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CHAPTER ETERNAL

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

Dudley Klopfer '46 (4/06)
Davis Crippen '50 (9/05)
Robert Edge '50

CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to send a contribution to support the recolonization via Paypal, you can do so at www.paypal.com by entering the email address ddd57@yahoo.com and choosing "service" as the category of purchase. The next page will confirm the amount you are sending to the Theta Theta Recolonization.

Do you have a great story idea for an upcoming issue of *The Wolverine Sig*? Email our editors at content@affinityconnection.com!

Brothers Asked to Help Rebuild the Sigma Chi Legacy Assistance is Needed in All Areas to Make Recolonization a Success

Brothers,
 Years ago we made a pledge to Sigma Chi. Part of that pledge is contained in our Creed:

I believe in Fairness, Decency and Good Manners....

I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth...

I will try to make my college, the SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY, and my own chapter more honored by all men and women and more beloved and honestly respected by our own brothers...

I say these words with all sincerity; that SIGMA CHI has given me favor and distinction; that the bond of our fellowship is reciprocal, that I will endeavor to so build myself and so conduct myself that...

I will ever be a credit to our Fraternity.

I mention the Sigma Chi Creed to remind you of what we agreed to when we said these words years ago. As you may or may not know, Theta Theta had its charter revoked in September 2003. Now we face a new challenge: the recolonization of the Theta Theta Chapter at the University of Michigan. We are reaching out to ALL Sigs...we are all Brothers in the greatest Fraternity in the world.

This assistance is not a request of funds (we will always take donations to pay down the debt), but rather a request for time. We have a monumental task ahead of us and need your help in many ways beyond financial assistance. Some of the help we need is long term, others are very short term, but they all need to be done. **Jerry Kocis '94** is heading up our recolonization team, and we need your help. **Dan Kowal '86** and I are handling Alumni Relations/Recruitment, **Mike Stearns '81** and **Brian Barr '82** are handling Recruitment, **Dave Demeter (Duke '05)** is working on the financial end, **Severin Faulhaber (Kettering '03)** is the New Pledge Trainer, and **Jon Greenawalt (Penn '61)** is working on the relationship with the University of Michigan. The entire House Corporation team is involved – **Dave Train '84**, **Rick Miller (Emory '82)**, **Todd Halsted '84** and **Dan Page '87**. In addition, we have assistance from **Philip Balmforth (Western**

Michigan '88), **Rich Mont (Kent State '82)** and **Charles Alwakeel (John Hopkins '06)**. But we need more....

We need help in the following areas:

- i. Undergrad Recruitment – assist with on-campus recruiting (Now through Fall 2008)
- ii. Financial – assist with fundraising (From Here to Eternity)
- iii. Interviewers – meet prospective pledges (September 2007 and January 2008)
- iv. Mentors – one alumnus/pledge (September 2007 and January 2008)
- v. Marketing – work on recruiting plan (Fall 2006)
- vi. Pledge Trainer committee member January 2007)
- vii. Alumni Recruitment (Now)

The timeline for the recolonization is provided in this newsletter. Please take a few minutes and look at your calendar for the next couple of years, and see where you might have some time. We will be having another "Call to Action" meeting and will send out an invite as the date gets closer. For now, drop one of us an e-mail or call and let us know where you can help. Of course, if you cannot afford the time, we do need significant funds to make this a successful recolonization, so financial support is always welcome.

We have monthly meetings at my Northville, MI office, and they are open to all Sigs. If you would like to attend, please e-mail me at: tom.roth@infor.com or tomaroth@comcast.net or call me at 249-613-3667.

Let's do what we said we would do years ago and make SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY the most "beloved and honestly respected" fraternity in the world with the recolonization of Theta Theta. ■

In hoc,

Tom Roth '84 and **Dan Kowal '86**

RECOLONIZATION UPDATE

There's No Place Like Home: Recolonization Committee Progresses Ever Closer to Bringing Sigma Chi Back to Campus Committee Looking for Leaders to Make Sigma Chi's Goals a Reality

Brothers,

As you know, we have begun the long process to bring Sigma Chi back to the University of Michigan campus. We assembled a dynamic team of motivated alumni to head up the project, and we are making great strides. We reestablished communication with the university, declared our intent for recolonization with Sigma Chi Headquarters and completed our strategic plan and timeline.

Our goal is to bring a new type of fraternity to 548 S. State, a vibrant and active chapter that you will be proud to be associated with and will look forward to visiting. Based on the brotherhood and philanthropy, the new Theta Theta is being designed as the preeminent leadership organization on campus. We are looking for leaders, and

men that want to become leaders. Under this new direction, we hope to secure the future of our fraternity for generations.

