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Sage's Report: House Improvements, New Members, Ambitious Plans for Coming Year and 90th Anniversary



The 2013-2014 school year is off to a great start. Over the summer, we had the chapter house repainted and the landscaping improved. Thanks to the Parents Club and Mom's Weekend donations, the house looks much better, and really stands out when you drive down Harrison. We are pleased with the way it turned out.

We initiated six new brothers at the start of fall term, and all of them are going to be great additions to an already sterling brotherhood. These new guys are already involved with the chapter as chairmen or committee members. We are expecting an even larger initiation group in winter 2014.

In May 2014, we will celebrate Omega Chapter's 90th anniversary at OSU. We are planning a big event in Portland for the occasion, and all alumni are invited! Omega Chapter is working with the Cascade Alumni Club and the National Office to make this event, one for the ages. More details will be made available as the plans come together.

This term, we plan to compete in as many philanthropic activities and intramural sports as possible. We want to participate in every aspect of Greek Life, and will hold ourselves to the highest standards.

We finished last school year with a bang. We recruited the largest number of pledges during Spring Recruitment, won several philanthropies and intramurals, placed in Greek Week, and were among the top three fraternities in grades.

After filing our annual report with the National fraternity, we were recognized as one of the top three Sigma Pi chapters in our region, scoring just over 90% on the Gold Standard. We expect to achieve an even higher score on the Gold Standard this school year, and plan to earn the Grand Sage Award.

— Lanse Macke, Sage

The chapter house looks great with a new coat of paint! We also spruced up the landscaping over the summer. Improvements were funded by donations from the Parents' Club, and contributions collected over Mom's Weekend.

Six Spring Pledges Initiated In September

Following a successful spring recruitment, Omega Chapter initiated six men into Sigma Pi during the last week of September. The EC and the members did a great job of putting on and participating in the ceremonies, running them all very professionally. Each of the newly initiated members has great attributes that will strengthen the chapter. Once fall recruitment is finished, we will hold a pledge ceremony and, shortly afterwards, begin Pledge Education. Because recruitment is attracting large numbers of highly qualified men, we expect to have a very large initiation class in January.

— Sean Brown, Herald



Sigma Pi welcomes new pledges at Jump Day, Spring 2013.

Welcome, New Initiates!

We are proud to announce the initiation of the following new members:

888	Nathan Cherry Crandall.....	West Linn, OR
889	Cory Nelson Drucker.....	Mansfield, MA
890	Dylan Robert Musalo.....	West Linn, OR
891	Nicholas James Dailey.....	Sherwood, OR
892	Jackson Scott Handkins.....	Portland, OR
893	Erik Nathaniel Quintana.....	Madras, OR
894	Jackson Anthony Santee.....	Ashland, OR
895	Alexander Jon Venn	Portland, OR
896	Richard C. Wendt.....	Klamath Falls, OR

Philanthropic Success

During spring term, Omega Chapter participated in Kappa Alpha Theta's Iron Brawl, Kappa Delta's Mock Rock, Alpha Chi Omega's Swingers, Kappa Kappa Gamma's Pledge Bowl, and Tau Kappa Epsilon's Pledge Bowl.

We had the greatest success in Kappa Alpha Theta's Iron Brawl, a football tournament. We raised over \$800 dollars for CASA, and won both the football tournament and the overall competition.

We also participated in Oregon State University's Day of Caring for our ACE (Altruistic Campus Experience) project. The Day of Caring community events included park cleanups and maintenance of youth and public health centers.

Our members put in an average of more than 10 volunteer hours each during spring term.

— Greg Alen, Philanthropy Chair

Fall Recruitment Brings Pledge Class of 26

Fall Recruitment, which included such exciting events as a rafting trip in Maupin, Oregon, brought 26 new pledges to Omega Chapter. All of them appreciate what Sigma Pi has to offer, and are eager to embark on the journey toward full membership.

This pledge class includes some highly talented individuals. Kyle Peterson and Noah Peterson were both state champions in football at Lake Oswego High School, and Kyle won the Jim Putnam and Tommy Smith athletic awards. Chad Schoenborn was a national honor society member, and earned varsity tennis honors at Bend High School. Christopher Sanchez was a first-team all-league athlete in football in the California First Division for Temecula High School, and was Associated Student Body President.

While we are extremely pleased with the size and quality of fall term's pledge class, we plan to continue informal recruiting throughout the year, and ask our alumni for assistance. If you know any young men with the potential to be good members of Sigma Pi, please send their names and contact information to our rush Chairmen:

Mark Galati
503-593-8544
markgalati@gmail.com

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spencer Ingram@rocketmail.com
909-833-5603

Maintaining, Improving Academic Standards

Omega Chapter continues to succeed academically. With a chapter GPA of 3.07, we have maintained one of the highest averages among OSU fraternities. As we continue to bring more bright young men into our brotherhood, we will continue to lead in academics.

