



Houston Alumni Chapter *FOCUS*

E- News & Information from the Houston Alumni Chapter

HAC Golf Tournament Proceeds Benefiting Epsilon Xi

The Houston Alumni Chapter's 1st Annual Golf Classic was held on April 4, 2011, with 100% of the proceeds to benefit the Epsilon Xi Chapter at University of Houston. The HAC is proud to officially announce that Epsilon Xi will receive

\$11,204.66! The HAC gives a big "thank you" to all of the tournament committee, sponsors, and participants for your support! The HAC has plans to host a formal ceremony of presenting the check to the Brothers at Epsilon Xi, and we will keep you posted on the presentation ceremony.



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Houston Sigma Chi Business Network

Testimonial

The first Houston Sigma Chi Business Networking luncheon was held on May 24th at Saltgrass Steakhouse's private meeting room with 13 Brothers in attendance. The Networking luncheon is an opportunity for Brothers to connect and share business opportunities with each other. The mission of the HAC Network is to help Brothers connect with one another and identify opportunities where relationships can be fostered and forged. In many instances, the connections made may be to individuals that are not Brothers, but the focus is to help each other become more successful. In addition, job opportunities that may not be posted or advertised through the usual channels will be shared in an effort to assist those looking for positions. The new Network group will soon start meeting twice a month, one luncheon and one breakfast. We are looking to build the membership of the group, so please join us at the next meeting on **June 21st 11:30 AM** at Saltgrass Steakhouse (1803 Shepherd Dr.). Contact Brother Rob Johnson, **Vanderbilt 2000**, via e-mail at rjohnson@moodyrambinint.com to RSVP and for more information on the HAC Network.

"The Houston Sigma Chi Business Network recently hosted its first luncheon, with Brothers in attendance from a variety of career fields. Although in its early stages, I have already procured the benefits of such a promising organization, benefits I find invaluable as I embark on a new career path. After a brief discussion with a Brother I met at the luncheon, I soon discovered he had just transferred back to Houston from a law school in Michigan, the very same law school I will be attending in September. Shortly after the Network luncheon there was a follow-up meeting where the Brother donated a plethora of supplemental law materials to me, which will greatly assist me as I begin the study of law. I highly value this business connection, as it will undoubtedly assist me in my studies, and know that should I require any future consultation, or further information, I now have a Brother I can turn to. I owe all of this to the Houston Sigma Chi Business Network. Without reservation, I strongly recommend all Sigma Chi Brothers to take a couple hours out of their day, twice a month, to attend the Network events. You never know what business opportunity may present itself at the Houston Sigma Chi Business Network. I never expected to make such a connection when I attended the luncheon, but I am pleased I did." - Sam Cimino, **Stephen F. Austin 2003**

HAC June Luncheon: June 7th

DO NOT FORGET, and mark it on your calendar **TODAY!** The Houston Alumni Chapter's next monthly luncheon will be tomorrow– **Tuesday, June 7th** at Saltgrass Steakhouse off of I-10 and Shepherd Dr. (1803 Shepherd Dr. Houston 77077.) The luncheon will begin at 11:30am. The cost is only \$16.64 after beverage and gratuity. Do not forget to bring your business card (for our monthly prize drawing) and bring a Brother! For more information on the luncheons, visit: <http://sigmachihoustonalumni.celect.org/monthly-luncheon>.



Wild Game Dinner: Your Feedback IS NEEDED!!!

The 66th Wild Game Dinner has come and passed, but it is never too early to start planning for the 67th. 67th Wild Game Dinner Chairman Dick Burns, **University of Miami 1969**, is searching for Brothers that would like to serve on the committee. If you are interested in becoming involved with the WGD Committee, contact Brother Burns at miamisig69@att.net. Additionally, the HAC and the Committee is always looking to improve the HAC Signature event, and **WANTS YOUR INPUT!** Please take less than a minute to answer a short survey about the how the HAC can improve the Annual Wild Game Dinner, by clicking on the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D6P629J>.

