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Foundation Spotlight:

The year was 1950. **Earl A. Webb Sr.**, DMF, Alpha '41 (University of Central Missouri), "Mr. Sig Tau", began serving as the National President of the Fraternity. The National Fraternity was in a state of transition, and there



wasn't full-time staff to provide the necessary field visitation. Nor did the National Fraternity have the resources to finance travel. Realizing this need, Brother Webb volunteered his time to visit as many chapters as possible. Brother Webb also used whatever means was necessary to make the visits. For instance, he would hitchhike to

a town nearby the chapter. There, he would shower, change clothes and buy a bus ticket with the little money he could spare. The bus trip may have only been for ten miles, but Brother Webb wanted to arrive in a dignified manner and show the undergraduates that Sigma Tau Gamma was a professional organization.

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7 Ways Your Faculty Advisor Can Help Your Chapter

By **Jonathan Sutton**, Faculty Advisor for the Epsilon Mu Chapter at Marshall University

Hopefully your faculty advisor has a good understanding of the university you attend. They have chosen a career path that focuses on students and helping others. They have agreed to dedicate time to help your chapter. Those are precisely the qualities you should be looking for in an advisor.

Your advisor is someone you should consult with who is there to guide your chapter and offer advice. They are giving you their time at no cost, so frequently it's a time to listen to what they are saying. They would rather learn early on there is a small issue, than later when it's a big problem.

Frequently chapters only reach out to their advisor when they need money, have a problem, or just "need something." Here are seven ways your faculty advisor can help your chapter.

1. Utilize the Connection. Often your advisor knows who to talk to on and off campus. It can be as simple as getting you in to speak to someone at the Financial Aid office and avoiding the long line at the beginning of the semester. If you can't register for classes due to a software or similar issue, your advisor shouldn't hesitate to step in on your behalf to get the issue resolved. If you need an internship or part time job off campus, your advisor likely knows former students who you can reach out to.

2. Leverage Their Talents. What department does your advisor work in? Someone in the business department can help your chapter get their finances organized. Education is a natural loop-in for fraternal education, and even keeping older members up to date. Everyone has a talent.

3. Softening Difficult Conversations. There are times when one or more members of your chapter may get off path. A conversation between members of the chapter could strain relationships further. Let your advisor be the go-between. Most times the member will listen to your advisor, where they will not listen to their brothers.

4. Developing Leaders. Let's say your Vice President of Programs is a little rigid, gets upset when every member doesn't show up or pull their weight. As an advisor I would involve the leaders of the chapter, speak with the individual not giving 100%, letting him know that his natural talent would better benefit the fraternity in a different role, such as Sergeant at Arms or Ritual Chairman. Guiding him in a direction gently to accept a new position where he may excel, while getting him to leave a position he is ineffective in is a benefit all around. This may require a little restructuring mid-semester. It's not a failure but a part of life, and something leaders must learn to address.

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Bill Searcy, WCMF, Beta '75 (Truman State University), the 2013 Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders Dean and Faculty Advisor for the Epsilon Sigma Chapter at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, converses with **Drew Allen**, NMF, Gamma Omega '06 (Baylor University), the Southern Regional Vice President.

Beta Zeta (University of Central Oklahoma)

After welcoming 28 new associate members this fall, the men of the Beta Zeta Chapter packed the semester with many awards and events. They participated in a poverty awareness week event called “Shack-a-Thon” on the UCO campus to raise money for a local food pantry. The brothers experienced a simulation of poverty by constructing a living structure with basic supplies and lived in it for three days. The Beta Zeta Chapter also placed 3rd in the “Cheer and Dance” Homecoming competition in which they competed against other organizations including fraternities, sororities, and other student organizations.

Beta Iota (California University of Pennsylvania)

Alumni and collegiate members of the Beta Iota Chapter showed their support for Brother **Dustin Fuller**, '12, who was commissioned as a 2LT in the US Army on Friday, December 14. Brother Fuller received an active duty commission into the Armor branch.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte Provisional Chapter

Brothers from the UNCC-PC participated in a local elementary and middle school “College Week” where they talked to students about their college experiences. Fifteen brothers volunteered their time reading to the students, talking about Greek life, and relating how their elementary and middle school educations helped them excel in college.

Psi (Central Michigan University)

To help raise money for Special Olympics, the Psi Chapter and members of Alpha Sigma Alpha hosted a chili lunch this past November.

Epsilon Omicron (Monmouth University)

The men of Epsilon Omicron hosted “Sigma Tau Squares,” based on the hit television show “Hollywood Squares”. The brothers created questions ranging from sports to literature and had participants from many Greek and campus organizations. With the support of local businesses and the community, the chapter was able to raise over \$900 for Special Olympics.

