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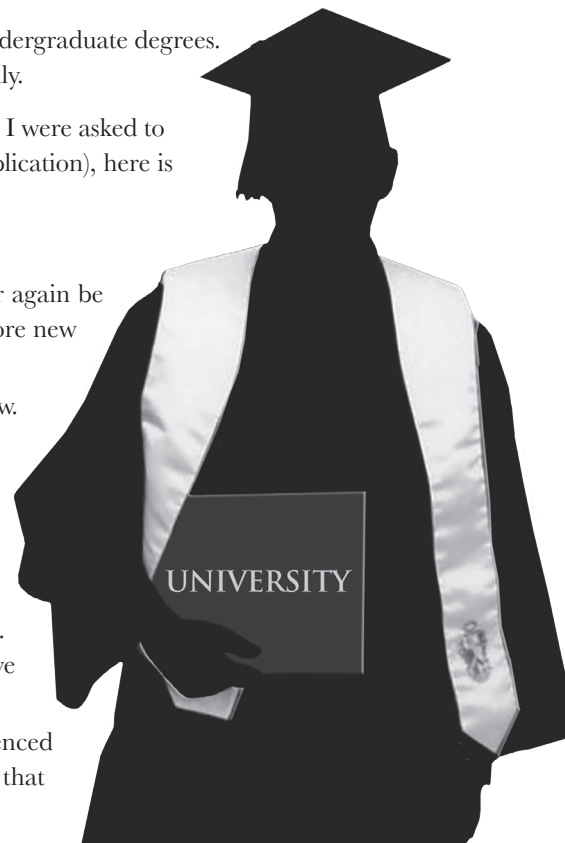
The Practical Man's 30-Second Graduation Speech

by Tom Schlange

Many Sig Taus have recently completed (or will complete in the days ahead) their undergraduate degrees. They will embark on a career. Settle down. Make some money (I hope). Raise a family.

There will be a lot of graduation speeches throughout the country this spring. And if I were asked to present such a speech (I have not been, but I can submit nearly anything for this publication), here is what I would offer: One dozen pieces of advice. They come with no guarantees.

1. Save some money. You're going to need it.
2. Hit the road. See this country and its people through your own eyes. You'll never again be as free as you are now. One of your great blessings is the time and energy to explore new things.
3. Live for today, plan for tomorrow. Too many people just live to anticipate tomorrow. Relish each day's special moments and, when you think of the future, think of it as 10 years of special days, each to be savored.
4. Keep your eyes and ears open. Will Rogers once said he never met a man he didn't like. Most people are not blessed with such an accepting disposition. Nevertheless, everyone you meet can teach you something if you're listening.
5. Separate fact from fiction. Truth is many sided. Explore all facets. Find the facts. Don't jump to conclusions. The world needs no more rumor or innuendo. Leave that to the tabloids.
6. Pick friends with care. Friends support, stimulate and nurture you. You have experienced a unique and caring brotherhood. Sadly, many people in this world do not have that background.



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7. Find some simple pleasures. The best things in life may not be free, but some good things are. Enjoy nature, fresh air, exercise and rainy Saturday mornings. Delight in relaxing activities.
8. Earn your own way. From today on, no one owes you anything. Make yourself a valued worker, develop an interesting mind. Always give your best effort, but don't always look for the shortcut. People respect a willingness to try.
9. Marry a friend. Don't be in a hurry. But when you enter into a relationship with a significant other, make sure it is with your best friend. You need a mate you can grow with in an uncertain world.
10. Make sense of what you can. If you are curious, you can make sense of how part of the world works. But accept some things as irrational and unexplainable. God works miracles every day.
11. 'Know thyself.' It's more than a quote from Shakespeare. The one person you have to live with is yourself. Become comfortable with your feelings and emotions and accept your own failings as you would another's. You cannot be like everyone else. (We wouldn't want you to be).
12. Learn to care. Do something of value for others every day. It'll make you feel like a contributing member of the community.

And there they are. Actually make it a baker's dozen by saving and reading this list annually. If it wears with time and experience – great. If not, cross out the losers and add new pieces of your own. Then complete the cycle, and hand them to someone else. Congratulations and good luck!

Note: For more advice on preparing for graduation and what comes next, see pages 9 and 10.

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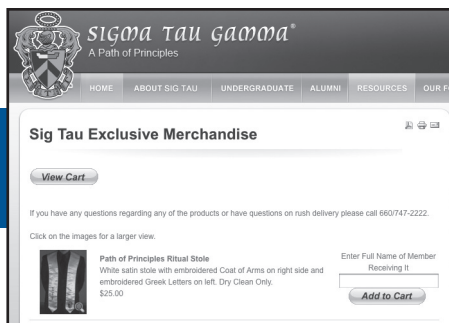
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On the Cover:

Executive Vice President **Bill Bernier**, DMF, Iota '71 (Kent State University), stops by the Warrensburg train station while leading chapter presidents through the Heritage Tour during the 2012 Webb Academy. Many of the Founders frequently used this train station, including when **Allen Nieman**, **Leland Hoback** and **Walter Williams**, from the original pledge class, rode to Kirksville, Mo. to start the Beta Chapter, making Sigma Tau Gamma a national Fraternity.

