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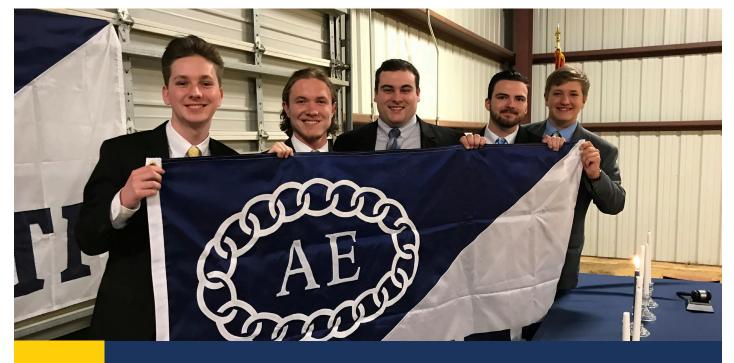
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The public unveiling and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the new Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters took place on May 5, 2018.

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 317-644-1920, or at noblemen@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 noblemen@sigtau.org.



EDITOR'S NOTE

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

Life truly is a journey. Do you remember in grade school, first learning about poets, how their work was read, the words they wrote. and the words true meaning?

I remember learning about them and being bored by the concept of poetry. I found myself staring out the window toward the playground, dreaming about how my team was going to win the kickball game later that day at recess, not the least bit interested in any sonnets or limericks. As I grew older and I learned and experienced more, I came to the realization the poetry I studied, works by Maya Angelou, Walt Whitman, Langston Hughes, and E.E. Cummings to name a few, were much deeper than I could comprehend when I first read them. In life I have always come back to a particular poem that most everyone knows, reads, and at some point, memorizes in school, "The Road Not Taken," by Robert Frost.

(Excerpt)

- I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood,
- and I–I took the one less traveled by And that has made all the difference.

As an organization we are faced with a similar decision as the poem's speaker. As the Noble Men of Sig Tau, we are choosing a path less traveled and a path that is new to our brotherhood. Can we pause for one moment and look at a few statistics from this past year? (shown right)

This issue of the SAGA Magazine focuses on the journey and the road less traveled. We center on the journey of our brothers, our chapters, and our Brotherhood. We break down why the Fraternity experience still matters on campuses today, we dive deep into what brotherhood looks like as an alumni, and we celebrate the future with the opening of the Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters. We thank you for being a part of this journey and for taking the road less traveled. We hope you enjoy this issue of the SAGA Magazine.



CORRECTIONS

We apologize for the mistakes in Vol. 87 | Issue 1 of the SAGA Magazine:

Vol. 87 | Issue 1, we misspelled Pittsburg State. It was incorrectly printed as Pittsburgh State.

On page 36 of the last SAGA Magazine, On page 37 of the last SAGA Magazine, Vol. On page 37 of the last SAGA Magazine, Vol. 87 | Issue 1, we incorrectly printed Robert 87 | Issue 1, we incorrectly printed William D. Kaczynski, UW – Oshkosh, 1963 on the Bishop Woosley, Central Arkansas, 1992 Chapter Eternal list.

FOUR EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBERS ATTENDED WEBB ACADEMY IN 2018

TEN ASSOCIATE CHAPTERS WERE INSTALLED IN 2017

ELEVEN CHAPTERS HAVE EARNED THEIR CHARTER IN THE LAST TWO ACADEMIC YEARS

THE AVERAGE CHAPTER SIZE HAS GROWN FROM **37 TO 41** MEN

WE HAVE GROWN FROM BEING ACTIVE ON 73 CAMPUSES TO BEING **ACTIVE ON 85 CAMPUSES**

1,415 YOUNG MEN BECAME ASSOCIATE MEMBERS THIS PAST ACADEMIC YEAR

on the Chapter Eternal list.

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NATIONAL NEWS

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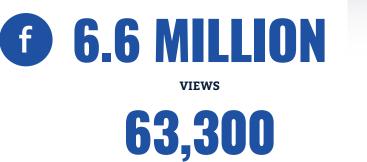


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CHAPTER MAKES NATIONAL NEWS WITH CHEER AND DANCE ROUTINE Everyone's heard about that time Sig Tau's danced in fanny packs. This now internet-famous routine was performed by the Beta Zeta Chapter and occurred at the University of Central Oklahoma during a dance and cheer competition. For the competition, campus organizations were tasked with developing a routine, picking the music, and performing in front of thousands of students, professors, and campus faculty. Practice for the competition began in September, lasting from 9 p.m. to midnight four days a week. Then, the week of the competition, the men lengthened their practice schedule to ensure every move was perfectly choreographed.

Within 48 hours of their routine being posted on social media, the video of their performance went viral. Currently, the video has been viewed over 6 MILLION times and has over 63,000 Facebook shares. When the men of the Beta Zeta Chapter saw the attention they were receiving, they knew it was something special and were quick to act, creating a GoFundMe account to raise funds for their local Special Olympics. Since then, the video of their performance has been featured on Teen Vogue, BuzzFeed, Huffington Post, Washington Post, Time, USA Today, and CBS New York.





LIKES

You do really hear a lot more bad about fraternities than good. It makes me very proud of our organization that we are setting a good standard not just for our community, but for all Greek life everywhere.

Cameron Golshani, Central Oklahoma Speaking with USA Today

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FOUNDERS DAY CHALLENGE

The 98th Anniversary Founders Day Challenge concluded on June 30, 2018, after three months of donor engagement and solicitations. The results for the challenge show promising growth in engaging first-time donors and undergraduate donors specifically. To recap the results: \$73,615.89 raised (17 Friends of Sig Tau (5%), 84 Undergrad Donors (23%), and 266 Alumni Donors (72%). A total of 367 donors in 2018.

2018 FOUNDERS DAY CHALLENGE BY THE NUMBERS

\$73,615.89 TOTAL RAISED

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AWARDS

Magazine design

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ANTI-HAZING HOTLINE

Sigma Tau Gamma along with 51 other Greek organizations have partnered together to offer the Anti-Hazing Hotline to members. The hotline began in 2007 and provides an anonymous telephone line for anyone who needs to report hazing or suspected activities. The hotline connects to a dedicated voicemail and saves audio files that are transmitted to the respective Headquarters.

HEADQUARTERS WINS NATIONAL

The Headquarters Communications Team won

Award for Complete Branding from The Summit

International Awards (SIA) organization, which has

recognized small and medium-sized organizations

with the award since 1994. The Team also received

three awards from the Fraternity Communications

Association, including first place for the new SAGA

four national awards this past academic year

for their efforts. They received the Bronze

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

or 75 years of memories.

This past academic year we commemorated

brothers who celebrated 50 years and 75 years

had the opportunity to think back on either 50

of Brotherhood respectively. In 2017, 1,480 men

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The Sig Tau Marketplace added a clothing line

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EXPANSION SNAPSHOT

This calendar year, Sig Tau has seen successful and robust expansions across the country. From our spring efforts, we have undergraduate men on the campuses of Metropolitan State University - Denver, Ohio State University, University of Colorado - Boulder, and Texas Tech University. This fall, Headquarters Staff will re-establish the lota Chapter at Kent State University, the Zeta Chapter at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma, and for the first time, Sig Tau will have noble men on campus at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

NATIONAL ALUMNI ADVISORY COUNCIL

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The National Alumni Advisory Council is a select group of Sig Tau alumni who are passionate about the organization and have stayed in touch in some form or fashion. This group advises the Headquarters Staff on operational and policy changes and are volunteers who want to be a part of Sig Tau's continued success. Currently more than 20 men compose the National Alumni Advisory Council. If you know any alumni who would be an ideal National Alumni Advisory Council candidate, please send their name and email to Jose Contreras, at jcontreras@sigtau.org.





