings.

If the Marines' motto refers to faithfulness to our fellow man and our country, Sigma Phi Epsilon should find some comfort in its attainment of such a noble goal. Our brothers, without wavering, have continually served with distinction and honor in the armed forces, from the desert heat of Iraq to the Green Mountain State to the conference room of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

We thank each of our brothers for their distinguished service to our nation and their commitment to SigEp.



*Brother Joseph Davis, Grand Valley State '04, (second row, third from left) is a member of the 2006-07 Officer Candidate School class*



# The psychology of golf: Alumnus helps the best golfers get better

**G**io Valiante, Florida '95, played golf growing up and kept on playing while an active member in SigEp. As he was getting his Ph.D. in psychology from Emory University, Valiante saw an opportunity to combine two of his passions, psychology and golf. He helps the country's finest golfers win more games by refining their mental focus. *Journal* editor Gay-Lynn Carpenter caught up with Valiante recently to find out more.

*Journal:* How did you get interested in the mental aspects of golf?

*Valiante:* I got into the mental aspect during a psychology project. We did some surveys, and when the professor ran the data, he got good insight into how psychology influences achievement. After that, I decided to bridge my two loves, psychology and golf.

*J:* What is unique about your approach to helping golfers improve their game?

*V:* So much sports psychology is just plain bad—former athletes giving pep talks and such. My approach is grounded in testable research and actually helps golfers perform better. I have worked with great golfers who show significant improvements in performance across the

board, golfers like Justin Leonard, Chad Campbell, Jack Nicklaus, Heath Slocum, and Davis Love III.

*J:* Why is the element of fear so important to your approach?

*V:* I traveled with the PGA Tour to study the mental aspects of the game. I didn't go looking for fear, but it emerged from the questions I was asking. Whether Jack Nicklaus or Tiger Woods, every golfer experiences fear, an interesting finding for such a benign sport. In fact, because the sport is so unforgiving of small details, even slight psychological changes can result in huge differences in performance.

*J:* What experiences from your days as a SigEp have become important to you today?

*V:* SigEp changed my life. I am 36 years old, and all of my best friends are from SigEp. We've all grown together and learned from each other. We're more like family than friends. I am so proud that I can look at my brothers and say that



*Gio Valiante, Florida '95, works on putting with Camilo Villegas (left) who has seen his game and confidence improve. Valiante has also worked with some more famous faces. Jack Nicklaus, above with his son, Gary, and Valiante, recently got back on the PGA Tour and attributed his success to working with Valiante "who is reminding me how I used to play golf," Nicklaus said.*

they're not only successful professionals but also good people with good values.

*J:* What's your next milestone?

*V:* At times I was really goal-oriented, and that allowed me to achieve the four main goals I had for my life: I got a Ph.D., I published a book, I've run a triathlon, and I've achieved my financial goals. I'm sure I'll set some more goals soon, but for now, I'm just trying to live in the present.



*Bill Alge (left), Ohio Northern '68, and Don Bourdon, Ferris State '69, have a combined experience of about 65 years in officiating college football games. They got the opportunity to work together at the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl last December.*

## Brothers officiate at Hawaii Bowl

**BY DON BOURDON**  
Ferris State '69

Two SigEp brothers from different campuses came together this past bowl season. **Bill Alge, Ohio Northern '68**, and **Don Bourdon, Ferris State '69**, officiated the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl last December in Hawaii (Arizona State v. Hawaii). Alge and Bourdon met three years ago when Bourdon joined the Mid-American Conference staff.

Alge has officiated football for over 30 years, serving as the crew chief and referee in the Mid-American Conference for 15 seasons. He has officiated championship bowl games including the Las Vegas Bowl, the Micron PC Bowl, the Tangerine Bowl, and the Cotton Bowl. In his spare time, he is an attorney in Findlay, Ohio.

Bourdon is the instant replay official and technical advisor in the Press Box. He has officiated for 34 years and retired off the college field four years ago with over 1,200 football games in his officiating career. Today, he rates and critiques other game officials each week along with his instant replay responsibilities. Bourdon is an optician in Grand Rapids, Mich.

