



*Ohio Iota Chapter and Alumni Board
Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
The University of Toledo
Installed September 30, 1950 at the University of Toledo
Founded as Chi Beta Chi Fraternity - 1927*

October 15, 2006

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wichard
2528 Thicket Drive
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wichard:

On behalf of the Alumni Board of the Ohio Iota Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon at The University of Toledo, the Parent's Club, and the undergraduate chapter, we are pleased that your son, Greg, has selected Sigma Phi Epsilon as his collegiate fraternity. He has joined a chapter that for over 79 years has been actively involved in the leadership of the UT campus. Sigma Phi Epsilon is the largest and fastest growing fraternity in the United States and has been recognized as one of the top fraternities leading the Greek world into this new century. College presidents and collegiate student service personnel have recognized our Balanced Man Program, which is the basis of this chapter's programming efforts, as the outstanding new college program for developing student potential on campuses in the United States. The U.S. Department of Education also has recognized the excellence of this program and during its first years helped to fund the program. This chapter has further been designated a Residential Learning Community. Only about 20 Sig Ep chapters out of 160 have gained that recognition.

As an alumni and volunteer advisory board, we are very pleased with the efforts the chapter is making to help young men grow and have the greatest undergraduate fraternity experience possible. The members of the Alumni Board work closely with the chapter in the areas of officer training and personnel management, member development programming, scholarships and awards, recruitment, finances, risk management, development of standards, goals, and values, and academic advising. At least one advisor tries to be at every formal chapter meeting and executive board meeting. If your son needs help or advice, we, as well as members of the active chapter, are always willing to assist him. Sigma Phi Epsilon accepts the responsibility of trying to provide a program that will allow your son the greatest amount of self-development while helping him to achieve his full potential.

As a Parent Club, we are ready to support and assist the chapter in whatever ways possible to make this fraternity experience a meaningful one. We help with Open Houses, Homecoming, and in the future plan to be involved in activities to continue to improve the Sig Ep facility on campus. Parents are always welcome at football open houses (every home game) and other chapter events.

The undergraduate officers pledge to offer the finest fraternity experience on the UT campus. We constantly strive for *excelsior – still higher, ever upward*. We are always challenging our

members to do strive for academic excellence, be actively involved in the campus, participate fully in the Balanced Man Program, and strive to be one of the most outstanding Sig Ep chapters in the nation having won five Buchanan Cups (highest chapter award) with hopes of winning number six at Conclave August, 2007 in Atlanta. Our campus leadership is well known. As a substance free house, we stand proudly in the McComas Village as an alternative to the *frat man* image constantly winning local and national awards and being recognized for our excellence. We lead, the others follow!

In joining Sigma Phi Epsilon, your son has also assumed certain responsibilities. There are, of course, the financial obligations of membership, but equally important is the responsibility for giving his time, talents and loyalty to Sigma Phi Epsilon. The strength of our chapter is determined by the abilities of each of our members to work and live together harmoniously and productively. Sigma Phi Epsilon is a life-long commitment with values and attributes that can give extra meaning to your son's entire life. Our precepts are **virtue, diligence, and brotherly love**. We stress time management, academics, and campus involvement. We lead the campus greeks in having the highest grade point average of all greeks for five years now.

Let us conclude by saying that if you would like to become involved with our chapter, I urge you to contact Dr. Richard St. John, alumni board president and academic advisor (419-478-0471) or e-mail rstjohn@bex.net, Gary Hagemeyer, parent club president (419-865-1471) or e-mail gary.hagemeyer@kaufmanengsys.com or Matt Bauer, chapter president (330-495-3667) or e-mail mbauer2@utnet.utoledo.edu. We would welcome the opportunity to talk with you about any concerns or questions you may have regarding the fraternity. We want you to be as pleased with your son's choice as we are with having him join Sig Ep. We welcome you to the Sig Ep family, too.

Sincerely,

Rick St. John

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