Welcome to the Sig Tau Store



The Sig Tau Store sells our Fraternity's exclusive merchandise online. You can access the store at any time by visiting www.sigmataugamma.org/sigtaustore. The Sig Tau Store features products such as window decals, T-shirts, books, sunglasses, membership badges and more. All products are Sig Tau approved and licensed. You can buy birthday, bid day, or holiday gifts, or simply purchase something for yourself.

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Epsilon Lambda (SUNY Plattsburgh)

Members of the Epsilon Lambda Chapter volunteer their time at a local animal shelter. **6**

Gamma Pi (Stephen F. Austin State University)

The Gamma Pi Chapter teamed up with Delta Delta Delta Sorority for their university's Homecoming float competition. The duo won first place among all student organizations on campus.

The chapter achieved this win while at the same time running their annual Haunted House Fundraiser. **7**

Beta Iota (California University of Pennsylvania)

The men of Beta Iota placed third overall in the President's Award for Outstanding Fraternities and Sororities on their campus. As a result they were awarded \$100 for their achievements.

Cody Snyder, Beta Iota '12, was also awarded the Joy M. Helsel Scholarship for Social Fraternities/Sororities for the 2011-12 academic year. This scholarship was endowed and awarded for the first time in 2009. It is presented to junior or senior students who have distinguished themselves with a 3.25 overall GPA or higher, and are members in good standing with a CUP recognized fraternity or sorority, as well as their national organization.

Snyder, a business administration major, is only the second student to receive this scholarship. He serves as the treasurer of his chapter. **1**

Upsilon (University of Arkansas at Monticello)

The Upsilon Chapter at the University of Arkansas at Monticello honored **Dr. Joe Guenter**, WCME, Upsilon Hon. and assistant professor emeritus of physics at UAM, with the first Paul R. Carter Professional Achievement Award. Guenter was recognized for his years of service to UAM and the Upsilon Chapter.

Guenter was on the UAM faculty from 1962 until 2008, when he retired. He served the Upsilon Chapter as faculty advisor for two decades from 1965-1985. He is a Wilson C. Morris Fellow and was also a recipient of the Prof. Grubbs Distinguished Advisor Award in 1978.

Guenter is a member of the Arkansas Academy of Science and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is also active in his community as a member of the Monticello Rotary Club, the Arkansas Superior Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, the Monticello Music Club, the Drew County Historical Society and the First Presbyterian Church.

The award is named in honor of the late **Paul R. Carter**, WCME, Upsilon '64. Carter was a UAM graduate and was former Walmart executive vice president, chief financial officer and president of Walmart Realty. He received the Sigma Tau Gamma Distinguished Achievement Award in 1987.

Beta Pi (Frostburg State University)

Beta Pi members teamed up with the Frostburg Lamp Post Community Committee to hang up more than 50 holiday wreaths on the main street in the city of Frostburg. The men worked from 11:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. hanging the wreaths and helping the city with its holiday decorations. The chapter also donated funds to purchase new wreaths. **3** & **4**

Alpha Kappa (University of Wisconsin-Stout)

For the past two years, the brothers of Alpha Kappa have been collecting and storing hundreds of excess books from local libraries. The chapter's goal was to help the Rotary Club fill a cargo container with these books to send to Kosovo in order to help create public libraries in that region. On October 1, 2011, the project culminated as Alpha Kappa members volunteered with the Chisago Lakes Area Rotary Club to pack 458 boxes of more than 20,000 books that were then shipped to Kosovo.

The project initially began in 2009 when some brothers were working at a book sale and noticed that unsold books were getting tossed in a dumpster. They wanted to do something with the unwanted books. Brother **Alex Johnson**, Alpha Kappa '12, talked with his mother, who is a member of the Rotary Club. She told him about the group's literacy project of collecting books to distribute in Kosovo. The chapter had been working on the project ever since that time and is proud to see the books finally make it to the destination.

