A Message from your Active Chapter President

FALL QUARTER can't come soon enough for the undergrad brothers of Sigma Sigma! The temperate climate of Cincinnati has provided for a relaxing summer, but one's patience grows thin for Thursday nights around the coffin and football season open houses. Two of our brothers, Jacob Ramsey and John Goebel, have been training day and night with Coach Kelly at Camp Higher Ground in West Harrison, IN and we look forward to cheering them on.

The draft lines at Huck are clean and a larger gas tank is getting installed to keep the spirits flowing high this next year. Many young alumni have pledged to stop by frequently on Thursday nights to keep things entertaining for the five active members before we replenish our numbers with the Fall Tap Class. As you know, the actives encourage all brothers to stop by and share a drink and a story during meetings.

Leading the Active Chapter this year are President - Jordan Moss, Vice President - Josh Schneider, Treasurer - John Goebel, House Manager - Jacob Ramsey, and Carnival Chairman - Ryan Pontsler. We look forward to seeing all of you again this fall, especially at Homecoming vs. Louisville and at Banquet.

We ended the school year with yet another successful Carnival, now in its 70th year. An estimated 5,000 students, family, alumni, and community members were in attendance and $14,000 raised for the Annual Gift Fund. Tuxedos, gadgets, martinis and babes packed the Commons as James Bond was the theme for this year's "0070th Sigma Sigma Carnival- Carnival Never Dies".

Along steadily (keep those dollars coming). Our Bearcat football team is surpassing all of our hopes and expectations, creating so many great opportunities for us all to gather this fall.

One event I would like to see you target is the evening we have put together to help the active chapter to better grasp the significance of Sigma Sigma and the great men that have lead our proud organization through the years. Thursday, November 19 is the date. Details on are on the reverse side. If you can't make that evening we hope to see you any Thursday around the coffin, enjoying a beer from the Danny Dell Bar.

My best hopes for you and your families in these challenging times.

Neil Van Uum
Alumni President

Bearcat Statue Fund Passes Halfway Point!!!

BROTHERS, It's with great excitement that I announce that the Bearcat Statue Campaign has surpassed the halfway mark! Since the $250,000 fundraising effort began $125,556 has been committed by just over 50 generous brothers. Because of strong initial support we are well on the way towards immortalizing our mascot and Sigma Sigma Brother Teddy Baehr ’15.

I am additionally happy to report that all remaining University hurdles have been cleared and we have UC’s commitment to complete the statue by April 2010.

We can only achieve this timeline if we complete our fundraising efforts soon. If you've been considering your commitment, please take the time now to finalizing your giving decision.

You can make your gift by visiting www.giveto.uc.edu (select “Bearcat Statue” on the drop down menu). As an added incentive, if you make your gift of $500 or more on or before Saturday, October 24th, you'll receive a vintage Sigma Sigma Bearcat Football Jersey at homecoming on October 24th!

I would like to thank everyone who has already answered this call for support. If you have not yet supported this campaign, please take this opportunity to do so now. Only through the support of all brothers will be able to make reach our goal.

Torch & Hammers
Joff Moine II
P.S. I know many of you are wondering when the miniature statues, etc will be distributed for the gift you have pledged. We hope to have most of the items ready in time for the unveiling this spring.

Torch & Hammers
Jordan Lewis Moss
Active Chapter President 2009-2010

A Message from your Alumni Board President

“It was the best of times, and the worst of times...” Brother Dickens could easily be speaking to the times we live today. I can tell you though, these are the best of times for Sigma Sigma. The Bearcat Statue initiative is moving along steadily (keep those dollars coming). Our Bearcat football team is surpassing all of our hopes and expectations, creating so many great opportunities for us all to gather this fall.
The 1930's

Ed Alexander wrote in to remind us how the idea of the Sigma Sigma Carnival was born… “In 1940 we lost the Prom as an activity. Jed Small and I heard about a Penny Carnival at Maimi. We went up and observed it. Best cheap date we ever saw. We proposed it to the rest of the guys. They said OK. The rest is history. 69 YEARS.” - Ed Alexander ’39

The 1950’s

JC Eveans ’52 - Still kinda “go into work” four days a week when in Ohio--but spend most time in Cocoa Beach. The “work” is about an hour or two--no doubt they would prefer I stay home. I keep telling them, “The Chairman has a VERY important job!” Still get over to the UC area often--but these days it’s to see the docs in the Medical Arts Bldg--eyes, prostate, etc. Can’t believe all that has been rebuilt and how the campus has sprawled all over. We have to all be impressed with all the progress these past 20 years.(make that 50). Still look forward to my next Sigma Sigma Initiation &Banquet. You know you’re getting long in the tooth when your oldest son turns 50. Fortunately oldest granddaughter will be SR at UC Coll of Nursing (Kayla Evans). Fortunate to enjoy fairly good health--and wife Barbara is a 5yr pancreatic cancer survivor--We have been blessed!!

