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Alumni Newsletter of Sigma Phi Epsilon at The Ohio State University

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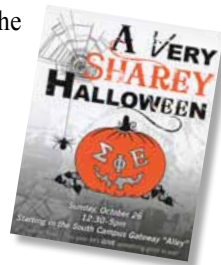
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## Young Guns: Ohio Gamma Undergrads and Philanthropy

*Fundamental to the Balanced Man philosophy, our undergrads excel in philanthropy. They are anxious to take on opportunities, making a name for themselves - and Ohio Gamma Sig Eps - along the way.*



In 2008 brother **Randal "Scott" Dudis '09**, started "A Very Sharey Weekend" to collect food during Halloween weekend. Originating as a concept for the Greek community, it quickly caught the attention of the entire campus. Students meet at the Wexner Plaza and are bussed to various locations to trick-or-treat for cans and boxes of food. Proceeds of the Halloween weekend tradition benefit the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. Scott received recognition from the university for the program, and our undergrad brothers continue the tradition annually. **This past year they collected 8,000 pounds of food.**



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Rob Nicholson

Somewhat unique for an undergrad, **Rob Nicholson '09** started the Nicholson Center in Warren, OH upon graduating from high school. This nonprofit provides employment and training for developmentally disabled adults. The center became quite successful (as did his real estate business).



Sean Mittelman

In 2006 Rob decided to attend college *after* succeeding in business. Fortunately for us he was drawn to Sig Ep for our focus on development.



Don Stenta

Rob continued to manage his businesses and even found time to open a second Nicholson Center in 2009. Looking to create something worthwhile for Sig Ep, Rob felt he could best assist Ohio Gamma through philanthropy, which he shared with **Sean Mittelman '10**, Chapter President at the time.

Sean learned from **Don Stenta '02**, Chapter Counselor, of the opportunity to sponsor a lounge at the new Ohio Union. Rob, Sean and Don met with OSU development officers and decided to pursue. Rob made the initial pledge to get the project off the ground. Don then contacted more recent graduates for additional support. The first half of the \$50,000 price tag was pledged before Don pitched the concept to the AVC board.

Knowing that 50% of the money was pledged made it easy for the AVC to get behind the idea, but they could not have anticipated this to be the exceptional opportunity it became. Other brothers were anxious to pledge, and we had brothers calling us to pledge rather than the other way around.

In addition, our AVC wanted to set up a scholarship account through OSU but couldn't generate the initial \$50,000 needed. The lounge sponsorship accomplished that goal, and we are now a part of the OSU development program. All donations in excess of the first \$50,000 go toward undergrad scholarships and are managed by our Alumni Corporation. By the time the lounge opened and initial outcomes were reported, we had surpassed the \$50,000 level. We've now raised over \$92,000.

We can be proud of our recent undergrads who have found early career success that puts them in position to make a significant financial contribution. More importantly they had the desire to give back. We can take this gesture to mean that we had an impact on them, and they want to have an impact on those who will follow in their footsteps.



For info on other alumni who contributed to the initial pledge, see page 5

# Letter from the President

Since we began the Ohio Gamma Foundation in 2006, we have worked hard to operate it in an efficient and professional manner, and in fact the Foundation has been quite successful. However, as time has passed we now realize that the administrative burdens of running a successful foundation are more than a volunteer group has time to manage. Beginning in 2011, we are going to make a number of adjustments to reduce those burdens, while improving our management's efficiency and professionalism.



After several months of extensive investigation, the Foundation Board recently determined that it is in the Foundation's, and its donors', best interests to transfer all the funds in our Ohio Gamma Foundation to a fund in the Sig Ep National Fraternity's Sigma Phi Epsilon Education Foundation (SPEEF), a 501(c)(3) organization for the exclusive benefit of Sig Ep undergraduates and their educational needs. Within a suitable time after this transfer, our Foundation will be dissolved, having served its purpose.

Within the SPEEF will be created a segregated Ohio Gamma Fund. The existing Ohio Gamma Foundation funds, and all future contributions to The Ohio Gamma Fund, will be held in accounts separate from the general SPEEF funds. Separate records of gifts from Ohio Gamma alumni will be maintained.

