



# Sigma Tau Chi

## Alumni Association, Inc.



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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Brothers, last fall you directed the officers of the STCAA to execute full transfer of ownership of the house and property at 8 Montcalm Street from the Sigma Tau Chi Fraternity to the Sigma Tau Chi Alumni Association. STCAA has officially petitioned the Supreme Court of the State of New York for permission to assume ownership of 8 Montcalm Street. The petition has been submitted to the court and we are awaiting a decision as the court winds its way through the slow summer months. Legal counsel is optimistic that the petition will be granted and in time to enjoy the fall holidays in true Sig Tau spirit.

Ownership requires many levels of responsibility. The STCAA is well prepared to fulfill its responsibilities and we need your continued support. We are asking you, our general membership, to focus on financial and recruitment support. Please make every effort to pay your annual dues and participate in our events and fundraising projects. We are continuously attempting to find our lost brothers and to get our current membership more familiar with the operations of the STCAA. Please help us identify brothers from your generation who are not members of the STCAA. As we grow, we also require more members to take leadership positions. If you are interested in taking a more active role in the STCAA, please contact any of the officers listed on this newsletter and we'll gladly get you more involved.

The cross-generational brotherhood is stronger than ever. We are extremely excited that the active community has attended cross-generational workshops designed to resurrect traditions and successful operating tips from the "older" brothers. It is truly amazing to see that a successful fraternity can be run today using the procedures designed decades ago.

Our restoration committee is running full steam ahead. The recent "Donate a Window" program has replaced almost forty percent of the windows in the house. The true "Tools" have really begun to make a visible difference at the House of Blue. We have been notified by

members of the local community that our work is noticed and appreciated.

The STCAA has developed into a reputable support entity in Oswego, NY. We are constantly striving for better relationships with the University and local community. I am pleased to communicate the overall success of the STCAA to you all. It is YOUR support that has gotten us this far, and it is your support that we rely heavily on to accomplish our future goals. I hope to see you and your families at Alumni Weekend in October, and I sincerely thank you for your continued support.

—YIB, Jamie Hogan F'92  
*President, STCAA*

### VICE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellow Brothers, the fall of 1999 has become a benchmark in the storied history of Sigma Tau Chi. It marks the point at which two events collided that formed the catalyst to launch the Sigma Tau Chi Alumni Association.

The first event was the formation of the Organization for Fraternal Welfare by a handful of concerned alumni who saw the need to assist the brotherhood. The second event was the call by concerned active brothers for assistance setting an informal alumni weekend. It was at that fall weekend in 1999 that alumni from various decades met and recognized the needs of the fraternity and challenges that lay ahead.

Once putting our collective heads together, STCAA was born. I think I speak for all of those who have taken an active role in STCAA to date, that we look at each other and are still amazed at the common bonds that cross the generations of brothers. We really have meshed well together and our accomplishments speak for themselves.

In one sense, yes, I'm giving ourselves a "pat on the back." However, we all realize that it's the support of so many of you that makes this whole movement successful. It's not just the five officers of STCAA Executive Committee. There are a number of brothers that do their part, behind-the-scenes.

We've concentrated a great deal in our first three newsletters on the need to keep expanding

our membership and fundraising through dues, participation in our two main fundraiser events (the spring golf tournament and the fall alumni weekend), and specific project donations such as the window program.

The other topic I want to raise at this time is succession. You all know that even the most dedicated brothers can get burned out over time. I personally am still good for awhile in contributing some of my time to the duties of vice president. However, I'd hate to see good men "fade away" from becoming overburdened. So, BOTTOM LINE, we need to have you consider some active role for a one to two year commitment as a committee chairman or possibly an officer.

Think about it. Again, on a personal note, I have found it to be extremely rewarding and as I previously mentioned, I'm just blown away by the cross-generational camaraderie, cooperation, and success we've had in such a short time.

—YIB, Gerry Hendershot S'69  
*Vice President, STCAA*

### TREASURER'S REPORT: "By The Numbers"

Since our last newsletter much has happened. We have taken in another \$6800 since January 1st, all from another 55 alumni. The June 18th, 2nd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament netted another \$2000. Here is how that money was spent.

#### THIS IS HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT

New Doors & Locks (plus installation):	.. *\$4,000
Roof Repair: .....	\$239
Remaining three sections of the roof: ..	*\$3,000
Student Webmaster Rent: .....	\$250
Postage: .....	\$435
Attorney Fees to Establish	
STCAA Non-Profit Status: .....	\$720
Heating Repair: .....	\$78
Electric: .....	\$100
Cold Air Returns for Furnace: .....	\$1,862
Software Revisions: .....	\$170
Alumni disk-College: .....	\$123
<b>Total Expenses: .....</b>	<b>\$10,977</b>

In addition to the two new windows the STCAA paid for, thirty additional windows were donated by Alumni. A nameplate will be placed below each window for the brother that donated the window. If you are interested in donating a window the cost is \$240.00. We have 40 more to replace so every donation counts. Let us know what room you would like it in and if you would like to see which windows are left e-mail me at Frank@lrmp.com and I will send you an attachment. If we haven't already done so we will have a place on the website for the window program soon.

