

The Rosevine

Newsletter of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Alpha Phi Chapter
Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO
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From the desk of the President:

Hello everyone! I am Tyler Stevens, the new president of the Alpha Phi chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma. This year I have many goals, some of which have already been met and exceeded. I want to start off by giving a special thanks to the alumni that participated in the first ever alumni banquet. It was a great success and we hope to keep this tradition alive and thriving in the years to come.



I want to keep everyone updated on our goals and elaborate on how we are doing in the current year. Thus far the semester has been great. We started the year off with an award from nationals, the Robert Nagel Jones charitable projects award, in which every member of Sig Tau had to complete 20 hours of community service. Some of the events included the city of rose's music festival, highway cleanup, greek week community service, project prom, and various other activities.

Recruitment goals for 2007 are 20 new members. We currently have 3 pledges so for the fall we are hoping to initiate at least 17 people. Our active rooster has been declining in the past few semesters, but with the upcoming rush in fall we would like to obtain a 50 member chapter. Even though I want Sig Tau to grow, I still want to maintain the traditions of the Alpha Phi chapter by having a small, close-knit brotherhood.

Recently, Alpha Phi has obtained a new chapter house at 325 N. Pacific Street. The exec board and one active member will occupy the house. It is located just two houses down from the current chapter house at 333 N. Pacific Street. 325 Pacific is newly renovated from top to bottom, inside and out. There are six bedrooms, a spacious basement and an open backyard. One of the reasons for us obtaining this new house is so the alumni can have a house to come back to that is respectable and clean. Hopefully it will be a reason for the alumni to stop by and get to know some of the active members. I truly believe that this house is a going to be a great chapter house for years to come. Again, we appreciate the alumni support at the banquet for purchasing raffle tickets and giving donations to help us reach our goal of \$1800 for the 325 Pacific deposit. The acquisition of this house couldn't have been done without you.

Some immediate plans for the house is the installation of a flag pole to hang the Sig Tau flag that Wayne Dunker has so graciously purchased for us. If anyone knows where we could acquire a 40' flag pole, we would greatly appreciate your help. We are also looking for the services of a woodworker to build a wooden crest for the new chapter house. We still have the original crest hanging in 333 Pacific, but we would like to have one in each house. If anyone has any information on either issue they can contact Tyler Stevens at 573.513.5053 or Jeff Wehner at 573.579.2777, again we appreciate any help.

In closing, we are excited about the upcoming year and always welcome any alumni suggestions or support. I want to encourage all alumni to at least try and make it to one event this year. It is always a great time; the chapter understands that most of you have families and jobs that are hard to get away from. That is why we are working hard on getting a calendar posted on the website for the next semester so you can plan a trip to Cape Girardeau. We are always excepting donations for the improvement of the chapter. We have set up an account for the new crest and flagpole. I understand that when you donate you want to see your money in action. You can send these donations to 333 N. Pacific Street Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, until July 1st then you will need to send them to 325 Pacific Street Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.



White Rose Formal in Memphis

by Jason Gramlich

As the spring time rolls around, there's one question on every active's mind, when is formal? The answer is April 28th and it's in Memphis; the Blue's capital of the US. When the weather starts changing from bitter cold to warm washer season, actives start getting antsy about the weekend of fun times and found memories.



This year all of the Sig Tau's are staying in the Benchmark Hotel, which is the hotel right above Denny's on the corner of Biehl Street. Although Formal starts on the Saturday of the 28th, there are some individuals attending the Memphis Redbirds vs. Iowa baseball game on the 27th. The ballpark is brand new; some of their games are even more exciting than the Cardinals. As the game ends there are always a drunken night either at the hotel room or at any Memphis bars. Usually people want to save their money for some of the bars on Saturday, like Sulky O'Sullivan's who has an actual goat whom people (Sig Tau's) get drunk. As pictures flash and the brain cells fry, we all decide that it's time to eat. This year we are trying out Hard Rock Café, which starts from 7 to 11 p.m. This year's menu will include our choice of Blackened Chicken Pasta, 1/2 Rack of Bruce's Famous BBQ ribs, Bacon cheeseburger, Herb Chicken Breast, or HRC Veggie Burger with a desert of Chef's choice. Once the meal is over the Formal awards begin, as usual there are the funny awards such as Highschooler or Buffhunter, and then there are serious ones such as Active of the Year and White Rose Queen. With the awards coming to an end, there is always the White Rose Queen's song followed by the Sig Tau chant. With the White Rose Queen chosen, we now know who our special lady is for the rest of the year. As the time in the restaurant ends, we can then defeat Biehl Street and claim it as our own Sig Tau Street, for one night of the best memories of our lives.