Epsilon Sigma (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)

The Brothers of Epsilon Sigma have kept busy this semester by participating in many philanthropic activities. The chapter participated in an Ovarian Cancer walk in memory of a brother’s mother whom the team was named after. They also participated in the Alzheimer’s Walk for a Cure on the SIUE campus to raise awareness for the disease. Epsilon Sigma also hosted a new member talent show for anyone who recently joined a Greek organization, raising over \$900 for Special Olympics. **1**

Upsilon (University of Arkansas at Monticello)

The Upsilon Chapter took a break from working on their recruitment efforts to participate in a brotherhood activity, going out to the trap and skeet range to shoot clay disks. **2**



Volunteers Make the Difference!

By 37th National President **Tom Morgan**, CMF, Phi '85



Executive Vice President **Bill Bernier**, DMF, Iota '71 with 37th National President **Tom Morgan** at the 2013 Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders.

The role of a volunteer is one of the most important and critical positions to the success of Sigma Tau Gamma, and we owe a great debt of gratitude to these men. Unpaid, they take time away from work and family to share their talent, wisdom and time with our collegiate members.

These volunteers are the men on the front lines with our chapters. Our regional volunteers provide a key link between Headquarters and individual chapters, and directly benefit undergraduates and chapter officers with programming at regional and national meetings. Our chapter advisors provide stability and continuity to chapter operations, offering ideas and inspiration when things are going well, and support and help when they aren't. Chapters receive support from our alumni associations with housing, Heritage Funds, and other important facets of their operations. We recognize that thriving chapters which are experiencing long-term success invariably enjoy strong alumni support and advisors.

Therefore it is crucial for us to invest in our regional volunteers and chapter advisors. As a national organization, we must provide active support, continuing education and meaningful training to these volunteers. We know it and we are taking the steps to do just that.

We strive to cultivate a culture where our members continue to support our chapters after they graduate. To achieve this goal, we can help with a chapter's recruitment, philanthropic endeavors, or Homecoming and Founder's Day. When we have professional expertise in, say, finance or marketing, we can offer to help our chapter officers. We can help build strong Heritage Funds for our chapters, and join our members when they gather to attend regional and national meetings.

We believe that the best structure for alumni support for a chapter is a full advisory board, so that each officer has a specific alumni advisor to work with. This model is far more effective at

providing continuous, consistent and meaningful help to chapters than just a yearly visit from a member of the Headquarters staff. Our entire structure needs to run effectively from our most critical front-line chapter support, the chapter advisors, all the way to the staff at Headquarters.

One of the primary inspirations for this spirit of giving of our time and talent is 8th National President Earl A. Webb Sr., DMF, Alpha '41 (University of Central Missouri), for whom our Academy of Principled Leaders is named. Every time he saw that Sigma Tau Gamma was in a time of need, Brother Webb took up the charge of visiting chapters, providing leadership and raising funds. It's fair to say that without his commitment and sacrifice, there might not be a Sig Tau today.

*"This is what it means when we say,
'Sig Tau for Life!'"*

When we volunteer, we can impact the whole chapter, or make a difference in the life of an individual member. Sometimes we impact ourselves by selflessly giving of ourselves. One of the great things about giving as a volunteer is that it comes back to us many times over. The more we give, the more we get. It is invigorating! Attending a Sig Tau event with collegiate members can generate good positive energy and enthusiasm for our own work and personal lives after we return home. Everyone is better off for our efforts. That is what makes volunteering worth doing.

So, I challenge you to get involved. Please visit the Sigma Tau Gamma webpage for more information on how to get involved and volunteer. Volunteer for your chapter, your region and for the National Fraternity. Let's build a culture in Sig Tau where it is the rule and not the exception to stay involved after college. This is what it means when we say, "Sig Tau for Life!" Let's shoot for the moon and continue building one of the great Fraternities in America. With all of us working together, we can do it.

VOLUNTEERISM

Sigma Tau Gamma's Foundation

Sigma Tau Gamma volunteerism began the day **Emmett Ellis**, WCMF, Alpha '20 (University of Central Missouri), became the first National President in 1925. Together with Ellis, four other brothers formed the first Board of Directors. Today, the Board of Directors is made up of eight brothers who volunteer their time to lead Sig Tau.

Our alumni volunteer leadership extends well beyond the Board of Directors. We are fortunate to count nearly 300 alumni volunteers serving our members as chapter advisors and regional officers. Our Foundation Board of Trustees and Project LEADERSHIP volunteers are dedicated to advancing our financial investment in leadership training and scholarship.

In addition, alumni association officers directly support the housing function at our chapters through their leadership. Alumni volunteerism can begin at any age, whether you just graduated from college or it's been a few years since you've been involved with the Fraternity. Each Sigma Tau Gamma volunteer has their story and it's never too late to start writing yours.

