



## An Occasion to Remember: *Dad's Weekend 2005*



**Roger Rollins, Alumni Board secretary, gave an overview of Theta Chi history and traditions for the undergraduate brothers and their fathers on Saturday morning of Dad's Weekend.**

Sigma Chapter of Theta Chi hosted Dad's Weekend November 11-13 with a variety of events. The weekend started with the "Theta Chi Poker Tour" Texas Hold 'em tournament on Friday night. Fourteen players battled long into the evening, and cash prizes were awarded for first, second, and third place, and first out. Thanks to Dave Zaradnick, James Underwood, and Matt Peterson for dealing the cards. Congratulations to first place winner Spencer Adkins. We hope to make this an annual Dad's Weekend event!

Saturday morning we were joined by Roger Rollins, of the Sigma Chapter Alumni Board, for a breakfast meeting. Roger gave an overview of Theta Chi history and traditions for the dads and brothers in attendance. He also outlined some of the goals the Alumni Board has for repairing and refurbishing the fraternity house. Thanks to Steve Bizon, father of Ryan Bizon, for offering to chair the newly

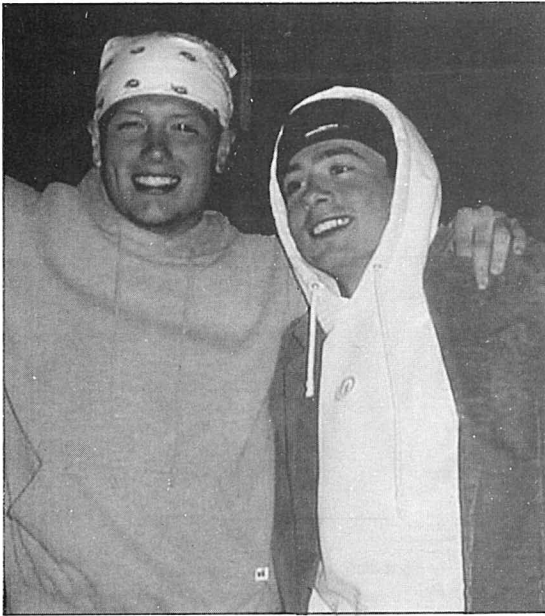
formed Dad's Club, which will help provide some needed support for the house. Later that afternoon, the chapter sponsored a pre-game barbecue, and then most dads headed off to the Beaver-Stanford football game.

Many dads straggled into Sunday's brunch, after enjoying a night of "bonding" at the Live-Out party the night before. A fantastic buffet was prepared by our "Chef for the Weekend," Tim Krevanko (stepdad of Parker Craig), and after a little coffee and eggs, everyone seemed ready to face the day and the drive home.

Thanks to all the dads (and moms) who joined us for the weekend — we enjoyed having you as our guests and hope you come back soon! Special thanks to Tim Krevanko, who took time off from his job as a professional chef to prepare four meals (complete with tablecloths!) for Dad's Weekend. We appreciate the support from all of you! — *Parker Craig*

### ***New Resident Advisor***

Hello, all alumni and readers of *The Tattler*. Allow me to introduce myself: I am the new acting resident advisor of Sigma Chapter of Theta Chi. I graduated from Oregon State in 2003 and was an active member of Sigma Chapter during my undergraduate years here. I view my recently acquired role in the chapter as an exciting opportunity and hope to bring experience, guidance, and support to the undergrads as they embark on their journey through college. My plans are to help organize our chapter's recruitment efforts throughout the year, and at the same time provide the needed guidance to maintain the many traditions that make this chapter great. PTBAB, — *Garrett Gonzales, '99, Sigma 1455*



Ben Auxier posed for this photo in 2003 with pledge brother Jeremy Steinberger.

## A President's Farewell

My experience as president of Sigma Chapter has taught me more in a year than four years of college classes. As I leave my presidency at the end of this year, I will also be leaving my alma mater. It has been quite a ride. When I first moved into the house as a freshman in 2003, the house was in disrepair. Ceiling tiles fell down, heat wasn't an option, and there weren't even enough chairs for a formal dinner. Now, we have enough chairs, the bathrooms have been remodeled, and the heat actually works — the fraternity house is livable again.