SIG TAU CLOTHING LINE LAUNCHED

with a wide range of products including quarter zips, jackets, T-shirts, athletic shorts, and more.



LONG LOST COLONIES

Through the process of preserving the archives of Sigma Tau Gamma, HQ Staff made a startling realization. In the early days of Sig Tau, the process of becoming an associate chapter, and then a chartered chapter was guite different. Sig Tau has now been on 176 campuses in our rich 98-year history. Although most of the chapters listed below are inactive, they will forever be a part of Sigma Tau Gamma. If you were a part of any of these new found chapters, or know Brothers who are, please contact Headquarters at noblemen@sigtau.org.

Eta Alpha - Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Eta Beta - University of Montana

Eta Gamma - University of Louisville

Eta Delta - University of Georgia

Eta Epsilon - Texas Tech University

Eta Zeta - University of Pittsburgh Greensburg

Eta Eta - Northern Michigan University

Eta Theta - Temple University

Eta lota - Rutgers State University

MING STREET 101



The Marvin Millsap Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters Building was officially dedicated on October 28, 1978, and has since stood as the National Headquarters of Sig Tau. The Golden Chain of Honor, a group of 18 men, championed the building located at 101 Ming Street and have been a very influential part of Sigma Tau Gamma's history.

Former staff member Paul Manly, Salisbury, was also in attendance and reflected on his time on staff. "My most memorable moment at HQ was showing off the HQ building to men I had recruited on expansion. Seeing the look of wonder in the eyes of newly initiated leaders as they discovered the founding site of their Fraternity was amazing," Manly said.

Many other notable alumni attended, including CEO Emeritus Bill Bernier, Kent State, WPN Board of Managers Chairman Buz Barlow, UW - Oshkosh, and 39th National President Jonathan Proehl, UW - River Falls.

Brother Barlow spoke about our Founders, how they worked tirelessly to create Sig Tau in its infancy and how the generations after them fought to keep it alive. Robert Champ said that hearing Buz Barlow speak was one of the greatest moments of the entire day.

The day began with a tour of the University of Central Missouri, led by undergraduates around campus, showing the historical ties of Sig Tau to UCM, as well as sharing many stories of the Founders and their days roaming Warrensburg. Upon returning to 101 Ming Street, all gathered

Lead Advisor and Gamma Rho Alumni Association President Robert **Champ**. Cameron, was in attendance with his wife Aubreann, an Alpha Phi. and reflected on each time he had visited 101 Ming Street.

"I've been to 101 Ming Street three times. My first visit as a first-time president, excited to be there and spend time with brothers; the second time, hoping that the woman who would become my wife, would see how special it was, and how important Sig Tau is to me; and this last visit was like saying goodbye to an old friend," Champ said. "Each visit has been memorable, each one building on the last, but what stands out is walking in the door this last time and seeing how far as a Fraternity we have come. I'm thankful for the men that have come before me."

CEO Emeritus **Bill Bernier**, Kent State. Bernier led roughly 40 alumni and and watched as members of the local American Legion officially lowered and folded the flags, which ushered in the symbolic closing of the Marvin Millsap Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters Building.

On a cool November day, over

Ming Street in Warrensburg,

the Marvin Millsap Sigma Tau

of Sig Tau traveled to 101

Missouri, to attend the





The location of 101 Ming Street was purchased in 1974, with fundraising efforts that began two years later. "We rebooted our fundraising effort in 1976 and commenced construction in 1977." Bernier said. "Many legendary leaders in Sigma Tau Gamma had prominent roles, including Earl Webb, Bill Hembree, Keith Dinsmore, Basil Hunt, Ralph Bedell, Paul Pfeiffer, Ollin Drennan, Pat Phelps, Ken Hoover, and Jim Kirkpatrick. Perhaps the most significant of them all was Dr. Maurine Achauer."

39th National President Jonathan Proehl also spoke about the future of Sig Tau and what we can look forward to.

"As we endeavor forward and prepare to close out this chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma's National Headquarters, I am excited to share our plans for our new home in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our new facility, at 12,000 square feet, is one that will grow with us so we can offer our members the programs and opportunities they've been asking us to provide."

As the evening came to a close, holding back tears, Bernier gave one final toast to 101 Ming Street, to our Founders, and to all that Sig Tau has accomplished in the last 40 years.

This move indefinitely marks an era of growth and collaboration for Sig Tau. Relocating to Indianapolis will boost relations with Panhellenic and Interfraternity communities, will allow our staff to be more accessible to many alumni and undergraduates, and will allow further development for the professional staff.

VANESSA RYAN TALKS HEADOUARTERS:

Vanessa Ryan, Chief Operating Officer & Interim Chief Executive Officer championed the relocation efforts and spearheaded the Headquarters relocation project.

"The new Headquarters facility is the perfect balance of honoring the past and a commitment to the future of the Fraternity, Foundation and WPN Housing Company," Ryan said. "It was my privilege to work closely with the intentional design and use of the facility to benefit and highlight the rich history the space allows us to display. Each visitor to Founders Road will feel at home in a space that will serve the membership and Sig Tau community for years to come."

WELCOME TO 8741 **FOUNDERS** ROAD

SIGMA TAU GAMMA

HEADQUARTERS

Located toward the end of the culdesac, at 8741 Founders Road, sits the new Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters Building. As you drive around the corner of Founders Road, there is no denying the presence of Sigma Tau Gamma in Indianapolis. With the American Flag, the Missouri State Flag, and Fraternity Flag flying overhead, the floor to ceiling glass walls and vivid blue front façade of the building, this is a place every member should be proud to call Headquarters.

Nearly 200 brothers and friends of Sig Tau ventured to Indianapolis on May 5, 2018, to be a part of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The afternoon was spent paying tribute to the Fraternity's rich history and looking toward our future.

Brother and Army Veteran Matt Arnaut, Michigan State, had the distinct privilege of raising the American Flag, marking the ceremonial and historic opening of the new Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters.

"It's amazing how a simple act can bind generations together. By raising the flags at the new Sig Tau Headquarters, I feel we've joined our noble past with our bright future," Arnaut said. "As a veteran and an undergraduate, being a part of this ceremony was an honor I will never forget."

The journey to 8741 Founders Road was accomplished through a thorough and in-depth two-year review conducted by the Fraternity Board of Directors. The comprehensive plan detailed what the future of Sigma Tau Gamma would look like through this relocation. In June 2017, the Fraternity Board of Directors announced the relocation of all three entities, the Fraternity, Foundation, and WPN Housing Company to Indianapolis.

It was incredibly humbling to see the Fraternity Flag fly overhead, knowing that the last time it flew, it was anchored to land in Missouri. After countless board discussions and thousands of hours of work by our Headquarters Staff, we proudly watched as our flag was raised to fly at our new Headquarters.

39th National President Jonathan Proehl, UW - River Falls Although our presence is now known on Founders Road, the facility was originally built for Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. The office served them well for years, and as it transitioned to our Fraternity, we wanted to make our mark in this new space. Chapters and our members can utilize the meeting spaces for retreats. rituals and ceremonies. and for any training they may need. The Noble Man Museum and archive collection is a focal point of the building. This space showcases the Fraternity's 98-year history and preserves Sig Tau artifacts and memorabilia.

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We cannot forget the history that has been made and what our courageous and determined Founders created in 1920. In their honor, the Founders' Fireplace is displayed in one of the most prominent places in the building. In the aptly named Living Room area, the Founders' Fireplace demands attention and is where members and guests can literally feel the history and take their photo with one of the most historical pieces of our organization's storied past.



As was said at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, "Down these halls, National Presidents will walk, and in these rooms, decisions will be made that will forever change the trajectory of a man's life."

Nestled in the crossroads of America, Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters will certainly give the Fraternity, Foundation, and WPN Housing Company a new place to see our traditions live on, and will forever be a place that men will seek Purpose, find Wisdom, and endeavor towards Nobility.

