

# IO Informer

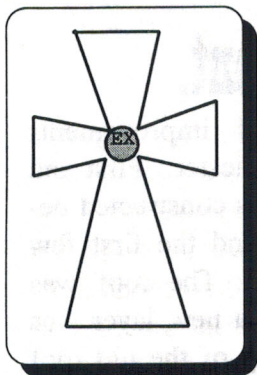
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## White Cross stolen.... Recovered.

The White Cross that sits in the front lawn of the Chapter house was stolen last September by unknown assailants. The Cross was a gift from the Eta Nu Pledge class and had become an object of great sentimental value. Late one September night, several people stole the cross while those in the house were sleeping. The Cross remained missing for several days. Acting on an anonymous tip, Brother Jeremy Schuette and Brother Brian Sampson searched for and found the cross partially submerged in Lake Ruth. The Cross was cleaned, repaired, and replaced to its rightful position. Those responsible for the crime were never caught.



## Boo Bash a Blood Curdling Affair.

On Saturday, October 26th, the Brothers of Iota Omicron held the 8th annual Boo Bash, nicknamed "Ida B. Ware." For many years, this has been the largest event on campus during the fall semester. The attendance for this year's Boo Bash was slightly higher than last year's. Over 1,200 people were accounted for, and the proceeds generated were donated to the Children's Miracle Network. Preparations for this annual event ran smoothly thanks to our sponsors. One of our main sponsors, Miller Brewing Company, provided banners, posters, and security T-shirts. It was our sponsors and the great cooperation of our Chapter that made this year's Sigma Chi Boo Bash such a great success.

Brother Jesse Alejos, P.R./ Boo Bash Chair

## Dates to Remember.....

Eta Omicron Initiation....Jan.25

## Consul's Report By Joe O'Brien

Greetings Iota Omicron Alumni. For those of you who may not know, my name is Joe O'Brien and I am the Consul here at Iota Omicron. It is my hope, as well as the rest of the undergraduate Chapter, that this newsletter finds you all well. Things could not be going any better at Western than they are now. The Chapter is operating far above the best that I hoped for when I took office. You all would be very proud. This year as Brother Dan Yungerman will discuss further, we have a very goal oriented Chapter. I would like to stress that the Chapter has set as its number one goal the attainment of a Peterson Award. Being recognized as one of Sigma Chi's best Chapters internationally would make ALL of us feel very proud to be IO Sigs.

One of my personal officer goals has been to work on our Alumni relations/involvement. We here at Iota Omicron pride ourselves on our performance and respect for the Ritual which we all hold very close. It is for that reason that we are inviting you now and will invite you again in the future to our next Initiation. 100% Alumni attendance seems like an unrealistic goal to set. However, I don't see anything wrong with trying. As long as we here at Western make every effort we can, falling short will never be failure. So here is your first invitation. We will be initiating the Eta Omicron pledge class on January 25th, 1997, the exact time will be available in the near future. The Chapter is having a post-initiation banquet with details also to follow. We would love nothing more than for you to attend, so please make plans now.

The Chapter is growing at a rapid pace. It is a great feeling to see only quality men come through the door during rush. The actual house is looking as good as it ever has. The Chapter has active leaders both withing itself as well as on campus. It is a pleasure to serve as the president of the best Fraternity at Western Illinois University. I hope to see and talk with you at the next Initiation. Godspeed.

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# Officer Reports...

## Pro Consul Report. by Dan Yungerman

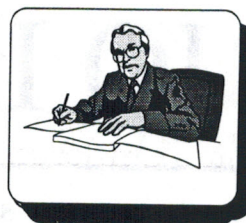
(Dan Yungerman was selected as IO Brother of the year for his hard work and dedication to our Chapter.)