Gifts given to the Ohio Gamma Fund will continue to be counted toward the Ohio Gamma giving levels shown in the last pages of this newsletter, and will be accumulated with prior gifts to the Foundation. In addition, all gifts to the Ohio Gamma Fund will also count toward the overall SPEEF levels of giving, which are often included in our National alumni magazine. So the Ohio Gamma donor really gets a double benefit.

You will continue to receive the same newsletters and fundraising letters as you have in the past. The only difference will be that the donation mailing address will change to the SPEEF in Richmond, Virginia, and the donations will be designated to the Ohio Gamma Fund.

On the administrative side, the SPEEF will perform all the tasks required to keep the Fund tax-qualified with the IRS (alleviating a large burden from the Foundation), keep records of giving, and send Donor Acknowledgement letters for each donation showing the gift was deposited in the Ohio Gamma Fund. Our Fund will be co-invested with the overall SPEEF conservative investments of stock, bond and cash mutual funds. The Trust has a favorable investment history. The SPEEF will charge a 1% fee annually for their management services.

We are also pleased to report that due to the overwhelming response from our alumni, our \$50,000 fee for the naming rights to our Sig Ep Lounge in the new Ohio Union has been paid in full, four years earlier than the allowed 5 year payment term. In fact, we actually raised over \$92,000 in gifts and pledges for the Lounge. As previously reported, the excess funds are to be used to set up a separate Sigma Phi Epsilon Scholarship Fund within the OSU

Development Foundation. This Scholarship Fund will be used to provide scholarships to our undergrad brothers, just like our Ohio Gamma Fund at SPEEF.

You now have the option of donating to the Ohio Gamma Fund of the SPEEF, or the Ohio Gamma Scholarship Fund at OSU. All future gifts to the former will count toward Sigma Phi Epsilon National giving recognition. All future gifts to the latter will count toward Ohio State giving recognition. And future gifts to either, plus prior gifts the Ohio Gamma Foundation, will count toward Ohio Gamma giving recognition.

Elsewhere in this newsletter we have included instructions for giving to either of our new Funds. A website to donate by credit card is now available for both Funds.

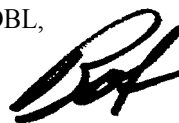
Finally, to insure the sustainability of our Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (the old Alumni Board), we felt it was appropriate to hire a part-time administrator to perform the administrative tasks necessary to run the AVC successfully. In this way, our volunteers will be able to spend their valuable volunteer time on providing direction rather than tending to the myriad administrative duties that now take much of our time. Administrative duties include coordinating and monitoring all our ongoing projects, preparing our newsletters and other mailings, and contacting alumni for interviews used in these communications. Having an administrator will also lend continuity to the organization as members of our AVC change over time.

The AVC has hired Gretchen Long, a 2002 *cum laude* graduate of Ohio University Scripps School of Journalism. While at OU she served Sigma Kappa sorority as vice president of scholarship as well as philanthropy and Greek Week chair. Gretchen is now a Program and Grant manager. Her responsibilities involve corporate giving, a private foundation, communications and event coordination. Gretchen, her husband Thad and their 1-year-old son Tate, a future balanced man, reside in Medina, Ohio. Gretchen can be reached at [admin@ohiogamma.org](mailto:admin@ohiogamma.org).

Our undergraduate Chapter continues to be the best fraternity on campus and once again is the largest fraternity, with the highest GPA (3.46) at the end of fall quarter.

Wow, we've come a long way! We so appreciate your generosity over the past years and encourage you to continue it in the future. As you can see, it's a very worthwhile investment.

VDBL,



Robert B. Barnett, Jr.  
*President, The Ohio Gamma Foundation*





## A New Scholarship Sponsor Program

Scholarships for our undergrads are a way to offset the extra expense they pay to live over an apartment. It also helps offset their expenses when we need to raise the base rental charge in the house due to remodeling or improvements.

For next year we are planning to give 15 \$500 scholarships to the brothers in the House. Coupled with our 5 \$750 endowed

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scholarships, we will be able to award scholarships to 71% of undergrads living in the House next year.

