

Sigma Chi Newsletter



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Message from the Consul

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Season's Greetings from Iota Omicron! I hope this letter finds you and your families well. My name is Tyler Sinclair and I will be the Consul for the following year. The executive committee and I have lots of great new ideas for the upcoming semesters.

One of our plans that I am very excited about is the addition of the 18.55 club. This is a continuous alumni donation program that will make automatic withdrawals from an alumnus' checking account on a monthly basis to be used for household improvements. If all goes according to plan we will be able to move the donations through the WIU foundation. This would make all donations tax deductible! I am in the process of finalizing the plans for this with the help of Eric Myers and our advisor Charles Gilbert, so be sure to look for it in the near future.

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Within the chapter we have started the process of updating our bylaws so it will be easier to hold brothers accountable. By following the bylaws we feel that our chapter meetings will be run more efficiently and officers will find it easier to know and understand the responsibilities of their positions. Also within the chapter we are going to form committees to insure that all tasks are completed.

We have many more ideas that will be discussed at our Executive Committee retreat January 16th. Stay tuned to wiusigs.com to see all the developments in your Sigma Chi chapter, and never hesitate to e-mail me at tr-sinclair@wiu.edu with any questions, comments, or ideas.

In Hoc,

Tyler Sinclair

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Derby Days

Derby Days was once again a rousing success! We rose over \$1500 towards our philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network! The Chapter would like to thank Tyler Sinclair, who ran the operations, and also everyone who helped make sure everything went smoothly. They did a great job as Derby Days went on without a hitch. The winner of Derby Days was the women of Alpha Sigma Tau, but the real winner in all this are the children who are going to benefit from everyone's hard work during this week. To learn more about the Children's Miracle Network, visit their website at www.cmn.org and to donate, follow the link on the website or contact Dan Deaton, our chapter's Quaestor at dj-deaton@wiu.edu.

Congratulations Theta Theta!

Congratulations go out to the men of Sigma Chi Pledge Class Theta Theta (Fall 2005), who were initiated on Saturday December 3rd. The men of Iota Omicron Chapter would especially like to thank all of the alumni who attended this Initiation, including Grand Praetor Val Simhauser and our two past Chapter Advisors Frank Sorenson and Charles Gilbert. We appreciate you being there to renew our lifelong bonds, and to welcome our newest Brothers into Sigma Chi. The chapter's newest members are: Matt Bencik, Patrick Burks, Steve DavyRomano, Matt Ferguson, Alex Hofeldt, Sean McGill, Adam Michalski, Rudy Ordonez, Steve Pfaff, Jerad Swearingen, Jake Teegarden, and Adam Teshner. Theta Theta was led through the semester by Magister Evan Ford (Spring '08) and Assistant Scott Keen (Spring '08). The active chapter is looking to get a big boost from this group of guys and can't wait until they are willing to step up to the plate and face the challenges ahead.



The men of Theta Theta after their Initiation took place.

Contributed by: Tyler Sinclair

Saying Goodbye

There comes a time in every man's life where he can kick back, relax, and enjoy the spoils of his labor. That time has come for Dr. Charles C. Gilbert III. On January 31, 2006, Chuck finished his amazing 37 years of service to Western Illinois University and Sigma Chi. With this, we wish to honor him for all he has done for our Fraternity and University. Just a few of his amazing accomplishments include, the tuition guarantee program first started here at Western and now seen all over our nation. He was also given the highest honor in the Fraternity; the Order of Constantine. Chuck was inducted for his continuous support, commitment, and dedication to Sigma Chi. He has guided and mentored the young men of the Iota Omicron Chapter of Sigma Chi since its inception. We all know that Chuck has given all he can to our amazing house. He has been there for us through the good and the bad.

Chuck recently further enriched his life by marrying a beautiful woman, Karen. They were married Friday, January 27, 2006 here in Macomb to finish off his wonderful week here at Western. He was honored by the school and state congress as well as the federal congress this past session for his outstanding efforts of the tuition guarantee program now being used all over the nation. Although words can not give enough praise to the man we all know and love, our many memories of him, including those of him sleeping in chapter, or giving us his advice throughout the years will pay tribute to what he was and is to this day. A true Sigma Chi. He has touched the lives of so many people. Chuck, we love you and we will never forget all that you have done for us. Your life is an inspiration to us all!



A picture of Chuck taken for the Macomb Journal

Changing of the Guard

As we say goodbye to Chuck and the graduating seniors Levi McGhee, Chad Reifsteck, and Devin Burks, we look to the rest of the Chapter to step up and fill in their shoes. We would like to congratulate our newly appointed officers. Consul: Tyler Sinclair, Pro Consul: Sam Pfister, Annotator: Steve Getty, Quaestor: Dan Deaton, Magister: Scott Keen, and Assistant Magister and Rush Chair: Nick Conklin, Kustos: Mike Hayes, Tribune: Mateen Zafer Scholarship Chair: Kyle McNeely, Public Relations: Matt Ferguson, Historian: Tim Colucci, Chapter Editor: Matt Bencik

Upcoming Events

This is a tentative schedule of our calendar as we know it today. Dates are subject to change, and I will keep you posted to any changes. Feel free to attend any of the following events as we always welcome any alumni support!

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| Chuck's Retirement Party | February 25 |
| Formal | March 4 |
| Spring Break | March 13-18 |
| I-Week | April 23-29 |
| Initiation | April 29 |

Closing Remarks

The Chapter would like to thank all of the Alumni who attended and helped with the previous Initiation. We hope to see all of you and more at Theta Iota's initiation which will be held at the house. Details of that will be sent out when the time draws closer. If you know of any brothers who would like to receive this newsletter but are not on the alumni mailing list, please e-mail me at slytlynutz@yahoo.com with their e-mail address and I will gladly send them a copy! Thank you for your continual support!

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