A Message from the Alumni Advisor:

As some of you know, the active body of Sigma Tau Gamma hosted an Alumni Banquet on March 3rd. This was an event that was put together without much notice so I apologize if this function was not communicated to you. There were probably about 25-30 alumni in attendance. The Actives provided food for all and held a short chapter meeting with each officer explaining what they had currently going on in their respective office. Following that there was pretty much an open forum for alumni to give advice and to provide some insight on some things that they would like to see done. The main topic of concern here was communication....and rightfully so.

There has been a trend that has been growing for sometime now that consists of the Active Body and Alumni Body not keeping each other in the "loop". The main concern discussed was how Alumni do not know what is going on with the current Chapter in Cape. The only time that they hear from Actives is when they need money. This banquet was the first step for the Active Body to mend that broken tie. They would like to see Alumni more informed in what is going on. To do this, they understand that the change will have to start with them. One thing that was proposed by a few alumni is that we need to set up an Alumni Communications Board amongst ourselves. This would consist of a few alumni from each generation forming a coalition to communicate things from the chapter that are going on that don't necessarily make the Rosevine. I as the alumni advisor, have a hard time "getting the word out" to many of the guys that came before me. I know the people from my era and just a few others, but sometimes this information does not reach all the intricate members that are very important to helping keep the chapter alive.

Again, I would like to thank all of those who did show up, and I apologize to those that were kept in the dark. We are trying to alleviate that situation for future events. If you would be interested in being a representative for the Alumni Communications Board for your generation of Sigma Tau Gamma, please contact me to get something set up.

As an attempt to restore this link with our alumni, we are sending this Rosevine to communicate the very positive things that the chapter has achieved lately or is currently working on. Also, please notice the events that are coming up. Your presence and support of these functions is welcome and greatly appreciated. The website www6.semo.edu/sigtaw is always available for your comments and suggestions and for an up-to-date calendar of events. Please feel free to voice whatever concerns / comments and always remember that this still is your fraternity, too!

Jeff Wehner '00

Sig Tau Spring Golf Tournament

Well it is that time of year again. Dust off the clubs because it is time to hack around the little white ball. Sig Tau Golf Tournament will be held on March 31st, 2007 at the Columbia Golf Club in Columbia, IL. The format of the tournament will be a 4-person scramble with teams being mixed with actives and alumni. This is a very good event and a great excuse to get out of the house and enjoy a few cocktails with Sig Tau's of old and new.



The cost to enter the tournament is \$75 per person, as it has been in years past. Price includes, 18 holes of golf, cart, drink tickets, and food following the tournament. Please join us if possible; this is a really good chance to meet up with some old friends, and to also meet the current Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma.

If you are planning on attending this event, please contact Jeff Wehner at jeff_wehner@hotmail.com or (573)579-2777. **Directions to the course are as follows:**

Take I-255 across the JB Bridge. After the bridge, get off on the 1st exit (Columbia, Rt. 3). This is about 2 miles off the bridge. When you get in Columbia, take next exit (on right). Make a left on Palmer. When on Palmer, take the second left onto Old State Rt. 3. The course is up the hill from Weber Chevrolet on the right.

Sig Tau Float Trip



Sig Tau Float Trip will be held May 4-5th, 2007 at the Route K Campground on the Black River in Annapolis, Missouri. We will actually float the Black River on Saturday, around 8:00 in the morning for the 11 mile float. The cost is \$35.00 per canoe through Jeff's Canoe Rentals. Tim Grigsby is the contact person. Call 618-932-6177 or e-mail simplesolutions@neondsl.com to reserve your site and canoe. Any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. **RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE BY APRIL 28th, 2007!**

DIRECTIONS: There are basically two ways from Cape Girardeau to Annapolis (Black River): The more common way is to leave Cape on Hwy 72 to Arcadia. Go south on Hwy 21. Go west on K outside of Annapolis. When you cross the Black River take the first right past the bridge. The campground is at the end of the road. Another way: Take Hwy 34 out of Cape. Go North on Hwy 49 at Piedmont. Go west on K outside of Annapolis. When you cross the Black River take the first right past the bridge. The campground is at the end of the road.

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The men of Sigma Tau Gamma had an exciting year in sports during the Fall 2006 semester. They started the semester off right with an All-School flag football championship. Superb defense led them to an undefeated season at 6-0. The soccer team also played well and for the second year in a row came in second place. With new additions Blake Essner and our Spanish stud Pablo Ruisoto, the soccer team hopes to grab a title in the Spring 2007 indoor session. The softball team is showing tremendous potential and finished in third place. Chris Hart led Sig Tau to an all greek championship in table tennis and Jason Gramlich and Kevin Reed led tennis to a strong second place finish in the tennis doubles league. Basketball is hoping to improve on a fifth place finish with new additions from the Spring rush. Sigma Tau Gamma is also proud of the wiffleball team with their All-School championship. Brent Weilmuenster pitched Sig Tau to a blowout of Sigma Chi. Sig Tau is currently in second place in the greek points standings but things are looking very promising with the spring session about to start up.