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If you would like to be more involved in this energizing effort, please do not hesitate to contact any of our committee members. There are many ways to help even if you are not local to Ann Arbor. And if you have any undergraduate referrals, please fill out our form at www.thetatheta.com. ■

In hoc,

Jerry Kocis '94

Recolonization Committee Chairman

RECOLONIZATION TIMELINE

- Oct/Nov 2006 - Contact leadership groups and schedule presentations
- Jan 2007 (post rush) - Meeting in Student Union to generate general interest
- Jan 2007 (post rush) - Begin marketing and advertising
- February/March 2007 - Additional events for undergrad recruitment
- September 2007 (post rush) - Formal recruitment (events, advertising, interviews)
- October 2007 - Pledge class begins
- December 2007 - First “local” initiation
- January 2008 - Second rush
- March 2008 - Second “local” initiation
- April 2008 - Apply for reinstatement
- August 2008 - Formal Sigma Chi initiation of both classes
- September 2008 - Move in to 548 S. State

TASK FORCE

Meeting with University Officials Goes Well, and Sigma Chi Agrees on Terms to Return to Campus Sigma Chi Will Set Example for Appropriate Behavior on Campus

By Jon Greenawalt

In a late July '06 meeting, Grand Praetor Jon Greenawalt, representing the Recolonization Task Force, met with four members of the Office of Student Life to officially inform them of our intent to reestablish the Theta Theta Chapter. Emphasis was placed on Sigma Chi's pledge to ensure that the fraternity's new purpose and fundamental values would be paramount in rush, pledging and chapter operations. Also made clear was our pledge to have a dry house and that there will be strong

alumni support and supervision holding the new chapter accountable for its actions.

Under these conditions, the University officials are not only pleased to have us return, but are asking for our help in being leaders on campus in upgrading student behavior and in alcohol abuse education.

The University expects us to become members of and be approved by the IFC,

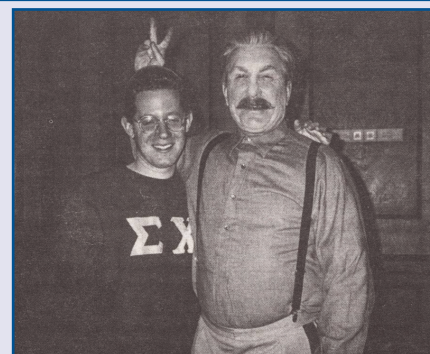
which we promise to do. We must also coordinate our timing of the recruiting process with the OSL and IFC. All this is appropriate and agreed upon.

So, in summary, we have established a partnership of trust and mutual respect with the University, which will form the foundation for a very successful return to campus. ■

OLD PHOTO ALBUM

Do you have great photos from your fraternity days to share with Sigma Chi friends? Don't leave them stored in your attic. Share them with our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention SC at Michigan) for possible publication in an upcoming issue of *The Wolverine Sig*. ■

Senior Rob Carliner '92 with Robert Duvall as Stalin.



Tom Phares '40 Says He Gained Friends, Experiences and Treasured Memories as a Member of Sigma Chi

Tom Returns to Michigan Every Year with His Family to Attend Football Games and Visit Campus

1. Why did you join the fraternity?

My brother was a Sigma Chi, and I was initiated following him. I was looking for a society to get involved in, and I saw it as a good social connection. The Sigma Chis were good people, and they took an interest in the goings-on at the university. I found some lifelong friends in Sigma Chi.

2. What was your favorite party or event?

The biggest party was the Jay-Hop—the junior hop. They used to bring in two big bands, like Tommy Dorsey and Benny Goodman, and they'd take over the intramural building. The fraternities and sororities would have a booth and decorate it, and then we'd have comfortable furniture and punch, soft drinks, and refreshments. If you invited a girl to the Jay Hop, the girl could live in the fraternity house for the weekend and the men would move into a dormitory.

3. What other activities or organizations were you involved with during your college days?

I was on the *Michigan Daily* sports staff, and after my second year I was hired as a *Chicago Tribune* sports correspondent at Michigan. At Saturday games, I would work in the press box and do the play-by-play while the *Tribune* staff writer would write up the article. That was fun, and I was a sports fan anyway, so it fit me to a T.

4. Did Sigma Chi have a rival fraternity?

The fraternities competed in intramural sports, and they had an Interfraternity Sing, which the Glee Club participated in. Of course, our favorite song was “The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi,” and we always sang that at our Interfraternity Sing.

5. Did you live at the house? If so, who were your roommates?

I roomed with a man named **Harry Hallock '40**. He became the greatest Sigma Chi I've ever known. I learned a lot from him. I can't tell you how much I appreciated my relationship with that man; he showed me how to live. He died a few years ago, and I still keep in touch with his son, **Bill Hallock '63**.

6. Are you married? Did you meet your spouse in college? Whether or not she was Greek, what's the story?

I met my wife, Constance, at the Delta Delta Delta house. She and I had just met each other a couple of months before school started. I took her to the Tri Delt Pledge Formal, and I gave her my pin at that time. She died about five years ago, and I still have that pin on my mantle, because she had treasured it and it of course meant a great deal to me.

