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Note from Jack Rex

As some of you know, I received the outstanding alumnus award from our national chapter at the Carlson Leadership Academy in February of this year. It was an honor to receive this award, especially in front of 700 Sig Ep brothers, including 10 from Ohio Kappa. But for me, it was not the highlight of the academy. The highlight was witnessing an initiation of a new brother.

Like many of you, I graduated many years ago, and have long forgotten the words and the meaning of our initiation ceremony. However, having been involved in close to 100 of them during the 70s, I found myself reciting the words as the current officers performed their parts. After the initiation, they performed the interpretation, or the meaning of the ritual, which basically repeats the ceremony, but also explains what all the words, symbols and gestures mean.

I was totally moved! It reminded me that the initiation ceremony was something far greater than joining a fraternity for four years of college. It was a ceremony on how to live your entire life. It reminded me that Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love were not just words, but a model for living and working with people. That ceremony applies to old and young, black and white, your relationships with your spouse, children, coworkers, friends and even yourself. I found myself flashing back over my entire life, disappointed with the times where I did not live up to its expectations, and proud of the times that I did. On Sunday, I went home with renewed energy. I found myself thinking about things I would continue to do, as well as thinking about changes I wanted to make.

I would recommend to any of our alumni, especially the older ones, to take the opportunity to witness an initiation, the interpretation afterwards, or both. Jump at the chance. You can do this at any local chapter house, or a district, regional, or national meeting. I guarantee that it will make you think about who you are, how you have lived your life, and how you want to live the rest of your life.

HFF

Jack Rex '79



Homecoming: Saturday, October 14

Falcon football vs. University of Toledo

10 a.m. | Annual Business Meeting at the house
All Alumni are welcome to attend!

12 - 4 p.m. | Social at the Falcon Plaza Bishop Room
Prize drawings, refreshments and fellowship - our annual tradition!

Donations 2002-2010: Thank you!

Excelsior (\$3000+)

Pat Ryan

Red Door (\$2000+)

Bill Kibler

Golden Heart (\$1000+)

Dennis Adams • Bob Cape • Mike Russo • Rob Thorndike • Dave Lacey • Gary Wilson • Brad Livingston • Don Harsch • Roger Day*

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Carlton Schooley • Craig Schuster • Rich Mueller

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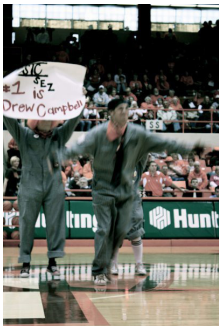
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Brothers (up to \$99)

Chris Cape • Leonard Spencer • Pete Mazilia • Mike Sullivan • Jason Gerard • Bob Coakley • Lawrence Barnes • Corey Flannery • Mike Hall • Tom Bayliff • Bob Lyons • Tom Hillhouse • Richard Barbato • Jay Burlingame • Michael Grimm • Cory Foluck • Robert Merkel • George Flake • Mark Lindsey • Dr. Earl Nissen • Lia Staff • Dave Ruda • Joe Frederick • Nate Green • Jeff Longwell • Steve Willeke • Scott Healy • Greg Herriman • Ron Coates • Ryan Cape • Benjamin Rowe • George Bucholz • Mark Sieber • Bill Brookes • Kurt Mellon • Steven Baldwin • Patricia Bresien • Alan Acheson • Bob Kollar • Eric Ishewood • Joe Tosh • Ralph Wells • Steve Russell • Frank Tombazzi • Rick Loverly • Pat Vogt • Trenton Gould • Richard Haugh • Roger Day • Mark Nichta • Francis Lyons • Tony Trent • James Merhar • Brian Baird • Jim West • Donald Jones • Mearle Guthrie • Michael Vank • Mike Mattauswch • Randy Knavel • Tom Walter • Rick Rogers • John Wise • Cliff Siehl • Randy McKinley • Brad Hitchings • Robert Wheeler • Richard Phinney • Scott Sherk • Victor Glassford • Paul Craycraft • Greg Mumper • Ray Russell • James Lautenheisen • Chris Klein • Jim Purtell • David Chambliss • Mark Jump • Tom Stellers • Sandra (Paul) Sage • Jarrett Deepwester • Tim Walton • Dave Coleman • Dave Waterman • Jeremy Green • Brendan Flaherty

*Roger Day passed away recently and left \$1000 for Sigma Phi Epsilon to be invested in the BGSU Foundation in the fraternity's name.