## SigEp sows seeds of free speech in Iraq

BY JESSE HORSTMANN  
Pittsburgh '05

In a packed Greenwich Village residence hall, members of the NYU community gathered to hear an incredible story.

**Thomas J. Basile, Hofstra '97**, was invited by NYU's New York Gamma Chapter to kick off its alumni lecture series this past spring, and it created an opportunity to bring the campus and chapter together. Basile recounted his service as a senior press adviser to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq in 2003-2004 and explained how he leveraged leadership, learning, and corporate communications tactics to fight the war on terrorism. He stayed on for a question-and-answer session with his SigEp brothers.

According to Basile every war has both a military and political battle to be fought and won. He served on the political battleground. The mission of the Coalition: empower a country to lead itself. Until his move to Iraq, Basile had served the Bush Administration as

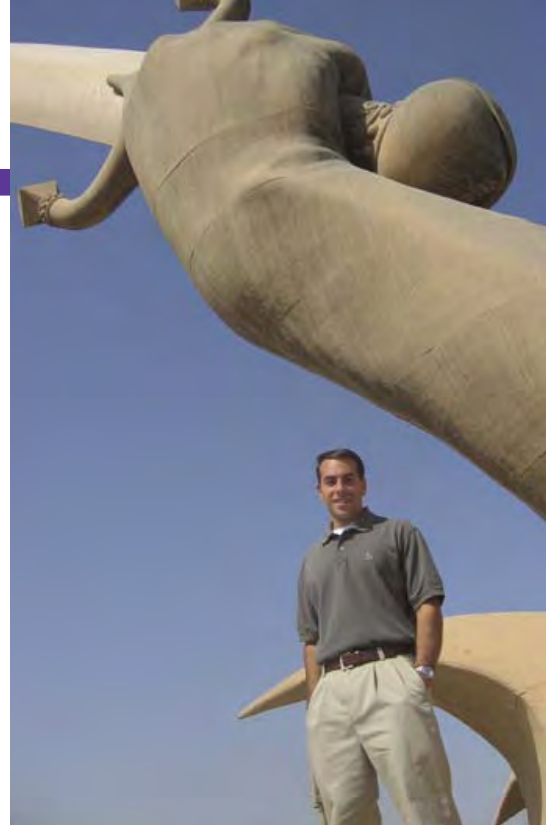
communication director for the Environmental Protection Agency. When the White House called asking him to serve in Iraq, he knew this would be a life-changing experience. "Only ten days later I was sitting on my luggage in 120 degrees awaiting military transport to Baghdad," he recalls.

For seven months Basile and his colleagues outlined the formative phases of a vibrant free press in Iraq while working to explain the mission to the American people. He helped establish regular press conferences at Baghdad City Hall for the new Iraqi media. "Americans take a free press for granted. But in Iraq we were watching the culture of investigative journalism take shape for the first time," he says. "In some ways it was the first shred of transparency and accountability among government officials." Basile spent time with the Iraqi and Western press corps to push out the details of a society in transition.

Basile often left the "Green Zone," taking trips to the north where Hussein killed thousands of Kurds in the 1980s. His travels also took him south where Hussein attempted to destroy the Marsh Arab civilization by diverting the waters that fed the Hawr Al-Hawizeh wetlands.



*Thomas Basile speaks with local Kurdish leaders near the site of the Halabjah gas attacks in northern Iraq prior to Secretary of State Colin Powell's visit.*



*Thomas J. Basile, Hofstra '97, in Iraq*

"They're just 7% of their original size. Hussein used basic needs as weapons to commit mass murder."

Basile says that the most memorable part of his journey was his first-hand exposure to the dangers of authoritarian rule. "Amid the violence, you also saw how resilient the human soul can be, even in the face of such oppression," he recalls. In June 2004 Basile was awarded the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Medal from the Department of Defense for his work with the Coalition.