Recent graduate **Nate Dixon**, CSM, Beta Iota '12 (California University of Pennsylvania), started his volunteerism when he

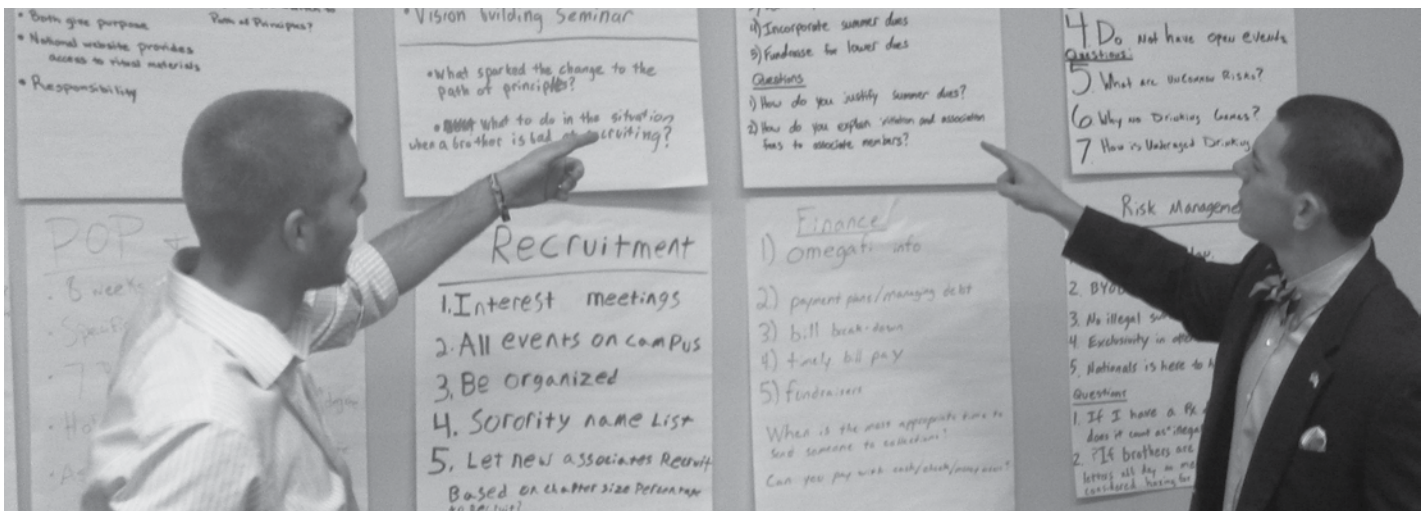
served as the 2012 Webb Academy Intern. As a recent graduate, Brother Dixon has taken on the role as the Allegheny District Director where he helps the Three Rivers Regional Vice President **Lee Tabor**, WCMF, Epsilon Mu '05 (Marshall University).

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"We each, as brothers, have unique knowledge and experiences that are directly correlated to being a member of Sigma Tau Gamma and we must share our talents," says Brother Dixon. "The Fraternity deserves that we give back because it has given each one of us so much. The Principle of Benefit compels us to serve and that doesn't mean it stops after graduation. Volunteering is the most rewarding and important way to stay in touch with Sigma Tau Gamma and build the brotherhood to be better than it was yesterday."



(Back left) Southern RVP **Drew Allen**, NMF, Gamma Omega '06, Atlantic Coast RVP **Ken Vaughn**, WCMF, Delta Delta '86, Great Plains RVP **Jeremiah King**, WCMF, Alpha Omega '05 and 2013 Webb Academy Dean **Bill Searcy**, WCMF, Beta '75. (Front left) Three Rivers RVP **Lee Tabor**, WCMF, Epsilon Mu '05, 37th National President **Tom Morgan**, CMF, Phi '85, 2013 Webb Academy Intern **Robbie Dierdorff**, CSM-EF, Epsilon Rho '14, and 2013 Webb Academy Assistant Dean **Erik Kahl**, WCMF, Beta Kappa '10.



2013 Webb Academy Assistant Dean and Lakeland District Director **Erik Kahl**, WCMF, Beta Kappa '10, and Expansion Counselor **Paul Manly**, WCMF, Epsilon Rho '11, review notes and ideas from the 2013 Webb Academy.

Bill Searcy, WCMF, Beta '75 (Truman State University), the Associate Dean of the School of Education at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, started as a Sig Tau volunteer just three years ago when members of a young provisional chapter approached him.

“Frankly, I didn’t start out with the intentions of being a volunteer,” says Searcy. “I merely offered to help the new provisional chapter being formed at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville if it needed anything. As a result, I became the Faculty Advisor for the Epsilon Sigma Chapter, and my life as a volunteer for Sigma Tau Gamma began.”

Since then, Brother Searcy has found many other opportunities to get involved. He attended his first Grand Chapter in 2012 and served as the 2013 Webb Academy Dean. Brother Searcy was disconnected from Sigma Tau Gamma for years and his new experience teaches us that, often, we need only ask for advising support and we will find it.

Many brothers have served as volunteers since they graduated from college. **Greg Rumpf**, DMF, Beta '79 (Truman State University), has been a volunteer for Sigma Tau Gamma for over 30 years. Brother Rumpf has served as a Regional Vice President, a Trustee of the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, and on the Board of Directors from 2004-2012. He currently serves as an alumni advisor for the University of North Carolina at Charlotte provisional chapter.