So as you can see, every penny that is donated goes to renovating and preserving the ETX House at 8 Montclam Street. All rents are now paid to the STCAA, which acts as landlord. By establishing this procedure we now are in control of all bills and rents so that taxes, utilities and the current mortgage with deceased Dr. Perez's widow Marie, are paid on time.

I can't thank everyone enough for all their support this year. Every dollar you donate counts. We have close to 600 alumni on our database. Of that, we have close to 250 that have given over the last three years. Please keep it coming!

One of the things that has made this entire program work is the alumni database we have along with all the email addresses. If you move please send me your new address along with your new email address if you have one. In addition please send me a copy of your composite if you still can find it. Check out the website and if you don't see someone you hung with and you have their information please email it to me. I estimate that we have only reached 40% of all the alumni.

—YIB, Frank S. Murano S'68  
*Treasurer, STCAA*

## **RESTORATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

As restoration chairman of the Sigma Tau Chi Alumni Association I would like to thank each and every brother who has donated their time and money to the cause of renovating and making our house a better place for all of our current Sigma Tau Chi Brothers. For some of us it's been many years since we were last at 8 Montclam and for others it may be a not-so-distant memory. Either way, we all cherish the memories of our times there. Although the house alone isn't the fraternity, it is the focal point of many of our activities as a collective association and the focal point of our reunions and gatherings. With this in mind we have been, for the last three years, working on improving various areas of the house.

We sincerely hope this will help our active members attract and retain progressively larger

groups of pledges and eventually brothers. Due to funding and time restraints, we have concentrated on the worst areas first, but with a workable game plan in place to concentrate on areas to make the house as energy efficient as possible.

Our window donation campaign has been going well, and to-date 31 windows have been donated to the house. Given that we have approximately 75 windows in the house, many more still need attention. Once completed we will work on areas such as the dance floor, where many windows have been covered. Someday we can uncover and replace these with energy efficient windows to regain the beautiful view of the lake and to allow the summer breezes to cool the house in the way it was designed. While on the topic of how the house was originally built, we recently received some wonderful copies of an 1851 article from a book called "The Architect" which was a publication put out by William Rantlett, the architect of our house. We were given a set of plans that alumni Jeff Mangus found several years ago, but recently we were able to obtain direct copies from The Friends of the Hermitage in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, who own an original book. The clarity of the copies will allow us to publish the house plans on our website—a great thing for any brothers who are history buffs. You will see that the owner, Myron Pardee, had the house built with changes made from the original plans. All in all they are very interesting and quite close to what was actually built.

We will be revamping our website shortly and adding much of the historical information that was collected. We are looking for any computer-savvy brothers who could help in this endeavor. Our current webmaster, Rudy Drogo, has recently graduated and is gainfully employed. We would appreciate any help that others could offer.

We are also currently looking for a replacement for my position of Restoration Chairman, as I am returning full-time to college to pursue a goal of fulfilling my teacher certification for Technology Education in NYS. As a volunteer organization we need as much as possible from every alumni. From joining the alumni association, we can't continue our current progress without more support. If you were to talk with any person who has volunteered to work on the house or who has been up to an alumni weekend or any other alumni event, you will find everyone gets out more than what they put in. No different than our days at Oswego as members of the active community. Please, consider giving of your time and helping as needed. If you can't

help with hands-on projects or by joining the alumni association, we can't continue our current progress without more support. There are still many ways you can contribute, sending dues annually, spreading the word to other alumni to join, and funding a window for our "Donate-a-Window" program. I would ask that everyone get involved and for those that are involved, locate two brothers who aren't involved yet and get them on-board. We need everyone.

I'm sure we easily have several hundred alumni out there, perhaps over a thousand. If we could get 500 on-board and committed to donating \$100 annual alumni dues each year we could be putting \$50,000.00 into the house each year. I am confident that this would allow us to continue with much-needed improvements to our house in the coming years.

Many brothers may be just out of college or between jobs or have families and mortgages of their own, I know I do. Just think of \$100 a year to be less than \$2.00 a week. Broken down that way it sure doesn't seem too bad, does it? Please contact me or any of the other board members to ask questions, make comments, or to volunteer. Thanks!

—YIB, Howard A. Botting, S'86  
*Restoration Chairman*

## **ANOTHER GREAT DAY AT THE HOUSE OF BLUE**

*On Saturday, July 20, several brothers showed up to help in the second annual clean up of the grounds and some interior repairs. Special thanks goes to the following brothers: Dave Morgan, Jeff Langdon, Frank Murano, "Satchel" Page, Tony Carnevale, "Chip" Moulton, Howard Botting, Gerry Hendershot, Paul Zoekler, Rory Carrigan, Dave Eastman, Wes Proctor, Scott Georger, Terry Peck, Kevin Yahn, Matt Vaadi, Bob Squire, Adam Deland, and Derek Columbus. The following was accomplished: Bushes & trees were trimmed, the lawn was mowed, & yard debris was curbed. A number of dump runs were made ridding the House of "artifacts" & a bathtub of "solution" beyond description in the basement was disposed of. Portions of the Montclam St. bay window exterior trim was scraped for painting this week. The two interior window wells in the chapel on the Bronson St. side were scraped & painted as well as repair of many of the interior shutters. The upstairs ASA bathroom floor tile was repaired as well as adding plastic wall covering above the shower. Electrical circuits were traced & many switches & receptacles were replaced. The first floor west end hallway bathroom underwent a wall repair to accommodate a new toilet.*