This term, we will again emphasize good study habits, requiring all members to participate in study tables. We want our younger members to be able to get help from juniors and seniors who have previously taken the same classes, and we want our freshmen and live-outs to spend more time in the house. This approach should both improve our grades and strengthen our brotherhood.

— Stephen Gilmore, Scholarship Chair

Omega of Sigma Pi Foundation

Cascade Alumni Club and the Housing Committee are excited to see membership increasing at Omega. The men of Omega have made great strides in making their chapter a leader on campus. Undergraduates always appreciate it when alumni drop by for events, and they hope to see many alumni at the 90th anniversary celebration in May 2014. More details will be made available as plans are solidified.

CAC is saving and planning for an update to the HVAC system at the chapter house. CAC would gladly accept any consultation from any alumni that work in the HVAC industry.

This winter/spring will mark the end of my presidency. Any one interested in joining the board and Housing Committee should contact me at e2alumni@gmail.com.

Fraternally,

— Phil Stoddard

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Omega Chapter Active in Campus Life



Left: Sigma Pi's team won the All University Championship in basketball.

Below: Our intramural team with the ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta.



Housing Committee Report

Our committee membership changed somewhat this year, as it does every year because of changes in the chapter leadership. The Sage and Third Counselor serve on the Housing Committee, so Lanse Macke and Mahbodd Ganjifard became members when they were elected to those positions. Skye Dahl retired as Treasurer, and Dennis Blew came on as our other member. In fact, Dennis was instrumental in our finding our new House Mother (now called Resident Advisor), Katie Johnson. After many e-mails between Committee members, Phil Stoddard hired Katie, and we are in a new era. A major change is that CAC, not the chapter, now employs our Resident.

The chapter had the house painted last summer and it looks good. They are working on landscaping improvements to the property. During the summer, they rented rooms to Sigma Pi members and others, keeping the house full and profitable.

We had planned on replacing the boiler and control system for house heat, but the cost has proven to be prohibitive (\$36-40,000) given the money available. So, we repaired the system and will hope for good luck until next summer. We expect to

have sufficient reserves to handle the cost by then. Further, we will have more time to find the optimum replacement.

It looks like the Chapter has markedly increased the number of members and pledges for the start of this school year. If they can continue to build membership, and if we can get by with no major improvements to the house, we will probably be able to declare our financial problems of the last four years a thing of the past.

— Jim Wikander
Chair, Housing Committee

Obituaries

Wallace W. Hickerson, '53-237, of Prosser, Washington, passed away on February 17, 2013. Born in McMinnville, Oregon, in 1934, Wally graduated from the University of Oregon in 1958 with a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering, Hydraulics. He enlisted in the Army, following the patriotic example of his father, who served in both WWI and WWII, and his brother, who served as a Marine in WWII. He was in the Core of Engineers bridging battalion in Germany from 1959-1962, bridging the major rivers in. Wally opened an engineering company in the Tri-Cities in

1980, at a time when all the other companies were leaving town. He was active in economic development throughout the Tri-Cities, but focused on the Pasco economy. During the depression of the 1980s, Wally -- with several other business people and the Port of Pasco -- started the Products Industrial Exhibition, which allowed over 120 businesses exhibit their locally produced products. He helped the city obtain permits for the beginning of the industrial waste water treatment plant and worked on the design of the facility. He worked tirelessly to obtain grants and taxes to build the TRAC in Pasco. He was member of the Tri-Cities Sunrise Rotary and the Kennewick Lions Club. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Eunice Hickerson; his daughter, Kathy Eskandani; sons Larry and Ken; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



Dr. Richard A. Hill, '53-238, passed away at his home in Ashland, Oregon, on March 22, 2013. Born in Klamath Falls in 1934, Richard married Joan, his high school sweetheart, in 1953. After his mother's death from polio in 1952, Richard left college at Oregon State University to farm with his father, Ralph. He later farmed and ranched in Bonanza before he, Joan, and the kids moved to Pullman, Washington, where he completed his doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 1969. After practicing a year in Hillsboro, Oregon, Richard and family moved to Ashland, where he practiced until his retirement in 2006. He treated animals large and small, wild and domestic, ostriches and emus. An avid sportsman and conservationist, Richard hunted, fished, hiked, rafted, canoed throughout Oregon and the Northwest. In 2009, he joined his son's family and all of the grandchildren for another Bowron camping adventure in British Columbia. Richard loved following high school sports, particularly the Ashland Grizzlies and the Miami Heat with his daughter, Lois. He is survived by Joan; children Lois, Sharon, and Russell; and four grandchildren. A daughter, Susan Beth, preceded him in death.

