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First-ever Noble Man Institute creates the foundation for newest initiated brothers

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DEADLINE TO REGISTER

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\$60.00 Per Man

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Members initiated in either the Spring of 2017 or Fall of 2017. You must be initiated to attend.

The Noble Man Institute is a retreat-style leadership development program that gives members the opportunity to build a brotherhood with fellow undergraduates and alumni from all over the nation, challenge themselves to explore their personal values, and discover ways to enhance their chapters upon their return to campus. Through team-building ventures including ropes courses and critical thinking challenges, men will have the opportunity to experience fun and exciting ways to push one another to new heights.

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WHO RECEIVES THE SAGA?

Upon initiation, each member is guaranteed a lifetime subscription to the SAGA Magazine. That commitment by Sigma Tau Gamma remains, though, for several reasons some may no longer receive a copy. If you would like to specify that you receive the next issue of the SAGA Magazine, please contact headquarters at 660-747-2222, or at nobleman@sigtau.org.

HOW DOES ONE GET PUBLISHED?

Content submissions for the magazine are always encouraged. While space constraints naturally make it difficult for the editorial staff to include every idea presented, a fair evaluation process is exercised to publish the greatest variety of chapters, generations, geographical regions, events, and unique member achievements and stories. Pictures should be submitted in high resolution at nobleman@sigtau.org.



EDITOR'S NOTE

GREG W. WARD, ALABAMA
Director of Communications
& SAGA Magazine Editor

One word comes to mind when I think of my life recently—change. To say that my life has changed within the past year would be an understatement.

I was finishing up my career as an undergraduate at the University of Alabama, had the greatest girl a guy could ask for, and worked full-time in retail to pay my way through school. I found myself in the last semester of my senior year dealing with grief, anxiety, and moments of depression. The grief that my role model, my grandfather, had recently passed away, the grief of a chapter brother who entered Chapter Eternal far too early in life, and the pain and pressure of seeing both my aging parents struggle with health and finances.

My life was a whirlwind of sorts at that moment. When I think of my life then, a quote from Will McAvoy, played by Jeff Daniels on the HBO show *The Newsroom* replays over and over in my mind: "We reached for the stars, acted like men. We aspired to intelligence; we didn't belittle it.... The first step in solving any problem is recognizing there is one."

A few weeks before graduation, I sat down and took a breath, and thought. My eyes were opened to how blessed I was to go through the hardships in my life. So I started to reach for the stars and took the first step. I looked at my life, learned not to be afraid, learned to seek change rather than cower from it, and learned to be brave and bold.

Sigma Tau Gamma is an organization I have come to know and love which has seen similar struggles. A Fraternity with nearly 100 years of deep roots, a place that more than 70,000 men can call home, each of whom have contributed to building noble generations for decades, was also facing a changing world.

Founder **Edward H. McCune** once stated, "Contentment lies not in what one has, but in what one does." Sigma Tau Gamma had deep roots in fertile soil with plenty of water, but in

my opinion was missing the full strength of a strong summer sun, the final necessary piece to grow and flourish. This last piece was an emblem that would bring together our evolving generations of noble men. It was unveiled on June 18, 2016 at the Grand Chapter in Orlando, Florida. This image was 96 years in the making, using parts of our past to shape the path for our future.

The enhanced Sig Tau brand was the start to a series of changes that I think will prove to be a catalyst for future success. Once the brand was unveiled, the next step was ensuring our newest members were upholding our history, applying it, and learning how to become noble men. We updated the Path of Principles Member Record and Manual with the new look and launched the Noble Man Institute, our first leadership institute exclusively for our newest initiated members.

Upon the approval of Grand Chapter delegates, a first of its kind Ritual Book was pulled together. The 98-page book contains all rituals and ceremonies, graphs, charts, and songs of the Fraternity for our chapters. Along with this came a refreshed associate pin and membership badge.

This spring we rolled out the new national website, one of the largest sites of any Greek organization. The Fraternity needed a place where any member, family, or friend could find anything and everything, and sigtau.org offers this. One of the last pieces of the brand rollout is something many have longed for, a refreshed *SAGA Magazine*.

A saga by definition is "a long, detailed account" of a tale. So today we share the continued tale of Sig Tau. While future issues may not always be this large, I am confident that this format and new design will allow us the opportunity to tell our story in a way that showcases our great Fraternity to the world. I hope you enjoy reading this issue of the new *SAGA Magazine*.

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NATIONAL NEWS

TOP SIG TAU HIGHLIGHTS

1 CHAPTERBUILDER.COM
Sigma Tau Gamma is the second national fraternity to offer the chapterbuilder.com service to every chapter and associate chapter free of charge. The online system allows each undergraduate member of the chapter to add names, track new member information, send reminder text messages, and track potential pledges' interest in joining the Fraternity. We have been piloting this software for two academic years. Those chapters that invested time and energy into adopting the software saw a noticeable increase in the number of new members who accepted bids.

2 SAGA MONTHLY DEBUTED
On September 1, the new *SAGA Monthly* was sent to all members, associate members, and campus fraternity and sorority advisors. The new format gives us more space to tell our story and share photos. This newsletter replaces the *Monthly Chronicle* but not the magazine. The concept is similar to that of large media companies like *Time, Inc.*, which has its magazine, a daily newsletter, a weekly recap newsletter, and blog, all with the name Time at the top.



3 NEW FRATERNITY AND CHAPTER FLAG INTRODUCED
Our flag has a refreshed look that is familiar except for two significant changes. The light blue color has been replaced with the dark blue to be consistent with the fraternity's official colors. For chapters, a version of the flag was introduced with their respective chapter's Greek designation inside the chain. In the future, newly chartered chapters will be presented with their flag at their chartering ceremony to keep on campus. The official flag of Sigma Tau Gamma is the flag with no Greek designation inside the chain.

4 FOUNDATION RECEIVES CORPORATE MATCHING FUNDS
This past fall the Foundation received a \$10,000 corporate matching gift from the Stanley company. This was the result of a \$10,000 gift received in the spring of 2016 from **Joe Jerdonek**, Cleveland State, on behalf of **Don Ferch**, Cleveland State, who passed away in April 2016. Jerdonek has created a \$20,000 endowment in Don's name to support the Cleveland State Chapter.

5 UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI RECHARTERING
On January 28, members of the Headquarters Staff joined President **Jonathan Proehl** and Past National President **John Heiman** (and wife Cathy) at the Elm Street Ballroom for the rechartering of the Beta Alpha Chapter at the University of Missouri. The celebration and ceremony saw more than 100 people in attendance including alumni, parents, and members' families, as well as members of other Greek organizations on campus. The Beta Alpha Alumni Association and the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation both presented scholarships to select members in attendance for their academic achievement and contributions throughout the chartering process. The future of our chapter at Mizzou is bright with the quality of members and leaders within the chapter.



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#GIVINGTUESDAY

In 2012, two nonprofit organizations created #GivingTuesday as a response to the consumer craze of Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday to focus on philanthropic and charitable organizations. Sig Tau Foundation has participated in this day of giving since 2014. In 2016, the Fraternity used its social media channels and email to contact donors and encourage a donation of \$9.60 or more in honor of the 96th anniversary of Sigma Tau Gamma.

2016 #GIVINGTUESDAY BY THE NUMBERS

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DONORS

\$5,519

CONTRIBUTED TO
#GIVINGTUESDAY

\$1,000

LARGEST SINGLE GIFT



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WEBSITE WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Graphic Design USA has been a graphic design information source since 1963, working with thousands of graphic design professionals every year. Sigtau.org received the annual American Web Design Award, given out by Graphic Design USA in conjunction with The Creative Group. This honor highlights how the power of design can enhance the online experience. The group received more than 1,400 applications, so Sig Tau's award is a tremendous accomplishment.

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SPRING 2017 EXPANSION RECAP

This past spring, Sigma Tau Gamma expanded to four (4) new campuses, which brought in 80 new Founding Fathers. These expansion projects include the University of Nevada (Zeta Lambda), the University of California, Merced (Zeta Rho), Colorado State University (Zeta Sigma), and the Alpha Epsilon Chapter was restarted at Henderson State University. With these new expansion projects, Sig Tau now calls 76 campuses and 30 states home.

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APPOINTED FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

The Board of Directors held their spring meeting in Indianapolis, March 3 through 5. The Board approved Foundation Trustee Appointments and a WPN National Housing Company Board of Managers Appointment.

Gregory Kammerer, *Monmouth*
(Reappointed) – Foundation Trustee

Paul Phillips III, *Southeastern Louisiana*
(Reappointed) – Foundation Trustee

Jeffrey Russo, *Carnegie Mellon*
(New Appointment) – Foundation Trustee

Thomas Janicki, *Carnegie Mellon*
(Reappointed) – Foundation Trustee

Michael Van Camp, *Indiana State*
(New Appointment) – Foundation Trustee

Scott Kaspar, *Illinois*
(New Appointment) – Foundation Trustee

Lyn Heermann, *Central Missouri*
(New Appointment) – WPN Housing Manager

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WPN GENERAL COUNSEL APPOINTED

Tom Harris, Pittsburg State '79, has been appointed as the General Counsel by CEO **Steve Latour** on behalf of the WPN Housing Company. Tom will serve WPN through June 2018. Tom earned his J.D. from the University of Kansas in 1986 and is licensed to practice in both Kansas and Missouri. Since that time, Tom has specialized in contract negotiation and preparation, commercial collections, business and real estate litigation, estate planning, probate administration, trust administration, tax planning, real estate development, bankruptcy procedures and litigation, insurance defense, and government compliance. Once the Fraternity's General Counsel position is filled, all three entities will have a volunteer serving in that role. The Fraternity is still looking for a alumnus to volunteer for the role of Fraternity General Counsel. If interested, please contact CEO Steve Latour at slatour@sigtau.org.

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WPN BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

The first face-to-face meeting of the WPN Board of Managers took place on April 29 in Warrensburg, Missouri. The Board of Managers received a tour of the 101 Ming property and heard reports from HQ Staff regarding current and future fiscal year operations and finances. They voted to approve the FY18 budget, defined the board's role, and selected members to represent WPN on the Investment and Audit Committees, in addition to getting an update on the Fraternity, Foundation, and WPN priorities through 2020. The Board of Managers discussed topics concerning the purchase of properties and alumni investment opportunities. The next WPN Board of Managers meeting is a conference call scheduled for August 17.

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ALABAMA CHAPTER TRANSFERS FUNDS TO WPN INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

The Epsilon Phi Chapter has voted to transfer \$90,000 to the WPN Investment Fund. Funds received will be invested in the National Bank of Indianapolis Diamond Capital Management account. The chapter will determine each December and April if additional funds can be transferred based on the balance in their operating budget. This is money that the chapter has been saving for a house since their founding which will now be invested for future use.

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MANSFIELD, GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER CLOSED

On January 3, the Board of Directors provided authorization to pursue closure of the chapter when appropriate. HQ Staff then furthered conversations with the alumni association to reconcile past debt and to secure with the university a return date. On January 25, after securing confirmation of a return date to Mansfield, Director of Collegiate Services, **Erik Kahl**, hosted a call with the undergraduate members to inform them of the decision to close the chapter and move current members to an alumni status. This is a result of chapter debt and membership attrition. Erik also shared our plan to return to campus, what it means to be a closed chapter, and why functions that could be associated with an active chapter must stop. While it is never an easy conversation to have, the men were not surprised and mostly receptive to the news, as well as relieved to know that we would be returning in the future.

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CROWDFUNDING RESOURCE ADDED

In the summer of 2017, we will roll out a new fundraising platform to assist chapters with their philanthropic efforts. The new platform is called CrowdChange and operates similarly to GoFundMe but is exclusively for Greek organizations and nonprofits. Chapters can create as many fundraisers as they would like and set it up chapter-wide or as individuals with their unique pages/goals. We have had a few chapters piloting it and they have found it successful. The platform also allows us to better track and monitor dollars raised by our chapters. Eventually, we hope to connect chapter endowments to the page as well as increase traffic and functionality.

