

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 21
Homecoming 2006
 Penn State vs. Illinois

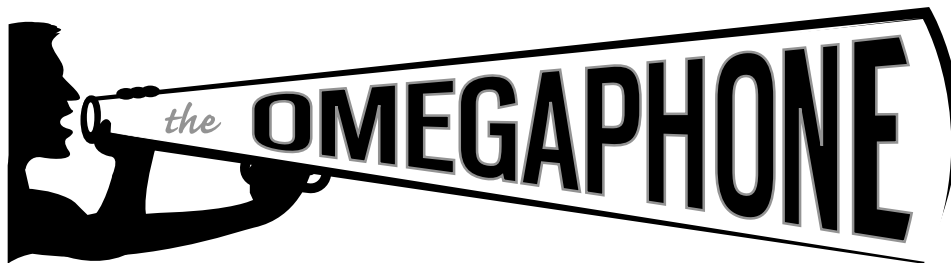
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Help Ensure the
 Future of Theta Chi at
 PSU by Volunteering
 Your Time and
 Talent as an Officer,
 Committee member or
 Class Captain**

**Increased Alumni
 Participation and
 Leadership is Critical to
 our Success**

We are currently looking for nominees to fill our open positions on the Alumni Board and for volunteers to serve as committee members and captains. A captain will work to develop alumni involvement from your pledge class, class year or geographic region. I can not emphasize enough how important it is for our alumni to get involved. We will function much more efficiently if we have enough human capital to administer to the needs of our chapter house and our alumni members.

We aren't expecting a huge time commitment from any one person; our goal is to share the work with many. For more information or if you or someone you know would like to lend a helping hand, please email oxomega@thetachiomega.com. This is your opportunity to give back to the organization that gave you so much during your college days! Volunteering for our fraternity is not only a rewarding experience for you, but also the active members and your alumni brothers, as your participation helps to secure the future of Theta Chi at Penn State.



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ALUMNI PRESIDENT UPDATE

Omega House and Alumni Association Undergo a Multitude of Changes in the Past Few Months and Set a New Course for the Next Year

Alumni Opinions and Involvement are Desired for the Development of Strategic Plans

As you may have heard, Omega chapter is in uncharted territory and facing some big challenges. This past semester, National had to step in and take over the financial and day-to-day operations of the chapter house. This action was necessary because the Borough was intending to foreclose on the property and house to pay off back taxes. This may sound like a bad situation gone worse but, in this case, it was a welcomed intervention.

Here is the reality we were facing: the borough taxes were three years in arrears, insurance two years in arrears and the house had a number of major physical plant issues needing to be brought up to code immediately. Specifically, we are required to add fire sprinklers throughout the house. All of these issues were clearly out of our current financial reach.

Luckily, our National Fraternity is strong enough to help us resolve our short-term financial problems and has taken over complete financial control of the chapter house. This summer they paid off the back taxes and insurance, took care of the first mortgage, finished code work on second floor, receiving bids for code work on the third floor, secured an accountant to collect rent and pay bills and hired a caretaker for weekly inspections of current construction and the house for any needed repairs.

However, National cannot fix our number one long-term problem: involvement from our alumni members. We are very grateful for the efforts and resources put forward by the few leaders who have served as alumni officers in the past. However, this minority's efforts were finally spread too thin. To

correct this we have to get a larger number of people to step forward and lend a helping hand to our fraternity through contributions of time and professional skills.

Along those lines, the alumni corporation is undergoing a complete overhaul. Current Alumni President **Dennis Foley '91** has resigned and other offices remain empty. Until full elections are held at Homecoming, the Board of Directors has appointed **Richard Maltz '90**, President and **Chris Burke '93**, Secretary. **Jim Stuhltrager '89** will be staying on as Treasurer. Please consider how you could support the organization as a volunteer and nominate yourself for an office, committee or captain.

To get things rolling, a small group of alumni have met this summer to brainstorm ways to improve the alumni corporation and get more alumni involved. The emerging theme: improve our overall communication and develop a plan to eventually take back ownership of the chapter house. We are committed to improving our alumni communication with regular *Omegaphones* newsletters (at least twice a year), continued use of the website (www.thetachiomega.com) and through e-mail newsletters.

In addition to thinking of ways that you can participate in these efforts, you can help out by sending us a financial donation right now. No matter what the size of your donation, it is much needed to gather forward momentum and greatly appreciated.

I want to thank all alumni for your continued interest in Omega Chapter. Get actively involved and keep an eye on the chapter and alumni corporation over the next

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year. You will be very happy with the direction taken and work completed.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming (Oct. 21st). Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering and with your questions,

concerns and insights to this situation. Any and all comments are welcome and appreciated.

