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Centennial plans in works

Work has already begun on planning our centennial celebration, and we need your help to make it a success.

Video scrapbook

We will create a documentary-style DVD that will be a permanent compilation of Sigma Alpha Tau memories. We'll compile interviews, pictures, letters—everything that can be recorded. Please send any of the following:

- Photos of sorority events
- Photos of any occasion with your sisters (on campus, girls' night out, etc.)
- Memorabilia photos (paddles, scrap books, collector owls, pledge books, etc.)
- Video clips of sorority events
- Video clips of you telling an anecdote about Sigma Alpha Tau days
- Copies of anything from your campus

- Owl days (pledge book, coke dates, etc.)
- Letters recounting special memories of your days as a student and as an Owl

You can submit your items in several ways. Electronic formats (jpeg, pdf, wmv, etc.) to: Owls_centennial@wowway.com. Snail mail to: Owls Centennial Video Scrapbook, c/o LeAnn Unverzagt, 378 South Otterbein Ave., Westerville, Ohio 43081. You may also leave items at the Owl house, but clearly mark them "Owls Centennial Video Scrapbook."

If possible, send us copies that don't need returned. For all items, include your name and graduation year along with a phone number, e-mail or street address so that we may contact you if we have questions and/or to return the item(s). *Continued...*



Centennial logo contest

Through May 1, 2008, all sisters are invited to submit original logo designs for our centennial celebration in 2010. Keep in mind:

- The 100th focus is the origins of Owls & our founding sisters
- Our 100th is for all sisters—near & far, students & alumni
- Logo must be easily replicated for banners, mugs, shirts, etc.

Entries will be posted and voted on via the Owl blog:

<http://lovenhoots.blogspot.com>. The winning entry will be announced at Homecoming 2008. Submit your entry to:

Owls_centennial@wowway.com or mail to:

Owls Centennial Logo Contest, c/o LeAnn Unverzagt, 378 South Otterbein Ave., Westerville, Ohio 43081

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DID YOU KNOW...



CENTENNIAL from p. 1...

Family tree project

WHOOOO...was your active / pledge?

As part of our centennial celebration, we're creating an enormous family tree. We need you to fill in the blanks for us. Please take a quick moment and send us the following info:

- Your name (then/now) & graduation date
- Name & graduation year of your big sister or active and your little sister/pledge

Please send this information to:
Owls_centennial@wowway.com —OR—
Owls Centennial Family Tree,
c/o LeAnn Unverzagt, 378 S Otterbein Ave.
Westerville, Ohio 43081

Birds of a feather blog together!

The alumni chapter of Sigma Alpha Tau has officially moved online. Stop by our new blog site, called "Love & Hoot Then, Now, Always": <http://lovenhoots.blogspot.com/>

If you'd like to become a regular contributor, or if you want to have your update and pictures posted, send an e-mail to emilyreplogle2004@yahoo.com. Special thanks to Emily Devaney Replogle '98 for starting and maintaining the blog.

We'll see you in cyberspace!



In loving memory...

Tricia Johnson Arthur '01 lost her son, Duncan, Oct. 26, 2007.
Emily Stout Fitzer '02 lost her husband, Greg, Sept. 21, 2007.
Marjorie Abbott Denham '52 passed away Aug. 29, 2006.



Johnson '85 to be anchor for K-LOVE

Karen Johnson '85—is married to Brian, a rocket scientist with United Launch Alliance, and has three sons: Benjamin (20), second-year mechanical engineering student at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA; Nathan (17), junior at El Toro High School; Aaron (13), entering high school in the fall, with great basketball skills and plans to replace Phoenix Suns PG Steve Nash when he retires.

Karen is relocating to Denver, Colo., from Orange County, Calif., in July '07 and has accepted a position as regional producer/news anchor for K-LOVE Radio, a Christian network with 400 stations nationwide.

For the past 10 years she has worked from her home studio as a freelance voiceover specialist and broadcast journalist. She enjoys keeping up with the happenings in "The Nest" and still feels young when she reads how the traditions carry on year after year!

She would love to hear from her sisters, especially anyone living in the Denver area. She loves Starbucks!
E-mail: karen.johnson@cox.net

...That lots of famous faces are Greeks too? Just to name a few:

Ronald Reagan, Jada Pinkett Smith, Pamela Anderson, and Terry Bradshaw.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Owl news: Where are they now?

Jane Norris Williams '38—says Hoots! She lives in Alaska where winter sure comes suddenly, but it is a beautiful time of year.