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RITUAL BOOKS

New Ritual Books were printed and distributed to chapters that attended Webb Academy. This new book encompasses all ceremonies and rituals of Sigma Tau Gamma that take place on a chapter level. It is bound with a metal wire comb for durability and features a faux leather front and back cover with the new seal of the fraternity debossed on the cover. The books are numbered starting with 001, ensuring that HQ knows which copies have been given to each chapter. Each chapter received six copies, with a seventh copy going to the chapter's lead advisor. Books will be distributed to lead advisors throughout 2017.

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SIG TAU MARKETPLACE LAUNCHED

Since its launch on November 26, Sig Tau Marketplace has seen a substantial uptick in both traffic and sales as compared to the previous Sig Tau Store. Since its launch, the Marketplace website has generated over \$15,000 in revenue and welcomed 2,780 unique visitors. In 2017, we are committed to providing brand-new products for sale on this platform.

Another component of the new Sig Tau Marketplace platform is its ability to easily convert to a pop-up shop when needed. During this year's Webb Academy, we set up a dedicated room for the Marketplace and offered all of our items for sale to attendees during registration, breaks, and meals. Over the weekend, 192 orders generated \$3,750 in revenue. This marks our highest revenue weekend from any store we have run in the past.

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UPDATED ASSOCIATE PIN AND MEMBERSHIP BADGE RELEASED

During the 47th Grand Chapter in Orlando, Florida, delegates approved a change to both the associate pin and member badge to align with our new branding. Throughout the fall semester, HQ Staff has been working with Herff Jones to finalize renderings and move into production. To the excitement of our members, the associate pin and badge were both introduced at Webb Academy. Badges were distributed to each chapter for their fall semester initiates and spring initiation goals set at Webb Academy. Chapters also received a set of associate pins to remain in possession of the chapter for their future new member classes. The new badge and associate pin will be available for purchase in the Sig Tau Marketplace in the summer of 2017.

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NATIONAL WEBSITE LAUNCHED

On March 16, the new sigtau.org was publicly launched. HQ sent out an email to everyone in our database, encouraging them to visit the site, along with posting a graphic developed by Creative Director **Jeremy Harrington** on our social media platforms. Our Facebook post reached more than 10,000 people. The new site includes more than 160 pages of content, with a new calendar, Foundation and WPN pages, and a history page complete with a timeline. Additional enhancements will be ongoing.



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FRATERNITY AND SORORITY PAC

Undergraduates **Sam Willloh**, Missouri, and **K. Seth Lee**, Southeastern Louisiana, participated in a Capitol Hill visit with more than 250 fraternity and sorority leaders on April 26. They met with members of Congress and their legislative staffs asking them to support the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA) which makes college more affordable for students, creates thousands of small business jobs nationwide, improves campus safety, and reduces long-term student debt. This is the first time Sigma Tau Gamma has participated in the annual hill visits coordinated by the Fraternal Government Relations Coalition (FGRC). Here is some additional information about the PAC.

HOW HAS THE FRATERNITY AND SORORITY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (FSPAC) MADE A DIFFERENCE?

More than \$600,000 was raised by the FSPAC in the 2015-2016 cycle, making it the best fundraising cycle to date.

Funding from the FSPAC went to 109 candidates in the last election. 91 percent of those candidates won their elections and now serve in the 115th Congress.

One hundred and thirty-five members of Congress are also members of fraternities and sororities, including several members of our fine Fraternity.

WHAT WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE?

Advocacy for the policy agenda items that impact the future of the fraternity and sorority experience. Preservation of our single-sex status, protection of freedom of association, and due process rights for individuals and organizations.

Passage of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act (CHIA) that will allow tax-deductible contributions to existing educational foundations. These contributions would help to provide safe and affordable housing facilities for fraternities and sororities.

Continued collaboration with Congress as they tackle tax reform and higher education issues; both have a significant impact on the fraternity and sorority experience.



GRAND CHAPTER RECAP

Pictured: Brothers gather before the Opening Ceremonies.

Sigma Tau Gamma's 47th Grand Chapter took place in Orlando, Florida, June 16-18 of 2016. Awards were given out, new legislation was passed, and brothers gathered to create lasting memories. The event was the largest Grand Chapter to date, with nearly 500 brothers and guests in attendance. This Grand Chapter is one that will be forever in the history books, with many new changes approved.

39TH NATIONAL PRESIDENT JONATHAN PROEHL TAKES OFFICE



Jonathan Proehl, UW-River Falls (photo left with Past National President Alyx Parker, Illinois), has been involved with Sigma Tau Gamma since his initiation April 14, 1996. As an undergraduate

member he was VP of Membership in 1997 and Chapter President in 1999. In August 2000 he became

the Lakeland District Director. He served in that position for four years. Proehl became Great Lakes Regional Vice President in 2004. He also served the Gamma Nu Alumni Association as CFO from April 2002 to April 2006, and served as a member of the Gamma Nu Alumni Association Board of Directors from April 2000 to April 2006. Proehl was elected to the Sigma Tau Gamma Board of Directors in August 2008. He served three consecutive terms on the board as a director. He was elected President-Elect at the 2014 Grand Chapter.

Professionally Proehl is a business consultant specializing in economic and financial modeling. He helps clients understand the potential impact of their actions before making decisions. He also builds strategic plans designed to minimize risk and maximize success.

Proehl currently lives in Woodbury, Minnesota, and has been married to his wife, Kelli, for 10 years. They have an energetic Maltese named Sammy. In his spare time he enjoys mountain biking, downhill skiing, working on cars, and boating on the St. Croix River.



LEGISLATION RECAP

BADGE AND SHIELD

The Fraternity has modified the badge and shield, has established a new seal and associate member pin, and has slightly modified the Coat-of-Arms. These changes were released during the 2016-2017 academic year.

VISION STATEMENT

A new vision statement was adopted: "Building Noble Generations of Men."

PURPOSE STATEMENT

A new purpose statement was adopted: "To be a Fraternity of courageous and noble gentlemen who always endeavor forward."

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

SIX PRINCIPLES

Two of the Six Principles have evolved. Benefit and Value have been retitled to Citizenship and Brotherhood.

CITIZENSHIP: He is an outward defender of the common man and cares about more than just himself, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to serving his Fraternity, college, and country. He is charitable in the broadest sense of the word, knowing those so richly blessed have an obligation to serve those less fortunate. He is generous and kind.

BROTHERHOOD: He loves his Fraternity and seeks to enhance the worth of belonging for others. His actions are emblematic of our shield, a protector of our secrets and our lifelong commitment to one another. He holds our ideals in high regard and is forever

bonded within the Chain of Honor. He is respectful and dignified and proudly represents the fraternity in all his affairs. He is loyal and proud.

GRADUATING SENIOR TRACK

The **Graduating Senior Track** was first introduced at the National Leadership Conference (now referred to as Endeavor) in Norfolk, Virginia, in 2015. **Ben Hopper**, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Kansas State, joined **Pat Gotham**, Salisbury, as the lead facilitator for this track. The track aims to prepare members for success when they graduate and to learn more about the lifelong commitment of our brotherhood. Participants conducted the Fascination Advantage Assessment, reviewed and practiced interview techniques, and listened to a panel of alumni. Men's Wearhouse also hosted a Dress for Success presentation.

RECRUITMENT TRACK

The **Recruitment Track** was a new option at Grand Chapter. The participants in this track learned the latest about fraternity recruitment, including new software techniques (chapterbuilder.com) that assist chapters, an approach that when executed well can yield strong

results. The format used a mix of simulations, demonstrations, and practices to help participants leave with a more defined strategy for fall recruitment. The facilitators of the Recruitment Track were **Dean Anderson**, Director of Recruitment and Growth; Recruitment and Growth Coordinators **Victor Ugarte** and **Josh Marshall**; and Lead Advisor **Robert Champ**, Cameron.

WORKSHOPS

In addition to the two tracks, there were also **15 educational workshops** and presentations. These topics included strengthening academic success programs, hosting recruitment events, changes to the Standards Board, starting alumni associations, and hosting a strong philanthropy event.

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS

CHAPTER ETERNAL

The always powerful and moving **Chapter Eternal Ceremony** was hosted during the **Remembrance and Recognition Lunch** to remember and honor the brothers who have passed to Chapter Eternal within the past year.

CONGRATULATIONS 2016-2018 ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT
Jonathan Proehl
UW - River Falls '96

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Carnegie Mellon '97

PAST PRESIDENT
Alyx Parker
Illinois '94

TREASURER
Philip Jeanfreau
SE Louisiana '93

SECRETARY
Joe Gallo
Michigan Tech '08

DIRECTOR
Jeremy Daus
UW - River Falls '96

DIRECTOR
Jeremiah King
Missouri S&T '02



SECRETARY
JOE GALLO

Joe Gallo started at Michigan Technological University in August of 2007 and was initiated into the Gamma Chi chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma in February 2008. Soon after initiation, Joe was elected as VP of Membership in 2009, chapter president in 2010, and other various positions throughout. In spring 2012 Gallo received the Gamma Chi Chapter's Man of the Year Award, recognizing his dedication to the organization. Following in August 2012 at Grand Chapter in Washington D.C., he was presented the Ellsworth C. Dent - Man of the Year Award.

From 2012 to 2014 Gallo advised the Central Michigan University - Psi Chapter, and held a brief district director role. In 2016 he was elected to the Board of Directors at the Grand Chapter in Orlando, Florida.





2016 AWARDS RECAP

The 47th Grand Chapter in Orlando had many unforgettable moments during the three-day program, with the presentation of Sigma Tau Gamma's National Awards being one of those moments. Thirty-six awards were given to many brothers, friends, and families of the Fraternity.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapters of the Year Award

Beta Theta Chapter, Purdue
Epsilon Tau Chapter, UNC – Charlotte
Delta Chapter, Emporia State

Earl A. Webb Most Improved Chapter Award

Gamma Chi Chapter, Michigan Tech

Christopher J. Mauer Man-Mile Award

Gamma Phi Chapter, Southern Indiana

Thomas Hutsell Chapter Efficiency Award Winners

Epsilon Phi Chapter, Alabama
Epsilon Chi Chapter, Auburn
Zeta Kappa Chapter, Kansas State

Emmett Ellis Scholarship Awards

Epsilon Phi Chapter, Alabama
Zeta Alpha Chapter, Arizona State
Beta Gamma Chapter, Youngstown State

W.T. Hembree Campus Leadership Awards

Beta Theta Chapter, Purdue
Omega Chapter, Missouri State
Zeta Nu Chapter, Lindenwood University – Belleville

Robert Nagal Jones Charitable Projects Awards

Beta Theta Chapter, Purdue
Epsilon Phi Chapter, Alabama
Zeta Alpha Chapter, Arizona State
Gamma Pi Chapter, Stephen F. Austin University
Alpha Psi Chapter, Penn State
Gamma Tau Chapter, Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Beta Gamma Chapter, Youngstown State
Beta Tau Chapter, Slippery Rock

E. Kennedy Whitesitt Communication Awards

Gamma Chi Chapter, Michigan Tech - *Newsletter*
Epsilon Phi Chapter, Alabama - *Website*
Epsilon Tau Chapter, UNC – Charlotte - *Social Media*

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Undergraduate Hall of Fame Inductees

David Hiding, Oklahoma State '13
Jonathan Kittle, Auburn, '13
Landon Lee, Central Arkansas '13
Sagar Leva, Auburn '13
Eric Lloyd, Emporia State '11
Michael Potthast, UNC – Charlotte '12
Dakota Smith, Williams Woods '12
Brandon O'Neill, Youngstown State '12
Luke Williams, Southern Indiana '12
Stephen Hensell, Virginia Tech '13

This recognition, formerly referred to as the Dent Man of the Year finalists, awarded 10 outstanding graduating seniors who not only exemplified what it means to be a brother of Sigma Tau Gamma but were leaders on and off campus. From the inductees, one was selected and announced as the Dent Man of the Year!