“Being a volunteer for Sigma Tau Gamma has become a very satisfying and inspiring part of my life,” said Brother Rumpf. “For me, working with undergraduate men is a privilege and an honor. Those who volunteer on the next level, the national volunteer stage, enter a whole new world of brotherhood. One which is much expanded and just as much as brotherhood and a chapter brotherhood.”

Roy Stanton Jr., Delta Hon. (Emporia State University), contributed to Sig Tau even before he was a member. Eleven

years ago, Brother Stanton started off as the Delta Chapter chef. “When I started working at the Delta Chapter house as the chef, I found myself volunteering more and more along with the brothers at the chapter’s philanthropic events.”

After working with the chapter for seven years, Brother Stanton was initiated as an honorary member in the spring of 2008. He currently serves as the Delta Chapter house director and chef. Brother Stanton also volunteers his time as one of the chapter advisors as well where he helps with programming and membership. “When I came to Delta Chapter 11 years ago, I knew it was going to be a good match because the men of Sig Tau have dedicated themselves to the same principles that I try to live my life by.”

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Each of us made a lifetime commitment when we joined Sigma Tau Gamma. One of the ways to fulfill that commitment is by volunteering. Advising a chapter or serving as an alumni association officer is a great way to do so. Leadership at this level is actually the most important alumni leadership in our Fraternity.

It does not need to be an overwhelming commitment. Just one or two hours a week of volunteer leadership can do wonders for a chapter.

If you are not near a chapter or cannot make that commitment, consider supporting Sigma Tau Gamma financially with an annual gift to the A Chain of Honor General fund or your chapter’s Heritage Fund.

Give Back and Pay It Forward

"When I think of what it means to me in regards to volunteering with Sigma Tau Gamma, I have a very simple approach. Give back AND pay it forward."

By **Lee Tabor**, WCME, Epsilon Mu '05 (Marshall University)

GIVE BACK

Do what you can afford when you can afford it by making an investment in our collegiate and alumni members alike. Donate to the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation or a specific chapter's Heritage Fund; make a contribution on another individual's Collegiate Sustaining Member or Wilson C. Morris Fellowship; provide a scholarship for an undergraduate to attend a regional or national meeting; or simply assist in developing fundraising ideas when a brother is in need of financial support to pay his dues. These are just a few examples.

I do understand all too well that sometimes money can be tight, especially for our undergraduate membership. In this respect, there are many other ways to "invest" in the Fraternity without emptying your pockets. Invest your time and energy in making a difference through volunteering, mentoring or advising on the chapter, regional or national levels. This is something I personally have discovered within the past few years (chapter advisor, turned district director, turned regional vice president, and then who knows!).

PAY IT FORWARD

By making these contributions to Sigma Tau Gamma, I am in the volunteer movement. Lead by example and others around you will follow. Nothing is more rewarding than having a brother tell you that he looks up to you and one day wants to do what you do. I've been told this several times while volunteering and I can personally tell you there is nothing more meaningful and rewarding than being told, "when I grow up, I want to be just like you." That, to me, is my payback and why I will continue to volunteer for many, many years to come.

In the future I personally envision Sig Tau as being one of the largest and most successful fraternities for undergraduate leadership development. When that vision is realized, just knowing I had a part in it will not be able to be expressed with words alone. My own constant and continued investment in the fraternal movement and more specifically the elevation of Sigma Tau Gamma is an integral part of who I am and is fully mirrored in my day-to-day actions and aspirations. Until that day when I join our founders in Chapter Eternal, you most definitely will be able to find me somewhere deep within the volunteer trenches. This, to me, is what being a "Sig Tau for Life" truly means.

Brothers, let me offer you one piece of advice: get invested, be involved and become a volunteer. Trust me, you won't regret it. I haven't, not for one moment.



Three Rivers Regional Vice President **Lee Tabor** with Epsilon Mu Chapter President **Benjamin Christie**, CSM, '15.

7 Ways Your Faculty Advisor Can Help Your Chapter

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5. Campus Involvement. An involved advisor should be able to help improve your image and reputation on campus. If they are as involved with campus life as they are with your chapter, they can look for opportunities to get your name out there. Ask your advisor to help get you on campus committees (you have a unique point of view as a student), work to get you in photographs for the university, and get their colleagues involved with you and your causes.

6. Academic Excellence. Helping you excel academically is an easy step for your advisor. They may not have an understanding of the class you're taking, but they likely know the resources available on your campus. Most schools have writing labs, tutoring, resource centers and more. Let your advisor guide you to the individuals and departments specifically set up to help you succeed.

7. Leading By Example. Ask your advisor to develop a brotherhood activity for your chapter. Let them be the individual who kicks off a fundraising activity. Ask them for ideas, and how they think the chapter can improve – you might be surprised at some of the great ideas they have.

A *Lifetime* Volunteer

Joining Sigma Tau Gamma is not just for four years but it is for life. Whether you're an associate, undergraduate or alumnus, it is important to stay involved and give back to your Fraternity. Our volunteers are the backbone to a growing Fraternity and with that, many opportunities are available, whether you have been a member for one year or 50 years.

