

# SIGMA CHI AT IOTA OMICRON

## BEST BUDDIES ANNUAL DINNER, PHILANTHROPIES, DERBY DAY'S, DANCE MARATHON AND UPCOMING EVENTS

*April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017*

### Best Buddies 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, our brothers attended the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Spread the Word to End the Word Spaghetti Dinner. Brother Steven Copher, who is president of this club here on campus, brought this event to our chapter. The purpose of this event was to raise awareness for individuals with developmental disabilities as well as to stop using the R-word. Out of all the organizations that attended this dinner, Sigma Chi won best attendance with having the majority of our chapter show up. Not only was this a huge accomplishment for Sigma Chi, but it was for Best Buddies as well. They exceeded their goal that they had set for themselves!



Top: Brother Steven Copher with Vice President of Best Buddies Courtney Powleson. Bottom: Brothers having a good time for a good cause!

### Delta Zeta's Hoops for Hearing

For their philanthropy, Delta Zeta hosted an event called Hoops for Hearing on March 7<sup>th</sup>. This event was a basketball tournament for all the fraternities to get involved in. The championship game came down to Sigma Chi versus Alpha Gamma Rho, and it was close. We were able to pull out the win giving it our full effort to win the tournament. All the money that was raised went toward aiding people who have a hearing disability. We had such a good time at this event and as always, are up for a challenge when it comes down to a competition.



Your 2017 Hoops for Hearing Basketball Champions! Also pictured with us is Sydney Anderson who was the Delta Zeta coach for our team.



Sigma Sigma Sigma philanthropy Mr. Greek.

## Sigma Sigma Sigma's Mr. Greek

Our brothers attended the famous Sigma Sigma Sigma's Mr. Greek philanthropy on March March 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Greek is a pageant and every organization that participates, selects a member to be in it. We selected our very funny brother Mike Zyldewski to be apart of it. Even though we had an exciting time cheering him on, Mike didn't end up winning. The winner of Mr. Greek actually was a Western Illinois soccer player from Puerto Rico. All the money that was raised went towards the Foundation for Children's therapy.



## Dance Marathon

Dance Marathon 2017 was a huge success this year! Our brothers attended this event which was held to raise money for children who are battling life threatening conditions involving cancer. During this event, no one was to sit, everyone there had to stay on their feet and dance for those kids who can't. Throughout this event which took place on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., families told their stories on how Children's Miracle Network Hospitals have saved their kids who have gone through horrible conditions with cancer. We got to listen to all the stories on how these hospitals have saved their kids life and how they are now living cancer free. When everyone signed into this event, they were given a bracelet representing what every child get's when they check into a Children's Miracle Network Hospital. Many children check into the hospital everyday and getting this bracelet made you think about everything that they have to go through battling with cancer. With that being said, our chapter raised \$1,578.00 and Dance Marathon as a whole raised \$123,200.04 this year, exceeding their goal of \$100,000. Brother Mark Lahtinen, who was the director of activities for Dance marathon, dedicated his time to help out with this wonderful event. We had such a great time raising money and going to this day-long event. This one was for the kids!



## Sigma Chi Derby Days

Derby Days was a huge success this year, taking place over the week of March 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>! Our Derby Days Chairman Cortez Odom had many events planned out for us throughout the week. The sororities that participated in were Delta Zeta, Phi Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Chi Omega, and Alpha Sigma Tau. Each sorority was assigned a coach who was a member of Sigma Chi. Coaches would help them out during the events that occurred throughout the week. The events we had were Derby Banners, Derby Drillz, Derby Talent show, and Derby Dance. Due to the bad weather that we had, the Derby Powder-Puff game was canceled on one of the days. Even though the football game never happened, it didn't phase any of the sororities. We were very impressed to see how much time and effort participants put into this. We couldn't have done this, and had so much fun as we did, without all of them. Below is more in-depth look at the events that we had throughout the week.



**Day 1:** We started the week off with Derby Banners. For this event, each sorority had to come up with a creative idea for a banner that would later be voted on by our judges. There were many well thought out banners that they created. The sorority that got first was Phi Sigma Sigma. (Top Left)



**Day 2:** The event that took place day two was Derby Drillz. This event was an obstacle course. The course was rather simple, but the hard part was picking people on your team and getting them to do the stage that they might be best at. The sorority that won this event was Sigma Sigma Sigma.