To the Brothers of IO, it gives me great pleasure to announce that our Chapter will soon have a homepage on the internet. The project is headed by Brother Shane Brandel and will be up and ready within the next few weeks. Here at IO, we believe that this will give us a better chance to get in touch, give announcements, and receive feedback from all our Alumni in a faster and more convenient manner. Once on the net, we hope to hear your advice on how we can improve the page, (i.e., style and contents). With an end to a successful P.I.T. program, and the beginning of a semesterly officer goals meeting, the Brothers have strived diligently toward what we believe will be a Peterson year. We say this because our hard work and dedication will not only give us rapport, but will also shine upon what you gentlemen have built for us to perpetuate. Every member of the Chapter has received a copy of the Peterson application and a list of all officer/chairman semesterly goals. The reason for this is our increasing size. Because of our size, not all members may hold a position. To avoid apathy, each member has the duty to personally make sure those officer/chairman live up to and accomplish that which they have voluntarily taken upon themselves. As a last reminder to all Brothers, upon your next visit please see me to update the role book or contact me with your information through the home page.

## QUAESTOR'S REPORT

by Jason Dasher.

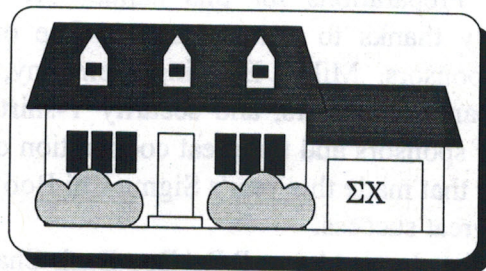
Boo Bash was a great success, we ended up bringing in around \$4,400 altogether. Thus, we ended up making a total profit of \$2,500. The next time you hear information concerning the finances of the chapter, Brother John Briggs will be giving you the reports since he will take over the



Quaestor position on November 17th. Our accounts receivable, Active Brother and Alumni, is still considerably high, however, the Finance Committee is taking action. The 20 +1 savings account we have established has been increasing throughout the semester. If anyone would like to contribute to this account, or has any questions concerning the finances, please feel free to contact me at (309)- 837-2103.

## House Improvement.

We have made several improvements upon the Chapter House this semester. First and foremost is the new roof that was constructed between the end of the summer and the first few weeks of the school semester. The roof was stripped of its old shingles and a new layer was put down. Due to some leaking of the old roof while under repair, the contractor placed new dry-wall in the attic room. A new set of front steps leading up to the deck was constructed by the same contractor who replaced the roof. The Chapter gave the new steps, along with the entire deck, a fresh coat of grey paint. The hard wood floors on the ground level were painstakingly cleaned and restained. The formal room has been relocated from its old position, in the room with the fireplace, to the north room, (the room that used to contain the pool table). Lastly, the Chapter has acquired DMX. DMX is a collection of music stations that features any and all music varieties 24 hours a day with no interruptions.





# New Buisness..

Initiation of Eta Omicrom set for January 25th .

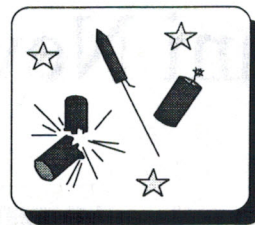
At present, the Eta Omicrom pledge class consists of 21 members. With the pledge period half over, I-week is just around the corner. Excitement and preparation for their initiation is already starting to build within the Chapter. As always, all Alumni are invited to attend the I-week activities and the Initiation itself. 100% Alumni attendance at the initiation would be fantastic.

Who is the Eta Omicrom Pledge Class?

Derek Alensworth Victor Bledsoe Eric Boes  
Joe Carter C.T. Daman Tony Demakis  
Matt Gunier Jay Haas Joe Ham  
Chris Hermes Shawn Hogan Mike Kieth  
Glenn Mast Jeff Mayoh Brennan Parkhill  
Zachary Powell Wade Reiwerts Mark Ruge  
Brad Seaver Andrew Wade Aaron Joyce

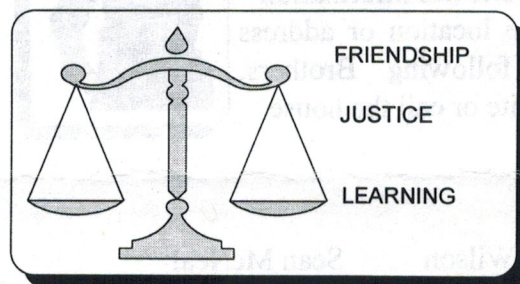
## Magister's Report by Brian Sampson

After a very good fall rush, 26 men decided to pledge Sigma Chi. It was this way for only a short while. By pledges weeding themselves out for personal reasons only 21 remain. Now some might say that with a pledge class this large unity will be hard, however this is not the case with these individuals. They have come together incredibly well and are a very solid and strong addition to our Chapter. Included in the 21 pledges are 2 legacies (Jeff Mayoh and Aaron Joyce). As for the pledge program, I went back to the seven link system. I have found that it is the best method to keep everyone moving in the right direction. The pledge program lasts 12 weeks and as it stands, there are 3 tests left before the National Exam. Since we are so pleased with this pledge class, I would like to personally invite each and everyone of you to their Initiation. Please attend and help us show them what Sigma Chi is really about.



