

# THE GAMMA GAZETTE

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## Keith V. Smith (1960) is Among Top All-Time SigEp Donors

Ohio Gamma Brother Keith Smith (1960) has been recently acknowledged as one of our national fraternity's most generous lifetime donors. There are only 63 men in SigEp history that have donated over \$50,000 to the Educational Foundation and Keith is in that company. Brother Smith's position in "The Red Door Trust" of donors is a fabulous example of leadership through giving- a SigEp lifetime responsibility.

Since graduation from The Ohio State University in 1960 with a B.S in Engineering Physics and an MBA in 1961, Smith has been an instructor of management at Purdue University where he completed his Ph.D. in finance in 1966. He has been a faculty member of the UCLA Graduate School of Management. In 1979, he returned to Purdue as dean of the Krannert School, and in 1983, returned to a full-time faculty position. Brother Smith has published

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## Celebrating 40 Years!



*Pictured above (L-R) is Dave Cessna and wife Joanne, Lin and Brian Boling, and Connie and Mike Lockwood.*

The brothers of the Ohio Gamma chapter in the classes of the 1960s are celebrating forty years of SigEp in their lives on May 13-15th of 2005. The brothers and their wives are traveling from near and far to Columbus, where the schedule of events have been set up. On Friday night, the group will meet at the Hampton Suites to reunite for the evening in the Clipper Room. On Saturday morning, a golf outing has been arranged for fellow duffers, or people are welcome to take a tour of the Ohio State University with SigEp Sweetheart, Cassandra Cosgrove. Saturday afternoon, everyone will return to the Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter home to remember the old days, sing songs, tour the facility, and have gavel passing, among other special surprises that might return from the 60s. A nice dinner will be provided Saturday evening at the Blue Jackets Bistro at the Nationwide Arena. The leader of this operation is former chapter President, Michael Lockwood (Ohio Gamma '66). If you would like more information on this event, feel free to contact him at [MLGoBucks@adelphia.net](mailto:MLGoBucks@adelphia.net).

# State of the Chapter Address

Dear Brothers and Friends of SigEp,

Roughly two and a half years ago, we had our charter reinstated after nearly three years of work to rebuild the once prominent Ohio Gamma chapter. Those who attended the 48<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Conclave in San Antonio witnessed that same chapter receive the Buchanan Cup- Sigma Phi Epsilon's Outstanding Chapter Award! Today, we work toward our second consecutive Buchanan Cup and fourth consecutive OSU Chapter of the Year Award.



We have a mission to lead the way for the Greek Community here at The Ohio State University. At a time when fraternities are being criticized for being irrelevant to students at OSU, Sigma Phi Epsilon is providing the very best programming and experience possible.

In addition to programming, being the best also means strong academic success. Our grade point average for Winter Quarter 2005 was a remarkable 3.34- the best on campus! Moreover, our Autumn quarter grades of 3.38 seated us third in the nation academically!

As you can read on our website, Ohio Gammas achieved many outstanding feats over the past year. These accomplishments include intramural championships, many individual recognitions including three men on the Homecoming Court, several prestigious scholarships, our third consecutive Chapter of the Year award, and recognition as a Sigma Phi Epsilon Residential Learning Community.

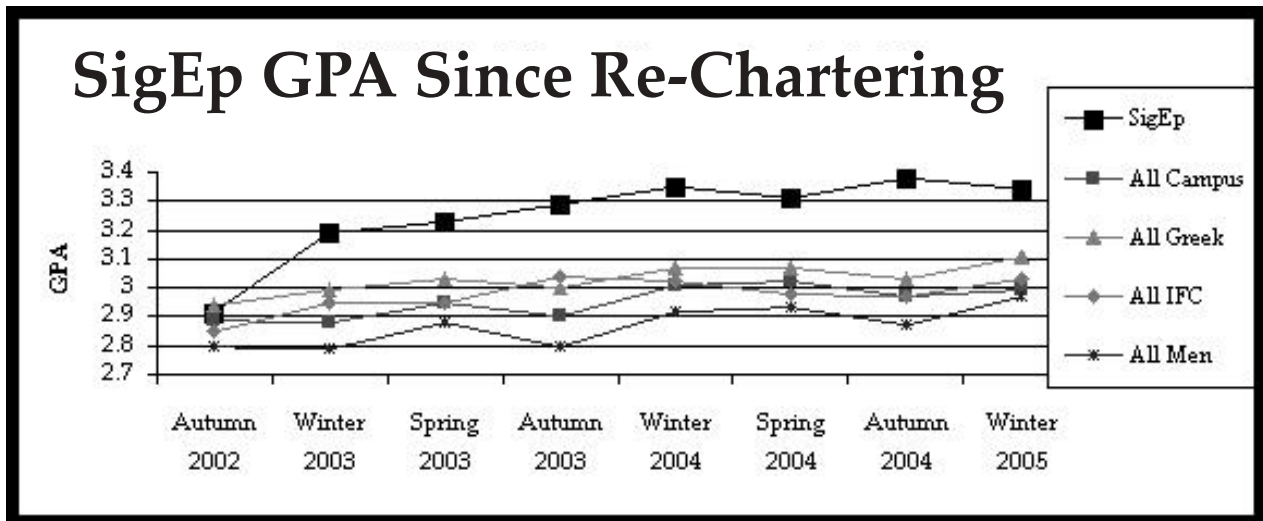
All these great achievements and aspirations are made possible by our chapter's dedicated volunteers. While our time as an undergraduate is transitory, our responsibility of brotherhood lasts a lifetime. Will this chapter receive a *golden* Buchanan Cup (10 years of excellence recognition) in the year 2013? This depends on you. Make the decision to support Ohio Gamma and impact the lives of our dedicated undergraduate brothers. Make a decision to stop by one of our events and see for yourself how SigEp is fulfilling its mission, "*Building Balanced Leaders for the World's Communities.*"



