



# The Ohio Gamma Red Door

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Alumni Newsletter of Sigma Phi Epsilon at The Ohio State University

## Alumni Queen of Hearts Ball

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The Ohio Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon was chartered on January 30, 1908. The Chapter sprang into life when the twelve founding brothers of our chapter were initiated on January 31, 1908. One century later, 33 OSU SigEp alumni joined with the undergraduate chapter brothers to celebrate Ohio Gamma Founder's Day, during the annual Queen of Hearts Ball.

Coupled with the spouses and dates, the evening was attended by over 200 people from the young to the young at heart. Carl Abell and his wife Sherry were the most senior. Brother Abell graduated in 1949 and his presence was a true honor and testament to how deep our brotherhood exists.

The event was held at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and included a winter stroll from the main gate through the zoo. Following a social hour, an "adventure buffet" was served while we were entertained by a jazz band. Post-dinner activities included the a video slide show of our early SigEp history through 1970, with sights and sounds of SigEp and OSU. The evening continued with dancing and music during which both the alumni and undergraduate Sweethearts were pinned. The alumni *continued on page 4...*

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# From the Desk of the Foundation

Brothers:

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised almost \$175,000 to date for the Foundation. Since our November *Ohio Gamma Red Door* newsletter alone, we've raised over \$20,000. We are presently putting the finishing touches on our first undergraduate scholarship awards program for the 2008-2009 school year. Look for details in the next edition.



This centennial year is going to be so special, already kicked off by a wonderful celebration at the Queen of Hearts Ball on February 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already, you can expect to be contacted in the next few weeks by a familiar alumni brother asking whether you plan on attending our Centennial Celebration the weekend of October 3-5, 2008. With this effort only just begun, we already have almost 80 brothers planning to attend.

In the next few weeks, you will be receiving a comprehensive brochure explaining and formally commencing our \$1,000,000 Centennial Campaign. I hope this will be warmly received by all of you, and that you will carefully consider a new or expanded gift to the Foundation.

Thank you so much for your support to date, and for your future support. All gifts to the Ohio Gamma Foundation can be sent to: 1567 Northcrest Ave. Columbus, OH 43220, or made online at our website, [www.alumni.osusigep.com](http://www.alumni.osusigep.com).

Fraternally,

Robert B. Barnett '71  
President, Ohio Gamma Foundation

## Centennial Campaign Gift Recognition Levels

Circle of Brotherhood members will be recognized on a plaque and in the brick work at the Chapter House; Centennial Club members in the brick work.

### Ohio Gamma Club

\$50 Brotherly Love Level  
\$75 Diligence Level  
\$100 Virtue Level

### Centennial Club

\$250 Red Door Society  
\$500 Gold Society  
\$750 Pearl Society  
\$1,000 Diamond Society

### Circle of Brotherhood

\$2,500 Founders Society  
\$5,000 Woodruff Society  
\$10,000 Ruby Society  
\$25,000 Ducal Crown Society  
\$50,000 Golden Heart Society  
\$75,000 Harry Kurtz\* Society  
\$100,000 Herbert Smith\* Society  
\$200,000 Edwin Buchanan\* Society

\*denotes an Ohio Gamma that served as Grand President of the National Fraternity

# Thank You To Our Donors!

*~any Brother that donated since the last newsletter is written in purple~*

### Centennial Club

#### Diamond Society (\$1,000-2,499)

William Killgallon '60

Michael Reed '70

Jim Allshouse '76

#### Gold Society (\$500-749)

Ed Spellacy '56

Gary Ryan '67

Robert Fogoros '73

Stephen Hicks '86

#### Red Door Society (\$250-499)

Richard Webster '49

Neal Krescheck '61

Ronald Miller '63

Jim Burkhard '64

Raymond Fahrmeier '64

Marvin Leedom '64

Gerald Gille '68

Linden Beck '69

Robert Williams '70

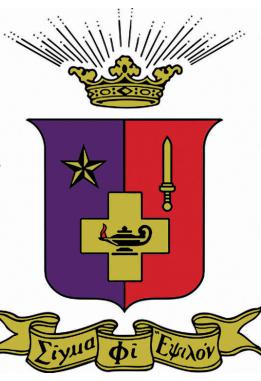
Stephen Stanford '71

Lawrence Bechler '72

William Grundemann '72

Michael Beer '96

Karl Curtis '98



*\*denotes "Charter Member" of the Founders Society*

### Founders Society (\$2,500-\$4,999)

James McMillan '54\* Tom McLaughlin '69\*

Tom Wheeler '55\* Dan Prucha '69\*

Richard Walters '58 Eric Van Gilder '69\*

Dr. Jim Griesen '63\* John Barta '70\*

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### Ohio Gamma Club (up to \$249)