Maomi Mann Rosensteel '52—is a Westerville girl—Central College to be exact. After graduating with a major in piano and a minor in organ, her entire life has evolved around family and music. She wants to say hello to all her sorority sisters and wishes them well in their OC journey.

Donna Good Brantman '55—is playing piano professionally again...she was getting bored! She still travels, visits family, plays bridge, rides her bike and supports Opera Pacific, Pacific Symphony, theatre and many other worthwhile causes. She feels so fortunate to be healthy and young at heart.

Carolyn Cribbs Smith '57—with her husband, Harvey '55, enjoyed her 50th OC reunion and their 50th anniversary on the same day last June! They enjoy retirement—traveling and visiting with local family and their three grandkids in Florida.

Eileen Fagan Huston '57—is a member of the Otterbein Music staff, accompanying recitals, opera, etc. She keeps trying to retire but pianists never retire! She and her husband, Ted, continue to enjoy Otterbein since they live in the area and can attend many of the events. Ted is also a member of the OC Board of Trustees.

Diane Cox '59—retired from teaching in 1998. She enjoys traveling and volunteering.

She looks forward to her 50th reunion in June '09 and is on the planning committee. She and her husband, Ed, '58 will be married 50 years in June 2008.

Hylda Mosier Strange '60—says being retired is exhausting! They own and are restoring two old homes. Their home in Centerville is an 1830s stone cottage and the second home is an 1820s brick Federal on the banks of the Ohio River in Ripley, Ohio. She also stays busy volunteering with her church bazaar, the Centerville Historical Society and is president of the Centerville Women's Civic Club.

Sally Banbury Anspach '64—is retired from American Greeting Card Co. and has relocated to Powell, Ohio, to be closer to her five grandchildren.

Sandy Joseph Ziegler '64—has been married to Sam '64 for 42 years. Yes, you can find “love” at Otterbein. They have two sons, Scott and Shane, and a daughter-in-law, and are anxiously awaiting grandchildren. They have lived in several states but made Louisiana their home for 27 years. Best of luck to all her Owls sisters!

Nancy Young Shue '69—has been a mental health counselor in Florida for the past 15 years. Partial retirement includes increasing visits and travel to resorts with extended family and friends. Her son Jeff is a Comair pilot and grandson Reece is 10 years old. Her husband, Don, has retired from the Air Force; he now flies for Fed-Ex.



They spend their hours with their heartfelt endeavor—clearing woodlands and meadows in their “hundred-acre woods” near their coastal home in Shalimar, Fla.

Jeanne Lytle Anslinger '70—and her husband, Ron, live in Miamisburg, Ohio. She is the Library Media Specialist at Lakota West High School. They have three sons and daughters-in-law who bring them great joy. Their granddaughter, Avery, was born in March 2007.

Sue Nelson '71—retired from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base on Sept. 30 2007, after 30 years. She was a litigation paralegal in government contracts for 28 years. She's now looking forward to planning some visits with her owl sisters.

Mary Hard Whitehead '75—would like to get in touch with old friends. Please contact her at mwhitehr@columbus.rr.com.

Stephanie Skemp '77—is a doctoral student and graduate teaching associate at Ohio State in the department of education & human ecology. Parts of her duties include the supervision of student foreign language teachers. She is happy to be back in Central Ohio. Three of her student teachers are in Westerville Schools, so she still feels a close connection to OC.

Cille Thorburn Childers '78—is the owner of The Hot Spot Coffeehouse in Johnstown, Ohio, now in business for more

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Owl news: where are they now? *Continued...*

than two years. She and her husband of 26 years, Jeff, have two daughters—Alyssa, a senior at Falkmont State University, and Delaney, a junior at Johnstown. Come and visit at the coffeehouse!

Kim Haring '80—lives in Upper Arlington with her husband, Jim. They have two children—Jimmy, at Wheaton, and Jessica, a freshman at Loyola. They have a great time visiting the kids in Chicago. She hopes to someday visit Sigma Alpha Tau again during Homecoming.

Kathy Kees '82—and her husband, George, still live in the house they built in 1993, located between Sunbury and Centerburg. This is her 25th year teaching fifth grade at Mark Twain Elementary in Westerville. George is enjoying his retirement and spends his time running their Internet-based business.

Jodi Oder Goodroe '84—lives in Oviedo, Fla., with her husband, Dub, and her two teenagers, Mollie (15) and Jenna (14). They have three cats and dog. She teaches Jazzercise and stays busy with the girl's activities, her church and being a mom.

