

Sigma Phi Epsilon



2012 Spring Newsletter

Issue 1

Ohio Epsilon Update

Dear Alumni,

With over 96 years of history at Ohio Wesleyan University, the Ohio Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity takes pride in promoting continually the ideal of the Balanced Man through our chapter programming which focuses on Sound Mind and Sound Body activities. Our chapter remains diligent in its' pursuit of excellence in the classroom, success in intramural and varsity athletics, a strong presence in philanthropy and community service activities, and a full calendar of brotherhood events. We want to share our success and thank you for your support!

The brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon would like to update you on some recent accomplishments achieved by the chapter. Currently we have thirty-one brothers initiated with twenty-one residing in the house. With a new member class of fifteen men in the spring of 2011 and a class of two in the fall of 2011 we were able to increase our numbers exponentially from the previous year. We had a new member class of 9 in the spring of 2012 as well.



Left: Sig Ep brothers celebrate after winning the 2011 Delta Gamma Anchor Bowl.



Right: Sig Ep brothers with DG girls celebrate after winning the 2011 Delta Gamma Anchor Bowl.



Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

- Dr. Seuss

To honor the memory of our President Jakob F. Von Der Vellen, who is pictured on the left in the photo above died in a car accident March 16. Ohio Wesleyan held a memorial service honoring Jake on March 30th in Grey Chapel.

President Rock Jones began the memorial service and said "The news of Jake's death was shocking one week ago, and it is still shocking today. We gather today with hearts heavy, questions with no answers, and, as the apostle Paul said, we gather with 'sighs too deep for words.' Jake's impact on OWU had



*In Loving Memory of
Jakob F. Von Der Vellen
April 4, 1992- March 16, 2012*

already been enormous through his outreach in service and role as a mentor.

Sig Ep sophomores Greg Hock and Jason Lonnemann spoke on behalf of the brothers to bid Jake farewell.

"Jake was a genuine person that put others before himself," Lonnemann said.

"He was the most dedicated and passionate person I knew and I am honored to speak on behalf of my brothers. Jake had a passion for Sig Ep and kept thinking of new ideas to make it the best it could be. He loved his little brother (from Big Brother Big Sister). He taught us how to be an honest man, brother and

friend. I think I speak for all of the brothers when I say we miss him, but are grateful for the time we had with him." We honor Jake by leaving him listed on the Executive Committee as President. Nick Ehlers is now the current President and Brandon Proctor is the new VP of Programming. Jake may have left us too soon, but he will never be forgotten.

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Family Day



On October 2nd we held our inaugural SigEp Family Day. The brothers spent the morning cleaning the house and preparing a meal for family and alumni. Bonnie Dibiasio (Mom of brother James Dibiasio) said, "We were impressed with how the young men would introduce themselves and shared comments about school and the fraternity in a friendly and relaxed manner. It was also clear that the members of Sig Ep take a lot of pride in their house and their chapter." Our chapter plans to host this again next year during homecoming weekend and hopes you can attend. Jo Ingles (Mother of brother Brad Ingles) expressed her joy for the importance of events like these. She said, "I think events like this are important because it allows parents to have some contact with the fraternity other than just paying the dues. I hope the fraternity continues to do Family Day because it is important to keep families in touch while students are at school." We hope you can attend next year and thanks to all that attended this year.

Belly Flop



On October 5th we held our 3rd annual Belly Flop for charity. The past two years we were able to raise to \$1,000 for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which directly sponsored relief efforts in Haiti after the earthquake, and then \$2,400 for the Pakistani Flood relief efforts. The Belly Flop is a competition among students representing different fraternities, sororities and organizations. This year we had over 15 students compete. In 2011 the brothers decided to choose the Alzheimer's Association located in Columbus to be the beneficiaries of any money raised. We raised \$1,700 and were featured on Columbus news. Next year we hope to make a bigger splash and raise even more money for the Alzheimer's Association!

OWU Balanced Man Scholarship



The Balanced Man Scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen who take pride in their academic work, who are leaders, and commit to a healthy lifestyle. The Balanced Man Ideal goes back to the Ancient Greek philosophy that developing a Sound Mind and a Sound Body leads to a satisfying life. This past fall, all applicants to the scholarship were invited to a celebratory reception on campus. The five finalists were Chase Leaders, Collin Finn, Paul Priddy, Ibrahim Santana, and Erik Wall. Paul Priddy was announced as the winner. Congratulations, Paul!

The Balanced Man Ideal does not end after this scholarship, however. All members go through the Balanced Man Program, which consists of Sigma, Phi, and Epsilon. It is a no-pledging, development program that focuses on academics, leadership and important life skills, and important life skills. Thanks to this program, everyone is put in a position to succeed not only at school, but in their lives after college as well.



