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The New Face of 1943 Waldeck



The Long wait is over! For all of the friends and brothers who walked through the red doors of Ohio Gamma in the past two years, your sights are much better set now. Through the help of the alumni board, the house now bares a beautiful new front porch and walkway. The red-brick street appeal lends a welcomed warmth to the frontal view of the house. Additionally, where the grey concrete wall stood is now a more natural barrier of shrubbery and bushes. The steps leading to the red doors were also replaced, lined with new metal railings and decorated with bushes. An added treat, as designed by Brother Michael Maistros ('98) was the inscription of the "Block O" design on the face of the porch. Most agree that the subtle engravement across the entire concrete area is a special cosmetic touch that we Buckeyes can appreciate.

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SigEp Remembers Long-Time Friend William H. Hall

After an eleven month battle with cancer, Sigma Phi Epsilon has said goodbye to one of it's best friends in recent history- Bill Hall. Bill, the VP of Student Affairs for The Ohio State University, wore many hats in his tenure. One of those hats was for "his SigEp boys" to which he dedicated countless hours and tireless efforts during our re-colonization.



At a time when fraternities were being criticized as being meaningless to the college student, Bill Hall took on SigEp as a project to change the paradigm. He helped us to arrange the strategic partnership with the university maintenance team and bore the burden of many costs involved in our startup. He addressed freshmen finalists of the SigEp Balanced Man Scholarship, promoting our cardinal principles to which he

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At Left: Bill is pictured speaking at a chapter meeting about his aspirations for the future of Sigma Phi Epsilon at The Ohio State University

State of the Chapter Address

Brothers and Friends,

It is my pleasure to inform you about some of Ohio Gamma's recent achievements and activities. In November, we hosted our annual Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet, where we honored 27 outstanding freshmen finalists and their guests. The winner of the 2005 Scholarship, Thomas McCann, was presented with a \$1000 scholarship toward his education, while all the finalists received commemorative plaques. We also honored Brother Patrick Klein as the 2005 Balanced Man of the Year. Patrick is a student assistant coach for the women's basketball team, has been intricately involved in many student groups and campus, was on last year's homecoming court, and is a former VP of Recruitment for Ohio Gamma.



Additionally, we have begun construction on the new library / faculty fellow office. The room has been cleared, furniture ordered, and painting, electrical work, and carpeting have been scheduled. We are very excited about having a well-furnished study facility for both our brothers and our faculty fellow Paul Poast (Professor of Economics).

I would also like to extend an invitation to all alumni to attend our dinner meetings on Monday nights at 5:30. Additionally, we're researching the interest in a program to pair current undergraduates with alumni mentors. If you are interested in being a career and community mentor to an undergraduate SigEp, feel free to contact me at schwartz.1510@osu.edu.



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In virtue, diligence, and brotherly love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Schwartz".

Adam Schwartz

Chapter President

Ohio State SigEp Undergraduate Happenings

HALLOWEEN- Following chapter dinner on Halloween night a large group of costumed SigEp brothers ventured into one of the poorest Columbus residential neighborhoods. Here they set up a table on the sidewalk where they handed candy to trick-or-treaters and helped them to carve their own Jack-O-Lanterns. The brothers were joined by some of the ladies of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority and together these Ohio State Greeks helped make the Halloween evening a little more festive for the area children. One woman commented that she "could not believe anyone would come do something as nice as this, especially not in her neighborhood". She and many other parents were very grateful for the presence of SigEp and TriDelt, two chapters of the Ohio State Greek Community that understand the importance of supporting the local community through service.

