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YES IT LIVES ON!!!

Do you miss reading about all the crazy antics? Do you miss reminiscing on old times? Do you miss getting updates on things to come regarding OUR beloved brotherhood? Well the waiting is over. The tradition of the **Eta-Mu AlumNews** will continue with YOUR help. I will be gathering articles and other information quarterly to create a newsletter hopefully jammed packed

with useful information and wonderful stories. The stories are what I miss the most. In this issue of **Eta-Mu AlumNews**, please notice a couple of columns that I would like run each and every quarter allowing all brothers, alumni and actives to recall there fond memories of the brotherhood. So do me a favor right now and grab a pencil and a napkin, jot down some of the things

that you remember about rushing, pledging, homecoming, formal, x-mas parties, groundhogs, ANYTHING and e-mail me your story for inclusion in the next issue. Just think, someday we will need to look back at this newsletter to even remember our names!! Thanks, and with your help I am sure the **Eta-Mu AlumNews** will grow and be something we all look forward to reading.

- Matt Miller '98

HOMECOMING 2003

Oiler Pride Rings Again!

University Of Findlay Homecoming has announced homecoming for September 20th, 2003. The football game versus Northwood University will be held at 6:00 PM Saturday Night.

With the late football start, we're planning a Tent Party and chicken barbecue at the fraternity house on Saturday afternoon from noon to 5:00 PM. It's time we spent some time at the

house to show the actives what the alumni is all about so EVERYONE come. All friends of Theta Chi are also welcome so invite all your friends!

The chapter will host a dance (casual dress) at the Day's Inn on Saturday night from 9:00 PM – Midnight.

A \$10 donation per person (notta for the kiddies) will be suggested to help pay for the barbecue and DJ for Saturday night.

As usual, rooms will be

reserved at the Findlay Days Inn. 419/423-7171.

Stay tuned to the website for all the latest information on the social calendar.

www.thetachihm.org

One Brother's Recollection - Fall 1977

The fraternity had 12 active members and the house was located at 116 Midland Avenue. Nine actives lived in the house: "Johnny L" Leyendecker from Nesconset, NY and "Long" John McHarry from Gas City, IN lived in the three-man room, Ken "KC" Clark from Westfield Center, OH and Jim "Pee" Holder from Bellefontaine, OH lived in the Presidential Suite, Doug "Dog" Wagner from Bucyrus, OH lived in the single room, Jon "Cat" Morris from Columbus, OH and Larry "Ox Baker" Bauer from Fostoria, OH lived in the room off the kitchen (remember, the one with no heat?), and Doug "Casper" Lyon from Philo, OH and Joe "Joey" Wills from Fredrick, MD lived in the basement. Gary "Norm" Lenhart from Defiance, OH and Scott "The Hulk" Turner from Bexley, OH lived in the dorms and Bill "Wild Bill" Hildreth from Urbana, OH lived above the Health Center.

That fall there were six pledges. Carlos "Guinea" Moreno from Newark, NJ, Dean Bruce from Celina, OH, Paul "Poof" Kleinfelter from Bascom, OH, Bruce "Bojac" Olson from Ayersville, OH, Mike "Mikey" Lenox from Elmore, OH, and Jeff "JC" Carr from Bucyrus, OH. When pledging was complete, Olson and Kleinfelter moved into the basement and one of us moved into the three-man room (but I can't remember who it was) to start the second semester.

On the drive home from the 3rd annual OX golf tournament, I was thinking about this period of my life and what an important part the fraternity and the above named brothers played in forming my future. I even remembered everyone's hometown! Now, if I could only remember my wife's birthday and our anniversary. It also occurred to me what an important part these 18 brothers played in making the fraternity what it is today.

Being a high school math teacher, numbers started running through my brain:

- 16 of the 18 brothers graduated from Findlay College (give the administration that number!)
- Half of my pledge class (from 25 years ago) was at the golf outing
- All six of my pledge class were at the 25th anniversary Formal in 1997
- Seven of the 18 brothers mentioned above moved into the "new" house at 1200 North Main two years later

In the fall of 1977, the campus was predominately a business and teacher education college and most of the brothers majored in one or the other. The highlight of our social year was the annual Ground Hog's Party that was open to the campus. I still don't know how we packed as many people into that small house as we did.

