



The Sigma TATTLER

Theta Chi Fraternity at Oregon State University

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New Goals Promise Strength

The executive council at Sigma Chapter went on a retreat at the beginning of winter term to set some goals for our chapter for the upcoming year. These are the goals we have set, which will give you a feel for the direction the chapter will be taking. The four main areas we concentrated on were, in order, brotherhood, scholarship, the house committee system, and better recognition of the house bylaws.

In defining brotherhood as our number-one goal, we felt that a strong bond of brotherhood could only make reaching our other goals easier. We are very close as a chapter, and this definition of brotherhood as a goal is just to keep in our minds how much more effective we are when we are working together.

Setting scholarship as our second goal is consistent with our motto of "Alma mater first, and Theta Chi for alma mater." The school year of 1983-84 was not outstanding for us in grades. Fall term this year, however, we finished eighth among the fraternities in grades, and we are setting our sights on the top three.

Strengthening our committee system is our third goal. By getting all members involved in operating the house, we can increase member participation, leading to members experiencing a greater feeling of being in control. This is especially important to new members because it gives them a chance to become involved in some aspect of the house (rush committee, for instance) before possibly running for an executive office. It is important to older members to feel involved as well. By staying involved in an active committee, a junior or senior can still contribute to the house without cutting into his much-needed study time, something that could happen if that member were elected to an executive office.

By setting bylaws awareness as the fourth goal, we hope to reinforce the structure necessary to deal with the inevitable conflicts which arise when 60 men live together.

In addition to the above goals, we will continue to uphold our reputation as one of the top houses on campus. We have many fine members involved in various committees on campus, our intramural program is solid (we are currently undefeated in both "A" and "B" basketball), our social calendar is "totally awesome," and our campus reputation as a well-rounded chapter continues to grow. In short, things are looking great and we hope to see as many of you here as can make it. How about Monday night dinner? It's always nice to see alumni brothers. Fraternally, — *Jim Makarounis, President*

Committee System Successful

The burnout syndrome has always naturally been somewhat of a problem in executive councils in the Greek system. Here at Theta Chi this syndrome has been seen at times. Thus, back in fall term of 1983, a committee system was established to combat this problem. In the last four terms, the committee system has been conducted successfully but, as always, there is still room for improvement. As the new vice president, I feel the purpose of the committee system is not just to assist the committee chairmen. We must use it to achieve the overall goal — brotherhood.

Therefore, I am going to stress to each committee chairman the obligation to use every member in his committee as much as possible, to be working in some sort of project at all times, and to create a positive attitude to achieve the goals that each committee has set.

Presently, this is my third year living in the house and my third involvement in a new executive council. I am extremely excited about this one, because there is much potential in the new incoming members of the executive council. I believe Sigma Chapter of Theta Chi is going to continue to get stronger! Fraternally yours, — *David A. Smith, Vice President*

Sigma Chapter Initiates Nine

January 26, 1985

- 1130 Paul Charles Davidson Moraga, CA
- 1131 Scott Joseph Peterson Corvallis, OR
- 1132 David James Katsules Beaverton, OR
- 1133 Christopher Ray Henningsen Beaverton, OR
- 1134 Robert David Bollinger Eugene, OR
- 1135 Peter Michael O'Loughlin Portland, OR
- 1136 Michael Allen Hamersly Milwaukie, OR
- 1137 Kenneth Lee Osborn Eugene, OR
- 1138 John Dale Miller Portland, OR

Rush Report

Once again, Sigma Chapter has fought through another successful Rush Week and gained an outstanding pledge class of 21 men.

The 1984 rush program proved to be a great challenge. The main reason for this was just choosing the men with the qualities to be Theta Chis, finding the right mix of personalities, and keeping the pledge class down to around 20 men. Fortunately, Rush Chairman Doug Robillard did an excellent job in seeking out those qualities and came up with a pledge class which has been showing its talents in many areas of the house. Some achievements so far include a second-place finish in grades by the freshman pledges last fall term, four people on each of the presently undefeated basketball teams, and eight "talented" pledges performing in the IFC Sing.