After answering questions from NYU faculty and students, Basile made time for SigEp, sharing how his fraternity experience helped him achieve his goals. Basile said, "SigEp reinforced a personal sense of duty to community and our fellow man." He calls his brothers "a constant source of strength during my deployment." Basile hopes that "undergraduates can take something away from my experience, just as I continue to seek advice from other alums today, more than ten years after college."

*If you want to learn more about setting up an alumni speaker series at your chapter, contact **Josh Terrill, NYU '08**, at [josh.terrill@gmail.com](mailto:josh.terrill@gmail.com).*



# A different kind of degree: Brother earns a master in martial arts

BY BRIAN RAPIEN  
Cincinnati '10

*As a martial artist I will respect my family and my home. I will endeavor to bring honor to my art. I will pursue my education to the best of my ability, with integrity and respect for my parents, teachers and my fellow man. I understand that violence is weakness and that compassion is strength!"*

— Martial Artist Creed

As a child, **William Snowden, Texas-San Antonio '08**, watched Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, trying to duplicate the martial arts moves of the four heroes. At age seven, he began to study Ba Ki Do, a style of



William Snowden, Texas-San Antonio '08

martial arts developed by Grand Master Michael Bainton in 1995. Students focus on developing respect for family values, education and self worth, and it requires a healthy dose of diligence to master.

Snowden, Texas Sigma's chapter president, has studied martial arts for 15 years. He took four years to pass 13 levels and earn a black belt, seven more years to earn a fourth degree black belt, and four more years to achieve the rank of a sixth degree black belt and Master in the art of Ba Ki Do. Only four others have reached this rank worldwide. "No matter how high in rank I climbed, I had to fight for every inch because things are very strict at

my school," Snowden explained. He spent weeks perfecting three-hour routines and was required to perform and document chores at home while maintaining a 90% grade average in school. Prior to testing for the next level, Snowden needed "permission slips" from teachers and his parents showing his respect at home and diligence in the classroom.

Snowden fought through a number of painful injuries to reach his goal and has helped other students obtain a black belt. He was named a world champion at the International Martial Arts World Championship in 2002 and nominated to the International Martial Arts Black Belt Hall of Fame later that year.

Snowden was also a campus leader in his role as vice president of external relations for Texas-San Antonio's Interfraternity Council (IFC). During his term as chapter president, the chapter moved its GPA from last place (2.37) to first place (2.73) of the eight IFC fraternities on campus. The chapter received IFC's Top GPA and Most Improved GPA in the same semester. While he may be a SigEp role model for diligence, Snowden says he is "just a normal guy with a fun story."

## Creighton crime fighters help catch their man

BY THOMAS BAUDENDISTEL  
Cincinnati '11



Drew Mandl, '08

Like a modern day Sherlock Holmes, a SigEp sleuth foiled one thief's plot with a lot of diligence and a little luck. While **Drew Mandl, Creighton '08**, and two other Creighton SigEps, **Shane Sercl, '07**, and **Nick Haberman, '08**, were away on spring break, someone broke into their house and another nearby fraternity house. The thief stole a new PlayStation 3, a car and some checkbooks, among numerous other things, and he somehow managed to evade the local police. After a few weeks of inactivity, the thief made the mistake of writing several stolen checks to himself using his real name. After finding out the culprit's name, Mandl "googled" it and found an article about him breaking into a fraternity house at Nebraska-Lincoln. He later managed to stumble upon the culprit's MySpace page as well.

Mandl created a fake MySpace account and sent the man a friend request. Within a week, he got the thief's phone number, workplace, and hangout spots. He even found pictures of the thief in the stolen car. After giving this information to the police, a plan was formed and a trap was set.

The police apprehended Christopher Butcher at a local bar with the stolen car, check books, and some drugs. They later linked him to six other break-ins around Nebraska and he was sent to jail. He pleaded guilty to all charges and faces a maximum sentence of 90 years. Mandl used technology, creativity and a determination to hold the culprit accountable to thwart a thief and prevent him from striking again.

