



ALUMNI SUPPORT BRINGS CAMPAIGN TOTAL WITHIN \$905,607

We Need Your Help to Reach Our \$1.2 Million Goal

It's been an exciting time for the *Honoring Our Past, Securing our Future* campaign. The renovation has begun and we are eager to begin the new phase in the chapter's history. A chapter house that is well renovated is a huge asset to the current undergraduates as well as a monument to the strength of our alumni support and loyalty. This value is sensed by the University community and will attract individuals with a desire to see Ohio Theta succeed.

EXPANSION PLANNING CONTINUES AT 321 JOSELIN AVE.

We are pleased to be able to continuously share updates on renovation and construction at the chapter house with you. Most recently, the chapter house expansion project has gone into detail design and planning in the following areas:

- Completed topography land survey and sub-service soil boring investigation to aide in foundation design

- Met with city engineers to clarify ADA requirements for access and elevator designs
- Completed structural and architectural survey of existing building and finalized design incorporating city feedback
- Completed 3D model of existing building and initiated 3D model of new finalized design
- Developed a construction and renovation phased plan to allow the chapter house to remain open during new construction build.

In the next few months our focus will be on:

- Securing construction financing
- Completing engineering drawings
- Making a push to finish out fundraising strong but meeting or exceeding our goal of \$1.2M

If you have not made a pledge, please do so now. We know you want to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Many brothers have taken advantage of our convenient five-year pledge program to maximize their giving potential. All

donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500 to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the new chapter house. If you know of a brother who has not stepped forward with a gift, encourage him to get involved and make a pledge!

Meeting this campaign challenge is both our responsibility in ensuring a lasting legacy of Sigma Phi Epsilon at the University of Cincinnati and it is an honor for us to be able to give back and move our chapter forward to meet the needs of future generations.

Fraternally,
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MEL HAAS '62 REMINISCES ABOUT OHIO THETA MEMORIES

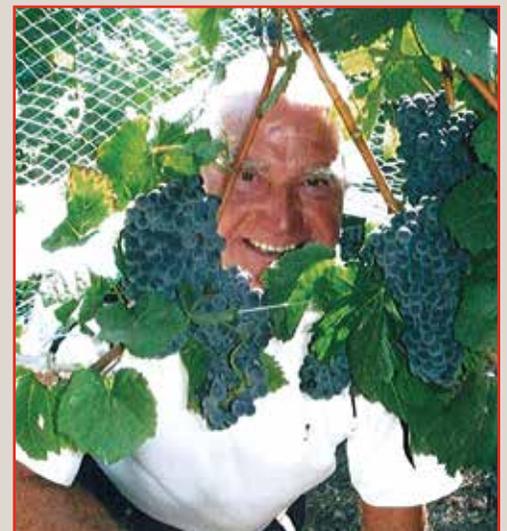
Contributes to Campaign to Ensure Future of Chapter

Mel Haas '62 immediately knew SigEp was the best decision when he met the members. "As I went through recruitment, it soon became apparent to me that SigEp is the fraternity that I wanted to join. In fact, I moved out of another fraternity house when I joined SigEp. I found I had more in common with members I met and could also tell the upper classmen would be good mentors and willing to support and help when needed."

Mel has many fond memories from living in the chapter house. "I enjoyed the intramural basketball games, travelling to other colleges to compete against their teams, the Queen of Hearts dances, and building floats, but most of all, I remember the camaraderie that developed between brothers."

Mel is impressed by the accomplishments of the undergraduates and how they excel in all areas of campus life. He has been able to stay connected with his brothers during class reunions. In May 2005, in Scottsdale, Arizona, **Steve Austin '62** and others put together a multiclass reunion called Desert Swarm, which was a 40-year reunion for the class of 1962. "It was a most inspirational experience for all in attendance. More than 40 brothers attended." On a recent visit to campus, Mel toured the chapter house. "It was quite apparent that despite all of their accomplishments, the tired old house at 321 Joselin needed to be upgraded. Many competing fraternities have built new houses or completed extensive

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THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI, FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE *HONORING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE* CAMPAIGN

Our loyal brothers and friends have shown their generosity by donating more than \$905,607 to the *Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future* campaign. These gifts positively impact Ohio Theta's long-term health and future, and our undergraduate brothers truly appreciate your generous giving. All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500 will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated chapter house. Your interest and involvement make a real impact on Sigma Phi Epsilon at the University of Cincinnati.

If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so that we may make a correction. Thank you, loyal alumni!

