



# The Ohio Gamma Red Door

HONOR THE PAST - CELEBRATE THE PRESENT - CREATE THE FUTURE

Alumni Newsletter of Sigma Phi Epsilon at The Ohio State University

## Celebration of the Century!

*A Celebration 100 Years in the Making Concluded in Columbus in October of 2008*

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Nearly 300 brothers and guests gathered in Columbus over the weekend of October 3-5, to celebrate our first century of Ohio Gamma SigEp, and to look forward at the future. Ohio Gamma Alumni met on Friday night in the hospitality suite of the DoubleTree hotel in Worthington, Ohio. Among the distinguished guests present was Grand President Steve Shanklin, who said some kind words about the fraternity's future and how great an asset Ohio Gamma is to the SigEp nation.

On Saturday morning we joined for the strategic planning committee session discussing the use of our current funds, and our future intentions for raising more money. The discussion was led by Strategic Planning Committee Chairman, George Smith '63, and Bob Barnett '71, Chairman of the Ohio Gamma Foundation. Much conversation revolved around the future of housing and scholarships, the tangible byproducts of fundraising.

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We proceeded to the chapter house at 1943 Waldeck Avenue, for house tours, lunch, and campus tours. Many alumni were pleasantly surprised by the pristine *continued on page 4...*



# From the Desk of the Foundation

Now that things have settled down a little from the excitement of the Centennial activities, it gives me some time to reflect on our progress as an Alumni Association.



In 2005, our Alumni Board was a small group including Ken Butler '70, John Barta '70 John Waggoner '70 and myself. We were faced with a number of challenges that sometimes seemed insurmountable. In addition to managing the House and working with the undergrads, the Alumni Board is responsible for raising funds, alumni relations and long range planning. With such a small group, not many of those duties were being accomplished. We knew we needed more Alumni help.

As luck would have it, in spring of 2005, Mike Lockwood '66 started planning his second alumni reunion of the classes from 1960 to 1970. Mike did not know it then but he really was the key to the tremendous number of alumni brothers who are involved with Ohio Gamma today. With the success of that 2005 reunion, Mike agreed to take on the same task for the entire chapter in our 2008 Centennial year. That 2005 reunion also brought the services of George Smith '63. George owns a commercial construction firm in Florida and has the perfect background to develop a long term strategy to deal with the need to replace our House in the future. Scott Phillips, '05 had just graduated and quickly volunteered to publish this Newsletter and Brad Griffith '04 agreed to manage the alumni website.

So, as a direct result of our Centennial trust in 2008 and that reunion in 2005, I'm pleased to report we have more than 50 alumni brothers actively involved with the Ohio Gamma Alumni Association and over 400 brothers have given or pledged money to the Ohio Gamma Foundation. From an Alumni Board that consisted of only 4 brothers in 2005, we now have 16. We have an active Alumni Relations committee continuing to plan future social events, develop our address and email lists and communicate through this Newsletter. And the Ohio Gamma Foundation has received over \$400,000 in donations and future pledges.

It's astounding to me that we have become one of the premier Sig Ep alumni associations in just 3 short years. Your active involvement has made the difference and we can all be proud. My thanks to all of you for a job well done

Please continue to remember The Ohio Gamma Foundation in your giving plans for this year. All tax deductible donations and pledges can be sent to The Ohio Gamma Foundation at 1567 Northcrest Ave. Columbus, OH 43220, or made online at our website, [www.alumni.osusigep.com](http://www.alumni.osusigep.com).

Fraternally,

Robert B. Barnett '71  
President, Ohio Gamma Foundation

# The Undergraduate Update

Dear Brothers~

For Homecoming Week, we were paired with the ladies of Delta Gamma and had a blast while building stronger relations and friendships. Even more exciting for us was to watch 2 of our own brothers, seniors Andrew Eggerding and Scott Dudis, walk out onto the field as members of the Homecoming Court and seeing Scott crowned Homecoming King! Both men continue to take the University Community to better places and strengthen Ohio State by their service and leadership.