Howard Berthold '42 George Wilkinson '57

Carl Obenhauf '43 Russell Hanthorn '58

Chris Sauter '46 Lynford Gabriel '59

Donald Detmer '47 Edward Cass '60

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Jacque Cain '52 David Gross '65

Richard Dilts '52 James Hendrickson '65

John Crawford '53 Daniel Miller '72

LeRoy Jackopin '53 David Crouch '66

Charles Eigenberg '66 John Tranovich '72

William Pfeifer '55 Paul Kleifgen '73

Robin Schmidt '56 Jeffrey Smith '66

Donald Swales '56 Mark Rollinson '73

Frank Hill '57 William Spitler '66

Jerry Steiner '74 William Vorlicky '68

William McNutt '57 Doug Wemmer '74

Dean Failor '69 Stephen Linton '75

Robert Gochoel '69 Ed Miller '75

Robert Hanrahan '76\*\*

Mark Reilley '87

Bradley Brinzo '88

David Cereno '88

Joseph Roman '90

Todd Wray '91

Benjamin Balliet '00

Christopher Burk '00

Brian Head '03

George Gornall '04

Matt Dornauer '05

Jeremy Fiser '05

Doug Hange '05

Wade Guzdanski '05

Ron Dulaney '06

Adam Schwartz '06

Brad Waldsmith '06

## Queen of Hearts Alumni Ball

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Sweetheart was Gretchen Smith, since she had been married to the Brother George Smith '63 over forty years. The undergraduate Sweetheart was Elizabeth Warren, daughter of Bob Warren '71, an Ohio Gamma alumnus.

The evening offered a wonderful opportunity for the alumni to enjoy one more fraternity party and, more importantly, to meet many of the current undergraduate brothers of our chapter and to see first hand how they are carrying on our proud traditions for future generations of SigEps.

This event is the second of five gatherings planned to celebrate our Centennial anniversary. The first event took place in Richmond, Virginia in November (pictured on this page) during which alumni traveled to SigEp headquarters for the weekend. More events have been planned quarterly throughout this year. Look for the details of these events on page 5 of this newsletter.



*ABOVE: Mike Repasky honors SigEp Sweethearts including newly announced Gretchen Smith (2nd from left) and Liz Warren (4th from the left)... BELOW: Along with their spouses, brothers Eric Van Gilder '69, John Barta '70, and Jeff DuBois '66, sing the SigEp anthem to conclude the presentation.*



*ABOVE: Carl Abell '49 (seated) honored as eldest alumnus during the Queen of Hearts Alumni Ball. BELOW: Alumni pose outside SigEp headquarters (Zollinger House) in Richmond, during the Centennial Celebration kickoff event.*



## Centennial Celebration Events Schedule

### Alumni Baseball Game: May 10, 2008

*Join us as we cheer on the OSU Baseball team coached by SigEp brother Bob Todd. More details available on our website at: [www.alumni.osusigep.com](http://www.alumni.osusigep.com).*

### Golf Outing & Pig Roast: August 2, 2008

*Join SigEp alumni for our annual golf outing at Blacklick Woods golf course (outside of Columbus) which will be followed by a pig roast back at the chapter house. More details available on our website at: [www.alumni.osusigep.com](http://www.alumni.osusigep.com)*

### Centennial Celebration Gala: October 3-5, 2008

*This event concludes our celebration of the first century of Ohio Gamma. Friday night will be a cocktail gathering at our hotel in Worthington. Saturday we will attend a ceremony at the chapter house, watch the Buckeyes beat Wisconsin (away game), and join together for a formal dinner and alumni reception during the Centennial Celebration Gala. PLEASE RSVP to Mike Lockwood by email at: [MLGoBucks@roadrunner.com](mailto:MLGoBucks@roadrunner.com) or by calling him at (330) 273-4344.*