Accordingly we are adding a program for alumni to be recognized for providing these \$500 scholarships.

**For all future donations of \$500 or more given to either the Sigma Phi Epsilon Scholarship Fund at OSU or the Ohio Gamma Fund at the SPEEF, we will indicate your name as the "sponsor" of that scholarship and the undergrad scholarship winner will send you a note of thanks. We will also include the sponsors name in the Scholarship Record book kept at the House for all who have received a scholarship.** This program applies *only* to new donations and not to pledges previously made for another purpose. These are also "one time" donations, so they do not commit the alumni to making the same gift each year. You can sponsor as many \$500 donations as you like each year.

We believe this will help the undergrads feel a more personal approach to our scholarships by linking the actual name of the alumni to the scholarship. We, of course, continue to accept \$25,000 amounts to set up endowed scholarships where the interest from the donation pays the scholarship annually. If you would like to discuss an endowed scholarship, please contact Bob Barnett: RBarnett@cpmlaw.com or 614-628-0766.

## Two Ohio Gamma Funds... two ways to benefit.

As mentioned in Bob Barnett's letter, there are now **two** 501(c)(3) Funds awarding scholarship to our undergrads to which alumni can contribute. Both replace our old Ohio Gamma Foundation, allowing us to offload much of the investment and administration responsibilities to much larger organizations.

### If you prefer to give to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Scholarship Fund at OSU:

Make your check payable to The Ohio State University Foundation and indicate in the memo section: "*Sigma Phi Epsilon Scholarship Fund #313642.*" Mail your check to:

**The Ohio State University Foundation  
ATTN: Gift Processing  
1480 West Lane Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43215**

You can also contribute online at: [www.giveto.osu.edu](http://www.giveto.osu.edu). Click on the tab "give now" and in the spot that says "search all funds" just enter our fund #313642.

*Note: Based on current OSU policy, if you give \$2,500 per year this donation qualifies you for membership in OSU's Presidents Club, and you will be eligible to purchase 2 season football tickets. If you are already in the Presidents Club, extra money given may help improve the location of your seats. Also qualifies for corporate matching.*

### If you prefer to give to the Ohio Gamma Fund of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation

Make your check payable to: Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation and indicate in the memo section: "*The Ohio Gamma Fund.*" Mail your check to:

**Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation  
310 S. Boulevard  
Richmond, VA 23220**

You may also make donations via debit or credit card online at: [www.sigepfoundation.org](http://www.sigepfoundation.org). Click on "give online now" and then "giving to your chapter." Enter "Ohio Gamma Fund" in the "Donor Comments" box.

*Note: you may also pledge a series of payments online on the same site. Just click on "ways to give," then click on "pledges."*



In the past decade we've made great connections with Ohio Gamma brothers - from 1908 to today's Balanced Men. In an effort to keep the communication strong but focus dollars on scholarship programs, 2011 is the year to change to e-mail communications.

Use one of these options to update our records and opt in to an eNewsletter version of The Red Door:

- 1) Visit [www.ohiogamma.org](http://www.ohiogamma.org) to provide your e-mail address and opt in by logging in and clicking on "please update our records" at the top of the page.
- 2) E-mail [admin@ohiogamma.org](mailto:admin@ohiogamma.org) with the subject "opt in."
- 3) Prefer regular mail? Send a note with your name, address and the words "opt out" to:

Ohio Gamma Alumni Relations Coordinator  
1150 Chapman Lane, #19  
Medina, OH 44256

### Received this note from Thomas Lee Hildreth '47:

Since I have not yet figured out a way to send a check by email, I am taking the old fashioned way. I have not been able to contribute too generously in years past and this is my attempt at playing catch-up. I am now 85 years old and the idea of spreading the payment over five years does not appear too practical... I hope to live long enough to see the new Ohio Union and the Sig Ep sponsored lounge with the plaque that includes my name.

Fraternally yours,

Tom



# AWARD WINNERS

## The Robert B. Barnett Jr. Alumni Service Award

*Established in 2008 and named in honor of brother Bob Barnett '71 for his outstanding contributions to Ohio Gamma since the late 1980s. It was Bob who took the lead in establishing the Balanced Man program for the Ohio Gamma chapter. Brothers are awarded this honor for outstanding alumni service to the chapter.*

We were pleased to present awards to the following brothers at the Balanced Man Scholarship Award Ceremony on January 10, 2011.

