

ΣΦΕ AT CINCINNATI IS GROWING AND IMPROVING

BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP IS POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON RECRUITMENT

After another impressive showing at conclave last August and another Buchanan Cup, the chapter continued in stride with a strong fall quarter. The membership numbers increased to more than 140 brothers, the largest anyone can recall. The strong numbers are driven by the Balanced Man Scholarship (BMS) that bolsters fall recruitment. Over half the new members recruited were part of the scholarship process or connected to someone that was. The undergraduate brothers continue to innovate with the BMS program, incorporating a Parent's Weekend during the summer quarter allowing parents to ask questions about the scholarship, student life, and the fraternity. This year University President Gregory H. Williams delivered the keynote address, touching on the role of fraternities in developing college students into leaders. The event ended with a reception at the chapter house, where parents interacted with undergraduate brothers and alumni board members.

UPDATES MADE TO CHAPTER HOUSE

The chapter and AVC have made some recent improvements to the chapter facility; most notable are the TV/pool room and second floor hallway. The chapter led the effort in the TV/pool room on the lower level, putting in hardwood laminate flooring, refinishing the pool table, removing the antiquated big-screen TV, and opening up the space between the TV and pool area. They even got their parents involved having one dad-uncle team provide a new granite countertop with the SigEp heart etched into the finish. On the second floor we remodeled the entire hallway, taking the walls down to the studs, replastering, replacing medal doorframes, new flooring, and improved lighting. Brother **Dan Fatica '73** generously donated new leather furniture for the alumni formal room and TV room.

POPULAR ALUMNI EVENTS

Finally, we are expanding the alumni events we host. While our Homecoming attendance was slightly impacted by the Friday night

parade, we still had a strong showing on the back porch for the traditional post-parade cookout. Last year we enjoyed record attendance at the annual golf outing and look to build on it this year. **Greg Miles '84** will provide information on this year's event. Be on the lookout for new alumni events as the chapter is looking to expand programming and communication, taking advantage of the electronic media such as the alumni website (www.alumni.ohiotheta.info) and on Facebook (Ohio Theta Alumni page).

As always, we encourage new volunteers on the AVC. If you are interested in helping with householding or interacting with chapter leaders through mentoring, contact **Rey Medina '99** at reymedina@hotmail.com or me.



Fraternally,
John Abraham '77
Ohio Theta AVC President
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OHIO THETA UNDERGRADUATES END 2011 ON A STRONG NOTE

- 3.4 Chapter G.P.A.
- 142 Members—A Chapter Record

To kick off the new year, we celebrate the successful completion of fall quarter. We approach this calendar year with arms wide open, ready to embrace it with virtue, diligence, and brotherly love. The Balanced Man program serves us well and provides a four-year leadership development plan for our members. We are constantly striving to improve the program by adapting to the changing world. We have recently revamped our Sigma and Phi Challenges in order to provide our brothers with a richer college experience.

The last calendar year yielded many successes. First and foremost, our brotherhood has grown tremendously. We have 142 members, the largest chapter size in Ohio Theta history. Our academics continue to improve and we excelled with a 3.4 chapter G.P.A. during the 2010 spring quarter; the highest among all University of Cincinnati Greek organizations.

We have not only succeeded in the classroom, but our athletics have produced championships. This past fall our athletic teams won two volleyball

championships and a football championship. These three titles complement our softball championship from last spring.

Our newly elected executive board has been hard at work, preparing for the year. We look to build off of the successes of those that came before us to enable our brothers to perform to the best of their abilities.

Check out the website over the next year for updates on our progress and accomplishments. You can also find us on Twitter (@UCSigEp) and on Facebook (UC Ohio-Theta). Thank you for your continued support of our fraternal brotherhood.



Fraternally,
Joe Blizzard '14
Chapter President
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THE LEGACY OF OHIO THETA

Seeking Future Balanced Men

The continuation of our fraternity lies heavily on the recruitment of quality men who will carry on SigEp's legacy into future decades. Recruitment suggestions often come from family members who were Ohio Thetas themselves or SigEps from other universities. Below is a list of current members who have familial ties to Sigma Phi Epsilon. If you have a family member or know of a quality young man who is interested in Greek life at the University of Cincinnati, please send his name and contact information to Recruitment Chairman **Matt Glahn '14** at glahnmt@mail.uc.edu.

