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## 2007 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 1	Florida Int.
September 8	Notre Dame
September 15	Buffalo
September 22	Michigan
September 29	Illinois
October 6	Iowa
October 13	Wisconsin
October 20	Indiana
October 27	Ohio State
November 3	Purdue
November 10	Temple
November 17	Michigan State

\*Home games are in bold

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Calling All Brothers! Your Assistance is Needed to Complete the Rest of the Work on the House and Reclaim Responsibility National Has Helped in a Big Way; Now It's Our Turn!**

A lot has changed in the last year of Omega chapter: National has addressed our financial issues; the third floor construction is well on its way; the roof has been repaired; and installation of a house-wide sprinkler system has begun.

While National has been able to help us out, we must help ourselves as well. National has no interest in owning the chapter house and wants the alumni association to regain control in the next year. For us to take back the chapter house, we will need to make sure we can handle the financial responsibilities as well as the day-to-day operations. We are considering undertaking a major capital campaign drive to help pay National back for all the

work currently being done to the chapter. We will also need to complete the rest of the work that needs to be done to the chapter house.

The current alumni association will continue to keep all alumni informed and try to get as many people involved as possible. We have a tough road ahead, but I have seen both undergraduate and alumni brothers step up to help. If you would like to get more information about what's going on or are interested in lending a helping hand, please let us know. ■

Fraternally,  
**Richard Maltz '90**

## ANNUAL GIVING

**Get Your Name on the 2007 Honor Roll!**

Since January 1, 2007, we have raised \$4,275 from 65 gifts. We need your support to reach our goal of \$15,000. The reason you should donate is the very reason you are reading this newsletter: to keep up with your relationships from fraternity days and help provide the same experience for future Theta Chi's. Donate today by calling our toll-free hotline at 800-975-6699. ■



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Blue and White Weekend

We're having a BBQ at the house before the Blue and White Game (kickoff is at 2 p.m., with BBQ probably around 11 a.m.-noon), and a meeting at the house at 5 p.m.

Feel free to drop in and spend time with the undergraduates. We may not have an event planned, but we'll all go out to dinner! ■



## UNDERGRADUATE REPORT

### Undergraduate Brothers Show Their True Colors with Top GPA, Intramural Championship and Charitable Acts in Community

*"The Sky's the Limit" for the Brothers of Theta Chi!*

By Craig Louer

The past semester has been very successful for the brothers of Theta Chi Omega chapter. For three straight semesters, Theta Chi has consistently maintained the highest cumulative chapter GPA among all IFC fraternities. In the Fall semester, 13 brothers achieved Dean's List, with Brother **Michael Crawford** boosting our average with his perfect 4.0 GPA. Don't worry, though; we're not a bunch of bookworms. We won the Intramural Championship for Men's Volleyball in the Fall. We are currently under review by a panel that is judging our chapter for excellence. Being named a Chapter of Excellence at Penn State is a very prestigious title that only the best fraternities get to hold. Brother **Todd Pontius**, currently the IFC Vice President of Programming, happened to be sitting on that panel, and informed us that we lit up the room with our accomplishments.

Our helping hand has reached many people already in this school year. After yet another successful K.I.C.K.S. tournament in the Fall, we raised approximately \$1,800 for Make-A-Wish. We have monthly visits to an elderly care home, The Village, to play bingo with its residents. These senior citizens look forward to our visits, and recognize our letters when we walk through the door. That,

along with over 400 hours of community service, has shown that we care about the surrounding community. For THON, we teamed up with S.N.A.P., which stands for "Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania," although the brothers prefer to call them S.N.A.P.S., which to us stands for "Sexy Nurses at Penn State." Together we raised a total of \$16,110.16 for the kids. Our goal for next year is to blow that total away and return to being a top tier THON fundraising fraternity.

**"People are beginning to recognize us, and they will continue to do so as our brotherhood grows in size, involvement and character."**

Our 75-year-old house is currently under a great deal of renovations. The third floor was demolished in early winter, and should be completely remodeled by the end of May. We should have 20 available rooms by the beginning of next semester, as well as a new roof, a usable fireplace/chimney, and several new appliances. The Norwich Housing Corporation has provided the funds to allow Greg Butts and his wonderful FratFix crew to give us the

much-needed renovations that we have desired since we moved back into the house.

As far as where we're headed, the sky's the limit. I'm a sophomore, leading up an entire Executive Board of sophomores who are ready to restore Theta Chi to glory here at Penn State. People are beginning to recognize us, and they will continue to do so as our brotherhood grows in size, involvement and character. We are participating in Greek Week for the first time since our re-founding, and preparing to ride our successes from Homecoming 2006 into Homecoming 2007. We also brought in ten new members over this year to refill the void left by the graduating class of 2007, and we already have massive recruitment goals for the Fall semester.