Undergraduate Member:

- Sigma Tau Gamma offers many leadership opportunities through internships throughout the year. Past undergraduate attendees of the Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders or the Regional Conclaves can apply for an internship position with these events. Each intern assists with the planning and implementation of the event.
- Become a Collegiate Sustaining Member (CSM) by donating \$100 to the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation. Once you've become a CSM, you can donate an extra \$150 to the Foundation and become a CSM Eternal Flame.

Recent Graduate:

- Find an alumni association with your chapter or in your area and join it! If there isn't an alumni chapter in your area, create your own. Alumni groups allow you to keep in touch and meet new

brothers through events sponsored by the group such as Founder's Day celebrations, Homecoming or philanthropic events with a collegiate chapter.

"Our volunteers are the backbone to a growing Fraternity ..."

Alumni:

- There are many opportunities to volunteer at any level. If you live close to a collegiate chapter, volunteer a few hours a week and become a chapter advisor. At a regional level, there are openings to serve as a district director and help many chapters succeed.
- Participate in Sig Tau events such as the Strategic Leadership Conference, Grand Chapter or Regional Conclaves. Attending these events provides an opportunity to stay involved with Sig Tau brothers from all walks of life.
- With Sig Tau expanding to more universities each year, show your support by helping with a new chapter. You can make donations to support these new chapters or if there is a chapter opening up in your area, you can become a mentor to help grow the chapter.



Foundation Trustee **Shawn Kelly**, EMF, Gamma Nu '96, Board Director **Jonathan Proehl**, NMF, Gamma Nu '99 and the National Philanthropy chairman **Jeremy Daus**, WCMF, Gamma Nu '02.

Chuck Mills, EMF, Beta Zeta '78 (University of Central Oklahoma), was selected as one of five 2012 Distinguished Alumni recipients at the University of Central Oklahoma. Brother Mills is the President of the Mills Machine Company, an international custom manufacturer of earth drilling tools and other related products. Last fall, Mills was also named the Oklahoma Governor's Small Business Person of the Year.



Brother Mills served as the 26th National President of Sigma Tau Gamma and served on the Board of Directors from 1986-1992. Before serving on the Board of Directors, he served as a Foundation Trustee, Regional Vice President, and a District Director. As an undergraduate, he was a 1979 Ellsworth C. Dent "Man of the Year" finalist.

John Whetsel, Beta Zeta '71 (University of Central Oklahoma), has won his fifth term of office as the Oklahoma City Sheriff and has been serving since 1997. Brother Whetsel began his career in law enforcement in 1967. In 1973 he joined the Choctaw, Ok. police force and served as the Police Chief for 21 years before becoming Sheriff.

Alpha Kappa (University of Wisconsin – Stout) Brother **Bill Finkler**, '71, welcomed Alpha Kappa alumni **John "Jack" Link** '70, owner of Jack Links Beef Jerky, **Anthony Beyer**, NMF, '71, **Dan Marohl**, '70, and close friend **Bryan Olson** to Chicago for a weekend of Brotherhood. The brothers spent the day at a Chicago Cubs baseball game as the Cubs took on the Milwaukee Brewers.



Right to left: **Bill Finkler**, **Bob Haun**, **John "Jack" Link** and **Dan Marohl**.
In back: **Bryan Olson** and **Anthony Beyer**.

James A. Graham, Beta Pi '63 (Frostburg State University), a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps who gave his life in Vietnam following a series of heroic acts that were worthy of the Medal of Honor, was honored at the Frostburg State University Campus with the launch of the Graham Memorial Project, a living memorial to the fallen hero.



Captain James A. Graham, Beta Pi '63

The project will be a semester-long advanced workshop that will allow students to observe many aspects of the Vietnam War. After this study, the students will work in teams to conceptualize a memorial on campus to honor Brother Graham. Brother Graham gave his life on June 2, 1967 protecting the lives of his unit while they were under fire.

William "Spencer" Gillis, Beta '01 (Truman State University), a filmmaker living in New York City, had his short film "Gun" shown at the Sundance Film Festival this January. Gillis' film was one of 65 films shown and was selected out of 8,102 submissions.

Gillis' short film is about a family man named Roy, who, after a home invasion, purchases a gun for self-defense. After the purchase of the gun, he becomes obsessed with mastering the deadly device and the power he gets from carrying a concealed weapon leads him down a dark path.

Although he works primarily on independent projects, he also worked as a cameraman on shows such as "Breaking Amish", "Amish Mafia", and shooting "webisodes" for "30 Rock".

Jesse Green, '99, and **Brett Schricker**, '11, Epsilon Kappa (University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth) star in the television series "American Chainsaw" which airs on the National Geographic Channel. Master chainsaw sculptor Green teams up with his assistant Schricker and their crew to create chainsaw designs.



