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Central Ohio Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta

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Upcoming Events

Phi Delt Golf Tourney in August

By *Craig Grant '91*

Mark your calendar now for our **2005 PDT Golf Tournament** on Saturday, August 20! The cost of \$150 per person includes greens fees, golf cart, beverages (including canned beer) all day, and a barbeque dinner. The festivities start at 11:30 with a cash bar pre-party lunch (TBD), and a shotgun start begins at 2:30 p.m.

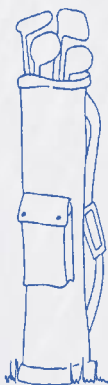
We are still working out the details of the contest and prizes (there may be a hole in one for an automobile!) We are also working on reserving a block of rooms at a nearby hotel for out-of-town Phis.

More information can be found on the website at www.pdtgolf.com. You can email your foursomes to me via the website or by calling 614-486-4380, and mail checks to: Craig Grant, 2365 Kensington Dr., Upper Arlington, OH 43221. I'm hoping to have a credit card

payment option online by May 1.

The tournament will be held at the Golf Club of Dublin, and there is a link to their website at our site.

Come back to OSU in August and reconnect with your Phi Delt brothers! ■



Chapter Advisor Report

All of Whom We Can Be Proud to Call Brother

Brothers,

This is the first article I have written for the *Buckeye Phi* in over four years. Then, the chapter seemed to be in a constant struggle – for members, grades, dues and alumni support. The guys in the chapter at that time were a hardworking, close-knit bunch that made commendable contributions to Ohio Zeta. We struggled to keep the character and traditions of the Fraternity intact. And, when we reported to the Alumni Board, our standard response was that we were “turning the corner.”

Now, that metaphoric corner has been lapped: the chapter membership has remained consistently near the top of all fraternities campus-wide; grades are approaching a cumulative 3.0 average (while emphasis has been increasingly placed on academics throughout the recruitment process); the accounts receivable is at a level which would be coveted in private business; and alumni support is manifesting itself. This progress can also be seen in the awards with which the University and Phi Delta Theta headquarters have been eager to recognize the chapter. Indeed, our Fraternity is healthy, thriving and strong.

To me, now a graduate student, it is heartening to have regular contact with the current group. I revel in the opportunity to participate in their meetings and intramural activities. In a way, the faces have changed (and there are a lot more of them), but the character has remained the same. They are a diverse collection of college men – scholars, athletes, musicians – all of whom we can be proud to call ‘brother’. If you have the occasion to interact with the active members, I think you will find a case of “the more things change, the more they stay the same.”

The house at 1942 Iuka, also, has stayed the same. While the landscape of Ohio State’s campus has constantly changed, our house has remained one constant in the community. It is the oldest surviving member of our Fraternity, and has witnessed some of our finest (and most unmentionable) moments. Though we may never live there again, we can and should always consider it to be our home at OSU. I encourage you to take the opportunity to help reinvest in our Fraternity in any way that you can.

Of course, this does not mean that you must only look to your pocketbook to aid the long-term viability of our Fraternity. To be sure, it is absolutely imperative that the undergraduates have a safe and economical living environment, which allows them to compete on equal footing with other fraternities. But the real foundation on which our chapter is built is our collective experiences, successes and networks. Too often I hear decisions being made at meetings based on “the way things have always been done.” So, whether it is at Founder’s Day in the spring, during football season or any time in between, please feel welcome to reach out and reconnect to Phi Delta Theta. The time is ripe for revisiting traditions and rebuilding the house.

Chris Detwiler #2340

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Then & Now

How much has Ohio Zeta and campus life changed over the years? Read below for some fun facts about life as a Phi Delt in the late 1940s compared to today.

Then...

(*Ned Barthelmas '50*)

What was the most popular hangout for OSU students?

Larry's Beer Bar on High Street.

Which fraternity was Phi Delt's biggest rival?

Sigma Chi.

How many brothers lived in the house?

About 25.

What was the biggest campus activity?

For me, it was being president of the Commence College Council.

What was the biggest trend in clothing?

Pleated flannel pants and cashmere sweaters. We wore coats and ties to our functions.

