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ΣΧ Alumni/Active

Facebook Group

Facebook is the new means of communications these days. If anyone is already on Facebook or considering it, join our Alumni/Active group, set up by Gabe Sanders. It's a great way to keep in touch.

After logging in, go to:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=10331324277>

If you're not a member of Facebook just go to the home page and sign up at www.facebook.com.



Top Five Officers Spring 08

IO Welcomes the Spring '08 Theta Nu New Member Class

Every semester we get the exciting event of welcoming new members into the new member process. This past Wednesday we welcomed four top notch guys into the Theta Nu class. It's a small number, but we here at the IO chapter have high hopes for them and will see them along their journey through the program. All men have our confidence in our votes, and are believed by all ac-

tive members to meet the requirements of the Jordan Standard. Taken in by our Rush



Chairman, Anthony Fiorito, these men will be guided through new member candidacy by their educator

Ryan Ford, along with Asst New Member Educator Jake Teegarden.

The members of ΘN include Freshman Construction Management Major Brandon Delaurentis, Junior Law Enforcement Major Jeff Harrington, Freshman Law Enforcement Major Tristan Rowe, and Junior Communications Major Ryan Weigle. Lets see to it that these men grow in and uphold the honor of Sigma Chi.

This Old House Gets Some New Renovations

As we all know our house here at the IO chapter is very old. Thanks to Gabe Sanders, Paul Anast, and many others, 611 W. Adams in Macomb may not be the oldest looking house on campus. The second week-end of the semester, we had brothers working on putting in some new luxuries into our house.

Before this point in time we had a screen door in front of the antique front door. We swapped out the screen door for a solid front door. Thanks to Gabe, Paul,

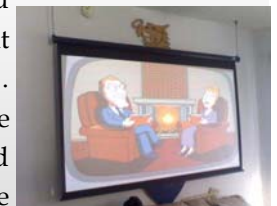
and everyone's help we can actually keep heat in the house now during these cold months. The upstairs attic door was swapped out for a newer door also.

In the Crest Room we now have a video projector with a 100 inch screen that goes over the Crest. "Its definitely going to get a lot more brothers to the house and around the new guys that come in," junior Chris Staffeldt from the ΘM pledge class says. The screen can be hooked to the cable box, as well as DVD

and video game consoles.

Also, in the once garage, now party room, we recently had electrical wiring set up. Now we can add some lighting and clean it up.

We would all like to thank Gabe, Paul, and everyone for all their help. It looks awesome guys! Can't wait to see the renovations to come.



New 100 inch projector

S i g s R u n n i n g t h e C a m p u s

At WIU most campus student organizations are lead by Greeks and among those leaders, IO Sigs dominate the leadership of the most powerful groups.

In the Student Government Association (SGA), the largest student governing organization at WIU, IO Sigs held the two top spots. Senior Sam Pfister from Springfield, IL serves as President while Robert Dulski from



Senior SGA President Sam Pfister of ΣΧ

Niles, IL holds the Speaker of the Senate position.

Other organizations where Sigma Chi is well represented include Students for Disability Awareness (SDA) and the Student Orientation Team. Justin McGrath, a

Junior from Dixon, IL serves on the Student Orientation Team and says "It's a great way to network and help out those who really need it, plus it's a great resume builder."

We are proud to continue the legacy of campus which has long been a part of our chapter. As always, our guys here at our chapter see to it that the best keep getting better.

New Officers for Spring '08 Semester Sworn In

We have started anew with the spring semester. Elections have taken place and the IO chapter of Sigma Chi welcomes our brothers into their positions in office.

- **President: Richard Roy**
Pledge Class: ΘΛ, Spring '07
Year/Major: Jun./Phys. Therapy
Hometown: Northlake, IL
- **Vice President: Josh Bindgen**
Pledge Class: ΘΛ, Spring '07
Year/Major: Sen./LEJA
Hometown: Naperville, IL
- **Annotator: Cody Dietze**
Pledge Class: ΘK, Fall '06
Year/Major: Jun./Comm
Hometown: Cntry. Clb. Hills, IL
- **Treasurer: Ben Antao**
Pledge Class: ΘΛ, Spring '07
Year/Major: Soph./Finance
Hometown: East Moline, IA
- **Kustos: Justin Boughton**
Pledge Class: ΘM, Fall '07
Year/Major: Sop./Phys. Therapy
Hometown: Downers Grove, IL
- **New Member Educator: Ryan Ford**
Pledge Class: ΘK, Fall '06
Year/Major: Soph./Psychology
Hometown: Springfield, IL

