

Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future

SIGMA PHI EPSILON • OHIO THETA CHAPTER • UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI



Chapter Expansion Project Receives Commitments of More Than \$953,000

- Construction Scheduled to Begin Spring 2014
- Your Pledge Will Be the Difference for Ohio Theta

It is vital that we, as alumni, contribute time, energy, and financial resources to our fraternity. Our gifts are an investment in the lives of our active members and the future of Ohio Theta. We thank all the alumni who have already contributed, as those gifts will directly impact our undergraduate members.

This historic project will enhance the productivity and viability of Ohio Theta for generations. The project includes:

- Renovating the kitchen and all appliances (currently underway).
- Replacing the heating and air-conditioning system for greater efficiency and temperature regulation.
- Providing ample study space, including areas for individual and group study, and wireless Internet access throughout the house.
- Replacing plumbing and electrical systems to accommodate the increased size of the house.
- Increasing occupancy from 34 to 48 members.
- Adding off-street parking, as required by the city for additional capacity.
- Enhancing the residential learning center with a 145-person chapter room where a university-accredited class can be taught.

We must focus our efforts and ensure the same opportunities provided to us will be available for future members. We

want to make sure Ohio Theta stays strong, and we know you want to see that as well. In order to accomplish this, we must provide a competitive facility that will accommodate future growth while also attracting the best and brightest young men.

Ohio Theta needs your support now more than ever. **Reaching our fundraising goal will allow us to begin construction on the entire project and empower the undergraduate chapter with the tools they need to continue to be successful.** We would like to see our overall participation really grow, and hope you'll get on board with the campaign. Please do what you can to close the gap to our goal and raise our participation so we can ensure the future success of SigEp at the University of Cincinnati. We look forward to adding your name to our donor list.

Fraternally,
Campaign Chairmen
Phil Shepardson '68
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Dan Komnenovich '74
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New tile flooring provides a modern look to Ohio Theta's kitchen. With your support, we can have one of the premier facilities at the University of Cincinnati.



BUD ROBESON '68 ENCOURAGES BROTHERS TO HELP OHIO THETA BY GIVING BACK

Bud Robeson '68 came to the University of Cincinnati campus and pledged SigEp in 1963. He felt that he fit in and was comfortable with the brothers. After being introduced to the fraternity by his older brother, **Jim '59** (former grand national president), Bud was a natural fit at Ohio Theta and, after 50 years, he still feels this way. "We were always a close, but diverse, group of young men," Bud said. "Ohio Theta felt like my home away from home."



and he really set me up personally, as well as the active chapter, for success," said Bud. "His commitment to the chapter was truly something special."

When asked about the capital campaign, Bud encourages Ohio Theta alumni to think back on their fraternity experiences and see if they can put a value on them. "I believe in the fraternity system as the premiere way for our undergraduates to gain confidence and leadership. I enjoyed the challenges and the diversities of what SigEp had to offer, and I believe future men at the University of Cincinnati should be allowed the same opportunities that I had. **In making a contribution, we can perpetuate Ohio Theta so the tradition of SigEp remains strong for future generations.**"

Bud hopes alumni will visit the university when they have a chance and make an effort to meet the undergraduates and see the condition of the house. "The house needs work; the tiles are the same as in the 1960s when I was there. We need to give our undergraduates the right kind of physical environment for academics, recruitment, and success."

Visiting the school annually with close friends **Phil Shepardson '68** and **Jerry Ose '67** reminds Bud of the connection he has not only with the University of Cincinnati, but also Ohio Theta. "We should remember that we are not just SigEps while in school, but for life. Reconnecting with the chapter gives you a chance to renew friendships, make new friends, and meet a group of outstanding young men who are the next generation to share the same oath and ritual we all have. If you are not a part of it, I encourage you to do so. You are truly missing out."

Bud and his wife, Adele, a Theta Phi Alpha at Cincinnati, reside in Williamsburg, Virginia, and have three children and five grandchildren. Bud serves as associate dean for the faculty of the Mason School of Business at the College of William and Mary. Bud still finds time to cook new dishes and enjoys preparing his signature beef bourguignon. He and his wife have visited Napa Valley on wine tours and enjoy touring the wineries in Virginia as well. Bud is also involved with his local community, serving in multiple areas. To connect with Bud, contact him at bud.robesson@mason.wm.edu.

