



# The Sigma TATTLER

Theta Chi Fraternity at Oregon State University

361 NW 26th St.

Corvallis, Oregon 97330

Fall 1985



Theta Chi's Fall 1985 Pledge Class

## Thirty-one Is Number One for 1985 Rush

Now that rush is over and we have gained thirty-one outstanding new pledges, we can settle down and strive for "alma mater first, and Theta Chi for alma mater."

The 1985 year proved to be one of challenges. With the grades we had spring term, many were questioning our outlook for a good rush. It became very apparent that we would have to get out and sell ourselves. So, throughout the summer we had a number of rush functions ranging from pool parties to waterskiing to dog races. We understood that the purpose of each was not only to show the rushees a good time, but also to let them get to know us better. Thereafter, many new contacts and friendships were made.

The real challenge came during Rush Week, though. The house, inside and out, once again looked the best on campus by a wide margin. The organization of the week looked good, but again, the brothers had to look beyond the house and sell themselves. Consequently, with 60-70 brothers out rushing and getting to know the rushees well, the week went smoothly. Fortunately, we ended up in a position where we could choose the men we wanted as opposed to worrying about filling spaces. But the real credit goes to our new pledges who sold themselves to rushees in other houses, thus gaining seven rushees from other fraternities. We are also proud to say that with thirty-one pledges, we have the largest pledge class on campus.

Once again, we thank you for all your support through the years as well as for the recommendations you've sent our way. We hope you will get a chance to stop by in the near future. We are sure you will be as pleased as we are with the 1985-86 pledge class. Also — thanks, Dewey! Fraternally, — *Tim Sheerin, Rush Chairman*

## The President's Post

Once again, Sigma Chapter has had an outstanding rush and the new school year has begun with insurmountable enthusiasm. Last year, Theta Chi rose to unprecedented highs in many areas of house and campus involvement and in the following year we hope to continue our successes and improve on other areas that need attention.

Our intramural teams turned in many fine performances last year and nearly took us to an overall league title. League championships were won in volleyball and water polo and our basketball team nearly won the all-university title. So far this year, Theta Chi is undefeated in "A" football and is working hard to continue its success.

Campus involvement has been at an all-time high and is continuing to grow. Presently, Theta Chi John Kiefer is IFC president, Doug Robillard is IFC informal rush chairman, and Mike Portwood is on the IFC regulations committee. These are

just a few of the many representatives Theta Chi has on campus committees.

A few more achievements include an outstanding social program and another impressive victory in IFC Sing with the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In the 1985-86 year, Sigma Chapter is going to put forth an intensive effort to improve in the areas of scholarship, house committee systems, alumni relations, and house philanthropy. Stringent study guidelines have been set and are being enforced to hopefully improve our GPA and campus rank. The committee system is also improving in hopes that every brother can contribute to the chapter and help keep everything running smoothly. Theta Chi is joining the Tri Deltas in a marathon teeter-totter to start our philanthropy off on the right foot and we are looking into having a haunted house in the 1986-87 year.

We at Sigma are hoping to see you all at some point during the year. — Gary Huntington, President

## Fall 1985 Pledges

Pat Andrew	Eugene, OR
Brian Benson	Salem, OR
Jon Bettendorf	Portland, OR
Curt Carroll	Portland, OR
Devin Depner	Portland, OR
John Frazier	Clarkston, WA
Ralph Ginestar	Bandon, OR
Mike Gorman	Medford, OR
Todd Hamilton	Portland, OR
Jeff Hough	Oregon City, OR
Brooks Howard	Portland, OR
Matt James	Jacksonville, OR
Mitch Larsen	Bend, OR
Chris Lastition	Newport Beach, CA
Darin Loesch	Harrisburg, OR
Jim Long	Los Altos Hills, CA
Steve Martinez	Salem, OR
Mark Marxer	Eugene, OR
Phil May	Turlock, CA
Pat McDowell	North Bend, OR
Shawn McInerney	North Bend, OR
Dave Miller	Eugene, OR
Brent Norquist	Portland, OR
Kelly Reynolds	Klamath Falls, OR
Jeff Ross	Medford, OR
Mark Schaffer	Eugene, OR
Kip Underhill	Dufur, OR
Mike Vanderbeek	Medford, OR
Chris Virnig	Portland, OR
Dale Will	Hubbard, OR
Doug Youngman	Salem, OR

## Committee Concerns

As acting vice president, the committee system falls within the realm of my duties. As of right now, I'm trying to further enhance this committee system that has been set up. If we can have a stronger committee system, the fraternity will benefit because of the increased interest of the brothers.