Kim Eitel Ekis '89—and husband, Erik, welcomed their third son, Eli, on May 24, 2007. They live in Dublin and will celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary in December. Their older sons, Evan and Aidan, keep them busy. Kim continues to work part-time as an occupational therapist in the neonatal intensive care unit at Riverside Hospital.

Pam Mesewicz '89—lives in Hilliard with her OC graduate husband, Mike. They have three children: Tommy (15), Adam (13) and Annie (10). Right now she is busy being an official soccer mom and taxi driver.

Barb Eckelberry Fluhart '90—has been happily married for 11 years. They have a son, Nathan (7), and reside in Obetz. Her husband, Garry, has worked for 12 years as a director in HR for Ricart Automotive. She can be contacted at bhfluhart@yahoo.com for sisters from the classes of '90-'93 who would like to catch up.

Sherri Mabry Gordon '90—is married to Pete Gordon and resides in Pickerington with her two children Rachel (7) and Blake (4). Sherri is a freelance author who has written five books for Enslow Publishers, which specializes in the middle school market. She also works with a pastor at Vineyard Church to write domestic abuse curriculum for churches.

Kathy Cale Eichlin '91—is married to Brian Eichlin and has two children—Kevin (7) and Garret (4). She is president and owner of KTE Communications, a health care consulting firm in Oak Ridge, N.C.

Karen Croghan Duffey '91—had a baby boy Jan. 5, 2007, named Evan Macauley. He joins big sister Mackenzie (10). Karen is a clinical information systems coordinator in OB at Mt. Carmel East & West in Columbus.

Vicki McCracken Parsons '91—just had her 10th wedding anniversary with Clinton. She has worked for 13 years with Allstate. She enjoys her second-grade daughter, Emma, and her sports (softball & basketball) and is preparing to send her son, Colin, to Kindergarten next fall. She resides in Brimfield Township, near Kent.

Phyllis Schultz Ramey '91—is a substitute teacher for the elementary school in Oakwood, Ohio, where she lives. It is a perfect schedule because she can always say no on days she has volunteer activities. Her husband, Kyle, is the director of human resources at Kettering City Schools.

Her girls are Rachel (13) and Kristen (11)—both busy with volleyball, basketball, soccer, band and youth group.

Jennifer Writesel Whitney '92—has been married for 15 years and has a nine-year-old son. She is a paralegal with a law firm in downtown Columbus and loves her job. She misses her sisters and hopes to connect with some of you.

Kellie Layer '93—lives in Denver, Colo., with her boyfriend, Adair Prall, and his two wonderful sons, Griffin (11) and Jack (7). She started her own executive recruiting firm last year specializing in the placement of accounting and finance professionals.

Julie Longstreth Moorehead '95—and her husband, Chad, live in Dresden, Ohio, with their kids Anna (9) and Joey (6). She is the executive director of sales events and recognition for The Longaberger Company.

Carli Amlin Dean '99—and her husband, Brian, are doing well. Both Gabe (4) and Savanna (3) started a new school and love it. She trained for a marathon walk this fall, is captain of the ladies competitive tennis team and works full time as a realtor with RE/MAX. She just received her CRS (certified residential specialist) designation in 2007.

Carrie Boergert Link '99—and her husband, Jason '97, welcomed their second child John Jason on Sept. 19, 2007. "JJ" joins big sister Ella (2).

Jessica Beyer Fry '99—and her husband, Aaron, will celebrate 10 years of marriage in June 2008. They have a daughter, Taylor, (3). She is the marketing manager at Christian Happenings. She and her family reside in Gahanna, Ohio.

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Tiffany Compan McCallen '00—with her husband, David, welcomed their first child, Noah Riley, on June 2, 2007.

Tara Light Mowry '00—and her husband, Kris, live in Ashland and welcomed daughter, Macyn Jean, on April 26, 2007. She joins brother Kamden (3).

Ashley Palmer '00—stars in episode two of the Webseries “Engaged,” a mock reality wedding show. Support her by viewing the first episode of “Engaged” online: <http://www.engagedtheshow.com/>

Ashley Amy Melvin Roush '00—married Richard Roush on Dec. 3, 2005. They welcomed a baby girl, Kailyn Rae, on May 19, 2007. She is a 3rd grade teacher at Alpine Elementary in Columbus Public Schools.

Sasha Taylor-Smith '00—and her husband, Justin '00, live in Millersburg, Ohio. She has been employed for seven years with Sky Insurance as an account executive in employee benefits. Justin has been working for Shreiner Creasing Matrix for five years.