"JAZZED UP" DATE PARTY- The men of Ohio Gamma have worked hard this year to continue to improve their chapter and are not afraid to do things differently. This attitude of excitement has even pervaded into the realm of date parties. In this spirit, a new facet was added to the recent SigEp date party to infuse some cultural enjoyment into the activities. The event included a trip to an amazing Jazz concert followed by a party at a nearby venue. This allowed brothers to ask a date to accompany them to both a live musical performance as well as the traditional party which followed. The ladies were impressed by the classiness of the concert, as well as the rocking good time that followed. All in all it seemed that the evening was a two-fold success. It was both a wonderful date for all the ladies, and it facilitated an incredible amount of closeness between all the brothers.

Remembering William H. Hall

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truly believed in. When Mayor Coleman and President Karen Holbrook had to choose a location to address the student body off-campus on student safety initiatives, Bill immediately gave SigEp the opportunity to host the event and sent in a small army of cleaners to make sure the house was in perfect order for the event AND catered. Perhaps most notably, however, was in May of 2002 when Bill joined the chapter for dinner on a Sunday evening and told us that he had high expectations for the future of SigEp at Ohio State. He encouraged us to be role-models and to set a standard for student organizations across campus. SigEp would respond to Bill's request by earning three consecutive "William H. Hall Chapter of the Year" awards.

Though Bill was never a member of a Greek-letter organization, he wore the principles of SigEp on his sleeve and even mentioned our three cardinal principles in his commencement address to the class of 2005. He specifically advised us to "Live our lives with integrity" -*virtue*- "To make the most of our time here" -*diligence*- and to "Share a little piece of your heart with someone each day" -*love*.

Bill was a blessing to the Ohio Gamma chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon and his legacy to The Ohio State University was even more outstanding. Several SigEp brothers attended his memorial service at Mershon Auditorium, Saturday, December 3, 2005, to pay their respects. For more information on Bill's life, please visit www.studentaffairs.osu.edu.



Bill is pictured above (third from the right) at the SigEp Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet in November of 2004

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In addition to the beautiful exterior changes of the house, the renovation of the study room has also begun. Led by Brother Nate Busch ('07) the study room has been emptied and demolition has begun on what will become the faculty fellow office and study room of the Ohio Gamma Residential Learning Community (RLC). The RLC initiative began at SigEp Headquarters and recognizes less than 50 chapters nationally for



their commitment to academic success. In that commitment is the suggestion of promoting the use of the facility by a professor of your university. Through this commitment comes the opportunity for brothers to interact with a university professor for academic advancement and assistance. OSU SigEp has been working with Paul Poast, a lecturer of honors economics and Masters graduate of the London School of Economics for over a year now. Paul has held several seminars at the house ranging from political involvement to men's health (he was also a varsity football player at Miami of Ohio.) The new office will include fluorescent lighting, improved carpeting, bookshelves, desks, computers, printing stations, a large desk for our faculty fellow (Paul Poast), and many other amenities deemed appropriate by the chapter. This project is paid for by the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation and is another example of why SigEps are leading the way on today's college campuses.

Will you Help Support our Alumni Communications Program?

The Ohio Gamma Alumni Board needs your financial support in order to continue the revitalized communication program we began last year. If you would like to see this program continue, please send a check of \$25 (or more) payable to Ohio Gamma Alumni Corporation to:

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Your generosity and dedication to the OSU

Sig Ep brotherhood is greatly appreciated.

Pass the Gavel: Announcements

Steve Keen ('05) is married to Sara Blake and currently residing in Minnesota - Jimmy Kennedy ('04) is engaged to Erin Wells- Major Alan Dover ('88) was recently deployed to an undisclosed location in Iraq. Our thoughts and prayers are with him for a safe return - The New IFC President-Elect is Jason Kalira, SigEp ('07) - Dennis Kaps Jr. ('03) has taken a new career-path away from SigEp Headquarters. Dennis is working in Human Resources for Abercrombie & Fitch at the Corporate Headquarters in New Albany - Bob Barnett ('71) was on "The Best Lawyers in America" List - Jon Cross ('02) has begun a new career in San Diego, doing real estate development for the Allen Group - "Proud to be a SigEp!"



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