Dent Man of the Year Winner

Jonathan Kittle, Auburn '13

The Ellsworth C. Dent Man of the Year Award is given annually to honor the most outstanding undergraduate leaders of Sigma Tau Gamma. Named for a charter member of Delta Chapter at Emporia State University, the Dent award is the highest honor the Fraternity can bestow upon a student member. It was established in 1966. Selection of the winner is based on some criteria, including leadership, extracurricular activities, scholastic achievement, and service to college and chapter.

The culmination of hard work, time and energy spent, dedication, and sometimes teamwork were just some of the traits that those awarded showed during the past year. We would like to congratulate all our recipients and say thank you for your hard work and dedication to Sigma Tau Gamma.



Greg Rumpf, Truman State, is inducted into the Society of Seventeen.

National White Rose Sweetheart

Jamie Yust, University of Central Missouri - Alpha Omicron Pi

Society of Seventeen Induction

Greg Rumpf, Truman State, '76

Professor Grubbs Distinguished Advisor Award

Michael A. Bevers, Southern Indiana, '81

Distinguished Interfraternal Leadership Award

Brandon Cutler, Director of Fraternity and Sorority and Cooperative Life at Purdue University, Theta Chi

Marvin Millsap Medal Foundation Service Award

Paul Phillips, Southeastern Louisiana, '91

Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award

Payton "Pat" Phelps, Southeastern Oklahoma, '58

Winebrenner Medal for Distinguished Fraternity Service

Thomas W. Harris, Pittsburg State, '79

Musial/Hillman Sportsmanship Award Winner

Preston Wolfe, Williams Woods, '15

FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation exists to support the purpose and vision of the Fraternity. With the Fraternity growing and expanding at an extraordinary pace, your support is needed now more than ever.

New chapters with more members and a growing need to enhance educational leadership opportunities and funding is a necessity for continued Fraternity growth. Pair the Fraternity's growth with the high costs associated with higher education, and the Foundation's need for support grows even more.

Supporting the Sig Tau Foundation is not just about enhancing today's undergraduate experience. Supporting the Sig Tau Foundation honors the thousands of brothers who sacrificed their time and talent for generations and helps preserve Sigma Tau Gamma's longevity for generations to come.

Jake Reichardt, Central Michigan, served his chapter as Vice President during 2016. He is standing outside Warriner Hall on the Mt. Pleasant, MI campus.



A NOBLE BRAND UNVEILED

A noble brand gets a sharp new look that both new members and old can enjoy.

YOU MAY BE ASKING, HOW CAN I HELP IN 2017?



BUILDING NOBLE MEN ANNUAL FUND

Each year the Foundation conducts a series of campaigns that are part of the Building Noble Men Annual Fund. This is the general fund of the Foundation, which aids the Webb Academy, scholarship recognition, HQ leadership coordinators, and communication for the Fraternity. The Annual Fund is an unrestricted fund and gifts support the Fraternity's greatest needs.



AZURE AND WHITE UNDERGRADUATE GIVING CLUB

During the inaugural Noble Man Institute in November 2016 and at Webb Academy in January 2017, undergraduate attendees were given the opportunity to support the Sig Tau Foundation with a gift of \$19.20 or more. Undergraduate members can invest in the Sig Tau Foundation at any national event or online at www.sigtau.org.



ENDEAVOR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Leadership development is the cornerstone of the fraternal experience. The Endeavor Conference is a three-day conference that gives collegiate members a chance to broaden their knowledge and develop their confidence as leaders. Funds given to support the Endeavor experience will offer undergraduates the skills that are critical in life and business.



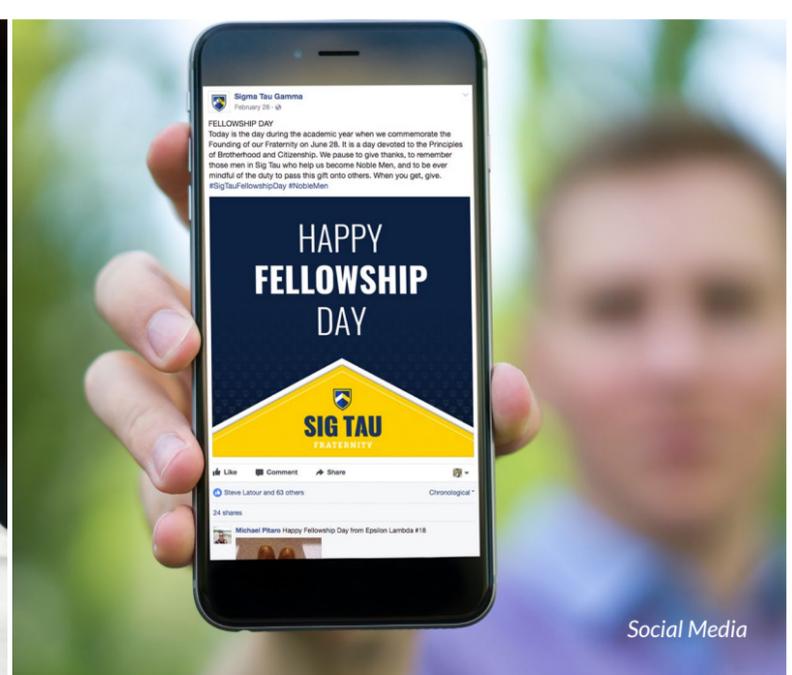
FOUNDERS DAY CHALLENGE

The Founders Day Challenge supports the Building Noble Men Annual Fund. In honor of the 97th Anniversary, celebrate Sig Tau's heritage and support our brotherhood. Help us reach our goal of 500 donors and \$97,000 by supporting the Founders Day Challenge.





Lanyard



Social Media



ASSOCIATE PIN

The pin, which was slightly modified and is now in the shape of the fraternity shield, symbolizes the path to becoming noble men.

A NOBLE JOURNEY

Since 1920, Sigma Tau Gamma has endeavored to bring forth a brotherhood of noble gentlemen. Fostering generations of men to live and lead based on our Six Principles. These principles of Learning, Integrity, Excellence, Leadership, Citizenship and Brotherhood have successfully guided not only our individual brothers but also the organization as a whole. In so doing, we have developed into a strong, solid brotherhood on campus and a dedicated and passionate alumni group off campus. And it was with these men (and those to come) in mind that leadership, in the Fraternity's 95th year, decided to embark on a comprehensive rebrand, as a means of honoring the organization's history while solidifying it for the future.

Guided by the vision of our Founders, we began the rebrand with determination to preserve their dream. Together with our creative partners at Rhyme & Reason Design, we spent the initial phase of the project immersing ourselves in the heritage of yesterday and the conversations of today. Our new CEO, Steve Latour, personally visited chapters to better understand the current tone of the organization and learn where improvements could be made. Additionally, focus groups were held at conventions and headquarters to capture perceptions and drill deeper into the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats affecting the brotherhood across campuses and across the country.

IMMERSING OURSELVES IN OUR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Through research, we discovered there was a strong consensus for a rebrand and an overarching desire to shed the stereotype of "frat boys" in favor of a focus on being seen as a diverse set of honorable, noble gentlemen. There were also multiple references to a lack of consistency in messaging and a lack of clarity among sub-brands. Beyond messaging discrepancies there were concerns around the size of the organization on campus, as well as within the alumni network, and a few less-than-stellar impressions of the headquarters.

Honoring the organization's history, while solidifying it for the future.

The results, though at times disheartening, were what we needed to hear and see to ensure we were taking the right steps to not simply rebrand, but reinspire and reinvigorate the entire brotherhood. Armed with the good, the bad, and the ugly, we pushed forward into phase two — the development and introduction of the national mark.

A NEW ENDEAVOR

Bidding adieu to a logo that proudly represented our organization for 95 years is not something you take lightly. Which is exactly why we asked the tough questions of our brotherhood and didn't make the change in a silo. The new national logo — wordmark and shield — that you have now seen in practice on every communication platform associated with Sigma Tau Gamma was one of many marks



Brand Standards



MEMBERSHIP BADGE

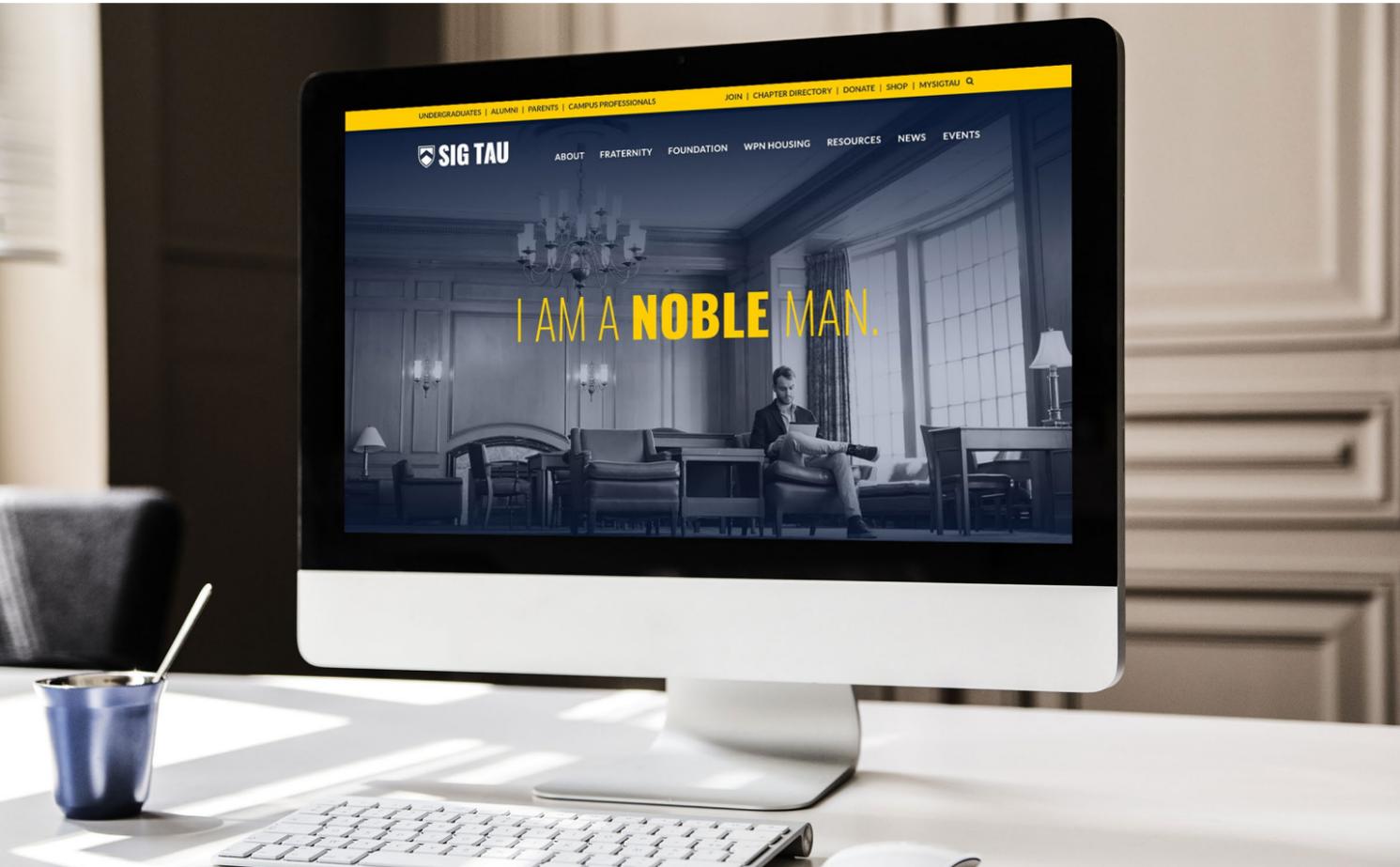
The Badge was also modified to closely align with the shape of the shield from the Coat of Arms. It has three points, with the colors being gold, blue, and black.



