



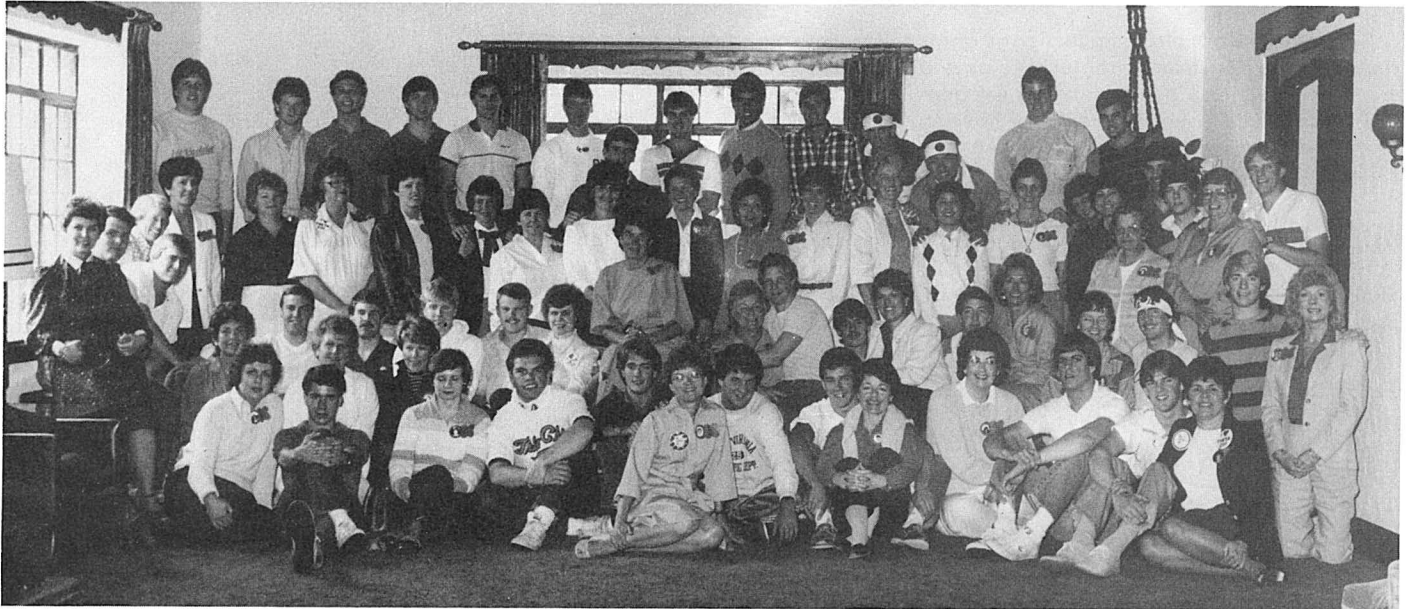
The Sigma TATTLER

Theta Chi Fraternity at Oregon State University

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Summer 1984



The undergraduates and their mothers during Moms' Weekend 1984.

From the President

After a rough winter term due to water damage and the regional conference, things finally got back to normal around the house. For most of spring term the main focus of the chapter was on Moms' Weekend and, of course, IFC Sing. This year's IFC-ers put in a lot of work and also had a lot of fun preparing for their Moms' Weekend performance. All the hard work paid off as they put on an outstanding show and walked away with the first-place trophy.

The first-place finish was a fitting climax to a great Moms' Weekend. The celebration back at the house went well into the morning hours. Several of the mothers got together on the dance floor to show off their breakdance moves. We're all looking forward to an encore performance next year. Once again the Theta Chi moms bettered their prior years' donation totals by raising over \$2,300 with their annual auction. This money will be used to buy the house new drapes for the living room and dining room.

Summertime at the house should be pretty productive. Plans have been made to do a lot of work on the house, including new paint for the outside, some new carpet and paint for the inside, and a new finish on the dance floor. Some of this work will be done by contractors, but the majority of the work will be done by brothers living in the house for the summer. Summer will also be a productive time for rush. Rush Chairman Doug Robillard plans to put some miles on his odometer and get us another good pledge class next year.

Finally, we thank all the alumni who donated money to the water damage repair fund. The repair work is now nearly complete, and by the end of the summer the house should be looking better than ever. Fraternally, — *Doug Etzel, President*

We Welcome Ten Brothers

One of the highlights of spring term was the excitement generated by "Big I." Once again it proved to be a very rewarding experience as ten pledges took the step into brotherhood. The new initiates are:

April 7, 1984

- 1120 Michael Haines Portland Portland, OR
- 1121 Douglas Robert Faulkner Monmouth, OR
- 1122 Gregory Alan Keene Roseburg, OR
- 1123 William Todd Frey Salem, OR
- 1124 Douglas Clyde Hamilton Grants Pass, OR
- 1125 Brian John Shaw Portland, OR
- 1126 Brett Curtis Baldwin Monmouth, OR
- 1127 Robert Duane Nelson Dallas, OR
- 1128 Torri Erwin Lynn Monmouth, OR
- 1129 Jon Ruiter Bullock Dallas, OR

Greekfest '84

This year's Greek Week at Oregon State University was the "function" of the term. Many diverse activities filled the week of May 12-19.

