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Sigma Chapter Members: Front row, l-r: John Kennedy, Greg Olsen, Scott Fregonese, Cameron Wagner, Ryan Schuchard, Nick Stokes, and Craig Baxter. Back row: Ryan Oliver, Aaron Ausland, Rob Brunzman, Adam Mitchell, Ian Meyer, Jeff Greenspan, Aaron Evans, Jef Atwood, Fred Olson, Jeremy Ryan, Dan Buck, Brett Sturgill, Patricia Kreik (Housemother), Sam Carter, Jesse Steele, Seth Johnson, and Preston Steelman.

President's Article

Hello, brothers! How are you? I and Sigma Chapter as a whole are doing great! All the efforts of alumni, mothers and fathers of undergraduates, and undergraduates themselves have been moving this chapter in the right direction.

I am proud to say that fall term, we achieved fourth in grades among the 24 fraternities here at OSU. We also beat the all-men's average, which is essential in disproving the common notion that fraternity life hinders a person's ability to excel in school. It just isn't so!

Next term, we will have 28 members living in the house, more than we had last year before our reorganization. These 28 members are loyal to the brotherhood of Theta Chi and are dedicated to bringing this chapter back to Alter Award-winning status.

Alumni have recently refinanced the house mortgage, to rid us of the debt that has hung over our heads since I was a freshman three years ago.

This accomplished, we are free to address other concerns. One of these is how to raise funds for house renovation — the house is deteriorating rapidly from lack of repairs. The alumni board is doing a great job of trying to accomplish this huge task!

One thing we as undergraduates are going to do is bring back the traditional spring golf tournament for you, the alumni. The tournament will be held Saturday, May 16, 1998, at the Trysting Tree Golf Course. (Please see the notice on this page for more details.)

I hope we get a good turnout as I look forward to meeting the alumni who have held this chapter together in the past. I think it will be a great time, and I encourage as many of you to attend as possible!

I thank you for your time. Once again, if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns regarding the chapter, please call or E-mail me. Fraternally, — *Sam Carter, 541-752-7598, cartersa@ucs.orst.edu*

Alumni Relations Report

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tylor Leinweber, and I have recently been elected alumni relations chairman. As a freshman, this is my first official position in the chapter, and I am very excited about it!

I do not think there is any better time than the present for me to take this position, because the Sigma Chapter, as a whole, is only headed upward. I have already begun to meet with different alumni officers, and we are starting to think of ideas beneficial to this chapter.

So far, we have been fortunate to have structural repairs done in various rooms throughout the house. These repairs not only bring the house up to code, but make it look fantastic. Our

Sigma Chapter Spring Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 16, 1998
12:00 Noon

Trysting Tree Golf Course
Corvallis

All alumni are encouraged to attend!

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recent interactions with alumni have allowed us these improvements, along with maintaining a good level of communication.

By working with fellow officers, I have made it a priority to have an issue of *The Sigma Tattler* distributed each term. I believe the Sigma Chapter will have much to share in the near future.

Don't forget the spring golf tournament on May 16. I'm personally excited about organizing and taking part in the tournament!

Overall, I think alumni relations have gone well this year, and it is already showing around the house. I hope to see many of you soon! Fraternally, — *Tylor Leinweber, 541-753-6105 (house), 766-1898 (pager), Leitj220@bus.orst.edu*

Marshal Outlines Goals

Hello, my name is Ian Meyer, and I am the current marshal of Sigma Chapter. As new-member educator, I successfully put four new initiates through the process, to increase our 1997-98 pledge class to 12, nearly doubling the chapter's size. I used the 4-1-4 education scheme as reference, but had to modify ours to a 6-1-2 plan due to scheduling conflicts.

This term's ritual went very well, and we are starting to set a precedent.

Some short-term goals that I have as marshal include more participation from the brothers and a more organized brotherhood event on the last night of initiation. Long-term goals include revising the current new-member-education plan, to one that best suits our chapter, and putting together a new-member workbook. I truly believe that new-member education is a major contributor to development of good brothers and a good tool for passing on the history and traditions on which our chapter was founded.