Two blocks south of the house in 2003, tuition was 50 percent of the cost that it is now, the dorms were outdated, and Reser Stadium held about 35,000. Today, however, OSU has the Kelley Engineering Building, a remodeled Reser Stadium, and remodeled dorms. Weatherford Hall has been renovated, and a new dorm, Halsell Hall, has been built. The university has also built a parking garage and constructed the Valley Indoor Football Center, and completed numerous other remodels.

Although some alumni stay active in the Fraternity, not enough do. As OSU continues to grow and provide new housing for its students, Sigma Chapter of Theta Chi remains stagnant. If we want this chapter to be around for future generations, then we all need to do our part in providing housing that rivals the dorms and other fraternities. In closing, I extend thanks to those alumni who have remained active in the fraternity, doing their part to ensure its presence for another hundred years. — *Ben Auxier*

### Poker Night:

During Dad's Weekend, Theta Chi dads and their sons played poker well into the night.



### Dad's Weekend Breakfast (below)

featured a Theta Chi fruit basket fashioned from a fresh watermelon.



### E-Mail Database Update

Attention, all Sigma Chapter alumni! We are attempting a mass update of our alumni e-mail database. We would greatly appreciate it if you could send an e-mail with your name and address to Sean Hanrahan at [hanrahse@onid.orst.edu](mailto:hanrahse@onid.orst.edu), and please copy [addresses@comcoa.com](mailto:addresses@comcoa.com), if you haven't already done so. Thank you for your help, and don't forget to stop by Sigma Chapter's Web site at [www.osuthetachi.com](http://www.osuthetachi.com).

### From the Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center Newsletter:

**May 14, 2005:** The Theta Chi Fraternity from OSU volunteers for the weekend and chops 8 cords of wood and digs .3 miles of ditch along the road. Muscles are put to use after a long school year.

**PLEASE NOTE!** We are always looking for great men to become brothers of Sigma Chapter. If you know of any men who are students at Oregon State or who may be planning to attend OSU within the next year, please e-mail our recruitment chairman, Kevin Haselwander, at [haselwak@onid.orst.edu](mailto:haselwak@onid.orst.edu).

## Alumni Board Report

The traditional Homecoming meeting of the Sigma Alumni Board was held on Saturday, October 29, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapter House. The Alumni Board is diligently working on improving Chapter finances, operations, and fraternity practices. This past year has seen significant improvements in both Chapter operations, and your Alumni Board. Larry Kampfer, Garrett Gonzales, and Shaun Harris have joined the Board as Members at Large. Garrett also serves as the Chapter's resident advisor, while Larry will be assisting Board Treasurer Hank Johnson. Board President Steve Wright has agreed to continue as Board President. Roger Rollins will remain Secretary, and Gil Miller will remain a Member at Large. Among the improvements in the Chapter operations are the following:

- Anderson Group (Hank Johnson) CPA firm has been asked to increase their involvement in Chapter finances by managing housing contracts, disbursements, and collections. Financial controls have been tightened. All undergraduates are now required to sign a housing contract with a guarantor, thereby minimizing future collections problems.
- Recruitment is up. See the list of new recruits who signed for the fall term on page 5.
- Chapter grades have improved dramatically, with the house GPA now above 2.7 and expected to climb further with a solid scholarship improvement plan in place.
- Significant interior painting and some exterior painting has been accomplished over the summer, and the house is cleaner than it has been in years.
- The organization has improved substantially. Officers are asked to develop measurable goals, monitored by the Alumni Board.

Despite these improvements, the Chapter still has major challenges:

- Over the last two years, several undergraduates defaulted on house bills, thereby requiring the Alumni Board to subsidize the operational budget. While the Board expects the shortfall to be recovered through a combination of collection efforts, and payments from the current undergraduates, a consequence is a delay of the long-awaited Capital Campaign.
- With a delayed Capital Campaign, alumni contributions become even more critical. While the donations we have received have enabled the Chapter to weather the transition from a wet to dry house, and address the most critical repairs, the amount received from our alumni base is smaller than other chapters on the OSU campus. If every Sigma alumnus were to contribute even \$25 per year, the impact could be tremendous.
- The Alumni Board continues to need greater participation. Other fraternities at OSU routinely have eight to ten members on their alumni boards. Sigma's Board, even with the latest additions, has only seven members.