**Day 3:** The Derby Talent Show was a big success. For the sororities participating, they had to elect a member/group to perform a talent in front of an audience and judges. The performances included dancing (Chi Omega & Delta Zeta), singing (Phi Sigma Sigma & Alpha Sigma Alpha), slam poetry (Alpha Sigma Tau), and a clarinet act (Sigma Sigma Sigma). It was awesome to see all the dedication to time and effort that these ladies put into their performance. The act that won Alpha Sigma Tau with a slam poetry piece titled "Our Generation." Also, during this event, we asked the audience to write on their hand a person that has or had cancer, and to raise it in the air while we have a moment of silence for those going through or have gone through having this horrible disease. Us, as a team, want to be the generation to end cancer. Let's never give up on trying to find a cure for cancer.





Brother Zach Jirak  
back at it again telling  
jokes!

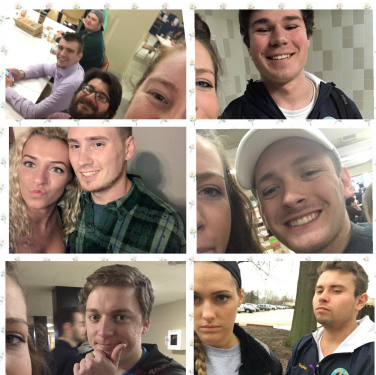
During the Derby Talent Show, brother Zach Jirak hosted a stand-up comedy show. Never afraid of going up on stage and having the spot light, Zach hosted a very funny show that the crowd really liked. He couldn't wait to get on stage and tell those jokes that he writes all the time.



**Day 4:** The Derby Dance was the final event of the week and it came down to this as to who would be the 2017 Derby Days winner with the most points collect for each event. For the Derby Dance, sororities had to put together a short dance and perform it at the Sigma Chi chapter house. Some went all out and gave it their all to place in the event. The sorority that won was Chi Omega, placing first for the Derby Dance. We had a lot of fun watching them perform and we couldn't have asked for more.

### Snap-A-Sig

Snap-A-Sig was an event that took place over the course of the week during Derby Days. The participating sororities had to find Sigma Chi's around campus and take a picture with them. The sorority with the most pictures would win this game. Having many pictures taken, Alpha Sigma Tau won this. We had a lot of fun doing this with the sororities.



After a week long of events going on and all the participation from the sororities that took part in being in Derby Days, Alpha Sigma Tau won, collecting the most points from all the events going on throughout the week, with Sigma Sigma Sigma taking second place, and Phi Sigma Sigma in third place. The elected member for Derby Darling from Alpha Sigma Tau will be on our next composite.

Putting the standings aside, everyone seemed to enjoy this week of fun. As a chapter, we raised between \$2,500-\$3,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation during Derby Days!



## **Upcoming Events for April**

### **April 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>-Greek Week**

There will be lots of events taking place this week including V-Show that our chapter will be participating in.

### **\*\*April 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-Initiation\*\***

Initiation is set for April 7<sup>th</sup>, which will be the White Supper taking place that night followed by the show on the 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.

### **April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>- Mom's Weekend**

Mom's weekend is happening later this semester because we had to rescheduled it due to initiation. Plans are still in the making for this event.

### **Current Positions** (Including graduation class)

Consul - Mark Lahtinen (Spring 2018)

Pro-Consul – Matthew Hutchison (Spring 2019)

Annotator – Troy Baginski (Spring 2019)

Quaestor – Nate Schaub (Spring 2018)

Kustos – Justin Bonner (Fall 2017)

Magister – Josh Opp (Spring 2018)

Recruitment Chair – Ryan Rodawold (Spring 2017)

Tribune – John Schmuttenmaer (Spring 2019)

Scholarship Chair – Steven Copher (Spring 2019)

Risk Manager – Sean Hayes (Fall 2017)

House Manager/PR Chair – Zach Jirak (Fall 2017)

Historian – Robby Barlow (Spring 2017)