*Pictured from left are: President-Elect **Alyx Parker**, NMF, Alpha Chi '97, **Doug Haman**, CMF, Delta Rho '95, Executive Vice President **Bill Bernier**, DMF, Iota '71, **David Adams** (kneeling), Past President **Richard Harguindeguy**, DMF, Beta Omicron '78, 37th National President **Tom Morgan**, CMF, Phi '85, **Addison Schopp**, **Jim Johnston**, PMF, Delta Xi '01 (kneeling), **Michael Ray**, NMF, Beta Gamma '01, **Jonathan Proehl**, NMF, Gamma Nu '99, Past President **Jeff Russo**, IMF, Delta Xi '88, and **Michael Smoll**.*

The Board of Directors met for a weekend retreat October 11-14, 2012. Past President **John Heiman**, DMF, Alpha '84, hosted the meeting at his Lake of the Ozarks home in Missouri. **David Adams**, Alpha '79, facilitated the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis workshop. Director of Chapter Development **Addison Schopp**, NMF, Beta '08, and Director of Expansion **Michael Smoll**, WCMF, Delta '03, participated in the strategic planning portions of the meeting.

Gamma Tau Chapter Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Gamma Tau Alumni Association (Millersville University) welcomed more than 120 guests to the 40th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Gamma Tau Chapter at Millersville University. The Gamma Tau Chapter was chartered on May 6, 1972 when Past National President **Basil D. Hunt**, PMF, Beta '58, presented the charter to the Founding Fathers who were formerly the members of a local fraternity named Tau Gamma Lambda.

At the event, the brothers and their guests enjoyed a display of Sig Tau artifacts, heard stories from members representing four decades, and watched a multi-media presentation showing photos submitted by various brothers. Founding Father **Greg Overmeyer** '73 presented a refurbished and re-matted Charter to the collegiate members. The Gamma Tau Alumni Association also presented their Principle Awards to alumni who exemplified each of our Fraternity's six Principles.

2013 Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders

Sigma Tau Gamma hosted over 50 chapter presidents at the Birthplace of Sigma Tau Gamma for the Earl A. Webb Academy of Principled Leaders January 3-6, 2013. This three-day annual leadership development seminar is an opportunity for new chapter presidents to gather with Sigma Tau Gamma staff and volunteers to explore the challenges and opportunities of their newly elected positions.

Thank you to our Headquarters staff and our volunteers for making this event possible:

- **Bill Searcy**, WCMF, Beta '75 - Webb Academy Dean
- **Erik Kahl**, WCMF, Beta Kappa '10 - Webb Academy Assistant Dean
- **Robbie Dierdorff**, CSM-EF, Epsilon Rho '14 - Webb Academy Intern
- **Ken Vaughn**, WCMF, Delta Delta '86 - Atlantic Coast RVP
- **Jeremiah King**, WCMF, Alpha Omega '05 - Great Plains RVP
- **Drew Allen**, NMF, Gamma Omega '06 - Southern RVP
- **Lee Tabor**, WCMF, Epsilon Mu '05 - Three Rivers RVP
- **Tom Morgan**, CMF, Phi '85 - 37th National President





1 Chapter presidents during the Headquarters tour were able to see many original documents from the founding of Sigma Tau Gamma. **2** Regional Vice President **Jeremiah King** helps chapter president **James Schier**, CSM-EF, Epsilon Xi '15, complete his McCune Metrics packet. **3** **Drew Dimmitt**, CSM-EF, Gamma Pi '13, and **Chris Junkin**, CSM-EF, Gamma Tau '14, help each other complete their "BLUEprints." **4** 37th National President **Tom Morgan** presents **Mitchell Bekken**, CSM, Auburn PC '14, with his medal as a new Collegiate Sustaining Member (CSM) of the Wilson C. Morris Fellowship. **5** It was on this mantel that the founders signed the Constitution and Petition to the faculty to start a Greek letter fraternity. **6** **Zack Campbell**, CSM, Beta Theta PC '14, tries his luck at the craps table at the 5th annual Casino Night.



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 Beta (Harris-Stowe State University)

- William Bagot, '60, May 11, 2012

Alpha Theta (Eastern Michigan University)

- Louis Dillard, '60, October 25, 2012

Alpha Kappa (University of Wisconsin-Stout)

- David Meilahn, '61, October 1, 2012

- Robert Papas, '61, June 25, 2012

Alpha Sigma (Southern Illinois University)

- Theodore A. Beardsley, Jr., '52, November 3, 2012

Delta Gamma (University of Texas at Austin)

- Gene Grell, '81, January 2, 2013

Gamma Eta (Seton Hall University)

- Lawrence K. Memmola, '70, November 11, 2012

Nu (Northwestern Louisiana State University)

- Joseph Germany, '68, November 6, 2012

Pi (Indiana University of Pennsylvania)

- Keith Miller, '50, June 27, 2012

Ferne Evella Thomas Graves, EMF, age 91, passed away Friday, January 11, 2013, in Warrensburg, Mo. She was born June 14, 1921, in Tonkawa, Okla., the daughter of Floyd E. and Catherine L. (Simmons) Thomas.