GRAND CONCLAVE RECAP

Sigma Tau Gamma's Grand **Conclave took place on June** 28 - 30, 2018 in Phoenix, Arizona where over 350 alumni, undergraduates, and guests from around the country gathered together to celebrate 98 years of brotherhood.

Current collegiate members had the opportunity to participate in educational tracks where they gained valuable knowledge and skills that they can then implement into their own chapters as well as their future professional careers. Many deserving chapters and individuals were recognized during the Chain of Honor Awards Gala. Additionally, the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation saw enormous success with the 98th Founders Day Challenge, Azure and White Giving Club, and Noble Man Accolades.

KICK-OFF AND WELCOME SESSIONS

One by one, over 30 state flags, the United States Flag, and the Fraternity Flag were paraded into the 48th House of Delegates in Phoenix, officially kicking off Grand Conclave Phoenix.

STATE OF THE FRATERNITY ADDRESS

39th National President Jonathan Proehl, UW - River Falls, gave an address to over 350 attendees that included a recap of the last biennium, the launch of the Sig Tau brand, successful expansion efforts, continued growth in undergraduate membership, and the unveiling of "Welcome to 8741 Founders Road" the video introduction to the new Sigma Tau Gamma Headquarters in Indianapolis.

48TH HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Grand Conclave is perhaps best known for the House of Delegates which brings together alumni delegates and undergraduate delegates from every chartered chapter and recognized alumni association.. Since 1925, the House of Delegates has held all supreme and legislative powers of the Fraternity. The House of Delegates has three main responsibilities which include: electing the National President-Elect, electing Members of the Board of Directors, and amending the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity.

UNDERGRADUATE TRACKS

Undergraduate members attending were eligible to participate in one of three tracks: The Pre-Grad Track, Leadership Track, or for the first time ever, the Standards Board Track.

SIGMA TAU GAMMA FOUNDATION

The Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation saw great success at Grand Conclave as many generous brothers helped raise funds to support our chapters across the country. 1,000 Noble Man Accolades were sold, all made possible by generous donations of alumni, undergraduate members, and guests. The Foundation also presented Special Olympics with a check totaling over \$23,000, with all funds being raised by our members.

CHAIN OF HONOR AWARDS GALA

At the conclusion of Grand Conclave, members and guests gathered to celebrate and recognize outstanding brothers and chapter achievement at the Chain of Honor Awards Gala. There, it was announced that Endeavor Conference in 2019 would be held at the beautiful JW Marriott Atlanta Buckhead in Atlanta, Georgia and the Centennial Logo, celebrating 100 years of brotherhood, was unveiled.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations to these outstanding gentlemen as they lead our brotherhood into our Centennial Celebration.

2018-2020 Elected Board

President Jim Johnston, Carnegie Mellon President Elect Jeremy Daus, UW - River Falls Past President Jonathan Proehl, UW - River Falls Senior Past President Alyx Parker, Illinois Secretary Scott Kaspar, Illinois Treasurer Paul Phillips III, Southeastern Louisiana

Board Member Joe Gallo, Michigan Tech. Board Member Jeremiah King, Missouri S&T

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

While each summer conference has its unique feel and atmosphere, one thing is certain: many Noble Men will be returning to their chapter with some hardware. Several new awards were introduced this year, including the J. Gregory Rumpf Recruitment & Growth Award, Ronald W. Erickson Alumni Engagement Award, and the Foundation Advocate Award.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Society of Seventeen

D.W. Cole, Truman State D. Kenneth Winebrenner Distinguished **Fraternity Service Medal**

Michael D. Schermer, Illinois State

Marvin Millsap Distinguished Foundation Service Medal

Doug Haman, Miami

Distinguished Young Alumni Achievement Award Nicholas R. Wilson, Indiana

Professor O.F. Grubbs

Advisor of the Year Award Robert J. Champ, Cameron

Distinguished Interfraternal Leadership Award

Lauren Leif, University of Arizona

Ellsworth C. Dent Man-of-the Year Award

Slade Downing, Lindenwood-Belleville

2018 Noble Man Hall of Fame:

Alex Hart, Nebraska at Kearney Dylan Rhodes, UNC Charlotte Andrew McGuire, Southern Indiana Luke Palmer, Emporia Anthony Giazzon, Purdue Slade Downing, Lindenwood-Belleville Jared Palmer. Central Oklahoma Nathan Dickerson, Alabama Rafrael Follador Gabriel, Lindenwood-Belleville Adam Rhody, Purdue

Principle of Learning Award Errek Pham, Youngstown State **Principle of Integrity Award** Slade Downing, Lindenwood-Belleville Principle of Excellence Award Rom Profesorsky, UNC Charlotte **Principle of Leadership Award** Jared Palmer, Central Oklahoma

Principle of Citizenship Award Parker Beckman, Purdue **Principle of Brotherhood Award**

Charlie Graves, UNC Charlotte

Stan Musial and Eric Hillman **Sportsmanship Award** Luke Dietzen, Carroll

Priem Undergraduate Scholarship Anthony Giazzon, Purdue **Michael J. Steinbeck Graduate Scholarship** Benjamin Morgan, Auburn

National White Rose Sweetheart

Addison Crowder, Alabama

CHAPTER AWARDS

Edward H. McCune Distinguished Chapter Award

Henderson State University Small IFC Community University of Arizona

Medium IFC Community **Purdue University**

Large IFC Community

Earl A. Webb Most Improved Chapter Award

Northwest Missouri State University Small IFC Community

Medium IFC Community **Purdue University**

Large IFC Community

Dr. Emmett Ellis Chapter Scholarship Award

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Small IFC Community

Medium IFC Community University of Alabama

Large IFC Community

W.T. Hembree Campus Leadership Award

Northwest Missouri State University Small IFC Community

Northern Arizona University Medium IFC Community

Purdue University Large IFC Community

East Central University Small IFC Community

Western Michigan University Medium IFC Community

Purdue University Large IFC Community

University of North Carolina - Charlotte

Oklahoma State University

Robert N. Jones Charitable Projects Award

E. Kennedy Whitesitt Communications Award

Emporia State University Small IFC Community

Missouri State University Medium IFC Community

University of Missour Large IFC Community

Thomas M. Hutsell Chapter Efficiency Award

Henderson State University Small IFC Community

University of Nevada - Reno Medium IFC Community

Kansas State University Large IFC Community

J. Gregory Rumpf **Recruitment and Growth Award**

Lindenwood-Belleville Small IFC Community

Virginia Tech. Medium IFC Community

Kansas State University Large IFC Community

Foundation Advocate Award

Henderson State University Small IFC Community

Western Michigan University Medium IFC Community

Michigan State University Large IFC Community

Ronald W. Erickson Alumni Engagement Award

Pittsburg State University Small IFC Community

University of North Carolina - Charlotte Medium IFC Community

University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign Large IFC Community

Christopher J. Mauer Man-Mile Award Youngstown State

Alumni Association Award of Distinction

New Orleans Alumni Chapter, New Orleans Region Gamma Tau Alumni Association, Millersville

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FOUNDATION UPDATE

Chapter Funds

RESTRICTED GIVING: SUPPORTING OUR UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERS

In the fall of 2017, four chapters received their charters during ceremonies at Lindenwood-Belleville, Missouri State (restart), Michigan State, and Western Michigan (restart). During the process of preparing for the chartering ceremonies, alumni from Missouri State and Western Michigan and parents from all four chapters were given the opportunity to be named Founders of the newly established Chapter Fund.

The purpose of the Chapter Fund is to provide grants to members of the chapter to participate in Sigma Tau Gamma National Leadership Programs like Webb Academy, Grand Conclave, or other inter-fraternal programs such as the NIC Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI). The goal is to raise a minimum of \$10,000 for each Chapter Fund. This would generate an annual \$400 grant for each chapter. Currently fewer than 10 Chapter Funds are generating grants greater than \$500 on an annual basis.