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Fraternally,

Scott Phillips Jr.  
Chapter President



## Celebrating the Life of Ebert Berndsen ('41)

On February 13, 2005, Brother Ebert Weeden Berndsen passed away leaving his loving wife, Karen (pictured at right with Ebert), and children Tom, Joyce, and Karen as well as many grandchildren. As an undergraduate, Ebert served one term as chapter President. He enlisted in the Navy and served under Commander George S. Patton. He was honorably discharged from the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. He worked for McEsson and Robbins Pharmecuetical Inc, and retired in 1981. Brother Berndsen always held his SigEp experience in the highest regard and spoke very positively of his fraternity.



## Alumni Spotlight: Dennis O. Kaps, Jr. ('03)

One of the first members to join the 2001 Ohio Gamma re-colonization project, Dennis is the epitome of a Balanced Man and was one of the most instrumental factors in regaining the Ohio Gamma charter. Dennis began his work as a SigEp as Vice President of Recruitment and was responsible for some of the most dramatic growth that the fraternity has experienced since re-colonization. Dennis was trained at the Carlson Leadership Academy in St. Louis, Missouri in February 2002, and he was a representative of Ohio Gamma at the 2001 Centennial Conclave Celebration in Washington, D.C. As his term on the executive board concluded, Dennis continued to serve the fraternity as Sound Body Chairman and was responsible for most of our current weight room amenities and developments. He was also honored as the 2002 Ohio Gamma Balanced Man of the Year.



After graduation, Dennis has honorably continued his dedication to SigEp as a Regional Director and was quickly promoted to Expansion Director and Director of New Chapter Development. Dennis has brought the greatest successes in SigEp history to the expansion team. Notably, he has opened the Vanderbilt Chapter with a record-crushing 75 men and a 3.35gpa. The student body president and three football players are among the many additions to the new chapter. Additionally, Dennis' expansion at Georgetown University concluded with a 45 man chapter and a 3.47gpa. Brother Kaps has recently decided to stay on staff for a third consecutive year. Ohio Gamma and our national fraternity are very lucky to have Dennis as a brother.



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over 70 articles and chapters in professional journals and books on topics such as portfolio revision, option writing, performance evaluation and transportation systems. While at Purdue, Keith volunteered a great deal of time as a faculty advisor and House Corps member for the Indiana Alpha chapter.

In asking Keith why he contributes, he says: "The years I spent as [an undergraduate] SigEp were very beneficial to a young man from a small town. The fraternity helped me gain many valuable social skills and the basics of networking." Brother Keith V. Smith is truly demonstrating what it means to give back to his fraternity!

### Pass the Gavel: (Announcements)

George Gornall ('04) is engaged to Stacey Renker - Adam Osenga ('04) is engaged to Amanda Daeger - Brad Griffith ('04) is engaged to Abbey Jo Damon and will be married in July - Nate Stahl ('02) has married Shabeena Sarker in New Milford, NJ - Jeff J. Smith ('69) is expecting his first grandchild in April - Tim O'Brien ('70) is working as an editor for Ripley's Believe it or Not - Brian Head ('03) and Brad Griffith ('04) have officially become members of the Alumni Volunteer Board.

### Alumni Generosity Funds the Balanced Man Scholarship

This past November, the undergraduates hosted the fifth Balanced Man Scholarship banquet. This banquet awards one outstanding freshman \$1000 towards his education on behalf of the brothers of SigEp. This year's winner, Michael Repasky has gone on to become a member of SigEp and currently serves on the recruitment committee. This scholarship was made possible by the generosity of the following alumni: *George Jurcisin, Ron Ball, Ray Fahrmeier, Brian Hanna, Jeff J. Smith ('66), Doug Wemmer, Donald Swales, Neal Kersheck, Carl Obenauf, Bryan McIntyre, Jim Pfiefer, John Waggoner, Jim Hendrickson, Edward Spellacy, Lawrence Bechler, Keith Gannon, Harry Goldsmith, Don Kender, S. Ray Lok, Thomas McLaughlin, George Smith, Lloyd Williams, Robert Jennings, James McMillan, & Richard Walters.*

## Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?

There are nearly 1700 men we call Ohio Gamma SigEps, yet we only know how to contact less than 1000 of them. If you have information on a missing brother or you would like to update your own contact information, please visit [www.osusigep.com](http://www.osusigep.com) and follow the "login" information, email Scott Phillips at [phillips.582@osu.edu](mailto:phillips.582@osu.edu), or send a letter to Scott Phillips at 1943 Waldeck Ave. Columbus, OH 43201. We look forward to hearing from you!



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