If you have any suggestions on new-member education, feel free to E-mail me at meyeri@ucs.orst.edu, or send a note to the house. Thanks! — *Ian Meyer*

Winter 1998 Initiates

March 5, 1998

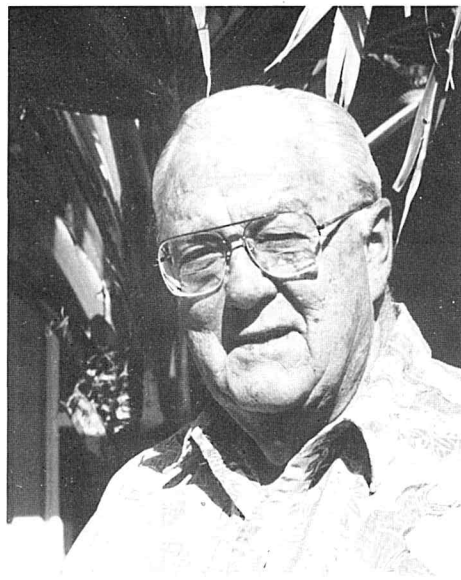
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Ellsworth Purdy, Eminent Theta Chi

Ellsworth D. Purdy, '47-458, is a Sigma Chapter alumnus who has had an outstanding career managing and directing a corporate alliance of funeral homes, cemeteries, and crematoriums. He has also been an advocate for the funeral industry, testifying before the Federal Trade Commission and appearing on ABC-TV's *Nightline* program.

Brother Purdy's career in the funeral industry began in 1950, the year he graduated from OSU with a BS in business and industry. He first managed E. L. Purdy & Sons, a family-owned distributor of funeral coaches and ambulances; throughout his career, he remained associated with that company.

In 1960, Ellsworth founded Uniservice Corporation, which began as a funeral supply company and went on to become an owner and operator of 30 funeral homes, crematoriums, and memorial properties in Oregon and Washington, all under his direction. (One of the funeral homes affiliated with Uniservice was the DeMoss-Durdan Garden Chapel in Corvallis.) In 1995, Ellsworth oversaw the merger of Uniservice into Service Corporation International, after which he retired.



Ellsworth Purdy, '47-458

During his 45-year career, Ellsworth was a great innovator in the funeral industry and an authority on that industry's practices. In the 1970s, he initiated and directed research into changing consumer attitudes, and this research gave rise to the "Life Centered" funeral service that Uniservice patented. Ellsworth also directed the design of an energy-efficient funeral home and crematory facility employing heat recovery from the crematory for storage and reuse; the facility opened in 1980.

In the role of expert and advocate, Ellsworth published numerous articles in trade journals, testified before Federal Trade Commission hearings on funeral industry practices in 1976 and 1989, and made a guest appearance on Ted Koppel's *Nightline*, representing the Cremation Association of North America (of which he was president) during a cremation scandal in 1987.

The home life to which Ellsworth has now retired has been full, too. After serving in the 153rd Armored Signal Company, 13th Armored Division, in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II, Ellsworth married Elenora W. Pihl of Portland. The couple have two children, Nancy and Peter. Nancy is married to James Letson, a funeral industry executive, and Peter is president of Insight, Inc., of Woodinville, Washington.

Since Ellsworth's retirement, he and Elenora (AXΩ '45) have divided their time between their homes in Vancouver, Washington, and Kauai, Hawaii. In February 1998, Ellsworth and Elenora had Dick "Stretch" Thurin, '48-475, and his wife, Norma, to dinner at their Kauai home.

Alumnus Assists in Search for Nazi Gold

The article below is reprinted from the February 1998 edition of The Oregon Stater.

An Oregon State alumnus, Greg Bradsher, '68 ['65-769], is assisting in the international search for gold and other assets looted by the Nazis during World War II. He is a member of the U.S. Government's Interagency Group on Looted Nazi Assets, headed by Undersecretary of State Stuart E. Eizenstat.

The Interagency Group issued its first report in May 1997, titled, "U.S. and Allied Efforts to Recover and Restore Gold and Other Assets Stolen or Hidden by Germany During World War II." Bradsher prepared the appendix to the report, which is a finding aid to many of the pertinent records.

In October 1997, he represented the Interagency Group at a conference held by the Swiss Independent Commission of Ex-

perts to discuss records and research in various countries relating to looted Nazi gold, restitution efforts, and other issues.