James "Marshall" Cornett, '56-260, of Hood River, Oregon, passed away September 7, 2013. Marshall was born in 1937 in Manchester, Kentucky, and moved with his family to Oregon's Klamath Basin at age 6. Marshall attended 12 years of school in Malin, mak-



ing lifetime friends and participating in sports, FFA, and 4-H. At Oregon State University, he joined ROTC, graduating in 1960 with bachelor's degrees in agricultural engineering and business. After graduation Marshall worked for Crown Zellerbach. He soon returned to the Klamath area to help his parents with their farm, and worked at First National Bank. In 1962 he joined the Army, completing Officer Candidate School in Oklahoma. After service as a first lieutenant in Military Intelligence, he pursued a long career in banking. He worked in the areas of agricultural lending, international banking and regional management for First Interstate, Wells Fargo and Columbia River Bank. In 1973, Marshall married the love of his life, Cheryl (ΔΔΔ-OSU), and became an immediate father to her three girls, adding another daughter to the family in 1975. They lived in Beaverton, moved to Hermiston in 1976, and settled in Hood River in 1985. Marshall was a member of Rotary, Shriners, Elks, the hospital board, food banks, and the Episcopal Church. He and Cheryl traveled all over the world. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, tennis, golf, and attending sporting events. Marshall is survived by Cheryl; daughters Lori Comer, Shila Henderson, Amber Schmitt, and Trisha Coy; 19 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Alumni Notes and Quotes

Edward D. Geer, '49-203, "had back surgery last year, and finished a long consulting engagement on the new California self-anchored suspension bridge. I am a member of AISC, ASCE, and Tau Beta Pi. Most important to me is being a Christian and hearing my son, Stephen (58) give mass." "Jack" also has two daughters, Lynda (54) and

Tricia (51), seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Write to him at 17325 SW Parrett Mt. Rd., Sherwood, OR 97140 (503-825-1508; edgjack@comcast.net).

Robert N. Dobbins, Jr., '50-213, is "retired and living near Charlotte, North Carolina, on Lake Norman. My wife, Mimi, and I recently celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. We have three kids and eight grandchildren. We are in good health and enjoying retirement life. Write to us at 9680 Riviera Dr., Sherrills Ford, NC 28673. Send e-mail to bobmimi9680@charter.net."

Kenneth L. Rice, '67-386, has "finally retired (again) from American Airlines. I'm still doing final touches on my Lancair Legacy, but have been flying it for about a year and a half." Before joining American Airlines, Ken was an Air Force pilot. He and Donna receive mail at 5840 N. Via Verdosa, Tucson, AZ 85750 (kenrice@msn.com).

David R. Derlacki, '71-434, writes: "My nephew, **Taylor Derlacki**, is a brother in Omega Chapter. Any other multi-generation Sigma Pis out there?" Write to Dave at 3805 NW Camas Pl., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Isaac J. Mosgrove, '93-593, has been a technical lead engineer at Garmin AT for eight years. "I earned my private pilot license last year, and have been experiencing the incredible joy of flying. I now get to use the equipment that I design." He and Cheri (Western Baptist) are parents of Barak (11) and Jesse (9). Write to him at 3741 Hillview Dr. SE, Salem, OR 97302. Call 503-930-3405, or send e-mail to freakyzeke@hotmail.com.

Alex P. Sutton, '96-654, is a shareholder at the Portland law firm Gevurtz Menashe Larson & Howe. He receives mail at 7803 N. Wall Ave., Portland, OR 97203.

2013 Honor Roll of Contributors

Many thanks to the 18 Sigma Pi brothers who contributed a total of \$1,090 via the alumni communications program through October 16, 2013. We urge all brothers to support Omega Chapter's Alumni Communications Fund, Building Fund, and Foundation. With your help, Sigma Pi will thrive at OSU!

Name	Init.	Yr. & No.
Edward D. Geer	49	203
Andrew G. Zahare	49	211
Robert N. Dobbins, Jr.	50	213
David W. DeCook	50	221
Paul P. Muller	53	235
Larry A. Dugan	53	242
J. Marshall Cornett <i>in memoriam</i>	56	260
Gerald F. Roberts	59	305
Raymond J. Simonson	59	306
Chuck Carlson	60	311
Ronald A. Schoenheit	61	323
James R. Palmer	66	377

John M. Weswig	66	378
Kenneth L. Rice	67	386
David Derlacki	71	434
Ian M. Itschner	91	565
Isaac J. Mosgrove	93	593
Reid J. Wynans	97	668
Jacob B. Epel	10	866

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