New Members

SigEp continues to recruit balanced men to lead the fraternity to greatness. In Fall 2011 we signed two new members Jake Miller and Hank Owings. In the spring we signed eight new members with outstanding GPA's that are involved in athletics and on campus. Our new members include Jacob Carnahan, Ryan Ossenbeck, Tucker Fontanella, Alex Schuster, Samuel Abbott, Charles Cooper, Paul Priddy, and J.J. Buckley.



Our new members have continued the tradition of leadership in our fraternity by taking on chairs and positions in the house. Hank Owings is the new Academic chair and Jake Miller is the new Recruitment chair. Freshman Tucker Fontanella is the new philanthropy chair. Our membership is diverse and occupy many sports including Baseball, Track and Field, and Football.

Brother involvement on Campus

Varsity Baseball:

- James Dibiasio '12
- Brandon Sega '13
- Greg Hock '14
- Colton Poncsak '14
- Ryan Ossenbeck '15
- Samuel Abbott '15
- Charles Cooper '15
- Paul Priddy '15
- J.J. Buckley '15

Varsity Football:

- Kollin Tossey '12
- Chad Williams '12
- Jon Harnett '13
- Jake Stang '14
- Jake Eckard '14
- Kenny Peeler '14
- Chris Badenhop '14
- Tucker Fontella '15

Varsity Track:

- Jacob Carnahan '15

Theatre:

- Brad Ingles '14
- Nick Ehlers '14

Big Brothers Big Sisters:

- Jacob Von Der Vellen '14
- Vince Donofrio '14
- Brad Ingles '14

Singing Groups:

- Brad Ingles '14
- Nick Ehlers '14

Marketing Club:

- Vince Donofrio '14



Ruck Institute

The Ruck Leadership institute held annually in Richmond Va. is a top leadership program for the best leaders Sig Ep has to offer. Rucks motto: "teaching the few to impact the many". Out of approximately 800 applicants annually only 120 are selected to participate in the program. Ruck scholars will learn how to build their personal leadership as well as the Balanced Man ideals. Prominent Sig Ep alumni serve as facilitators for small group sessions and help guide the scholars through the journey of discovering true leadership. This years institute is being held July 11-15 at the University of Richmond and we hope to send at least one brother so we may benefit from the outstanding program.

The image shows a screenshot of the Facebook page for SigEp Ohio Epsilon. The page header includes the Facebook logo, a search bar, and the user's name 'Brad Ingles' with a 'Home' button. The page profile picture is a large, multi-story house. The page name is 'SigEp Ohio Epsilon' and the location is 'University - Delaware, Ohio'. The page is set to 'Everyone (Most Recent)'. The wall features several posts: a post from 'SigEp Ohio Epsilon' about a holiday dinner, a post from 'Bonnie DiBiasio' about an Italian dinner, and a post from 'SigEp Ohio Epsilon' about a holiday dinner. The right sidebar includes 'Admins (12)', 'You and SigEp Ohio Epsilon', 'Recommend This Place', and 'Sponsored Story'.

Sig Ep On Facebook

Wondering how to connect with your fellow brothers? Haven't talked to your alumni class in a while? Want to stay in touch with all the latest SigEp news? The answer is only a click away. Earlier this year Brad Ingles '14, logged onto Facebook and created the SigEp Ohio Epsilon page.

"Our chapter has had many successes, but we have not done well in communications", Brad

said. "It was time to create a page for everyone. Now Alumni, incoming freshman and parents can join the page and talk about their favorite chapter."

For those who are unaware of Facebook, it is a social network that allows people to reconnect and talk with their friends. To join the SigEp Ohio Epsilon page, simply log onto your Facebook account. In the search box at the top type in "Sig Ep Ohio Epsilon Chapter". When you are on the page click like and then you will

get notifications of all upcoming events and exciting things going on in the chapter. You may also find a weekly posting of the meals our chef will be cooking and come in for a delicious meal with the brothers of SigEp.

In Appreciation

We would love to hear from you and know what you have been up to! Stay connected with the SigEp Ohio Epsilon Chapter.

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Alumni Profile



Please help us keep you updated and learn more about our brothers. Please take time to fill out and submit this alumni profile form. Thank You for everything.

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Nick Ehlers

Brotherhood Development

Brad Ingles

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Ian Wagner

Recruitment Chair

Jake Miller

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Vince Donofrio

House Managers

Chris Badenhop and Nick Viau

Chaplin

Greg Hock

ALUMNI PROFILE

Help update our membership records with current and complete information.
Please return this form along with photos of you and your family, and include a business card.

Date: _____

Name: _____ Class of: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____

Title: _____ Firm: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Preferred Mailing Address (circle one): Home Office

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Wife's Name (please include maiden name): _____

Name(s) of Children: _____

News that may be of interest to your fellow brothers: _____

What is your favorite memory about Sigma Phi Epsilon: _____

Please feel free to add any other information. Please return to the address listed on the newsletter.