Bradsher is assistant chief of the Archives II Textual Reference Branch of the National Archives and Records Administration. He said that during the past two years, researchers from numerous countries have been searching archives not only to write histories but to right wrongs of the World War II period.

The NARA, which has custody of more than 15 million pages of pertinent documentation, has been at the forefront of the efforts. He said that at times during the past 18 months, the textual research room at the Archives II building in Maryland had as many as 30 people researching what are loosely termed, "The Nazi Gold Records."

Goals '98

- Rewrite chapter by-laws (in progress)
- Have 35 guys living in by the end of spring term
- Have a chapter budget consisting of all chapter expenses and individual committee expenses
- Have at least five guys attend the yearly conference in San Antonio this summer
- Obtain chapter advisory board
- Apply for the Alter Award
- Have more guys participate in university and IFC organizations

Wish List

- Obtain new phone system for house with Internet hookups in each room
- Create computer room and obtain computers for members' use
- Remodel sleeping porch:
 - New flooring
 - New mattresses
- Completely retile second-deck bathroom
- Obtain speakers for house stereo
- Remodel kitchen cabinets
- Obtain TV for TV room

These are great rush tools. If you can make donations or have ideas on how to accomplish wishes, please contact Sam Carter or Ryan Oliver.



Mud Bowl 19??. Get out your magnifying glasses, men! If you can identify the Theta Chis and/or the era, please send your information to the Sigma Chapter Alumni Office, PO Box Q, Corvallis, OR 97339. Thank you!



"Those Who Made It in 1949." L-r: Jack Hanel ['46-422], Ken Osborn ['48-492], Dick Thurin ['48-475], Earl Hardie ['46-434], Bob Woodley ['46-420], and Al Rosenfeld. Thanks to Dick Thurin for providing the photo!

Obituaries

Carol O. Youngstrom, '25-110, died April 2, 1994. He resided in Boise, Idaho.

Tennes B. Mathisen, Jr., '46-413, passed away August 27, 1997, from pneumonia, at a Reno, Nevada, hospital. Brother Mathisen was a resident of Fallon, Nevada.

Tattle Tales

W. Temple Palmer, '28-140, resides at 145 Topaz Way, Livermore, CA 94550; phone 510-455-4509. "Red" writes, "When I received the Fall 1997 *Tattler*, I was surprised to see my old car parked in front of the Theta Chi fraternity house. I paid \$35 for the used 1925 Chevy in 1928! For 30 years, I have been retired from Texaco as division manager. I have two daughters, Nancy Farrell (60) and Peggy Day (58), and four grandchildren. I will be 95 on September 26, 1998. I have received great pleasure from having been associated with the other members of Theta Chi, and would enjoy hearing from any of the brothers!"

George M. Epperson, '42-301, comments, "Glad to get the Fall 1997 issue of the *Tattler*. Still busy as director, Retiree Activities Office, March Air Reserve Base, California, with nearly 16,000 Air Force retirees assigned to the office from four southern California counties. Spent three cold weeks in England and Scotland last fall, and was there when Princess Di was killed and for the remaining week to the funeral. New flooring in the sleeping porch will be nice. It might match the new roof that replaced the old one in 1938 when it burned. Hope things have improved. Must be hell to be without telephones unless all the brothers have cellular phones. Warmest regards to all!" Brother Epperson is a lieutenant colonel in the USAF, retired. He and his wife, Phyllis, have three children — Carolyn Henderson (51), Janice Epperson (51), and Robert Epperson (46) — and six grandchildren. George belongs to the P-38 National Association, the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society, and is a life member of the Masonic Lodge in Klamath Falls, Oregon. He and Phyllis reside at 2369 Oak Crest Dr., Riverside, CA 92506; phone 909-682-2579.

Lanar H. Coverstone, '43-374, enjoys gardening, golf, and travel. "Hank" is a Mason. He and his wife, Edna (ΔΔΔ, OSU), reside at 17613 Oak Meadows Ln., Lake Oswego, CA 97034; phone 503-635-7982 (E-mail cover75@aol.com). They have five married children, five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Lanar reports, "Spend winters in Palm Springs.

Reunion with B-17 crew members in Tucson this year [1997], B-29 reunion in 1998."