The 1985 rush program is already gearing up as the rush pamphlet, slide show, and workshops are being put together right now. Alumni have started calling and informing us of brothers, sons, and even grandsons who are going to be attending OSU next year and that they would like to see in the house. We encourage all alumni to let us know if you know a young man planning on attending school here that you can see as a Theta Chi. Every little push is helpful in the rush "war" as we have to compete with houses spending up to five times more than we do. Our brotherhood is still the strongest selling point we have.

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 1984-85 pledge class. Fraternally, — *Tim Sheerin, Rush Chairman*

Theta Chi 1984-85 Pledge Class

Here is a list of the 21-man pledge class of 1984-85. Some of the men in this pledge class have already been initiated.

- Trent Anderson Wilsonville, OR
- Chris Barteau Novato, CA
- Bob Bollinger Eugene, OR
- Bryan Bullock Portland, OR
- Paul Davidson Moraga, CA
- Brian Downer Corvallis, OR
- Mike Hamersly Milwaukie, OR
- Pat Hennessey Portland, OR
- Chris Henningsen Beaverton, OR
- Dave Katsules Beaverton, OR
- Mark LaPlante Corvallis, OR
- Steve Martinez Salem, OR
- Chris Mike Portland, OR
- John Miller Portland, OR
- Pete O'Loughlin Portland, OR
- Terry O'Loughlin Portland, OR
- Ken Osborn Eugene, OR
- Scott Peterson Corvallis, OR
- Derek Rodman Eugene, OR
- Jim VanHorn Portland, OR
- Greg White Portland, OR

Homecoming 1984

Homecoming was a big success this year with a lot of people showing up for the weekend's events.

The football game was exciting as the Beavers couldn't hold off the Cardinal's attack and lost yet another game.

At the alumni meeting, the need for continued support and activity in order to make the Alumni Association strong was stressed.

An excellent dinner was served that evening followed by a wild KAO-ΘX Halloween function. I thank everyone who made it

down for Homecoming. We're looking forward to a great turnout next year, so plan to attend!

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Red Ox '84

The 1984 annual Red Ox Stampede was a great success! The stampede started off with a very wet football game — the civil war game between U of O and OSU. It was a fun-filled afternoon of football, but it was no comparison to what lay ahead.

An outstanding meal was served by our one-and-only cook, Mrs. "M," and our new housemother, Mrs. "K," who did a tremendous job of decorating and helping out whenever possible.

When everyone finished their meals, they were off to the dance. It was held once again in the old barn of brother Andrew Niemec. With possibly the biggest turnout ever, the barn was rocking as if there were an earthquake. The country and western group *Higher Ground* provided great music all night long as people "bopped till they dropped." Many good times were had by alumni and undergraduates alike.

We thank all of those who helped make this outstanding stampede possible. All the brothers at Sigma Chapter are anxiously waiting for next year's stampede, but make no mistake, 1984's will not be forgotten. — *Dave Nakajima*



The 1984 Red Ox Stampede drew quite a crowd.

Spotlight on Mrs. "K"

Being a housemother is not an easy job at all. Some are good at it, others aren't. Guess who got a good housemother? That's right, we did! We're proud to announce our new housemother this year, Patricia Kreick.



Coming to us from Coquille, Oregon, Mrs. "K" has been a pleasant addition with her cheerful personality and friendly smile. She heard about the job through a friend and "thought it might be something I could possibly do." With a need for a change and her youngest daughter, Sara, set to attend Oregon State, she accepted the job here at Theta Chi.

She insists, "I love Corvallis and am really happy and comfortable here at the house."

Prior to coming to Corvallis, Mrs. "K" raised four daughters and a son with her husband, Alex, a well-known and successful insurance man for Equitable. On top of all that, she has six grandchildren who are all under age 7. Her oldest daughter is currently a school teacher in Hermiston and her son is working in Portland. Mrs. "K" also used to work part time as a secretary-treasurer at her church in Coquille.

