What an exciting time it is at the University of Cincinnati! In the past year we’ve seen so many positive advancements both on campus and in the physical nature of the surrounding campus neighborhoods. If you haven’t been by the house you’ll be amazed by the new 4 story student housing complex with retail and restaurants that has sprung up across the street. As a part of the improvements, we will soon see a new sidewalk and improved lighting in front of our building. Further revitalization efforts are underway in Corryville which will include new façades on many of the “tired” buildings along Short Vine as well as a brand new Kroger Marketplace and Walgreens. All of which should provide greater safety for our house and membership.

Planning has already begun for UC’s Bicentennial Celebration in 2019. The committee planning the University’s festivities is heavily stocked with Sigma Sigma brothers. We are in the process of putting a committee together so we are well positioned to play a big role in the celebration Sigma Sigma style. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know.

More immediately, we are in the process of planning a couples Banquet for next fall. Every now and again we need to fool the ladies into thinking we are about more than just drinking beer and telling dirty jokes.

Additionally, we are closing in on meeting our goal for the Danny Dell Scholarship, allowing an undergraduate to live rent-free in the upstairs apartment in return for providing guidance and upkeep of the house while at the same time helping to provide funds to defray some of the costs for insurance and maintenance of the house. We will be sending out a mailing shortly to allow those who have not contributed to date to do so. Much thanks to those who have already given so generously to not only Danny’s scholarship, but also in support of the Legacy Fund which allows us to provide the house as a bonding mechanism for the active chapter, UC’s future leaders. After so many years of financial struggle we finally have some breathing room.

I hope to see all of you at the Banquet!

Torches and Hammers ... Neil

Congratulations James Schwyn ‘12 and Lane Hart ‘13!

James Schwyn ‘12 is the first recipient of the Danny Dell Scholarship. Schwyn is living in the chapter house rent free and will help take care of the property.

Lane Hart ‘13 is UC’s 2013 recipient of the Mr. Bearcat Award. The award is given to an outstanding graduating senior man who has achieved academic success, demonstrated leadership in diverse settings and made a significant contribution to the University of Cincinnati, all while displaying “Bearcat spirit.”
Active Member Spotlight: Kyle Quinn ‘10

Raising the Bar and Setting Higher Standards

We all remember the contributions Coach Jeff Quinn made to the University of Cincinnati serving as the football team’s offensive coordinator during historic runs to the Orange Bowl and Sugar Bowl. While Coach Quinn has moved on to become the head coach at Buffalo, the most valuable recruiting phone call he ever made while at UC was to his son Kyle, a high school senior and academic stand out, convincing him UC was a school worth exploring.

Kyle always knew one thing while he was in high school; he was not going to attend the same school where his father was coaching. Already confirmed to attend the University of Illinois, Kyle researched the programs the University of Cincinnati had to offer and more specifically the Lindner Honors-PLUS Program in the College of Business. The Lindner Honors-PLUS program is a highly competitive and nationally recognized business education experience providing a full academic scholarship to a 25 person cohort each year. It’s a program that produced many Sigma Sigma brothers in its 15 year history. Quinn knew this was a school and a program he wanted to be a part of. Quinn applied immediately and was accepted with a full scholarship soon thereafter.

In his freshman year, Kyle was appointed by former Ohio Governor Ted Strickland to serve as a student representative on the UC Board of Trustees, UC’s highest level of policy making.

Quinn’s talents were noticed early by our Order and he was tapped into Sigma Sigma in the fall of 2010, his third year. Being tapped into Sigma Sigma early motivated Quinn to set higher goals and to achieve more during his time at UC than he ever thought possible.

Quinn has been involved in more than a dozen campus activities and is currently on the host committee for the Orange Bowl. He is also a past president of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and was just celebrated this past summer as their international undergraduate member of the year.

In 2012, Quinn was named as a prestigious David L. Boren Scholar of which only 100 or so are awarded each year. As a part of the designation Kyle participated in a yearlong international study abroad assignment at Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV) in São Paulo, Brazil where he learned the language, culture and business practices of the region as well as conducted independent research relating to national security objectives. Quinn's biggest take away from the experience may have been the future Mrs. Quinn. Quinn wasted no time making moves on a young attorney named Isabel shortly after his arrival in Brazil. Things went so well that he is proud to say she is currently in the process of making her way to the United States to start a life with Quinn as he nears graduation.

