

# Pride in Our Past, Securing Our Future

SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY



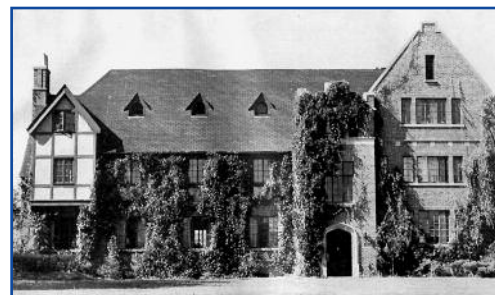
## Beta Omicron Announces \$2 Million Campaign to Build New Chapter House

Since 1916, the Beta Omicron Chapter of Sigma Chi has provided a helping hand of brotherhood for the achievement of purposeful living, both in the college community and in the years that follow. And while the Beta Omicron experience is certainly more than the bricks and mortar of the Chapter House, our home undoubtedly plays a significant role in the development of our brothers and as a proud symbol of our shared values and goals.

Several years ago it became clear to the Corporation Board that our facility was no longer the beacon of brotherhood it once was, nor did it provide a competitive advantage to our undergraduate brothers as they attempted to recruit new members. These issues, coupled with the fact that several other fraternities (Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Sigma Psi, etc.) and University residence halls had completed recent major renovations, prompted the corporation to consider an update for our Chapter House.

Once the decision was made to update our house, we were faced with the question to renovate or rebuild. A feasibility study was conducted from February to May 2010 to gauge alumni interest in both options, and the feedback provided was overwhelmingly in favor of building a new facility. With this input, BSB Design, a Des Moines-based architectural firm, was engaged and a design was put forth detailing the future construction of a new Beta Omicron Chapter House.

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Chapter House, 1938



Chapter House, 2011

## Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of September 29, 2011

Goal \$2 Million

Pledges to Date  
\$1,009,450

Number of  
Contributors 74

Number of Active  
Alumni 1,017



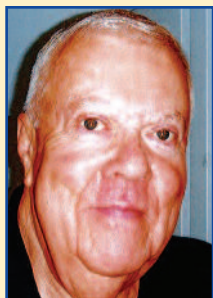
# Meet the Campaign Leadership



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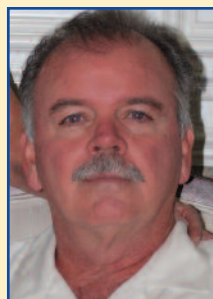
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Ankeny, Iowa

# \$2 Million Campaign Announced

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In conjunction with this building project, it is with great pride that we announce the *Pride in Our Past, Securing Our Future* campaign. Initial commitments from loyal alumni now total \$1,009,450. This early support is indicative of the lifelong importance of our experiences as Sigma Chis. While this is a great start, it will take the generous support of every alumnus to reach our goal and make this project a reality. A top-quality facility will honor our Chapter's rich history and help to position us once again as a premier fraternity at Iowa State University.

As we formally announce our vision for the future of Sigma Chi at Iowa State University, we need your generous support as never before. In the coming weeks, you will receive additional information detailing the house project and the ways in which you can help. Remember, each of us benefited from the generosity, work, and sacrifice of the Sigs who came before us and now we have the opportunity to extend that tradition. For all who enjoyed the brotherhood and camaraderie of Beta Omicron, and for all of us whose family, social lives, and careers have benefited from our membership in the fraternity, it is time to preserve our legacy and secure the future of Sigma Chi at Iowa State University.

In hoc,

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# Iowa State Sigs Kick Off Campaign with \$1,009,450 in Initial Commitments!

The following brothers have, with their early support, given us great confidence that we will be able to fully realize our goal to build a new Chapter House for Sigma Chi Fraternity at Iowa State. These men have taken an early leadership role and delivered to us a very strong foundation for our capital campaign. We are so grateful to each of them for the tremendous financial support for Beta Omicron and for laying the groundwork and increasing the probability of a successful \$2 million campaign. We're excited about the campaign and look forward to contacting and engaging each and every Beta Omicron Sig to lend their support to this project.

## Seven Founders Society (\$100,000 and above)

Frederick Kammeier '58  
Significant Sig David Speer '73  
Rick Burnett '75  
*In memory of my father,  
Richard Burnett Sr. '50*

## Constantine Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Stephen C. Loudin '80

## Crest Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Bruce T. Berger '58  
*In memory of my father,  
Significant Sig Walt Berger '25*  
Mark '76 and Sherry\* Schmidt  
Alan Naumann '82

## Scroll Society (\$15,000 to \$24,999)

James DeYoung '57

Stephen C. Larson '75  
Milton Dakovich '76  
Thomas P. Townsend '76  
John Stephens '79  
David Hendrickson '82  
Wesley L. Huggett '91  
Jason Harms '96  
Ryan Downing '03

## Crossed Keys Society (\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Significant Sig Dr. Donald  
Langenberg '53  
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Tom Marantz '76  
Kent A. Johnson '78  
Randall E. Hight '80  
Christopher Eichhorn '91  
*Lehan Family Gift*  
Christopher Lehan '98  
Benjamin Lehan '05

*Tresemmer Family Gift*  
Jason Tresemmer '98  
Josh Tresemmer '00  
John and Ruth Tresemmer