When it comes to my standards committee, I see a great deal of work ahead for it. With such a large pledge class, there is a lot of learning to be done before they can be called brothers, and naturally there are problems which arise because of this. Finally, as I see it, there are many things we can do to improve our chapter with the year still being so young. Fraternal-ly, — Kip Whipple

## Making the Grade

Scholarship at Sigma Chapter is lacking in consistency. In the first term of last year, the chapter placed 8th among the fraternities here at OSU, while in the second term we fell more than 12 rankings. This year, our main goal as the scholarship committee is to build higher and more consistent rankings in our grades.

We feel that a better study atmosphere will bring us closer to this goal, with positive steps already being taken. Dimmer switches in second- and third-deck halls allow us to adjust the hallway lighting for quiet hours (which are now 17 hours a day). Tags located on the room doors for individual roommates have been put up in an effort to cut down on the visitors seeking members who are not in their rooms.

Achieving consistency is a slow process, but hopefully we have made a positive start which will keep rising throughout the rest of the year. Fraternally, — Scott Peterson, Scholarship Chairman

## News from the Pledge Class

Rush Week 1985 ended with an outstanding pledge class of 31 young men, all of diverse backgrounds, that have joined to form the largest pledge class at Oregon State University this year. Our week of pledging ended on Saturday afternoon in which we stripped our rush chairman, Tim Sheerin, to his underwear. We then sprayed him with shaving cream, wrapped him in Saran Wrap, and showed him off to various sororities on campus. That same afternoon, the members showed us an even better time as we were taken to Jon Bullock's house, the site of the 1985 Pledge Keg, and taught the Theta Chi method of drinking large quantities of beer.

There are many things we are looking forward to this term. Among them are pledge class functions, the pledge walkout, and formal pledging. It's going to be a great year! — Steve Martinez, Pledge Class President

## Fall Social Starts with a Bang!

As is customary with Sigma Chapter, we wasted no time in starting off the year right. The first night after classes began we got together with the Alpha Chi Omegas, and we followed that up on the weekend with the hard-partying Alpha Gamma Deltas. The next week saw us at a tailgater with the Thetas, 'with whom we carried on that night.'

We're gearing up now for Red Ox '85. Mandatory beards start a month before (October 23). But before the Red Ox, we still have the Kappas to look forward to at Homecoming on November 2. Go Beavers! Following that, we have a mystery date function. On November 16, we join our IFC Sing partners, the Delta Gammas! Finally, we'll finish the term up with the Alpha Phis on December 7. Fraternally, — Brett, Chris, and the Social Committee

## A Different Look

Secretary? Does this mean I wear a skirt, high heels, and sit all day putting make-up on my face? No. This stereotypical view of the position has hopefully diminished over the years. For me, it is that time of the year for the committee reports to start filing in. In this case, my fraternity relations committee is no exception.

As secretary of Theta Chi, my responsibilities include various house duties. We maintain great working relations with the other fraternities at Oregon State as well as meaningful relationships with the top sororities. However, OSU is not our only

means of social interaction. Sigma Chapter keeps in touch with the other chapters across the nation as well as with our national office.

As for the near future of Sigma Chapter and its fraternity relations committee, everything is looking up. We will be appearing in one of the next issues of *The Rattle of Theta Chi* and we are attempting to bring back some old traditions that have been forgotten as pledge classes have come and gone.