Sherri West Birmingham '01—married Bradd in June 2005. That same year she graduated from OSU veterinary school. She now practices in Johnstown, Ohio.

Brianna Elsmore '01—graduated from Capital Law School in June and recently passed the bar. She works for the Defense Supply Center and is actively seeking a legal position.

Amanda English '01—has worked at OSU Vet Hospital for six years. She is the supervisor for large animal anesthesia. She resides in Hilliard and foxhunts with her three horses that she keeps in Hilliard.

Heather Hittle Bush '01—and husband,

Jarod, had a baby girl on Aug. 3, 2007, named Sophia Don Bush.

Caryn Humpal DeLisio '01—and her husband welcomed their second child, a girl, Avery Lee, on Sept. 6, 2007.

Sara Schaefer Erwin '01—married Brian Erwin, a fellow OC grad, on Jan. 20, 2007.

Brianne Stewart Harman '01—and her husband, Wes, welcomed Mason Wesley Harman on Sept. 19, 2007, 8 lbs. 3 oz.

Shanon Potts '02—graduated from Capital University Law School in May of 2005. She is an attorney for the City of Dayton, practicing in civil litigation.

Erin Range Watson '02—and her husband, Seth, also an OC grad, are the proud parents of a little boy, Carter Steven. He was born on Sept. 8, 2007. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long

Joey Ridgely '02—has worked at Akron Children's Hospital for five years as a registered nurse. She is getting married May 10, 2008, and is living in Medina, Ohio.

Niki Bridgman '02—and Bryan live in Westerville. Their son, Logan, turned two in August 2007.

Brya Long '03—teaches Jr. High language arts at Peebles High School and coaches high school cheerleading. She finished her Master's of Education in August from the University of Rio Grande. She lives in Hillsboro and still works part-time at Long's Retreat.

LeeAnne Mizer '03—is an intern at New Albany Middle School while she completes her Masters Degree in school counseling. She will graduate June 2008 from the University of Dayton. She is also

substitute teacher for Mt. Vernon City Schools.

Brittany Russell Deschler '03—married Jason Deschler on July 14, 2007. She teaches first grade for the Dublin City Schools District and also attends Ohio State University for her Master's Degree.

Jana Proper Mast '03—her daughter, Kaidrie, will turn three in March. She is taking time off work while on pregnancy bed rest with her baby boy due on July 1st. She and her husband pray for a happy and healthy outcome this time around.

Samantha Gruber '06—is teaching first grade for Charleston School District.

Tara Lucas '06—graduated in the fall of 2007 and is actively searching for a job.

Sheli Beck '07—lives in New Albany and teaches third grade in Johnstown. She has begun classes for her reading endorsement and will start her Master's at OSU in the spring.

Liz Hardy '07—lives in New Albany with Owl alum Heather Doomy. She works at the Otterbein College Equine Science facility and is working on her MBA while studying to take the LSAT next year.

Abby France Dillon '07—married Brett Dillon on April 21, 2007. They live in German Village in the Columbus area.

Send your updates and pictures to:
TiffanyMcCallen@hotmail.com



History books for sale

To receive your spiral-bound copy of "The History of Sigma Alpha Tau 1910-1960," send \$8 to cover copying and postage to Gwen Nichols, 750 Pepper Ct., Westerville, Ohio 43082.

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Endowed award recipient

The Sigma Alpha Tau Endowed Award was presented to Jacque Schwartz '08 at the 2007 Homecoming festivities.

Jacque is a senior accounting major from Springfield, Ill, with a minor in business administration. She serves as chapter president of Owls and vice president of Otterbein's Accounting Club.

This year, she interned with Worthington Industries Steel finance division.

When she is not working, in class, studying or participating in Owls events, she enjoys spending time with her Christmas present—a puppy—currently residing until graduation at her boyfriend's apartment.

Congratulations, Jacque!

Treasurer Report

Alumni Treasurer Sherri Millington Blais '91 reports that we have \$5,600 in checking as of Feb. 18, 2008.

Thanks to all who paid dues this year. If you still need to send in a payment, make a check out to Sigma Alpha Tau Alumni, and send it to: Sherri Blais, 370 Canterbury Ct., Westerville, OH 43082. Dues are \$10/yr. for those who graduated from Otterbein 10 years ago or less, and \$25/yr. for those who graduated 11 years ago or more.



With Affection Always

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Attn: Sherri Blais
Sigma Alpha Tau Alumni Treasurer
370 Canterbury Ct.
Westerville, OH 43082