John C. O'Brien, '47-452, and his wife, Barbara (XΩ, OSU), celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 27, 1997. A party was held for them at the home of Dave and Teresa O'Brien in Lake Oswego. You can send your congratulations to Jack and Barbara at 4530 SE Tibbetts St., Portland, OR 97206. Or call 503-775-1302.

Ralph D. Williams, '50-513, resides at 27101 NE 29th Ave., Ridgefield, WA 98642; phone 360-887-4606. Ralph and his wife, Marian (AXΩ), are the parents of Dan (45), Tom (43), Kristie (42), Leslie (40), Carol (39), and Tracey (33). Ralph is a "semiretired land developer/landlord." He writes, "Been flying my own plane for 16 years and belong to the Antique Aircraft Club. I'm also active in church work and the Boy Scout program. I was a bank manager in Vancouver, Washington, for 10 years. I resigned and went to subdividing land and building houses and apartments. At one time, I had 140 rental units; I'm now down to 15. I travel Oregon, Washington, and parts of Idaho helping the Mormon Church maintain its buildings."

Kenneth D. Nanson, '55-609, receives mail at PO Box 850, Warrenton, OR 97146. On January 17, 1998, at a pregame dinner and at the Washington game's halftime, Ken was honored with other members of the 1958 OSC basketball team, Pacific Coast Conference champions. (Source: *The Oregon Stater*.)

Richard C. Goheen, '57-629, reports, "I volunteer as a mediator with East Metro Mediation and as a commissioner for the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission. Diane [ΔΔΔ, U of OR '58] and I spend time with our family and travel as the desire comes on us. We share a place at Black Butte Ranch with three others and spend time there each month." Rich and Diane's other residence is at 1717 NE 205th Ave., Fairview, OR 97024; phone 503-665-9659. They have two daughters, Lezli Goheen (ΔΔΔ, OSU) and Lisa Goheen-Taylor (ΔΔΔ, OSU).

Dwight J. Matson, '62-719, enjoys weight lifting, running, fishing, and duck hunting. "Ollie" is a pharmacist and manager who has been with Lucky Stores for 20 years. He is also the father

of Erika (19) and Darren (17). Brother Matson resides at 20430 Via Pavisio, Apt. E-27, Cupertino, CA 95014.

D. Alan Rockwood, '64-750, takes his mail from PO Box 6163, Ketchikan, AK 99901; phone 907-247-6163 (E-mail drock@ktn.net). Al and his wife, Hisako, have two children, Amy (18) and David (15). Al enjoys sailing and belongs to the Ketchikan Yacht Club. He writes, "I am still working in the logging industry in SE Alaska [Brother Rockwood is operations manager for Rayonier]. I still spend quite a bit of time in the woods, where the Alaska weather, topography, and animals present their own challenges."

Scott D. Linde, '73-893, is a US probation officer. He and his wife, Marilyn Egerman Linde, have two children, Hans (15) and Charlotte (12). All reside at 208 NW 131st St., Vancouver, WA 98685; phone 360-576-1679 (E-mail candleworks@worldaccessnet.com). "Pismo" responds to the "Clubs & Special Interests" section of the form with, "I wish I had time for special interests!" And in response to "What's new with you?" he writes, "Same stuff, different day."

David A. Smith, '83-1090, lives at 752 W. Juniper Ave., Hermiston, OR 97838; phone 541-567-2154. "Chomps" reports, "I am not married yet, but I do have 26 kids tugging at my arms and legs." He teaches fourth grade in the Hermiston School District. "I rejected the offer of head OSU football coach and accepted the seventh-grade football position! It appears that I will be living in eastern Oregon for a while. I just recently bought a house, my first! Last week, I shot my best round of golf — 40, 4 over. I have a witness!"

Brent R. Norquist, '86-1160, is a captain in the United States Marines. He and his wife, Melissa (XΩ, OSU), have two daughters, Ashley (5) and Emily (1). "Rambo" reports, "Recently moved to the 'desert paradise' of 29 Palms. I'm now the supply officer for the 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division. Life is great, but very busy during these 'interesting times.' Semper Fi." Brent receives mail at H&S Co., 1st Tank Bn., MCAGCC, 29 Palms, CA 92278. You can also phone him at 760-361-5168, or send E-mail to suposoc@thegrid.net.