Formal was the big spring activity. We didn't have many alumni so there weren't the years of tradition that there eventually became. The yearly alumni meeting would be held in the kitchen and little was accomplished or needed to be because of the small number of alumni.

Johnny L was what I would call the "keeper of the fraternity's standards". He was the only one to attend the National Convention (and probably the only one who cared to) and was always cognizant of the meanings, rituals, and protocol that should be followed. We had a loan from the college and the National Office for our house.

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(continued) **Recollection - Fall 1977**

Saturday Night Fever was the hot movie, we wore leisure suits, plaid pants, and Converse tennis shoes. Saturday Night Live was at its best. Boston, Springsteen, The Stones, Ted Nugent, Billy Joel, (The Grateful Dead for Johnny L), and Fleetwood Mac were some of the top musicians. Gas was 50 to 60 cents a gallon.

Pledging included many forms of hazing although none were very physical. We had to do some pushups for various transgressions. The big thing was to try to "pimp over" the actives. We had to eat some of Johnny L's cigarettes after we had put something in them to have them blow up when he lit them. Carlos got some of his cowboy buddies on first floor Morey to help us pimp over the actives and we had a line up out in front of the house. Norm was so mad at us he pulled a shrub out of the yard. I remember we had a "ride" to somewhere towards Fostoria but Poof called his roommate and he came and got us. Of course there was the traditional scavenger hunt and as always Long John wanted donuts and chocolate frosting from the cafeteria in our kitchen before he got up.

I didn't know it at the time, of course we never do, but over the course of the next three years (I had transferred in as a sophomore) I had experiences I will never forget, experiences I wish I could forget, and I made friends that I would keep for a lifetime.

OX Outings !!!

Do you have any idea for an outing that would interest brothers and friends of the Eta Mu Chapter? Write up a letter and send it to Aleks Meyer for posting on the website - www.thetachihm.org.

Aside from the normal activities that are attended by alumni and friends yearly, a lot of people may be interested in what's going on in your area. Some people may not always be able to make it to Findlay for the normal social events like homecoming or formal.

This past year, a small

gathering of alumni in the Columbus area attended the University of Findlay versus Ohio State hockey game. About 25 brothers and friends went to see the Toledo Mud Hens play the Columbus Clippers in baseball last month. Some of the "older" alumni went on a trip to Las Vegas this past year. The only requirement to planning an outing is just the desire to gather and visit with old friends and meet new ones. Think you might need some help organizing, just ask! Be it a sporting event,

Bratwurst Festival or just a social gathering, let us know. As always, keep an eye on the website for upcoming OX Outings and recent news.

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THETA CHI – HELPING MAKE MIRACLES! 4TH ANNUAL THETA CHI GOLF BENEFIT NEWS:

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In case you missed out, on Saturday August 16th, 2003 we had our 4th Annual Theta Chi Golf Benefit to support Children’s Miracle Network. The day began with a beautiful sunny morning as we teed off and the weather held out for the majority of the day. Thanks to Ed and Joe at Hillcrest for providing a plush green course, beverages, and a fun day of golf.

Even a non-golfer had to enjoy this day as we had 96 players consisting of 25 teams (36 Alumni plus wives, girlfriends, and sweethearts). The main goal of this FUNdraiser was to have FUN, and we accomplished this for sure! From Thursday through Monday morning we had golfers in town that hung out at the pool, several golf courses, Frickers, West End, The Downtowner, and many more places, where we talked about old stories, new stories, and “how it used to be”.

This year’s tournament raised over \$1200 for Mercy Children’s Hospital – (A local Children’s Miracle Network Hospital). As some of you know, Theta Chi donated money in the past for such efforts as the 9/11 Foundation and Myasthenia Gravis Foundation. This year we partnered with Children’s Miracle_Network for the

first year of many.