As always, the president should encourage alumni to return. I don't care if you give money. Hell, leave your wallet at home (who said you needed a wallet to carry cash?). Just show up once in a while. You have stories to tell, and so do we. Come back to the house and relive some of those memories. Without our alumni, we might as well be the Alpha class of 1919. We do have a past, so share its beauty with us. ■

## WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Your submissions are needed for future issues of *The Omegaphone*. Do you know of a brother that would be a great candidate for a profile in our next newsletter? Do you have exciting news to share with the brotherhood? Please email all profile nominations and alumni updates to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com). Make sure to mention that they are for Theta Chi at Penn State.

Alumni updates can include any of the following:

- Recent events in your personal life (engagements, weddings, babies, etc.)
- Recent promotions or accomplishments at work
- What have you done since college?
- Are there any brothers that you were recently reunited with or would like to reconnect with?

- Photos from your days as an undergraduate or recent alumni gathering ■



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## HONOR ROLL

Thank you to these brothers who have already donated to the 2007 annual fund!

Howard R. Alter Jr. 1941  
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 David Robertson 1942  
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 Clifton C. Woodward Jr. 1948  
 Robert B. Bossler Jr. 1949  
 George W. Chapman Jr. 1949  
 Robert C. Kennedy 1950  
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 Thomas J. Peters 1953  
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 Ronald G. Hansen 1957  
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Alexis Barron 1960  
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 Marc R. Bleckman 1997  
 Gregory R. Rogalski 1998  
 Matthew S. Keller 2000  
 Michael V. Campanella 2004  
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 Christopher Zegar 2004

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### '50s

#### W. Orben '55

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Twelve years ago, we arrived at our retirement home less than a mile from a Gulf Coast beach. We still drive north for about four months and stay at Lake Champlain. We celebrated our 50th anniversary in July 2004 and attended PSU's 50th Reunion in 2005.

#### Francis Paolone '59

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I earned three degrees at PSU—and survived all degrees as player and graduate assistant coach ('66-'70) under "The Maestro." I have gone from head coach of football at a suburban school in New Castle, PA to graduate school, and then to prison, serving two years in Project New View at Rockview State, developing programs to prevent recidivism; then to University of Maine at Augusta as Consortium Coordinator, then to UAB as the assistant to Associate VP-Student Affairs (with five-year stint as stress management consultant at BellSouth Corp.). I earned a second Master's Degree in Public Health resulting in a research

study on lupus. I just completed the initial three-year term as the Alabama representative to a newly formed nationwide Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, which surveyed taxpayers' concerns for systemic issues that could be recommended for viable changes within the IRS and its operations.

Wife Maria Antonette was born in Bolzano, Italy and came to U.S. at age 11. She learned English and graduated from Altoona High School with Mike Reid (PSU All-American). I met her at PSU and we married in 1969. She has been a model and TV commercials spokesperson, a self-employed image consultant and research interviewer at UAB. She is currently a beauty advisor at SAKS-Parisian at the Galleria in Hoover, AL.

Son Jon graduated from Hoover High School and was a two-year letterwinner in track and cross-country (two state championships). He is a U.S. Air Force veteran and graduate from UAB with B.A. in Environmental Studies.

Son Patrick graduated from Hoover High School and was a two-year letterwinner in football as a wide receiver and running back; at 6'2" and 190 lbs., Joe Pa missed out on this one. He is currently 24 years old and is soon to be commissioned 2nd Lt. after graduating from UAB with B.S. in Logistics and Civil Engineering.

### '60s

#### Alexis Barron '60

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I am an intellectual property attorney, president of the Board of Trustees of our church and officer of local committees and parties.

### '70s

#### Edward M. Beidel Jr. '76

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In August 2007, Dr. Deborah Casamassa Beidel (Theta Chi Little Sister '76) and I will celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. ■

#### Update Your Contact Information!

Make sure that you receive all Theta Chi communications by emailing your address, phone number and email address to our alumni relations firm, Affinity Connection at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com). Make sure to mention that you are from Theta Chi at Penn State.

## UNDERGRADUATE PHOTOS



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1 Brothers pose at Drexel University at the Fall Mid-Year Leadership Challenge.

2 Jason Chottiner poses with Samantha Hendel and Doreen DiGangi of Alpha Xi Delta at our annual David Ferro ('86) K.I.C.K.S. soccer tournament for Make-A-Wish. We raised \$1,800.

3 The Theta Chi IM volleyball team poses for a picture after winning the division. We eventually went on to be Intramural Volleyball Champs for 2006!

4 From left to right: Travis Pulling, Jason Chottiner, Yan Tseytlin, and Avi Sadiky enjoy the post-game fun at a football game.

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*The active brothers have been doing great things this year! Details on page 2!*

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