At the start of 2009, the fraternity stands at 93 men strong, and the recruitment committee is poised to take us well over the century mark for good during winter quarter. The chapter GPA for this fall was a 3.36, well above the all-Greek average of 3.18. It is clear by these numbers that we continue to lead the Greek Community, but also that there is still work to be done as we strive for the 3.5 mark. As outlined by our development plan, SigEps must strive for balance, and in addition to our Sound Minds we continue to stay active with our quarterly fitness testing. 10 brothers turned in mile times under 6 minutes, muscled up over 1200 pull-ups and cranked out nearly 3000 pushups.

As we enter winter quarter, we look forward to energizing ourselves with the Balanced Man Banquet on January 11, our celebration of the Balanced Man Ideal. We will award 7 freshman students with monetary scholarships, as well as 4 awards to current SigEps. The influx of new brothers



and their readiness to begin their fraternity experience is sure to propel our chapter to new heights. With the elections approaching soon (the first 2 weeks of February), the new executive board will start their term with great enthusiasm as they take us to the next level. We are finding ourselves in a position where we have more strong leaders with great knowledge of SigEp than we have executive board positions, which is a “problem” that we readily welcome.

Thank you to all Alumni for the outstanding support we continue to receive. I speak on behalf of all undergraduates when I say that we are eager to enjoy your company again in the near future. When you are in Columbus, please stop by for a visit!

Fraternally,  
Sean Mittleman  
Chapter President

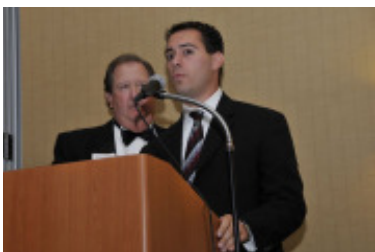
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condition the house is in without the “old-time luxury” of having pledges! The undergraduates also prepared an Alumni Reaffirmation Ceremony which they held at the Indianola Church, across from SigEp. Alumni were reinvigorated with SigEp Pride and reminded of the special qualities of the ritual.

Finally, the Brothers, Alumni Brothers, and guests of honor joined together at the DoubleTree Hotel and Banquet Center in Worthington, Ohio. The banquet began with an address from emcee John “CJ” Waggoner. CJ was followed up by Sean Mittleman (undergraduate President), Dr. Rich Hollingsworth (VP of Student Affairs), The Honorable Archie Yeatts (Past Grand President), and finally Bob Barnett (Ohio Gamma Foundation President.) The speeches recalled memories, shared inspiration for the future, and called all brothers to action so we can move into our second century. To help jumpstart that, the brothers in attendance who graduated between the years 2000-2008 made a joint donation of ***over \$20,000*** to the foundation!

The event concluded with dancing and watching the Buckeyes beat Wisconsin on the big screen TV. Brothers are looking to get together on a regular basis for regional events to keep up the spirit of brotherhood that has built up for the Centennial Celebration!



# Making Concluded in October 2008



## There is Still Time to Buy Your OSU SigEp WaterColor Paintings

Part of the proceeds will be donated to the  
Ohio Gamma Foundation - Details Below!



Janet Waggoner (wife of John "CJ" Waggoner '70) completed an original watercolor of our previous chapter house at 154 Woodruff and our current house at 1943 Waldeck. Our Foundation is now making these prints available for sale to all brothers.

Prints sell for \$100 each and will fit into a standard 16"x 20" frame. For each print purchased, \$65 will be applied as a donation in your name to the Ohio Gamma Foundation. These prints are a unique form of SigEp memorabilia and are available for a limited time. You can request your print by emailing CJ at [waggonj55@aol.com](mailto:waggonj55@aol.com) any time!