**Don Stenta** '02 is an OSU faculty member, recently named Director of Recreational Sports after several years in Public Affairs and Education Policy. He was recommended by the Office of Student Life to be our Chapter Counselor in 1999. Don was initiated as a Renaissance Brother in 2002.

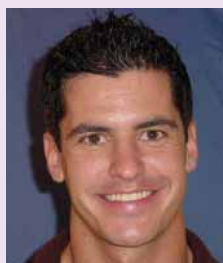


We could not have asked for a better person to lead our chapter.

In every fraternal organization it is important to maintain consistency with the fraternity principles, and Don has been the glue that held us together and developed Sig Ep into the best fraternity at OSU. To quantify his leadership achievement: Sig Ep has grown to be the largest fraternity on campus; finished 2009/2010 with a chapter GPA of 3.44 - the highest of all OSU fraternities; league champs in three of the four major intramural sports at OSU; four of the 10 men on OSU 2010 Homecoming Court were Sig Eps; Sig Eps organized and continue one of the largest fraternity philanthropic events on campus (see page 1); and the chapter was awarded our 6<sup>th</sup> Buchanan Cup from National for chapter excellence.

For those accomplishments, Don was named the Volunteer of the Year by National as well as 2009/2010 Alumni Advisor of the Year by OSU.

This is certainly a recognition of the Sig Ep principles of sound mind and body. Truly a Balanced Man.



Our second 2010 winner is **Dennis Kaps** '03. A key component of perpetuating our chapter is our consistency in recruitment. We need to always be certain we are recruiting to Balanced Man principles. As an undergrad Dennis served as Vice President of Recruitment. He went on to become a Regional Director with Sig Ep National and later served as National Director of

Chapter Development. Dennis is now with Abercrombie & Fitch as Recruitment Director.

When Dennis returned to Columbus in 2005, he became our mentor for recruitment and helped to build our chapter to the largest on campus while always maintaining our principles. Our chapter is also the 9<sup>th</sup> largest chapter in the country. We have achieved all this growth

since 2001 when we re-chartered our chapter. In addition, on Dennis's recommendation, our National organization has selected three of our Ohio Gamma undergrads to serve as Regional Directors.

## The George E. Smith Distinguished Alumni Award

*Established in 2009 and named in honor of brother George Smith '64 for his distinguished career and support of the Ohio Gamma Chapter. Brothers are awarded this honor for outstanding accomplishments during their career.*

Dr. Edward "Bob" Hill is currently completing his 65<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of active practice in family medicine. At the age of 92, Dr. Hill serves as Medical Director at the Total Living Center, a free clinic, in Canton, Ohio.



In 1937 after graduating from Brewster High School, in Brewster, Ohio, Bob enrolled as a pre-med student at OSU and was a member of the Army Special Training Corps. He joined Sigma Phi Epsilon his freshman year and was elected Chapter President in 1941.

During med school, he served as an officer in the Army Special Training Corps, a medical assistant at Columbus State Hospital and medical technician with the Columbus Fire Department's emergency ambulance service. Graduating The Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1945, Dr. Hill completed his internship at Maumee Valley Hospital in Toledo and joined the U.S. Army in active duty.

In 1947 after his enlistment ended, Dr. Hill and his wife Mary (a nurse) set up practice in Beach City, Ohio, a town of about 1,000. In 1960 he opened a second office in nearby Jackson Twp. During the operation of these two offices, Dr. Hill completed approximately 600,000 patient visits.

In 1974 he sold his practice and dedicated both his personal life and professional career to establishing and working in free clinics.

During his career Dr. Hill was a volunteer physician at Canton Community Clinic and Western Stark Medical Center; a sports team physician at three high schools; and school doctor at all three Beach City schools.

In his personal time, he was a member of the board of trustees at three community health organizations as well as a vestry member of his church and the local soup kitchen. Dr. Hill is also a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason, Lion's Club "Man of the Year," Kentucky Colonel and 2010 Fairless School District - Hall of Fame.