Chapter Flag



Chapter Business Cards



footprint, however, comes in the shape of our new responsive website. The website offers a wealth of information about Sigma Tau Gamma for every constituent group, from parents and undergraduates to university professionals and alumni. Whether you are looking for a specific chapter or interested in upcoming events for the Fraternity, the Foundation, or WPN Housing, you'll be able to easily find what you are looking for. Our goal with this new site is to make it the digital representation of our offline organization. We want it to be a place you come for up-to-date information about your brothers, topical blog stories, and critical details about membership. It shouldn't be a place you come every so often to pay a bill; instead we want it to be one of your regular digital destinations. However, we understand in order to achieve that we need your assistance in creating and maintaining content, so please take some time to explore our digital home and help us make it the best representation of your noble generation.

THE SAGA CONTINUES

One of the last iconic pieces of Sigma Tau Gamma history to begin the rebrand process was the *SAGA Magazine*. Over the past 90 years, the *SAGA* has seen and told generations of stories and this new iteration has the opportunity to connect with our noble men of the future. As you continue to flip through the pages, notice how the vision and voice of our brothers are apparent in every page, how this new brand is commanding attention on campuses and reigniting the passion of every brother for Sig Tau. 

NEW TO SAGA MAGAZINE

LAYOUT

The new layout offers more visual engagement through photos and text.

LONG FORM ARTICLES

More long-form articles to share the stories of Sig Tau.

CONTENT VARIETY

The content aims to connect with all constituent groups, allowing for a more robust view of every noble generation.

NEW TO SIGTAU.ORG

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The *Calendar of Events* helps us share what's happening on a national level and gives chapters the chance to share as well.

ONE-CLICK RESOURCES

Navigating to the info you need most just got easier.

MOBILE RESPONSIVE

Our site was built to work with your lifestyle. Whether you like browsing on a desktop or quickly searching on your phone *sigtau.org* responds to your device of choice.

FOUNDATION & WPN HOUSING INFORMATION

Now you can easily find detailed information about the *Foundation* and *WPN Housing* efforts.

presented, reviewed, and revised. The end product nods to our history in many ways: The chevron element seen in the shield and wordmark represents our military roots, pulled directly from our Coat of Arms, and the primary color palette is the same as it has been throughout history. Where the changes really took place were in the wordmark itself. The research highlighted a need for a more masculine font, a simplified graphic element, and — most interestingly — the prevalent use of Sig Tau rather than Sigma Tau Gamma throughout print and digital channels. These findings were top of mind during the design phase, helping to bring to life the new logo.

As you've seen, since the mark first was introduced in Orlando at Grand Chapter, it has started to shape the brand experience. It is the cornerstone of every communication from Headquarters' business cards to chapter-specific social media profile images. Through the development of a National Brand Standards Manual as well as a Chapter Specific Guide, each and every brother has the opportunity to champion the brand and uphold the value of the organization.

THE BROTHERHOOD AND THE BRAND

Building upon the foundation of the brand means that as an organization we must embrace it fully — not simply at the headquarters level but across the

entire brotherhood. Therefore, we made it a point to start where every brother starts — with a pin. The associate pin to be exact. We wanted to ensure that the new brand was part of the journey, welcoming men to our organization from the start and encouraging them each step of the way. From the associate pin, we followed it with the membership badge, another major milestone in the brotherhood experience and one that is representative of generations of Sigma Tau Gamma membership. Lastly, we modified the flag, updating the colors and including each chapter's Greek designation. If the feedback we received at Webb Academy is any indication, these updated symbols of our brotherhood will be treasured pieces of Sigma Tau Gamma membership.

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THE DIGITAL GENERATIONS

Creating a new brand goes well beyond a logo on letterhead, with so much of what we do and say taking place in the digital space, it's essential that

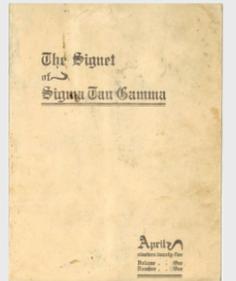
we built the new brand in a manner that translates across all media — from social platforms to our own website. Which is exactly why we were so careful in the planning and creation of our digital presence. The social media graphics we have created and continue to develop have far-reaching effects and can say a great deal in just a few characters. Beyond Instagram posts, we've fostered communications via weekly eblast communications such as *Sig Tau Briefings* and *SAGA Monthly*. Perhaps the biggest change to our digital



SAGA MAGAZINE THROUGH THE AGES

The *SAGA* has been a staple of Sig Tau for over 90 years.

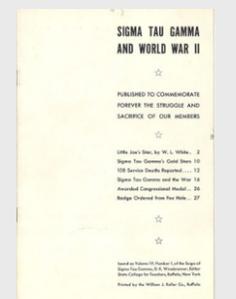
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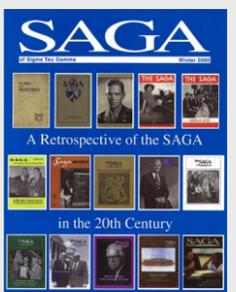
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Corn Hole Set \$350.00

SIG TAU MARKETPLACE

Officially launched in 2016, the Sig Tau Marketplace offers unique and exciting items for our members, their friends, family, and significant others. Our merchandise and brand has become a way for members to identify with Sigma Tau Gamma for both themselves and to the public.

HISTORY

After nearly a year of development, the Fraternity launched the Sig Tau Marketplace in November 2016. The purpose of the online store is to offer our members a variety of products that could be used for recruitment, ritual, or even as gifts. Members have requested for years that the Fraternity carry additional products that would help them market the Fraternity on their campus.

In the past ten years, nearly all of the national fraternities and sororities have established an online store and have even expanded their store to include a physical store in their Headquarters. While Sig Tau does not have a store at Headquarters, all of the products are available for purchase in person or online.

Previously members could buy a few select items or would need to find a local vendor or a licensed vendor online. With the Marketplace, all of that information is now in one location online and easily accessible.

At Webb Academy in 2017, the Marketplace established a small pop-up store. It was a huge hit with members asking for an even broader product selection in the future. Given its success, the Marketplace will now be part of the summer programs and Webb Academy in the future.

Our enhanced brand has given us the opportunity to increase sales of Sig Tau

merchandise. The eventual goal is that with licensed products and the Marketplace the Fraternity can offer new and exciting products to our members and can put the profits towards reducing the cost of being an undergraduate member of the Fraternity. If you have not already done so, please click on 'SHOP' in the upper right corner of the website to make your first purchase.

NEW ITEMS

Not every chapter has access to a Greek store in their community, and too often some of the licensed vendors sell products that are identical to those sold to other fraternities and sororities on campus. The Sig Tau Marketplace was created to offer our members quality products that not only had our logo but helped our members market the Fraternity on their respective campus.

After collecting feedback from undergraduates and alumni, HQ Staff went to work researching products and building new partnerships with national brands like Tervis, Vineyard Vines, Croakies, and Blender Bottles, so that the Marketplace could offer relevant and fun products.

Since launching in November 2016, the Marketplace now offers buttons, branded corn hole sets, golf ball markers, stickers, winter hats, polos, socks, and even Vineyard Vines key chains. While we will continue to

expand the offerings, our t-shirt options will be limited to recruitment-specific shirts.

SHOP WITH US

The Marketplace is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week online. Just visit sigtaustore.com for the latest gear. Orders usually ship within 1-2 business days. Expedited shipping is available.

SAGA Magazine readers can take 10% off your next order! Use the discount code SAGA2017 during checkout.

Offer expires September 1, 2017.



Croakies® \$8.00



Assorted Stickers



Blender Bottle \$8.00



Sig Tau Socks \$15.00



Official Bow Tie \$25.00



Vineyard Vines Hats \$32.00



Coffee Mug \$10.00

ALUMNI AUTHOR FINDS LIGHT THROUGH BROTHERHOOD



Jeff Young was initiated into Sigma Tau Gamma in 1969 at Ball State University where he studied American History. The reason he decided to join Sig Tau is a form of brotherhood in itself.

He and an existing member of the Ball State Chapter went to high school together. At one point in their high school career, Young was being bullied and this other member stuck up for him. Even before they were Fraternity brothers, the two shared a brotherly bond.

While Young was still in high school, he had a passion for writing. He remembered that some of his assigned essays were requested to be read aloud because the teacher thought his work was of high quality. As good as his essays were though, his teachers never really encouraged him to pursue a career in writing. "I kind of had these idealistic notions that teachers would really encourage me to follow my dreams. It didn't work out like that, but I kept a journal throughout high school anyway," Young said.

When he was in his late twenties, Young took a correspondence class in writing magazine articles at the University of Wisconsin. The first assignment was writing a nostalgia article in which Young chose to write about the novel hero Frank Merriwell. His instructor was so impressed with the work, he encouraged Young to send it to some publications. Amazingly, the first one that he sent it to bought it. Young had found similar success with other lessons, and it was then he knew that it was something that he wanted to pursue.

When asked about doing what he loved for a living, Young responded "Yes, that's kind of been my main objective. I never deluded myself into thinking that I had some great message to share with the world, but I also liked it because it gave me a lot of autonomy. When you get these book writing assignments, the editors don't care where you work, or when you come to work, just that you meet your deadline and get it to them in time and the format that they want."

Over the course of his career, Jeff Young has had an outstanding 44 books published. When his very first book was published, Jeff said that it was like a dream come true. Upon receiving the complimentary copy from the editor, he said it was a magical feeling just holding the finished product in his hand and seeing his name on the front cover and on the spine. He compared the feeling to climbing a mountain. "It's a long hard journey, but once

you reach the summit, the view is splendid," Young said.

When asked what book he is most proud of, Young responded, "I'm very proud of that in the way a first book is almost like a first-born child. You try not to play favorites but you do."

This book, *Fathers of American Presidents*, was groundbreaking in that never before had a book been written about the fathers of presidents. He originally thought about just writing an article on George Washington's father, and he was going to call it "The Father of the Father of our Country." Once he got started on the article, he thought why not just do one for every father, and that's how the book came about.

Aside from having 44 books published over his career, Young says one of his biggest accomplishments was receiving the Spur Award for his books *Bleeding Kansas* and the *Violent Clash over Slavery in the Heartland*. This award is given by the Western Writers of America and considered one of the most prestigious awards in American literature.

Although Young has never written about his Fraternity experience, he has had a piece published in a previous *SAGA Magazine*. The article tells of a fateful day in Young's life where brotherhood was fully exemplified.

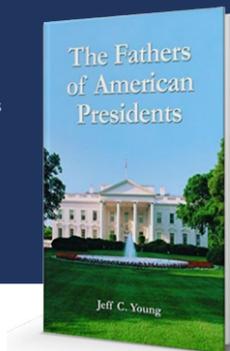
In 1983 Young lost one of his best friends, **Jeff Gorham**, in a tragic car accident while in Georgia fulfilling his duties for the Air Force Reserves. Young and Gorham both grew up in the same small town of Lebanon, Indiana and were the best of friends since the summer between their second and third grade years. The loss of a close friend is never an easy time on someone's life, but even so, life has a funny way of working.

Young was on his way back from Gorham's funeral and stopped in a library to make a copy of the obituary that was in a Georgia newspaper. After leaving, Young couldn't remember where he had parked his car and found himself aimlessly walking through the big, unfamiliar city when something peculiar happened. A man approached Young that he didn't recognize, until the man called Young by his college nickname, "Rufus."

When God closes
a door, he opens
a window.

PUBLISHED BY JEFF YOUNG

Jeff C. Young was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina but he spent his formative years in Lebanon, Indiana. Since graduating from Ball State University in 1971, Young has worked as an editor, journalist, freelance writer, and librarian. When he was between writing, editing, or librarian jobs, Young delivered pizzas in four different decades. In 1997, he became a published author with the debut of his book, *The Fathers of American Presidents*. Since then, he has written over 40 nonfiction books for young readers in the fields of biography, sports, politics/government, military history, American history and transportation. In 2007, Young's book, *Bleeding Kansas and the Violent Clash Over Slavery In The Heartland*, won the prestigious Spur Award from the Western Writers of America for Best Juvenile Nonfiction Book. Young currently works as the Director of the Learning Resource Center at Meridian College in Sarasota, Florida.