# Thank You To Our

## Circle of Brotherhood

### **Herbert Smith Society**

(\$100,000-\$199,999)

**George Smith '63\*~**

### **Golden Heart Society**

(\$50,000-99,999)

**S. Ray Lok '70\***

### **Ruby Society**

(\$10,000-\$24,999)

**James Pfeifer '60\*~**

**Mike Deegan '66\*~**

**Jeff Odenwald '68\*~**

**John Barta '70\*~**

**Ken Butler '70\*~**

**Jim Crossley '70\*~**

**John Waggoner '70\*~**

**Bob Barnett '71\*~**

**Ken Misener '71\*~**

### **Woodruff Society**

(\$5,000-\$9,999)

**Jeff DuBois '66\*~**

**Dan Prucha '69\*~**

**John Barta '70\*~**

**Scott Phillips Jr. '05\*~**

**Mark Mudarth '06~**

### **Founders Society**

(\$2,500-\$4,999)

James McMillan '54\*

Richard Walters '58

Dr. Jim Griesen '63\*

Paul Freshwater '64\*

John Yeaman '64\*

Roger Moore '65

Ray Roop '65\*

Mike Deegan '66\*

Mike Lockwood '66\*

Dave Wilson '66\*

James Doyle '67

Andy Latham '67\*

Bryan McIntyre '69

Tom McLaughlin '69\*

Eric Van Gilder '69\*

### *Founder's Society Cont'd*

Ken Butler '70\*

Don Kender '70

John Waggoner '70\*

Michael Roberts '71\*

Mark Stevens '71\*

Bob Warren '71\*

Lawrence Bechler '72

E. John Raab '73\*

James Allshouse '76

Michael Clark '91~

Bradley Griffith '04\*

## Centennial Club

### **Diamond Society (\$1,000-2,499)**

Tom Wheeler '55~

William Killgallon '60

Ray Fahrmeier '64

Gary Ryan '67

Michael Reed '70

Stephen Sanford '71~

William Grundemann '72~

Todd Wray '91~

Jonathan Maneval '02~

Dr. Donald Stenta '02~

Dennis Kaps '03~

George Gornall '04~

Adam Osenga '04~

Adam Schwartz '06~

Joseph Whittaker '06~

Ryan Fournier '08~

Michael Repasky '08~

### **Pearl Society (\$750-\$999)**

Ed Spellacy '56

Stephen Hicks '86

Wade Guzdanski '05~

### **Gold Society (\$500-749)**

George Stultz '65

Jeffrey Smith '66

Robert Fogoros '73

Brad Brinzo '88

Doug Hange '05

### **Red Door Society (\$250-499)**

Richard Webster '49

Howard Bender '55

William Pfeifer '55

### *Red Door Society Cont'd*

John Knoff '56

Lynford Gabriel '59

Neal Kresheck '61

Ronald Miller '63

Jim Burkhard '64

Dave Cessna '64

Raymond Fahrmeier '64

Marvin Leedom '64

David Rogers '64

Jeffrey Smith '66

William Johnston '67

Gerald Gille '68

Linden Beck '69

Thomas Miller '70

Robert Williams '70

Michael Tranovich '71

Chris Case '72

Mark Reilley '87

Michael Bess '91

Michael Beer '96

Karl Curtis '98

Nathan Stahl '02

Michael Zion '04~

Christopher Alvarez-

Breckenridge '05~

David Smith '07~



\* denotes "Charter Member" of the Founders Society

~ denotes that total donation includes pledged gifts



# Foundation Donors!

## Ohio Gamma Club (up to \$249)

Howard Berthold '42  
 Carl Obenhaus '43  
 Chris Slauter '46  
 Donald Detmer '47  
 Thomas Hildreth '47  
 Alan McAllister '48  
 Robert Johnson '49  
 Carl Alexander '50  
 Marvin Kincaid '51  
 Lloyd Williams '51  
 Jacque Cain '52  
 Richard Dilts '52  
 John Crawford '53  
 LeRoy Jackopin '53  
 Robin Schmidt '56  
 Donald Swales '56  
 Frank Hill '57  
 William McNutt '57  
 George Wilkinson '57  
 Russell Hanthorn '58  
 Lynford Gabriel '59  
 Edward Cass '60  
 Keith V. Smith '60  
 Vernon Burger '61  
 Robert Love '61  
 Frederick Osgood '64  
 Brian Boling '65  
 David Gross '65  
 James Hendrickson '65  
 David Crouch '66  
 Charles Eigenberg '66  
 William Spittler '66