Epsilon Xi (St. Louis University)

On Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, members of the Epsilon Xi Chapter gathered for their annual Christmas party to celebrate their newly elected Executive Board and to take a break from studying for final exams. The out-going Executive Board hosted the event in Midtown St. Louis. Brothers and their dates enjoyed food, drinks and a live DJ for an evening of fun and celebration. **2**

Epsilon Rho (Salisbury University)

Six associate members of the Epsilon Rho Chapter were initiated on Dec. 3, 2011. Epsilon Rho brothers send their congratulations to the new initiates and the newly elected chapter president, **Paul (Robbie) Dierdoff**. **8**

Delta Upsilon (Penn State Erie, The Behrend College)

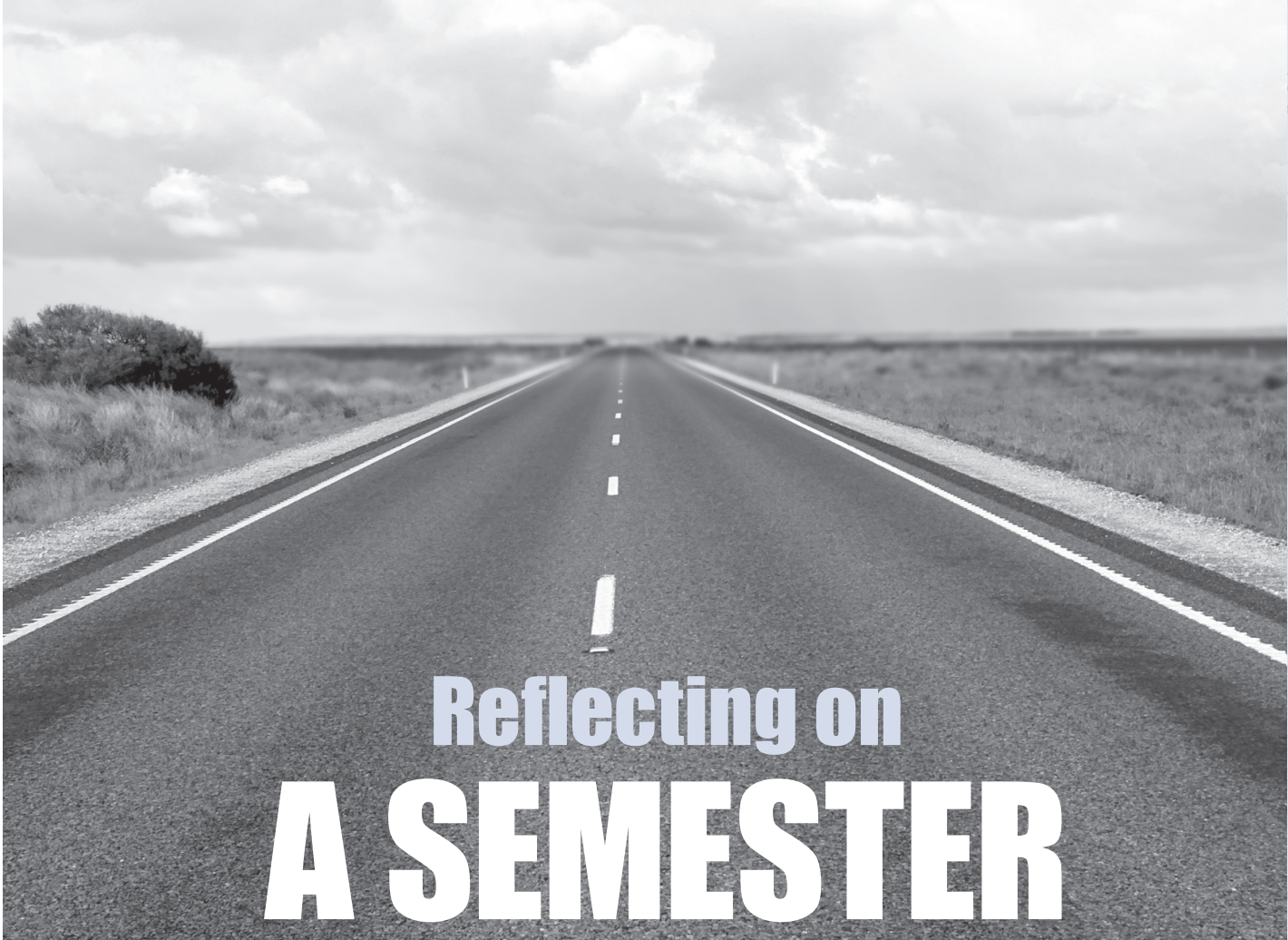
Brothers of the Delta Upsilon Chapter posed for a picture after cleaning two miles of a road they adopted in Wesleyville, Pa.

"We took a few hours over a weekend to do a simple task to help make the world a better place," said **Chris Desmond**, Delta Upsilon '13. "This is just one of the many philanthropy projects we do. We are preparing for our annual Undie Run event in the spring, where all clothes and donations we collect go to the United Way Foundation." **5**