Kyle is finishing up his undergraduate degree in accounting while taking Masters level courses and will graduate after this semester. After graduation, he and Isabel plan to move to Chicago where he will begin his career with PricewaterhouseCoopers in their Financial Services division. We wish Kyle the best of luck and are proud to have him in our membership!
1960s
Neal Richard Berte ’60 recently reported, “I have just started my tenth year of retirement from the Presidency of Birmingham-Southern College where I served for 28 1/2 years. I continue to serve on a number of Boards and ten of our 12 grandchildren are here in Birmingham, so that keeps us busy. We were back in Cincinnati a few weeks ago for my 55th High School Reunion from St. Bernard High School and we have met every five years since we graduated. I am in the process of finishing a book on “Servant Leadership,” which has been a good time for reflection about the privilege of working a little over fifty years in higher education.”

Robert C. Fee ’64 just retired from UC for the second time after 47 years (55 counting student days). He wrote, “This time it was for renal failure, from which I am recovering nicely. I was checked into emergency at Christ Hospital by Dr. Steve Yamaguchi. When I told him I knew his father, he said, “I bet you’re a Sigma Sigma.” Congrats to Seth Vensil for entering Family Med - they are my heroes.”

1970s
Todd C. De Garmo ’77 is the CEO of globally renowned Architectural firm STUDIOS of HQ in NYC. He lives in Washington DC. He’s on the UC Foundation Board of Directors as well as being on the Board of the Museum of the City of NY. He’s also in the Interior Design Hall of Fame. Todd has been spending a little time at UC in his role as a Bicentennial Commissioner.

1980s
Andrew Charles Emmert ’80 lives in Cincinnati and is an attorney at Katz Greenberg & Norton. He’s married to Bearcat Marianne Scott Emmert. His oldest daughter, Betsy, is a student at UC in the business college.

Barry J. Wanninger ’80 lives in Cincinnati and is a Wealth Plan Specialist at Sage Financial Group. His daughter attends Xavier University.

Robert E. Carroll ’80 just retired as Tax Department Manager at Deloitte in Cincinnati and has been busy traveling the globe with his Bearcat wife Lucy Conrad Carroll. His youngest son, Shaun, is a recent ROTC Bearcat Graduate and just returned from a deployment in Kuwait.

Kari Yli-Renko ’80 was an all-conference tackle and Academic All-American at University of Cincinnati, followed by a 12 year Pro football career in the USFL and CFL, before going into business, then ministry. After retiring from football he operated an award winning family fun center and then served as Executive Director of the Ottawa Christian Leadership Centre, a division of ONEWAY Ministries.

He joined Athletes in Action as a full-time staff member in summer 2008, as National Director of AIA. This brought him back to his roots in Sports ministry and to multiplying movements.

He said, “Since 2011, I have been focusing on growing movements of evangelism and discipleship in the marketplace in Ontario with LeaderImpact Group (a division of Power to Change Ministries).

I have been married to Marquita for seven years. We have three daughters, two granddaughters and live outside Ottawa, Ontario Canada. Check out my blog at multiplyme.net In my free time, I enjoy working out, walking on the beach and fishing. I am an ordained Nazarene minister in Ottawa, Ontario.”

Mark F. Heggem ’80 lives in Cincinnati with his wife Julie. He is the Vice President and Private Banking Relationship Manager at Stock Yards Bank & Trust. Besides spending time with his family, he enjoys playing golf, attending sporting events, traveling, working out at the YMCA and collecting baseball cards.

Edgar A. Jacobs, LUTCF ’80 lives in Tennessee where he is the President Rep at Ed Jacobs & Associates with Northwestern Mutual in Chattanooga. He is the proud recipient of the 2011 Mel Bedwell Small Business Person of the year award issued by the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce.

D. Stuart Lohrum ’80 lives in Wilmington, Ohio and is a Process Engineer in the Automotive industry at New Sabina Industries in Dayton, Ohio.

Christopher A. Dalambakis ’80 is the Brand E XPerience Manager and runs Consultancy teams for Steelcase in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He said, “I still live in Cincinnati “the Center of the Universe” and travels most weeks. I am married to Bearcat Judy Schneider Dalambakis who survived Cincinnati only because of her designated Chugger - our brother Greg Pike. I’m happy to report that Judy has become a SUPER Bearcat Football fan over the years and is looking forward to the Tuberville Football season as much as I am! Judy and I are proud to be Bicentennial Commissioners for UC and I’m also proud to be on the UCAA Board of Governors along with a few other distinguished Sigma Sigma Brothers.”

Scott R. Glaser ’81 lives in Cincinnati with his wife and two kids. He’s VP for Valuation and Advisory Services at CB Richard Ellis.

Gary Russell Karg ’81 lives in Cincinnati with his Bearcat wife Mary Hylton Karg, but he travels around in his work as a National Account Manager for Novartis. His daughter Mackenzie Karg is a 2013-2014 recipient of a Jed Small Scholarship!