## EDITORIAL

# Second time's the charm: On the EDGE again

BY ZACH GERMANIUK

Ohio State '09

I attended EDGE in the spring of my freshman year like most new brothers. At the time, I felt it was a nice gesture but similar to other activities I had participated in. I saw it as a one-time experience. How wrong I was.

I went back to EDGE in May 2007, this time as an Epsilon brother. In the weeks leading up to the camp, I felt somewhat isolated from my Fraternity as I began charting my own path into the post-graduate world. I hoped my second EDGE would help me re-connect to my Fraternity. My second experience has given me some new insights.

The EDGE experience is perfectly summed up in its title. You, I, all of SigEp, stand on an edge with two ways to move. We can move backwards, ignoring the exciting possibilities that lie *beyond* the edge; or, we can dive down deep into the experience, learning about ourselves

and building a strong foundation for the future. Each EDGE allows you to play out that an inner struggle.

A strong SigEp foundation is started at EDGE. We started early: instilling self-discipline and drive. We emphasized physical ability. Barefoot, we exercised as a group in the classic Greek style. Trekking through woods and fields, I felt connected to the earth, my own heartbeat, my concentrated mind, and my brothers.

Later, we paired off and talked of our goals and aspirations, speaking softly and listening hard. The empathy needed for this connection requires each brother to drop all pretenses of appearance or physical ability and address his brother Mind to Mind. This "letting-go" creates an unrivaled sense of community, save perhaps a close-knit family or military unit. In many ways, SigEp is these things too, since each chapter is a family unit that nurtures its

members and fights daily against the stereotypes, mistakes, and apathy that would make our brotherhood less.

Did I mention that the experience was FUN? We split off on an adventure course through the woods, testing our ability and potential with different events; we could not work alone. The combined experiences of the natural world, individual connection, and total body engagement created a lasting impression in my mind, and struck at the heart of what EDGE should be.

It has been said that the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. If our lives in Sigma Phi Epsilon are to have any meaning, we must take full advantage of the first step.

*Germaniuk recently won Ohio State's David Citrino Undergraduate Poetry Award. After college, he hopes to attend law school.*

## Top 30 chapters in manpower

Below are the 31 largest chapters in the nation from SigEp, with two tied for 30<sup>th</sup> place. Twenty-one of these chapters claim over 100 men. With a total of 252 chapters, these top manpower houses represent just over 12% our chapters. In sheer numbers of men, however, these 3,574 undergraduates account for 24% of the 14,651 SigEps currently on campus.

School	Manpower	School	Manpower
1. Illinois	176	16. CalPoly-SLO	109
2. Oklahoma	174	17. Eastern Illinois	106
3. Texas-Austin	163	18. Northwestern	105
4. Florida	146	19. Virginia Tech	104
5. Arizona	142	20. Michigan	101
6. Purdue	134	21. Tennessee	101
7. Texas Christian	132	22. Oregon State	97
8. Loyola Marymount	124	23. Missouri State	95
9. Mississippi	124	24. St. Louis	95
10. Wisconsin	122	25. South Carolina	95
11. San Diego State	117	26. Auburn	94
12. Nebraska	115	27. Louisiana State	94
13. Georgia	114	28. Drake	93
14. Central Arkansas	113	29. Dartmouth	93
15. Miami (Ohio)	112	30. Southeast Missouri State & Cincinnati	92

## Moravian Chapter Hosts Congressman



Moravian College hosted Congressman Charlie Dent at its Ceremony of Leadership earlier this year. The event recognizes leadership within the Fraternity and local community, and over 110 brothers, alumni, college dignitaries and community leaders attended. Steven Samuelson, member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and Dr. Christopher Thomforde, Moravian's President, also spoke.



# West Chester provides training ground for local police drill

BY PHIL TRIPP  
West Chester '91

**T**he Penn Tau Chapter at West Chester was “raided” by police in February. Three times. And by invitation.

Several local police departments and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board needed a location to train officers in proper procedure for approaching party or group situations involving alcohol and possible underage violations. The chapter was approached by an alumnus and member of a local police department, and chapter leaders readily agreed to serve as host for the mock party, organizing about 30 “attendees.”

