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Community Service

As well as striving for good grades and having a successful rush, we at Sigma Chapter are trying to stay active in the community. We have a number of community service projects going on right now or being planned for later dates. Last spring, ten of us drove to Jawbone Flats in the Opal Creek Wilderness and Scenic Recreation Area and worked for over a day on numerous activities there. These included chopping and hauling eight cords of wood as well as digging a quarter-mile drainage ditch along the gravel road up to Opal Creek. This visit was our first to Opal Creek, but we plan to make it an annual trip. Next spring, we hope even more members will participate. (See photos on page 3.)

Also last spring, two members, Spencer Adkins and Nick Adolfson, volunteered a lot of their time to help coach high school baseball at Crescent Valley High School. Together, they worked five or six days a week for three months helping as assistant coaches. This fall, we've volunteered more time to help Crescent Valley High School. Every week, five members paint the Crescent Valley High School football field. (See photos at right.) We plan to turn this into a regular task each fall. Other community services we've accomplished lately are helping out at shelters serving meals, and volunteering as dates for retirement home dances. In addition to staying active as volunteers, we also have a number of members involved in university clubs and activities, such as IM Sports, IFC, MUPC entertainment, and Student Activities Committee.

Happy Holidays!

Scholarship

With the start of another school year, we are once again working toward achieving high academic goals. For this year, our president, Dave Zahradnik, and I have implemented a new scholarship plan. Our plan combines teamwork and competition by assembling a set of five teams to compete for the highest combined GPA. The teams were picked by an age-old sports tradition we've named the Academic Draft. This procedure should ensure an even distribution of strong and weak students among the teams. At the start of next term, we will confer rewards and punishments for the highest and lowest ranked teams. We are off to a good start so far, and, if all goes well, we should increase our chapter GPA by a significant amount and attain our goal of exceeding the OSU all-men's average.

— Sean Hanrahan, Scholarship Chair



Sigma Chapter brothers paint the grid on the gridiron at Crescent Valley High School.

Alumni Relations

Hello, alumni of Theta Chi. I would like to introduce myself, Sean Hanrahan, as Sigma Chapter's newly appointed alumni relations chair. I look forward to this coming school year and meeting many of you at our alumni events. I hope I can do as good a job as our previous alumni chair, Andrew Haman, did while still fulfilling my duties as scholarship chair. I hope you all find this issue of *The Tattler* enjoyable and informative to read, and I look forward to hearing your response.

— Sean Hanrahan, Alumni Relations Chair

Did You Know??

By Roger L. Rollins, Sigma Class of '62

In the two years since I have been active with the Sigma Alumni Board, we have made significant progress, most notably with the recently completed phase I of the chapter house renovation. But as I have become more involved with the issues facing fraternities today, I am repeatedly struck with how much has changed, and most importantly, how little is known of the issues by the average alumnus. I have to believe that if more Theta Chi alumni understood the facts, they would respond to the work that must be accomplished to assure our chapter's continued success. Consider the following facts:

- Most sororities at Oregon State are doing well, with beautifully maintained chapter houses funded by capital improvement campaigns and *strong annual alumnae "dues" contributions*.

- The OSU chapter house of one of the largest national fraternities has recently closed, and the chapter is now inactive. OSU has lost six fraternities, and several are struggling with outdated, poorly maintained housing. *A strong national organization and great history cannot substitute for local alumni support.*

- One fraternity at OSU has recently moved from its historic small facility on Monroe Avenue into a large, completely renovated chapter house *acquired from a fraternity that has closed.*

- Another OSU fraternity house on 26th Street will soon build a combination library/computer resource room addition to its chapter house *thanks to strong alumni involvement.*

- Still another fraternity at OSU on Harrison Boulevard has virtually no deferred maintenance on its house, *courtesy of tens of thousands of dollars in voluntary alumni dues collected each year.*

- For the period from 2001 through 2003, Sigma alumni annual contributions averaged more than \$3,000 net, after publication costs were deducted. *Relatively few alumni contributors are responsible for these donations.*

- According to Bob Kerr, OSU's Greek Life Coordinator, our chapter house, *if renovated and properly maintained*, could be rented to the University during the summer term for an estimated net revenue of \$40,000. This revenue could be used for capital improvements, *but is contingent upon a "no deferred maintenance" environment.*