Jeffrey Smolilo ’82 is technically still the reigning Mr. Sander Hall since there was never another one named after his Coronation in circa 1979. My God, the building is even gone. Jeff has been back on campus quite a bit the last 5 years as his Bearcat children and Jed Small Scholarship Recipients Teresa and Daniel have been UC Students. It’s been great to see him at the Sigma Sigma house and at Nippert! Jeff and his Bearcat wife Nathalie live in Cleveland where Jeff is the Senior Supply Chain Manager for Dealer Tire. He’s also a Deacon in his church.
Ian Richard Clark ’92, USMC recently graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, RI with an MA in National Security and Strategic Studies. After graduation he reported to U.S. AFRICA COMMAND, Stuttgart, Germany to work in the J-9 (International Engagements Directorate). He was selected for promotion to Colonel, USMC in February 2013. He said, “I guess I have a few years left to serve. I wish I could get back to UC to participate in the Sigma Sigma activities and reconnect with you but my adventures in the Corps over the last 10 years in particular have prevented my return to Cincy. Someday I will get back - I look forward to seeing you all soon.”

William Lawrence Esterly, III ’94 wrote, “Along with wife, Yara and daughter, Meghan; we’ve been in Singapore for over two years now and still going strong. Admittedly, I miss a quality Bearcat game. However, I’m absolutely blessed by the opportunities and experiences that I’m presented with every day as I lead P&G’s Asia Real Estate organization. Thanks to brothers John Mang and Brian Brenner as they helped me get acquainted with the local customs during trips to Japan and Hong Kong.”

Benjamin P. Hines ’03 recently reported, “Me and my wife Elizabeth welcomed a son, Caleb in April 2013. We have been living in Istanbul Turkey since 2011. As an American diplomat serving abroad, me and my family are continuing our service and will be moving to Vienna Austria. I long to walk the campus, recall the challenges and joys of collegiate life, drink a brew in Huck Hall, reminisce with good friends and hear the experiences of current Sigma Sigma undergrads.”

Sean C. Cosgrove ’04 was promoted earlier this year to Vice President of Development at Project Lead The Way (PLTW), the nation’s leading provider of K-12 STEM curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). He also got engaged in July to his longtime girlfriend Kassie. He said, “Although she’s a Louisiana native and attended Loyola University in New Orleans, she’s been fully converted to a Bearcat and attends every home football game with me.”

Mason Nathaniel Ward ’05 wrote, “I recently separated from the Army after nine years of service and two deployments to Afghanistan. I will begin a two year full-time MBA Program at the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington starting in the fall. My wife, Brianna, and I hosted a wedding celebration (we were actually married on March 12, 2012 before I deployed!) in Washington state on August 3, 2013 with several Sigma Sigmas in attendance. We are building a home currently in Edgewood, WA where I’ll represent the Torch & Hammers and Bearcats from the Pacific NW! Cheers from Punta Cana!”

Patrick Lawrence Carr ’06 recently reported, “My fiancé, Stevi Gable, and I are to be wed at The Cincinnati Masonic Center on September 7th. The bridal party is littered with Bearcats including fellow Sigma Sigma brother Matthew Yung. Stevi and I are currently residing in Baltimore, MD working as a designer for Procter & Gamble and an Engineer in the consulting industry. We are looking to be in town for Homecoming and spend some much needed time over at Huck!”

Ryan W. Vose ’06 wrote, “My wife and I recently moved to Chicago as I will be starting my two-year MBA at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University! I am going to miss my season tickets and the many EE open houses, but look forward to connecting with the great Chicago Sigma Sigma’s as we cheer on the Bears!”

Andrew L. Smith ’09 wrote, “Hey brothers! I recently moved to Göteborg, Sweden on a 2 year assignment with GE Aviation. Here I am the on-site GE rep for one of our partner companies (GKN Aerospace) and responsible for material fulfillment for 3 of their manufacturing facilities. If you’re traveling through Europe or you’d like to come to Sweden, don’t hesitate to reach out!”

Seth J. Vensil ’09 graduated from UC College of Medicine in May and started his Family Medicine Residency at St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Northern Kentucky.

Michael Linger ’11 reported, “On December 28, I married Lauren Sprague, an alum of CCM’s musical theater program. Currently, we live in New York City, where I will soon be starting my second year as a Teach For America corps member in the South Bronx. I spent this summer in Washington, D.C. as an intern at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. I am looking forward to getting together with NYC alumni for football watch parties this fall.”

Jay Payne III ’12 recently reported, “After graduation in June 2012, I took 6 months off before starting corporate America. The first half I backpacked across Europe (28 cities) while the second half was spent working for Speaker Boehner for the election season on Capitol Hill. I am now 7 months into my corporate leadership program with GE Aviation and looking forward to life challenges ahead of me.”