Golden Heart (\$100,000 and above)

Melvin Haas '62
In memory of
Tom Bullock '62,
Don Clemmons '62,
Bill Clifton '62,
Tom Critzer '62,
Al Harmann '62,
Bill Hedger '62,
Ralph Krisher '62,
Bill Marshall '62,
Tom Whaley '62, and
Tim Woosley '62
Dan P. Komnenovich '74

Founder's Legacy
(\$50,000 to \$99,999)
The Ohio Theta
Undergraduate Chapter

Sword & the Star Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Al Harmann '62
James A. Jones '63
Richard Mullen '65
Scott Partridge '69
In honor of
the Spring 1965
pledge class
Donald F. Fatica '73
Samir Patel '91

Ohio Theta (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Robert E. Buerger '67
Dennis R. Reigle '67
Laurence Damron '68
Bud Robeson '68
In memory of
James F. Robeson '59
W. Philip Shepardson '68
Timothy L. Timmel '70
R. Jeffrey Day '71
John A. Abraham '77
Herbert H. Bullock '78
Jon LaRue, Ph.D. '79
In memory of
Chris Stires '79
Kelly Conway '82
Luke Gromen '99

James Bokach '02
Michael A. Del Favero '03
Kelly and Joe Haverkamp '03
Ryan Hayes '05
Justin Shafer '05

Brotherly Love (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Ely L. Hill '49
W. Benjamin Evans '53
Donald E. Kindle '55
Russ Overgard '58
Hal C. McGlathery '62
In memory of
Al Harmann '62 and
Bill Hedger '62
James T. Teller '62
Lou Thaman '62
Dwight L. Moody '63
James Wells '65
Mark S. Inzetta '77
Clint Dorger '79
Gary Lessis '83
Harold W. Thomas '53
David Chris '94
Craig Monnin '94
Kevin Broch '95
Joffre Moine '96
Ryan Rybolt '97
Kevin T. Smith '98
Reineiro L. Medina III '99
Judge Brothers Family Gift
Joe Judge '00
Michael Mills '04
Sean C. Cosgrove '05
Steven A. Fingerman '05
Gregory Cook '06
David J. Wenzel '06
Michael Wolff '06
Robert Haverkamp '08
Hiram B. Wooton '08
Zachary Bryson '09
Mark A. Kroeger '11
Joseph C. Blizzard '14
Sean Buchanan '15
Robbie Falick '16

Diligence (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Harold W. Thomas '53
Rudolf Bredenbeck '54

Tom Miller '61
Steve Austin '62
Glenn B. Cooper '62
In honor of
the Class of 1962
Robert H. Heldman '62
Don Ochsner '62
David L. Allen '63
In memory of
Tom Bullock '62
Martin B. Popp, M.D. '64
James W. Maurer '67
Eleanor and
Thomas E. Vick '69
Jim Abend '73
In memory of
Doug Varner '71
Steven H. Campbell '73
Matthew P. Blecke '95
In honor of
William and Carol Blecke
Robert A. Cross '95
Joel Eppley '98
Micah Schehl '00
Matthew Batchler '01
Clinton Ciani '12
Benjamin Garner '12
Chris Hais '12
Kurt Modlich '12
Daniel Niergarth '12
Kyle Sutton '12
Seth Brooks '13
Matthew Meriweather '13
Brendan Phillips '13
Charles Wiederhold '13
Jared Yates '13
Nathan Bodenschatz '14
James Brutz '14
Benjamin Kessler '14
Jonathan Ruther '14
William Schlich '14
Andrew Vehr '14
Andrew M. Woods '14
James Acosta '15
Matthew C. Brown '15
Joseph Merrick '15
Brandon Trame '15
Kevin Vehr '16

Virtue (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

R. Eric Weise '54
George M. McIlveen '56
Alan M. Hardy '57
John Eckhart '59
In memory of
John Fesenmeier '59
V. Ronald Fisk '58
In memory of
Dr. Tami Fisk
Babe and Jim Reger '59
Richard F. Roehr '59
Robert Stewart '59
In memory of
Borny '59
V. Ronald Fisk '58
In memory of
Dr. Tami Fisk
Jesse F. Stock Jr. '61
In memory of
Roger Hotz '61
Gary A. Lensch '62
Rex Levering '62
In honor of
Stephen Austin '62
Robert Novak '62
William P. Freudenberger '63
George Scheurnstuhl '63
Jerry Ose '67
Duane A. Dammeyer '69
Thom Gerdes '79
Bob Mecum '70
In honor of
Phil Shepardson '68
Jon F. Bradford '81
Daniel Lysaught '82
Lee Duncan '83
Brian Steele '00
Dean G. Lutton '01
Matt Berger '09
Grant Juncker '13
Aaron Leader '13
Michael Bradford '14
Brandon Laffin '14
Devon Leahy '14
Weston Ott '15

Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of May 8, 2013

\$1.2 Million Goal

\$905,607 Raised

155 of Contributors

1,065 Mailable Alumni

1949 Society (Up to \$999)

Arthur R. Ehrmschwender '48
Jim Bowman '52
Paul Siegel '52
W. Donald Lieder '53
John Driver '55
Raymond W. Higgins '58
Gerald L. Shawhan '58
Jack Schoenebaum '59
Sheldon Birkhold '60
In memory of
John Bammerlin '61
George McIlveen '56
In memory of
John Bammerlin '61
Charles W. Connell, Ph.D. '62
In memory of
Al Harmann '62
Richard H. Lippert '62
William H. Faul '65
In memory of
Henry J. Faul, M.D.,
Illinois Alpha 'YR
Fred Butler '66
Steven Timmel '76
Don Duba '79
Kevin C. Horton '79
Marc Reynolds '80
Jeffrey Bauer '88
Tom Haas '89
Darren Jauch '05
Philip Burg '07
Stephen Haverkos '09



ALUMNUS DONATES TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Joe Judge '00 Urges Brothers to Cherish Fraternity

For many men, choosing a fraternity can be a difficult decision. But for **Joe Judge '00**, the decision was easy. His older brother, **Mike Judge '97**, was a senior at the University of Cincinnati and a SigEp. "My brother had a tremendous amount of pride in SigEp. It was an easy decision."

Joe works in the commercial real estate industry as the managing director within the Washington, D.C., office of Jones Lang LaSalle. Joe credits a strong SigEp foundation for impacting his career and life after graduation. "When I was initiated, there was such a diverse group of guys that were committed and passionate with a tremendous amount of drive, had good values, and were always willing to have a good time. I was inspired by their ability to focus on academics and balance it with other activities."

Joe urges undergraduates to cherish the time they have with brothers in the chapter house. "Appreciate the friendships you gain while you

are an undergraduate. You will be friends with those brothers for life and possibly work in business with them. Being in a fraternity while you're an undergraduate is a great experience, but you still are a brother while you're an alumnus. You have to stay connected.

"It's important to give back. I gave back to say thank you to the place I called home for three years. This is a bricks and mortar campaign. Most of the memories we had together go back to rooms we can name in the house. We have to keep those available for future generations." Joe urges alumni who can give back to donate to preserving the chapter house. He hopes that alumni will reflect on their experiences in the chapter house and pass that opportunity on to future brothers. "It all starts at the house. The chapter house is the first impression prospective members have and recruitment for quality members is very competitive. The chapter house is a great show of strength as SigEp continues to be the best chapter on campus."

Joe and his wife, Bridget, have one child, Christian, who they hope is a future SigEp Bearcat. They reside in Kensington, Maryland. Joe can be contacted at joe.judge@am.jll.com.



Joe Judge '00, John Judge, David Judge '03, and Michael Judge '97 bond over a round of golf.

OHIO THETA CONTINUES TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Brothers Look Forward to Successful Recruitment

Over the past year, the Ohio Theta Chapter has undoubtedly continued our tradition of excellence at the University of Cincinnati. We have continued to excel in each of our four main pillars of leader, scholar, athlete, and gentleman.

BROTHERS WELCOME 27 NEW MEMBERS

SigEp was honored to begin the year welcoming 27 outstanding new brothers into the chapter. During the fall semester, the chapter once again achieved the highest G.P.A. among fraternities for the third consecutive term, earning a 3.281. We also won our second consecutive flag football championship, continuing our strong athletic performance, after we were awarded the Overall Intramural Championship trophy last year.

UNDERGRADUATES TRAVEL TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY

This year has also been a year of firsts for the chapter. In November, more than 80 brothers traveled to Buckhorn Lake, Kentucky, for the chapter's first out-of-town Semi-Formal. In December, 16 brothers traveled all the way to

Shreveport, Louisiana, over winter break where they helped rehab a local grocery store as a part of our first-ever out-of-town service trip. We also hosted our first SigEp Stromboli event, which raised more than \$750 for Cincinnati Shriners Hospital.

SIGEP BUILDS LEADERS ON CAMPUS

In conjunction with our internal activities, Ohio Theta continues to foster external involvement. As leaders, the chapter now hosts the presidents of ROAR Campus Tour Guides, the University Funding Board, RallyCats, and, most recently, brother **Joe Blizzard '14** was elected to serve as student body president.