HOW DO CHAPTER FUNDS WORK?

Chapter Funds are created and sustained through gifts from individual alumni, parents, or friends. Current policies state that annually ten percent (10%) of the fair market value of a Qualified Chapter Fund's assets will be available for grants after income and expenses are allocated, except that no grant may reduce the fund below the minimum balance of \$2,500.

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR **CHAPTER BROTHERS?**

Donors can direct their gifts to be restricted to their Chapter Fund by including a note in the memo of the check; for example, Emporia State Chapter Fund. When making an online gift, make sure to select the preferred Chapter Fund from the drop-down menu.

HOW MUCH CAN OUR CHAPTER **FUND GIVE IN SCHOLARSHIPS/ GRANTS EACH YEAR?**

Current policies state that the Trustees will make available 10% of the fair market value of each Chapter Fund. That amount is determined after the completion of the Foundation's fiscal year audit, so the account balances have been checked and confirmed by an independent accounting firm. For example, if a Chapter Fund has a balance of \$10,000, a group can expect to award \$1,000 in grants during the next, academic year.

#GIVING TUESDAY

On November 28, 2017, Sigma Tau Gamma participated in an international day of giving known as #GivingTuesday. Donors including undergraduate members, alumni, parents, HQ staff, and friends of Sig Tau, generated over \$6,500 for the 2017-2018 Noble Man Annual Fund.

In the days and weeks leading up to #GivingTuesday, a social engagement campaign shared donors' #MyGivingStory on Facebook, Twitter, and the Sig Tau Blog.

Sig Tau's #MyGivingStory



"In that moment Jason saved my life, he pulled the curtain and showed me the light in a world filled with darkness. Jason showed relentless kindness."

- Luke Williams. Southern Indiana



"Being a Sig Tau was a great experience. It provided great opportunities to learn and develop leadership skills and social skills, but by far, the greatest reason is the life-long friends I have made. These are men who I can talk to and trust like I see them daily when it may be years between handshakes."

- Dr. Kip Anderson, Nebraska Kearney

WHY I GIVE

THE KEY TO ESTATE **PLANNING: A TRUSTED** FRIEND AND ADVISER

Early on in his career, Richard Harguindeguy, Northland College, met Marvin Millsap, Central Missouri, whom Richard now calls a very good friend. As a young alumnus who wasn't earning a significant salary, Richard shares, "I was really afraid of the whole 'giving' thing. How could I possibly think about giving money to the Fraternity?"

Marvin offered Richard some strong advice, saying, "The key to giving is to give what you can until it hurts. And then give a little more." These words stayed with Richard and continue to guide his giving efforts.

When planning for his own estate, Richard asked himself two questions: "How do I take care of my family?" and "How do I take care of my Fraternity?"

Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity stays at the top of Richard's philanthropic priorities primarily because of his desire to ensure that the Fraternity has the resources it needs, and he offers advice to anyone considering their own estate plans.

"These are tough conversations, but they need to be had with a trusted friend and adviser. I was lucky enough to have Marvin to talk to and coach me. I was made aware that I needed to start planning early."

HOUSE OF TROTTER LIFETIME GIVING SOCIETY: HEMBREE GUILD

WHAT KIND OF LEGACY WILL YOU LEAVE? Estate planning is more than a transfer of wealth. It is about your family legacy and the values you want to pass down to younger generations. What do you want your legacy to be? Think big picture, consider family values, traditions, and hopes for the future.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN

Find out more by contacting Jill Carrel, Director of Foundation Operations, at 317.644.1920 or



We invite you to join the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation Hembree Guild if you have committed to support Sigma Tau Gamma through a gift in your will or other planned gift. Through the creative process of planned giving, you can fulfill your philanthropic goals, reduce income taxes, avoid capital-gain and estate taxes, retain and increase your income all while enjoying the satisfaction of providing significant current and future financial support for Sigma Tau Gamma.

3 WAYS TO AVOID COMMON ESTATE MISTAKES:



Make sure you have a will. Don't stop there – draft a healthcare directive and power of attorney while you're at it.



Update, update, update! Make sure you're regularly updating your estate plan, including your beneficiary designations, every three to five years or after a major life event.



Don't ignore family dynamics. There isn't a one-size-fits-all approach to estate planning.





A LIFESAVING DONATION FROM A LIFELONG BROTHER

How one family vacation went from sun and sand to lifesaving surgery. In times like these, we realize the true meaning of brotherhood for a lifetime. Jason Rinerhimer, Mansfield, and his family embarked on a family vacation in August 2016. Although not feeling his best going into his long weekend to Delaware Beach, Jason was determined to have a relaxing and enjoyable time with his four young children and wife, Jennifer.

Unfortunately, the sun rays and sandy beaches were not enough to cure the breathing troubles, upset stomach, and nausea Jason was experiencing.

Jason's condition continued to worsen as the vacation carried on. Not wanting his ailments to further hinder his family's summer fun, he and his wife headed to the local emergency room. Jason assumed he had an infection such as Bronchitis or Pneumonia, would be prescribed antibiotics, and would soon be back out relaxing on the beach.

The doctors ran several routine tests, but Jason's life would be anything but routine after that day. The doctors of Beebee Healthcare in Lewes, Delaware gave the Rinehimer family news that would alter their lives forever.

Jason's kidneys were failing.

After receiving the news, Jason recalls being overwhelmed with emotion and curiosity about the future. "My whole life was flashing before my eyes. My kids are small, what would happen to them? What was going to happen with work? Would I be able to live a good life? It was a lot of information at once, I didn't know what to think."



Jason wasn't the only one struggling to process the weight of the results, remembering his wife Jen simply being in shock. The doctors had informed her that had they waited even one more day, Jason could have died.

Because of the seriousness of Jason's condition, doctors immediately started dialysis. Treatment was a three-day process, followed by four days in the ICU. Before returning home, Jason had a temporary catheter placed in his neck, and then underwent surgery to have a more permanent catheter placed in his chest, and a fistula in his arm to administer dialysis.

As the news began to sink in, Jason took to Facebook. His emotional post received an outpouring of love and prayers.

Understanding the true urgency of the situation, **Michael Taylor**, Mansfield, reached out to the Rinehimers, offering his full support in whatever capacity they needed - including undergoing testing to determine if his kidney was a viable option for donation.

Jason thinks back to the way he felt when Michael called. "I was flabbergasted. I was in shock, crying, and excited. So many emotions ran through me at the time. It was such a long process."

Michael and Jason first began their friendship at the University of Mansfield in Pennsylvania where Michael joined Sigma Tau Gamma in 2000, and Jason followed suit in 2001. While in the chapter, both men lived in the fraternity house, spending dayin and day-out with one another.

Their friendship and bond didn't stop at the collegiate level. As both men graduated and started families, staying in touch with fellow brothers became more difficult. However, through poker games and their kids' birthday parties, these men kept the brotherhood alive.

Now, they have taken brotherhood to an entirely new level, sharing a bond for the rest of their lives through a lifesaving kidney.

"My initial thought when I found out [he was sick]," Michael recalls, "because I am a father myself, was his children. I was picturing myself in that situation with my two young boys and thinking how I would feel and react. What could I do to help him out? I could cook food for his family and things of that sort, or I could give him a kidney. Giving him a kidney is hopefully a better option than a casserole dish."

Securing a spot on the National Donor List is no easy feat. This slow process included a plethora of evaluations by insurance agents, doctors, surgeons, hospital business administrators, and social workers.

After months of meetings, waiting, and patience, Jason was finally on the list.

Michael found out he was a match shortly after Christmas and following a full-day evaluation in February, he was approved to donate his kidney to Jason. Michael was going to save his fraternity brother's life. The surgery was scheduled for May 17, 2017 at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania.