## *LOOK who's coming to the Centennial Celebration Gala (October 3-5, 2008)*

### 1940-1959

Brian McIntyre  
Mike Roberts  
Edward Hill  
Don Kender  
Howard Bender  
Tac Berry  
John Clark  
Gary Ryan  
John Raab  
Donald Swales  
Mark Stevens  
Jeff Odenwald  
Dan Miller

John Petro  
Linden Beck  
Mike Deegan  
Steve Skapik  
Steve Smith  
Tim O'Brien  
Tom McLaughlin  
Mike Reed

### 1980-1989

Bob Jennings  
Todd Wirick  
Rob Hanrahan

### 1990-1999

Bill Gordon  
Joe Marino  
Ben Balliett

### 1970-1979

Greg Kreeger  
John Barta  
Todd Hill

### 2000-2007

Scott Phillips Jr.  
Matthew Potts  
Jonathon Maneval  
Patrick Klein  
Brian Katz  
Scott Clayton  
Nate Busch  
Christopher Alvarez-Breckenridge



So that we can give an accurate count to the caterers for the dinner on October 4th, we appreciate everyone letting Mike Lockwood know if they plan to attend the event via email at: [MLgobucks@roadrunner.com](mailto:MLgobucks@roadrunner.com) or via telephone at (330) 273-4344. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces at the Centennial Gala and all our events celebrating Ohio Gamma's first century.

Trevor Thompson  
Adam Schwartz  
Michael Zion  
Jonathon Maneval  
Patrick Klein  
Brian Katz  
Scott Clayton  
Nate Busch  
Christopher Alvarez-Breckenridge

# 100 Years of History: The 1980s

*Continued from our last publication, the Centennial Committee, led by Mike Lockwood, has been compiling memories from each decade of Ohio Gamma's rich history. In this edition, we spoke to Robert Hanrahan (Chapter Counselor 1980-1984) and Todd Wirick ('88) for their memories of SigEp in the eighties!*

**Ohio Gamma, fresh off its re-establishment back at OSU, was in such need to fill the house, that we permitted co-ed living for a couple years.**

**The 1980s were the days when the Phi Delt's used to utilize our kitchen to serve their meals. What a nice kitchen it was! We renovated our kitchen as well as the dining room during this decade.**

**Mom Hutchinson was the wonderful woman keeping us in line back in the early 1980s. She kept a special eye out for chapter president, Bill O'Dwyer, who was her grandson.**

**Brother Jim Robeson was the Alumni Board President and Associate Dean of the business school. He went on to serve as SigEp National Grand Treasurer for over a decade. He then served as Grand President from 2003-2005 and visited Ohio Gamma regularly during his term. Jim passed away shortly after the 2005 Conclave after a strenuous battle with cancer and we dearly miss him.**

**The Chapter Sweetheart, Carol Otto, had a wedding reception in the chapter house one cold December evening.**

**Scott Bloom used to eat mounds of super hot wings with a bottle of milk in one hand, and a towel over his head.**

**John Rishel had a late night naked walk around campus after a bottle of Sake.**

**There was the great stolen Lantern caper. Chip Bickle was running for student body President. He found out we was not going to get the paper's endorsement. The night before the paper was to be released, Brother Bickle and Brother Jim Frey came up with the brilliant idea to go out and steal every paper on campus so people wouldn't be able to see the endorsement. Ironically, the first place they went to was the paper stack outside the Journalism building, where they were photographed stealing the papers. Great scandal.**

**Every year, we had a pig roast with a luau in the spring. It seemed that every year, we would have guys standing by the pig with beers in one hand and lighter fluid in the other, trying to get the thing cooked in time!!**

**We hope more memories of the 1980s will be shared at our Centennial Celebration Gala, October 3-5... Look at page 5 for more details!**

# The Undergraduate Update

SigEp's Balanced Man Program focuses on developing both a **Sound Mind** and a **Sound Body**. Sound Mind is measurable by examining a brother's GPA on a quarterly basis, yet until this year the tangibles for measurement of a Sound Body have been absent from our chapter. Realizing that need, the chapter created initiatives to accomplish our goal: "The Road to Richmond," and "Sound Body Assessments."

The **Road to Richmond** program sparked a revolution of fitness in SigEp upon its implementation during autumn quarter. At the close of each week, brothers are encouraged and reminded to turn in a log of their workouts for the week to the Sound Body Committee. Exercises are converted into "miles" based on calories expended, estimating 80-100 calories burned per mile.