The Ohio Theta Chapter looks forward to a successful close to the 2012-13 academic year. With a grand total of 34 new brothers having joined throughout the year, we are in a strong position leading up to the summer where we look to win another successful Balanced Man Scholarship process. We hope to earn our 13th consecutive Buchanan Cup at Conclave in Dallas. Feel free to stop by the chapter house

at any time. We look forward to seeing you and telling you more about the wonderful things Ohio Theta is accomplishing.

Fraternally,
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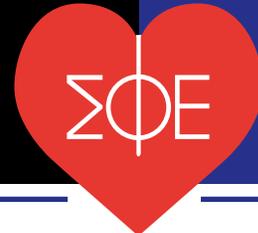


Brandon Trame '15, Neehar Swali '14, Joe Blizzard '14, David Reulbach '16, Brian Havener '16, and Tom Meyer '12 meet up on campus to enjoy the spring day.



A rendering of the front and rear of the chapter house.

THETA DATA



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SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Golf Outing

Saturday, June 1

Pebble Creek Golf Club
Cincinnati, OH

Contact: **Greg Miles '84**
at gomiles@woh.rr.com

Alumni vs. Active Softball Tournament

Saturday, July 27

Contact: **Jerry Powers '99**
at jerrypowers12@gmail.com

Alumni Football Tailgate Cincinnati vs. Purdue

Saturday, August 31

Contact: **Paul Hart '08**
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UC Homecoming Cincinnati vs. Connecticut

Saturday, October 19

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MEL HAAS '62

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renovations. Although 321 Joeslin is a good location, it needs extensive renovation in the worst way." Mel asks alumni to visit the chapter house and see its condition. He urges them to think about how their experiences in the chapter house have impacted their life. "I decided that it's time to give back to what is dear to my heart."

Mel is retired from the retail automotive business and enjoys working in his 950-vine vineyard adjacent to his home. The vineyard produces about 80 cases of wine per year. Mel and his wife, Diana, live in Lafayette, California. Mel can be contacted at mhhaas@comcast.net.

WELCOME, NEW INITIATES

Matt Allen '17 <i>New Vienna, Ohio</i>	Travis Creemer '17 <i>Cleves, Ohio</i>	James Kiddon '16 <i>Fairborn, Ohio</i>	Jeremy Schimmoeller '16 <i>Ft. Jennings, Ohio</i>
Erik Angus '17 <i>Anna, Ohio</i>	Zach Erickson '16 <i>Geneva, Ill.</i>	John Kostyo '16 <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	Sam Schroeder '17 <i>Mason, Ohio</i>
Alex Barsala '17 <i>Lebanon, Ohio</i>	Jarrett Frauhiger '16 <i>Lebanon, Ohio</i>	Jayson Lindsay '14 <i>Archbold, Ohio</i>	William Spellman '16* <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> (Andrew Spellman '15)
Dan Behof '16 <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i>	John Georgeson '15 <i>Middleburg Heights, Ohio</i>	Jacob Linkugel '16 <i>Florence, Ky.</i>	Jason Swords '17 <i>Hinckley, Ohio</i>
Jordan Bryant '17 <i>Eaton, Ohio</i>	Benjamin Gray '16 <i>Fairfield, Ohio</i>	Kent Montgomery '17* <i>Cortland, Ohio</i> (Dr. Thomas Montgomery '72)	Kevin Uckotter '14 <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i>
Phillip Carnes '18 <i>West Portsmouth, Ohio</i>	Tucker Hime '17 <i>Greensburg, Ind.</i>	Caleb Moore '16 <i>Ft. Thomas, Ky.</i>	Gabriel Wenzinger '18 <i>Ottawa, Ohio</i>
Jacob Catron '17 <i>Hillsboro, Ohio</i>	Tanner Journey '16 <i>West Portsmouth, Ohio</i>	Jake Mousel '16 <i>Prospect, Ky.</i>	Nicholas Zenni '16 <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i>
Ben Cerchio '17 <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i>	Robert Kassinger '15 <i>Silver Lake, Ohio</i>	Adam Paul '16 <i>Brooklyn, Ohio</i>	<i>*Legacy; Relative in parentheses</i>
Sam Chambers '17 <i>Ft. Thomas, Ky.</i>		Ryan Salucci '16 <i>Findlay, Ohio</i>	
Ryan Clem '16 <i>Lebanon, Ohio</i>			