The key differentiator among Greek organizations in today's environment is the strength of alumni involvement. Strong chapters invariably have broad participation on their boards, and deep, consistent, financial support through annual contributions. **Your Alumni Board continues to work tirelessly to sustain the Chapter's future; however, we need more help. We urgently ask every Sigma alumnus to consider how the Chapter has influenced your success in life, and how you can reward that influence, by lending an assisting hand to the current organization.** — Roger L. Rollins, '59



## “The General” Returneth

Sometime in the early days of Sigma, perhaps close to its founding year, a cast-iron bank in the malevolent image of US Army General “Blackjack” Pershing became the Chapter's official table manners fine repository. The bank was originally cast in 1916, undoubtedly to commemorate Pershing's role as commander of U.S. forces in World War I. Perhaps it was just a chance selection at the time, or perhaps its choice was symbolic, because older alumni have stated that the original protocol for Sigma table manners resulted from combining West Point's dining room plebe regimen with Emily Post's Rules of Etiquette. In any case, the General served faithfully for many years as the stern disciplinarian to countless Sigma men who erred by using the wrong fork, or spooned their soup improperly. Unfortunately, sometime in the past, the General disappeared. The present undergraduate members have instead been using a small bank that they call “The General,” but have no memory of where the namesake went. Alas, yet another tradition of the glory years appeared to be lost.

Lost, but fortunately, not irretrievably. Through the power of the Internet, another copy of the original bank was secured. On Homecoming Saturday, October 29, the General was returned to the Chapter to coincide with renewed emphasis on table manners, etiquette, and social preparation for life after college. **Please join us in celebrating his return, and reminisce about the days when the original General strode the dining room tables with unchallenged authority.**

It's good to know that some of the best traditions don't have to die, but can gain a second life, thanks to the power of the Internet. — Roger Rollins, '59



*Happy New Year, Brothers of Sigma Chapter!*



## Do You Recognize These Pictures?

Do you know the Theta Chi brothers in this picture? There is a hint on the back of the photo — the year is 1989. And where are these brothers now? Send your comments to the Alumni Office at [comcoa@comcoa.com](mailto:comcoa@comcoa.com), or use the "Tattle Tales" news note form enclosed with this newsletter.



This photo, which looks like it was taken in the den or the living room in front of the fireplace, now hangs on third deck in room 14, and it has been there as long as any of the undergraduates can remember. The back of the picture has nothing but the word "Squires" written on it in pencil. If any alums know the story behind this photo, please send it via e-mail to [comcoa@comcoa.com](mailto:comcoa@comcoa.com) or use the "Tattle Tales" form and post paid reply envelope enclosed with this newsletter. Your comments will be published in the next issue of *The Sigma Tattler*.

## Recruitment Report

The Sigma Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity recently concluded a successful summer recruitment by welcoming several new pledges into our ever-expanding brotherhood. Throughout the summer, recruitment chairmen Josh Barr and Kevin Haselwander held numerous events with several incoming students, and with the help of all the brothers in the chapter, we were able to pull in the new pledges listed below. Each of them has the drive and determination to continue the long-lasting tradition of excellence that Sigma Chapter has brought to the campus of Oregon State University.

This summer's events included camping trips throughout the state, rafting, sporting events, and much more. Although the summer is past, we here at Sigma Chapter know that rush is a year-round job, and we continued to hold events throughout fall term in order to find the best men that Oregon State has to offer.