Police cars surrounded the chapter house, and officers investigated a reported disturbance. For the first drill, most attendees were cooperative and the “raid” proceeded quickly. By the second drill, actors really got into their role, providing much more realistic training for the officers. Students escaped through windows, became belligerent, passed out, cried and were, in one officer’s opinion, “very realistic — but sober!”

What came out of this unique service project? Besides great police training, this effort gave the police a chance to see students in a different light. The students were amazed at not only the concern the

officers had for their safety and rights, but also the risks police routinely face in such a crowd situation. One student commented, “It was different seeing this from their perspective. I always thought they were there to bust heads. It was completely different.”

The police officers had to bring “props” such as beer bottles and a keg to the drill. They seemed to expect these would be standard fixtures in a “frat house.” The SigEp property has been substance free (no alcohol or tobacco) for several years. The Penn Tau Chapter provided a unique service to the campus and community by inviting the police to the party!



Brandon Thomas, Kentucky '08



Joseph Feehan, Kentucky '09

## Two Receive Kentucky Singletary Awards

Each year the University of Kentucky presents the Otis A. Singletary Undergraduate Awards. Named for Kentucky’s former president, the award recognizes students who have demonstrated superior leadership, academics, and service to the community.

**Brandon Thomas, Kentucky '08**, received the Otis A. Singletary Outstanding Junior Award from Kentucky and maintains a GPA of 3.73. He served as his chapter’s chaplain last year and is the president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, UK Project Health Director, and ambassador for the College of Arts & Sciences. He volunteers in the free dental clinic. This fall, he is studying abroad in Barcelona, Spain. **Joseph Feehan, Kentucky '09**, last year’s vice president of finance, received the Singletary Outstanding Male Senior Award and has 3.65 GPA. After graduation he will join the workforce of J.P. Morgan in Texas.

## Top 30 chapters in recruitment for the '06-'07 academic year

Below we list the Top 32 chapters in recruitment for the '06-'07 academic year, including a five-way tie for the last three spots. These men are registered with Fraternity Headquarters. Learn more about how to recruit men to your chapter using programs such as a Balanced Man Scholarship, summer recruitment plans and making the most of the formal recruitment period on your campus. Check the Undergraduates section at [www.sigep.org](http://www.sigep.org). Congratulations to these chapters for setting the bar high for new members.

School	Recruits	School	Recruits
1. Mississippi	91	17. Kentucky	44
2. San Diego State	64	18. Missouri State	44
3. Illinois	61	19. Pennsylvania State	44
4. Oklahoma	60	20. Villanova	44
5. Texas-Austin	58	21. CalPoly-SLO	42
6. Arizona	54	22. Florida Atlantic	42
7. Florida International	54	23. Miami (Ohio)	41
8. Central Arkansas	53	24. Texas Christian	41
9. Illinois State	53	25. Oklahoma State	40
10. Colorado	51	26. South Carolina	40
11. Purdue	47	27. Wisconsin	40
12. Eastern Illinois	46	28-30. CalPoly-Pomona,	
13. Auburn	45	Georgia, Kansas State,	
14. Florida	45	Michigan, and Southeast	
15. Texas Tech	45	Missouri State	39
16. UCLA	44	<i>*Italics denotes a Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC)</i>	

## SigEps sweep student government elections nationwide

BY STEVE DORSEY  
American '09

Across the nation, several chapters have been filling student government seats in spring elections. **Travis Green, Dartmouth '08**, was elected student body president in Dartmouth's Student Assembly. Green, a Florida native, majors in natural and artificial science, a curriculum he designed. Green rows on the varsity heavyweight crew team and edits for *The Dartmouth* daily newspaper.

**Max Carranza, Central Arkansas '07**, is working on his second term as student body president. **Michael Warren, Oklahoma State '07**, was elected student government president, and is a political science major. He represents about 20,000 undergraduates at Oklahoma State, and oversees \$500,000 in student fees. "This victory was a complete credit to the support my Fraternity brothers gave me," Warren said.