- **Asst. New Mem. Educator/Risk Manager/House Manager: Jake Teegarden**
Pledge Class: ΘI, Spring '06
Year/Major: Jun./Construction
Hometown: Petersburg, IL
- **Tribune/Brotherhood: Jack "TJ" Niekirk**
Pledge Class: ΘM, Fall '07
Year/Major: Fres./LEJA
Hometown: Peoria, IL
- **Chief Justice: Patrick Burks**
Pledge Class: ΘΘ, Fall '05
Year/Major: Jun./Pol. Sci.
Hometown: Pekin, IL
- **Scholarship Chair: Chris Staffeldt**
Pledge Class: ΘM, Fall '07
Year/Major: Jun./LEJA
Hometown: Bensonville, IL
- **Public Relations: Josh Mercado**
Pledge Class: ΘM, Fall '07
Year/Major: Fres./Psychology
Hometown: Chicago, IL
- **Social Chair: Kevin Abel**
Pledge Class: ΘK, Fall '06
Year/Major: Jun./RPTA
Hometown: Libertyville, IL

Elections and nominations have taken place this semester for Kustos, Asst. New Member Educator, Tribune, Brotherhood, Chief Justice, Scholarship, Public Relations, and Historian.



Ryan Ford with Jake Teegarden

In the running with Justin Boughton for Kustos was Sophomore Tom Brooks of ΘΛ, and P.R. Chair Josh Mercado. Having two runners who were just initiated this past fall was an interesting twist for this position. However we all believe Justin will do a great job in this position, and former Kustos Greg Sheil will be there if he has any need for help.

All in all the only other position that required a vote was Asst. New Member Educator, and Jake Teegarden won the vote. Kevin Abel was granted a second term as social chair due to fall '07 probation.

Elections will take place in the following weeks for a new rush chairman.

We are confident in our brothers to do a great job this spring. It's going to be an awesome semester!

O f f i c e r R e p o r t s

Welcome Letter from the IO Chapter's New President, Richard Roy

Dear Iota Omicron Brothers,
First of all I would like to thank all of you for your constant commitment to our chapter. I would like to first introduce myself on behalf of being the new consul of the Iota Omicron chapter. My name is Richard Roy and am currently a junior here at Western Illinois University. I'm from the northwestern suburbs of Chicago, IL. I would like to take this time to fill you in on some progressive changes that we are undergoing in Iota Omicron. Currently we have 52 members with about 10 graduating seniors this semester. We finished last semester with a house GPA of 2.76 and were first place in community service hours

with an outstanding 182 hours. Our chapter is seeing a great change in leadership with new brothers stepping into bigger roles. Our aim will and always be to hold ourselves to higher standards and know that the world expects more out of us than it does any other man. We realize that we have to hold ourselves to a higher standard with GPA, community service, and as well as conduct in every day life. I feel strong about where we are heading in the future and I ask that you continue to support the chapter that you hold dear to your hearts. You have the support and dedication from every single brother in this chapter and we know that we have yours. If there is anything

the chapter can do for our faithful brothers, please let me know. I hope this group can be a means of communication in our strive of retaining the spirit of youth. Please feel free to contact me for anything and I'll do my best to get back in a timely matter. I hope that some of you can make it down here and rejoice in what was once the time of your life. Thank you for your time brothers.

Guard Well,

In Hoc,

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Vice President, Joshua Bindgen

Hello I am Joshua Bindgen, the current Sigma Chi Pro Consul of the Iota Omicron chapter here at Western Illinois University. This semester has gone through a large amount of changes and new ideas throughout the chapter. I have recently updated our bylaws, adjusting them by correcting any errors located and changes that were voted upon by the chapter as a whole. I have organized

an Executive Committee every Monday evening at 5:45pm, in order to have our advisor Tracy Scott, be present. We have had very successful meetings and have established the importance of these meetings. In the beginning of the semester I organized P.I.T. with the new Sigma Chi's. I took it to a new and improved level. Having three to four sessions going over important information and needed

guidelines to strive everyday to be a Sigma Chi. As well I have noted to all other position in the house that I am always here to help in with questions or concerns concerning the officer position.

