

Sigma Pi Alumni Announcement

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2009 Year in Review

Rho Chapter made significant strides in 2009! Our active brotherhood initiated 16 pledges during the year and finished up the year with 57 active brothers! This is the largest active brotherhood Rho has enjoyed in decades.

During Founders Day in February, the Rho Chapter of Sigma Pi Alumni Association was reactivated, elected a new Board of Directors, and has been meeting regularly since February addressing numerous issues of importance to the actives and alumni alike.

In March, the actives moved to their new home at 3414 Hillsborough Street, about a block away from Meredith College. The brothers have much more living space and have 11 brothers living in the house. The Alumni Board held numerous meetings at the House during the year and had several dinners with the actives during these meetings.

The Alumni Association began these electronic newsletters which we hoped you've enjoyed and greatly appreciates your passing these along to other Alumni for whom you believe we've lost contact and encourage them to forward to us their new contact information.

The Alumni Homecoming event on Friday evening before our Homecoming game against Maryland was our key event of the year. Counting wives and girlfriends, we had approximately 80 alumni guests in attendance! Please see a few pictures from this event at below. The weekend was capped off by State's beating Maryland, and all had a marvelous time.



Founder's Day Annual Meeting

The Rho Chapter Sigma Pi Alumni Association will be celebrating Founders Day over the weekend of February 19-20. A Social will be held on Friday evening, February 19th at Fosters in Cameron Village beginning at 7:00 p.m. Light appetizers will be provided with a cash bar. The following morning, the Alumni Association will meet at The Brownstone Hotel on Hillsborough Street beginning at 9:00 a.m. We encourage all alumni to attend to meet and discuss the important business before the fraternity. New Alumni Association Board of Directors will be elected and discussions will continue regarding the sale of the fraternity's lot at Greek Village and discussions regarding the determination of a more permanent location and housing needs will continue. We encourage all alumni to attend, and it would be very helpful to our planning if you would fill out the attached RSVP.

During the early part of 2010, the Alumni Association will be working with the active brothers to develop an alumni page(s) on the active brother's website. A key benefit of this website will be for alumni to post changes to their contact information so that we can keep track of all of our alumni and send them news about Rho Chapter. We also plan to establish a PayPal account to make it easier for our alumni to pay our small annual dues or to make contributions to the fraternity.

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 being planned for 2010 (Founders Day weekend, 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 our quest to become the best organization at NC State. The alumni dues payment form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Founder's Day Annual Meeting RSVP

Name: _____

Attending: _____ Year Graduated: _____

Is there anything you would like to see covered at the annual meeting?

Please mail RSVP to: Tommy Rodwell, 5631 Slide Rock Ln., Raleigh, NC 27613

President's Update

Our first year of the re-activated Sigma Pi Alumni Association has certainly been a busy, yet productive, one! There are still many additional strides to be made. I would like to thank all of you who have gotten involved, either by donating your time, your expertise, your advice, and/or your money. I would estimate that roughly 100 alumni have in some way (a few large, many small) been involved during 2009. The support in our initial year has been very solid. For all of you that have not yet gotten back involved, I not only ask you, but encourage you to do so. The active brotherhood is doing great, but they really do need our guidance and support. Additionally, what's better than staying in communication with your Fraternity Brothers on a semi-regular basis!!!! Beginning last year, we decided to host our annual Alumni Meeting on the same weekend as Founder's Day. This seemed to work out really well, so we are doing the same again this year. I hereby request your attendance at that meeting, Saturday February 20th, from 9am-12pm. I would love to think that we will have some 75-100 guys there. We can all go to lunch immediately following, then can go support the Wolfpack hoops team at 2pm against Wake Forest. Thank you in advance for your support in 2010!

Brent Brewbaker

Housing Update

Our lot on Greek Way is still for sale. We had some interest in purchasing the lot last fall, but concerns over having the lot rezoned resulted in the purchase and sale contract being terminated and the offer being withdrawn. We are still in contact with the interested parties to try to work out an arrangement whereby the sale can go forward, as well as we continue to market the property. Meanwhile, the note on the land for \$50K plus interest will come due in August. Our goal is to sell the lot and pay off the note with the balance from the sale used to start a fund for long-term housing for the active brothers.

Grady Sykes

Active Chapter Update

New Executive Council



Michael Nguyen
Sage
Spring 2009



Taylor Dillon
2nd Counselor
Fall 2008



Caleb Lloyd
3rd Counselor
Fall 2008



Erik Cox
4th Counselor
Fall 2008



Patrick Sessoms
1st Counselor
Fall 2008



Marc Haege
Herald
Fall 2008

After years of reconstruction and instability, Rho Chapter is finally starting to flourish and experience a consistent period of growth. In the Fall we added 14 new members to our chapter and are now looking at having the most successful Spring rush of any of the fraternities on campus. The new Executive Council are all full of energy and extremely eager to bring Sigma Pi Rho Chapter to the top of NCSU Greek Life. The Chapter continues to make improvements to the new house every month and has many more projects planned. This year specifically, we are looking to create a fund for new furniture and rugs for the chapter room. This is an exciting time for Rho Chapter as our numbers are large and growing, and the chapter is finally starting to surface and gain face in the Greek Life community. Rho Chapter is making significant strides toward becoming one of the dominant fraternities on campus. As an IFC (Inter-Fraternity Council) advisor put it to me in a recent meeting, "It's a great time to be a Sigma Pi." I cannot help but to agree with him 100%. We look forward to working with all of you in the future and continuing our success.

ITB,
Michael Nguyen

In Memorium

Charlie Gardner

NCSU Class of 1970



Charlie and Wife Marilyn at Sigma Pi Homecoming Event

On a very sad note, we lost a great friend and Alumni Association Board member at the end of the year. Charles Wayne (Mudcat) Gardner passed away on December 22, 2009 due to a massive coronary arrest. Charlie will be greatly missed by many, and had known so many Sigma PIs since graduating from State in 1970. His adopted son, Marc Haege, is currently an active brother and Herald of our Rho Chapter. In the coming weeks, the Alumni Association will develop a permanent way to honor Charlie's life and dedication to the fraternity. The Alumni Association sent purple and gold flowers with a Sigma Pi ribbon.

Sigma Pi Wishes to Thank 2009 Alumni Association Members

Richard Adams
Richard Allen
David Anderson
Jonathan Boland
Brent Brewbaker
Neil Britt
Dave Butts
James Caddell
Jon Campos
Eugene Clements
Jeffrey Cline
Jack Daniels
John Eaton
Carey Gupton
Phil Hester
Whitney Hill
Christopher Hultgren
Dan Ingram
Michael Kaney

Richard Kiernan III
Will Lackey
Paul Mitchell
Gregory Nesbitt
Henry Norman
Matthew Rice
Greg Roberts
Tommy Rodwell
Brent Schoenberg
Randall Smith
John Suther
Grady Sykes
Tom Trask
Raymond Uptegrove
Michael Weller
Vince White
Charlie Gardner
Frederick Schmidt

2010 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.