Recovery for Michael was only 4-6 weeks and is unlikely to alter his lifestyle. However, Jason will continue the process of healing throughout his life - attending regular doctor appointments and continuously taking anti-rejection medicine.

"Jason is 100 percent a fighter," Michael declared. "And it's sad to think that me giving my kidney is not a cure for Jason, it is only a treatment. A treatment that will last for hopefully 20 plus years. Eventually he may need another kidney and you don't want to think about that. But in reality, it will probably happen."

Thankfully both Jason and Michael are surrounded by the support of one another, their families, friends, and coworkers. Before the surgery Michael's employer and clients put together a T-shirt fundraiser to help offset the cost of the surgeries. As a show of support for Michael's selfless act, everyone wore their "Team Taylor" shirts.

Jason is alive today because of a live organ donor. The normal wait time for a cadaver kidney is 5-7 years, which is time Jason just simply didn't have. Michael deciding to be a live donor proves that the bonds of brotherhood last well beyond undergraduate vears.

"We have definitely gotten closer. Not too often does someone offer to give you one of their organs," Jason commented.

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These two men, through their commitment to each other and their brotherhood, are exceptional examples of the Principles of a Noble Man. "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 life-long commitment to one another," and "He is generous and kind." Both men exemplify Brotherhood and Citizenship, values that are needed during some of the hardest decisions, most unfortunate circumstances, and the through the toughest of times of our lives.



REGISTERED ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS: WHAT MAKES A GOOD CHAPTER GREAT

The majority of us would agree that a chapter is only as strong as the alumni support it receives. The benefits to both alumni and undergrads is immeasurable. Alumni involvement is a fundamental part of the Sig Tau experience: it's a way to support our undergraduate brothers. stay connected to chapter brothers from our own undergraduate days, and to keep Sig Tau's Principles alive.

Alumni associations plan social and philanthropic events as well as conduct fundraisers to raise money for a chapter's endowment. Associations in good standing are voting members of the House of Delegates at Grand Conclave every other summer.

Additionally, an alumni association does not require an active chapter at their respective university or college to be registered. Several alumni associations, including the Beta Lambda Alumni Association and the Epsilon Eta Alumni Association, do not have current active chapters but joined together as alumni brothers to network, raise funds for local charities, and attend Grand Conclave as voting members of the House of Delegates.

Upon graduation every member of Sig Tau is given the opportunity to join their chapter's alumni association, or if their chapter does not have one, to become the alumni member who plays a role in establishing one. If the chapter does not have an alumni association, a group of alumni from that chapter can submit the necessary paperwork, fees, and roster to the national office to become the first generation to build one.

At the end of 2017, there were 18 registered alumni associations. If you would like more information about becoming a registered alumni association and what is involved in the process, please reach out to, Jose Contreras at jcontreras@sigtau.org.







REGISTERED ALUMNI **ASSOCIATIONS**

ALPHA Central Missouri

ALPHA PHI Southeast Missouri State

BETA GAMMA Youngstown State

ΒΕΤΑ ΙΟΤΑ California University of Pennsylvania

BETA KAPPA Wisconsin – La Crosse

BETA LAMBDA Valparaiso University

BETA PI Frostburg State

DELTA DELTA UNC Greensboro

DELTA EPSILON Texas State

DELTA TAU Indiana State

EPSILON MU Marshall

EPSILON ETA Murray State

GAMMA ALPHA Mansfield

GAMMA PHI Southern Indiana

GAMMA PI Stephen F. Austin

GAMMA TAU Millersville

NEW ORLEANS

CHAPTER CHARTERINGS

This past academic year, six chapters have grown from the ranks of associate chapters to fully chartered chapters. We are excited to see these chapters succeed in building noble generations of men.





CHAPTER RECHARTERED

CHI CHAPTER Western Michigan University

OMEGA CHAPTER Missouri State University



DISTINCTLY UNITED TOGETHER

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All Sigma Tau Gamma Associate Chapters are unique - their members, meetings, events, and Brotherhood. Despite being born of Sig Tau Principles, each associate chapter will have its own successes and struggles. Truly no two chapters are alike, but despite their differences, all associate chapters share one common goal: Chartering.

Earning the approval to charter is no simple feat. Associate chapters work tirelessly to achieve their chartering benchmarks. With hard work and determination, these Noble Men prevail and are able to celebrate their achievements with their Chartering Ceremonies.

The 2017-2018 school year marked a momentous time for Sigma Tau Gamma at six different universities. Western Michigan, the Chi Chapter, originally chartered in 1940; Omega Chapter at Missouri State, first chartered in 1941; and the Alpha Epsilon Chapter at Henderson State, first chartered in 1946, all celebrated their re-establishment on their campuses. Lindenwood - Belleville, Michigan State, and the University of Arizona are now the newest chapters in Sig Tau's 98-year history.

To honor their achievements, each Chartering Ceremony had family, friends, campus members, Board members and Staff in attendance. Congratulations, brothers!





CHAPTER INSTALLED

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ZETA NU CHAPTER Lindenwood University - Belleville **ZETA OMICRON CHAPTER** Michigan State University



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ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER Henderson State University



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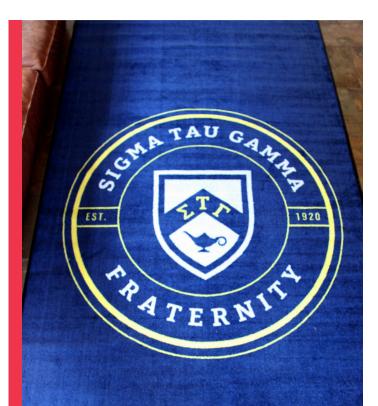
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WPN UPDATE

WPN National Housing Company has seen tremendous growth, adding four new chapter facilities for this upcoming academic year.



The past three years, WPN has expanded from managing the Alpha Chapter's facility at the University of Central Missouri to now managing 12 chapter facilities across eight states.

Nationally, WPN staff and property house managers moved in more than 160 residents this August alone. Staff also visited each existing managed facility to provide resources, training, and property management.

WPN has continued to offer meal services for several properties across the country. Chapters agree this is an essential piece to building community in each property as those living in and out of the chapter facility join each other, daily, for meals. Moving forward, the intent is that every property with a commercial kitchen will soon offer meal plans to their chapter members.

With a commitment to continued education, WPN Housing Company and the Collegiate Services Department designed a Facility Management and Event Safety retreat for each WPN Property. The objective of the training was to provide greater support for WPN chapters as their responsibilites and expecations are increased by living and hosting events in chapter facilities.

Lastly, WPN gained years of experience by adding a new Director of WPN Housing Operations to the Headquarters Staff. Kayla Hagerty, Sigma Kappa, joined the WPN Staff in July after most recently served as the Property Manager for Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity Housing Corporation for the past two years, where she oversaw 17 properties. Her past experiences include professional and graduate work at four different universities, serving as a University Housing professional at Ball State University, and as an advisor for Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.





WPN PROPERTY LOCATIONS

ALABAMA Epsilon Phi Chapter

ARIZONA Zeta Pi Chapter

ARIZONA STATE Zeta Alpha Chapter

AUBURN Epsilon Chi Chapter

CENTRAL MICHIGAN Psi Chapter

CENTRAL MISSOURI Alpha Chapter

EAST CAROLINA Delta Alpha Chapter

ILLINOIS Alpha Chi Chapter

MICHIGAN STATE Zeta Omicron Chapter

NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY Beta Chi Chapter

PURDUE Beta Theta Chapter

WILLIAM WOODS Zeta Mu Chapter Chapters, alumni associations, and house corporations can invest funds in the WPN Investment Account.

This Investment Account is made up of chapter-specific funds to be used toward housing initiatives, and participants in the WPN Investment Account are eligible to receive gains and losses relative to their monetary value in the account.



