

Sigma Pi Alumni Announcement

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**Rho Chapter Fraternity House
3414 Hillsborough Street**

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Alumni Association Homecoming Event!

We hope that you have all enjoyed receiving and reading the first Rho Chapter Alumni Newsletter that was sent electronically to you in July. Your Board members are all very excited about the recent resurgence of Rho and the opportunities the active brotherhood now have to become the leading social fraternity at NC State!

As the active brothers move back into their new home on Hillsborough Street, and as we all anticipate a great Wolfpack football season, it's time to begin thinking of rejuvenating the Rho Chapter Alumni Homecoming event.

Your Alumni Board continues to meet frequently in person and by conference call. We have now turned our attention to planning a social for all of our alumni on Friday evening, November 6th, at Rho's new home at 3414 Hillsborough Street. We greatly encourage all Sigma Pi Alumni to attend this event, see your old friends, meet the new actives, and tour our new home. On the following day, NC State Wolfpack will take on the Maryland Terrapins at Carter-Finley Stadium.

The Friday evening social will be held from 8 – 11 p.m. at the chapter house. Due to the university's rules for fraternities and sororities, the social will be BYOB, and our new pledges will be helping and acting as bartenders. The Alumni Association will provide mixers and light appetizers. Dress will be "business-casual" so everyone can relax and have a great time. Music entertainment, targeted to us older folks, will be provided. Leave your hip-hop or rap attire at home!

As our active brothers have moved into their new home, we want to replenish a lot of the old memorabilia that have been taken for safe keeping or simply lost over the years. Ours is a large house, and a lot of walls need decorating. If you have composite pictures from years past, old pledge class paddles, scrap books, award plaques, or any other items that would help restore our history and add to the ambiance of our new digs, please bring those items with you. A prize will be given for the best useable item brought! In addition, the house still needs furniture. If you have useable furniture, rugs, lamps, or other items that you would like to bring and donate, please contact the current Sage, Peter Barnes, at plbarnes@ncsu.edu, to make sure such items would be useable.

We hope that all of our Rho Chapter alumni will plan to attend this event. As we have 46 active brothers, a tremendous fall pledge class of 14, and anticipate a great many alumni and their spouses to attend our Homecoming, we should have a terrific alumni social event. We do ask that you RSVP by email to Tommy Rodwell at tommy.rodwell@gmail.com so that we will have an idea of the number of alumni to expect, and so that we may have name badges ready. **There is no charge to attend!** A prize will be awarded to the alumnus traveling from the furthest destination!

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As we are trying hard to make sure all of our alumni receive our newsletter and other information from the Sigma Pi Rho Chapter Alumni Association, we ask all alumni brothers to make sure your old friends at Sigma Pi are receiving the information we are sending. Please pass this newsletter along to your friends in the fraternity in the event we do not have their current e-mail addresses on file in our database. We have purposefully chosen our initial alumni directors to cover the decades since the 1950's, in order to try to contact all of our alumni.

The following are our current Alumni Board members with their contact information:

Brent Brewbaker, President, ncsubrew@aol.com
Dan Ingram, Vice President, ingramdan@nc.rr.com
Chris Albers, Treasurer, chris.albers@pgnmail.com
Charlie Gardner, Secretary, mudcat48@embarqmail.com
Tommy Rodwell, Director, tommy.rodwell@gmail.com
Grady Sykes, Director, gsykes@nc.rr.com
Jack Daniels, Director, danielsj@aatcc.org

Please contact any of them with questions regarding Homecoming or anything to do regarding our reactivated Alumni Association.

Finally, we ask that all of our Rho Chapter Alumni please join the Sigma Pi Rho Chapter Alumni Association. Without a strong base initially, it will be tough to fully support the strong work of the actives.

To facilitate the successful revitalization of the Sigma Pi Alumni Association, it is necessary to re-institute the longstanding tradition of Alumni Dues. Some activities dues will be used for, among other things, include: establishing a comprehensive online Alumni Directory of members, hosting an annual Founder's Day event, and hosting an annual Homecoming event. Dues are very reasonable, and are assigned on the following schedule:

General Alumni Dues (any alumnus more than 4 years removed from undergraduate): \$50.00/year

First year as Alumnus (year following graduation): \$0.00/year

Second through Fourth years as Alumnus: \$25.00/year

Alumni dues will be based on the calendar year, and with great things already happening this year (Homecoming, football tailgates, etc.) we ask you to join right now and help us grow. A strong base of Sigma Pi's can really help both the Chapter and the Alumni Association in the quest to become the best organization at NC State. The alumni dues payment form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

The Alumni Association is in the process of finalizing other procedural items, including lifetime memberships and other benefits of active participation. More information will follow.

We welcome all Alumni of Sigma Pi to join the Alumni Association. Please remit the form at the end of this newsletter with payment as soon as possible to get started today!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Rho Chapter Report

Rho Chapter of Sigma Pi is proud to report continued momentum this semester with the pinning of 14 pledges, concluding a successful Fall Rush! Rush events included Sorority mixers, poker and movie nights at the house and a kick-off concert on the front lawn of the Fraternity House. This semester the actives have many events planned outside of Homecoming as well, including football tailgates, Habitat for Humanity Shack-a-thon, participation in intramural sports, sorority mixers and weekly community service events. The chapter is also in the process of establishing periodic alumni dinners for all local alumni, more information on those will follow.

The Fraternity continues to grow with the support of the alumni and the hard work of the actives. Currently at 46 active brothers plus 14 pledges, the Fraternity looks to have 60 active brothers at the end of the semester. A strong Spring Rush is already lined up with several potential candidates, as well as big plans for Orchid Ball. The actives thoroughly enjoy meeting alumni, and are hoping for a strong showing at Homecoming. The chapter encourages alumni to stop by the house anytime, and any memorabilia anyone has from the past will be proudly displayed in the new house if desired. Furthermore, the Fraternity is in the process of establishing a strong web presence, and encourages everyone to visit the website, located at www.ncsusigmapi.com.

Alumni Association Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Best Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Pledge Semester/Year: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Membership Type: (Please Select)

Alumnus (More than 4 years removed from Undergraduate) - \$50.00/year _____

Young Alumnus (2-4 years removed from Undergraduate) - \$25.00/year _____

1st Year Alumnus (Up to 1 year removed from Undergraduate) - Free/1st yr. _____

Checks should be made payable to: Sigma Pi Alumni Association

Please fold form and remit with payment to: Chris Albers (Treasurer) at 6800 Jean Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612.

The Sigma Pi Alumni Association will not sell or use your email address or phone number other than to communicate regarding the Association.