## Clasped Hands Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

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Harold E. Warrington '57  
Greg Martin '82  
Jonathan G. Hall '91  
Brent A. McVay '91  
John Bellei '93  
Curtis Rice '94  
David Hansen '96  
Rick Zerbs '97  
Jamie Secrest '99  
Scott M. VonHagen '03  
Daniel Hofstad '05  
John P. Dugan '07  
*In honor of  
Michael T. Dugan*

## Eagle's Head Society (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

James H. Bleasdell '59  
Robert C. Bennett '77  
Dean DeNardi '82  
Thomas Knief '90  
Andrew P. Hubbard '92  
Andrew A. Waters '96  
Brandon Bright '97  
Eric Carstens '97  
Dr. Zachary Eakman '03  
*In memory of  
Michael Hansen '02*  
Nicholas A. Topalian '06  
Paul Gutierrez '07  
Austin Schantz '10  
Jared Trujillo '11  
George Lamoureux '13

## White Cross Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Franklin Clark '57  
Carleton O. Jackson '58

William H. Napier '58  
Fred Morgan '60  
Thomas H. Hutchins '75  
Patrick Green '92  
Patrick O'Meara '93  
Ryan G. Baker '96  
Corey Dencklau '97  
*In memory of  
Michael Hansen '02*  
Matthew L. Kuhns '98  
Curtis Olufson '05  
Graig Schadle '08  
Aaron Olinger '11  
Michael J. Mladenoff '13  
Sam Kirchner '14  
Kyle Sullivan '14

## Loyal Brothers (Up to \$999)

Robert C. Means '60  
Ryan G. Baker '96  
Steven Lackey '13

*\*Sigma Chi Little Sigma*

## The Lifetime Benefits of Beta Omicron Membership and Giving Back

A Q&A Session with Stephen C. Loudin '81

**What are some of your favorite memories as an undergraduate?** As a pledge, it was fun saving seats for the active Chapter at all home football games. Also, during my tenure at ISU the Run for Life was started, and we would run the game football between Ames and Iowa City to raise money for the American Cancer Society. There are far too many more memories that are not suitable for publication here.

**What advice would you give to undergraduate members?** Have fun in college but not *too* much fun. After all, you are there to get a higher education, but there is also a great deal to learn outside the classroom. Take advantage of every opportunity that Sigma Chi has to offer as far as the Horizons program and most importantly the Leadership Training workshops. The lessons learned

from these experiences will stay with you for a lifetime. And if you are lucky, you might be invited back as an instructor where you can once again learn and give back to the fraternity that taught you so much.

**What are your feelings on the importance of leadership?** Society cannot function without leaders. Sometimes we agree with our leaders, sometimes we don't, but without them we would not have a functioning society. Businesses cannot be successful without leaders as well, and Sigma Chi helps instill leadership qualities in all of its young men. It is our responsibility and our duty to ensure this tradition continues.

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## A Q&A Session with Stephen C. Loudin '81

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**Why did you feel it was important to support the capital campaign?** The Chapter House is 50+ years old and does not fit the needs of college kids today. We all took a great deal of life experiences away from Beta Omicron and the brothers we lived with (for five years in my case), so it's time to give back. A donation of any size will help you feel better knowing that you are helping to carry on the traditions and ideals that were started with the seven founders in 1855.

**How do you feel this campaign will positively affect the future of the Chapter?** A new house will show incoming freshmen that Sigma Chi wants to offer the best-of-the-best in living arrangements; one that complements additional learning and development through brotherhood and living with men who have different temperaments, talents, and convictions. Hopefully they will also learn there is more to joining a fraternity than just their four years at Iowa State as an undergraduate. Fraternity membership is a lifelong commitment. You get out of it far more than what you put into it—including friendships that can last a lifetime and knowing you all have gone through the same thing once in your life.

**What would you say to alumni who are skeptical about donating to the campaign?** When I was first approached about a house renovation fund, I said that I would not give funds to a “renovation” fund but would happily give to a “rebuilding” fund. At least when you give to the house rebuilding fund, you know exactly where the money is going. It's not like giving to a large charity where you never quite know if your donation is really doing any good. Here you will be able to see the bricks and mortar results of your donation.

Just imagine where you might be if not for joining the best fraternity on earth. Certainly you would not be where you are today. **So dig deep** and remember all the good times and let's give the young men of Beta Omicron the help they need to attract the best pledges they can find to carry on the Jordan Standard.

**Anything else you would like to add?** It has been an honor to be a member of this Fraternity for more than 35 years and I look forward to the future. “My brothers, I greet you forever...” (you remember the rest).

*Steve grew up on the north shore of Chicago and attended New Trier East High School. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in construction engineering and owns a paper honeycomb manufacturing company in Gurnee, Ill., Tricel Honeycomb Corporation. Steve founded Tricel with his father in 1983, and the company supplies materials internationally for the production of metal toilet partitions, fiberglass tops and tonneau covers for cars, automotive interior parts, air filters, trade show displays, and multi-million dollar boats. His materials help products maintain their structural integrity while reducing weight.*

*He resides in Grayslake, Ill., with his wife of 17 years, Kit, and their two “fur kids”—Tahoe (a golden retriever) and Cricket (the cat). In his free time Steve enjoys worldwide travel, scuba diving, and competitive auto racing. He reports that “between those hobbies, and working to try to pay for them, there is not a great deal of free time to do anything else!”*