She has settled in with her jobs quite well and already has made a number of friends. Besides attending monthly resident advisor meetings, she keeps busy by doing some volunteer work at the Canterbury House, playing bridge, attending athletic games and concert performances, helping the ΑΣΦ housemother with a "Meals on Wheels" program, activities in her church, and other projects. She's been a very nice addition to our chapter.

National Convention

This year Sigma Chapter had a strong showing at our fraternity's national convention in August, 1984, at Scottsdale, Arizona. Brothers Tom Grewe, Bob Maloney, Brian Trim, and Greg Keene attended. The week was filled with seminars ranging from rush to "Being a Theta Chi for Life." The week was very positive for Sigma Chapter, highlighted with a personal meeting with our inspirational president, George T. Kilavos. Sigma Chapter also received an award for the best typeset alumni newsletter in the nation.

The seminars and learning experiences didn't last for just the week either. Much of the information learned was brought back and put to good use here at Sigma Chapter. Our chapter was represented strongly and after comparing notes and listening to speakers, the trip turned out to be valuable to the chapter.

The undergraduates were not alone though. Lon Jensen, our alumni advisor, made the trip and brought back a great deal of information we may not have gotten without him.

The experience was one that will not soon be forgotten, and one that should not, and will not, be overlooked in the future. — Greg Keene and Brian Trim

Tattle Tales

Lee G. Hunt, '29-154, writes, "I transferred to UC-Berkeley in 1928 where I took an MS and affiliated with Mu of Theta Chi. Gordon Larson ['31-180] was there at the same time. I was 14 years with Coates & Clark Thread Co. Went into competition in 1950 and formed Smith & Hunt. I was in the business till 1983. Now I live in San Bernardino and am retired." Lee's address is 755 E. Avery, San Bernardino, CA 92407.

Frank W. Dedman, '29-159, informs, "I am still working part time as a pension consultant. I lost my wife, Martha, in November 1983. I went to England and Scotland in June with my son, his wife, and my grandchild. My daughter-in-law is a member on the board of US Women's Golf Assn. We saw the exciting Curtis Cup golf matches in Scotland." Frank's three children are Frank, Jr., (44), Margaret (40), and Gail (35). He is a member of the Del Paso Country Club and the Rotary Club of Sacramento and lives at 7401 Alexander Court, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

Hollis R. Little, '31-177, died July 10, 1984, in Long Beach, CA. He was a resident of Redondo Beach. While at OSU, Hollis was a member of Scabbard and Blade and Tau Beta Pi, and was a first lieutenant in ROTC. He was a mechanical engineer with the US Navy Department and was a California licensed mechanical engineer. While he worked at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, he became senior design engineer for the ventilation, air conditioning, and piping design departments. During his career he received many commendations and awards, and was called upon to travel to the Philippines, Japan, Vietnam, and other areas of the Far East. Hollis retired in 1970. He is survived by his wife, Bernice; and three sons, Tom, Gary, and Steve.

Oliver W. Miller, '32-185, comments, "It is difficult to realize that 50-plus years have passed since my last direct association with our Sigma Chapter, but I guess that I have more time to 'reflect' on the past and to respond. I shall try to keep in touch more in the future, and do wish our chapter a most successful future in brotherhood, sports, and most importantly, academics! I also note that you still have the class of '31 fireplace screen I designed and built."

Oliver also sent a summary of his activities since graduation. After studying at OSU and U of O (in ROTC); military technical, navigation, ECM, and staff schools; and Harvard and MIT radar and electronics schools, he served in the US Air Force from 1940-1960, when he retired as a colonel. His duties included Director of Electronics, NORAD, Colorado Springs; Division Chief of Programs and Standards, ICEC (ICS), The Pentagon; and Chief of the Electronics and Requirements Div., Korean Operations, Tokyo, Japan. Oliver retired from GTE/Sylvania in January 1975 after 15 years on the western division staff for operations planning and analysis and as an engineering specialist. Oliver resides at 723 Holly Oak Dr., Palo Alto, CA 94303.