He and his wife raised six children, have 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His son Geoffrey was a Sig Ep at The Ohio State University and his grandson Todd was a Sig Ep at Bowling Green State University.

When recognized for his astounding career Dr. Hill shared with us that he wished the award could include his fraternity brothers, his family, his church and his teachers. He recognizes that they all played a role in helping him to become the person he is today.



Ohio Gamma Foundation President Bob Barnett with George E. Smith Distinguished Alumni Award winner Dr. Edward "Bob" Hill, Grand Chapter President Garry Kief, and Alumni Volunteer Corporation President John Waggoner.



## So where are these young guns now?

*Scott Dudis* is now a veterinary student at Cornell University.

*Sean Mittelman* After serving Sig Ep National as a Regional Director and New Chapter Development Services, Sean has recently been accepted into OSU's graduate school of Secondary Education and will begin this fall. [in](#)

*Robert James Nicholson* is completing graduate school at Babson College while he continues to run businesses he founded or co-founded in real estate, healthcare, racing, clothing, and nonprofits. [in](#) [t](#)@rjncarpediem

*Dr. Don Stenta* was recently named Director of Recreational Sports for The Ohio State University. [in](#)

*There are several other young brothers instrumental in early efforts to fund the Lounge, who deserve recognition for their involvement.*



*Matthew Dornauer '05* is an associate attorney at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago.

*Jeremy Fiser '05* is a senior financial analyst for Robert W. Baird's Business Services Investment Banking Team in Chicago. [in](#)



*Mohit Gupta '03* is an equity research associate at Coghill Capital Management in Chicago. [in](#)

*Wade Guzdanski '05* is a CPA at Ernst & Young in Chicago.



*Patrick Klein '06* is the assistant coach for OSU women's basketball.

*Michael Repasky '08* is currently Regional Director and Chapter Services Director for Sig Ep National. [in](#)



*Tom Vetter '10* is studying at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law after graduating with bachelor's degrees in finance, real estate and entrepreneurship. [in](#)

*Michael Zion '04* is Manager of Technology, Sales & Marketing at SymphonyIRI Group in Chicago. [in](#)



## Chapter House to get new HVAC and Fire Safety Systems this summer



For many years we have "avoided" the subject of air conditioning for the Chapter House. We have long considered it cost prohibitive given the short time it would be used. Under the current quarter system, undergrads do not return to the House until the first of September and leave in early June. While there are certainly a few hot days in early September and late May, the period of "suffering" from the heat is quite limited.

With OSU switching to semesters this fall, those parameters are changing. Undergrads will return to the House around August 1 with classes actually starting August 15. In addition, OSU is soon going to require sophomores to live in University Housing, and when that happens we need our House to be an attractive option to the dorms for sophomores. It is most likely our House will be OSU-approved University Housing, allowing sophomores to live there.

Almost all of OSU's dorms have AC. Currently a high percentage of the residents of the Chapter House are sophomores. We need sophomore residents in order to fill the House each year. To be competitive, we need air conditioning.

Given the significant construction work required to put air conditioning into the House, it makes sense to also replace our 52-year-old boiler heating system at the same time. In order to qualify as approved University Housing we are also required to add a wet pipe fire suppression system and a hard wired monitored fire alarm system, a requirement we strongly embrace for the safety of our residents.

This significant and important upgrade will cost approximately \$450,000. We have hired architect Michael Maistros (Ohio Gamma '85) to lead the project. Mike is the architect who led the successful project to rebuild our front porch six years ago.

Fortunately, the undergrad chapter has grown considerably over the past five years. We have filled the House each year, and as such we currently have \$250,000 in our Capital Improvement Fund to apply toward this project. The Sig Ep National Housing Corporation will provide a loan for the balance, which will be paid off over 10 years along with the balance of our mortgage. Pursuant to IRS requirements, none of our Ohio Gamma Foundation money can be used for this project.

# What are they doing now...

**Carl Mahder '33** is retired from the U.S. Foreign Service. He celebrated his 99th birthday on October 22, 2010 and resides in Gaithersburg, Maryland with his wife Audrey. As of last fall, he was hoping to return to his apartment in Asbury Methodist Village after a stay in the Wilson Health Care Center.

