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THE EPSILON OMICRON CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI

EPSILON OMICRON REMEMBERS A FOUNDING BROTHER



Charles H. B. Vaucrosson entered the chapter eternal on the morning of October 29, 2005 at the age of 71. “Brother Charles was a member of the Local Fraternity Chi Delta Sigma at the University of Western Ontario. He should have been a charter member but was barred from membership by the colour bar. Charles and the other brothers agreed that they would go on to become a Sigma Chi chapter.

In 1957 the Epsilon Omicron Chapter was chartered, unfortunately without Charles. We lost touch with Charles but found him following the 1977 20th anniversary reunion. We asked Charles if he would still be interested in joining and he was overjoyed. In November of 1977 Charles was initiated into the Epsilon Omicron Chapter surrounded by many of his Chi Delta Sigma brothers and those brothers active at the time. (I'm proud to have been one.)

In 1987, at the Leadership Workshop at the University of Western Ontario Charles became a Significant Sig.”

-Past Grand Praetor John Edwards, EO'80

All honor to his name!





"Energetic and faithful to every task"

- Isaac M. Jordan

EO Brothers Ride For Breast Cancer

Over the last summer two brothers of our chapter participated in a four-man bicycle trek across Canada dubbed Robbins Ride. **Travis Buckley'06** and our current Consul, **Ryan Richards'06**, along with Shael Zelunka and Cyrus Salek left Victoria B.C. on May 5, 2005 and began their 87-day journey to raise money for the new breast cancer ward at the Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre. The inspiration for this drive was conceived by Ryan as a way to help out all women suffering from this illness, as well as his own mother Robbin, who has struggled with the illness for the past 13 years. The ride

ended on July 31st with what could only be called an intervention of fate. They arrived in St. Johns and met their parents at the St. Johns Harbour on pier 7. They quickly viewed Shael's odometer to see how far they had actually traveled. It turns out they had arrived on Pier 7 finishing their journey of seven thousand seven hundred and seventy seven point seven kilometers on their eighty seventh day. The journey was not only an experience of a lifetime, but it raised over \$80,000 for their cause. Robbins Ride is still generating money to this day. Donations may be made at <http://www.robbinsride.ca>

- Scott Darling, Pro Consul

Derby Days

Our annual Derby Days has always been a lot of fun for everyone involved, and again this year we are bringing back the weeklong series of events. This year we are trying a few new ideas. We will be having a bar night, followed by a scavenger hunt, as well as a Brother slave auction, all while conducting a food

drive throughout the week. To finish off the week, we will be hosting our annual Air-band competition. This event usually grosses the most money for our charities thanks to all the sororities that get involved. The week of events will begin on Nov. 27th and will end on Dec. 3rd.



Thanks to everyone for helping make the First Annual Sigma Chi Open a success.

We raised \$500 for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Hope to see everyone next year.

PREPARING THE HOUSE FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF EPSILON OMICRON IN 2007

Over the summer, the Housing Corporation approved some much needed repairs to the Chapter House at 565 Ridout Street N. Under the supervision of the new Treasurer, **Rob Kimball ('86)**, and with the hard work of the active chapter, the House is looking better after the following repairs: new eaves trough, new front door, trees trimmed, new fence in front, gravel driveway, repaired windows, repaired plumbing in bathrooms, and a TV. room in the jail cell. The actives also received free cable, internet, and phone service courtesy of Edward Rogers ('88) of Rogers Cable Inc.

While these repairs help refresh the House, there are more substantial structural repairs required. The roof, the kitchen, the bathrooms, the electrical system, and the exterior are all in desperate need of attention. Additionally, the Housing Corporation still carries a mortgage of close to \$150,000 (down from \$250,000 after the fire in 1987). It is our goal to reduce the debt and raise enough funds to make the necessary structural repairs in time for the 50th anniversary in 2007. This will preserve 565 Ridout Street for the next 50 years! We will be launching

the *Sigma Chi Capital Campaign* at the next *Epsilon Omicron Brotherhood Dinner* at The Albany Club in Toronto, **February 2, 2006**.

The chairman of the campaign is **Paul Barnicke ('72)** who was also instrumental in the fundraising efforts in 1987 after the fire. More details about the Capital Campaign and the proposed repairs/additions to the house will be communicated to the alumni in a later mailing. Anyone interested in helping out with the planning of the renovation or the raising of funds, please contact me at geoffspidle@yahoo.com.

Be sure to mark down February 2nd in your calendar for the *Brotherhood Dinner*. This annual event reunites the alumni from our chapter with proceeds going towards the Chapter House. The 2005 dinner honoured **Robert McEwen ('73)**, the former Chairman & CEO of Goldcorp, for being the 5th member of E.O. to receive the Significant Sig Award. We had a great turnout and it was a terrific event.

In hoc,
Geoff Spidle ('87)
Housing Corp – Alumni Relations



Words from the Chapter Advisor

Having recently taken over as Chapter Advisor from the venerable Marc Shaffer, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you a brief outline of my goals and vision for the future of our Chapter. During the last few years I was fortunate enough to sit on the

Chapter Advisory Board, working closely with the Housing Corporation, Chapter Advisor and Undergraduate Chapter. I believe this experience will certainly be beneficial during my period as Chapter Advisor.

My first of two goals that I

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hope to accomplish this year will be to assist the Active Chapter in preparing an application for the Peterson Award and developing a strategy to continuously work towards submitting a winning Peterson application each year. I think that the Peterson Application is an excellent guideline for developing a strong Chapter. My second goal is to work on developing a stronger understanding of the Ritual within the Active Chapter and its purpose within our Fraternity. I believe that both these goals tie in to my vision of a Chapter that can be respected and honored, not just by our own

brothers, but by our Fraternity on a whole.

After having attended three Balfour Leadership workshops I can certainly say that I think we are on the right track to attaining this vision. In conclusion, I would like to say that I am extremely honoured to hold this position and look forward to an exciting and challenging year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns through my email address on the Chapter's website

In Hoc,

Kevin Sharpe, Chapter Advisor

This year the Sigs of the Epsilon Omicron chapter are participating in both inter-fraternal and intramural sports. Our 2nd annual brotherhood paintball match will be taking place in the upcoming weeks, keeping the brotherhood competitive and healthy. Our ice hockey program is once again looking strong with the help of our new pledges. Last year we fell short in the playoffs after winning back-to-back titles in the two previous years. With a solid goaltender and fresh

legs, Sigma Chi is gunning for another title. At the moment we have a ball hockey team competing in the intramural UWO league with only 1 game to play before playoffs begin. Once that is over, our basketball team will take to the court with hopes of our first championship come the new-year. As well, we are currently looking into hosting an inter-fraternal basketball tournament with the other chapters associated with UWO.

-Clay Brown, Sports Chair

We'r on the Web!
See us at:
www.sigmachi.tv

I-Night is on Friday January 13th, 2006 Alumni support would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to join us for the Ritual Ceremonies, Please contact **Dean Rabie @ 519 860 3236 OR deanrabie@hotmail.com**

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