

WOLVERINE SIG

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

AUGUST 2011

UPCOMING EVENT

Homecoming Celebration

October 29th

Michigan vs. Purdue

The brothers will host us with traditional pre-game fare starting at 9:00 AM. Kickoff is set for noon. It's a great opportunity to meet the undergraduates who are running our chapter and see the improvements that have been made to the house over the past few years.

2011 Wolverine Football

9/3:	Western Michigan
9/10:	Notre Dame
9/17:	Eastern Michigan
9/24:	San Diego State
10/1:	Minnesota
10/8:	at Northwestern
10/15:	at Michigan State
10/29:	Purdue
11/5:	at Iowa
11/12:	at Illinois
11/19:	Nebraska
11/26:	Ohio State

ON THE WEB

Update Your Email Address!

Did you know that we have valid email addresses on file for only 25% of our active alumni? If you haven't been receiving our email communications, please update your email address today to ensure you get the latest Theta Theta news and event details delivered straight to your inbox.

Our email database is used solely for Sigma Chi communication, and will never be traded or sold.

You can update your email address and other contact info on the back of the enclosed form, or by sending it to our alumni relations firm at feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention Sigma Chi at Michigan).

HOUSE CORPORATION REPORT

We Need Your Involvement as We Prepare for the Chapter House's 100th Birthday

The House Corporation needs your help. The financial support the Chapter has received from our alumni has been fantastic. The house is in great shape and growing and we have a strong group of undergraduate brothers taking on leadership roles. We still need additional help on the House Corporation and we are looking for more volunteers to contribute their time. In general, the House Corp. meets once a month at the Chapter House. The level of commitment we are looking for really depends on what you can set aside. We have a variety of projects going forward including planning and coordinating a celebration of the Chapter House's 100th birthday next fall.

Your participation on the House Corp. helps demonstrate the lifelong commitment we make to Sigma Chi to the undergraduates. Also, through your involvement and interaction with the Chapter, you will have the opportunity to spread the word directly to your fellow alumni about how Theta Theta is doing. Part of what it takes to continue the great traditions and brotherhood we enjoyed at Theta Theta is an open line between our alumni and undergraduates.

Please contact **Dan Page '87** at page623@tds.net or 248-568-6340 or **Dave Train '84** at dtrain@ckgppw.com if you are interested in learning more about how you can help.

IN MEMORY

Remembering Matthew Newcomb '04

Brother **Matthew Newcomb '04** died May 27, 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand at the age of 28. Matthew was an outgoing and caring individual who will be missed and fondly remembered by all he knew. He was an active member of the Theta Theta Chapter all four years he attended U of M, and was a relative of Theta Theta brothers **Erik Newcomb '03** and **Tom Yardley '86**.

Matt graduated from the College of Engineering with a BS in Industrial Operations Engineering. Matthew was a world traveler and adventurer. He had a wide professional career beginning as a systems engineer for Infosys in Bangalore, India. He also held positions in San Diego, CA, Chicago, IL, Cairo, Egypt and Dubai, UAE. His entrepreneurial spirit prompted him to co-found Globalite Services, an

international engineering consulting firm. At his time of passing, Matthew was en route to dedicate his time volunteering at Baan Unrak Children's Village in Northern Thailand.

You can view a tribute to Matt in pictures and video on Facebook under the group "In Memory of Matthew Newcomb."

Donations can be made to: The Matthew Newcomb Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 7449, Ann Arbor, MI 48107



ALUMNI UPDATES

'40s

Bill O. Brink '40

(17431 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230-1620; bill.brink1@comcast.net) My best memory is my search at midnight for a dog to run with in the Sigma Chi dog race. I just turned 92 and I just returned from driving by myself to Sarasota, FL and back to Grosse Pointe, MI.

Jack E. Harlan '48

(92-1242 Makakilo Dr., #55, Kapole, HI 96707-1590; jack0310-96740@yahoo.com) My best memories are of the great guys! **Denry Young blood** (Navy Cross), **Dick Hadler** (roomie), and **Winn Taplin**. Today, I'm still playing nine holes at 88!

Roy E. Mattern, Jr. '48

(2134 Shore Avenue, Freeland, WA 98249-9595) My favorite memories include our fraternity song contests, and the great support I received from my brothers, especially after a terrible auto accident, when my parents and I were severely injured.

Today, my wonderful wife, Donna, and I live on the shore of Useless Bay on Whidbey Island, Washington located in Puget Sound.

Richard A. Hadler '49

(2121 Greenview Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103-6111) I'm pleased with the updated appearance of the House. We all owe a big debt to Dave Train and his Band of Brothers. A good job well done.