To facilitate chapter unity in our goal, we hung an 8 ft by 5 ft map on the wall in our basement weight

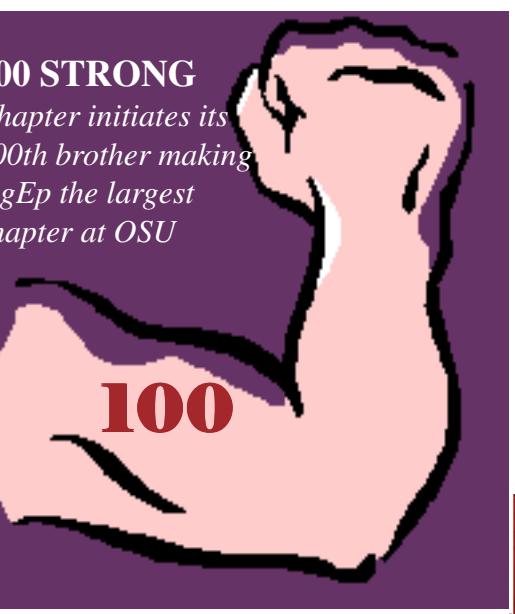
room with the 12,500 mile route drawn upon it. The **Road to Richmond** takes us from OSU, around the United States to each of the 35 Buchanan Cup winning chapters, (given biennially to the top 12% of SigEp chapters around the nation), and closes our journey in Richmond at SigEp Headquarters. During chapter meetings, brothers were recognized for their efforts each week and updates were given as to how far we have made it in our quest. It took 119 days to reach Richmond in our first try, and our goal for this, round 2, is to cut that number to double digits, hitting 12,500 miles in 99 days.

The quarterly **Sound Body Assessment** is designed to promote overall health and wellness both now and in our futures.

To begin, each brother has the option of measuring their body fat percentage through a skin caliper test given by a member of the Sound Body committee, each of whom is trained to administer the test. After conducting this, a weight measurement is taken for the knowledge and awareness of the individual. Neither of these components are taken into consideration when measuring fitness and a Sound Body, but it is important for each brother personally to know where he stands.

The tangibles of the assessment consist of 6 tests, each designed to apply to each brother long after our collegiate years end. Measured tests include: (1) Sit-and-Reach test to measure flexibility, (2) 1-legged squat test to quantify balance and leg strength, (3) pull-ups, (4) push-ups, and (5) sit-ups to measure core strength and upper body strength, and finally (6) a timed 1-mile run to promote cardiovascular wellness and endurance.

To supplement these fitness aspects of a Sound Body, we hosted a guest fitness speaker at a chapter meeting to focus on the Balance of Weight Management. She was able to communicate to our chapter the importance of eating the best foods in moderate portion size, to help each individual achieve his goal for the following quarter. This bonus event will adapt and grow each quarter to suit the needs of our chapter and enhance the experience of each member as they grow and develop life-long habits.



# PASS THE GAVEL

At year end, several brothers made significant additional gifts to Ohio Gamma: Jim Crossley '70, Jim Pfeifer '59, and George Smith '63 leading the charge -- Scott Phillips Jr. '05, was signed to the Canton Legends professional arena football team as a quarterback -- The undergraduate chapter GPA for Autumn 2007 was 3.29 -- TWO graduating brothers were hired to work for the national fraternity next year as regional directors: Michael Repasky '08 and Ryan Dressler '08. Only two other Ohio Gammas have served as RD's: Mike Clark '91 and Dennis Kaps '03. -- John "CJ" Waggoner '70 has been appointed co-chair of the Alumni Relations Committee. CJ is redifining retirement with all the volunteering he has done for SigEp and we are truly grateful. -- Ohio State SigEp now has an active "blog" which can be accessed directly at: [www.osusigep.blogspot.com](http://www.osusigep.blogspot.com) or through our website. -- Kevin Grady '03, recently returned to Cleveland to work at University Hospitals assisting open heart surgeries after spending more than a year at a hospital outside Detroit. -- Undergraduate elections have begun and the first four slots have been filled: Sean Mittlman (President), Andy DeLong (VP Programming), Tom Vetter (VP Recruitment), and Brad McIntyre (VP of Member Development) -- Adam Burden, OSU Alumnus from 2005 and member of the 2004 Homecoming Court, accepted a bid to join SigEp as a Renaissance Brother. -- Damn Proud to be a SigEp.

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