Fraternally,

Richard Maltz '90

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By-Law Amendments Vote

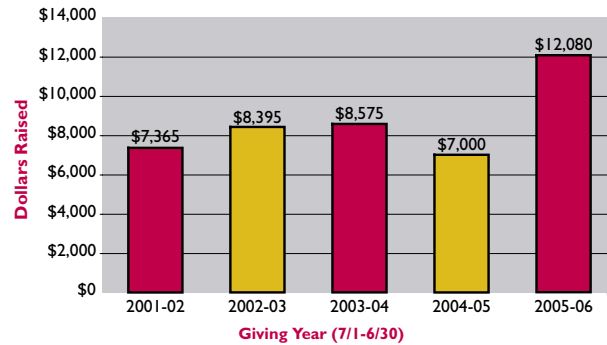
A total update of the by-laws has been proposed and will be voted on at the Homecoming meeting on October 21st.

You can read the current and proposed by-laws at www.thetachiomega.com/bylaws.html

Theta Chi of Penn State, Inc. Finishes Record Giving Year!

Thank you to the 125 alumni members who donated a collective \$12,080 in our 2005-06 giving year! This is the highest participation level we've seen in recent years, and we thank you for your support! Because of your participation, we are able to continue publication of *Omegaphone* and other alumni communications.

This chart represents our annual fund growth over the past several years. Show your support by making a donation – information available at www.thetachiomega.com/donations.



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ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

Ray Campfield '50

(4303 Aspen Hill Rd., Rockville, MD 20853-2827; rmcampf@aol.com) I have been retired for 18 years.

Richard Hill '58

(5822 Raphael Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92649; owlhd@earthlink.net) I would like to see **Alexis "Alex" Barron '60**.

'60s

Alexis Barron '60

(522 Cresheim Valley Rd., Wyndmoor, PA 19038-8409; mbarron@msn.com) I continue to be managing partner of Synnvested & Lechner LLP, a law firm specializing in intellectual property law and expanding into N.J. with the opening of another office in Princeton.

James Stalder '62

(1821 Woodlands Cir., Pittsburgh, PA 15241-2671; jamesstalder@adelphia.net) I have just "retired" for a second time. In 2000, following my 38 years with Price Waterhouse/Price Waterhouse Coopers, I accepted the Deanship of the Schools of Business at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. I completed my 5-year term as of June 30, 2005.

'70s

Reid A. Squier '79

(4 Beaman Rd., Sterling, MA 01564-2701) Completed a 120-day tour with my Air Force reserve unit in Kuwait where I was the executive officer of a contingency aeromedical staging facility. This was a small hospital where patients (including military working dogs) waited for medical flights out of the theater. It was a terrific experience thanks to the special members of our unit and the members of the other services who worked closely with us.

'80s

Kerry E. Becker '82

(44 Fry Cir., Port Matilda, PA 16870; kerry.becker@mascocs.com) I've been back in State College since 1991 and worked as owner/President of Thermal Plus of State College from 1991 to 1999. In 1999 I sold my company to Masco. I have been the General Manager since 1999. I have a wife, Debra, and 2 boys, Zach and Alec. We live

near Stormstown, about 10 miles from State College.

Timothy P. Dutcher '83

(3742 N. Woodrow St., Arlington, VA 22207-4322; tim.dutcher@navy.mil) Recently promoted to manager of the Outfitting Branch at Naval Sea Systems Command.

Adam E. Ruskin '85

(512 Gibraltar Ln., Foster City, CA 94404-3712; akuskin@comcast.net) I am working on developing three new cancer drugs that we hope to get on the market soon. I still love skiing, adventure racing, and now spending more time in Tahoe and traveling to Europe.

William Ross Jr. '86

(12 Greenwood Rd., Hopkinton, MA 01748-1182; rhinoross@aol.com) Wife- Carolyn. Two boys - Billy 14 and Bobby 9.

Paul E. Vassil '86

(906 Stonebridge Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601-1473; paulvassil@epuratahospital.org) We're doing well, staying out of trouble by working as a Family Medicine Physician in a growing suburban practice. I am enjoying the kids and trying to be as involved as I can with them. I also work a little extra in the Ephrata Community Hospital ER (interesting experiences!). As for brothers, it would be great to hear from or see any from my era. Any passing through Lancaster, please feel free to get in touch. My wife Maria is awesome at holding it all together, and the kids—Kyricki (8), Katerina (6), Markella (2) and Peter (2)—keep us moving.

James R. Koppersmith '88

(4613 Davenport St. NW, Washington, DC 20016; jkopper@hotmail.com) The last few years have seen some major changes. My wife, Vivienne and I had a beautiful little girl, Alexandra, on July 3, 2004. She is now busy terrorizing our dog, Kodi, as she learns to move around the house. We also moved from Capitol Hill to a single-family home near American University.

