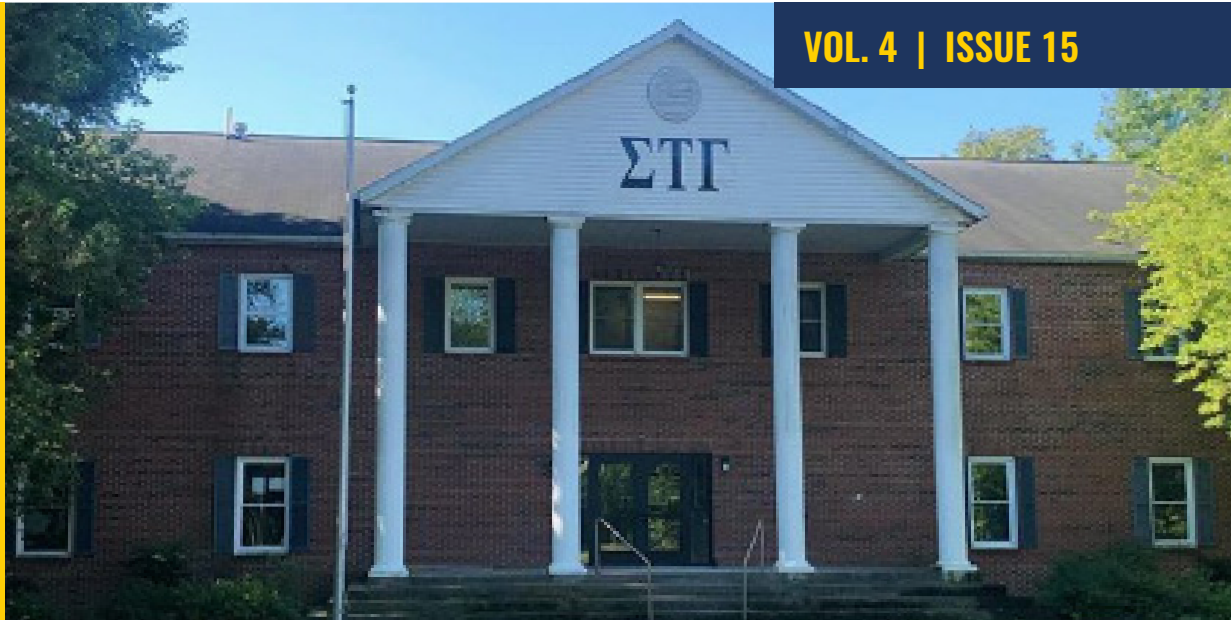


HOUSING SECURED FOR 68-MAN CHI CHAPTER AT WESTERN MICHIGAN

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Sigma Tau Gamma is proud to share the Chi Chapter at Western Michigan is now a part of the WPN Housing Family. Over the last few months, WPN National Housing Company and Chi Chapter leadership have worked to secure an off-campus property, beginning this fall semester.

The property resides on W. Michigan Avenue and is one of the largest fraternity houses in the Western Michigan Greek community. The space is over 12,000 square feet, has 22 bedrooms, a house manager suite, a commercial kitchen, multiple meeting rooms, and a dedicated study space.

Director of WPN Housing Operations Kayla Hagerty is looking forward to her continued work with the Chi Chapter.

“WPN is very excited for the Chi Chapter! This chapter has continuously shown success in academics, recruitment, and operations; we are confident adding a chapter house will only further the chapter’s success. The officers have put in a lot of time and energy, ensuring this is the right step; we are happy to support our members through this housing opportunity.”

Chi Chapter President Bobby Green echoed Kayla’s excitement and is ready to move in to start the next chapter for the brothers at Western Michigan.

“The brothers of the Chi Chapter could not be more excited about moving to our new house. No one could’ve seen this happening five years ago when we lived in a small apartment to now the largest house on W. Michigan Ave. We are very thankful to WPN for helping us secure the house!”

THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SIG TAU THIS MONTH

1

COVID SAFETY

The WPN Team has put together flyers for brothers to use at chapter houses and chapter properties. Printable versions can be found online at sigtau.org

2

NOBLE MAN

Due to the uncertainty of large gatherings this fall, this year’s Noble Man Institute will transition from the fall semester to the summer of 2021.