The man was **Frank Petrella**, Ball State. Frank was the President of the Omicron Chapter at Ball State at the same time that Young was an associate member of Sigma Tau Gamma. Having both been US History majors, Young and Petrella were close friends until Petrella graduated in 1970.

"It was just kind of unreal because the only reason I was in that place at that time was because of the death of my closest friend. It's just one of those inexplicable things that happen in your life. It was like the expression 'When God closes a door, he opens a window.' I lost one close friend and because of that I reconnected with another. I had that 13-year hiatus where I never saw him until that day in Atlanta. After that we stayed in touch until he passed away in 2001," Young said.

You truly never know the people you will meet or the relationships you will form as a member of Sigma Tau Gamma. You may not see your brothers for years, but that will never take away that initial bond that was formed as active members. Brotherhood goes far beyond your undergraduate years. Brotherhood is eternal, as exemplified by that fateful day in Atlanta. ^



NOBLE MAN INSTITUTE 2016

During a cool fall Saturday night in November at four different locations across the country, undergraduate men gather around a fire to learn about Sigma, Tau, and Gamma.

They sit, patiently waiting, some filled with nervousness, others filled with excitement. A conversation starts. They eagerly listen and then you see their eyes light up brighter than the fire in front of them. In this moment they learn what it looks like to be a noble man and what our founders set forth to do 97 years ago.

Being a Sig Tau is much more than being a Noble Gentleman.

This moment was just one of many at Sigma Tau Gamma's inaugural Noble Man Institute, which was held November 18-20, 2016, at four different locations. Camp Sky-Y in Arizona, Lake Williamson Christian Camp

in Illinois, Camp MacLean in Wisconsin, and South Mountain YMCA Camp in Pennsylvania hosted Sig Tau as our newest initiated

members took a deeper look into our history, our principles, and what it takes to be a good leader.

One young man who attended the Institute was Jackson Otto, Purdue. Otto attended the Illinois location

feeling confident he made the correct decision to join Sig Tau.

"I learned that being a Sig Tau is much more than being a noble gentleman," Otto said.

"There is so much meaning in Sigma Tau Gamma, and I am going to work harder to exemplify these characteristics and try to spread this culture."

Not only did the newest initiated members grow from this program, but our alumni did as well. At each location alumni sat down with the undergraduates to have in-depth conversations about Sig Tau and the role our brotherhood plays throughout life. Peter Sheward, Salem International, was a part of the alumni panel at the Pennsylvania location and was very impressed with the direction of the Noble Man Institute.

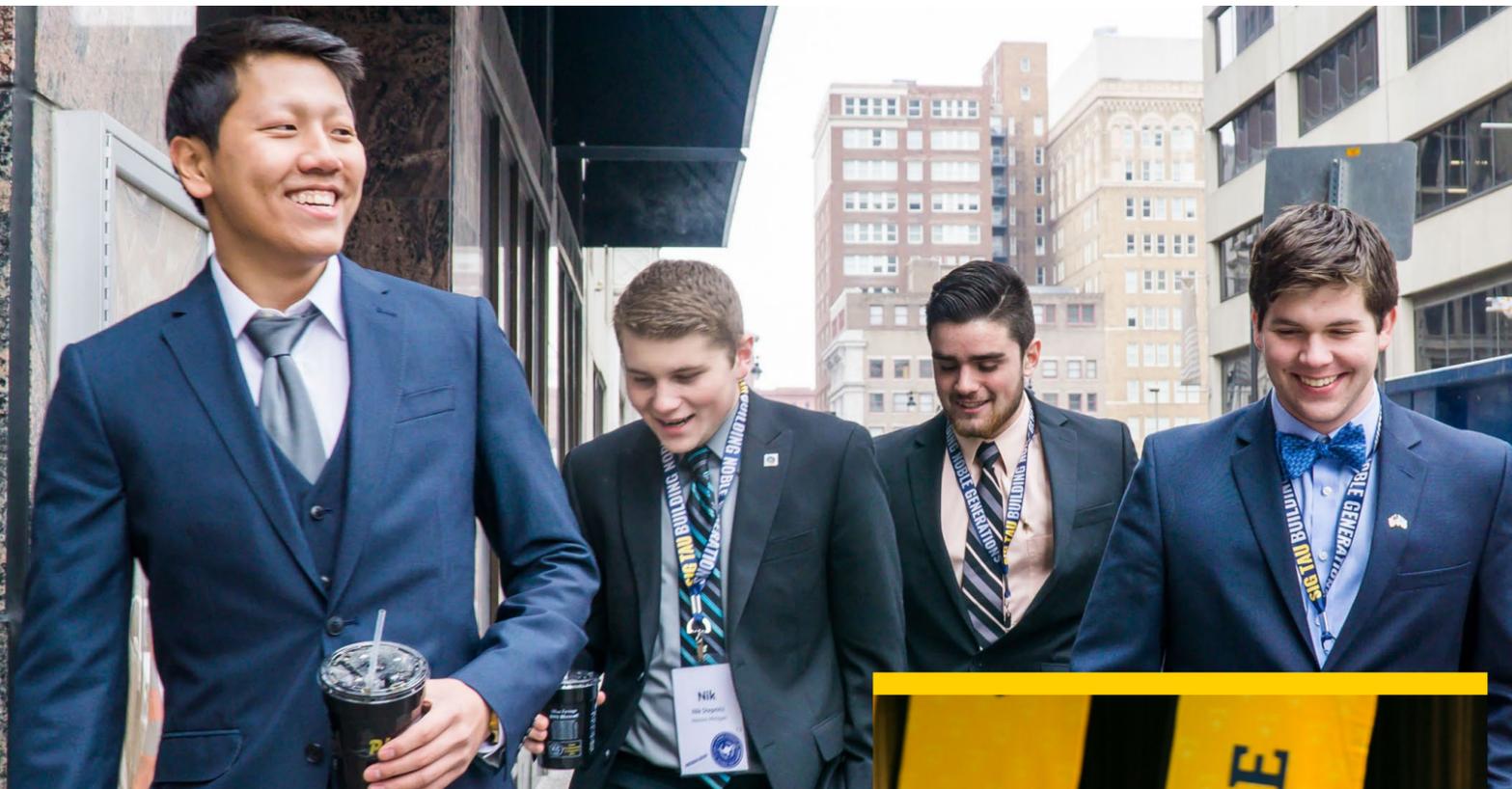
"Having gone through professional programs, I think the Noble Man Institute was a very well put together program. It was focused. It included a lot of interaction-based discussions, and I was very impressed with the change from the regional meetings to this model," Sheward said. "It is creative and it's going to be successful for years to come. You're giving newest brothers an opportunity to come in and meet people outside their chapter, at the national level and to meet alumni. This program is another educational building block that will produce the Fraternity's future leaders."

Between the four locations, undergraduates, alumni, and staff were able to have unique experiences and learn what it takes to be a noble man of Sig Tau. Brother Ryan Rafferty, Central Missouri, received all of this at the Arizona location. "Talking to Sig Taus from all over the country was great. Getting to meet so many brothers from so many backgrounds was exciting," Rafferty said. "There is always room to grow, whether it is as a person, or a Fraternity as a whole. I plan on helping the Fraternity be its best."

Like how our Founders gathered in front of the fireplace deciding what legacy they would leave, brothers sat around a campfire at four locations deciding how they could contribute to their chapter and the national Fraternity. Knowing that the responsibility now falls to them to keep the flame burning as bright for future members. ^



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WEBB ACADEMY 2017

As winter storm Jupiter made its way across the country and had sights set on Missouri, over 200 undergraduate men and 17 alumni facilitators gathered for the 22nd annual Earl A. Webb Academy at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

This year's Academy saw the additions of the Director of Finance and Operations Track, as well as the Director of Recruitment Track and President Track. Executive Cabinet officers participated in structured curriculum around their specific positions and large group sessions highlighting the Sig Tau Foundation, McCune Awards process, Endeavor Minneapolis, and inspiring messages from the Fraternity's CEO, **Steve Latour**, and keynote speaker **Aaron Boe**.

The inaugural Director of Finance and Operations curriculum track featured four alumni facilitators; two HQ Staff members; **Heather McLeod**, Director of National Services at OmegaFi; and **Russell Citron**, Founder and CEO of CrowdChange, a fundraising platform used by chapters.

Chapters were challenged to look at their current expenses, income, overall budgets, and financial reality.

Grant Wheeler, Missouri State, was surprised at how much he was able to learn in just three short days.

"Webb Academy allowed me to network with brothers from across the nation and to share ideas that will strengthen our brotherhood," Wheeler said. Participants connected with each other, staff, and alumni to design their current budgets while sharing best practices.

The President's track used **Bill Jensen's** text *Disrupt! Think Epic. Be Epic. - 25 Successful Habits for an Extremely Disruptive World* as the foundation for their time spent together. Brothers spent three days tackling issues

of member safety and masculinity to maintain a productive and inclusive culture within their chapter.

Ryan Jones, Buffalo, said Webb Academy gave him the confidence he needs to lead his chapter as president.

"Webb Academy not only helped me plan how to better my chapter but the confidence to carry out my plan," Jones said.

Webb Academy teaches you how to Endeavor Forward.



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The holistic training not only helps members with their position but shapes their leadership skills for life.

Directors of Recruitment spent time putting the Fraternity's principles to action through their commitment to developing emotional intelligence and impact on building a team. Using Dale Carnegie's *How to Win Friends and Influence People* as a tool, participants learned how to provide critical feedback, build a team, and motivate others. They spent significant time focusing on recruitment goals for the spring and fall term, defining and identifying hazing behaviors, as well as learning the essential tools of ChapterBuilder and Vault to assist in their responsibilities.

Peder Romskog, Director of Recruitment for Beta Kappa Chapter at UW - La Crosse, said it best, "Webb Academy teaches you how to endeavor forward."

CEO **Steve Latour** spent time with each track addressing questions and challenging chapter leadership always to endeavor forward. Conversations surrounding chapter finances, membership behavior, accountability, and recruitment provided direction to the attendees as they committed to building noble generations of men. During their time together, the President Track committed to hosting a chapter program on each campus centered around sexual misconduct before their campus' spring break.

Lucas Meyers, Truman State, an undergraduate facilitator at Webb Academy, was in awe of the training and believes Webb Academy not only helps these men lead their chapters but be leaders in life.

"The holistic training not only helps members with their position but shapes their leadership skills for life," Meyers said.

The groundwork was laid for a very successful term in office for Chapter Presidents, Directors of Recruitment, and Directors of Finance and Operations. **Tom Harris**, Pitt State, an alumni facilitator, said Webb Academy is crucial for our young leaders.