James M. Stuhltrager '89

(448 Post Road, Holmes, PA 19043; treasurer@thetachiomega.com) Will be heading up for the football games, please feel free to stop by our tailgate at space 2844, between the stadium and University Drive.

'90s

Chris Heidrick '91

(Box 1583, Ross, CA 94957; cheidric@ffic.com) We've recently moved to Ross, CA-

just outside of San Francisco- as I've joined the Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. as VP of Marketing. My wife Lisa (Walker) Heidrick (Alpha Phi '92) and I have two children: Sarah (6) and Jack (19 mos). We'd love to hear from **Tom Dymek, Jason Ross '92, Mike Stein '91, David Schrader '91, Mark Franz '91** and **John Fischer '91**.

Christian Koczur '91

(4932 W. Park Dr., Fairview Park, OH 44126; ckoczur@cox.net) My wife Heather and I celebrated our 12th anniversary. We have 2 children: Jonathan Daniel (16) and Eva Marie (6 mos). We keep in touch with **Robert "Rob" Kurek '92** who is living in San Francisco.

David L. Schrader '91

(652 S. Warren Ave., Malvern, PA 19355-2953; dschrader@sgarc.com) Opened Schrader Group Architecture in April 2004. Business serves residential, commercial, educational and public clients in and around Philadelphia and throughout the East Coast. I live in Malvern, PA, with my wife Jamie and our 15-month-old twins, Cooper and Sadie. I see **Mark Franz '91, John Fischer '91**, and **Mike Engleman '91**, regularly and would like to get together again with all of the pledge classes around mine.

Jason P. Ross '92

(500 Austin Street, Greensburg, PA 15601-4985; j.ross@hemphfieldarea.k12.pa.us) Celebrating my 6th anniversary with my wife, Heidemarie. We have two children, Nicholas Alexander (3) and Katelyn Marie (1).

Ronald Beadenkopf '93

(770 Beebe Rd., Niles, MI 49120-9703; brainzz_@yahoo.com) I just passed the six-month mark of a one-year tour with the Third Infantry Division in Baghdad, Iraq. This is my second tour in Iraq, serving this tour as Officer-in-Charge of Signals Intelligence for the division. My dream is to come back and visit State College again with some of my class of '93 brothers and see what's changed and what hasn't.

'00s

Matthew S. Keller '00

(113 Waverly Rd., Wilmington, DE 18803; msk152@hotmail.com) Upon June graduation from Jefferson Medical College, I began my transitional year residency at Christiana Hospital in DE and then will continue with a dermatology residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. My wife Karen and I are expecting our first child in February 2006.

Theta Chi Soars to the Top with GPA while Living “A Helping Hand” and Having Fun

Penn State Greeks and National Organization Bestow Numerous Awards on Omega Chapter

By Robert Blumstein '07 Omega Chapter President

Spring was a great semester for the brothers of Theta Chi. Out of the 47 fraternities at the University Park Campus, we ranked first in GPA, for the second semester in a row, with a 3.38. Leading the academic charge, 12 brothers were named to the Dean's list and **Michael Crawford** and **Max Staplin** maintained individual GPAs of 4.0.

In addition to devoting time to

schoolwork, many brothers are involved in other organizations on campus including: Boy Scouts of America, Blue and White Society, Kinesiology Club, and the Outing Club. We also have brothers on the Varsity Baseball and Volleyball teams and the Lacrosse, Fencing, and Gymnastics clubs.

As Brothers of Theta Chi we try and live our motto of “The Helping Hand”.

This is evident by the money raised and more than 400 hours spent in community service activities including the Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, World Aids Day, and visiting a Nursing Home. We raised around \$1200 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation through our KICKS tournament (Kids In Cooperation with Karing Students) and raised around \$11,000 for the Dance Marathon (THON).

We've been running

strong for almost three years now and are getting recognition for our accomplishments. At the annual Greek Oscars Awards Ceremony we took home four awards:

- Chapter Academic Achievement Award
- New Member Academic Achievement Award
- Leadership and Involvement Award
- New Member Education Award

And, at Theta Chi's 150th National Convention this summer, we were awarded the **Howard R. Alter Jr. Award** in 7 areas of Chapter operations and have set our sights on winning the complete Alter Award.

I hope this gives you an idea of the chapter's direction. We still have room to grow, but we are on our way to, once again, becoming one of the great fraternities at Penn State. I hope to see you back for Homecoming to visit us new guys, get reacquainted with old friends, and maybe share a few stories about the good times you had at 523 S. Allen St. Without your involvement we won't know about all the amazing things that happened here before us, and that would truly be a waste of history.

**More details on chapter accomplishments and activities can be found on our website www.thetachiomega.com.*



Brother Pontruz and Brother Ringelheim represent Theta Chi at the 2006 Dance Marathon.



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