What was the most fun event that Phi Delt participated in?

New Year's Eve parties at the Penthouse and Leveque Lincoln Tower, with **Wilson Dumble '27** as our chaperone.

...and Now

(*Tim Gorman '06*)

What is the most popular hangout for OSU students?

The new ARC — the athletic center out west with indoor soccer fields, rock climbing, basketball courts and workout machines.

Which fraternity is Phi Delt's biggest rival?

Beta, without a doubt.

How many brothers live in the house?

There are currently 37 brothers living there.

What is the biggest campus activity?

Probably involvement in intramural sports.

What is the biggest trend in clothing?

People like to "pop" their collars, or wear them sticking up on golf and polo shirts. Many guys go along with wearing pink shirts with popped collars. Don't ask me why this is, as I don't personally wear pink. ■

Undergrad Report

By **Tim Gorman '06**

An Excellent Quarter Underway

Springtime is finally upon us, and the men of Ohio Zeta have hit the ground running with the start of a new quarter. The quarter looks to be awesome as we continue a very promising year.



Undergraduate brothers **Blake McMullin** and **Chad Griggy** work to repaint the hallways in the house.

The house has taken on a new look with new blue carpet installed in the hallways and the basement. The walls have been painted a light gray, and all the doors were painted blue.

The house has also been able to put through 21 new Phi Delt's in the past two quarters and looks to add many more this quarter.

Some events this quarter include Greek Week with Chi Omega, many intramural events and the KD Slapshot Tournament, and the trophy resides in the front room of the house on the hill.

The Ohio Zeta men are also looking to again repeat as a Gold Star chapter when the awards packets are sent to the mother chapter in early May.

Ohio Zeta continues to strive in ways to better the house and the men who call 1942 luka home. ■



The finished product!

It's the Great Pumpkins!

Humongous pumpkins grown by **Robert Liggett '62** took the 2004 honors at the Circleville (Ohio) Pumpkin Show, placing first and third among the great orange orbs produced by more than 30 competitors.

Liggett's blue-ribbon monster weighed in at 1,353 pounds, smashing the previous show record and coming within just 20 pounds of the all-time state record. For his efforts, he took home thousands of dollars in prize money.

The little town of Circleville (pop. about 13,500) is a big deal in the world of giant pumpkin competitions, and Liggett's huge entries each year are among the reasons. He also won the top prize in 2002, for what might now be considered a relatively puny 935-pounder.

The Circleville Pumpkin Show was founded in 1903 and is held downtown every October (of course). The event often receives worldwide publicity, and the many thousands of visitors come from across the U.S. and a number of foreign countries.

Liggett's amazing 2004 first-place winner has upped the stakes for the next Pumpkin Show, set for October 19-22, 2005. He and other growers expect the 2005 giants to reach well over 1,000 pounds, particularly if 2005 is another good growing year like 2004.

His techniques for nurturing pumpkins to monstrous proportions include drizzling molasses on the soil early in the season to encourage earthworm activity, which aerates the soil to benefit the roots, and feeding the plant daily once it gets growing.

To read more about the Circleville Pumpkin Show and Robert Liggett's winning entries, see www.pumpkinshow.com. ■



Admiring one of the big pumpkins are (L-R): **Ralph Williams '63**, **Phil Valentine '64**, **Robert Liggett '62**, **Jay Schoedinger '64**, **Bill Mielke '63** and **Bill McMenamy '62**.

2005 OSU Football Schedule

Sat., 9/3/05	Miami (Ohio)
Sat., 9/10/05	Texas, 8:00 p.m., ABC
Sat., 9/17/05	San Diego State
Sat., 9/24/05	Iowa
Sat., 10/8/05	Penn State at University Park, Pa., 7:00 or 7:45 p.m., ESPN or ESPN2
Sat., 10/15/05	Michigan State
Sat., 10/22/05	Indiana at Bloomington, Ind.
Sat., 10/29/05	Minnesota at Minneapolis, Minn.
Sat., 11/5/05	Illinois
Sat., 11/12/05	Northwestern
Sat., 11/19/05	Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Note: Home games are in **bold**. Many game times are not yet set and are dictated by television scheduling. All game times are local to Columbus, Ohio. ■

House Corporation Board

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Tom Oswald '71

Keith Davis '76

Jim Curphey '80

Mark Bernsdorf '77 ■

Donors to Date

The Central Ohio Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta would like to acknowledge the following brothers who have contributed to the 2004-05 giving year, which ends August 31. If your name is not yet on the list, please consider sending a donation in honor of your time as a Phi Delt. Contributions to the annual fund support our communications efforts, including *The Buckeye Phi*.