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FRATERNITY ARCHIVES

Sig Tau Staff has begun the process of scanning 100 years of history into a digital library. The Centennial Celebration homepage on sigtau.org has transitioned to digital archives. Visit it today to [learn more](#) about our Founders.



CHAPTERS SEE EARLY RECRUITMENT SUCCESS



It is the end of August, and classes are back in session, which means recruitment is in full swing. Chapters are preparing for recruitment like never before; some planning traditional in-person activities, some planning a hybrid of in-person and virtual, and some being entirely virtual.

Recruitment Coordinator Joseph Suntrup Jr., Missouri S&T, has found his rhythm for virtual recruitment and is ready for this fall.

“We have six guys signed bids so far with almost all conversations being online. We use our online platforms to meet and open it with some fun questions and get to know the potential new members (PNM.)”

According to Joseph, the go-to opening questions are is a hotdog a sandwich, or is cereal a soup? These questions quickly create a comfortable dialogue and help ease the awkwardness of meeting someone virtually for the first time.

“Not meeting in person is difficult. We didn’t have a choice, so we had to adapt and move forward the best we could. We received the list of people interested in Greek Life from our local IFC, and we started calling guys. We just wanted to start the conversation and invite them to our virtual interviews.”

From this entire process, the advice Joseph said has been essential so far is contact guys as soon as possible.



Director of Recruitment Turner Howk, Northeastern from the Zeta Associate Chapter, is also seeing the importance of contacting PNMs early and often. The chapter has utilized ChapterBuilder and the Digital Classroom this summer and is helping them plan for the fall semester.

“We have to plan multiple ways of recruitment this fall. Right now, we have around 40 PNMs and are trying to put in a ton of work behind fall recruitment scenes.”

Turner, the second Director of Recruitment for one of the newest associate chapters, says, “ChapterBuilder has opened his to how to do virtual recruitment.”



Being able to recruit during COVID has forced us to use ChapterBuilder more, and we are now seeing all the different features it has. For us to be successful, we have to use the resources we have, and ChapterBuilder is one of those resources. Every member of the chapter has access to it, no matter where they are in the country. I have to trust in the chapter that we are making the best new member decisions for the chapter.”

The piece of advice that Turner says is the most important; especially this recruitment season is trust.

“Trust in recruitment is the foundation of the chapter. We already had that idea, but with the current situation, it is being hammered into the chapter. We plan on doing a recruitment workshop for the entire chapter, and we hope that will help continue to build trust in chapter recruitment.”

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The feature From the Archives is a typed letter from Founder Emmett Ellis to Earl A. Webb, Central Missouri. The letter is from Independence Day, 1971.

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Dear Friend and Brother Earl:

Yesterday, I received the SPRING issue of the SAGA, 1971. Happy indeed was I to find your picture on the front cover page. I also enjoyed reading an account of your life as recored by our mutual friend and brother, Keith. Although such recognition was long over due, I know that your many friends both in and out of the fraternity will be pleased to learn of your very much deserved honor.

To me, it is truly a real SUCCESS story. For those who read it, surely a stimulating effect will be felt. That you had some real problems during your college days were told in an interesting manner. To-day, doubtless, as you think back over those years you have no serious regrets. The fact that you recognized your problems, faced them and then met them head on made the difference. I only wish that more of our youth of to-day would show the same courage and determination that you exercised then.

Through the years as I have watched you grow and advance, you have been a real stimulating factor in my life as I am sure it has been in the lives of many others. Your many years of service to our fraternity and to your community, church and other organizations as well as to many individuals represent, certainly, the true hallmarks of a successful life. Doubtless at times you may have pushed yourself a bit too far but even so I am sure that in so doing you felt that it was worth while.

In closing I not only congratulate you again but at the same time wish for you and Billy and other members of your family continued success and joyful living. And finally, "May the Good Lord hold you tight in the hollow of His hand, Always."

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emmett Ellis
Emmett Ellis

Mr. Ellis joins me in extending congratulations.