To all the brothers that this *Tattler* reaches, the fraternity relations committee wishes you the very best and encourages you to drop us a line. — Peter O'Loughlin, Secretary



**Sigma Chapter  
wishes  
Theta Chis  
everywhere  
a Happy Thanksgiving and a  
very Merry Christmas!!**

## Tattle Tales

**Morris M. Eisenbrey, '32-183**, a retired State Compensation Insurance Fund vice president, retired Army colonel, and farmer, includes the Masons, Shrine, Eastern Star, and the Farm Bureau among his interests. He writes, "Sorry I didn't respond to the last *Tattler*, but strokes, etc., will do things to you beyond your control. I'm healthier now but not good." Morris resides with his wife, Edna (ΔΖ), at 8657 W. Bell Dr., Atwater, CA 95301. They are the parents of Maureen (48) and Dorothy (46).

**Norman P. Allen, '38-251**, is retired and informs, "We had a great summer! Went east to visit the historical cities of our country on a Maupin tour. Went east again to be a delegate at the International Convention of Kiwanis in Toronto, Canada. Also spent time on shorter trips around Oregon and Washington. Retirement is great!" Besides Kiwanis, Norm's interests include church. He and Betty (ΔΔΔ, Whitworth) are the parents of Julia (37) and make their home at 15240 SW Alderbrook Ct., Tigard, OR 97224.

**Robert C. Shaw, '39-262**, shares, "I may move back to Oregon after thirty-one years. I visited this summer and enjoyed old friends and the weather. It may rain, but you don't have to shovel it! I'm thinking of the beach or the Eugene area." Bob is a semiretired (on consultant contract) emergency director. He and Maxine (ΑΓΔ, OSU; professor emeritus, Mankato State University) dwell at 214 Clover Ln., Mankato, MN 56001.

**William H. Wright, '43-380**, retired in 1983, but has gone back as a consultant for Pacific Power and Light Co. He notes, "I am too busy to enjoy retirement; guess I'll never really be retired until my wife retires, too. I was elected as a director in the alumni but have had no contact with anyone else in two years. Maybe the alums are running by themselves?" Bill's interests include Kiwanis, Marion Polk Food Share, Hospice of Marion County, and Meals on Wheels in Salem. He adds, "I golf when I can, fish when I can." He and Marge (ΧΩ, U of O) have seven children,

Mark (34), Jeff (33), Deline (30), Nancy (28), Candice (29), Joan (25), and Brent (25), and make their home at 4596 Second Pl. SE, Salem, OR 97302.

**Robert J. Hoagland, '46-418**, of 2080 Juba Trail, Ridgecrest, CA 93555, retired in 1979 from the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA. He is an officer in the Royal Arch Masons, president of the local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge. "Hoagy" informs, "I started a volunteer fire department. I have the fire engine in my front yard, 16 volunteers, and training every week. I still have my aerial photo business going with many hours of mountain flying in the Sierras and Panamints." He is also the father of Barbara (43); Robert, Jr. (33); and David (31), and adds, "Between my wife [Frances] of eight years [and me], we have seven kids, 13 grandkids, and one great-grandson."

**Fred C. Schubert, Jr., '49-511**, reports, "I retired from our contracting business last year. Our youngest son married this summer — all four have now gotten through school and married. Jean and I travel a lot and I still spend time with the boats — fishing and hunting." Address: 4022 Calaroga Ct., West Linn, OR 97068.

**Philip A. Lehenbauer, '50-524**, reports, "I recently retired from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and continue to live in east Portland — close to my favored steelhead fishing holes. My son, Ted, and daughter, Lyn, both graduated from OSU this past June." Address: 15131 SE Gladstone Dr., Portland, OR 97236.

**G. Conrad Holzgang, '51-539**, is a television producer who notes, "I just finished producing a motion picture for CBS-TV entitled "Children of the Night," a true story. [The] air date is not set, but [it should be] sometime in the 1985-86 season." Conrad notes that he has many interests and that his children are all grown. Address: PO Box 6037, North Hollywood, CA 91603.

**Ken S. Hessel, '58-654**, informed in August, "My son, Joe Travis, is being house-guested by Alpha Omicron Chapter at WSU next week during rush. I hope he pledges Theta Chi. Tell 'Uncle [Donald S.] Wirth' ['59-671] I said hello." Ken resides at 404 'C' Ave., La Grande, OR 97850.