—YIB, Gerry Hendershot, S '69



**THIRD ANNUAL ALUMNI WEEKEND AT THE TOOL SHED**

The third annual alumni weekend is scheduled for Oct. 4 & 5, 2002. The first two were a resounding success. What makes these weekends so special is YOU, the people who attend. So, mark your calendars, get on the phone, & encourage all your old buddies, wives, & significant others to attend.

**Schedule of events**

**Friday, Oct. 4** - 8 p.m. till ??? Beer Blast Sign-In Meet & Greet at the Press Box, East First St.

**Saturday, Oct. 5** - 11 A.M. - 9 hole golf outing at Griffins Greens for interested brothers.

3 P.M.-Brothers Only (Active & Alumni) Update Meeting in the chapel at the House (45 min.)

4 P.M.-5:30 P.M. - Cocktails & "Grazing" at the House with guests

6 P.M.-8 P.M. - Grand Dinner Buffet prepared by our personal professional chef in our very own House of Blue kitchen

9 P.M.-1 A.M. - Live music & dancing with the wide ranging 5 piece sounds of "T-bone & the Flyers"

**Ticket Information:** Advance Tickets (Payment received by 9/25) STCAAMembers @ \$67.00 per person, \$134.00 if attending w/wife or girl friend Non-STCAAMembers @ \$77.00 per person, \$154.00 if attending with wife or girl friend. After 9/25 ALL tickets are \$92.00 per person. To make your reservation for this incredible weekend, return the form below with a check payable to STCAA for your ticket charges Alumni Weekend 2002 October 4 & 5.

**ADVANCE TICKET SALE IS CRITICAL TO THE FINANCIAL SUCCESS OF THE WEEKEND SO REGISTER EARLY!**

**WEEKEND AND MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP**

Brother Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Single: \_\_\_\_ Married: \_\_\_\_ Wife's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please refer us to a brother who is not a member. You will be refunded \$10 from your initial membership fee for each referral not in our database that becomes an STCAA member.

Referral Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues are \$100 per year, per brother and are due upon submission of membership application and then every January 1st thereafter. Visa or Mastercard payments accepted. Please make check payable to STCAA and mail with this completed and signed form to: **Gerry Hendershot, 609 McKinley Street, East Rochester, N.Y. 14445-2115**

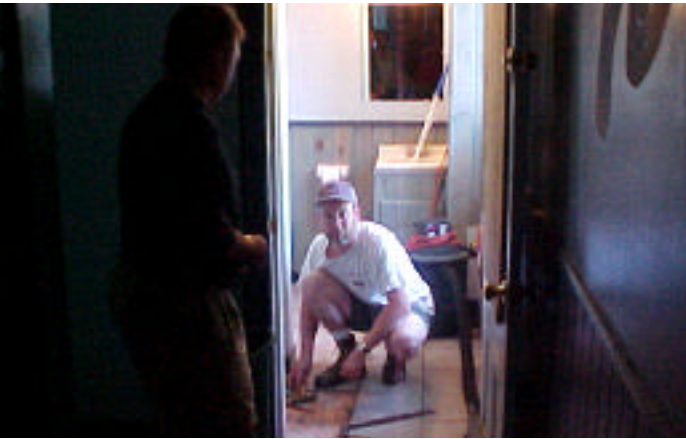
I understand and will comply with the membership privileges and responsibilities listed in the Sigma Tau Chi Alumni Association by-laws, Section III. (By-laws listed at [www.sigmatauchi.org](http://www.sigmatauchi.org))

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Member Signature (Date)

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Print member name



FRONT: TERRY PECK; MIDDLE ROW (l-r): BOB SQUIRE, FRANK MURANO, RON DE/PERSIS, WES PROCTOR, PAUL ZOECKLER, ROBER "SATCHEL" PAGE, and HOWARD BOTTING; BACKROW (l-r): TONY CARNEVALE, STEVE CERTA, BARRIE GORMAN, "BUTCH" CASSIDY, JIM SCAVO, RICK HARDING, DAVE GILL, PETE HALL, RORY CARRIGAN, TONY COMPANION, ERIC STOERGER, RON RAMSDEN, and GERRY HENDERSHOT.



**STCAA OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT—JAMIE HOGAN**  
**VICE-PRESIDENT—GERRY HENDERSHOT**  
**VICE-RESIDENT, LEGAL—STEVE BAKER**  
**TREASURER—FRANK MURANO**  
**SECRETARY—NICK DROGO**  
**RESTORATION CHAIRMAN—HOWARD BOTTING**

**UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2002**

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**for future events.**