IS THE FRATERNITY EXPERIENCE STILL RELEVANT?

AN UNDERGRADUATE MEMBER WEIGHS IN:

Phi Chapter Times, Issue 2, October 2017, Editor Ronald J. Kennedy, III

"Maybe, just maybe, Greek life is on its way out. The golden age has passed, and we're simply prolonging the inevitable. Maybe. However, I can't help but feel hopeful. I crave new heights for Greek life. I yearn for new history to be written. I hope that all men who choose this lifestyle in the future get to experience at least a fraction of what I have. I wouldn't trade the love of my brothers for anything. I couldn't imagine life without them at this point. As a part of Greek life, I feel it is of the utmost importance now, more than ever, that we stand tall and live our lives by our principles. We must carry on this great tradition."

Is the Fraternity and Sorority Experience Still Relevant?

As members, friends, and those with a vested interest in Greek life, we are not strangers to the headlines, the grief, the embarrassment, the rally cries, and the preconceived notions of the dangers and strife of the culture surrounding being Greek on campuses across the U.S.

Greek life is in the news now more than ever, and rightfully so as our community has been put under intense scrutiny for unacceptable behavior. Individual actions, however, do not represent what Greek life is about or its intentions.

This is a catalyst for reminding us of our purpose to be a Fraternity of courageous and noble gentlemen who always endeavor forward. As men who uphold our principles and live them out in our daily lives, we cannot compromise our standards or our vision if we hope to continue building noble generations of men.

> WE MUST BECOME BETTER. WE MUST ENDEAVOR FORWARD. WE MUST EMBRACE THE LEGACY OF OUR FOUNDERS AND COMMIT TO BEING A NEW GENERATION OF NOBLE GENTLEMEN, EXEMPLIFYING OUR PRINCIPLES EACH DAY.

It's no secret that it's a challenging and trying time for fraternities and sororities. So then the question is posed: why does the fraternity and sorority experience still matter and why are we still relevant?

We'd contend that fraternities are still relevant because the idea of community is still very relevant. The idea of a group gathered together in solidarity and unity around a common purpose of friendship, making the world a place that inspires, drives, and grows one's sense of self, is not an outdated idea.

Perhaps what is an outdated idea is only talking about the change. We must start today, not only talking about the execution of our actions, but truly evolving and progressing fraternity and sorority life to be relevant in today's society.

Much has changed since 1920 when our 17 Founders had their first meeting. But what has remained steadfast is the need for a community of Noble Men supporting one another. The need is greater than ever before. The need for this cultural shift is ever present.

The dedication and vision of generations of Sig Tau men have preserved and advanced the ideas of service and true brotherhood. Certainly, our actions should always be aligned with our six Principles of Learning, Integrity, Excellence, Leadership, Citizenship, and Brotherhood.

We no longer have a choice. As fraternity and sorority members, we don't have the option of looking the other way and ignoring issues because fixing them would be too hard, or different, or unpopular.

As proud members, we must speak up about the benefits and experiences to those who may have preconceived notions. We must be selfless servants and courageous leaders who act as unwavering beacons of light within our community.

Imagine what you can achieve individually in your own life and within our brotherhood if you commit yourself to doing your best in whatever you may undertake. Now imagine what our Fraternity could achieve if every Sig Tau delivered his best every day in all of his endeavors.

CHAPTER NEWS

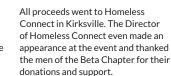


TRUMAN STATE Blanket Drive

Braving the cold, the men of the Beta Chapter at Truman State wanted to do something out of the box to raise awareness, promote solidarity, and take up a collection for the less fortunate in Kirksville, Missouri.

this by spending one night outside in the cold. "Anyone that wanted to come out could, but only a few brave souls stayed all night. They slept on piles of blankets. Luckily it wasn't too cold that night," Beta's Service Chairman Ed Zimmermann shared.

The event was a major success. The men collected over 150 donated blankets and about 50 canned goods.



On November 13, the men accomplished "I got the idea from other blanket drives at other universities, and I thought it would be great for us to put on," Zimmermann said.

> The chapter promoted the event across campus through the student radio station, and social media. They also tabled in the Student Union. The success of the Blanket Drive was apparent and the event even landed airtime on the local news station the morning following the conclusion of the drive.



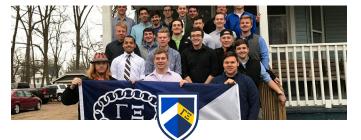
KANSAS STATE A Weekend with Mom

To the men at Kansas State, there is no better weekend activity than spending time with the mothers and motherly figures that raised them to be noble gentlemen of Sig Tau. On Saturday, November 4, the brothers of Zeta Kappa held a Mom's Weekend to celebrate these incredible women.

"It was our first time doing a Mom's Weekend, so it was kind of experimental for us, but it turned out

great and was a fun time for everyone," Chapter President Jack Bresser said.

About half of the chapter participated, making the total number in attendance about 50 men and their mothers. The group spent the afternoon at Straight Upp Creative Studio, a canvas painting party studio in Aggieville. After trying their hand at artful endeavors, the mothers and members enjoyed a dinner together.



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - PLATTEVILLE

Lending a Helping Hand Creates a Lifelong Relationship

When retired local businessman Jerry Roh needed assistance moving 20,000 vinvl records, he reached out to the Greek Life Adviser at the University of Wisconsin – Platteville. He'd been collecting the records over the years and was now looking to donate them.

President of the Gamma Xi Chapter, Garrett Hefter, immediately responded to the request and later that week. six chapter members went to help Mr. Roh.

"Mr. Roh is one of the most down to earth people I have ever met," Hefter said. "It was awesome to talk to him and hear all about his life experiences while we were helping him out."

The men of Gamma Xi didn't stop there in offering a helping hand to their new friend in Platteville. During the summer, Mr. Roh reached out once again to see if the Brothers would be willing to help him repave his driveway. Without any hesitation the Noble Men of Gamma Xi jumped at the opportunity to be of service again.

Many of the brothers who were involved in both projects still talk about how gratifying it was to meet Mr. Roh, help him out, and establish a new friendship in the community



UNC CHARLOTTE Active vs. Alumni Football Game

Homecoming season and football are often times synonymous with one another. But for the men at the Epsilon Tau Chapter, these concepts helped spark a new tradition for the active brothers and "older generations" in a friendly, active vs. alumni football game.

"Something that is important to us as a chapter and we hold dear to us is sports," Andrew Strigun, UNC Charlotte, said. "A lot of our Founders played for the school, but football is how we all bonded."

The idea for the game actually came from the alumni when they contacted the chapter and said several members would be back for homecoming and wanted to do something with the

chapter. That conversation along with some teamwork from both the active members and alumni, led to this new. and exciting tradition.

Thirty-three brothers participated, 10 of whom were alumni. Andrew was a little hesitant to say who won, but with some nudging and a laugh, he admitted the alumni came out ahead. It wasn't about winning or losing but fostering connections between Brothers of different generations.

"A lot of us are competitive, but it was nice to see the alumni, and it was refreshing to have everyone back together and to learn from the Founders and just hang out with them."



ALABAMA

2017 National White Rose Crowned Homecoming Queen

At the 2017 Endeavor Conference, Abigail Greenburg, Delta Delta, became the newest National White Rose Sweetheart. Shortly thereafter, Greenburg received another honor winning the title of Homecoming Queen at the University of Alabama.

After releasing her intent to run, Greenburg chose a campaign built around a philanthropy that she was passionate about - the B+ Foundation, which helps raise awareness and funds to beat childhood cancer.

The men of Sig Tau showed their support during campaigning. Epsilon Phi Chapter President Nathan Dickerson was featured in her

campaign video and many of the brothers painted their cars with "Greenburg for Queen."

Greenburg said she was shocked when she found out she had won, recognizing the other candidates as great and deserving.

