

WOLVERINE SIG

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Homecoming 2006

October 28
vs. Northwestern

2006 WOLVERINE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 2: **Vanderbilt**
 Sept. 9: **Central Michigan**
 Sept. 16: at Notre Dame*
 Sept. 23: **Wisconsin**
 Sept. 30: at Minnesota*
 Oct. 7: **Michigan State**
 Oct. 14: at Penn State*
 Oct. 21: **Iowa**
 Oct. 28: **Northwestern**
 (Homecoming)
 Nov. 4: **Ball State**
 Nov. 11: at Indiana*
 Nov. 18: at Ohio State*

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Grand Praetor for the Western Michigan Province Chris Nyers, House Corp President Dave Train, Grand Consul Keith Krach and Grand Praetor for the Eastern Michigan Province John Greenawalt state that the Call to Action is a success

In Order To Re-Colonize The Theta Theta Chapter, The First "Call To Action" Event Was Held On March 3, 2006 At The Birmingham Athletic Club

Eastern Michigan Province Grand Praetor Jon L. Greenawalt Hosted The Event And Grand Consul Keith Krach Spoke

By: David Train '84, HC President

The Call to Action event, held the first Friday evening in March, was a great way to start our re-colonization process. More than seventy area alumni and undergraduate brothers attended. Their presence was a powerful indication of the Sigma Chi brotherhood in Michigan. Eastern Michigan Province Grand Praetor **Jon L. Greenawalt** hosted the affair at the Birmingham Athletic Club. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres were served as the brothers and alumni gathered and relaxed before the presentations. The event also served as the Detroit Alumni chapter's annual Balfour Award banquet.

A variety of presentations were given throughout the evening. First, our Grand Consul **Keith Krach** spoke about the Fraternity's Strategic Initiatives and the new Imperatives. Krach gave us a clear and honest assessment of our Fraternity's key challenges and opportunities, followed by an outline of the Strategic Plan and the Eight Imperatives. He exhibited his now familiar enthusiasm and personal commitment to their achievement. During his talk, Krach acknowledged significant challenges for the Fraternity.

Also, he stressed that fulfillment of each challenge is critical and will provide the pathway for our survival and growth for the next 150 years.

Next, our Michigan Praetors **Jon L. Greenawalt** and **Chris Nyers** spoke. Nyers, Western Michigan's Grand Praetor, gave an impassioned update on the status of the four chapters in his Province (Western Michigan, Hillsdale, Michigan State and Albion). Greenawalt, Eastern Michigan's Grand Praetor,

then added his view of how Alma, Central Michigan and Kettering A&B are fairing.

David Train, President of Theta Theta's House Corporation spoke following the Michigan province's update. Train utilized a well-prepared PowerPoint presentation to outline the plans and critical steps needed to re-colonize our chapter at Michigan. As we discovered that evening, there is a lot of support from Sigs in Southeast Michigan to bring back Theta Theta.

Subsequently, **Sandy Thomson (Denison '59)** spoke about the capital campaign strategy to support the Strategic Initiatives. Thomson has obtained responsibility for the Midwest's Strategic Plan's capital campaign. Thomson confirmed the critical need for all Sigs to personally contribute to the campaign. The money raised will fund the Strategic Plan. Most of this money is then earmarked for the training, development and support for our undergraduate chapters.

Furthermore, **Don Fergle** gave an update on the activities of the Detroit Alumni chapter, including the interest to form a west-side Detroit Alumni chapter. The first meeting was scheduled for May 25, 2006.

Following the above presentations, participants were asked to answer a written survey. The goal was to help specify participants' willingness to support our Fraternity's needs in one or more of the below categories:

- a. fund raising/contributing,
- b. mentoring undergraduate chapters, and
- c. assisting with the re-colonization of Theta Theta.

The event closed with the singing of the Sweetheart Song to Metta Grokenberger, our

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Eastern Michigan Province Updates (4/21/06)

Chapter Challenges And Achievements Are Measured Through Financial Stability, Membership Numbers, And Community Outreach.

By: Jon L. Greenawalt, Grand Praetor, Eastern Michigan

Status of the Eastern Michigan Province

Overall, I am pleased to report that our undergraduate chapters in the Province are alive, well and thriving.

Central Michigan

At 26 brothers, Central Michigan is under their chapter membership's historical average. They have also been hindered with ineffective financial management and have faced leadership challenges. Nevertheless, under the guidance of **Tom VanHarren'06**, the brothers have made a commitment to come together and accomplish their rush, pledging and financial goals.

Finally, the chapter has the good fortune of being ably guided by Chapter Advisor, **Brian Palmer**.

Kettering A&B

Kettering A&B are the best of the best. Both sections at Kettering (which are really two separate chapters, with separate officers, budgets and brotherhood rosters) prove to be exemplary chapters year after year.

The two chapters are strong financially, have a well-kept house, consistently rush

strong pledge classes (Section A just pledged 18 this spring) and won the Peterson Award last year.

House Corp President **Ken Kayser** has provided significant contributions over a long period of time. As a testimony to his hard word, the chapter nominated **Kayser** for the Constantine Sig Award.