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Alumni Updates

Maurice C. Padden '52

(5552 Avenue Du Soleil, Lutz, FL 33549-2834) I am enjoying retirement north of Tampa, Fla. Janice and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in November. All five of our daughters participated. Our youngest is a lieutenant colonel, C-130 Squadron commander in the Desert War.

Thomas J. Eyerman '61

(680 N. Lake Shore Dr., Apt. 504, Chicago, IL 60611-4405) I was the chapter president who hired Mom Sandberg these many years ago. I remember it was a cold night when I drove over to her home for the interview. The house had a reputation as being comprised of "animals," and I wanted to have a housemother who would bring some dignity and calmness to the house. I was immediately taken with Mom Sandberg, and we talked at some length about the men in the house. Her son was a Sigma Chi, and she wanted to know if that was a problem; I assured her it was not. A few days later she called and accepted the position. In looking back, Mom Sandberg was just great. She instilled the house with a certain decorum, and everyone had respect for her. What a terrific housemother.

C. Craig Washing '62

(8355 Heathrow Downs, Montgomery, AL 36117-5155) Keep up the communications through the letters and especially *The Buckeye Phi*. I am finally going to do fulltime retirement now. I'll be staying in Montgomery and really look forward to my new life. Since I sit on a bunch of commu-

nity boards, I can continue giving back — now fulltime. Go, Bucks.

James A. Argo '64

(2915 Old Maids Ln., Pataskala, OH 43062-8875; jaargo2@aol.com) The year 2004 was consumed with my political campaign as I was a candidate for Licking County commissioner, and the experience was life altering. I lost but may run again. Meanwhile, I've returned to my day job, calling on companies with several metals/plastics lines. My first grandchild is due in July. Life is good.

David W. Priestley '78

(922 Mohegan, Birmingham, MI 48009-5667; david.priestley@plantemoran.com) Having had personal experience with running companies in financial difficulty, I am now a consultant advising companies in financial distress. Susan and I have been in the Detroit area for 21 years. Our sons, Danny (17) and Morgan (14), are both in high school. Danny just signed a letter of intent to swim for Stanford next year, and Morgan also is an excellent swimmer. My most recent competitive adventure of note occurred six years ago when I appeared on "Jeopardy." I am proud to say that I came within 73 games of Ken Jennings' record of 74 consecutive wins.

Robert G. Windesheim '92

(12189 N.W. 75th Pl., Parkland, FL 33076; robwind@comcast.net) Suzanne and I are proud parents of our first child. Bobby was born on November 19,

2004. We moved to Florida in February 2005, to start a new company, Emergency Vehicle Supply. If you need any lights and sirens, please give us a call.

Peter Bolek '94

(4116 Giles Rd., Moreland Hills, OH 44022-2001; pjbolek@hbaarch.com) My wife, Mikaela, and I have three children — Sydney (7), Perrin (5) and Elizabeth (7 months). I am a principal with the firm of Holzheimer Bolek Architects; we specialize in the design of public libraries and private schools.

Bruce Rothermund '90

(50 Northwoods Blvd., Columbus, OH 43235; bruce.rothermund.gbfg@statefarm.com) This photo of my wife Jill, daughter Gabby (age 3 1/2) and I was taken after last year's OSU homecoming parade. Gabby rode in the parade with my sister, Terri Copeland (Phi Mu '80). Terri was invited back as a representative of the Homecoming Court of 1979. Jill is a stay-at-home mom, and I own a State Farm Insurance agency in northwest Columbus. ■



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