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New Alumni Scholarships Developed for Undergrads

The Ohio Gamma Foundation is pleased to announce two \$50,000 endowments by our alumni to fund scholarships for undergraduate members of our Ohio Gamma Chapter:

THE BROTHER GEORGE E. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

THE BROTHER S. RAY LOK SCHOLARSHIP

For 2009, each endowment will provide two \$750 scholarships. The scholarships are available to those undergrads that live in the chapter house and a combination of personal character, academic performance, and financial need. Details were announced to the undergraduates at their chapter meeting April 20th so they can begin completing applications. The scholarships will be presented fall quarter, 2009....

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As you have read elsewhere in this newsletter, we have the privilege of announcing the establishment of the first two endowed scholarships in Ohio Gamma history: the George E. Smith ('64) Scholarship; and the S. Ray Lok ('70) Scholarship. We are deeply honored and indebted to Brothers Smith and Lok for their generous gifts to our Foundation. Their contributions highlight the progress we are making in attaining the goals for which the Foundation was established in 2006, and for which the Centennial Campaign was launched in 2008.



In addition to these endowed scholarships, the numerous other contributions to the Foundation to date have supported smaller scholarships allowing several undergraduate brothers to attend various leadership and personal development events sponsored by the national Fraternity, as well as funding our extensive and growing alumni communication and alumni relations programs.

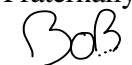
The generosity of our alumni that has allowed us to begin these scholarship programs is already having tangible results at the Chapter level. The prior awarding of general scholarships, and the announcement of the establishment of the additional endowed scholarships, has created an enthusiastic response from the undergraduate brothers. They believe the scholarship programs are an important part of their membership recruiting success, and about which potential members independently inquire.

Something must be working, since at the end of Winter Quarter Ohio Gamma was the largest fraternity on the OSU campus with 123 brothers, and also the leader in academics with a 3.41 GPA. An additional fact many of you may find most surprising is that the average GPA of those brothers living in the Chapter House is higher than the average GPA of those living outside. There is presently a waiting list for rooms next year.

The lifeblood of the Foundation, and in part the Chapter, is and always will be annual gifts to the Foundation from a hopefully ever-growing percentage of our alumni. However, for sheer impact on our success and perceived achievement, the endowed scholarship is our most valuable asset. Moreover, it is the most distinguished way to honor a loved one or memorialize a legacy for the Ohio Gamma Chapter and the undergraduate brothers.

A minimum donation of \$25,000 is required to establish an endowed scholarship. It can be funded through a contribution (or series of contributions) of cash or stock, or at death utilizing proceeds from a life insurance policy or otherwise. There are several other planned gift options that are described in detail in the inserts to the Centennial Campaign brochure (if you have misplaced yours, contact me and I will mail you another set). I will be glad to work with you to help you structure your gift in the manner most beneficial to you.

To all who are supporting our Foundation, thank you so much. To all who will soon begin doing so, thank you as well. We are building an alumni organization that is already being recognized as one of the premier such organizations among Sigma Phi Epsilon Chapters nationally.

Fraternally,

Robert B. Barnett, Jr., President

Sometime ago we became interested in the history of the Ohio Gamma Alumni Corporation. One of our alumni mentioned that there was actually stock issued in the Corporation and it was originally incorporated as a for-profit company.

By tracing records in the office of the Secretary of State of Ohio, I have found that in fact there was a corporation known as Ohio Gamma Company organized on April 16, 1920. This was a **for profit** corporation. On April 6, 1945, a **non-profit** corporation was formed called Ohio Gamma Company. At that time, the for profit entity must still have been in existence because the Secretary of State apparently required the for profit entity to consent to the use of the name "Ohio Gamma Company." A letter consenting to the use of the name was sent to the Secretary of State on March 29, 1945, signed by Mark Evans, President, and John E. Howell, Secretary, of the for profit corporation.

The Articles of Incorporation of Ohio Gamma Company, a not for profit, were filed April 6, 1945, by the incorporators, Mark Evans, Arthur L. Rowe and John E. Howell. Because the name Wilbur Grandle is included on this list, and because I know that Wilbur Grandle had a stock certificate in the original for profit corporation, Ohio Gamma Company, I am guessing that the list of charter members of the not for profit corporation includes all who owned shares of stock in the original for profit entity.