- What about contributions of time and effort? Essentially, *four brothers* have constituted the Sigma Alumni Board during the last two years. *Other OSU fraternities routinely have eight to ten board members.*

If Sigma Chapter is to move forward with its capital campaign, we must have more alumni involved with the Alumni Board, and *we must instill the concept of annual voluntary alumni dues*. Although not everyone has the time to devote to the Alumni Board, those of us on the Board would be especially grateful for any brothers within driving distance of Corvallis who could step forward. Even if you cannot serve on the board, you can signal your appreciation of the challenges we face today by *sending a contribution for each issue of The Tattler you receive*. Although a capital campaign can perform the heavy lifting needed to renovate the chapter house, it is not, and cannot be, a substitute for sustained annual giving through a strong, voluntary, dues ethic. Please give this appeal some serious thought. As we get older in life, the people and institutions that have shaped us are the ones that we should recognize and reward. As you consider your experience at Theta Chi, please consider how for a modest annual "dues" contribution, you can assure a similar experience for many future men of this fraternity.

Sigma Chapter Continues to Grow — Fall Recruitment Nets 14



Jump at the MU — the culmination of Rush Week.

Because of hard work and determination by several people, most notably recruitment chair Ben Auxier, Sigma Chapter was able to produce one of its best rush classes in recent years. On September 25, our chapter welcomed 14 new members to the house. All were enthusiastic and eagerly awaiting the new experience that Theta Chi will deliver to them.

This past summer, five members of Theta Chi lived at a rush house in Southeast Portland in order to have a place where both members and potential new members could hang out and get to know each other better. The experience was a positive one for all involved; we received several early commits as a result of the rush house.

During formal recruitment, all members came together for several different events ranging from a concert and barbecue to a golf outing. Recruitment proved to be a positive experience for all involved.

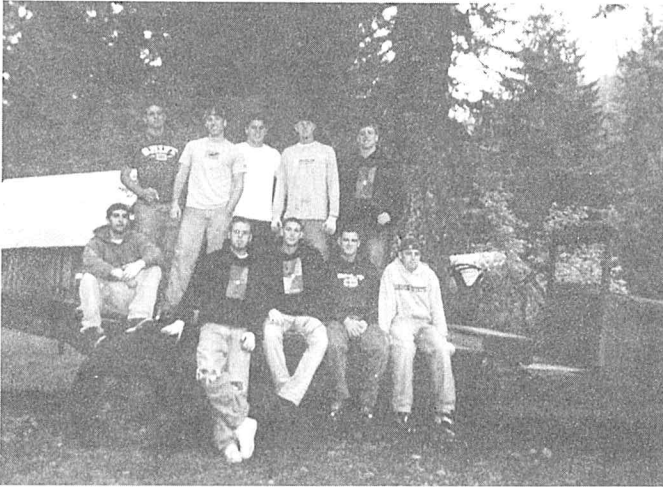
Names of rushees and their hometowns are listed below.

— Kevin Hazelwauder

Parker Davis Craig	Portland, OR	George Patrick Custer	Corvallis, OR	Brendan Luke Grammer	Portland, OR
Neil Anthony Haley	West Linn, OR	Philip Grant Hobbs	Boise, ID	Chris Daniel Skidmore	Reno, NV
Jeremy Thomas Mac Vicar	West Linn, OR	Tyler Hand Kelleher	West Linn, OR	Michael Andrew Crowe	Corvallis, OR
Matt Peterson	Corvallis, OR	Chris Garner	Corvallis, OR	Drew Nathanael Carter	West Linn, OR
Rosco B. Huebner	Corvallis, OR	Jonathan Michael Warn	Wilsonville, OR		

Service Project at Opal Creek Wilderness Area

(See article on page one.)



out of the plane he flew after the Germans had badly damaged it. In the course of ejecting from the aircraft, he broke his back. The enemy captured him and allowed him a few days' hospitalization in Paris; then, he was moved to a German POW camp. There Cal taught himself to walk again. He was liberated by US forces in May 1945 and returned to central Oregon. In 1946, he began his career as a civilian aviator, taking over management of Butler Farm Air Co. at Roberts Field in Redmond. In the mid-50s, the US Forest Service located its tanker air base — for fire suppression — in Redmond, and Cal worked in that field for many years. In the late 70s and throughout the 80s, he began to spend more time inventing improvements for the ag aviation industry. Some of the devices he invented are still in use today. Survivors include his wife, Naideen; three daughters — Jean Keenan, June Jaeger Lindsey, and Judy Cox; three stepchildren; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his brother, **Jesse N. Butler, '36-225**. **Bob Jensen, '37-240**, notified the alumni office of brother Butler's death. "I knew Jesse," he wrote, "but Cal came later."