'50s

Eugene H. Peterson '50

(4738 Ivy Bridge Dr. SE, Smyrna, GA 30080-6628; MBOWPETE@AOL.COM) My best memory is meeting and living with a great bunch of gentlemen. I still hear from a number of those wonderful guys but time has taken its toll. I enjoy life with my family and continuing relationships from over the years. I have been blessed with a wife of 59 years, two sons, a daughter and four granddaughters.

Neil R. Celley '51

(216 Kenwood, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-4164) My granddaughter is living with Virginia and I. She just completed her nurse's training degree at MSU and has her first job at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, MI. After receiving my copy of the *Wolverine Sig* in

January, I was surprised and happy to see some of my old classmates' comments in the alumni updates column. **Jack Zisser**, **Dave Neische**, **Winn Taplin** and **Joe Hardig** are all old pals from long ago. At age 83, I can still remember them. My best memory of Sigma Chi was Wally Tenniga telling me to "make the right decision the first time and you'll never have to make it again. It's God's plan, don't mess with it."

Joseph L. Hardig, Jr., Esq '51

(PO Box 488, Walloon Lake, MI 49796-0488; jhardigjr@aol.com) My best memory is of going to the 1949 "Snow Bowl" game in Columbus with "Stick" Williams.

John C. Maddox, DDS '55

(400 Ocean Road, #180, Vero Beach, FL 32963-3232; jcmlori@aol.com) My best memory is of a great trip to New York City, Milburn, NJ, and Fairfield, CT with **Art Wynne**, **John Fildew**, **John Ziegler**, **Lance Minor**, **Drew Radel** and **Paul Thomas**. All of us are in the class of "55."

Paul W. Thomas '55

(16 Loft Dr., Martinsville, NJ 08836-2263; p:thomas321@hotline.net) Thank you for sending the *Wolverine Sig*, it's as good as ever. Interesting that three new brothers are from New Jersey, two of them nearby to us. One of my best memories is from the early fifties, when the gang went to the Quouset hut for U of M hockey, naturally football, but most of all the brothers we see today at least every other year.

Bert Getz '59

(6335 W. State Rte. 120, Libertyville, IL 60048; bgetz@globecor.com) I am still married to "my sweetheart of Sigma Chi" after 53 years. We were married while I was still an active of Theta Theta, and now have three children and seven grandchildren. I remain active with the Mayo Clinic after being on the Board for 16 years and Chairman for four years. I am also a Director of TGen, a Phoenix biomedical research company where this year I was given the John McCain Leadership award.

My best memory was how proud we all were to witness the 1957 NFL Football game between the NFL Champions and the College All Stars (before the Super Bowl was started), when not only did Michigan have three All Stars but all three were Theta Theta Sigs: **Ron Kramer '57**, **Terry Barr**

'57 and **Tom Maentz '57**. We still have an annual golf match between **John Madigan '58**, **Steve Bloom '58** and **Marv Nyren '57**. **Bill Swaney '60** puts together a reunion every second year for five classes of Sigs, his year and two on either side which is well attended and loads of fun. The next one will be October 18, 2012 for the Michigan – Michigan State game in Ann Arbor. I am proud to be a Sig, especially a Theta Theta Sig, and associate with so many wonderful people the world over.

Braden Slezak '86

(4317 Prospect Ave., Western Springs, IL 60558; braden_slezak@yahoo.com) I'm married with three kids, and Partner at a Consulting Firm that focuses on SAP Technology.

The best memories from my Sigma Chi days include: Hitting golf balls off the roof, Ryder Rental Truck road trip with living room furniture to Wisconsin, **Rod McKay's** 21st birthday with the plane banner, and the pay phones at the Union. I enjoy seeing (and am surprised by) the outstanding professional success of my Sigma Chi brothers, whom I better remember for doing various pranks at U of M – it's hard to imagine that the guy breaking his nose "water" sliding through the dining room can become a CEO later in life.

I'm planning on getting together at the Michigan vs. Northwestern game on Oct. 8 with the group that graduated in the mid-'80s. Here are a few photos of the 1983 Pledge Walkout to Wisconsin.



ALUMNI UPDATES

'60s

William H. Reed, USN(Ret.) '61

(20192 Olde Towne Ct., Smithfield, VA 23430-5727; mjreed@gateway.com) I came across a *Wolverine Sig* publication recently. I have fond memories of good times at 548 South State in late '50s & early '60s! My "sweetheart" of 50 years passed away in 2010. Margo, an Alpha Phi from MSU, loved the excitement of the many Sigma Chi functions we held.