7. What did you do for a living?

I was Director of Publications for Westinghouse for a number of years, and I was also a freelance science writer while at Westinghouse and then continued freelancing ten years after I retired. It was a great experience for me and also a nice income for me in retirement.

8. What kind of influence has being a member of the fraternity had on your life?

Through that connection, well, I grew up. I learned to deal with people, which I believe is the most important skill a man can learn at college.

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The fraternity system in college life has sometimes been labeled as elitist, but it's not; it's human. It keeps human relations in the forefront. Through fraternity life, you can gain a lot that will carry you far in your future.

9. What affiliations do you currently have and/or public service do you participate in?

I'm a Board of Directors at the George Westinghouse Museum here in Pittsburgh. A few years ago, we started collecting some old items that belonged to Westinghouse, like furniture and so forth. The museum is probably going to be moved to the H.J. Heinz History Center. Heinz and Westinghouse were neighbors, and consolidating the two will help it to last a long time. I'm also fairly active in my church.

10. What would you like to tell actives about being an alumnus?

It's a great way to make contacts. [For example], you go from a small town like Ann Arbor to a town like Pittsburgh, and they're as different as night and day. So how do you get acquainted, how do you make contacts? You get that through the alumni association, and it's easy. It's a great way to make friends and get customers.

11. How have you stayed involved as a Sigma Chi alumnus?

I was the president of the Michigan Alumni Club for a few years. Being an alumni is what you make of it. You can be active and get a lot out of it or you can sit back and do nothing. I still go to Ann Arbor every year for the football game in October, and I take the whole family.

12. Why inspires you to continue financially supporting Sigma Chi?

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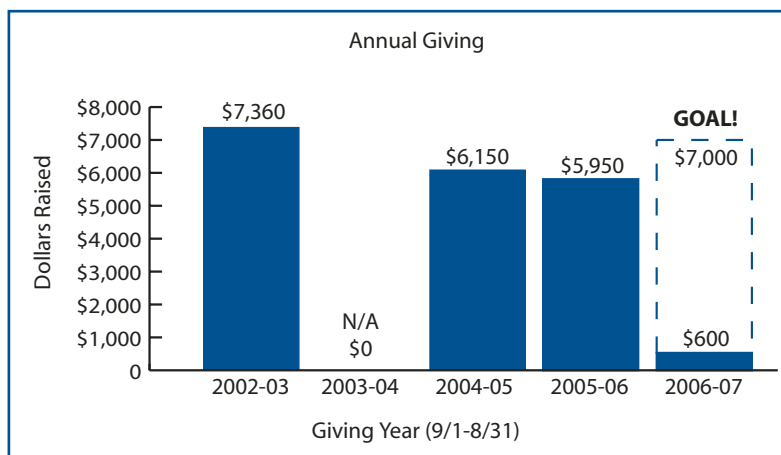
Sigma Chi has been very good to students and it deserves my support. It teaches men to think positively and develop their abilities and deal with other people. ■

Do you know of a Theta Theta alumnus who would make a good profile? We want to hear his story! Send his information to content@affinityconnection.com (mention SC at Michigan in the subject line).

ANNUAL FUND

Help Our Giving Grow!

We would like to thank the 29 alumni donors who contributed a collective \$5,950 to our annual fund last year. Thanks to their support, we are able to continue publication of The Wolverine Sig. Help kick off the 2006-07 giving year by making your contribution. It's easy! Just call 800-975-6699 or send in your gift with the enclosed form. ■



ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

Sandy Robertson '53

(825 Francisco St., San Francisco, CA 94109; robertson@franciscopartners.com)

I am living in San Francisco and am a partner in a private equity fund. I stay involved with the University as a member of the investment committee. I ran into **Bill Sadler '53** in a restaurant a few months ago; I had not seen him in 50 years.

Clifford Mitts III '54

(4901 South South Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76132; Cmitts50@aol.com)

I was president of the IFC from 1953-54. We won the U.S. National award for having the best fraternity system, and the year before that we won the U.S./Canadian National award.

'60s

Bill Swaney '60

(801 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach, FL 33483; swanes@funbuzz.com)

The classes of 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1961 will have a reunion at The Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest, October 11 to 13, 2007. We will be playing golf for two days and attending the Purdue/Michigan game. Please email me for more information.

'70s

Mitchell Sim '76

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Thank you for the update on Theta Theta! I loved my time with the brothers there and

value those years greatly. Last year, I was diagnosed with ALS and am no longer working. My caregiver and I live a quiet life in my house. My daughter Heather is starting at William Woods University next month. Her uncle is **Robert H. Merz '79**, who is in the process of relocating; I don't have a current address. **Charles H. Ihling '75** died about 18 years ago in the Panama Canal Zone due to an allergic reaction to peanuts.

Where Have You Been?

Send your latest and greatest news to content@affinityconnection.com (mention SC at Michigan in your correspondence).

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