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Rob Cross '95 (Uncle)

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Andrew Vehr '14 (Brother)
Brad Faigle, Ohio Pi '07 (Cousin)

Ryan Pontizins '15
Michael Pontizins '08 (Brother)

Brandon Trame '14
Michael Taney '91 (Cousin)

James Acosta '14
Jim Reger '59 (Grandfather)
Adam Reger '05 (Cousin)

Michael Bradford '14
Jon Bradford '81 (Father)

Jared Yates '13
Brian Yates '11 (Brother)

Ryan Fleming '11
Ron Fleming '71 (Father)

Chas Wiederhold '13
Tom Wiederhold, Ohio Alpha '80 (Uncle)

Nate Bodenschatz '14
Cameron Bodenschatz, Ohio Gamma '12 (Brother)

Matt Miller '13
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Andrew Vehr '14
Brad Faigle, Ohio Pi '06 (Cousin)

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Ronald Stankie, Ohio Nu '78 (Father)
Randy Stankie, Ohio Nu '82 (Uncle)

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SIGEP SINGERS WELCOME HOLIDAY SEASON

Ohio Theta SigEp Singers spread Christmas cheer throughout the University of Cincinnati Greek Community during the holidays. Sororities were serenaded by classic tunes like *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, and *I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus*. The event was the brainchild of Brothers **Bryan Buechner '15**, **Mike Brutz '14**, and **Logan Brooks '13**, to promote participation in one of our fall philanthropies, the Ginger Greek House Competition.

This event, started last year by Brothers **Mark Kroeger '11** and **Matt Welker '14** and continued this year by Brother **Dan Hanna '15**, raises money for Smile Train, an international charity that provides cleft palate surgery to those in need. SigEp Singers was such a success that Ohio Theta plans to expand the Ginger Greek event, caroling and singing for extended care facilities, hospitals, and anywhere that will allow our voices to ring out. There is no word, however, if the SigEp Singers plan on competing with New Hampshire Alpha, whose members make up the group Dartmouth Aires, who just won second place on ABC's *The Sing-Off*.



Ohio Theta members organized a choir group that serenaded sororities all over campus. The group started as a promotion for the chapter philanthropy but grew popular as its own event.



1959 BEARCAT SIGEPS GET TOGETHER IN COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

A group of Ohio Theta pledge brothers from 1959 get together annually to recount memories and visit. This year they reunited in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Another fabulous SigEp reunion is over, but we recall the chatter, the laughter, teasing, and the reminiscences of yesteryear. Unfortunately, three of our brothers, **John Fesenmeier '59**, **J.C. Strayer '59**, and **Dick Brannaman '59**, were unable to be with us and their presence was truly missed by all of us.

We spent the days investigating the charms of Williamsburg, the history of Jamestown, and the battlefields of Yorktown. We truly lived in Colonial America for five days. In the evenings, the hotel's lobby bar and happy hour found us quietly recounting the day's activities and then the activities of "Remember when?" It was great to be together again, and departure came much too quickly.

As **Dick Roehr '59** noted in the transmittal of his annual calendar memory book to all of us, the 1959 University of Cincinnati Bearcat SigEps celebrated our 75th birthdays and our 23rd reunion at Williamsburg, with our spouses. All of the couples have been married over 50 years.



Keith Banke, Fred Himes, Jim Reger, Jim Tarr, John Eckhart, Bob Stewart, and Dick Roehr met up in Williamsburg for their annual 1959 pledge class reunion.

The reunion next year is going to be at Anna Maria Island, Fla., and reservations are rapidly being filled. It's not too late for the fifty-niners to get in on the action.

Fraternally,
Jim Reger '59

FROM THE BACK FIVE TO ENTREPRENEUR, JOFF MOINE '96 IS GRATEFUL FOR OHIO THETA

Everyone graduates with at least an idea of the direction their career path might take them, and I can honestly say mine didn't head in the direction I had anticipated. After graduation I took a job with a startup company out of Chicago where I spent five incredible years. Eventually, our company was purchased by a .com and needless to say I was out a job. It was time to see what I was made of, so I moved back to Cincinnati to start my own business, Cincinnati Sports Leagues (CSL). Don't let the name fool you; we ran sporting and social events but we became a grassroots marketing powerhouse. After five years the entrepreneurial

bug bit me again. I sold CSL to join fellow SigEp **Ryan Rybolt '97** on a new startup venture in the world of electronic payments, which became Infintech LLC.