**John Hoge also made an "in kind" donation of \$2250 in the form of a pinball machine (Demolition Man) that adds some "old school" to the game room.



Congratulations to **Drew Campbell**, currently our undergraduate President, who was unmasked this spring as a member of SicSic. He joins a history of Sig Eps serving the university spirit team.

Others include: **Robert Taylor '52**, **Dennis Scott McGurer '64**, **P. Michael Curtis '74**, **Steve Curtis '77**, **Steve Shutt '80**, **Ron Coates '83**, **Jeff DeMuth '85**, **Steve Macionsky (Mason) '87**, and **Jason Peters '95**.

Undergraduates Ryan Gordon and Cody Stemen have volunteered to coordinate available internships of alumni and to match those with undergraduates who have interest in your particular area of expertise. If you have internship(s) that would benefit members of Ohio Kappa, please contact Ryan at rgordon0812@gmail.com or Cody at cstemen@bgsu.edu.

Brothers who recently passed

Richard Huss '50, Claremont, CA – Richard played in the marching band and graduated with honors from BGSU. He is survived by wife Phyllis, and sons Jeffrey and Kerry. His ashes were scattered off the coast of Newport Beach.

George Vincent "Vince" Klebacha '87 passed away in Scottsdale, AZ on November 12, 2010 at age 45. He was active in intramural sports and a member of the track team.

Dr. Roger Day, Keene, NH died on January 1, 2011 after a lengthy illness.

Updates

Bill Turner '64 Winter – 265 Barefoot Beach Blvd, #502, Bonita Springs, FL 34134 and Summer – 1428 Whitespire Ct., Naperville, IL 60565 | turner265@comcast.net

Dennis Mitchell '73 – mitchell.denny@att.net | Dennis recently moved to South Carolina.

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Sean Feeney '97 - 6689 Raers Creek Court, Loveland, OH 45140

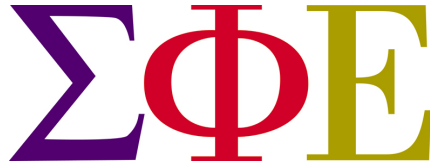
Note from Ron Parthemore

I received an email from Mike Russo (a pledge brother) on 12/26/10 after sending him a brick from the Sig Ep House with instructions "do not open until Christmas." He replied "I opened the package and found a piece of the home that meant so much to me, did so much to develop me for the real world, the home that I made so many friends for life. I explained to everyone who was with me what the brick was, what it represented and it is funny how such a common piece of construction material carried so many memories. Thank you very much for sending it to me. It is a thoughtful gift and one that will sit on my bookshelf forever."

Housing Update

Ohio Kappa is continuing to consider building our own house. BGSU has hired consultants to assist staff and evaluate all Greek housing and they have completed Phase I. A presentation was made to the Board of Trustees and to the Greek Alumni Advisors in May. Phase II began in June with endorsement from the University's board. Phase I included evaluation of Facility Need (all Greek housing was found to be substandard), trends in Greek membership (increasing across the country but decreasing at BGSU), and Program Review (BGSU has very good programming for Greeks compared to other comparable universities). Phase II includes stakeholder input, project location and financing options. The Ohio Kappa Alumni Board endorses these positive actions by the university and will be participating in the process.

Frank Tombazzi has set **Saturday, August 6, 2011 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at Shooters on the Water, West Flats in Cleveland for their annual reunion. Their plans include all Ohio Kappa alumni and many have already signed up on Facebook. See: Bowling Green State University: Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Frank Tombazzi for more information.
Hope to see you there!
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Sigma Phi Epsilon would like to thank the BGSU Alumni Association for getting our newsletter information ready for printing.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the undergrads for making it victory #38 in April at the **Kappa Kart/Beta 500 Race!**

Congratulations to **Pat Ryan '74**, who was recognized by BGSU with an Accomplished Alumni Award on Friday, May 13. Pat led BGSU's Foundation Board and is a member of the Presidents Club and Falcon Club.

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