Another person to highlight is **Matt Burtch (Theta Rho, '03)**. **Burtech** is their new Chapter Advisor. He provides enthusiasm and a fresh perspective.

Alma

Alma has had strong leadership over the last few years, headed by out-going Consul, **Nick Dunkle**. They are the strongest Greek house on campus. The chapter is admired by the University for their Leadership and participation on the campus and in the Alma community.

The fraternity demonstrates consistent strength in the rush and pledge process. They have the largest house on campus. Their biggest challenge going forward is to find a way, with the help of the University and HQ, to fund the building of a new Chapter House. Their current one has structurally deteriorated to the point of being unsafe.

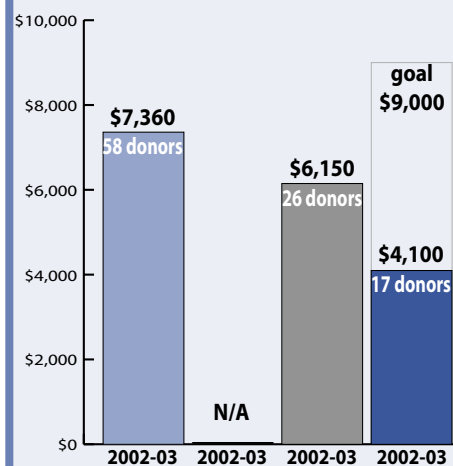
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Blast From The Past Do you remember the words?

Can you still sing "A Sig I Am?"

A Sig I Am

"Happy Day" Words by Richard C. Hughes, Wooster 1884, Walter H. Reynolds, Wooster 1886, and McClure S. Todd, Wooster 1887

A Sig I am, A Sig I'll be,
A Sig through all eternity,
A Sig by day, a Sig by night
To be a Sig is my delight

CHORUS

Sig, oh Sig, Sigma Chi,
I'll be a Sig until I die;
Sig, oh Sig, Sigma Chi,
I'll be a Sig until I die.

We Want Your Stories!

Contact Us Through Mail Or Email.

Do you regularly meet for lunch with an old Sigma Chi friend? Are you planning a reunion of Theta Theta brothers from your era this summer? Are you returning to Ann Arbor for Homecoming 2006? If so, we want to hear about it!

Alumni news contributions add value to our newsletter. Please send your stories and photos to us for publication at: content@affinityconnection.com, or to our alumni relations office at the following address:

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P.O. Box 7007
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We would love to feature you and your stories in upcoming issues of *The Wolverine Sig!*

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A "Thank You" To Our Donors!

Your Contributions Help Us Communicate With Alumni.

The following members have contributed over \$4,100 to our annual fund this year. Thanks to their support, we were able to continue the publication of The Wolverine Sig and other alumni communications.

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Charles A. Ritter	1954	David F. Nyren	1986
Paul W. Thomas	1955	Daniel A. Page	1987
Michael T. Williams	1962	Gregory W. Cooksey	1992

ALUMNI UPDATES

'40s

Roy Mattern Jr. '42
(2134 Shore Avenue, Freeland, WA 98249-9595) My wife, Donna, and I are rushing to complete our move to a smaller home, which is on Useless Bay in Puget Sound. Any Sigma Chi Brother traveling to our area may call me.

'60s

Henry W. Dunbar '63
(10700 Sugarland Drive, El Paso, TX 79924-1113; eb_hw_dunbar@hotmail.com) I retired December 2003, after 40 years teaching, counseling and coaching in Michigan Connecticut, Brazil and Texas. My wife, Elizabeth, and I traveled in April 2005 to Oahu, Hawaii and spent some time with our best man **Jack Huizingh '64**. We had not seen him in 25 years. We had a great visit!

Help Us Find A Lost Sigma Chi!

Do You Keep In Touch With A Person Listed Below?

We have lost touch with the following members and need your help to find them! If you know their current whereabouts, please send their address to our alumni relations representative at Jessica@affinityconnection.com. (Be sure to note that he is a member of Sigma Chi at Michigan.)

Help us reconnect the following lost alumni with Sigma Chi and our Theta Theta brotherhood!