Mercy Children’s Hospital is a partnership with St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center and Medical College of Ohio that treats pediatrics from the surrounding 14 counties including the entire Findlay area. Mercy Children’s Hospital is committed to treating all children regardless of their family’s ability to pay. Through fundraising efforts like ours, CMN continues to enhance pediatric services at Mercy Children’s Hospital. The money that is raised goes directly to outreach, education, and advocacy programs designed to improve the health, wellness, and awareness of children in the community through the following programs: Child Life – play based therapy, Child Advocacy – Family Resource Center, Medical Equipment, and Life Enrichment – special needs for patients with diabetes, cancer, heart disease, and other illnesses

There are countless factors that make any function a success, and this year’s tournament was dependent upon many of our supporters. We couldn’t have had a wonderful outing without the help from these wonderful people:

Watterson Environmental

Group, Bud’s Chevrolet, and Robinson Investments, who sponsored the 19th Hole at Frickers. A special thanks goes out to Billy Watterson, Jason Black, and Mark Robinson for their help and continued support.

Others who I would like to individually thank are Mike Schubert - who is with Callaway Golf, and whom provided us with high quality prizes and merchandise; Art Balderas of Days Inn who provided hotel room rates, every golfer’s snacks, door prizes, and raffle prizes; Ed Diebold of ENERFAB who was a corporate and personal sponsor; Adrian Rodriguez for hole signs and artwork; Jack Winans for continued help and local support throughout the Findlay community and hole sponsorship; Scott Francis of S&D Builders for hole and auction donations; and our hole sponsors Kevin & Katie Sweeney, David Montgomery of Hickman’s Barbershop, Marvin Motors, Mike & Debbie Soldwish, Jim Rossi, David Hinds, Anthony Drago, Jack Winans, Speedway Gas, Mark Kuhnle, Mandy Kuhnle and all the rest of our volunteers including – Dianna Hynde, Shannon Montgomery, Rob Soloman, and Aaron Ross.

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Golfing Miracles (cont.)

This year's winners were Bruce Eberly, Doug Coder, Jeff Diehl, and Steve Wycoff who vow to be back next year to defend their title. Mike Schubert, Ken Clark, John Curtin, and Eric Artemus were a close 2nd place and moving up as they keep improving on their annual finishes (only one place left to go now, guys!)

Next year we want to "beat the bushes" for corporate sponsors. This

means we have to start TODAY! Through our alumni, friends, and companies support, we want to raise funds to keep this outing affordable for our participants. Please help us continue to help those in need.

Next year's outing promises to be bigger and better as we will be having our 5th Annual Golf Benefit on Saturday July 31st – 8am shotgun start at Hillcrest Golf Course,

Findlay, Ohio. We are going to have 30 teams, so sign up early! As always there will be FREE GIFTS for everyone who plays, pin shots, and we will have a skins game for those teams who want a little competition to spice up the day!

For all inquiries about next years' golf, donations, and corporations to contact for sponsorship please call Lou Kuhnle at (937) 644-9023 or email at lkuhnle@columbus.rr.com

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Group Attends UF Hockey Game

On January 7, 2003 a group of alumni brothers met for dinner and attended a University of Findlay versus Ohio State University hockey game at the Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center in Columbus, Ohio.

The group met for dinner before the game. Pictured right (top) at the Hall of Fame Café, from left to right: Gordon Nirode '83, Jeff Carr '81 (in front), Bruce Olson '80, Mike Soldwish '83, Rick Hetterscheidt '83, Dave Hinds '84, Ken Whalen '84, Jim Rossi '87 (standing), Jon Morris '79 (in front), Dan Mangia '82.

The group met with UF president Ken Zirkle at the game, (pictured right bottom in the orange sweatshirt). Other alumni

also present were Mike Schubert '96 and Eric Artemus '98. Pictures courtesy of Ken Whalen. This is the second time that Findlay has traveled to Columbus to take on the Buckeyes. Two years ago, most of the same group attended a 10 – 0 OSU win. Obviously, Findlay is showing signs of improvement.

The Oilers do not play Ohio State this next season, but a game against Bowling Green is scheduled for December 12, 2003 at BG. A trip is in the works. More details to come this fall.