He also remembers **Garland Parker '37**, the longtime university registrar who was the faculty advisor to Ohio Theta at the time. "Garland kept us on track. I remember my conversations with him,

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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 \$953,757 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)

Mel 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 Woozley '62
Dan P. Komnenovich '74
In memory of
David Bennett '74,
Donald Hoback '77,
Larry Kuma, and
Richard Mulvihill '72

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 F. Partridge '69
In honor of the
Spring 1965 Pledge Class
Donald F. Fatica '73
Samir Patel '91

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

Allen Bumpus '58
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
Frank W. Nutter '69
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
Maura and John W. Smith '00
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
Lynn M. Barber '65
James Wells '65
Mark S. Inzetta '77
Clint Dorger '79
Gary Lessis '83
Greg Miles '84
David Chris '94
Craig Monnin '94
Kevin Broch '95
Joffre Moine '96
Ryan Rybolt '97
Kevin T. Smith '98
Reineiro L. Medina III '99
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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
Rudolph Bredenbeck '54
William R. Heckmann '55
Richard Brannaman '59
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
Sean Hoyt '64
In honor of the
Pledge Class of '60
Martin B. Popp, M.D. '64
William Henry '67
James W. Maurer '67
Susan Moran and
Stephen Brubaker '69
In memory of
Song Circles with BPA
Eleanor and
Thomas E. Vick '69
Michael L. Heisel '72
In memory of
Larry Kuzma '73
Jim Abend '73
In memory of
Doug Varner '71
Steven H. Campbell '73
Chris Schneider '83

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
Seth Brooks '13
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

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

R. Eric Weise '54
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Alan M. Hardy '57
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In memory of
Dr. Tami Fisk
John Eckhart '59
In memory of
John Fesenmeier '59
Babe and Jim Reger '59
Richard F. Roehr '59
Robert Stewart '59
In memory of
Borny '59
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
James L. Barrett '63
William P. Freudenberger '63
George Scheurnstuhl '63
Richard L. Amos '67
Jerry Ose '67
Duane A. Dammeyer '69
Thom Gerdes '70
Bob Mecum '70
In honor of
Phil Shepardson '68
Jon F. Bradford '81
Daniel Lysaught '82
Lee Duncan '83
The Fesenmeier Family
In memory of
John J. Fesenmeier '59

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE As of August 20, 2013

\$1.2 Million Goal

\$953,757 Raised

173 Contributors

1,096 Mailable Alumni

Brian Steele '00
Dean G. Lutton '01
Matt Berger '09
Grant Juncker '13
Aaron Leader '13
Michael Bradford '14
Brandon Laffin '14
Devin Leahy '14
Weston Ott '15

1949 Society (Up to \$999)

Arthur R. Ehrnschwender '48
Henry Wade '51
Jim Bowman '52
Paul Siegel '52
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John Driver '55
George M. Mellveen '56
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Raymond W. Higgins '58
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Jack Schoenebaum '59
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Charles W. Connell, Ph.D. '62
In memory of
Al Harmann '62
Douglas G. Hughes '62
In honor of the
Class of '62
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Robert J. Feltz '64
William H. Faul '65
In memory of
Henry J. Faul, M.D.,
Illinois Alpha
Fred Butler '66
Ronald Wickert '67
E. David Crawford, M.D. '69
John Cutshaw '73
In memory of
Doug Varner '71
Steven Timmel '76
Don Duba '79
Kevin C. Horton '79
Marc Reynolds '80
Joseph Fishback '82
Jeffrey Bauer '88
Tom Haas '89
Darren Jauch '05
Phillip Burg '07
Stephen Haverkos '09

JOIN OHIO THETA FOR HOMECOMING

Join SigEp undergraduates and alumni for Homecoming on October 19. Reconnect with your brothers and cheer on the Bearcats as they take on the University of Connecticut Huskies. And don't forget to check out the recent improvements to the house. We hope to see you there!

For the latest news on alumni events and updates on the renovation, 'Like' us on Facebook: Sigma Phi Epsilon-Alumni