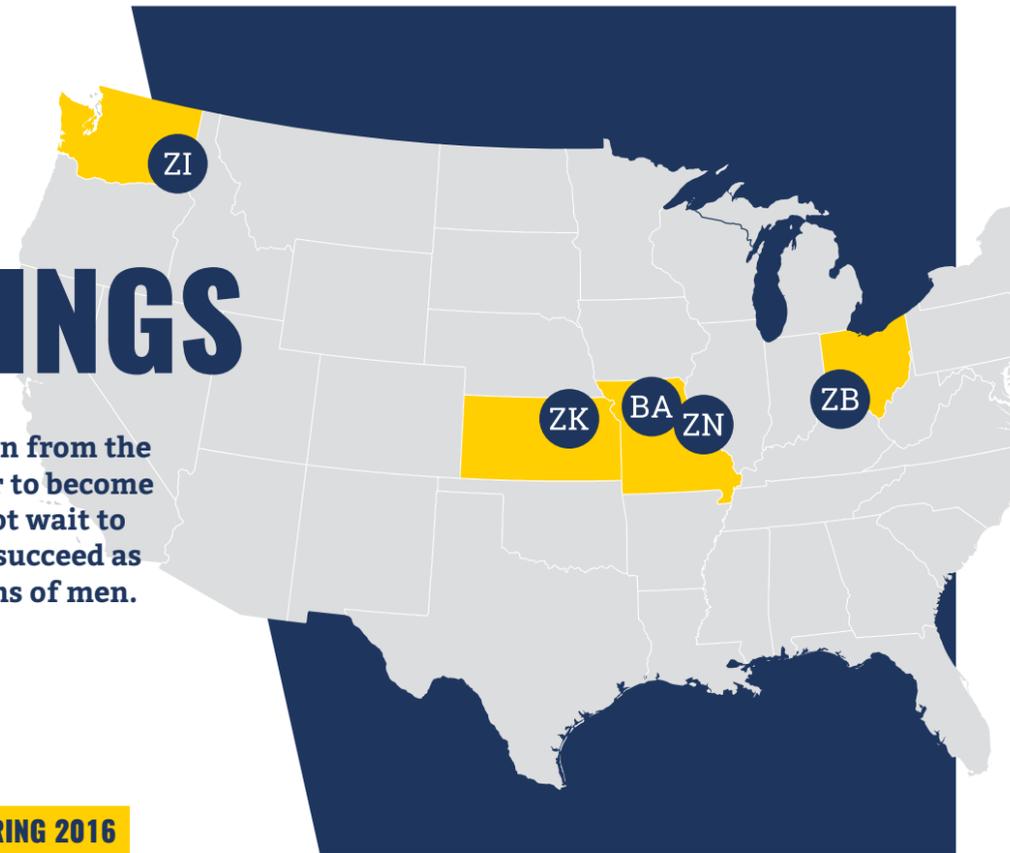
"Webb Academy could be the most important program that a young man can experience to prepare him for a lifetime of meaningful personal interactions," Harris said. ^



The 2018 program will return to the Kansas City Marriott Downtown from January 12 - 14 and will include the Director of Education and Wellness position of the Executive Cabinet.

CHAPTER CHARTERINGS

Since 2016, five chapters have grown from the ranks of being an Associate Chapter to become a fully chartered Chapter. We cannot wait to continue to see these five Chapters succeed as they begin to build noble generations of men.



TWO CHAPTERS RECEIVE CHARTERS IN SPRING 2016



ZETA BETA CHAPTER
University of Cincinnati

On Saturday, January 26, 2016, the associate chapter at the University of Cincinnati was officially recognized as the Zeta Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma. The chartering petition was held in the West Pavilion of the Nippert Football Stadium on campus. There were over 100 people in attendance for the chapter's celebration, and the men were joined by their parents and family members, as well as local alumni and the chapter's Lead Advisor, **Doug Haman**, Miami.

Thirty-Eighth National President, **Alyx Parker**, Illinois, and CEO, **Steve Latour**, Central Missouri, granted the chapter its charter during the ceremony, which marked the 146th charter awarded by Sigma Tau Gamma. The charter was granted after over two years as an associate chapter following their installment in November 2013.



ZETA NU CHAPTER
William Woods University

On Sunday, April 24, 2016, the Zeta Nu Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma was chartered at William Woods University. This ceremony took place in Serena Hall just one year after the associate chapter was installed on campus in Fulton, Missouri.

The charter granted to the Zeta Nu Chapter marks the third fraternity on William Woods' campus. Aside from Headquarters support, the chapter was celebrated and congratulated by numerous university faculty from William Woods, including the Dean of Students and Director of Student Involvement. There were also several parents of the founding fathers in attendance for the joyous occasion in Fulton. CEO **Steve Latour**, Central Missouri, and 38th National President **Alyx Parker**, Illinois, presented the charter.



The Zeta Iota Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma was presented their charter in Pullman, Washington, by Sigma Tau Gamma's CEO, Steve Latour, and the 39th National President, Jonathan Proehl.

CHAPTER INSTALLED

ZETA IOTA CHAPTER
Washington State University

On Saturday, August 20, 2016, Sigma Tau Gamma granted its 153rd charter at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. This was a day of celebration for the chapter and all of Sigma Tau Gamma, as this marked the first time that Sig Tau chartered a chapter in the state of Washington.

The nearly two-year journey started in the fall of 2014 when Washington State officially became an associate chapter. The chartering ceremony was held in the Garrison Building on campus as the men were congratulated by their friends and family members, as well as administrators from Washington State.

In attendance was **Evan Englander**, Assistant Director of the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life, who had high praises for the Sig Tau men on campus. "These men are a breath of fresh air in the community, and we need more men like them at Washington State," Englander said.

The Zeta Iota Chapter charter was granted by CEO, **Steve Latour**, and 39th National President, **Jonathan Proehl**, UW-River Falls. This was the first charter President Proehl granted since being sworn in as National President in June 2016.

Director of Collegiate Services **Erik Kahl**, UW-La Crosse, and Recruitment & Growth Coordinator **Angel Gonzales**, Washington State, both attended the ceremony as HQ Staff. This moment was particularly exciting for Angel Gonzales because he was a founding father of the chapter.

These men are a breath of fresh air in the community, and we need more men like them.

"It is a great feeling knowing that our hard work has paid off. Being able to say I worked for this moment and attended as an HQ Staff member really was something I will never forget," Gonzales said.

With 25 other IFC fraternities on campus, the Zeta Iota Chapter looked for a way to stand out from among their peers. In April 2016 the chapter was named Greek Week champions with their teammates Sigma Kappa and Sigma Phi Epsilon. Later that same month the chapter hosted one of its first philanthropy events that benefited the Special Olympics. The 2016 Sig Tau Car Show was a huge success as the chapter invited nearby individuals and companies to showcase their cars for a great cause.

CHAPTER INSTALLED

ZETA KAPPA CHAPTER

Kansas State University

On Saturday, November 12, 2016, Sigma Tau Gamma recognized the associate chapter at Kansas State University for its efforts and presented the group of noble men with their charter. This marked the end of the associate chapter stage that began on December 13, 2014. Kansas State is now the 154th chapter to be recognized by Sigma Tau Gamma in its 96-year history. Now the Zeta Kappa Chapter has plans to continue to grow, while cementing their establishment at Kansas State University.

The Zeta Kappa Chapter charter was granted by the 39th National President, **Jonathan Proehl**, UW-River Fall, and CEO, **Steve Latour**. The chapter members were joined by friends, family, and loved ones who congratulated and celebrated their accomplishments. Also in attendance were numerous representatives from Kansas State University's faculty and staff. One of which was **Ben Hopper**, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at Kansas State University, who was the 2015 recipient of Sigma Tau Gamma's Distinguished Interfraternal Leadership Award. Hopper was presented with this honor for his unwavering support and advocacy for the Zeta Kappa Chapter during their crucial developmental years as an associate chapter. He continues to be a role model for the chapter members.

(Below) The Zeta Kappa Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma was happy to receive their charter from the National Headquarters on November 12, 2016. This marked the end of a nearly two-year journey for the chapter after they were installed as an associate chapter of the Fraternity in December 2014.

(Right) The officers of the Zeta Kappa Chapter were sworn in as official officers of the chapter by Sigma Tau Gamma's National President Jonathan Proehl during their Chartering Ceremony in the K-State Student Union building on campus.

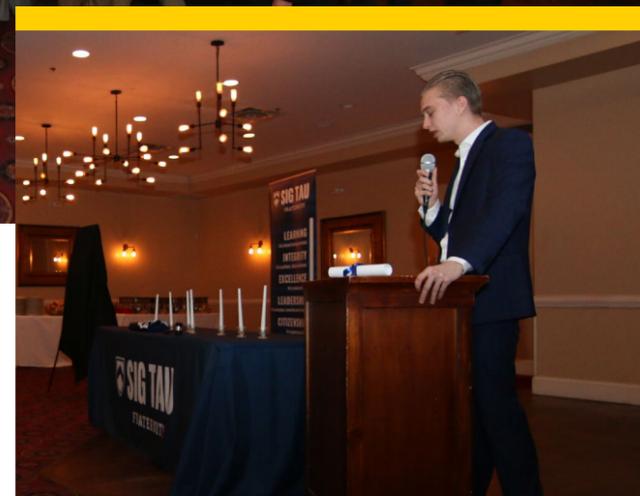
With the official recognition of the chapter receiving its charter, the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation also established the Kansas State Chapter Endowment Fund. During the ceremony CEO **Steve Latour** explained the importance of the Endowment Fund and how it can continue to help build noble generations of men at Kansas State University.

He also bestowed the fund's first scholarship during the ceremony. The chapter members were asked to nominate one brother who had displayed exemplary dedication and service to the chapter during the chartering process. The chapter selected **Josh Benard**, Kansas State, as the recipient of the scholarship for his persistent work as Chapter President in 2016.



(Above) The men of the Beta Alpha Chapter were excited to receive their charter, which officially recognized the chapter again after being reestablished on the University of Missouri campus during the spring 2015 semester.

(Right) Past President of the Beta Alpha Chapter, Sam Willoh, addresses the audience after receiving a scholarship from the chapter's alumni association for his academic achievement and contribution to the chapter during its associate chapter development.



CHAPTER RECHARTERED

BETA ALPHA CHAPTER

University of Missouri (Mizzou)

On Saturday, January 28, 2017, Sigma Tau Gamma was pleased to re-charter the historic Beta Alpha Chapter of the Fraternity at the University of Missouri (Mizzou). Chapter members were joined by university administrators, alumni members, friends, and family for a joyous occasion in Columbia, Missouri. Special guests for the event included **John Heiman**, Central Missouri, former Fraternity National President and current WPN Housing Manager; and his wife **Cathy Heiman**, a Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation Trustee.

The Beta Alpha Chapter went through a major overhaul to receive their charter. Due to several violations in member safety and recruitment struggles, the chapter was closed during the fall 2014 semester. Headquarters Staff negotiated a restart for the spring 2015 semester. In April 2015 the chapter was once again installed and began its journey to becoming a fully chartered chapter. The members took immediately to the challenge and pushed themselves to stand out

on Missouri's campus. They became heavily involved in homecoming events on campus and recruited the caliber of members that they knew would make a difference on campus. One of the refounding fathers, **Syed Ejaz**, Missouri, ran for Student Body President during the fall 2015 semester.

The chartering ceremony was conducted by Sigma Tau Gamma National President, **Jonathan Proehl**, UW-River Falls, and CEO, **Steve Latour**. During the ceremony the Beta Alpha Alumni Association presented an academic scholarship to the first president of the reestablished chapter, **Sam Willoh**, Missouri, for his commitment to bettering himself in the classroom and the Fraternity through his leadership.

Willoh said during his address to the chapter. The chapter continues to grow and carry on the rich tradition of Sigma Tau Gamma.

We do not pride ourselves due to a self-proclaimed notion of perfection, but instead because we are a group that continually strives to get as close as possible to achieving perfection

WPN UPDATE



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The WPN Housing Company will have eight properties under its management this fall and is looking to expand.

The purpose of WPN is to enhance the fraternity experience by providing assistance, support, and property management as it relates to housing or other forms of shared fraternity living/meeting space.

To learn more about how WPN Housing Company can assist your chapter, contact the Director of WPN Housing and HQ Operations, [Vanessa Ryan \(vrayan@sigtau.org\)](mailto:vrayan@sigtau.org).



WPN MANAGEMENT COMPANY PROPERTIES (BEGINNING FALL 2017)

- 1 **CENTRAL MISSOURI**
Alpha Chapter
- 2 **CENTRAL MICHIGAN**
Psi Chapter
- 3 **AUBURN**
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ARIZONA STATE
Zeta Alpha Chapter

ILLINOIS
Alpha Chi Chapter

MICHIGAN STATE
Zeta Omicron Chapter

PURDUE
Beta Theta Chapter

WILLIAM WOODS
Zeta Mu Chapter

CHAPTER NEWS



ALABAMA

Brothers Make a Difference on Campus

Universities all across the country encourage students to get involved. Getting involved has numerous benefits, such as networking, meeting students with the same interests as you, making a difference around campus, and gaining leadership experience. Some students join clubs, some join Greek organizations, and some participate in student government. If you are a member of the Epsilon Phi Chapter at the University of Alabama, you may find yourself in more than one of these groups.