## New Officers, Fall '96

Consul.....Joe O'Brien  
Proconsul.....Dan Yungerman  
Quaestor.....Jason Dasher  
Asst. Quaestor.....John Briggs  
Magister.....Brian Sampson  
Asst. Magister.....Craig DeLost  
Rush Chair.....Tony Bresky  
Annotator.....Mike Rosenthal  
Tribune.....Curt Jones  
P.R. Chair.....Jesse Alejos  
Kustos.....John Peter  
Scholarship.....Mike Avery  
Historian.....Jeremy Schuette  
I.F.C. Rep.....Cory Huff  
J. Board.....Joe Bellanca  
Jim Albrect  
John Treadwell



*I see in our future. . . .*

An interest party was held on monday October 28th, two days after Boo Bash. The turn out was excellent. Fifteen men showed up to the party and got to visit with almost the entire active Chapter. Although bids were not given out, the Ruch chair, Brother Tony Bresky, called those who had attended and urged them to come back for spring rush.

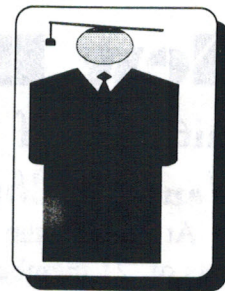


# Alumni News..

## Your name in LIGHTS!

Well not exactly in lights, but how about on the next newsletter? Have you ever wondered what some of your old friends are up to? Unfortunately, the Active Chapter lacks the resources to keep an accurate and updated list of Alumni current events (occupations, family, etc.). This is where you, our honored Alumni come in. Send us letters of your whereabouts, occupation, family status, etc. The Chapter is always happy and interested to hear from you. Letters and information received will be included in the next edition of the IO Informer.

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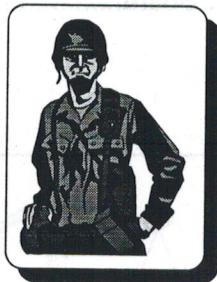


## *Alumni Brother of the Year.*

The Alumni Brother of the Year award is based upon three criteria, first is that the nominee must be an Alumni for at least one year, second is that the nominee must have made a significant contribution to the Chapter and lastly, the nominee must be an Alumni Brother in good standing with Sigma Chi Headquarters and the Iota Omicron Chapter. The award is voted on after the Spring Initiation. The Alumni Brother of the Year for 1996 is Andrew Crossan. The Chapter would once more like to thank Brother Crossan for his contributions and congratulate him on his honor.

## EX Alumni M.I.A List.

If anyone has information on the location or address of the following Brothers, please write or call the house.



Mark Wilson	Sean McNeal
Alan Armatys	Paul Brown
Dave Chesterfield	Jeff Johnson
Clint Muhony	Robert Shindle
Pat Sullivan	Michael Bajusy
Carter Caul	Neil Ferrari
Jeff Kennel	Brett Michna
James Mulroe	Chet Smith
Rick Winkler	Craig Wold

## The end of another IO Informer.....Say it ain't so!

Once again the IO Informer has come to a close. I hope that this edition has provided some insight as to what is going on here in Macomb. Also, I hope that it has been entertaining to read. Often times the Achilles's heal of newsletters is that they are dry and mechanical. I thought about this as I was putting this issue of the informer together. I can't stress enough how important it is to keep healthy relations between the Active Chapter and the Alumni Brothers. Please feel free to call, write, or visit us at anytime. Your company is not only appreciated but very welcome. Don't forget to make plans now to attend Initiation. The date is on the front cover and is set in stone. There is a distinct possibility that some Grand Officers may be in attendance this spring. It would be a great chance to meet some of the big wheels of our Fraternity. In Hoc Signo Vinces.

Curt Jones, IO Tribune