"Winning National White Rose Sweetheart for Sig Tau was an opportunity to give back to a Fraternity that has given me so much," Greenburg said. "With Homecoming Queen, I was able to give back to an organization that has inspired me so much. It wasn't the title. It was about actually showing the value of philanthropy."



CINCINNATI Men at Cincinnati Compete for a Good Cause

The Zeta Beta Chapter along with Triangle Fraternity at the University of Cincinnati held their 2nd Annual Gaga Ball Tournament philanthropic event on Saturday. October 28.

Gaga Ball could be described as a gentler version of dodgeball: using a soft foam ball, players dodge, strike, run, and jump while trying to hit their opponents below their knees with the ball.

The money they raised went to a local Cincinnati organization, Lighthouse Youth & Family Services, Lighthouse is a nationally recognized innovator in services for families in crisis, foster care and adoption, mothers and babies,

homeless youth and young adults, delinquent youth, and youth learning to become self-sufficient.

The tournament was a huge success, and all participating chapters had an amazing time. Collin Marton. Director of Finance & Operations for the Zeta Beta Chapter, said, "Gaga Ball was a great event for a great cause. It is awesome when Greek life can come together to accomplish things like this." Together with Triangle Fraternity, the gentlemen of Zeta Beta put on a successful and fun event for their Greek community in Cincinnati.



CHAPTER NEWS





While proudly holding a Sig Tau banner that proclaimed, "Noble Men Walk Against Domestic Violence," men of the Gamma Rho Chapter at Cameron University showed their support and participated in a Domestic Violence Awareness Walk.

"Ms. Davis, one of the organizers of the event, approached us about walking, as well as event set up." **Joved Serrano**, Cameron Chapter President, said. "We enjoy being involved in the community and we said yes right away."

Omega Zeta Theta, a local sorority, and Omega Psi Phi also joined Sig Tau in the walk.

Beyond participating and creating signs for the walk, brothers delivered goods to and raised funds for the local women's shelter.

"We wanted to show that domestic violence is a real problem for men and women. It can destroy a household and affect the children and other family members," Serrano said. "The chapter better understands the traumatic impacts of domestic violence."

Because of the chapter's involvement, the men now plan on being proactive and better educating the men at a local level, having speakers talk with members about domestic violence and participating in more service centered around domestic violence.



MARSHALL Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil

While it's generally known that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, many are not aware that it's also Domestic Violence Awareness Month. At Marshall University, Alpha Chi Omega holds an annual candlelight vigil to honor the victims of domestic violence in hopes to give strength to those still fighting.

This year at the 4th annual vigil, the Noble Men of the Epsilon Mu Chapter were there to support this important cause. "We've tried to support the women of Alpha Chi Omega and their event as much as possible, especially this week," Vice President **Bryan Groves** said. "We wanted to help spread the word that there is no tolerance for domestic violence. Our men wore ribbons throughout the week and about 75 percent of our chapter attended the vigil."



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

ALUMNI NEWS



ALPHA PHI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Golf Tournament Raises Money for Injured Chapter Brother

On September 9, 2017, the Alpha Phi Chapter Alumni Association's golf tournament raised more than \$1,700 for fellow Alpha Phi Brother **Billy Krehmeier**. Over the summer, Brother Krehmeier, Southeast Missouri, was paralyzed after falling from a balcony at his family's Table Rock Lake vacation home in Missouri.

Less than two weeks after hearing the news concerning Billy, the alumni association raised \$1,700 through donations and raffles. The money will be used to purchase Billy's wheelchair. The golf tournament, held at St. Genevieve Golf Course in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri included 16 foursomes of Alpha Phi brothers.



GAMMA TAU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

H. Craig Lewis Endowment Fund

In 2012, H. Craig Lewis, Tau Gamma Lambda Founding Father was asked to give a speech at the 40th-anniversary celebration for the Gamma Tau Chapter. The chapter was struggling and on its way to closure. Shortly after H. Craig Lewis's empowering speech to the chapter, he passed away. Paul Macnamera, Millersville, then established the \$300 H. Craig Lewis Endowment Fund in honor of him. In just three years the award has grown into an endowment which is now worth more than \$30,000. Through emails, annual fund drives, and social media posts, the endowment continues to generate donations, and the alumni members stay interested. Each academic year the endowment gives \$300 to the active member with the highest GPA in the chapter. With 18 donors in 2017, the association expects the endowment to exceed \$60,000 in the next three to five years.

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TRUMAN STATE One Jeep, Many Brothers Come Together to Celebrate a Special Homecoming at Truman State

This past Homecoming was a special one for the brothers of the Beta Chapter at Truman State University. Not only was the chapter celebrating homecoming, but Truman State also celebrated its sesquicentennial on October 14, 2017. Both active members and alumni posed in front of the house for a special photo.

Notable alumni in attendance were **Drennan Cloyd** and **Dave Umbarger** who were initiated in 1969 and 1971, respectively. These two men were celebrating their 50th, and 49th consecutive homecomings. The jeep, historic in its own right, is the the very jeep that brother Drennan Cloyd drove to Truman State on his first day of college, where he began his Sig Tau journey.

Richard Holmes, Beta Alumni Association President, was there during the homecoming festivities. "The brothers were beyond impressed that the jeep was trailered all the way to Kirksville for the chapter experience and the homecoming parade" Holmes said. "After our shared brotherhood lunch, the active and alumni brothers gathered to celebrate the chapter and pay homage to the jeep that was driven around campus nearly 50 years ago."

During the lunch, each associate member of the chapter was introduced to the alumni and guests who attended. From there, the alumni spoke with the members and expressed how brotherhood surpasses four years.

"We shared that becoming a Sig Tau at Truman State is not merely an opportunity for four years, but an opportunity of a lifetime."



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.

FOUNDATION DONOR RECOGNITION

Established in 1966, the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation is its own distinct legal entity, considered a public charity 501(c)3 by the federal government and is separate from the Sigma **Tau Gamma Fraternity and the WPN National** Housing Company. The Foundation's function as a charitable and educational foundation is the primary reason for its existence.

ANNUAL GIVING CLUBS

The names listed are those donors who made a gift to the Noble Man Annual Fund between July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

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Richard D. Buckridge Northwest Missouri, 1950

Tracy Carey Nebraska Kearney, 1995

Richard D. Corbitt Seton Hall, 1974

Steven K. Cox Southeastern Oklahoma, 1979

Robert J. Crooks UW - Oshkosh, 1963

David Francis Currier Southeastern Louisiana 1982

Daniel W. Deemer IU Pennsylvania

Russell S. Desimone West Chester, 1974 John T. Diecker

Missouri S&T. 1975

Central Michigan, 1962 **Ronald W. Erickson** CLU, AEP, CFBS

UW - Superior, 1965 **Curtis R. Finch** Pittsburg State, 1960

Michael T. Dryer

Coy E. Fleming Central Arkansas, 1936

Peyton S. Goerner Stephen F. Austin, 2016

William J. Gregory Missouri, 1958

Stephen A. Gomez Black Hills State, 1953

George D. Gunn Central Missouri, 1940

John W. Hayes Arkansas at Monticello, 1999

James E. Holton Ned D. Krohn

Coy H. Lawson

Mckenzie Leno Plymouth State, 2017

Thomas J. Libertin Black Hills State, 1975 **Brett Little** Nebraska Kearney, 1991

Joseph A. Luquet Southeastern Louisiana, 1965

Michael M. MacEkura Seton Hall, 1977 Jack I. Martin

SIU Carbondale, 1973 Louis A. Mazzoli Cal U, 1960

Kevin McCarty Central Arkansas, 1984

Robert McDonald Central Missouri, 1958

Juel McDaniel Henderson State, 1946 Corbin I. Miles

Northwest Missouri, 1958 **Thomas J. Moffitt** Southeastern Oklahoma, 1961

Robert J. Morrison Southeastern Oklahoma, 1966

David F. Murphy Illinois State, 1975 Scott R. Nuttelman

UW - La Crosse, 2000

Inductee, receiving the honor in 1969.