Benjamin Lee Ko ’12 graduated from UC in April with a BS in Biomedical Engineering and is now working at Kaleidoscope as a Design Engineer doing concept development for medical devices. He said, “I’ve recently moved to Over-The-Rhine (near 14th and Main), and I love the community!”

Joshua Kramer ’12 recently reported, “I just finished a month full of highlights where I headed up the SportsCenter highlight coverage for Wimbledon (for 7 days of the tournament) and for the Open (Mickelson made it a wild Sunday). In addition, I did baseball highlights the other days for Baseball Tonight and SportsCenter. I even got to cover my beloved Reds a couple of times which was a thrill. Last week, I started working on a shift where I am the Rundown PA for the 3-6PM SportsCenter and the Media PA for the 8-11PM SportsCenter. On Saturdays I will be the Rundown PA for the 12-3PM and then work in highlights the rest of the day. As the Rundown PA, I come up with and control the rundown slugs that appear on the left side of your television screen during SportsCenter. This is an interesting role that gives me the opportunity to write a little and be a part of the happenings in the control room.

As the Media PA, I am in the Media room (also called One-Play) and I cut walk-off finishes, sound bites (from interviews/press conferences), and more as warranted. Basically, I am in this room to provide quick footage so we can give the viewer the highlight immediately after the finish or the press conference footage as it is happening. It can definitely be a rush at times.”
Active Chapter Update

By: Aaron Pontsler ‘12, Chapter President

It was another outstanding spring quarter for the active chapter of Sigma Sigma. We brought in seven phenomenal gentlemen. Together, we hosted another impressive Carnival which included results of our marketing campaign getting some air time on the local news! “The Carnival Rises” brought over seven thousand students, alumni, faculty and community members to Sigma Sigma Commons for a beautiful evening of carnival games, music and fireworks. We tapped over twenty-five kegs and Brother Lane Hart ‘12 sold over $600 in beer tickets.

As we make our way back onto campus, an exciting school year lies ahead. Following every home football game, Huck Hall will be open for all of our alumni, friends and family. With Brother Austen Bujnoch ‘13 as an essential piece to the great front line we have on the field, we are bound to celebrate many victories this fall. We will then move inside to Fifth Third Arena to cheer on Brother Sean Kilpatrick ‘12 as the Bearcats look to have another great season deep into March.

Over the past year, active chapter was busy proudly representing the University of Cincinnati and Sigma Sigma through numerous honors, experiences and successes. These include but are not limited to Mr. Bearcat, Presidential Leadership Medal of Excellence, First Team All-Big East, Greek President of the Year and Greek Outstanding Male of the Year. Brothers also advanced their careers through numerous study abroad trips, co-ops at Ernst & Young, Procter & Gamble, Gorilla Glue as well as accepting full time positions with Fifth Third Bank, IBM, PNC, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Kaleidoscope. Also, numerous brothers have been representing Sigma Sigma very well in the athletic realm. Brother Sean Kilpatrick represented Sigma Sigma while playing for Team USA this summer in the World University Games in Russia. Brother Eric Finan ’11 has recently signed with Team USA Minnesota, pursuing an international professional running career. Brother Matt Bahner ’11 left us this past spring semester to continue his soccer career and compete professionally with Harrisburg City Islanders.

The house is in great shape and ready to welcome Sigma Sigmas from across the country! Brother James Schwyn ‘12, the first recipient of the Danny Dell Scholarship will be living above and keeping an eye on the place. We are excited to tap the kegs and be back in the Danny Dell Bar as we enter Fall selections. Active chapter is extremely excited about the start to the new year and always welcome brothers to join us on Thursday nights at 9:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you all this fall, especially at Homecoming vs. UConn!

The 2013 Sigma Sigma Legacy Fund Campaign - A Huge Success!

Thanks to the 129 generous brothers listed below, Sigma Sigma has raised $24,375 for the 2013 Sigma Sigma Legacy Fund Campaign. Donations to the campaign allow us to keep Huck Hall in good working order and continue improving our alumni relations efforts.

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Friday, October 11:
Fall Tapping
UC vs. Temple (Football)

Saturday, October 19:
Homecoming
UC vs. Connecticut (Football)

Friday, November 8:
Fall Banquet
• UCATS Club Dining
  Room Fifth Third Arena
• UC vs. North Carolina
  (Basketball)

Wednesday, January 15:
Jed Small Scholarship
Application deadline!

Thursday, April 10:
Old Grand Dad Toast
(Tentative)

Friday, April 11:
Sigma Sigma Spring Picnic

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