If you know of any men who might be good candidates for our brotherhood and might be interested in a fraternity, we strongly urge you to contact recruitment chair Kevin Haselwander at [haselwak@onid.orst.edu](mailto:haselwak@onid.orst.edu). We will get in contact with all potential brothers recommended by our alumni, whether the students are already at Oregon State or they plan to attend within the next year. Recruitment can and will improve with the help of all Sigma brothers. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to hearing from you. — *Kevin Haselwander*

### Welcome to Theta Chi:

Brian Marshal Sexson .....	Corvallis, OR
Christopher James Pierce .....	Warrenton, OR
Jered Bearson .....	West Linn, OR
Rhett Stanley .....	West Linn, OR
Bryan Edwards .....	West Linn, OR
Chad Robert Patton .....	West Linn, OR
Jason Griffin .....	Corvallis, OR
Travis James Roth .....	West Linn, OR
Marco Hebley .....	Corvallis, OR
Donovan Ginst .....	Corvallis, OR
Brandon Taylor Armatas .....	Corvallis, OR
Jesse H. Ervin-Combs .....	Waldport, OR
Robert Charles Moreau IV .....	West Linn, OR

## Obituaries

**Gordon P. Lowe, '39-259**, a longtime resident of Sammamish, Washington, died June 5, 2005. He was 86. Born in Portland, Oregon, in 1918, Gordon earned a degree in electrical engineering at OSU and was offered a job by the Boeing Company in his senior year. He moved to Seattle and began a long career with Boeing as an electrical engineer. He worked on some interesting projects, such as the Mariner-Venus-Mercury space probe and the Minuteman Missile. His most memorable project was that of flying in a B-17 bomber at an altitude of 44,000 feet, breaking the current world record. Gordon retired in 1979 so he could spend more time traveling and pursuing his favorite pastime, hiking in the Cascades. He had a love of the outdoors; many people remember him jogging along the Sammamish Parkway or water-skiing on Lake Sammamish.

He was an active member of King County Explorer Search and Rescue and was instrumental in setting up and maintaining their training courses as well as participating in many searches. He was an active member of his church and community, and will be remembered as a gentle man and a good neighbor. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Clarkia "Corky"; his sons, Walter, David, Andy, and Kenneth; his daughter, Leanna Crockett; and eight grandchildren.

**Richard W. "Dick" Adams, '63-737**, of Birmingham, Alabama, died May 17, 2005. He had been diagnosed with cancer nearly 10 years ago. Dick graduated from OSU in 1964. He was an entrepreneur, founding and developing a number of successful small businesses and investment ventures. His church was important in his life: he had served as an elder of the Vestavia Hills Church of Christ in Alabama since 1997, and as a deacon at the 160<sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ in Portland, Oregon. He is survived by his wife, Sharron Miles Adams; his children, Melinda Sapp and Matthew Adams; five grandchildren; his parents, Wilbert and Ida Mae Adams; and his brother, James.

## Tattle Tales

**Frank W. Dedman, '29-159**, celebrated his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 23, 2005. Retired since 1985, he is a member of Shriners, Scottish Rite, and Grandfathers. Frank has a son, William (65), and two daughters, Margie (61) and Gail (59). His wife, Helen, passed away in 2000. "It's always a pleasure to hear from the members. The best always to you," he writes. Frank lives at 601 Feature Dr., #223, Sacramento, CA 95825, and his phone number is 916-925-3877.

**Hollis D. Brown, '39-268**, and his wife, Rena, live at 7108 Daisy Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, and receive phone calls at 916-721-9980. They have a son, Jeff. Hollis is involved in the Shriners Children's Hospitals.

**Bruce K. Nichols, '49-379**, writes: "My contribution is a result of receiving the Spring 2005 *Sigma Tattler* with its good news of improving grades, house improvements, and philanthropy. There was also some sadness, with news about the passing of **Bill [William H., '47-457] Peterson**, **Ollie [Oliver L., '49-502] Grimes**, and **Les [Lester B., Penn St.] Strickler**." Bruce retired as financial manager of the Hyster Company. He and his wife, Esther (Lewis & Clark), are parents of Robert (51), Mary (47), and Kathleen (43). Contact Bruce at 12225 SW Ninth St., Beaverton, OR 97005.