**Greg P. Jacob, '64-749**, wrote in September, "Made possible by a grant from the Oregon Committee for the Humanities, I am organizing a symposium on India called "India and Gandhi: The Pursuit of Truth," September 27-28 at Pacific University." Greg is an assistant professor of English. He and Laura have two children, Erik (14) and Heidi (11), and reside at 18665 NW Shadowy Ln., Portland, OR 97229.

**Verlin Rhoades, '64-758**, is president of Bay Associates, Inc., and resides at 1160 Galvez Dr., Pacifica, CA 94044, with his wife, Penny, and son, Erik. "Rusty" notes, "I have been involved with our health facilities management and consulting company (above) for several years now. I have been in the San Francisco area since 1967."

**David G. Camp, '67-793**, is vice president, International House of Pancakes, Inc., and lives with his wife, Chris (Stanford), and children, Tina (3) and Diana (1), at 418 Hillsborough St., Thousand Oaks, CA 91361.

**Thomas M. Mason, '75-930**, is an associate pastor at a Simi Valley SDA church and informs, "I just completed my MA in theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. New church is starting September 1." Tom and Cheri (OSU) are the parents of Stephanie (8), Shelley (5), and Halley (5), and make their home at 1224 Village Ct., Simi Valley, CA 93065.

**Keith Van Kirk, '77-969**, is senior programmer analyst for Airborne Express, living at 6312 Wilson Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118. "Kuk" writes, "I am going off to London and Paris for two weeks this fall. It'll be a great time! I wonder if we have any chapters over there?"

**Gordon C. Root, '80-1018**, and Lindalee (OSU) have two children, Cameron (1), and Morganne (5 mos.), and dwell at 7225 SW Anne, Beaverton, OR 97005. Gordon is general manager for Research Financial Planning, Inc., and notes, "I bought a new house and keep very busy with work and the kids. I would love for any and all bros to get in touch (503-626-6614)."

**Alexander Velicki, Jr., '80-1019**, is an engineer who resides at 3314 Josie Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808. He writes, "I am still working hard at McDonnell Douglas. I'm in a research group doing advanced structural design with composite mate-

rials. Between my job and a Master's program at Cal State-Long Beach, I stay pretty much out of trouble. Before school started back up, I decided to treat myself to a little vacation, four weeks in Europe! I visited ten countries and did everything from topless aerobics on the French Riviera to seeing the Pope in St. Peter's Square. It was a great experience, the ultimate 'road trip!'"

**Mark A. Humphreys, '81-1038**, writes, "Excellent job on the directory. I found four brothers in the Canby area that I didn't know about and I'd met them all previously." Mark lives at #61 Willamette Green, Canby, OR 97013.

## 1985 Honor Roll of Contributors

Incredible! That seems to be the only word that can describe the overwhelming support Theta Chi alumni have given to the 1985 Sigma Chapter alumni communications program. Through October, 165 dedicated brothers contributed a whopping total of \$4,447.76, a figure that exceeds the old mark set in 1983 by over \$500! For this, we give them our warmest thanks. Since the year is not yet over, we encourage brothers to help the program reach even greater heights by continuing to support Theta Chi through the remainder of 1985.

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Charles E. Taylor	17 33	Theodore O. Mohr	43 365	John A. Pfanner III	63 742
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Mark J. Kellogg, Sr.	19 55	Lanar H. Coverstone	43 374	Greg P. Jacob	64 749
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Lee G. Hunt	29 154	Loren E. Bacon	46 430	Peter P. Hillman	71 870
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Daniel W. Bates	36 223	Fred C. Schubert, Jr.	49 511	Roger E. Tiple	78 987
Wallace D. Lowry	36 228	Philip A. Lehenbauer	50 524	Rorie T. Leone	79 997
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James R. Pope	42 315	Clyde B. Kernek	59 676	John C. Goetz	81 1049
Milton E. Coffey	42 316	Ronald E. Stewart	61 709	David D. Haynes	81 1056
Preston G. Drew	42 330	Dwight J. Matson	62 719	Andrew J. Niemiec	82 1067
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		Steven L. Senders	63 732		