On July 24, 1948, she was united in marriage to **Irwin L. Graves**, DMF, Kappa '41 (University of Wisconsin-Whitewater) at the Epworth Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, Okla. She moved with him to various Air Force bases in the U.S. and England. He preceded her in death on February 6, 2004.

Ferne graduated from University Preparatory School and Junior College at Tonkawa, Okla. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration at the University of Pittsburgh, and also did graduate study at Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage, Alaska. Ferne was a long time federal employee, retiring in 1975 as Administrative Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, WRD, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ferne and Win moved to Warrensburg in 1976 and she worked as an antiques dealer.

With her husband, Ferne was a stalwart supporter of Sigma Tau Gamma. Through the many years her late husband Win served as alumni advisor to Alpha Chapter, Ferne was supportive of her husband's efforts and directly involved in his mission.

Ferne and Win sponsored the first scholarships for Alpha Chapter members. They were directly aimed at encouraging academic excellence. The scholarships included highest GPA and most improved GPA for both the collegiate members and associate members. Their efforts were so successful that after a few years, multiple members started



earning perfect 4.0 grade point averages. Win and Ferne responded by giving scholarships to all of the top performers.

Ferne and Win attended the Maurine Achauer Conclave in 1987 at Fairfield Bay, Ark. when Win received the Prof Grubbs Distinguished Advisor Award. The Graves attended nearly every Sigma Tau Gamma convention for the next 15 years.

Win became a Trustee of the Foundation in 1993. Ferne attended all of the Winter Trustee meetings with him and became widely loved by brothers from across the nation.

Remembering Stan "The Man" Musial

Stan Musial, Beta Iota Hon. (California University of Pennsylvania) died Saturday, January 19, 2013, in suburban St. Louis, Mo. A native of Donora, in southwestern Pennsylvania, Stan "The Man" Musial became associated with Sigma Tau Gamma through Past President **Paul Pfeiffer**, NMF, Pi '35 (Indiana University of Pennsylvania), a childhood friend who was one of his high school teachers.

Musial played for the St. Louis Cardinals for 22 seasons from 1941 to 1963; he missed the 1945 season due to his service in the Navy. Brooklyn Dodgers fans started calling Musial "that man" after he had repeatedly devastated their home team with outstanding play. St. Louis sports writer Bob Broeg picked up on the respect Dodgers fans had for Musial and referred to him as "The Man" in a post game story. The nickname stuck.

Musial played in 24 All-Star games, won three MVP Awards and wore three World Series Rings. He was the Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year in 1957 and the Sporting News Sportsman of the Decade for 1946-1956. He was the National League's MVP in 1943, 1946 and 1948. Upon his retirement he held 17 Major League, 29 National League and nine All-Star game records.

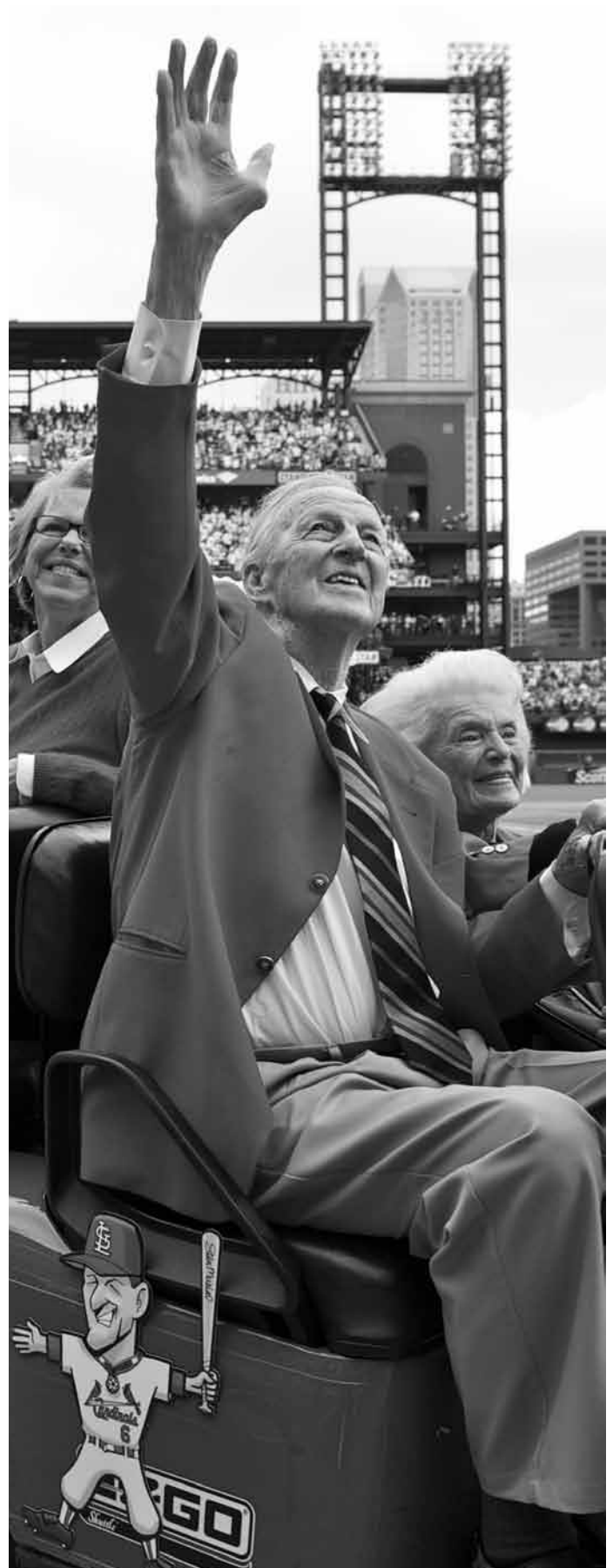
On Feb. 15, 2011, Musial received the highest civilian honor in the United States, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. It was recognition of extraordinary character both on and off the field.