**Edwin W. "Swede" Nelson, '50-526**, and his wife, Evelyn, live at 4769 Mallard Ct., Paso Robles, CA 93446, and their phone number is 805-238-7228. Swede wrote in the Spring 2005 *Tattler* that he had received a phone call from **John Aikenhead, '50-517**, who also lives in Paso Robles, and they were planning to get together. "We got together for lunch with John and his wife, Betty. **Jim Fisher ['50-518]** and his wife, Mary, showed up, too. [The Fishers live in Concord, California.] We had a great time." Swede continues to be active in the Elks and American Legion; he is also wagonmaster for a group of Lockheed retirees who enjoy RV travel. He and Evelyn have one son, Eric (47).

**Jack Pratt, '53-561**, reports: "I visited **Ken Kerri ['54-582]** in Sacramento, California, May 27, '05. Had reunion with **Jim Mori ['54-595]** and **Ralph Wells ['53-571]** at the Village in Mammoth Mountain during JAZZ on July 15, '05. They are all doing very well, and we invite others to join us in Sacramento next May." Jack is an electronic warfare operations analyst with Northrop Grumman. He says he is a "conservative Republican supporting our military (all), especially our war fighters in Iraq and Afghanistan." He and his wife, Nancy, live at 868 Valley High Ave., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362; 805-497-8137. They raised a family of three: Julie Brown is with GM at Mammoth Mountain,

Ken Pratt is a builder, and Janine Salandi is with GMAC Commercial Real Estate, Pasadena Division. Jack receives e-mail at jackandnancy2@adelphia.net.

**Donald P. Reiling, '56-623**, is an attorney. He and his wife, Linda, live at 1892 NW Eagles Nest Cir., Albany, OR 97321. They are the parents of five: Alice, Tom, Mike, Darla, and Dan. Call 541-967-7507 or send e-mail to dlreiling@msn.com.

**Roger L. Rollins, '59-683**, is a member of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, and he lists his interests as sports cars, European travel, and photography. He and his wife, JoAnn (AΦ-Portland State), have twin sons, Brian and Steven (30). Contact Roger at 17621 Lake Haven Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97035; 503-635-2468; rogerrollins@comcast.net.

**Charles D. Mosher, '62-722**, writes: "We have fully moved to East Wenatchee. Less cost, less rain, less traffic, and great golf. I am still working on Puget Sound salmon recovery issues." Chuck is coordinator of the Tri County Salmon Recovery Coalition. Away from work, he is involved in the Columbia Grove Covenant Church and is a member of the Wenatchee Valley Country Club. Chuck and his wife, Betty (ΔΔΔ-OSU), live at 816 Briarwood Ter., East Wenatchee, WA 98802. Their phone number is 509-881-2736, and e-mail address is chuck@mosher.net.

**Gene R. Offord, '64-755**, who retired from the CIT Group after 27 years, writes: "I play golf in the summer, ski in the winter,

travel in the spring and fall, and attend all home football games. I retired two years ago, and I'm having a ball. Can't figure out how I ever had time to work. When you're in Eugene, give me a call at 541-484-0381." Gene and his wife, JoDell (AXΩ-OSU '72), live at 1732 White Oak Dr., Eugene, OR 97405, and receive e-mail at offord6323@comcast.net. They have a son, Casey (28), and a daughter, Jaime (25).

**James A. Murphy, '79-1001**, is CFO with Sea Port Insurance Company. He and his wife, Kimberlee, have three children: Ashlee (20), Andrew (16), and Arielle (14). The family lives at 4 Groveside Dr., Aliso Viejo, CA 92656. James lists his interests as NASCAR, boating, skiing, and marathons, and sends this message: "Do not forget 'Scott Jockers' Memorial." What's new with him? "More gray hair." Send e-mail to jmurphy@seaportinsurance.com.

**Maj. Brent Norquist (a k a "Rambo), '86-1160**, writes: "Moving again, this time to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Recently got back from 13½ months in Iraq. Happy to have made it home safe and to be back with my family. Semper Parvulus" Brent has served in the US Marine Corps for 16 years. He is married to Melissa (XΩ-OSU '88), and they have two children, Ashley (12) and Emily (8). Write to Brent at 103 E. Carrington Way, Jacksonville, NC 28546 or mbnorquist@earthlink.net.