Jim Reger ’57 - Finally escaped Massachusetts a couple years ago and are living off 1-75 in the Sarasota area. Went back to UC in May for our “Golden Bearcat” induction. (That’s 50 years for you youngsters.) Babe(Gallenstein) & I both grads in 1959. Still have our Sigma Sigma copper mugs we received for our wedding that year. We were both class officers so got to gab & meet a lot. Particularly enjoyed the Bloody Mary's(sic) with Chuck & Betsy Crumrine at the alumni center. Had nine Sig Ep couples and two of our grand daughters at the Saturday banquet and unfortunately missed the carnival. Did talk to several Sigma Sigmas on campus during the stroll. Went back in June for one of those grand daughters, Caitlin Reger, to graduate from UC. Her father, our first son Eric Reger, was a 1983 UC, ChE, Sigma Chi; so Caitlin is our 3rd generation Bearcat. She actually finished high school in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and came to UC. We have two sons,two daughters, ten grand children. Health is good. Life is good. We were passed the baton by the long time UC alumni chairman in Sarasota. Have organized some UC/USF/Reds outings but looking to expand the offerings in this Gulf coast spot. The Powell Crosley estate is high on the list for a function of some sort. (Babe was an Alpha Chi & a great planner).

Dick Chalfin ’58 - My wife Jacquie (Hayes) , a Kappa Kappa Gamma and UC graduate in 1962 and I have lived in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan for the last 27 years. We have one son, Todd, who graduated from Cornell, is married, has 2 children and lives in Durham, North Carolina. Our two grandchildren are a girl 2 1/2 years and the new addition of a boy 5 months. We travel to North Carolina to visit them as often as we can. I retired from Dialogue Marketing as Vice President of Sales in 2006. I was honored by Dialogue Marketing at a banquet last year when they announced the “Richard Chalfin Award of Excellence” to be presented each year to the top employee of the company in recognition of Integrity, Inspiration and Innovation. It was great to be back on the UC campus this past May for my graduating class 50 year Reunion. The campus, all the new buildings and Sigma Sigma Commons looks fantastic. It was great to see and visit with fellow Sigma Sigma’s from the 1959 graduating class: Chuck Crumrine and Jim Reger (Class President).

The 1960’s

Al Quimby ’63 - Al Quimby and Marty Wessel Quimby (UC, 1964), have lived in Brentwood, TN since 1967. Al, a retired FBI Agent, is self-employed as a FileMaker Pro database developer; Marty is in her 25th year as a Realtor®. Oldest daughter, Laura, lives in Mt. Juliet, TN, with husband, daughter, 14, and son, 18 (freshman at Volunteer State CC). Youngest daughter, Debbie, lives in Greensboro, NC, with husband and sons, 17 and 21 (senior at UNC Wilmington). No great grandkids yet.

Steve Wilson ’65 - I will be relieving Brother Jeff Williams as Chairman of the UC Foundation at the end of October, ’09. Jeff has done a tremendous job leading the Foundation through the first half of the Proudly Cincinnati Campaign and I will have my hands full trying to fill his shoes.

The 1970’s

Joe Kormos ’70 - Joe Kormos, welcomed his first grandchild into the family, Joseph Michale Kormos on. April 4 2009. The excitement continued on May 9 when daughter Kyra married David Wesner. Joe is currently the parish development ministry leader for the Diocese of the Midwest of the Orthodox Church in America.

Mark Duffy ’75 - Our 4th son just graduated from college in May, and our daughter is a sophomore at Illinois State Univ. - light at the end of the tunnel! In the last couple years we’ve had the joy of attending weddings for children of several of our Sigma Sigma (and Delta Tau Delta) brothers: Don Gloeckler, Dan Long, and Paul Keller - along with having them attend our own son’s wedding in 2008. This past Spring I celebrated my 10th anniversary of ordination as a Deacon in the Catholic Church. It’s been a great blessing! BTW, my wife Ann & I were one of the first couples to live in the Sigma Sigma apartment, and our first son was born while we lived there (he’s now 30 years old).