1 Pictured: **Cody Snyder** and **Joy Helsel** at California University of Pennsylvania's scholarship banquet. (Photo courtesy of Greg Sofranko, California University Public Affairs & Marketing) **2** Epsilon Xi Christmas party, pictured (Left to right): Front: **Tyler DeClue, Peter Orth, Jacob Jewulski** and **James Schier**. Second row: **Clint Agee, Andrew Mertens, Andrew Adcock, Gene Rodemich** and **Mark Ofreno**. Back row: **Tom Hanlon, Brandon Nitz, Will Luehrmann, Dan Garvey, Brian Lee** and **Christopher Fidler**. **3** Pictured: Beta Pi members take a break from volunteering to pose for a picture. **4** Pictured: **Todd Manuel, Beta Pi '13,** and **Josh Albowicz, Beta Pi '12,** with one of the many wreaths they hung. **5** Brothers of the Delta Upsilon Chapter. Pictured (from left): **Steve Mahony, Daniel Klanica, Ben Wrazen, Chris Clifford, Amaresh Chukkapalli, Patrick Urosek, Chris Desmond, Matt Connolly, Anton Trochtchenkov, David Murawski, David Schwoegl, Zach Reed, Chris Dixon** and **Mitchell Rankin**. **6** Epsilon Lambda Chapter volunteer their time at their local animal shelter. **7** Gamma Pi Homecoming float. **8** New initiates of Epsilon Rho, pictured (from left): **Michael Jeffery, Philip D'Agnese, Connor Martin, Shannon Gallagher, Michael Conto,** and **Nicholas Sterling**.





Reflecting on A SEMESTER ON THE ROAD

Sigma Tau Gamma's expansion counselors share their experiences of visiting chapters around the country and give an update on our newest provisional chapters at the University of North Carolina Charlotte and the Florida Institute of Technology.

My first semester on staff for Sigma Tau Gamma has been a phenomenal experience. Traveling to great schools and meeting awesome men who believe in the true spirit of fraternalism has been wonderful. In my travels, I've had the opportunity of working with existing chapters and ones that were recently opened.

In September, we began the expansion process at the University of North Carolina Charlotte and found more than 35 outstanding men to be Founding Fathers. When recruiting, we weren't focusing on the men who play just football or who watch basketball; we were focusing on high-achieving men. We were recruiting the top-notch men on campus, and relied on personal referrals and a rigorous bid selection process. The opportunity to share the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity experience to more men at more campuses has been truly remarkable, and I'm excited to work hard this semester.



Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of North Carolina Charlotte is a growing community. Derek and I were able to find men that were excited to pioneer their own Fraternity experience by establishing their own chapter. On November 17th, the men were welcomed as brothers through the ceremony of Initiation, with help from alumni in the Charlotte area.

According to founding President **Mohit Nigam**, a senior studying management, the brothers are excited to provide a fraternity focusing on Manhood, Brotherhood and Citizenship to more men at UNCC.

-Paul Manly, Epsilon Rho '11

Staff Carries on Tradition of Chapter Service

Sigma Tau Gamma staff members traveled across the country to many chapters during the fall 2011 semester. Chapters that received service visits included:

Alpha – University of Central Missouri

Delta – Emporia State University

Epsilon – Pittsburg State University

Theta – Northwest Missouri State University

Kappa Provisional Chapter – University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Lambda – Concord University

Alpha Chi – University of Illinois

Beta Theta Provisional Chapter – Purdue University

Beta Iota – California University of Pennsylvania

Beta Mu Provisional Chapter – University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Beta Tau – Slippery Rock University

Beta Omega – Edinboro University

Gamma Theta – University of Missouri-St. Louis

Gamma Pi – Stephen F. Austin State University

Gamma Psi – Illinois State University

Gamma Phi Provisional Chapter – University of Southern Indiana

Delta Alpha – East Carolina University

Delta Rho – Miami University of Ohio

Delta Upsilon – Penn State Erie The Behrend College

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Provisional Chapter

Virginia Tech Provisional Chapter

Atlantic Coast Regional Conclave

Great Plains Regional Conclave

If you would like coaching from a staff member, call the Headquarters at 660-747-2222.

When I was selected to join the staff this past June, I had no idea the tremendous opportunity I was being presented with. In the months since, I've come to understand just how special being a part of the Headquarters staff is. I've been fortunate enough to meet our exceptional brothers from all across the country in my travels for the Fraternity, and they never hesitate to lend a hand. I've been able to experience our brotherhood in an entirely new way by interacting with brothers at the national level, and it has given me an overwhelmingly greater sense of appreciation for Sigma Tau Gamma and the things we do as an organization.

Our alumni volunteers and collegiate members have been incredibly supportive in our expansion efforts, and have contributed exceptional amounts of time to help us grow our brotherhood. It is their tireless efforts that have made our expansion efforts successful this past fall, and their dedication to the Principles that will help both our new and existing chapters flourish well into the future. There is no way that I could even begin to do my job without their support. Hail to thee, Brothers! Go Tau!



Our second expansion this fall was to the Florida Institute of Technology, or Florida Tech. The university is a nationally ranked Tier 1 institution, with an on-campus undergraduate population of approximately 2,000 students. Founded in 1958 to meet the recently increased demand for high-level engineers and scientists for the nearby NASA installation in Cape Canaveral, the school has become a premier destination for science and engineering students.