The Epsilon Phi Chapter has 12 brothers involved in Student Government. This is highly beneficial to their chapter as they have the most involvement in student government throughout all of Greek Life at Alabama. It can also be used as an excellent recruitment tool when looking for the next generation of noble men.

Dalton Beasley, Alabama, a senior and Past Executive Vice President of the Epsilon Phi Chapter, became involved in student government to make a difference on campus.

"What made me want to get involved in the Student Government Association (SGA) is that I wanted to make an impact. I saw a lot of issues across campus that were not given the attention that they needed. I wanted to be able to say at the end of my four years that I made a lasting impact on the university," Beasley said.

Beasley and the other Epsilon Phi Chapter members involved with SGA have enjoyed many accomplishments. One of these achievements was gaining designated tailgating spots for student organizations on the campus quad. Football is a major part of the student experience at the University of Alabama, and with the Epsilon Phi Chapter being without a house, the quad serves as the perfect place to partake in game day activities.

Another accomplishment was creating a campus-wide, student-led speaker series on mental health awareness. The speakers gave personal testimonies about their history regarding mental health and provided encouragement to those who may be experiencing similar feelings or situation. Student government was able to get campus professionals involved and supply students with resources for information about mental health awareness.

Student government is certainly an excellent way to make an impact on campus. Twelve members of the Epsilon Phi Chapter at Alabama did, and now they can say that Sig Tau has helped further the student experience at the University of Alabama.



CENTRAL ARKANSAS

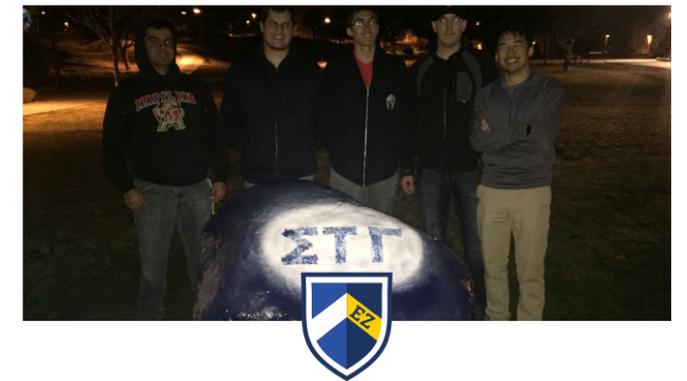
Ring Around the Toilet Bowl

While the Rose Bowl and Orange Bowl may be popular football games amongst colleges, there is one bowl game that is more popular for Central Arkansas students, the Toilet Bowl.

The Toilet Bowl is a flag football game played for years between the Sigma Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma and Phi Lambda Chi and is now played against Sigma Phi Epsilon. It is a large Greek community event and Sig Tau has won both games in the past two years.

The price to enter the game is a canned food donation that the two fraternities donate to the local food bank.

In addition to the football game, both fraternities elect a Toilet Bowl Court. The court consists of five women nominated by each fraternity. Of the 10 women, one is elected from each chapter as a finalist. The Toilet Bowl Queen is crowned by whichever team wins.



EMBRY-RIDDLE

Spirit Rock

At Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Arizona sits a rock, named the Spirit Rock, which is part of a tradition started in the late '80s that allows any organization or individual within the campus to spray paint it.

However, there are some rules to the tradition — the rock can only be painted during nighttime, for one. Multiple organizations can cover the rock during the night but when the light comes out in the morning, the rock cannot be altered.

Since the Epsilon Zeta Chapter has been on campus, they have partaken in this tradition and recently painted the rock to promote their spring recruitment. It has since been painted over, but before their next event, they are determined to reclaim it. The longest the chapter had the rock painted was during winter break two years ago; it lasted from finals at the beginning of December until mid-January.



MICHIGAN TECH
Grundy Run

No one is a stranger to snow and cold weather in Michigan and while some opt to submerge in frigid water for a polar plunge, the Gamma Chi Chapter at Michigan Tech has their own unique way of "freezin' for a reason" — they call it the Grundy Run.

Grundy run is an annual philanthropy held during the school's Winter Carnival where participants strip down to their "grundies" and run a mile through the snow. Friends and other students pay

to write or draw on brothers before their trek and this money is donated to a charity.

"This year we are donating to Pigs-N-Heat, a local hockey game between police officers and the fire department to benefit victims of house fires. I think we had around 20 brothers who ran. We primarily do it for tradition's sake, but raising money for a good cause makes it even better," said President **Daniel Ratkos**, Michigan Tech.



PURDUE
Polar Plunge

2017 has been a great year for the Polar Plunge within Sigma Tau Gamma. Chapters continue to impress while raising money for the Special Olympics, which perfectly exemplifies the principle of citizenship: He is charitable in the broadest sense of the word, knowing those so richly blessed have an obligation to serve those less fortunate.

The Beta Theta Chapter at Purdue University recently raised \$25,833 and won the campus challenge award for most money raised on a college campus within Indiana.

The chapter had a little fun and changed things up this year — the 90 people plunged while wearing togas! Chapter President **Samuel Hicks**, Purdue, was alongside his brothers in the freezing water.

"It was a great experience and my favorite plunge so far. I lost feeling pretty quick, so I stayed in for a while," said Hicks.

It is always a treat to hear about chapters doing incredible things, whether recruitment, philanthropy, or athletic feats, chapters' efforts do not go unnoticed.



PENN STATE
THON - A 46-Hour Dance Fest

THON, a fundraising effort culminating in a 46-hour dance marathon at Penn State, is the world's largest student-run philanthropy. It raises money for the Four Diamonds Fund at Hershey Children's Hospital, which supports families affected by pediatric cancer. This year THON raised a total of \$10,045,478. In the last ten years, the Alpha Psi Chapter raised more than \$100,000 in their efforts for THON.

During the marathon, select individuals dance for a solid 46 hours without sitting, sleeping, or leaving the dance floor. THON children (kids affected by pediatric cancer) attend and the event is centered on making sure they have a good time. Brother

Kaleb Griffith's sister is a THON child who thankfully beat her fight against cancer, so it makes it that much more inspiring to participate in.

"While the dancers are on the floor, we as a Fraternity are in the stands cheering them on to complete the marathon and give them emotional and brotherhood support. This year we had two brothers, **Alexander Frisbie** and **Kaleb Griffith**, represent Sig Tau on the dance floor. Our main fundraising efforts included attending multiple canning trips throughout the year, as well as online donations," President **Ralph Chamberlain** said.



WANT TO SEE YOUR CHAPTER IN THE SAGA?
Submit your chapter news for the magazine! Send a write-up and photo to noblemen@sigtaw.org, and your chapter could be included in the next SAGA Monthly or SAGA Magazine.



SIU EDWARDSVILLE
Second Annual Shave 'N' Toss

The Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville held their second annual Shave 'N' Toss on March 23. The corn hole tournament raises money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which supports childhood cancer research. The best part about Shave 'N' Toss? Participants shave or cut off their hair.

Philanthropy Chair **Nick Coglianesi**, SIUE, said this year's event surpassed their fundraising goal. "Last year, we

raised over \$5,000 for the inaugural Shave 'N' Toss. This year, we had a goal of \$10,000, and raised \$11,208!" Coglianesi said.

During the event, shirts were sold, baskets of goodies and products were raffled off, and corn hole games were constantly going. The event was campus-wide, with many organizations, including the Greek Life Office at SIUE participating.



UNC CHARLOTTE
Gold Medalist Pageant

On February 21, the Epsilon Tau Chapter held their 4th annual Gold Medalist Pageant. Volunteer contestants from campus sororities competed to benefit the Special Olympics and this year the chapter broke their previous record and raised \$4,500.

Judges voted for the most well-rounded contestant based on categories of formal wear, sportswear, talent, and a questionnaire to crown the Gold Medalist. Miss North Carolina and

UNCC student **McKenzie Taggart** joined as a guest judge!

The Epsilon Tau Chapter made groundbreaking progress with the integration of a speech from a Global Messenger — a Special Olympian who speaks with audiences about Special Olympics. **Robin Callaway**, North Carolina Special Olympics' 2015 Athlete of the Year, was the Global Messenger and gave an educational speech on the purpose and fulfillment of the Special Olympics.



CENTRAL MISSOURI
Games Day by the Lake

Each chapter has traditions that are unique and unlike any other. Sunny, 75 degrees, and lakeside is the perfect way to describe a longstanding Alpha Chapter tradition. Games Day by the Lake takes place on the banks of the Lake of the Ozarks, and has been a tradition for 30 years running.

Games Day by the Lake takes place in March or April, when the weather starts to warm up and the trees start to regain their leaves. With Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks only two hours from Warrensburg, MO, where Alpha Chapter is located, the short commute feels like an eternity due to the excitement.

Alpha Chapter opens the invitation to the eight sororities at the University of Central Missouri to participate in a Saturday afternoon full of yard games. The games that are played include washers, football, three hole, corn hole, ladder golf, giant Jenga, dart board baseball, can jam, and many others. Teams are made and compete for the title of Games Day Champion. Sophomore and fall initiate **Ryan Rafferty**, Central Missouri, and his team took home the title.

"Games Day by the Lake was an absolute blast. Being with my brothers made it that much better. Honestly, I'm still in disbelief that I won as a sophomore over the seniors who have been competing for years," Rafferty said.

Friendly competition is always a fun way to meet people and get out of your comfort zone. Opening the invitation to other chapters strengthens the Greek community. Playing ladder golf, corn hole, and giant Jenga with brothers and friends is how the Alpha Chapter prefers to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon.

ALUMNI NEWS



GAMMA TAU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A Night at the Races

On January 28, The Gamma Tau Alumni Association held its annual "A Night at the Races" event. Fifteen brothers and spouses met at the Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course to re-enliven old friendships over an evening of dining and testing their luck at the horse track and casino.

Brother **Richard Nickel**, Millersville, looks forward to this annual outing as an opportunity to bring together Sig Taus from all walks of life.

"This is our fifth year for the event, and it brings together alumni brothers representing several generations of noble men at

Millersville University. New alumni brothers who just graduated in December joined brothers who last sat in a college classroom 30 or 40 years ago," Nickel said.

The Millersville Alumni Association has a long history of hosting events to keep brothers in touch with one another after graduation, including a card game that began in 1977 and which has brought brothers together every year for the past 40 years.

To receive more information about the Gamma Tau Alumni Association contact **Will McGorty** at wmcgrorty@pemcor.com.

NEW ORLEANS ALUMNI CHAPTER

The Big Things Come Easy in New Orleans

"There just isn't a magic equation for keeping people connected after all these years," **Cameron Barr**, Phi Chapter '66, said.

While there might not be a magic equation, the New Orleans Alumni Chapter (NOAC) has been succeeding at perpetuating brotherhood since the date of its inception on October 7, 1964. Thanks to the "big three," the NOAC serves as the primary connection to Sig Tau for hundreds of alumni in the greater New Orleans area. Among many smaller social events throughout the year, the big three comprises a summer family picnic, a spring crawfish boil, and the annual Christmas party, which serves as their premier event each year.

The NOAC serves as the alumni association for the Phi Chapter at Southeastern Louisiana University, where the active members in the

chapter are welcomed at all events, nearly free of charge, and are shown the importance of maintaining the Sig Tau connection long after graduation. The undergraduates even participate in the annual alumni fundraiser at Jazz Fest, where students and alumni members volunteer as 'ticket takers' and raise \$2,000 - \$4,000 annually.

