

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blue-White Weekend/ Founder's Day

April 11-13, 2014

33rd Annual Theta Chi Open

May 2, 2014

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Eugene A. Whitehouse '53

(1516 Lynn Ave., Marquette, MI 49855-1635; ewhiteho@nmu.edu) Enjoying a quiet retirement and generally slowing down with age.

Evan Rosenberg '80 (65 Summit Dr., Basking Ridge, NJ, 07920-1960; evenrose@aol.com) I am just older, fatter and balder. Still working at Chubb. Two of my kids graduated from PSU, and one is a junior. My son was a PiKA, and my youngest has been on the THON committee for three years. I am still a season ticketholder and try to attend the annual golf outing. And I try to keep in touch with a few brothers.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Since our last publication, we have learned of the passing of the following brothers:

Charles F. Douds '53

William R. Kress III '60

Go to www.thetachiomega.com to read the full obituaries.



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THON UPDATE

Theta Chi Brings in \$20,282 FOR THE KIDS

It is a scene like none other. For those of you who have been part of THONs past, you know.

Where else can you go to experience the energy of a truly altruistic group of college students — complete with water pistols, balloons, games, plungers, hula hoops, crazy socks, line dances, pep rallies, inspirational speeches from some of Penn State's most notable personalities, incredibly choreographed performances and 46 hours of no sleep?

And it is all ... FOR THE KIDS ... to continue Penn State's 37-year tradition of saving children from the grip of pediatric cancer.

Thanks to our chapter's yearlong canning and fundraising efforts, we contributed \$20,282 toward Penn State's \$13,343,517.33 total that will be given to the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

On Saturday afternoon, Jay Paterno — former assistant football coach and son of Joe Paterno — paid a visit to the THON dancers. He summarized the impact of pediatric cancer



Evan Venice (L) and Jason Jonas

in a very powerful way. "A couple of weeks ago, I was in Hershey and toured the children's hospital. The woman who runs the Four Diamonds Fund was asked what the survival rate was. She said, 'We save four out of every five children here.' I couldn't bear to be without one of my five kids. Think about that. That is why you are here ... because we are going to make it five out of every five ... Every year you do this, we are knocking at the door a little more and a little more. In the very near future,

Penn State students are going to kick in that damn door."

As the crowd erupted in screams and applause, parents could be seen holding tightly to those THON children who have embraced



Ian Maxwell (L) and Niral Pokal

the hearts of our Greek community at Penn State. It is the power of hope ... hope for one more day, week, month or year ... that our chapter is helping to give to families across the state. We are fortunate to be part of such a life-giving effort at Penn State that does, in fact, redefine the possibilities.

Also speaking to the dancers was Penn State's newly appointed football coach, James Franklin. "Everybody thinks that what makes us special is the football stadium or the basketball arena. That has nothing to do with what makes us special. What makes us special is the people ... the people that understand we are part of something greater than just ourselves. We can make a difference in people's lives."

So, thank you to our dancers, brothers who stood by the dancers, captains, parents who attended, alumni who stopped by and the entire THON organization for its incredible support. This is why ... WE ARE PENN STATE.

For more pictures of our THON experience, a video of our performance and a video blog from the floor of the Bryce Jordan Center, go to the News section of our website, www.thetachiomega.com.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT

New Windows & Side Porch Highlight Our Latest Renovations

The capital campaign has been in full swing for the better part of three years with the mission to renovate the chapter house and allow the Omega Chapter of Theta Chi to remain a viable and leading force in the Penn State Greek community.

In those three years, we have raised \$202,814 in pledges and have already collected over half of that amount. I would like to again acknowledge and thank all those brothers who have made pledges and donated to the capital campaign. Their names can be found on the following page. Through your support, we have already been able to complete two large projects.

Window & Shutter Project

This renovation took place in late Spring 2012. The 30 original single pane windows — remaining from when the house was built in 1930 — were replaced with modern, energy-efficient double-pane windows.



The window frames were capped with aluminum sheathing. All the shutters on the front of the house, most of which were broken and cracked, were replaced.