In becoming the eighth fraternity at Florida Tech, we were proud to initiate many new members into the brotherhood of Sigma Tau Gamma. We received tremendous support from alumni members **Anthony Skevakis, Aaron Hackmann, and Carl-Barber Steele**, who helped us solidify the foundation of this new provisional chapter. The men of the Florida Tech

Provisional Chapter are excited to promote the highest ideals of Manhood, Brotherhood and Citizenship to their campus and community.

-Derek Kaimann, Beta '10

Practicing the Principles through Philanthropy: An Update on Special Olympics

By Jeremy Daus, National Vice President of Philanthropy

As the Spring Semester is in full swing, I want to give you an update and preview of what's coming for Sigma Tau Gamma as it begins to build its relationship with the Special Olympics. As you might remember, at the Sue Kay Strategic Leadership Conference in August 2011, it was officially announced that Sigma Tau Gamma intended to form a relationship with the Special Olympics, in order to better exercise our commitment to the Principle of **Benefit** through philanthropy. The Special Olympics was chosen, because of its unique position as a group with a national (and world) presence, in addition to the opportunity to tie volunteer work to **Learning**. To that end, in the coming months you'll see a few things coming to the undergraduate and alumni members of our brotherhood.

Alumni brothers – I am looking to you for **Leadership**! President-elect Tom Morgan has asked me to seek out alumni specifically to fill the spot of state representative. The role will mainly be to help coordinate and get information to the chapters in your state. You will be able to work with the regional vice president and district directors to make contact with chapters. If this is something of interest to you, please email me at vpphilanthropy@sigmataugamma.org.

Collegiate brothers – I am looking for you to show your **Excellence**. It is important that as we look to partner with the Special Olympics, we have your involvement. It is important to show your campuses and communities that Sigma Tau Gamma is enhancing itself through the way it gives to others. We cannot have a successful partnership if we do not actively participate. That means we want you and we need you to involve yourself with this cause. In the coming months, I hope you seek out more information from Sigma Tau Gamma about how you can be involved with Special Olympics.

The Principle of **Value** tells us to “enhance the worth of belonging,” and Sigma Tau Gamma wants to help you build on your membership to enhance your experience. If we live to enhance the ideals of Manhood, Brotherhood and Citizenship, we should give our time and our talent, because Sigma Tau Gamma members are men of **Integrity**.

In the coming months, we will be working to finalize the relationship with Special Olympics and from there keep you informed of what's coming next. Keep your eyes on Twitter, Facebook and the www.sigmataugamma.org website for more information. You can also talk to your regional vice president, district director or me (vpphilanthropy@sigmataugamma.org) for more information.

Delta Beta (Duquesne University)

Pictured are brothers from the Delta Beta Chapter who volunteered with the Special Olympics. They helped out during soccer games by keeping score, refereeing, assisting coaches and cheering on the athletes.





Ready or Not,

Here It Comes

Preparing for Graduation and What Comes Next

For hundreds of our Sigma Tau Gamma brothers, this is the last semester of their college careers. Commencement ceremonies will take place in just a few short months, sending these brothers either out into the “real world” or to pursue graduate degrees. Whether you are just a freshman or have already graduated but are still clueless, this two-part series will give you a few tips to help you prepare for the big graduation day and transition to life after college.

How do I land a job and when should I start looking?

Although graduation is still several months away, it is time to start searching for jobs now. Finding entry-level jobs with little to no experience can be quite the challenge, especially in this economic time. Obviously this is nothing new, but how do you offset the *experience* issue?

Look for internships. Internships are the best way to gain real world experience while still in college. Many college graduates complete internships in the summer after they graduate, which can turn into future jobs. Volunteering also counts as experience. Find an organization that you care about or that is closely related to the field of work you are interested in going into. Then ask what you can do to help.

Even if your internship or volunteer work does not turn immediately into a job, it is a great networking tool, more experience to place on your resumé and gives you more confidence using the skills you learned in your classes.

Visit your school’s career services center. The center’s employees can help you find internships and provide a variety of tools, such as resume and cover letter help, mock interviews, job listings and other resources. Most career service centers also host job fairs. Take advantage of these services as soon as possible, even if you are only a freshman. Check out our list of resume and cover letter tips on page 10 to get you started.

For more graduation advice, check out the *Reflections* section on page 2 for an article from an archived SAGA.

Tips and Ideas for Writing Standout Resumés and Cover Letters

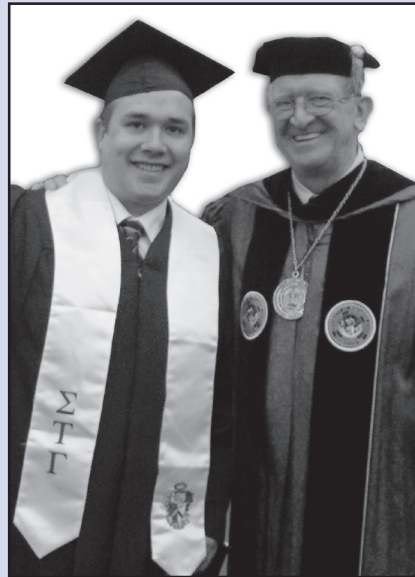
Adapted from Jenny Rabas, a prevention specialist at the University of Central Missouri. Jenny has presented at several Sig Tau events on improving resumés and cover letters, and environmental management.