**R. Brett Sturgill, '97-1426**, recently moved from Roseburg, Oregon, to 19874 SW Luree St., Beaverton, OR 97006.



## 2005 Honor Roll of Contributors

Thank-you, Sigma brothers! The 2005 program year concluded with 99 brothers contributing \$7,322.70 via the alumni communications program. As we begin the 2006 program, we sincerely thank you for your participation in the past year. Amid the challenge and uncertainty everyone faces each day, staying connected with friends and brothers becomes even more important. Your continuing support makes those connections possible through *The Sigma Tattler*. We hope to hear from many more of you in 2006!

Name	Init. Yr. & No.					
Frank W. Dedman	29 159	Francis V. Anderson	53	567	Thomas S. Jackson	70 848
Curtis C. Tigard	29 160	Ralph E. Wells	53	571	Bradley D. Hagedorn	70 850
Murel A. Long	35 222	Charles E. Carlborn	54	577	Cameron A. Curtiss	70 851
Frank H. Allhands, Jr.	36 230	Dallas O. Vestal	54	580	Gayle D. Harley	70 854
Robert W. Jensen	37 240	David F. Harra	54	581	Bud Hooker	70 855
Hollis D. Brown	39 268	Kenneth D. Kerri	54	582	Joe G. Allhands	72 885
Jack P. Martin	40 273	George H. Caspar	54	585	Gregory A. Parrott	73 891
Arthur L. Roberts	40 279	Norman L. Myers	55	604	Paul D. Traughber	74 914
Herbert T. Osborne	40 288	Donald P. Reiling	56	623	David J. Nitsch	76 961
Robert L. Kruse	41 309	Gene R. Wall	56	628	James A. Murphy	79 1001
Russell A. Beardsley	42 312	Richard C. Goheen	57	629	Leonard C. Sloper	80 1032
Reginald D. Fifer, Jr.	42 346	Robert D. Campbell	57	648	David G. Roberts	81 1051
Charles A. Boyden	42 357	Gary W. Hermann	58	658	James L. Grant	83 1087
H. Richard Westerberg	43 378	Jack I. Hamilton	58	662	Daniel J. Dunstan	83 1089
Bruce K. Nichols	43 379	William A. Lamb	58	667	David A. Smith	83 1090
William H. Wright	43 380	Donald S. Wirth	59	671	Douglas R. Faulkner	84 1121
George E. Carlson	43 393	Joe W. Moore	59	672	Robert D. Bollinger	85 1134
John C. O'Brien	47 452	Clyde B. Kernek	59	676	Mark A. Marxer	86 1159
Ellsworth D. Purdy	47 458	John G. Hunter	59	682	Brent R. Norquist	86 1160
James L. Apperson	47 460	Roger L. Rollins	59	683	Jeffery P. Hough	86 1169
Edward J. Campbell	48 471	John W. Reed	60	693	Christopher J. Lastition	86 1173
Richard M. Thurin	48 475	Robert K. Russell, Jr.	62	712	Spencer A. Clarke	88 1209
Robert G. Lium	48 482	Arthur L. Smith	62	715	Craig A. Keudell	89 1224
Donald C. Wilson	48 484	Dwight J. Matson	62	719	Stephen W. Schmidt	89 1225
Paul C. Buhler	48 488	Charles D. Mosher	62	722	Derek B. Lawrence	89 1226
David P. Wilson	49 498	Steven L. Senders	63	732	Michael D. Allgood	89 1227
Tom H. Cotton	49 507	Greg P. Jacob	64	749	Eric N. Bergemann	89 1231
Fred C. Schubert, Jr.	49 511	Gene R. Offord	64	755	David S. Wright	89 1234
Theodore E. George, Jr.	50 519	Bryon H. Van Fleet	65	773	Timothy A. Larrance	89 1239
Edwin W. Nelson	50 526	Steven E. Wall	66	781	Jon A. Heuberger	91 1277
Norman L. Wyers	51 549	Stephen B. Jolley	66	784	Brian C. Patridge	92 1325
Jack Pratt	53 561	Tom E. Estoup	68	813	Shaun S. Harris	00 1471
Timothy D. Garrett	53 566	David W. Hittle	69	833		
		Robert C. Byrne	69	834		