At Theta Chi, participation was excellent — from having dinner with more than one thousand other Greeks at Avery Park on Friday to dancing in the street at the Alpha Sig's that night. The major event of the weekend was the Greek Wheel. Kashmir's excellent sound could be heard for blocks drawing people in to fill the alley.

Close to 35 rushees were able to participate and learn about the Greek system and especially one of the finer houses on campus. Thanks to all of the bros who worked and participated to make Greekfest '84 a successful event. — *Scott Hamersly, Co-chairman*

Summer Rush Peaking

Formal rush is very much underway. We came off of one of the best Greek Wheel rush weekends that we have ever had. The hard work of our social chairmen, the great enthusiastic effort by the whole chapter, and an excellent band Saturday night, all helped to impress and entertain the thirty rushees that stayed with us for the weekend. We signed ten excellent resident rushees for next fall's formal Rush Week from this spectacular weekend.

Next fall we are planning to pledge another 25 young men to perpetuate our strong chapter. We once again seem to be one of the top rush competitors at Oregon State. Our past reputation and present membership have again put us in a position to be very selective about the men that we seek as future brothers.

Our summer rush schedule is proving to be an exciting one. We opened up with a pool party and barbecue in the San Francisco area in mid-June and will have our traditional water-skiing and dog-racing events in the Portland area throughout the summer.

I will be living in the house this summer, so feel free to contact me with any recommendations or comments. The brothers and I are excited about our excellent rush outlook for next fall. Fraternally, — *Doug Robillard, Rush Chairman*

Wet & Wild Social

Despite the unusually wet spring, the Theta Chi social calendar loaded with events really took off. We took on the top sororities with some amazing functions.

The weekend following initiation was the "Air Guitar" function with the Tri-Delts. This was a classic as the guys and girls "played" some great music before a soldout crowd. With homemade guitars, a drum set, stage, lights, and some outrageous costumes, this was truly a great concert. The following day everyone rallied for a woodcut and barbecue at the home of Mrs. "M."

After Easter weekend, the pledge class planned the spring house dance. Friday night was the formal "Night on the Town" date dinner and Saturday everyone headed up to the Inn of the Seventh Mountain in Bend for skiing, hot tubbing, and other festivities.

Next was Moms' Weekend in May. It started off with the hilarious Bill Cosby entertaining a packed house at Gill Coliseum. Can you imagine mom and dad breakdancing at age 50? Saturday was the moms' auction and that night the IFC Sing with Alpha Chi Omega. All the hard work and practice paid off as we captured the first-place trophy. The AXΩ/ΘX rendition of "Godspell" went picture-perfect and really made it a great weekend. The unforgettable victory celebration that night with the Alpha Chis lasted for hours and hours.

Also in May we had a ΣX/ΘX barbecue and function that went over really well. Earlier that day our inspired Theta Chi runners teamed up with the DGs to place fourth overall in the annual Mary's Peak Marathon.

Another big event in May was Greek Week with activities going on each day. Topping off the week was the Fiji-Kappa Sig-Theta Chi Wheel with the Portland band "Kashmir." Kashmir, playing a variety of music, rocked the entire alley flooded with girls and guys.

The final event of the year was a raft trip down the Willamette River with the girls on the court. With hot weather and beautiful girls, the guys couldn't ask for anything better!

Oregon State Alma Mater

*Within a vale of western mountains,
There's a college we hold dear.
Her shady slopes and fountains
Oft to me appear.
I love to wander on the pathway
Down to the Trysting Tree,
For there again I see in fancy,
Old friends dear to me.*

Chorus:

*Carry me back to OSU,
Back to her vine-clad halls;
Thus fondly ever in my mem'ry
Alma Mater calls.*

An OSC Man Am I

*Who am I, sir? An OSC man am I;
An OSC man, sir, and will be till I die, Ki Yi;
We're up to snuff, we never bluff,
we're in for any fuss —
There isn't a bunch of college men
can beat us in a muss,
So we'll fill our lungs with lusty air
and shout it to the sky —
We'll fight for dear old OSC
For an OSC man am I:
OSC, OSC, zip-boom, zip-boom, zip-boom-bee,
OS, OS, OSC,
OSC, OSC,
Smash 'em, bust 'em — that's our custom;
OSC,
For I'm a Beaver born and a Beaver bred,
And when I die, I'll be a Beaver dead.
For it's Rah, Rah, for OSC!
Rah, Rah, for OSC!
Rah, Rah, for OSC!*

This rousing and patriotic shout is reprinted from the 1937 Beaver yearbook, Volume XXXI.