In Hoc,

Joshua P. Bindgen

Western Illinois University

ΣX Vice President, IO Chapter

IFC Delegate, SDA Fundraiser Chair

From The Tribune: Greetings Brothers

I am proud to introduce myself as the new Tribune, as well as Brotherhood Chair, for the IO Chapter of Sigma Chi. I am a freshman Law Enforcement Major at WIU from Peoria, IL, and was just initiated this past fall with the Theta Mu Pledge Class. This house has my dedication and loyalty, as I know it still does yours. Jim Kirr did an excellent job last semester as Tribune, and it is an honor for me to hold this position and see to it that everyone of you knows that all of

us here at the house are forever guarding the honor of Sigma Chi. I will be working with former IO Consul and former President of the San Diego Alumni Chapter Andrew Crossan this semester, as he is the new Advisor to the Tribune. We are working on improving the role that the Tribune plays in our chapter. I will be sending out a letter every two weeks and including officer reports in them, as well as a list of events for the semester. I will make it a point to get our active chapter

in touch with all of you. If there is anything that you need from me, or any questions, please let me know. I hope all is well wherever you are and in whatever you do. I am always proud to be.

In Hoc,

Jack "TJ" Nieu Kirk

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Tribune & Brotherhood Chair

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O f f i c e r R e p o r t s (C o n t i n u e d f r o m P . 3)

Rush Chairman Anthony Fiorito

Dear Iota Omicron Alumni,

My name is Anthony Fiorito and I am the Recruitment Chair for the spring '08 semester. Unfortunately we had a string of bad weather this rush week, however we still had a few dedicated guys come show interest in our house. Throughout the week I had set up a number of activities that engaged our guest in a way that gave them a memorable experience. Through these activities they got to interact with our brothers and start to form a connection with them, in hopes that it would interest them enough to want to come back. Some of the activities included, Rock Band and Guitar Hero on our new Big

Screen, as well as Indoor bags and billiards. As each guest came into the house they were greeted immediately by myself and then taken on a tour of the house by one of the brothers, they then were able to just mix and mingle with the brothers at our house. We had a total of 7 guys come to the house for this week, and of that 7 we handed out 5 bids, 4 of which signed. A few of the guys who did not receive bids truly liked our house and were interested a lot, however their grades did not meet our standard. I am confident though that those guys will be back in the fall after hopefully raising their grades. Throughout the interest parties I had a slideshow being played that I put to-

gether with the help of T J Nieu Kirk. If you would like to see the slideshow it is posted on you tube under "Spring 2008 Rush Slideshow." Posted in the "Rush Sigma Chi" Facebook group is pictures taken from this rush week. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any-time.

I am always and forever proud to be Sigma Chi,
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Letter from Chief Justice, Patrick Burks

Brothers,

First of all my name is Patrick Burks and I am the new Chief Justice for the IO Chapter. This is a high position and I am extremely honored to have been elected by the chapter. In my role for this position I have revised the bylaws concerning Judicial Board to embrace this job. The idea is to have the Chief Justice run the Judicial Board instead of the executive committee. This is to hopefully eliminate any bias toward cases. We have not

had any issues thus far which would warrant having a Judicial Board hearing, which is always good news. I will keep you all posted on how our Judicial Board system is working! I hope to hear from you all soon and feel free to contact me with advice or questions!

Guard Well the Honor of the Cross,

Patrick Burks, Theta Theta

Chief Justice, Iota Omicron Chapter

Other Officer Reports

- Kustos
-New Member Ceremony April 26th.
-Justin Boughton
 - Historian
-Creating Video Tour of house for webpage.
-Kevin Kamens
- The Iota Omicron Chapter -

U p c o m i n g E v e n t s

- Saturday, March 29th – Formal
- March 21st – Floor Hockey Starts
- March 23rd – Softball Starts
- April 26th – New Member Ceremony
- July 4th-6th – Cubs vs. Cardinals Series in Saint Louis

Tentative Events

- April – Camping Trip @ Spring Lake With Bradley Sigs
- First Week of April – Greek Week
- Look for more on the 20 Year Reunion – Fall 2009

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