John G. Hall	1931	Frederick G. Newman	1954	Richard R. Schott Jr.	1974	Sean M. Egge	1993	Gabrial D. Wuebben	2000
James R. Hoffer	1932	Charles F. Pollard	1954	Jonathon F Harbour	1975	Peter D. McPherson	1993	Paul D Abdenour	2001
Ralph W. Smith	1932	Richard N. Yirkosky	1954	Charles H. Ihling	1975	James D Sagar	1993	Matthew S Andrews	2001
Reeve M. Bailey	1933	Richard R. Doll	1955	Richard M. Meyers	1977	Matthew Wilson	1993	Carter H. Andrus	2001
L. Ross Bain	1933	Harmon C. Grubbs USN	1955	Richard A. McDonough	1978	Mike Woodruff	1993	Doug Chlson	2002
Ronald W. Duncan	1934	G. E. Meads MD	1956	Randall E. Smith	1978	Lawrence J. Conlon III	1994	Ben J Crandall	2002
Frederick H. Moore	1934	Lawrence J. Faul	1957	Bruce M. Sterling	1978	Kevin P. Flanagan	1995	Jerry Marogil	2002
Grandon V. Van de Walker	1934	John O. Monaghan	1958	Joseph C. Frank	1979	Russell R. Lilly	1995	David A Ortega	2002
Everett W. Hersey	1935	David L. Rockaway	1958	Robert H. Merz	1979	Luke C. Pollock	1995	David Quick	2002
Herbert W. Mason Jr.	1935	John B. Jenks Jr.	1960	Richard C. Weller	1981	Peter M. MacaLuso	1997	Drew Scholtz	2002
Edwin V. King Jr.	1936	John D. Quinn	1962	Alexander G. McGeoch	1982	Matthew S. Andrew	1998	Michael A Smith	2002
George W. Cospser	1937	Delbert I. Nolan Jr.	1964	Donald B. Sand	1982	Terrence R. Babe	1998	Patrick R Swaney	2002
Jack K. Liffiton	1937	Brian C Guiney	1965	Rod M. Stablein	1985	Todd R. Blanding	1998	John R. Alexander	2003
Dair N. Long	1939	Michael J. Merrill	1965	Michael B. Chew	1986	Robert M. Haddad	1998	Bradley A. Barker	2003
Hugh P. Dalzell	1943	Robert C. Pierrot	1965	Lorenzo A. Henderson	1988	David L. Paradzik	1998	Steve Begeny	2003
Richard C. Beckett Jr.	1945	Robert F. Schmidt	1966	John K. Hoerner	1988	Scott A. Besch	1999	Michael B. Ciulis	2003
Hubert Y. Crouse	1945	Marvin H. Chase	1967	Timothy D. Walworth	1989	Scott N. Blanding	1999	Brien Meek	2004
Paul Prozeller	1945	Jerry B. Stewart	1967	Steven A. Edmonson	1990	Ben J. Crandall	1999		
Andrew W. Allen	1946	Carl Verblen	1967	Christopher J. Fiegen	1990				
Frederick E. Watson	1946	Bruce D. Getzan	1968	Laszlo J. Stein	1990				
Boyd W. Granger	1947	Allan A. Krist	1968	Gregory N. Arends	1991				
Thomas O. Ryland	1947	Raymond P. O'Donnell	1968	Paul J. Fogel	1991				
Newell W. Wright	1947	C. Steven A. Forsythe USAF	1969	John E Karzen	1991				
Jack E. Harlan	1948	Robert D. Hild	1969	Jonas J Rodger	1991				
Hugh M. Tuttle Jr.	1948	Richard P. Dell	1970	William B. Bateman Jr.	1992				
George J. Chiames	1950	Timothy J. Killian	1971	Tomas C.P. Culp III	1992				
Bruce M. Dopp	1952	Donald W. Moorhead	1971	John A Hiser	1992				
Gerald C. Harrington	1953	Guy T. Falkenhagen	1972	Peter J McPartlin	1992				
William A. Sadler Jr.	1953	William H. Griffith	1972	Brian D Williamson	1992				
Charles M. Weyand	1953	Frank L. Hill	1972	David K Wilson	1992				
Harold T. Benner II	1954	William F. McHie	1973	Jung Ho Choi	1993				

IN MEMORY

Since the publication of our last newsletter, we have learned of the deaths of

Oliver S. DeLancey '44 (11-26-05)

Frederick C Booth '48 (2-21-06)

Philip E. Sharpe '43 (9-1-05)

Ace R Cory '46 (9-12-05)

Sigma Chi mourns their passing and offers condolences to their family and friends.

Memorabilia Needed From Your Days At School

Help Rebuild The Theta Theta Chapter Legacy



Did you enjoy this old photo? The Theta Theta Chapter is looking to rebuild its legacy by collecting old photographs and other items you may have saved from your years at Michigan. Specifically, we are looking for photographs to represent each decade of our history. Group shots of parties, mixers, dances, etc. are also wanted.

Please submit photos from your era. Send them to the Alumni Relations office. Your efforts may help rekindle some warm memories within our Sigma Chi brotherhood!



Call to Action attendees during the Q&A session.



Jon Greenawalt fields questions, as former Grand Praetor Don Fergle and House Corp President Dave Train look on.

“Call To Action” Event *(Continued from Page 1)*

our International Sweetheart of '97-'99, who had joined us for the evening.

Getting Started

The results of the above-mentioned survey are encouraging. A working meeting for those who wanted to volunteer was planned for June 13, 2006.

The heart of the re-colonization effort will be the Re-colonization Committee. This eight man group will be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the re-colonization effort through the 2007-2008 academic year. The group will be comprised of local Sigma Chi alumni from the area, alumni chapters, Theta-Theta, and one member from the House Corporation. These positions require a large time commitment. However, there are many opportunities available for those who do not have as much time to give. Members that cannot physically participate will be asked to help fund this endeavor.

We will work to keep you informed of our progress and of opportunities to assist. Please visit our website (www.thetatheta.com) for the most up-to-date information and for copies of our material.