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Tattle Tales

Robert G. Theiring, '23-90, writes, "I retired from the United States Army in 1958. My last assignment was Chief, Alabama Military District, Birmingham, AL. We have lived in Gulf Breeze, FL, since retiring. My chief hobby is keeping up the yard and watching the passing boats, plus motor tours around the country." Robert and his wife, Catherine (ΓΦΒ, OSU), have two children, both married, and seven grandchildren. They live at 406 Navy Cove Blvd., Gulf Breeze, FL 32561.

Gustav O. Ciliax, '28-147, is a retired office manager of a food chain. He and Betty, married "since St. Pat's Day 1941," have two children, Carl (42) and Barbara (39); and four grandchildren, Tracy (22), Todd (20), Jimmy (12), and Amanda (3). "Gus" writes, "I have recently lost my eyesight and my activities are very limited. But I have great memories of the house and friends." Gus and Betty live at 1304 Sweeney, Las Vegas, NV 89104.

Curtis C. Tigard, '29-160, retired from US National Bank 14 years ago and shares, "It is hard to realize that next year will see 55 years since I left ΘΧ and OSU. I am enjoying retirement with traveling and golf. Went to the Scandanavian countries in May 1984. I enjoy reading *The Tattler* and remembering names of old." Curt and Julia have a son, David; and two grandsons, Charles and Will. They make their home at 11778 SW Royal Villa Dr., Tigard, OR 97223.

Gordon E. Larson, '31-180, shares, "I have been negligent in keeping in touch though I have enjoyed receiving your correspondence newsletter. I am enclosing a check because I want to keep in touch by reading of the whereabouts of some of my old college/fraternity friends. I have not been in touch with many of my classmates from Sigma Chapter recently nor any of my classmates from Mu Chapter at the University of California at Berkeley, which I would hope is still functioning, although I did hear they had moved elsewhere on the campus. I have enjoyed receiving your *Sigma Tattler* and being able to put faces to some of my old friends. My best personal regards to all of my brothers from Sigma as well as Mu Chapter at Berkeley." Gordon resides at #20 San Miguel Dr., Chula Vista, CA 92011.

Norman P. Allen, '38-251, notes, "We took a three-week trip out of Boston, MA, up through Vermont to Quebec this past fall. There is beautiful foliage and scenery but it does not compare to Oregon. I am sorry to hear about the water damage in the chapter house. I am sure that there are those who remember when a fire burned a part of the roof in 1938. This was caused by an electrical short in the wiring." Norman is retired and a member of the Kiwanis Club (president, 1983-84). He and Betty (ΔΔΔ, Whitman College) have a daughter, Julia (37), and make their home at 15240 SW Alderbrook Court, Tigard, OR 97223.

Robert C. Shaw, '39-262, is director at Blue Earth County Emergency Services. He is past president of Mankato Lions Club, past commander of American Legion Post #17 (Oregon), and past vice president of Region IV US Civil Defense Council. He shares, "I just semiretired this year. My wife, Maxine, and I are planning a European trip this fall with fellow 84th Infantry Division comrades and wives. We will retrace our combat route through Europe plus go into Switzerland, where I spent some R&R." Bob and Maxine (ΑΓΔ, OSU) have two daughters, Elizabeth and Cecelia, and had a son, Scott, who is deceased. They reside at 214 Clover Lane, Mankato, MN 56001.

Reginald D. Fifer, '42-346, informs, "I retired from the Air Force in June 1974 and now, after ten years with Rockwell International Corp., I retired for good in July. Now I will do some traveling and playing all the golf courses I can find. I am looking forward to visiting some of Oregon's trout streams again." Reg, retired as a colonel, dwells at 2131 Santiago Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Ellsworth D. Purdy, '47-458, comments, "I am keeping busy speaking before death care industry groups in addition to overseeing affairs of the company. Last October I was the first American invited to address the British Federation of Cremation Authorities, Bristol, England. I have engagements this year to speak to Washington Funeral Directors Association convention, and Cremation Association of North America, Montreal, Canada. Elenora and I also are building a new home in the hills over Camas, WA. We hope to move late this year. We missed the independence and privacy of our own home. We weren't ready for group living when we moved here seven years ago." "Ells" is chairman and CEO for Uniservice Corp. He and Elenora (ΑΧΩ, OSC) have two children, Nancy Letson (31) and Peter (29). They live at 32470 Lake Point Court, Wilsonville, OR 97070.