Thomas Routson '67  
 Lawrence Bond '68  
 William Vorlicky '68  
 Dean Failor '69  
 Robert Gochoel '69  
 Bryan McIntyre '69  
 Jeffrey Smith '69  
 Russell Wiseman '69  
 Robert Gille '70  
 Steve Skapik '70  
 Vincent Kazmer '71  
 Rodger Soeldner '71  
 Michael Tranovich '71  
 Chris Case '72  
 David Foust '72  
 Joseph Masternick '72  
 Daniel Miller '72  
 John Tranovich '72  
 Paul Kleifgen '73  
 Mark Rollinson '73  
 Jerry Steiner '74  
 Doug Wemmer '74  
 Stephen Linton '75  
 Edward Miller '75  
 Robert Hanrahan '76  
 Michael Smith '85  
 Bradley Brinzo '88  
 David Cereno '88  
 Mark Walter '89  
 Joseph Roman '90  
 Todd Wray '91  
 Brian Buchholz '92



Derek McClellan '92  
 John Berschied '97  
 Benjamin Balliet '00  
 Christopher Burk '00  
 Brian Head '03  
 George Gornall '04  
 Jeremy Carrier '05  
 Matt Dornauer '05  
 Jeremy Fiser '05  
 Doug Hange '05  
 Wade Guzdanski '05  
 Ron Dulaney '06  
 Mark Mudarth '06  
 Matt Potts '06  
 Adam Schwartz '06  
 Brad Waldsmith '06  
 John Baxter '08  
 Alex Harnocz '08  
 Brent Raes '08  
 Delano Yocco '08

## Centennial Campaign Gift Recognition Levels

Circle of Brotherhood members will be recognized on a plaque and in the brick work at the Chapter House; Centennial Club members in the brick work only.

### OHIO GAMMA CLUB

\$50 Brotherly Love Level  
 \$75 Diligence Level  
 \$100 Virtue Level

### CENTENNIAL CLUB

\$250 Red Door Society  
 \$500 Gold Society  
 \$750 Pearl Society  
 \$1,000 Diamond Society

### CIRCLE OF BROTHERHOOD

\$2,500 Founders Society  
 \$5,000 Woodruff Society  
 \$10,000 Ruby Society  
 \$25,000 Ducal Crown Society  
 \$50,000 Golden Heart Society  
 \$75,000 Harry Kurtz\* Society  
 \$100,000 Herbert Smith\* Society  
 \$200,000 Edwin Buchanan\* Society

*\*denotes an Ohio Gamma that served as  
 Grand President of the National Fraternity*





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Ohio Gamma SigEp Alumni have been re-connecting on the world wide web for nearly five years now! WE WANT YOU to visit our website, read the articles, update your contact information, and post responses to our articles. Furthermore, you can download old editions of "The Ohio Gamma Red Door Newsletter" while you're on the site.

NEW! NEW! NEW! Ohio Gamma alumni now have the ability to view, download, and instantly print pictures from our website! Be sure to visit [www.Alumni.OSUsigep.com](http://www.Alumni.OSUsigep.com) and click on any of the pictures along the right side of the web-page. This will take you to an online photo album (courtesy of Mike Lockwood '66) where you can access all the capabilities of an online photo album. For more information on the website, contact Scott Phillips Jr '05 at [ScottPhillipsJr@gmail.com](mailto:ScottPhillipsJr@gmail.com).

## In Memoriam -- Walter Beecher class of 1934

Walter W. Beecher, an Ohio Gamma Sigma Phi Epsilon brother (class of 1934), passed away at the age of 95 on Nov. 3, 2008. He had been receiving our newsletters all these years and still kept tabs on our fraternity until the very end. His daughter, Jill, says, "My dad was a big football fan his whole adult life. He always watched the OSU games and also LSU games each weekend in the fall. You can well imagine his very mixed feelings last year during the 2008 National Championship game! He finally decided that he could for once relax during the game because he would be happy for which ever team was victorious." Brother Beecher, we thank you for your lifelong commitment to brotherhood - Virtue, Diligence, & Brotherly Love.



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