Side Porch Project

This past fall, the side porch, which was in such bad shape that the borough threatened to condemn it, was repaired and given a major facelift. The concrete slab that was crumbling was repoured and sealed, the bro-



ken glass block in the barroom was replaced, the brick was repointed, the roof and railings were replaced and the French doors were replaced with ADA-compliant doors. Many thanks go to **Dave Schrader '91** for drawing up the plans and to **Jeff Damcott '93** and **Rich Bartnik '08** for working closely with the contractor on the job.

Look for more updates about how the campaign is benefiting our home at 523 South Allen Street. We hope you can find time to visit the house and see for yourself the progress that has been made. It's also not too late to make a pledge to the campaign. More info can be found on our website: www.thetachiomega.com/capital-campaign-summary.

Campaign Project List

(not in order of priority)

- Replace windows on first floor and second floor (completed in 2012)
- Replace exterior shutters (completed in 2012)
- Renovate the side porch (completed in 2013)
- Update the electrical system in the basement, first floor and second floor
- Renovate the second-floor bedrooms
- Paint, repoint and clean the exterior of the house
- Repair/replace the entry roof from parking lot to kitchen
- Renovate the first floor walls and floors
- Replace the water damaged concrete floor in the kitchen
- Renovate the basement bathroom (beginning during 7th Annual Alumni Work Weekend)
- Rebuild the bathroom on the first floor
- Renovate the stairs from first floor to second and third floors
- Install radiator thermostats
- ADA compliance (ADA work being done with each project)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT

Honor Roll of Campaign Donors to Date ... Thank You!

\$200,814 Pledged*

\$110,395 Collected*

Leadership Level (\$10,000-\$24,999)

Dr. Mark M. Burroughs PE '63
Richard J. Bartnik '67
Thomas W. Butch '78

Evan J. Rosenberg '80
William J. Ross Jr. '87
Bob Kramer '88

Christopher J. Bartnik '91
Christopher S. Burke '93

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George W. Chapman Jr. '49
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Robert C. Kennedy '50
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Travis M. Pulling '08
Timothy J. Uhrich '09
Michael B. Cronin '11
Peter M. Imler '11
Gabriel J. Rodriguez '11
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** Figures as of 3/11/14.*

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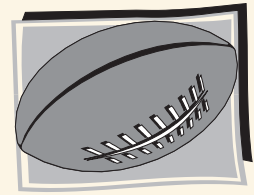
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- Campaign Project Progress Report

will once again be held at the house located in the Avalon/Stone Harbor area. No deposit is required. Payment will be due on the day of the event. Please go to the Events section of our website, www.thetachiomega.com, to send in your online RSVP.

This year's event will be held, as it is every year, on the first Friday in May (May 2). Back by popular demand is the Shoregate Golf Club, located in Oceanview, N.J. The first tee time is 11:00 a.m. Greens fees are \$79. A post-game banquet

3rd Annual Theta Chi Open

The Annual Founder's Day Weekend once again will be held during the Blue-White Weekend. The alumni meeting will be held April 12 at 5:00 p.m. at the chapter house. The Blue-White game kicks off at 1:30 p.m. The chapter will be hosting a barbeque and picnic at the chapter starting at 4:30 p.m. and will continue during and after the meeting for alumni, family and friends. We look forward to seeing you there.



Founder's Day & Blue-White Weekend 2014



Omega Pledges 15 New Members During Spring Rush

Following a productive spring rush season and Zone Day, we are please to accept 15 new pledges into the Omega Chapter. We take this opportunity to introduce you to these newest members.

(L-R) John Lin, Rory McGowan, Sean Curry, Cl Winand, Chapter President Mark Moseley, Nick Vassilakos, Joey Saylor, Ben Yaroslavsky, Patrick Hilling, Thomas Strnad, Mike Sibilia, Johnny Kwon, Derek Miller and Ryan Campbell. Not pictured: Mike Tabsoba and Connor Dekranis.

SPRING RUSH RESULTS