You can be sure a warm welcome always awaits you at Sigma Chapter of Theta Chi, 361 NW 26th St., Corvallis.

Dennie J. Koupal, '53-575, is a member of the San Francisco alumni chapter of Theta Chi and recently conducted its historic auction. Denny resides at 303 Menlo Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Roger L. Rollins, '59-684, a parts sales manager for Freightliner/Mercedes-Benz Truck Co. (18 years with the company), notes, "I received my MBA from Portland State University and am active in the Society of Automotive Engineers. I am staying busy with the job (limited travel now, but over the years I have traveled throughout the United States) and raising two sons. That, combined with restoring an older traditional house in Lake Oswego, keeps me out of trouble. I always look forward to receiving news about the chapter. Keep up the good work." Roger and JoAnn (AΦ, PSU) have twin sons, Steven and Brian (8), and make their home at 17621 SW Lake Haven Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034.

Dean L. McCargar, '59-685, shares, "I have just finished working three years on a steel mill project in Germany and Saudi Arabia. Now I am working full time on my farm on Sauvie Island." Dean and Janice (Lewis & Clark) have three children, ages 11, 6, and 4. Their address is 18000 NW Lucy Reeder Rd., Portland, OR 97231.

Greg P. Jacob, '64-749, an English instructor at Umpqua Community College, shares, "I was the recipient of the 1984 Fulbright-Hays grant to study the literature of India in India for six weeks, from June 28-August 14." Greg and Laura's address is 2708 NW Broad #3, Roseburg, OR 97470.

Steven K. Gremmel, '68-829, comments, "My wife, Gigi (ΑΟΠ, OSU '72), and I reside at 1510 Acacia Ave. in Eugene [97401]. I am currently in my tenth year of teaching art at South Albany High School. I am also still heavily involved in playing USVBA volleyball in the winter and playing golf in the summer. My golf handicap is now a six and I am hoping to lower it even more this summer. My wife and I have been traveling quite a bit. We have been going to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, each spring and last summer we spent two months in Europe. This summer we are planning a Northwest vacation (Victoria, Yellowstone, Sun Valley, etc.)."

Lynn E. Guenther, '68, informs, "I am presently serving as a deputy division chief, program analyst for the strategic program development branch headquarters of Strategic Air Command. I was promoted to Lt. Colonel in January 1984." "Gunner," a USAF pilot for 16 years, and Susan (ΓΦΒ, OSU '68), and their three kids, Tod, Adam, and Chad, receive mail at 801 Moore Dr., Bellevue, NE 68005.

Gary A. Meier, '69-840, notes, "After spending 7½ years as an infantry officer with the Army, I decided to look for a career with more independence and stability. I worked as a shipping supervisor for Frito-Lay, Inc., briefly, then settled into the career field of insurance and financial planning. I really love it! For you Corvallis residents, my father is still at Meier & Schmidt Jewelers. Say 'hello.'" Gary has been a district representative for Aid Association for Lutherans since 1980. He, Diane, Todd (9), and Stacy (7) reside at 13210 NE 8th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665.

Gerald L. Coddington, '72-882, a systems project coordinator for Nike, Inc. (6½ years), shares, "I am back to being single and enjoying life. I have been transferred to West Germany by Nike for a year beginning the first week in April. My two sons (Casey, 7, and Kelly, 4) are growing fast and live in Salem with their mother. I wish the best of luck to all my brothers." Jerry's address is Robert-Koch Strasse 14-16, 6108 Weiterstadt, West Germany.

W. Keith Van Kirk, '77-969, is a programmer analyst/educator for Airborne Freight. He writes, "I've been living up in Seattle now for about two years. I have just recently been involved with sailboating here on the Sound. Believe it or not, I even got hooked on motorcycles with a Honda 750. It's great! Don't forget to call if any of you pass through!" "Kuk" resides at 503 E. Thomas #201, Seattle, WA 98102.

Kevin P. Carbin, '81-1037, "Skip," writes, "I just moved back from Alaska last January. Massachusetts is a hotbed for politics and sports. The job is going great. Any bros visiting Beantown make sure to look me up. I'll take you to a Red Sox game." Skip is a political consultant (Ed Markey for US Senate) and his address is 210 Hawthorne St., Maiden, MA 02148.

1984 Honor Roll of Contributors

Theta Chi alums, you're wonderful! We are a little over halfway through 1984 and also a little over halfway to meeting last year's total (the newest record, \$3,925) in contributions. Through July 27, 1984, we have received from 85 of you a total of \$1,970 in voluntary contributions. Thank you for your fantastic support! At this rate, the old record can easily be met and even surpassed. What really counts is that the alumni program remains healthy, and your donations in the form of news notes, pictures, feature stories, and financial contributions will guarantee that.

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