Resumé Tips

- The most important information should start at the top of your resumé.
- A resumé needs to be readable. No smaller than 10 point font.
- Keep your resumé free from poor grammar and typing mistakes. Have at least two other people proofread your resumé before you send it out.
- Have a professional voicemail. When employers call you for a job interview and receive your voicemail, you should greet them with your first and last name. Politely tell them to leave their name, number and a brief message. Be articulate and record the message in a room with no background noise.
- Have a professional email address (sorry, no hotpants@yahoo.com).
- For each past employer, highlight key achievements, not just job duties, when applicable.
- Completely list education dates along with any degree you completed or anticipate to complete. (No need to include high school.)
- Cater your resumé to each job you are applying for. Research the company. Use key phrases the company uses on its website and job description in your resumé.
- Save every version of your resumé.
- When applying for jobs electronically, submit your resumé as a PDF file to avoid formatting issues.
- Reach out to alumni, especially those working in your field. Ask them to read your resumé and cover letter and offer feedback.

Cover Letter Tips

- Write a new cover letter for every job you apply for. A big mistake people make occurs when they use a generic cover letter; they often do not change important information or leave something from a previous cover letter. Employers notice when you send the same generic cover letter out to hundreds of companies.
- Highlight words in the job description and use those words in your letter.



- Your first paragraph should state the position you're applying for, where you heard about the job, and why you want to work for that company.
- Second and third paragraphs allow you to talk about your skill sets and why you fit the position.
- Closing paragraph lets them know where they can reach you and when you plan to check in with their process.

Possible Headings for Your Resumé

- Education – Put the most recent degree you have or are working on first. Include the university, graduation date (or expected date), degree and grade point average. Your GPA should not be included if it is low. Also, only one GPA is necessary (usually cumulative).
- Objective – You should tailor this part of your resumé to each job you apply for.
- (Relevant) Work Experience – You can explain work experience you were paid for, but can also include relevant experience through volunteering or an internship. Do not include jobs from high school or that are not related to the job you are applying for.
- (Relevant) Leadership Experience – This can be from clubs and organizations you were in, class projects you led, or campus activities you organized.
- Clubs and Organizations/Activities/Student Involvement and Abilities – Do not just list the clubs and organizations; explain what you did in them. If you never participated, start now or take it off your resumé. If a potential employer asks what you did in the organization, you should be able to explain something relevant.
- Awards and Honors
- Certifications and Trainings
- Research Experience
- Presentations
- Relevant Classes
- Academic Distinctions
- Summary of Qualifications

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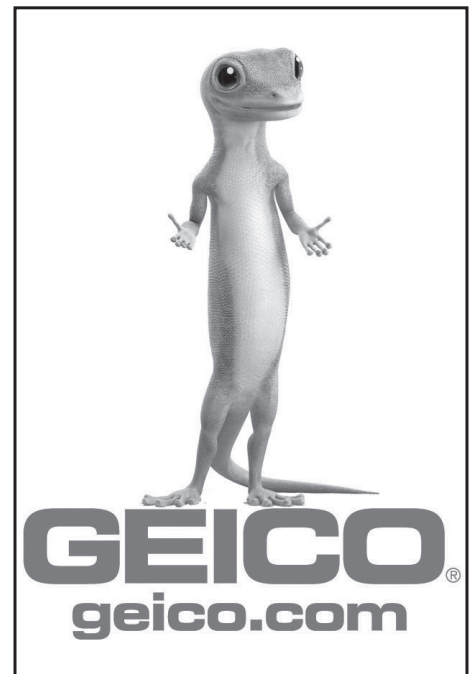
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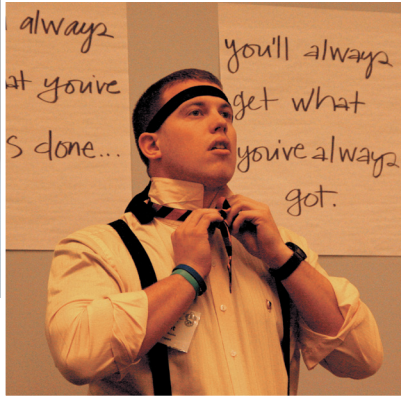
2012 Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders

More than 50 chapter presidents traveled to Warrensburg, Mo. for the Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders on Jan. 5-8, 2012. This annual leadership development program, designed for newly elected chapter presidents, helps participants better succeed in their office, while exploring the heritage of the Fraternity and enjoying a variety of brotherhood events.