The original trustees named in the articles of incorporation for the not for profit entity were Art Rowe, Mark Evans, John Howell, Edwin Buchanan, Charles E. Miller, Fred Reidenbach and Walter Darnell. On February 2, 1964, the Ohio Gamma Company was assumed by a group of active alumni led by Harry Kurtz, Bill Heim and John J. Petro. The corporate name was changed to Ohio Gamma Alumni Corporation of Sigma Phi Epsilon and the by-laws of the corporation were amended to provide that every alumni of the Ohio Gamma chapter of Sigma Phil Epsilon was a member of the alumni corporation.

Now, as to the houses, the property at 154 E. Woodruff was purchased by the Ohio Gamma Company from Ben D. and Catherine P. Thompson on October 14, 1920. The deed reflects that the Ohio Gamma Company is assuming the obligations under a mortgage in the sum of \$19,000.00 payable to the Brunson Savings & Loan Company. Based on the purchase stamps of the time, my guess is that the purchase price would have been \$23,000.00 of which \$19,000.00 would have been the assumed mortgage.

The property at 144 E. Woodruff, lovingly known as the Annex, was purchased by the Ohio Gamma Company on April 2, 1957 from Florence and Michael W. Circone for \$29,700. The two properties, 144 and 154 E. Woodruff, were sold by the Ohio Gamma Alumni Corporation of Sigma Phil Epsilon to Trust Realty Company, an Ohio limited partnership, on April 13, 1971. The sale price was \$55,000.00. The deed was signed by John J. Petro, President, and James Burkhard, Assistant Secretary. Both houses were in a condition not fit for occupancy and were immediately demolished after the sale.

The present house at 1943 Waldeck was owned by Eta Alumni, Inc., the housing corporation for Alpha Epsilon Pi. The sale price was \$210,000.00 and the deed was signed by Eta Alumni, Inc., on April 5, 1971.

*Our thanks go out to **John Petro ('59)** for this valuable research.*

Alumni Endowment Scholarships Named for S. Ray Lok '70 & George Smith '64

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Since the establishment of The Ohio Gamma Foundation in 2006, we have been working toward this goal and our we are truly indebted to the contribution of these two alumni brothers.

George E. Smith, a graduate of Ohio State and SigEp in 1964, co-founded Wharton-Smith, Inc., a Seminole County-based full-service General Construction Company. George has more than 45 years experience in the construction industry and has led his company to become a recognized leader throughout the construction industry, making many of the Florida top-ranked construction firm lists. Wharton-Smith has completed over 850 projects in Florida, playing a major role in the building boom in Central Florida. Employing over 600 people, the company currently produces an annual volume in excess of \$300 million.



George was born in Malta, Ohio. A family man, George is a husband to Gretchen, father of two grown children – Tim and Susan - and a grandfather to six. He and Gretchen have been married for 46 years. He is an active supporter of the community and is very involved with the Central Florida Zoological Park. He received the Joseph A. Oritt Service Award from the Zoo in 1995 and 2008. George also has received a “Distinguished Alumnus” award from Ohio State University’s College of Engineering and Knowlton School of Architecture. George was also honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award in September 2005 by the Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

George is a member of the Associated General Contractors of Central Florida (AGC), Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), the Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida (EDC), and the Seminole Regional Chamber of Commerce. George graduated from Ohio State University in 1964 with his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Through the years, George has maintained strong ties with Sig Ep and is a consistent supporter. He is particularly enthused by the strong undergraduate chapter and their adherence to the Balanced Man principles. George is currently directing a Long Range Strategy for the Chapter which includes the future housing plans for the undergraduates. *We are greatly indebted to George for his valuable service and his generous endowment.*

A Columbus native, **Ray Lok** was the son of Chinese immigrants. He graduated from Columbus Eastmoor High School in 1966, where he was senior class president and a member of the track team. At Ohio State,

Ray earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy, and was USAF ROTC, serving his country honorably for three years. In 1982, he earned an MBA from Capitol University. Ray held pharmacy and pharmacy management positions and served as Pharmacy Director for the State of Ohio Department of Medicine.

In his personal life, Ray rode a Harley and held a black belt in Karate. He also did professional modeling and acting, which led to a role as an assassin in the full length movie, *The Courier*, by filmmaker Greg Sabo.

Sadly Ray passed away much too early in 2007. He is survived by his wife Tanna and son Drake. Ray carried a special love for Sig Ep and Ohio Gamma since his days as an undergraduate. He often credited his lessons learned as a brother with the success that followed him throughout his adult life.



Mike Lockwood '66 Honored at Carlson Leadership Academy in Chicago, IL

The Midwestern Carlson Leadership Academy was held Feb. 6-8, 2009 in Chicago, Ill. Over 600 undergraduates and alumni were in attendance. Sig Ep Chapters from Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas were represented. Ohio Gamma was well represented with 21 undergraduates participating plus one alumnus, Mike Lockwood.