Henry Dunbar '63

(10700 Sugarland Dr., El Paso, TX 79924; hwdunbar@me.com) I retired in 2003 after a 40-year career as an educator, and find retirement an entirely agreeable situation. I had a hip replacement in June and am now back in the gym working, hopefully, to get back on the tennis court in October, a month before I turn 70, when at a mini reunion in Dripping Springs, Texas, with friends from

high school. My wife Betsy became "Saint Elizabeth" helping me through the recovery process from surgery and is glad to see me "gym worthy" again. I really miss the fall season in Ann Arbor, and hang my "M" flag in front of the house on game days. Proud to be a Life Loyal Sig and a Michigan man and extremely happy to see the Sig House restored to its rightful owners. All my best wishes to Theta Thetas all over the world.

Frederick Lambert '65

(1100 Pilarcitos Ave., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019-1459; lambert@uchastings.edu) I'm looking forward to a fall lunch with **Thurlow Cool, Tom Rowe, Harry Hallock, Dick Balzhiser** and **Bill Hallock**...six decades of Sigma Chi!

'70s

Kevin J. Klok '78

(973 Chelsea Ct, Holland, MI 49423-4696;

kevin.klok@ronblue.com) Best memory? Living in top floor (aka "Heaven") with **Jim Wilkins, Joe Frank** and **Ron Williamson**. My daughter Sara graduated U-Michigan in Nursing and married Patrick Crumb on 5/14/2011.

'80s

Steve VanTassel '84

(20 North Oaks Rd., North Oaks, MN 55127; steve.vantassel@gmail.com) My son, Jeremy VanTassel, became a second-generation Sig when he joined the Delta Phi chapter of Sigma Chi at the University of Puget Sound earlier this year.

Edward F. Neild, IV, CFA '87

(220 Chestnut St, Winnetka, IL 60093 US; tedneild@greshampartners.com) My best memories are of road trips and football Saturdays.

IN THE WORDS OF OUR BROTHERS

What is Your Fondest Sigma Chi Memory?

"Great times with friends."

- **Donald Bacon '80**

"Friendships and social experiences."

- **Robert Bentley '86**

"The house."

- **Erik Newcomb '03**

"Living in the house for three years."

- **Kurt Le Vitus '85**

"Having a fun, social core group with the additional benefit of learning to handle life, a business/organization, etc."

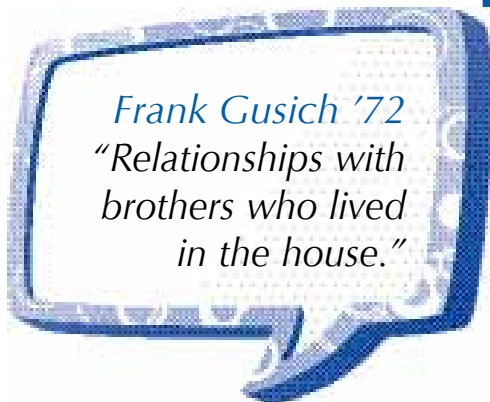
- **Carl Pohle '83**

"Fellowship and life long friendship. Tremendous growth opportunity to be Consul and have that responsibility so early in life."

- **William Swaney '60**

"The friendship and camaraderie."

- **Bob Zahm '84**



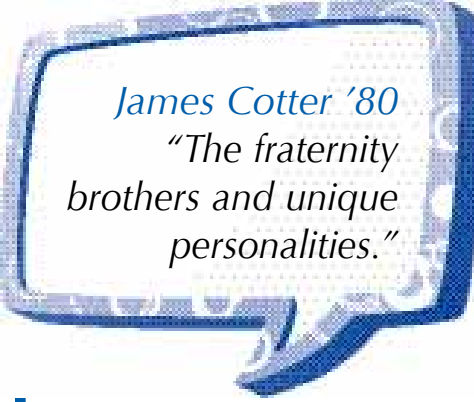
Frank Gusich '72
"Relationships with brothers who lived in the house."

"Derby days."

- **James Holden '95**

"The fellowship with brothers and getting to know Brothers from all over the U.S."

- **Bill Brink '40**



James Cotter '80
"The fraternity brothers and unique personalities."

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Love old photos? So do we!

That's why we need your help to preserve the best moments in Theta Theta history that have been captured on film. Send the best pictures from your era or of a more recent reunion for publication in a future issue. You can send them using the enclosed form and envelope, or email them to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention Sigma Chi at Michigan).

In this photo: *Theta Theta brothers in the mid-'70s.*



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