Chapter President **Ryan Moseley, Florida '07**, was elected student body president following a previous role as treasurer. A native of Derbyshire, England, he is majoring in finance and plans to go to law school. Moseley wants to create a student government handbook and a university GPS bus tracking system so students hit their bus stop on time.

American reported that members took three of the four executive board positions in the university's student government. **Joseph Vidulich, American '08**, returns to the executive board as president. Also, **Jeffrey Hanley, American '09**, won his race for vice president, and **David Teslicko, American '09**, was elected comptroller. Coordinator of Greek Life Danny Kelley said he does not recall when American University Greeks have been elected to so many posts at once.

## Need a chapter counselor? Ask your college president!

BY CHRIS FORT  
Monmouth '09

When the Monmouth chapter counselor position opened up this past spring, the undergraduates faced a difficult task: replace trusted friend and adviser of over ten years, Professor Dick Johnston. A young executive board created a list of candidates and quickly narrowed the field. The chapter and its Alumni and Volunteer Corporation Board settled on one man to extend an offer to fill the void: none other than the president of Monmouth, Dr. Mauri Ditzler.

President Ditzler sat down for an unexpected meeting last March with Monmouth Chapter President **Brent Sherman, '09**, who invited him to fill the chapter counselor position. The reply came quickly. "I was a bit surprised, to say the least," Ditzler commented, "but I was excited to work on the ground level of the Greek system, especially in such a healthy fraternity."

Despite attending heavily Greek-affiliated Wabash College, Ditzler didn't join a fraternity as an undergraduate. "When I left for college, my father told me 'no fraternities.' I thought about joining one anyway," he said with a smile.

Nonetheless, he has a positive view of the Greek system. "I believe the Greek system is an integral part of any academic institution. I know if we hope to accomplish some things I'm hoping for at Monmouth, it will all start with the fraternities and sororities on campus."

Ditzler is exploring ways to expand the Greek community, and his personal involvement in the strongest Fraternity on campus will provide insight about the current health of the Greek system and criteria to use in future expansion efforts.

Ditzler believes that one of the biggest challenges he'll face as SigEp's adviser is staving off any bias toward the Fraternity over the others on campus. "It's important that [other fraternities] realize I'm not going to be giving any special treatment just because I'm the chapter counselor."

In just a short time, Ditzler has shared his advice and expertise at weekly chapter meetings. His favorite part? "I love the end of the meetings where everyone gets to say something," Ditzler divulged, referring to the 'remarks for the good of the Fraternity.' "That's where you get to see the camaraderie shine."



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## Burning heart ceremony may be the biggest

Wisconsin-Platteville makes a big deal over its burning heart ceremony every year. "Big" means a burning heart of over 200 feet wide and almost 250 feet long. Wisconsin Theta holds the ceremony after the annual SigEp Spring Banquet and took pains to get a great shot of it this year. "It is so awesome to see the heart come out of the darkness. It reminds us of our important accomplishments over the year," said Chapter President **Brett Metzger, '08**.



# SigEp is top pick for Israeli baseball draft

BY BRIAN SHAWN  
North Dakota '02

**Aaron Levin, Cal-Poly SLO '08**, received quite an honor this past spring. On April 26, Levin was selected as the top overall pick in the Israeli Baseball Draft. "I was shocked to be the first overall selection," Levin says. "I had no idea I was regarded that highly as a prospect. I couldn't believe this was really happening."

The 2007 draft was even more special for Levin because Hall of Fame pitcher Sandy Koufax was the last selection in the draft, an honorary tribute to the Dodger great. ESPN online published a front-page article after Koufax was selected that also mentioned Levin. "I am the biggest Dodger fan of all time," Levin adds. "It was such an honor to be named in the same article, all of this is so unbelievable

to me." (To see the article, go to *ESPN.com* and search on "Koufax tribute.")