Musial played during a strenuous time as integration was taking place in baseball. He brought people together and helped ease some of the aggression that was present among many of the players. He also cared deeply for his fans, never turning anyone down for an autograph.

Musial was humble in every aspect of his life. He enjoyed 71 years of marriage with his wife Lil, who was his high school sweetheart. She passed away in 2012.

Musial became a member of Sigma Tau Gamma in 1962. At 41 he was still among the most acclaimed active major league players. He served on the selection committee of the Musial Sportsmanship Award. The permanent plaque honoring the recipients, with a bronze relief of "Stan the Man" at the center, was proudly displayed at his St. Louis restaurant. Today that plaque is permanently displayed in the Millsap Headquarters Building.

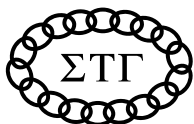
Eric Hillman, DMF-DD, Alpha Lambda '83 (Concord University), a sports leader in his own right, sponsors a scholarship for the recipient of the sportsmanship award. Now known as the Musial/Hillman Sportsmanship Award, it is presented each year to a collegiate member of Sigma Tau Gamma who excels not only in intercollegiate athletics, but is also a leader in the classroom and community and typifies the selfless traits exemplified by Musial.



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Foundation News



PROJECT LEADERSHIP 1400 UNITED TO ADVANCE THE CHAIN OF HONOR

We are happy to report that since the announcement of the Project LEADERSHIP campaign at the 45th Grand Chapter this past summer, we've made good progress. As of January 2013, we have 81 donors, 38 that are new, 147 donations made, raised \$26,446.76 and have \$106,390 pledged. Many of the commitments have come from new donors, including both alumni and undergraduates. This fall, the Project LEADERSHIP team sent promotional kits to all alumni associations and collegiate chapters. These kits included brochures, testimonials, and Project LEADERSHIP stickers to influence brothers to pledge to become one of 1,400.

We want to express our gratitude to you for demonstrating your leadership by making a commitment above your normal Foundation gift to not only help raise the needed funds but in modeling the "giving back" behavior for our younger alumni and undergraduates.

There are two ways you can get involved with Project LEADERSHIP which can be found on the Sigma Tau Gamma website. By visiting the Project LEADERSHIP section of the website, you can make a one-time pledge or make a gift via our PayPal option. When you become one of 1,400, let us know what motivated you to contribute to the cause! Use the hashtags #STG1400 and #STGWhatsYourNumber on Twitter.

Congratulations to the following brothers who have become one of 1,400:

Drew Allen	Gregory Gilbert	Alyx Parker
Spencer Bangert	Tyler Goodwin	Leon Peters
Andrew Bartell	Bill Hardebeck	Paul Phillips
Thomas Baxter	Richard Harguindeguy	Nathan Pierce
Brian Bennett	John Heiman	Frank Pokorny
Mark Bentley	Jack Henry	Jonathan Proehl
Richard Bernardini	Donald Hoem	Logan Ralston
Doug Bernier	Benjamin Holdren	Matthew Rea
William Bernier	Kenley Hoover	Daryl Rhyner
Matthew Bevers	John Huhn	Girard Richl
Mark Biberstein	Thomas Janicki	Greg Rumpf
Daniel Bracey	Phillip Jeanfreau	Blake Rundell
Jeffrey Buckman	Jim Johnston	Jeff Russo
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Michael Carney	Jeremiah King	Brian Sipe
DW Cole	Brad Kipp	Robert Slater
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Thomas Connell	Jacob Little	Michael Smoll
Thomas Cook	Ronald Loewen	Thomas Sokol
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Jeremy Daus	Michael Matznick	Lee Tabor
Thomas Deters	Richard Mauer	Scott Thompson
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Jordan Drury	Josh Menacher	John Ussery
Joseph Durkalski	Thomas Morgan	Ken Vaughn
Kristee Elliott	Philip Morris	Rob Wann
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Luke Farnsworth	Paul Mueller	Alex Williams
Joseph Feldhouse	Mitchel Mullen	Lonny Wilson
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Tony Fornelli	Chase Nichols	Tom Wood
Stephon Freeman	Ross Ogilvie	Robert Zavagno
William Fugenschuh	Donald Orris	

(As of January 31, 2013)