**Robert Kinnaird Johnson '49** spent the majority of his career as a chemist for Hilton-Davis Chemical Company - a division of Sterling Drug and later, Eastman Kodak. Hilton-Davis employs 1,300 people, the majority in the Cincinnati location, which was also the second largest of Sterling's 70 plants throughout the world. Bob moved from overseeing laboratories to quality control and eventually to marketing and advanced planning.

**Matthew Bennett '82** retired after 30 years in the editorial department at the Columbus Dispatch newspaper. Still residing in Columbus, it is unknown whether anyone still calls him "Captain Sticky" these days.

**Ed Merritt '83** is Senior Vice President of Client Services at Marketing Research Services, Inc. in Cincinnati. Ed has been with MRSI since 1982, beginning as a computer programmer. He specializes in designing, developing and maintaining large proprietary panels enabling clients to conduct ongoing research with hard-to-reach consumers.

**Matthew Dornauer '05** is an associate in the General Litigation Group in the Chicago office of Sidley Austin LLP. He practices a diverse range of civil and criminal litigation in both state and federal court and maintains an active pro bono practice representing clients in various courts. Additionally Matthew is an attorney volunteer for the Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago's Lawyers in the Classroom program. Matthew graduated cum laude from Notre Dame Law School and graduated summa cum laude with distinction in Political Science from OSU.

**Jeremy Fiser '05** is a senior financial analyst for Robert W. Baird's Business Services Investment Banking Team. Based in Chicago, Jeremy has also worked for FTI Consulting and KeyBanc Capital Markets.

**Wade Guzdanski '05** currently lives in Chicago where he is a Manager at Ernst & Young LLP. Wade primarily works on clients in the retail, consumer and industrial products industry, including a Fortune 500 company. Wade joined Sig Ep in 2001 as a founding father to the recolonized Ohio Gamma chapter. In 2005, Wade received his BSBA with honors in Finance and Accounting. Last June Wade tied the knot with Julie (Clark), a 2004 graduate of The Ohio State University.

**Tom Vetter '10** is a first year law student at Ohio State Moritz College of Law and is interested in real estate development. He spends some of his down time improving the two real estate properties that he currently owns. He graduated from undergrad in spring of 2010 with degrees in finance, real estate, and entrepreneurship.

## What are you doing now?

We would like to hear from you!  
Send your news for publishing in upcoming newsletters to [admin@ohiogamma.org](mailto:admin@ohiogamma.org) or mail to Alumni Relations Coordinator  
1150 Chapman Lane, #19, Medina, OH 44256

## In the News...



**Dennis Kaps '03** married **Kelly Murphy**, West Virginia alumna and employee at Abercrombie, in 2010.  
[in](#) [t](#) @dokaps



**Christopher Alvarez-Breckenridge '05** married **Jennifer Marino**, Ohio State alumna and employee at Cardinal Health, in 2010. Christopher is an MD/PhD Fellow at The Ohio State University, Department of Neurosurgery.  
[in](#)

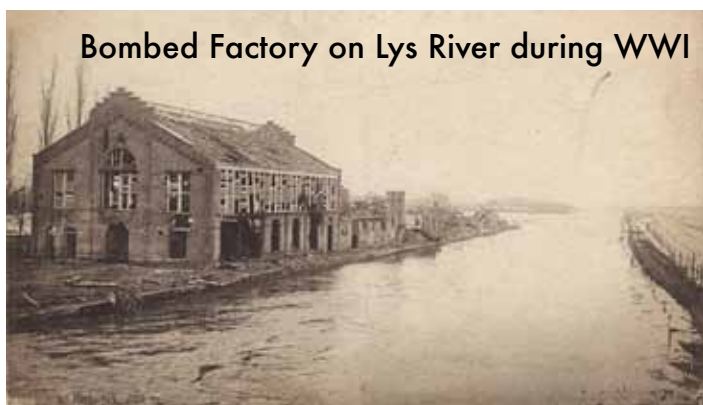
Ohio Gamma alumni celebrate with Dr. Gordon Gee at a recent OSU Alumni Association bowling event in Chicago.