Kennedy J. Pellegrin II Southeastern Louisiana, 2015 Daniel Polovich Michigan Tech, 2008 Jay J. Rash

Allan M. Pitkanen

Western Michigan, 1940

Northwest Missouri, 1962 Greg Rumpf

Truman <u>State</u>, 1976 Michael J. Schultz

Missouri - St. Louis, 1971 Douglas R. Sherman

UW - Stout, 1948 James M. Smith Frostburg, 1960

Michael G. Trent Truman State, 1965

Daniel J. Wedig Cincinnati, 2016

E. Dwayne Wellborn Truman State, 1953

Calvin J. White Missour, 1958

> Ellis A. Whitten Central Arkansas, 1934

Francis X. Woods Seton Hall, 1972

Bobby R. Wylie Central Arkansas, 1967

FORMER FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN ENTERS CHAPTER ETERNAL

"Right Stuff" Pilot of the early supersonic era, Society of Seventeen Inductee and former Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation Chairman Lieutenant Colonel, USAF George D. Gunn, Central Missouri '40, passed and entered Chapter Eternal on May 20, 2018. He was 99 years old.

George served 14 years on the Foundation from 1987-2004. In 2000, he was bestowed the Fraternity's highest honor by being inducted into the Society of Seventeen. His membership in Sigma Tau Gamma began in 1940 when he was initiated into Alpha Chapter at the University of Central Missouri. He graduated in 1943.

He joined the United States Air Force as a test pilot and was among the "Right Stuff" fliers of the early supersonic era. Before joining the Air Force, George was among the first ten students to receive civilian flight training at Central Missouri. His efforts are recognized at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum where his

name is inscribed on their Wall of Honor for his contributions as a fighter pilot, instructor, and operations officer.

After retiring from the Air Force, he began a very successful career in real estate. Using the skills, he learned during his time as a commercial real estate agent, George made a significant gift of land in the State of Arizona to the Foundation in the 1990's which helped to grow the assets of the Foundation by nearly one-third. George's continued contributions to the Foundation has made him a member of the Legacy Giving Society; one of only three men in the Fraternity who has reached this elite level of giving.

SOCIETY OF SEVENTEEN INDUCTEE ENTERS CHAPTER ETERNAL

Society of Seventeen Inductee and former Board of Directors Member Greg Rumpf, Truman State '76, entered Chapter **Eternal on Sunday, December 3, 2017.**

Greg has been a volunteer for more than 35 years, serving in several different capacities on a national and chapter level.

Greg was initiated into the Beta Chapter at Truman State in 1976. He not only served his chapter as Chapter President, but he also served his university. At Truman State, Greg was president of Student Government Association during his undergraduate career and was selected as the 1979 Dent Man of the Year Winner.

"From the first day I met Greg when he was Chapter President at Beta and I was on the Sig Tau Staff, followed by our many years together living in Greensboro, his love for the Brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma was never-ending," said Foundation Trustee Michael Matznick. Illinois State.

Greg had a very successful career in many different fields, serving in city management, financial services, commercial and residential real estate, brick manufacturing, and even cattle breeding.

His list of accomplishments for Sigma Tau Gamma is endless. Greg was the Central Region Vice President and Beta Alumni Association President from 1982 to 1984. He served as a Foundation Trustee from 1986 to 1992 and again from 1997 to 2002. He served on the Fraternity Board of Directors for eight years from 2004 to 2012 and also received the Professor Grubbs Advisor of the Year Award in 2014. In 2016, he was inducted into the Society of Seventeen at the 47th Grand Chapter in Orlando, FL.

Past National President Erickson's journey with With Erickson as president, in the spring of 1968, the Sig Tau began on March 9, 1965, when he became chapter reported 23 new associate members, which an associate member of the Beta Psi Chapter according to Sigma Tau Gamma records is still the largest associate member class ever from the Beta Psi at Superior State University (now known as the

Twenty-third National President

on Saturday, July 15, 2017.

University of Wisconsin - Superior).

Psi Chapter saw massive growth.

After a two-week associate membership process,

on March 24, 1965, Ron became a fully initiated

member of Sigma Tau Gamma. It did not take

long for Ron to become a leader of the chapter.

Just two short years later, he became Beta Psi Chapter President. Under his presidency the Beta Chapter. To add to his list of accomplishments, Ron is the only brother from the UW – Superior Chapter to be a Sigma Tau Gamma Undergraduate Hall of Fame

Ron later served the national organization as the 23rd National President from 1984 to 1986 and as an Honorary Foundation Trustee from 1993 to 2003. His influence is still alive and strong within Sigma Tau Gamma, particularly with one of the most important programs in the history of the organization, the Earl A. Webb Academy of Leadership.



Ronald Erickson, UW - Superior, entered Chapter Eternal

Western Michigan, 1960 Central Missouri

Central Arkansas, 1940

FORMER NATIONAL PRESIDENT ENTERS CHAPTER ETERNAL





FROM THE ARCHIVES

MU CHAPTER

THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE THAT **APPEARED IN THE SAGA MAGAZINE** PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER OF 1941.





"Mu Chapter started the college year with 17 active members, only one of those from last year failing to return. The chapter entertained their rushes with a banquet at one of the local cafes, followed by a theater party. The following boys accepted the colors of Sigma Tau Gamma as pledges: Jeff Clark, Lloyd Dodd, Frank Fentriss, Jeff Fuller, Owen McKinney, Sammie Joe Harris, and William Kelley.

The local boys did a fine job of making a float for the Homecoming parade and were awarded fourth place. The float, decorated with white and blue crepe paper, carried out the color scheme of Sigma Tau Gamma.

For the first time in several years, Mu Chapter is giving its rival fraternity plenty of friendly but stiff competition. Soon after the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be a resumption of the traditional Sigma Tau-Phi Sig interfraternity football game.

Plans are being made to secure a chapter house, and it is hoped that soon after the Thanksgiving holidays the boys will be able to move in. So far, this year all of the meetings have been held in one of the classrooms in the Science Building."



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ALPHA DELTA

Sidney Gerenstein (deceased), Gaston George Freedman, and William David Ward (deceased), initiated in 1943 to the now inactive Alpha Delta Chapter at Western Illinois University.

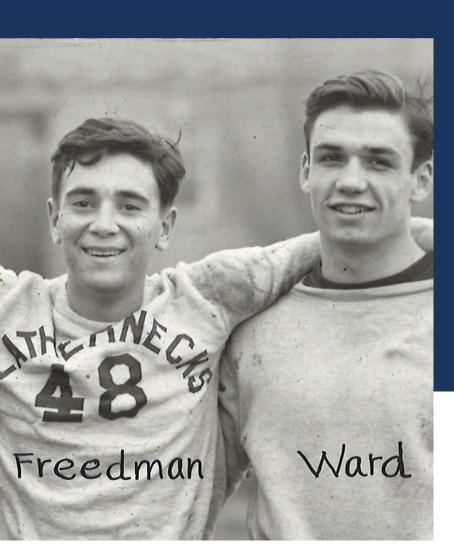
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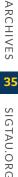
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JEWELED BADGE

This original membership badge was donated by Jesse Alan Boulton, Central Missouri, in the fall of 1984. Boulton was initiated into the Alpha Chapter in 1925 and wore the badge until he was 91 years old. This is a rare acquisition as it's the only known jeweled badge of the original design.

Boulton was a WWI veteran who began college at 28 years of age, went on to become the Alpha Chapter President during the 1925-1926 school year, and majored in physics at Central Missouri State Teacher's College (now known as University of Central Missouri).







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