Sigma Chi Grand Chapter– Carpool in Style

Standing Tall In TEXAS! The 2011 Sigma Chi Grand Chapter will be in our backyard, Dallas, Texas on **Thursday, June 23 - Sunday, June 26**. If you have not been to a Grand Chapter, this is **THE ONE TO BE AT** - a mere four hour drive for an International Celebration of our beloved Fraternity. The HAC has a small delegation that will be attending, and will serve as a host in our very own hospitality suite Thursday and Friday evening of Grand Chapter– and you are invited!

Are YOU planning on attending Grand Chapter? If so, let us know! With high gas prices these days, we are looking to car-pool to Grand Chapter. If you are attending Grand Chapter, and are interested in car pooling, e-mail us at houstonSIGS@gmail.com, and we will find you a ride. After your confirmation, we will e-mail you with the details on our travels.

Interested in attending Grand Chapter? Early-bird registration has ended, but it is NOT too late to register for Grand Chapter! To read more about Grand Chapter and to register online, click on this link: <http://grandchapter.sigmachiorg/>



Eta Tau Spring 2011 Initiation

Stephen F. Austin, Eta Tau Chapter, will conduct the Ceremonies of Initiation this coming Saturday, **June 11th**, initiating 5 Brothers into our Order! If you are interested in attending, contact the Eta Tau Pro Consul, Thomas Shelton, on his cell at 409-939-4497, or via e-mail at:

t_shelton_08@yahoo.com.

The Brothers of Eta Tau always welcome Alumni to participate, and attend Initiation!

Epsilon Xi Initiates Seven

On May 21st, Epsilon Xi (University of Houston) initiated 7 Brothers into our Order. The Brothers that have recently entered our Fraternity are:

Robert Castro
Dan Gelovani
Justin Hasbrouck
Kris Johnson
Jamie Thrash
Jason West
Ahmad Zahra

CONGRATULATIONS BROTHERS!!!!!!

ΣX Historic Fact

The Jordan Standard was not originally written as we know it in its current form- it derived from a speech Founder Jordan gave at the 15th Grand Chapter in 1884. In 1915, two additional 'standards' Jordan did not discuss were added to the literature: "...A Deep Sense of Personal Responsibility." & "Possessed of Good Morals."

HAC 2011 Membership Dues

Have you paid your 2011 HAC Alumni Dues? If not (or if you would like to make a donation), please do so to help **YOUR** Houston Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter. (If you attended the 2011 Wild Game Dinner, your registration includes your 2011 dues.) **Annual HAC dues are only**



\$25.00 for the entire year- broken down, that is only \$2.0833 per month! You can register online for membership by clicking on the following link: <https://sigmachi-houstonalumni.celect.org/hac-annual-dues>.

UPDATE: Unfortunately our server that processes online payments are currently down, and we hope to have it resolved soon. You can still register online, and once the HAC has procured a new online payment system, we will personally contact you regarding your dues payment.

Ft. Bend Sigma Chi Alumni Club Shiner Brewery Tour & Dinner

Save the date: On Friday, July 8th, the Ft. Bend Sigma Chi Alumni Club will take a tour of the Shiner Brewery in Shiner, Texas. The tour is **FREE!** At 1:30 PM, Brothers will meet up at Swinging Door Restaurant in Richmond, Texas, and from there form up in carpools and head to Shiner, Texas (about 1.25 hours away). The Shiner Brewery Tour will begin at 3:00 PM. Happy Hour at Shiner after the tour, with **FREE Beer!** Afterwards, the group will drive back to the Swinging Door. (If you cannot make the Shiner Brewery Tour, you are invited to meet the group for dinner.) After the tour, the group will have a continued Happy Hour at the Swinging Door at 6:30 PM, and dinner will be at 7:00 PM. (The Swinging Door has agreed to individual tabs so everyone can pay their own bill.) All Sigma Chi Brothers & their Significant other are invited to attend. You can click this link for more information about the Shiner Brewery tour:

<http://www.shiner.com/main.php?page=tour>. Please RSVP to Brother Glen Gill, Louisiana State 1974, at glen@glengill.com.