Dave Rose, Gordon Gee, Wade Guzdanski & Jeremy Fiser

## What's with the & ?

In yet another effort to help brothers connect, we're capturing whether brothers featured in the newsletter are on social media web sites. For those of you who don't know already,  indicates LinkedIn, a professional social media network.  indicates Twitter, a microblogging social media network. We opted not to indicate Facebook users - although most of us probably do - it is not by nature a professional tool. When we build a fan page for Ohio Gamma in the future - we can all connect there too!



### A Patriot Brother: WWI

Little is known about our Ohio Gamma founders, so it was exciting to see Brother Ed Jones capture the heroic efforts of Brother Robert Lester Tavenner 1908 in his compilation of Sig Eps who currently serve or have served in the U.S. Military.

Captain Tavenner, U.S. Army; WWI - France and Belgium, was wounded in action on October 18, 1931 near Olsene, Belgium on the Lys River. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism - the second highest medal awarded by the Department of Defense. From the award citation, "Again at Olsene ... he fearlessly and courageously made a personal reconnaissance of the enemy's position, first getting his men under cover, and while engaged in the hazardous task, was severely wounded." Accounts of his wounds differ; however, he was apparently determined to fight as he was wounded again later in the week on November 6 at Cruyschauten, Belgium.

If you know of any other Sig Eps who serve or have served, send to [admin@ohiogamma.org](mailto:admin@ohiogamma.org). Information will be shared with Ed Jones for his distribution as well as highlighted in Ohio Gamma communications.

## *In Memoriam:*

### Harry Robert Weyrich '35

Although he passed away several years ago, we recently learned of his accomplishments from son-in-law Buck Byrne, President of Delta Tau Delta's Beta Phi House Corp (OSU). We opted to highlight him here, in the same nod of acknowledgement that our distinguished alumni award achieves. The following is taken from the OSU Alumni Magazine issued in 1985.

Originally from Detroit, Harry joined Deloitte, Haskins & Sells New York office upon graduation from OSU. By 1954 he was named partner in charge of the Cincinnati office. In 1968 he transferred to the executive office and was a member of the policy committee. In 1975 Harry retired from active accounting.

Harry was very active in professional affairs, serving in a number of key committee and chapter posts for state, local and national professional accounting organizations. The Ohio State chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, national accounting fraternity, named Harry Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in 1975. Harry was active in Ohio State alumni groups as well as civic and charitable groups while living in Ohio and New York.

Harry also chaired the Air Force subcommittee of the Nixon Panel Committee that, in cooperation of the AICPA, studied the financial affairs of the Department of Defense. He was presented in 1973 with the Exceptional Service Award of the U.S. Air Force, recognizing his years of voluntary service as technical consultant and advisor to the Air Force Audit Agency. Harry was also honored by OSU's College of Administrative Science for serving on the Business Advisory board.