Tattle Tales

Hollis D. Brown, '39-268, and his wife, Rena, reside at 7108 Daisy Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621 (916-721-9580). They have a son, Jeffrey (46). "I'm still interested in Masonry and the Shriners," he writes. "I still have my boat down in the Delta. You men in ØX keep up the good work and remember that we all love you. Fraternal love. Hollis Brown."

Robert E. Woodley, '46-420, observes, "This isn't news, but I was surprised that *The Rattle* [ØX national magazine] listed only two Sigma Chapter members as veterans. I am a veteran, and I'm sure several of my contemporaries were, too; some went to OSU on the GI Bill." He and his wife, Pat, live at 1935 Hetrick Ave., Richland, WA 99354. They have two sons, Norman (50) and Charles (47). Call Bob at 509-943-4826, or send e-mail to bobpatwoodley@msn.com.

Richard M. Thurin, '48-475, resides at 15200 SW Alderbrook Dr., Tigard, OR 97224 (ndthurin@juno.com; 503-620-1033). "All is well with me," he reports. "I live in Tigard at Summerfield, an over-55 golf course community. I play lots of golf and also do a fair amount of salmon/steelhead fishing in front of my secondary house on the Columbia River. Every winter, I spend a couple of months on the island of Kauai. For the past three years, I have visited with brothers **Ellis Purdy, '47-458**, and **John Ielmini, '48-481**, who also spend part of the winter on Kauai. Life is good!" "Stretch," a widower, is the father of three: Nancy (52), Steve (50), and Kathy (48).

Edwin W. Nelson, '50-526, lives at 4769 Mallard Ct., Paso Robles, CA 93446 (805-238-7228), with his wife, Evelyn. "Evelyn had a rough year last year," he says. "On March 5, 2003, she went to the hospital — ICU — with double pneumonia. She then spent 15 days in a 30-day care center. Because of lack of oxygen, she lost various parts of brain function, but the Lord was with her; she is doing well now." "Swede's" family includes Eric (46), who has two daughters, Nicole (21) and Danny (18), and a son, Cody (13). Edwin belongs to the Elks and the Lockheed Retired Group of SoCal and enjoys boating and fishing.

Roger L. Rollins, '59-683, says, "After 38 years with the Freightliner division of Mercedes Benz, now Daimler Chrysler, I'm getting set to retire in the next 12-18 months. I look forward to having more time to travel and enjoy my grandchildren and hobbies." Roger and his wife, JoAnn (AΦ-Portland State), live at 17621 Lake Haven Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97035. They are the parents of Steven and Brian, 29-year-old twins, and the grandparents of two. Call Roger at 503-635-2468, or send e-mail to RogerRollins@comcast.net.

Obituaries

Arnold Z. Greenlaw, '32-187, of Camarillo, California, passed away April 2, 2004, at his home. Born July 12, 1912, in Chicago, he graduated from high school in Palo Alto, California. In 1935, he graduated from Oregon State's School of Engineering. He worked for the US Bureau of Reclamation as a civil engineer from the time of his graduation until he retired in 1972, except for a 16-month stint during WWII in the US Navy Seabees. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his son, David; five granddaughters; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. David Greenlaw notified the alumni office.

Raymond W. deLancey, '32-196, died May 10, 2004, at the age of 89. He served 25 years with the US Army Corps of Engineers and ten years with San Diego County as a civil engineer before retiring in 1980. Ray lived in El Cajon, California.