A special thanks goes to the Headquarters staff and the following volunteers for making this event possible:

- Jason Paul Gomez, Gamma Pi '99 – Webb Academy Dean
- Zach Brown, CSM, Beta Gamma '10 – Webb Academy Assistant Dean
- Nate Dixon, CSM, Beta Iota '12 – Webb Academy Intern
- Ken Vaughn, WCMF, Delta Delta '86 – Atlantic Coast RVP
- Tom Connell, WCMF, Beta Kappa '08 – Great Lakes RVP
- Jeremiah King, CSM-EF, Alpha Omega '05 – Great Plains RVP
- Drew Allen, WCMF, Gamma Omega '06 – Red River District Director
- Lee Tabor, WCMF, Epsilon Mu '05 – Allegheny District Director
- Richard Harguindeguy, DMF, Beta Omicron '78 – National President
- Michael Schermer, DMF, Gamma Psi Hon. – Foundation President





Above: Executive Vice President Bill Bernier and National President Richard Harguindeguy welcome more than 50 chapter presidents to the Webb Academy. Below: Participants enjoyed brotherhood meals together at Heroes, a local restaurant in Warrensburg, Mo.

Top left: **Brent Jacobs**, Beta Kappa '13 competes in a bow tie competition. Bottom left: Chapter Presidents explore the James C. Kirkpatrick Library during the Heritage Tour on the University of Central Missouri campus.



Gavan Day, Alpha Phi '05 (Southeast Missouri State University), was promoted to the vice president position at Talent Acquisition, Europe based in DHR International's European headquarters in Amsterdam. He relocated this past fall to Amsterdam for a year. He concentrates his time on developing his company's offices in Amsterdam, London and Frankfurt. He is also working to open a new office in Paris. Gavan gained international experience when he studied abroad in Schmalkalden, Germany during his collegiate years.

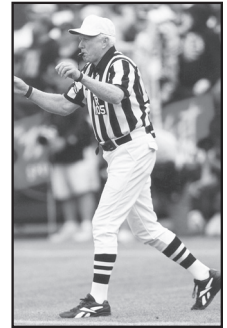
B. Don Steveson, Zeta '72 (Northeastern State University), became president of First State Bank in Norman, Okla. on Oct. 1, 2011. Steveson has more than 38 years of banking and financial services experience. He has worked for First State Bank since 2005 as its vice president, senior lender and senior vice president. He also has served on its Board of Directors since 2008.

Steveson received his bachelor's degree and MBA from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., serving on Zeta Chapter's executive board during his collegiate years. He also attended the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Chuck Mills, EMF, Beta Zeta '79 (University of Central Oklahoma), was named the Oklahoma Governor's Small Business Person of the Year on Oct. 14, 2011 at the Governor's Conference on Small Business in Tulsa. Mills is the third generation president of Mills Machine Company, an international custom manufacturer of earth drilling tools, bits and related accessories in Shawnee, Okla.

Brother Mills received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Management in 1979 from the University of Central Oklahoma. That year he was a finalist for the Ellsworth C. Dent Man of the Year Award. He served the Fraternity as an alumni member on the Board of Directors, as the 26th National President and as a Foundation Trustee. He also served as the mayor of Shawnee from 2004-08 and remains extremely active in his local community and throughout the state of Oklahoma. Mills is married to Karen W. Mills and has two children, Britan and Kurstyn.

Richard Hantak, Alpha Phi '60 (Southeast Missouri State University), was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in January as part of the 2012 class. Hantak spent 25 years as an official for the NFL as a line judge, back judge and referee. Following his retirement in 2002, he spent one year as a game day observer for the NFL. Highlights of his career included working at the 1982 and 1992 Super Bowls. Prior to the NFL, Hantak spent many years officiating college and high school football and basketball.



Brother Hantak graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. In addition to his officiating career, he spent many years as a high school teacher and coach. He retired from education in 1992 after 31 years.

Alpha 50s Reunion

Pictured (left to right) back row: Forrest Greer, Ron Dowell, John Snider, Fred Hill, Tom Freeman and Stan Small. Front row: Rose Marie Greer, Eloise Snider, Joan Hill, Luann Freeman, Pat Conard, Jim Bodenhamer, Glo Williams and Dr. Robert Williams.

For the past 15 years, Alpha Chapter brothers (University of Central Missouri) from the early to mid 1950s meet in late September for a two-day, two-night social reunion. **John Snider**, Alpha '54, and **Fred Hill**, Alpha '53, keep the tradition alive by organizing the event, updating addresses and continuing correspondences.

The event was held at the Flame Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri, which has been the tradition for the past 10 years. Brothers enjoy each other's company, cookouts and on the last night, a final banquet. Executive Vice President **Bill Bernier** attended the banquet several times and presents a report on the Fraternity for the attendees. The brothers also take time to plan the next year's reunion.