I try to stay as involved as time will allow in the community. I'm currently serving on a few boards including the board of trustees for the University of Cincinnati Foundation. I'm most proud of my involvement with Give Back Cincinnati and all the great things we've done over the last ten years. It has been extremely rewarding.

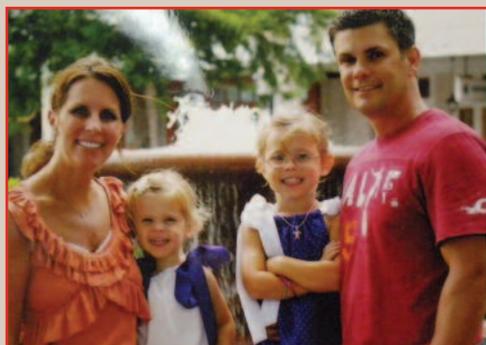
My biggest accomplishment has been my life with my wife, Kelly, and our two amazing daughters, Taylor (5) and Madison (3). We live in Mason, Ohio, where I'm working very hard to convince my girls that playing soccer and watching Bearcat football is better than playing with Barbie and watching *High School Musical* for the 500th time. Needless to say, I'm losing this battle...so far!

Reflecting on my days at SigEp, I can't help but laugh when I think of the first year living in the

house in the Back Five with, at the time, five other guys. From the Back Five to the Presidents Room, those years were certainly very memorable, [as well as] Don Hoback, intramural championships, SigEp Slip & Slide, House Wars, The Annex, Greek Week, Tecmo Bowl tournaments during exam week and the list goes on. Beyond these memories, SigEp has been a cornerstone in my life. SigEp helped develop my confidence, my leadership views and my character but, more importantly, connected me with men that remain a significant part of my life today.

Recently I had the opportunity to briefly speak at the 2010 Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet, which was a first-class event. I was overwhelmed by the level of scholastic, athletic, and community achievements the scholarship attracts today. It validated everything SigEp did for me and represents in my life.

I'm proud to call the University of Cincinnati my alma mater and I'm honored to be a Sigma Phi Epsilon from Ohio Theta.



SAVE THE DATE

OHIO THETA ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

Pebble Creek Golf Course in Cincinnati, Ohio

Saturday, June 2, 2012

12:30 Shotgun Start

Dinner served after round is complete
Cost TBD, more information to come.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Garland Parke '37 entered Chapter Eternal

Jim Robeson '59 entered Chapter Eternal.

Craig Borneman '59 entered Chapter Eternal July 25, 2009.

John Fesenmeier '59 entered Chapter Eternal December 7, 2011.

ALUMNI NEWS

Craig Monnin '94 has been voted in as the new vice president of Bass Anglers Sportsman Society Federation Nation for the state of Georgia. Craig and his wife, Rachel, have two children, Adam, 6, and Reagan, 4. E-mail: craigmonnin@hotmail.com

Rey Medina '99 and his wife, Bethany, enjoyed cheering on the Bearcats with Brothers **Rich Evans '87** and **Phil Wepking '87** at the Autozone Liberty Bowl in Memphis and ringing in the new year with **Dr. Bob Coppola '01** and his wife, Colleen, on Beale Street. E-mail: reymedina@hotmail.com

Brent Nawroth '00 received the 2011 Outstanding Adult Volunteer award by the Ohio Community Service Council. The ServeOhio awards were established to recognize Ohioans who have made great contributions to their communities and the state through service and volunteerism.

Steve Haverkos '09 moved back to Cincinnati after living almost three years in

Attention: This newsletter is intended for Ohio Theta alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Cincinnati, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he is no longer in school, please send us his permanent address to update our records.

Missouri. He is renting a house in Main Strauss, Covington. His employer relocated him to Cincinnati to take on a more central engineering role supporting multiple manufacturing sites across the U.S. He has only been in town for a few weeks but has already reconnected with Brothers Huff, Bryson, Berger, and Gauggel. He is looking forward to

catching up with the rest of you at upcoming alumni events. E-mail: haverksm@gmail.com

Please send your updates to **Rey Medina '99** at reymedina@hotmail.com or mail them to Sigma Phi Epsilon Ohio Theta, P.O. Box 428561, Cincinnati, OH 45242-8561.



*Vice President of the BASS organization
Craig Monnin '94 and two prize-winning bass.*



*Brother Nawroth and his wife at
the ServeOhio awards reception.*