Calvin J. Butler, '40-276, died July 14, 2004, at his home in Bend, Oregon. Born November 15, 1928, in Redmond, he graduated from Redmond Union High School in 1937. Growing up, all he wanted to do was fly. After attending Sacramento Junior College of Aeronautics and Oregon State, he joined the Army Air Corps as a flight instructor in October 1940. After receiving additional flight training himself, Cal began instructing student pilots in 1941. In May 1944, he was shipped to England and began to fly missions over Europe. In June, he was forced to bail

Arthur L. Smith, '62-715, responded to articles in previous issues of *The Tattler*: "Having been in the house during the 'Glory Years,' I read with great interest the remembrances of the two Rogers (Rollins and Mack). Their stories bring back many good memories, and Mack, you are correct: it was the Chat and Chew, and it was beyond mundane. It was a pretty rundown beer joint! I retired from the US Forest Service in 1997 after 32 years and went to work for the City and County of San Francisco as a watershed forester. Since San Francisco gets its water from Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in Yosemite National Park, the watershed that I work in happens to be Yosemite's back country. Oh darn. We became grandparents in 2003. Boy, that's a cool deal. In the last two or three years, I have been fortunate in reconnecting with two other 'Glory Years' brothers, **Bob Russell ['62-712]** and **Neill Parkin ['60-692]**, both chapter presidents during the 'Glory Years.' In fact, Bob, Neill, and I, along with our wives — Neill's wife, Jo, was an $\text{AT}\Delta$ at OSU — spent a great week together at Black Butte Ranch near Sisters in July of 2003. We planned to do it again in July 2004, but on April 9, I was involved in a serious vehicle accident. I sustained multiple injuries from which I am recovering. It's a slow process, though, so we canceled our Black Butte trip. Since Neill lives close, he has been great about visiting and taking me places. I still keep in touch via e-mail with brother **Ron Stewart ['61-709]** and see brother **Tom Mitchell ['62-714]** about once a year." "Smokey" and his wife, Luanna (Stanislaus State Univ.), live at 11190 Coopers Ct., Sonora, CA 95370. They are the parents of Amy (30) and Sam (28). Art belongs to the Elks and also enjoys bicycling. Send e-mail to alsmith@mlode.com, or call him at 209-532-4047.

Dwight J. Matson, '62-719, reports, "I moved to my home town of Astoria, Oregon, and opened a new pharmacy in our new Safeway store. I bought my parents' house and will finish up my career in Astoria. I am meeting many old classmates." He now lives at 315 Pleasant Ave., Astoria, OR 97103, with his wife, Christine. "Ollie" fishes for salmon, sturgeon, and trout and hunts, too, "goose and duck upland hunting with my black lab, Eddie," he says. Dwight is the father of Erika (26) and Darren (25) and the stepfather of Coby (27). His phone number is 503-325-6586; his e-mail address is MATSCD@aol.com.

Charles D. Mosher, '62-722, writes, "My wife, Betty ($\Delta\Delta\Delta$ -OSU), and I have moved to East Wenatchee, Washington, to get out of the Seattle traffic and to enjoy the eastside sunshine. I have retired from my positions on the Bellevue City Council, the Association of Washington Cities, and the Sound Transit Board." He chairs the Washington State Pipeline Safety Committee and coordinates the Tri-County Salmon Coalition (Seattle area). The Mosheres are the parents of Jeffrey (32), Jason (29), and Janelle (22), and the grandparents of three. They reside at 816 Briarwood Terr., E. Wenatchee, WA 98802 (509-881-2736; chuck@mosher.net).

Derek B. Lawrence, '89-1226, lives at 450 S. Rosemont Rd., West Linn, OR 97068, with his wife, Reagan (RN, U of OR), and their offspring — Avery (6), Celia (4), and Olivia (2). Of his family, Derek writes, "I'm the only guy in the house." He continues, "We've spent the last eight years restoring our home, rehabbing our buildings, nurturing a vineyard, and starting a winery. With the fruits of our labor, we just released our third vintage and so far, so good. If you're in the area, please stop by and pay us a visit." Derek is a busy guy; in addition to his work as winemaker at Oswego Hills Winery, he's a pharmacist at Emanuel Hospital in Portland. Reagan is a stay-at-home mom, and he believes that "her job is much harder than mine." Derek may be reached at 503-675-7631 or derek@oswegohills.com.

Timothy A. Larrance, '89-1239, reports, "After spending 33 years in Oregon, we decided to relocate to Phoenix with my company Labatt USA (yes, it's the beer company). We already miss the Northwest seasons, but the sun is always shining here. Look forward to seeing the Beavs play here at ASU and UA. Come on down." The Larrance family, including Susan ($\text{KA}\Theta$ -OSU), Carter (3 yrs.), and Colby (9 mos.), now resides at 3341 E. Mountain Vista Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85048. Call Tim at 480-664-3265, or send e-mail to tlarrance@cox.net.