These Academies consist of a series of small group learning sessions and discussions with your undergraduate peers and typically lead by an Alumni and/or senior undergraduate on various aspects of fraternity operations, e.g. recruitment, financial, programming, membership development, Chaplain, and President. The Alumni Volunteers also met in small group sessions to discuss and share successes with volunteer recruitment, Board operations, alumni relations activities, alumni newsletters and fundraising events. Numerous awards were distributed during the Academy.

Ohio Gamma won the 90+ Manpower Award and the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse Award for a Chapter GPA in excess of 3.15 – fall quarter was 3.36. On the alumni side, Mike Lockwood was selected the District 13 (Ohio) Volunteer of the Year Award for 2009 for his work on the Centennial Committee for Ohio Gamma’s 100th Anniversary Celebrations during 2008. Mike was recommended by the Undergraduate Chapter and selected from a group of Alumni Volunteers for the Ohio Sig Ep Chapters by Marcus Robinson, the District Governor for District 13. Mike was most appreciative of this honor but wanted to make sure it was shared by all of the members of his 2008 Centennial Committee.

Ohio Gamma Website



We encourage our alumni to utilize the many great benefits of our website, which we’ve been gradually developing over the past four years. The website, which can be accessed at www.Alumni.OSUSigEp.com has special features such as:

- ~Our **alumni roster** and database
- ~**Photographs** from previous events
- ~Notes from our regular **alumni meetings**
- ~**Special Event** marketing and promotions
- ~Ways to **contribute** to the Ohio Gamma Foundation

In addition to the website, Ohio Gammas can now connect using “Facebook” by logging into their facebook accounts and joining the group called: **Sigma Phi Epsilon - Ohio Gamma (Ohio State)**. Once you request permission to join the group, one of our administrators will approve you. Our facebook group includes a message board and forum, photographs, and a means by which we can send messages to all members of the group.

Finally, if you have not done so already, please visit our website and be sure to submit us your email address so that we can send you our regular emails. In an effort to “go green,” save money, and allow more punctual communications, we are looking to send emails more frequently in the coming months. **Please log onto the website and update your email address or send your email address to our Alumni Board President, John “CJ” Waggoner at waggonj55@aol.com or by calling him at: 614-523-2777.**



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Dave Cessna '64

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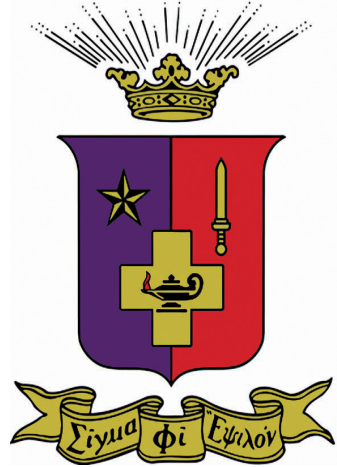
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David Foust '72

Joseph Masternick '72

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John Tranovich '72

Paul Kleifgen '73

Mark Rollinson '73

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Stephen Linton '75

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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



Special Thanks to Our Photographers



We want to offer a special thanks to Tom Etter '70 for his photo work at the 100 year reunion. Tom is a professional photographer and took the group pictures as well as many shots of the evening.

You can reach Tom at etterphoto@etterweb.com if you have a need for a photographer in the future. We would also like to thank Bob Jennings '85 for the photo's he took throughout the evening. All of Tom and Bob's photo's can be viewed on the alumni website, [www. alumni.osusigep.com](http://www.alumni.osusigep.com), and you can download any you would like to keep.

Mark Mudarth ('06) Leads New Generation Ohio Gammas to Pledge and Donate over \$20,000 at the Centennial Celebration!

At our Centennial Celebration Gala in October 2008, brothers of the classes of 2001-2009, the youngest decade of Ohio Gammas in attendance, came together for a mass donation. The 25 alumni brothers from our current decade pledged and donated over \$20,000 to the Ohio Gamma Foundation, a true testament to how valuable an experience SigEp is to our young men.



Leading that donor pack was Mark Mudarth ('06), who most generously sent in a cash donation of \$5000 to the Ohio Gamma Foundation. Along with his support, Mark sent a written message: *“I hope that this contribution will make it possible for Ohio Gamma to continue providing an amazing experience to men at OSU. I have countless fond memories and strong friendships from my time with SigEp and I’m very excited to see what great things the future brings.”*



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