The 1980’s

Slackers… They submitted nothing…

The 1990’s

Ian Clark ’92 - I just recently returned from my third deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom where I was the Joint Operations Center Director for Multi-National Corps-Iraq. Upon my return I was assigned as the Marine Aircraft Group 39 Operations Officer aboard Camp Pendleton, CA. Of note, I was recently selected to command Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369 also here in Camp Pendleton. I’ll take command of the “Gunfighters” next year with plans to deploy with them to Afghanistan shortly after. Kelly and my three kids are doing well despite my frequent and lengthy combat deployments.
John P. Wise ‘93 - Hey gang, John P. Wise here. Just wanted to take a minute to tell you about a project I’m working on now that I’ve taken at least a temporary leave from the news business. I launched a Web site over the summer called http://onegreatseason.com. By the time you read this, I will have begun about a four-month-long journey around the country, visiting some of college football’s best stadiums and covering some of the sport’s top games. I’ll be updating the site with newsy, day-of type of content in the form of words, still imagery and short video clips. And after the season, I hope to publish a book that would delve a little more deeply into some of the history, tradition and culture as they pertain to the sport in some of these college towns. UC’s homecoming game vs. Louisville on Oct. 24 is tentatively set to be part of the tour. If there’s anything you can do to help publicize my project, I’d be ever so grateful. And of course if you want to buy me lunch or pay for a gas, you can do so on the 30 Thousand Helpers page of my site: http://onegreatseason.com/30-thousand的帮助。Thanks for listening, and thanks for any help you can provide.

The 2000’s

Eric Jerger ‘00 - Eric Jerger and wife were blessed with their first child, Elle Emory on July 2nd – one month early. As usual, Eric was on business and got a call at 3am that Erin was in labor and driving herself to the hospital. He jumped on the first plane back and literally ran into the delivery room with about an hour to spare. Both Erin and Elle are doing great!

Mason Ward ‘05 - During the past year and a half, I spent 13 months deployed to Afghanistan as an Infantry Heavy Weapons Platoon Leader and Rifle Company Executive Officer. The experience was amazing having the opportunity to lead America’s finest Soldiers in a hard fight against the Taliban Insurgents in Afghanistan, and received a Bronze Star for Meritorious Service following deployment. Most importantly, I am fortunate to have lead all men, under my command, home to safety without major injuries. Since returning in April of 2009, I have been traveling the country visiting Sigma Sigma brothers, which was highlighted by a reunion at EE Carnival 007 and July trip to Las Vegas with brothers Jerry Tsai, Grant Miller, Brent Cengia, and Andrew Burke. I plan to be home for at least 2 home football games this year to include Homecoming 2009. I have many exciting opportunities in my Army career on the horizon in the coming months and hope to share my experiences with all this fall. Can’t wait to show that I still got what it takes to chug 4 beers during a horrible dice roll and still hang without wearing it!

Jerry P. Tsai ‘05 - Still out in Las Vegas, NV doing Teach For America. Still teaching 4th grade (though now I’m the Grade Level Chair for 4th Grade at my school). There have been a couple Sigma Sigma trips out to Vegas. One in November of 2008 (Mason Ward, Andrew Burke, Grant Miller, and myself). And one in July of 2009 (Mason Ward, Andrew Burke, Grant Miller, Brent Cengia, and myself). Both were unreal and rivaled the absurdity of the movie “The Hangover”.

Jed Small Scholarship

Congratulations to Megan Chambers, Dan Smolilo and Teresa Smolilo, the first recipients of the Jed Small Scholarship. Megan Chambers is a sophomore majoring in Communications Design and is the Granddaughter of Jeff Gentil ’58. Dan Smolilo is a pre-junior majoring in Chemical Engineering and his sister Teresa Smolilo is a senior majoring in Allied Health Sciences. In addition, Teresa is a member of the women’s soccer team. Their proud father is Jeff Smolilo ’82. Each recipient was awarded $1,000.
2009 Events

Sat., Oct. 24 - Homecoming
Tailgating at Huck Hall
Louisville vs. UC @ Nippert Stadium

Sat., Nov 7 - Fall Tapping
UCONN vs. UC @ Nippert Stadium

Sat., Oct. 24 - Football
Tailgating at Huck Hall
WVU vs. UC @ Nippert Stadium

Tue., Nov. 14 - Fall Banquet
Details forthcoming

Thurs., Nov. 19 - Old Grand-Dad Toast
Details forthcoming

Fri., Nov. 27 - Football
Tailgating at Huck Hall
Illinois vs. UC @ Nippert Stadium

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Join us to recognize and pay respect to three of our most significant brothers that have passed:


7 PM Optional dinner at Steak 'n Shake
9770 Montgomery Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45242
(In honor of Jed's first job at Steak 'n Shake)

8 PM Meet at Jed's gravesite Indian Hill Church
6000 Drake Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45243.
Toast “with” our brother Jed.

9PM Meet at the Sigma Sigma House and toast brothers Jack and Roger

John Q Example
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