Robert A. Loeffler, '40-292, retired August 1963 from the US Navy Medical Corps as captain. He retired from private practice as a plastic and reconstructive surgeon in 1983. He and Betty (OSU) have five daughters, Paula (37), Pamela (35), Diane (32), Janice (28), and Julie (28). Bob enjoys his 1984 Revenge 22 whaler and fishing boat and is a member of Castlewood Country Club where he enjoys golf. He also enjoys ceramics (wheel throwing and sculpture). He notes, "I have totally retired from medicine (surgery) and consult on occasion in plastic surgery. I am enjoying travel and relaxing since my coronary in July 1983." Bob and Betty reside at 1856 Harvest Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94566.

Joseph J. Merchep, '48-495, enjoys golf, fishing, and sports. He notes, "I retired from AT&T Technologies on February 15, 1985, as vice president of product planning and moved from New Jersey to Winston, OR." He and Beverly have a son, Gregory (23), and now receive mail at HC 59, Box 940, Winston, OR 97496.

Dwight J. Matson, '62-719, lives with his wife, Joanne (San Jose State), Erika (6), and Darren (4) at 19095 Portos Dr., Saratoga, CA 95070. "Ollie" is a pharmacist manager for Gemco Pharmacy in Colma, CA.

James G. Bradsher, '65-769, an archivist for National Archives and Records Service, makes his home at 7406 Lothian Lane, Fort Washington, MD 20744.

Stephen B. Jolley, '66-784, is a basketball coach and notes, "I spent the last two years as a head basketball coach in Darmstadt, West Germany. This season I am an assistant coach at Warner Pacific College in Portland." Steve resides at 2133 NE 150th, Portland, OR 97230.

Keith A. Peterson, '72-878, notes, "I returned to Boston after living in England for two years and got married on October 14. I started a new business venture. The company is called 'Xonix International.' Several brothers will understand." Keith dwells at 376 Marlborough St., Boston, MA 02115.

Paul D. Traugher, '74-914, notes, "I am in my third year of specialized training as a radiology resident at the Univ. of Utah Medical Center. My wife and I are very proud to have a beautiful, healthy daughter born May 19, 1984. Hope everyone is well." Paul, Mary Anne, and Kathryn Anna live at 2429 E. 3225 S., Salt Lake City, UT 84109.

William J. Heid, '74-925, is a landscape architect and notes, "I married Julie on June 9, 1984, in time to go together on a choir tour to Europe in July. We have moved to San Jose and are slowly getting organized. We had brothers **Albert Evans** ['73-899], **Brad Knodell** ['74-916], and **David Eldridge** ['75-939] in our wedding party. What a day! I wouldn't have done it

without them." Jeff and Julie reside at 547 S. Kiely Blvd., #4, San Jose, CA 95117.

Richard Y. O'Shea, '75-934, informs, "I bought a home in November and moved in after Christmas 1983. I had a frozen-pipe problem like the chapter house's, only more limited in damage. Not the best way to start the new year! I am currently considering grad school or some night classes to diversify my job skills, advance in my field, and save my position in the changing work environment." "General" is a scientific applications programmer for Boeing Co. (5½ years) and makes his home at 24909 144th Pl. SE, Kent, WA 98042.

Roger E. Tiple, '78-987, Laurie, and Geoffrey (1) reside at 12015 Flaxen Dr., Houston, TX 77065. Roger notes, "I am moving up with TI and have just been promoted to be the project manager and head design engineer for the 'Texas Instruments Professional Computer' cost-reduction effort. I guess I'll be down here for a while since I just bought a new house."

Burr N. Boutwell, Jr., '76-Alpha Omicron, is project engineer for Koll Construction Co. He notes, "I have been with Koll Company since May 1984. Work has been keeping me out of trouble. I also picked up windsurfing last summer. I'm becoming quite a gnarly surfer." "Bow Wow" lives at 12078 SW Windmill Dr., Beaverton, OR 97005.

1984 Honor Roll of Contributors

"Thank you" to the 129 brothers listed below for their 1984 contributions amounting to \$3,370. It is hoped that the names of those listed below, and many others, will make up the 1985 Honor Roll to ensure a strong and growing communications program.

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