1997 Honor Roll of Contributors

Whoa! During the 1997 alumni communications program year, 104 brothers donated a total of \$5,745 via the newsletter. And as of April 21, 1998, 14 Theta Chis have sent \$690 in donations earmarked for 1998. Many thanks to all who are contributing!

Name	Init.	Yr. & No.						
Marvin L. Fisher	26	125	Fred C. Schubert, Jr.	49	511	Paul D. Traugher	74	914
Fred S. Winters	28	144	Ralph D. Williams	50	513	Alan A. Andresen	74	917
Ralph G. Ciliax	29	151	Philip A. Lehenbauer	50	524	Darrell W. Hames	76	952
Frank W. Dedman	29	159	Gordon B. Bennett	51	529	Steve D. Mullins	78	985
Curtis C. Tigard	29	160	Charles E. Carlborn	54	577	Roger E. Tipley	78	987
Oliver W. Miller	32	185	David F. Harra	54	581	Kevin L. Gorman	79	1006
Louis P. Hanson	33	206	George H. Caspar	54	585	Lorin F. McPherson	79	1015
Murel A. Long	35	222	Phillip H. Miller	55	602	Gordon C. Root	80	1018
Frank H. Allhands, Jr.	36	230	Richard C. Goheen	57	629	Alexander Velicki, Jr.	80	1019
George D. Shambrook	37	235	Robert D. Campbell	57	648	Brentley M. Bullock	80	1024
Robert W. Jensen	37	240	Ken S. Hessel	58	654	Michael L. Owen	81	1047
John C. Plankinton	37	244	Gary W. Hermann	58	658	David G. Roberts	81	1051
Hollis D. Brown	39	268	Jack I. Hamilton	58	662	Bruce E. Swanson	82	1060
Jack P. Martin	40	273	Joe W. Moore	59	672	Rodney W. Copeland	82	1070
Herbert T. Osborne	40	288	Gilbert N. Miller	61	707	David A. Smith	83	1090
George M. Epperson	42	301	Robert K. Russell, Jr.	62	712	Scott W. Hamersly	83	1097
David M. Rockwood	42	339	Dwight J. Matson	62	719	Douglas R. Faulkner	84	1121
Marshall R. Turner	42	355	Robert G. Nelson	62	721	Christopher R. Henningsen	85	1133
Charles A. Boyden	42	357	Michael L. Hornbeck	64	748	John D. Miller	85	1138
Lanar H. Coverstone	43	374	Greg P. Jacob	64	749	Brent R. Norquist	86	1160
George E. Carlon	43	393	D. Alan Rockwood	64	750	Jeffery P. Hough	86	1169
Alvin B. Friedrich	45	412	Verlin R. Rhoades	64	758	Kevin J. Monaghan	87	1196
Robert E. Woodley	46	420	Lawrence D. Kampfer	64	759	Spencer A. Clarke	88	1209
Alfred E. Putnam	46	424	Terry S. Rosenau	66	780	David C. Ohm	88	1216
John C. O'Brien	47	452	Steven E. Wall	66	781	David D. Culbertson	88	1221
Ellsworth D. Purdy	47	458	Stephen B. Jolley	66	784	Craig A. Keudell	89	1224
Fred E. Harem	47	459	John H. Friedrich	68	818	Bret L. Reiner	89	1228
Edward J. Campbell	48	471	Robert C. Byrne	69	834	Eric N. Bergemann	89	1231
Richard M. Thurin	48	475	Bradley D. Hagedorn	70	850	Timothy A. Larrance	89	1239
Robert G. Lium	48	482	Gayle D. Harley	70	854	James Van Decker	90	1258
Donald C. Wilson	48	484	Bud Hooker	70	855	Don C. Gorman	90	1266
David S. Lofts	48	490	Ronald W. Seagren	72	881	Andrew T. Muilenburg	91	1299
Ernest W. Templin	48	493	Gregory A. Parrott	73	891	Scott V. Tumbleson	93	1329
Richard D. Swanson	49	499	Vance F. Huddle	73	892	Brent E. Seibert	93	1342
			Scott D. Linde	73	893	Erik M. Bucher	94	1359