Steven R. Johnson, '92-1311, works at Ferguson Enterprises. "Relocating to Seattle area," he writes, "and would love to get in contact with anyone up here." He now lives with his wife, Heather ($\text{IIB}\Phi$), and their children, Evan (9) and Claire (7½), at 1112 274th Pl. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075 (425-961-0142; steven.johnson@ferguson.com).

2004 Honor Roll of Contributors

In 2004, Sigma Chapter donors have been unusually generous. As of December 1, 97 of you have contributed a remarkable total of \$10,794. Everyone associated with Theta Chi at OSU is deeply grateful. In addition, \$8,113.30 has been given in memory of **Matt Smith, '99-1463**, former chapter president who died last spring. When you read Roger Rollins's article on page 2, you'll understand how critical it is to the future of the chapter that such giving levels be sustained or even increased in 2005.

Name	Init Yr. & No.	Name	48	481	Name	61	707	Name	80	1032
Frank W. Dedman	29 159	John A. Ielmini	48	481	Gilbert N. Miller	61	707	Leonard C. Sloper	80	1032
Curtis C. Tigard	29 160	Donald C. Wilson	48	484	Robert K. Russell, Jr.	62	712	Rodney W. Copeland	82	1070
Oliver W. Miller	32 185	Ray Ruckert	48	489	Robert T. Mitchell	62	714	David A. Smith	83	1090
<i>in memoriam</i>		Ernest W. Templin	48	493	Arthur L. Smith	62	715	Michael H. Portwood	84	1120
Murel A. Long	35 222	David P. Wilson	49	498	Dwight J. Matson	62	719	Torri E. Lynn	84	1128
Frank H. Allhands, Jr.	36 230	William E. Young	49	500	Charles D. Mosher	62	722	Greg M. White	85	1140
Walter H. Stastny	36 234	Earl W. Hannen	49	503	Steven L. Senders	63	732	Mark A. Marxer	86	1159
George D. Shambrook	37 235	Fred C. Schubert, Jr.	49	511	Keith I. Johnson	63	735	Jeffery P. Hough	86	1169
Robert W. Jensen	37 240	Donald A. Noon	50	515	Michael L. Hornbeck	64	748	Patrick G. McDowell	86	1174
Hollis D. Brown	39 268	Edwin W. Nelson	50	526	Greg P. Jacob	64	749	Robert A. Beal	87	1175
L. Rex Hiatt	40 285	Norman L. Wyers	51	549	Verlin R. Rhoades	64	758	Tyler W. Cox	88	1199
Herbert T. Osborne	40 288	Timothy D. Garrett	53	566	Steven E. Wall	66	781	Spencer A. Clarke	88	1209
Robert L. Kruse	41 309	Charles E. Carlbom	54	577	Stephen B. Jolley	66	784	Craig A. Keudell	89	1224
Reginald D. Fifer, Jr.	42 346	George H. Caspar	54	585	David W. Hittle	69	833	Stephen W. Schmidt	89	1225
Bruce K. Nichols	43 379	Norman L. Myers	55	604	Robert C. Byrne	69	834	Derek B. Lawrence	89	1226
William H. Wright	43 380	Donald P. Reiling	56	623	Thomas S. Jackson	70	848	Eric N. Bergemann	89	1231
George E. Carlon	43 393	Richard C. Goheen	57	629	Bradley D. Hagedorn	70	850	David S. Wright	89	1234
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John C. O'Brien	47 452	Jared L. Black	58	660	Brian N. Sommer	71	867	James V. Decker	90	1258
Ellsworth D. Purdy	47 458	Jack I. Hamilton	58	662	Keith A. Peterson	72	878	Noah S. Berryman	90	1269
James L. Apperson	47 460	William A. Lamb	58	667	Gregory A. Parrott	73	891	Steven R. Johnson	92	1311
Edward J. Campbell	48 471	Roger L. Rollins	59	683	Steven D. Mullins	78	985	Brian C. Patridge	92	1325
Richard M. Thurin	48 475	John W. Reed	60	693	Rorie T. Leone	79	997	Mathew B. Smith	99	1463
		Roger S. Mack	61	706	Alexander Velicki, Jr.	80	1019	<i>in memoriam</i>		