The NOAC meets monthly where they conduct business as usual, but also enjoy a meal together, always including a social component to foster continued brotherhood. These meetings serve as an excellent opportunity to invite members of the Phi Chapter and strengthen the relationship between undergraduates and alumni. It may not be possible to keep everyone engaged all the time, but for those who stick around, find that the flame is still burning strong in the New Orleans Alumni Chapter.



HENDERSON STATE ALUMNI

A Different Night At The Races

Just two weeks after the successful installation of their beloved Alpha Epsilon Chapter, the Sig Tau alumni at Henderson State University held their 4th Annual Sig Tau Day at the Races, at Oaklawn Race Track in Hot Springs, AR. After starting with just 25 alumni attendees at the inaugural event, this tradition has grown to yield over 60 Sig Tau brothers and Henderson State alumni who are also invited to attend.

While the alumni were certainly proud of the continued success of this event, they were especially proud that they were able to welcome associate members of the newly established Alpha Epsilon Chapter at Henderson State. Luckily for Sig Tau's newest members, this will simply be one of many events they will enjoy

on behalf of their alumni association. Fishing excursions, football tailgates, and trips to sporting events are now something that the men can look forward to each year.

"When we get together today, we have as much fun as we did 30 years ago. It's great to experience the same comradery and brotherhood that we felt when we first joined the chapter; and now that we have a chapter at our alma mater to share it with, it makes events like this even more special," **Steve Eddington**, Alpha Epsilon '83, said. With the return of the active chapter, Eddington is confident their group of alumni will move forward with becoming an officially recognized alumni association.



DO YOU HAVE AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STORY TO SHARE?
Send a write-up and photo to noblemen@sigtau.org, and your alumni association could be included in the next SAGA Monthly or SAGA Magazine.



IT'S TIME TO GET BACK IN THE GAME

Have you ever heard the saying that a chapter is only as strong as the alumni support it receives? It is true, and the same can be said for a successful national organization. Sig Tau is growing faster than ever before, but not just in the number of chapters.

We are growing with undergraduate members, the number of conferences held each year, conference attendees, and staff and volunteers. Members across the country are enjoying this achievement of growth. However, with success, comes continued growth and need for innovation.

Innovation breeds success, but it also breeds collaboration, and we want to collaborate with you. The opportunities that will soon be coming your way are endless, and we have the perfect opportunity for every recent graduate or seasoned alum who wants to re-engage with Sig Tau. Keep a watchful eye on your email and social media in the coming months; some of the positions listed might be just what you are looking for. It's time to get back in the game.

LEAD ADVISOR/CHAPTER ADVISORY TEAM

This is your opportunity to have a direct impact on the current generation of undergraduate brothers. Be an advisor or mentor to an Executive Cabinet member, help them see the big picture, let them make mistakes when necessary, but most importantly, help your brothers be great. There is a chapter near you—donate your time and knowledge to them; they need you.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Your alumni association is your opportunity to stay involved with your chapter and the alma mater from which you graduated. Alumni associations provide a wealth of opportunities, including social gatherings, scholarship funds for undergraduate members, and continued involvement with the university on behalf of Sigma Tau Gamma. If your chapter doesn't have an alumni association, consider starting that process.

BOARD OF ADVISORS

The Board of Advisors is a committed group of alumni who are passionate about the success of the Sigma Tau Gamma enterprise. They have a strong desire to remain engaged at a national level, to network with their peers, to give generously, and serve as a "sounding board" for new and ongoing Fraternity initiatives.

DONATE

Life happens; not everyone has the extra time to serve, but that doesn't mean you can't still make a direct impact. There are a variety of options for making a donation, and there is not one thing more important than another. Consider donating your treasure until life allows you also to donate your time.

REGIONAL ADVISORY TEAM

Yes, it's coming back. Are you looking for more? Consider re-engaging with the Regional Advisory Team for your area. These teams will serve as the liaison between Sig Tau Staff and the Chapter Advisory Teams and provide assistance and training in areas of member safety, recruitment and member education, advisor coaching, and supporting the expansion efforts of HQ Staff.

SAGA EDITORIAL BOARD

This opportunity will put the future of the SAGA Magazine in the hands of our members. We plan to create a Board comprised of alumni and undergraduates, who will gather and write the content that will be featured in the SAGA Magazine. This group will work with our Communications Department to supply content, review designs, and proof the document before it is sent to print.

AROUND SOCIAL MEDIA

Sigma Tau Gamma undergraduate members continue to impress as they post thought-provoking, exciting, and engaging updates via social media. No matter the outlet, whether Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter, each chapter always has fun and rewarding events that the entire world can share in.



@SigTau_Pburgh

The Epsilon Lambda Chapter at SUNY Plattsburgh won the Chapter of Excellence Award for the 2016-'17 school year, presented by the University. SUNY Plattsburgh has 13 fraternities and ten sororities. #Learning



@sigtaumillersville

The Gamma Tau Chapter at Millersville were crowned Greek Week Champs for the 2016-17 school year. The brothers were paired with Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority and competed in events throughout the entire week against other organizations. #Excellence



@SigTauPittState

The Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma at Pittsburgh State hosted a bake sale. The money raised went to aid a local animal shelter. #Citizenship



@sig_tau_marshall

The Epsilon Mu Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma participated in the Walk for Suicide Awareness in the fall 2016 semester. #Brotherhood



@sigtaudeltabeta

The Delta Beta Chapter at Duquesne University received the President's Cup this April. This award, given out by the university, acknowledges the best fraternity on campus. #Leadership



@uasigttau

The Zeta Pi Associate Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma at Arizona sent each sorority on campus Krispy Kreme Donuts to show their appreciation on Valentine's Day. #Integrity

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Howard Mitch Blackman
Frostburg, 1990

John J. Blanco
Mansfield, 1969

Carlo Edward Bottiani
UC-Santa Barbara, 1949

Daniel Robert Boutchie
Bridgewater, 1995

Theodore M. Bricker
Truman State, 1962

Marshall Elvis Cabe
Cameron, 2011

Phillip Alexander Cabe
Cameron, 2015

Jeffrey Dean Carlson
UW-River Falls, 1992

Lawrence E. Cropp
Frostburg, 1964

Steven A. Dill
Cleveland State

David W. Ebersole
Missouri S&T, 1972

John William Egan
Millersville, 1978

Peter G. Egelhoff
UW-Oshkosh, 1965

Anton Franz Fellner
Slippery Rock, 2011

Donald C. Ferch
Cleveland State, 1963

William Francis Garber
Clarion University, 1948

William Dale Gilbert
Clarion University, 1946

Christopher Michael Gould
Umass Lowell, 2002

Charles L. Greene
NW Missouri, 1947

Timothy E. Hanson
Mansfield, 1994

Shannon Scott Hearne
Baylor, 1988

Fred L. Hill
Central Missouri, 1951

John F. Howard
West Chester, 1968

Matheu Robert Hunt
SUNY Plattsburgh, 2000

Thomas J. Kaczynski
UW-Oshkosh, 1965

Robert D. Kaczynski
UW-Oshkosh, 1963

Gerald F. Kathan
UW-La Crosse, 1974

Thomas Eugene Kuzila
Central Missouri, 1984

Douglas Scott Lewellyn
Illinois, 1980

David Robert Lewis
Murray State, 1996

Walter L. Markley
Emporia State, 1961

John A. Marvel
Oklahoma, 1941

James L. Meadows
SE-Louisiana, 1990

Stephen Paul Misewicz
Millersville, 2004

John D. Muchow
UW-Stout, 1965

James Willcox Odom
Texas State, 2007

Frank William Peabody
SE Louisiana, 1951

Robert V. Pearson
Clarion University, 1958

William C. Ragan
Nebraska Kearney, 1969

James A. Rathert
UW-Stout, 1961

James F. (Jim) Rector
Central Oklahoma, 1964

William B. Rich
Central Missouri, 1943

Robert C. Roach
Missouri S&T, 1971

William R. Rooney
Frostburg, 1960

Leo J. Salamie
Missouri St. Louis, 1971

Daniel Richard Shearin
IU Pennsylvania, 1939

Robert E. Stockhouse USAF(Ret.)
Black Hills State, 1942

Raymond E. Taylor
Concord, 1949

Jackson Tyler Tucker
Alabama, 2013

H. Edward Wesemann
Valparaiso, 1966

William Bishop Woosley
Central Arkansas, 1992

FORMER FIRST LADY OF SIG TAU PASSES



Leawood, KS - Connie Hembree, the wife of 12th National President and Society of Seventeen member Bill Hembree, Pittsburg State, passed away on January 3, 2016. Connie shared a love and passion for the Fraternity that will never be forgotten. She showed her passion in many ways, such as writing beautiful poetry about Sigma Tau Gamma and attending national Sig Tau events alongside her husband.

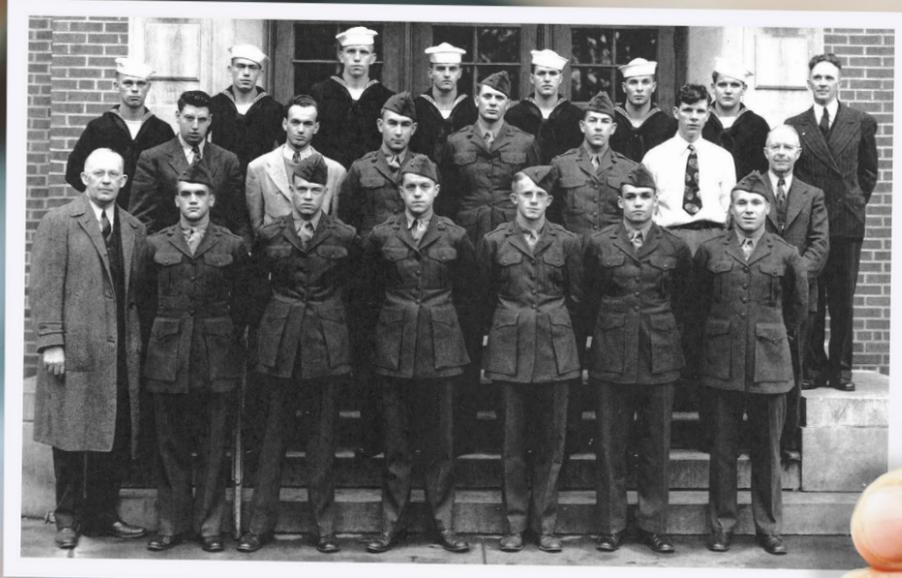
"We have truly lost one of the great ladies of Sigma Tau Gamma. I guess it's over 40 years ago, that Jan and I started to attend National Meetings and Connie was always one of the ladies who made the new women feel a sense of belonging," Joe Feldhouse, Cleveland State, said.

"We have known Connie for many years as a supportive Sig Tau wife, elegant and charming," Dot Phelps said, who is wife of Pat Phelps, 17th National President and Society of Seventeen member.

More than two dozen Sig Taus and their spouses attended the visitation and funeral on January 6 and 7 to honor Connie and support Bill.

A poem by Connie Hembree:

"The passing of a loved one Leaves a void that God must fill. But with faith, you know it happens According to His will!"



Sig Taus in the Reserve Program at the home of Chi Chapter, Western Michigan University

FROM THE ARCHIVES

When the war emerged in the early 1940s, there were Sig Taus in the fight on every front, from Pearl Harbor to Tokyo.

No matter the restraints or challenges faced, more than three thousand members of the Fraternity left their homes and families to do the job they were assigned.

Unlike the previous demands of war, World War II required a new standard of technical training and intangible skills. It needed men with experience and higher education to serve as leaders for what was being undertaken. Due to these circumstances, college men were in great demand. A large segment of several chapters enlisted together across many different branches of service.

Under the service of their faculty advisor, Captain James Hutchinson, members of the Upsilon Chapter saw service together at Dutch Harbor. At the home of the Chi Chapter at Western Michigan University, there were as many as sixty members from ten chapters of the Fraternity who trained together. It would not be uncommon for members to transfer their membership to the local chapter for the duration of their stay. This type of altruistic behavior contributed to the preservation of several chapters during the war.



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