Levin did not even play baseball in '06-'07. After two years of junior college, Levin was selected first-team all-conference and had some opportunities to play at the next level, but chose not to pursue them. "It just didn't feel right at the time," Levin explains. "I honestly don't know why I didn't look at more of my options."

Levin took the year off from playing and instead pursued coaching, another passion. This past year, he was the assistant varsity coach at San Luis Obispo High School where he was mentored by former major leaguer Casey Candale. Candale and Levin worked for two months to prepare for Levin's experience

overseas. "Casey has helped me so much," Levin says. "He has taught me a lot about the game, and I've really improved because of his advice."

Levin serves the SigEp chapter as sports chair and fundraising chair. "I came in and really tried to help us win more intramural sports on campus," Levin says. "We had a lot of success this past year, and I'm proud of that."

Levin plays first base for his team. He hopes exposure to scouts at his games will lead to some opportunities back in the United States. Levin says, "I'm just going to go out there, work hard, and see what happens." Levin expected to play about 50 games overseas this summer and return to campus this fall to finish college.

## Our very own frat boys

### North Carolina Pi, Western Carolina University

**Reasons: Poor grades and risk issues**

**Action: Charter Suspended**

For three consecutive semesters, the Western Carolina chapter reported below a 2.6 minimum chapter GPA. In August 2006, Western Carolina University placed North Carolina Pi on social probation for violating university and Fraternity risk management policies, prohibiting alcohol at any chapter event through the spring 2007 term.

In February 2007, a 20-year-old member of the chapter sustained serious injuries after falling from the roof at the chapter's off-campus residence. Allegedly, alcohol was involved.

In response, the university placed the North Carolina Pi Chapter under a temporary cease and desist order, prohibiting all chapter activities while local law enforcement investigated the incident. While the order was in effect, the chapter held a social event with another university organization.

The chapter failed to meet SigEp's minimum academic standards and violated SigEp's risk management policies. The chapter's charter was suspended by the National Board of Directors.



### SigEp's 267,000<sup>th</sup> member hails from Oregon State

BY JED BABBIN  
Marquette '08

**Joe Fearey, Oregon State '10**, is the 267,000th member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. A political science major with a 3.8 GPA, Fearey was attracted to SigEp's strong academic

focus. The quality and character of the existing members also heavily influenced Fearey's decision to become a brother. As a balanced man, Fearey is part of a summer hiking club, and his other sporting interests include long boarding, tennis, biking and snowboarding. Fearey looks forward to moving into the chapter house next year. He wants to become more involved, perhaps as a member of the Chaplain's Standards Board. Fearey was honored and excited to be the Fraternity's 267,000th member and felt that this number showed an incredible unity of purpose, with so many individuals working together to reflect the values of SigEp.

**"No man is rich enough to buy back his past."**

— Oscar Wilde

The following is a listing of SigEps who have passed away in recent months. It is our chance to remember those brothers who, through their death, have reminded us that life is transitory.