## *In Memoriam*

### Gordon Mead '45

passed away January 21, 2010

### Ronald Martin '56

passed away in 2010

### Thomas L. Routson '67

passed away August 11, 2010

### Jon A. Fitzenrider '64

passed away February 24, 2011





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Raymond Roop '65†

Michael Lockwood '66†

David Wilson '66†

James Doyle '67

Andrew Latham '67†

Bryan McIntyre '69

Thomas McLaughlin '69†

Eric Van Gilder '69†

Michael Reed '70

Mark Stevens '71†

Robert Warren '71†

E. John Raab '73†

James Allshouse '76

Robert Jennings '85

Michael Clark '91

Brad Griffith '04†

Michael Repasky '08

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## CENTENIAL CLUB

### Diamond Society

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Carl Obenauf '43

Thomas Hildreth '47

Robert Johnson '49

Robert Wind '50

Robin Schmidt '56

Edward Spellacy '56

Donald Swales '56

Lynford Gabriel '59

William Killgallon '60

Keith Smith '60

Robert Love '61

James Weider '65

Gary Ryan '67

Lawrence Bond '68

Linden Beck '69

Ronald Schieber '69

Rodger Soeldner '71

Chris Case '72

Matthew Bennett '82

Michael Smith '85

Todd Wray '91

David Deerwester '92

Benjamin Balliett '00

Christopher Burk '00

Jonathan Maneval '02

Nathan Stahl '02

Dr. Donald Stenta '02

Mohit Gupta '03

Dennis Kaps '03

George Gornall '04

Adam Osenga '04

Michael Zion '04

Jeremy Carrier '05

Matt Dornauer '05

Jeremy Fiser '05

Wade Guzdanski '05

Doug Hange '05

Pat Klein '06

Matt Potts '06

Adam Schwartz '06

Joseph Whittaker '06

Ryan Dressler '08

Ryan Fournier '08

Marc Ribé '10

Tom Vetter '10

### Pearl Society

(\$750-\$999)

William Grundemann '72

Stephen Hicks '86

Stephen Stanford '71

### Gold Society

(\$500-749)

Howard Bender '55

F. William Pfeifer '55

Neal Kresheck '61

Jim Burkhard '64

David Rogers '64

George Stultz '65

Jeffrey Smith '66

Michael Tranovich '71

Robert Fogoros '73

Richard Potts '89

Russ Wymer '09

### Red Door Society

(\$250-499)

Richard Webster '49

Lloyd Williams '51

John Knoff '56

George Wilkinson '57

Ronald Miller '63

James Worden '63

David Cessna '64

Marvin Leedom '64

Brian Boling '65

James L. Hendrickson '65

William Johnston '67

Gerald Gille '68

Robert Gille '70

Thomas Miller '70

Robert Williams '70

David Foust '72

Michael Smith '85

Mark Reilley '87

Bradley Brinzo '88

Michael Bess '91

Michael Beer '96

Karl Curtis '98

Christopher Alvarez-

Breckenridge '05

David Smith '07





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Carl Mahder '33	Paul Kleifgen '73
Howard Berthold '42	Mark Rollinson '73
John Moulthrop '43	Jerry Steiner '74
Charles Slauter '46	Douglas Wemmer '74
Donald Detmer '47	Dale Berlin '75
Alan McAllister '48	Geoffrey Kemp '75
John Lipaj '49	Stephen Linton '75
Carl Alexander '50	Edward Miller '75
Frederick Hyre '51	Kevin Adams '76
Marvin Kincaid '51	Robert Hanrahan '76
William Knight '51	David Hyre '76
Jacque Cain '52	Frederick Weihmiller '76
Richard Dilts '52	Bert Cousins '83
John Crawford '53	Edgar Merritt '83
LeRoy Jackopin '53	David Sereno '88
Joseph Branco '56	Mark Walter '89
Frank Hill '57	Joseph Roman '90
William McNutt '57	John Monahan '91
Russell Hanthorn '58	Brian Buchholz '92
George Mosser '59	Derek McClellan '92
Edward Cass '60	John Berschied '97
Vernon Burger '61	Brian Head '03
Frederick Osgood '64	Adam Burden '05
David Gross '65	Ron Dulaney '06
David Crouch '66	Brad Waldsmith '06
Charles Eigenberg '66	Chris Kurz '07
William Spittler '66	Joe Lennon '07
Thomas Routson '67	John Baxter '08
Thomas Applegate '68	Alex Harnocz '08
William Vorlicky '68	Kevin Marginian '08
Dean Failor '69	Nate Prueter '08
Robert Gochoel '69	Brent Raes '08
Jeffrey Smith '69	Dane Yocco '08
Russell Wiseman '69	Andrew Bishop '09
Thomas Blodgett '70	Brett Everhart '09
Stephen Skapik '70	Gabe Lockhart '09
Vincent Kazmer '71	Kyle Pedlar '09
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Daniel Miller '72	Jason Whalen '09
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August 13

**Annual Sig Ep Golf Outing**

Royal American Golf Links -  
Golf and Dinner

October 8

**OSU-Nebraska Away Game Bash**

Food and Drink – Rooster's  
Olentangy River Road

October 29–30

**Homecoming Weekend**

10/29 Sig Ep Open House

10/29 OSU-Wisconsin Football Game

10/30 Alumni Corporation Annual Meeting

The Sig Ep Lounge –  
Ohio Union



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