"We close (the banquet) with all of us, led by **Stan Small**, CME, Alpha '56, singing the Rose Song," said Fred Hill. "It may not be as loud as when we were outside a Yeater Hall dorm window late at night in the 1950s, but it's just as touching."



Due to limited space, the Chapter Eternal will not feature complete obituaries for every member. To see the extended obituaries of each brother listed below, visit: www.sigmataugamma.org/chaptereternal. To submit a Chapter Eternal entry, please email editor@sigmataugamma.org.

Alpha (University of Central Missouri)

- Dr. James Frank Marr '53. Oct. 14, 2011.
- Sean D. Sheldon '91. Jan. 2, 2012.
- Philip Stuart Small, WCME, '59. Jan. 3, 2012.

Beta (Truman State University)

- Russell Hardgrove '67. Nov. 11, 2011.
- Dr. Ronald McCormick (Mac) Howard '55. Nov. 16, 2011.
- Clyde Stutler Forbes Jr., WCME, '63. Dec. 30, 2011.

Delta (Emporia State University)

- Donald W. Knopf, '44. Dec. 15, 2011.

Epsilon (Pittsburg State University)

- Harold L. Russell '55. Dec. 6, 2011.

Tau (East Central University)

- Kase D. Harris '14. Nov. 29, 2011.

Omega (Missouri State University)

- Hon. Melton Hancock '51. Nov. 6, 2011

Alpha Phi (Southeast Missouri State University)

- Jeffrey T. Craig '92. Dec. 29, 2011.

Alpha Psi (Pennsylvania State University)

- Maj. Samuel Griffith '97. Dec. 14, 2011.

Beta Upsilon (Cleveland State University)

- Shane Everett '15. Nov. 6, 2011.

Gamma Rho (Cameron University)

- Aiden Allen Riddle, son of Ryan Riddle '06. Dec. 23, 2011.

The following brothers who entered the Chapter Eternal are part of the Wilson C. Morris Fellowship:

- Philip Stuart Small
- Clyde Stutler Forbes Jr.

Mu (Southeastern Oklahoma State University)

Dr. Earl B. Kilpatrick, WCME, Mu Hon., joined the Chapter Eternal on Oct. 23, 2011. He was 91. Kilpatrick was Mu Chapter's longtime faculty advisor, serving Sigma Tau Gamma for more than 30 years.

Brother Kilpatrick was born on June 21, 1920 in Burkburnett, Texas. He graduated from Wewoka High School in 1938 as valedictorian of his class. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1942. During World War II, he served in the European Theater from 1945-46. He retired from the Army Reserves in 1973 as a full Colonel.

Kilpatrick began his career at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1949 as an associate professor in the biological sciences department. That same year he received his master's degree. In 1950 he began serving the Mu Chapter as faculty advisor, a role in which he would serve for 33 years. He received a doctoral degree in 1959 and became affectionately known as "Dr. K" to generations of Mu Chapter brothers.

Kilpatrick married his wife, Ann in 1956. Many of the Sig Tau brothers participated as candle lighters, ushers and even a photographer for their wedding. They had six children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In Dec. 2002, Kilpatrick's children created the Dr. Earl B. and Ann Kilpatrick Scholarship for the Mu Chapter members' educational expenses.

Kilpatrick was honored with the Prof. Grubbs Distinguished Advisor Award in 1974 at the 26th Grand Chapter in Omaha, Neb. This highest honor for Sigma Tau Gamma chapter advisors was given in tribute to Kilpatrick's dedication, perseverance and effectiveness as an advisor. Kilpatrick maintained an abiding faith in the values of Sigma Tau Gamma and in the character of its members.



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Foundation News

The Development Committee of the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, Inc. met on Nov. 12, 2011 in conjunction with the Great Plains Regional Conclave in Independence, Mo. Present at the meeting were **Tom Janicki**, chairman of the Development Committee, and Trustees **John Heiman**, **Paul Mueller**, and **Wayne Juby**. Development Officer **LeAnn Bylo** and Foundation President **Michael Schermer** were also in attendance. The purpose of the all-day retreat was to discuss specific directions that the Foundation may take to pursue future and major fundraising activities.

The Trustees reviewed several surveys that had been conducted in recent months. They also received a report from Trustee Mueller about information he had received by attending the National Interfraternity Conference sponsored symposium specifically designed for those involved in foundation activities. Based on that information, plans and recommendations were developed for the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation to engage in a “mini capital campaign” in the near future as well as a major capital campaign to coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the Fraternity. General outlines and timelines for each campaign were developed for future discussion. Some specific recommendations to advance each campaign were formulated for action by the full Board of Trustees at its mid-year meeting in February.

The all-day meeting proved to be most successful in moving our development work forward. Those in attendance also received the opportunity to interact with the undergraduates present for the Regional Conclave.

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