**Scott T. Alexander**  
Pittsburgh '93

**S. Ted Antholis**  
New York U. '63

**Martin S. Asbury**  
Northern Colorado '65

**David E. Davis**  
Elon '74

**Paul J. Desnoyers**  
Lehigh '52

**Carlisle W. Evans Jr.**  
Tennessee '38

**Jeremi Ron Gary**  
Louisiana State '99

**Warren E. Gast**  
Michigan '52

**Philip F. Graves**  
Bucknell '52

**Cecil E. Guthrie Jr.**  
Auburn-Montgomery '78

**Kenton R. Hanscom**  
Alaska-Fairbanks '03

**Richard C. Hum**  
Ohio Wesleyan '44

**John Robert Kolstad**  
Tulsa '51

**Ed Kuriansky**  
Dartmouth '66

**Frank R. Marrs**  
Marshall '53, Past Staff

**Frank N. Martino**  
Texas-Austin '49,  
Order of the Golden Heart

**William H. McKellar Jr.**  
Colorado State '39

**Kent Floyd Morris**  
Arizona '71

**Anthony Pierce**  
West Texas State '76

**Douglas C. Robinson**  
Oregon State '48

**Andrew T. Sarkisian**  
West Virginia University '00

**Timothy V. Scalzo**  
Southern California '69

**William Charles Schwager**  
Stetson '76

**Frank B. Stahl Sr.**  
Kansas '35

**Ronald D. Stehouwer**  
Colorado State '59

**Daniel B. Stuart**  
Texas-Austin '50,  
Citation Recipient

**Jack P. Thornborrow**  
Utah State '69

**Lt. Col. Lawrence  
Dean Tycer**  
Oregon '54

**Walter Wagamon**  
Delaware '70

**Paul Edward Philip White**  
Lehigh '38

## Undergraduates

**Sean J. Hanna**  
Rutgers '09

## The Necrology at the 50th Grand Chapter Conclave



In a somber and touching ceremony, participants stand during the Necrology as brothers line up to honor the men who have passed away since the last Conclave. The burning heart glows from the monitors. Bruce Hasenkamp, Dartmouth '60, presides over the tradition at the Brotherhood Luncheon. A table set for 12 at the head of the room reminds us of our Founding Fathers.





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# Drake capital campaign designed to secure housing for years to come

BY KEVIN TEETS  
Tennessee-Martin '06

Chartered in 1948, Drake University's Iowa Delta Chapter thrived as a campus leader until the late 80s, when manpower started trending down locally and nationally. The chapter closed in 1996, and local alumni who stayed active were able to re-colonize in 2000.

In 2002, Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC) Vice President **Rod Rhoades, '57**, President, **Gary Ordway, '64**, and 80 men at Drake happily celebrated re-chartering. A year later, the chapter was honored to become a Residential Learning Community. Five years and two Buchanan Cups since re-chartering, the AVC and chapter are ready to celebrate again as their \$800,000 capital campaign works to unite alumni of the past and ensure the chapter's future.

The men of Iowa Delta have called the house at 1243 34<sup>th</sup> Street home. The facility has been adorned with well-recognized SigEp regalia: the red doors, crest and badge. But the chapter's name was missing from an important piece of paper: the deed. "Knowing that the chapter itself has stayed strong and is running well, the AVC and other alumni leaders set our sights on securing our housing situation," Ordway said. In the fall of 2006, the AVC purchased the facility with the help of the SigEp National Housing Corporation and partnered with Omega Financial to kick the capital campaign into high gear to fund renovations.

Ordway, a co-chairman of the campaign, says the renovations are important to ensure that the chapter remains the number one fraternity on campus and that the facility is safe and energy efficient for the next 40 years. The first of two renovation phases began this summer and included installing a fire sprinkler system, high-efficiency boiler and air conditioning, and



*Multi-purpose educational space and a faculty office along with interior upgrades are on tap for further renovations at Drake. The campaign has raised two-thirds of its \$800,000 goal.*

significantly upgrading the electrical and security systems. The second phase for next summer will enhance the residential learning environment by creating a multi-purpose educational room for faculty lectures, building a faculty office, remodeling the chapter's library, and renovating the bathrooms and interior of the facility.

"This campaign has pulled everyone together. It's very exciting to see the younger graduates and undergraduates stand up to do their part," said Rhoades, national campaign vice-chairman. "We want all Iowa Delta alumni and friends to participate and make a financial commitment to this historic undertaking." Other campaign leaders include **W. Andrew Wright, '69**, **William Longfield, '60**, **Stephen Nellis, '64**, and **Christopher Trunkey, '88**.

By June 2007, the alumni and undergrads had pledged over \$530,000 toward the \$800,000 goal. Ordway said he is thankful and proud of all who have supported Iowa Delta's future. "There is more work to be done. We have a plan and will continue working toward our goal. Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love will carry the day."

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To learn more about how you can help the Iowa Delta capital campaign, go to the chapter's website at [www.drakesigep.org](http://www.drakesigep.org) or e-mail Gary Ordway at [gordway@pattersonfirm.com](mailto:gordway@pattersonfirm.com).

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