TWEXAC Astros Family Night



On July 2nd, The Woodlands Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter will host its second Astros Family Game Night this year! The Astros will be playing the Boston Red Sox, and tickets are \$32.00 each, which include **All You Can Eat** hot dogs, pop corn, nachos, peanuts, and soda! The kids will love it (and so will your pocket book). You will need to RSVP **SOON** to Brother Bill Gervasi, Central Michigan 1985, at bgervasi@ufpb.net.

WANTED: Feedback — Let us know what you think of the NEW Houston Alumni Chapter FOCUS E-Newsletter. E-mail us at houstonSIGS@gmail.com with your feedback!

Upcoming Events

Save the Date!

June 7, 2011

HAC June Luncheon
Saltgrass Steakhouse
1803 Shepherd Dr.

June 10-12, 2011

Epsilon Psi 50th
Anniversary Celebration
Huntsville, TX

June 11, 2011

Eta Tau Initiation
Stephen F. Austin

June 21, 2011

HAC Network Luncheon
Saltgrass Steakhouse
1803 Shepherd Dr.

June 23-26, 2011

78th Grand Chapter,
Dallas, Texas

July 2nd, 2011

TWEXAC Astros Family
Game Night

July 8, 2011

Ft. Bend Alumni Club
Shiner Brewery Tour

July 29-30, 2011

Balfour Leadership Train-
ing Workshop

ΣX Historic Fact

What does the 'M' stand for in Founder Jordan's name? – Issac M. Jordan was actually named Issac Alford Jordan, but had his middle initial changed to 'M' so he would not be confused with his brother J.A. Jordan, with whom he practiced law with.

FOCUS: An Undergraduate's Perspective



Name: Shawn McCully
Office: Consul, 2011-2012
School: Sam Houston State University
Chapter: Epsilon Psi
Graduation Year: 2013
Major: Business
Hometown: Waco, Texas

What does Sigma Chi mean to you?

“Without Sigma Chi I definitely would not be having the college experience I'm having now. Through the fraternity I have made bonds that will last a lifetime, and I know that whatever life may throw at me I will always have ‘strong arms’ there.”

Why do you believe alumni from your chapter should remain active within your chapter?

“We are about to have our chapter's 50th anniversary which as we all know is a HUGE achievement. Myself and the current chapter want to take advantage of this time and invite everyone to come out so we can refurbish relations as well as make new ones with alumni, in hopes of continuing our success at Epsilon Psi.”

What are your goals for your chapter in the next year?

“To be completely honest...Finance. As a chapter we don't really need to grow, our brotherhood is as strong as it has ever been, and we are still the number one fraternity on campus. Our Achilles' heel right now is our debt [to Headquarters], and that will be our main priority next year.”

On occasion, the HAC will highlight an undergraduate in the East Texas Province in FOCUS E-Newsletters. Know of an undergraduate you would like to see highlighted in a future HAC E-Newsletter? If so, e-mail us at houstonsigs@gmail.com.

HAC Website Needs A New Home

The HAC's web server, Celect, is currently in the middle of a SEC lawsuit, and has ceased all operations except for websites still available online. While we can currently update the HAC website, you can still submit a form to pay dues, but the site will no longer accept payments online. Online payments and registration are a vital asset to the HAC, and it has been recommended that the HAC begin searching for a new web host. (It is expected that Celect will remain unavailable for online payments for quite awhile, possibly even permanently.)

That's where we can use your help!!! If you have experience with web servers, or have the knowledge to backup all data of a website (there is a possibility our site may be shut down), or how to transfer all the online content to a different server, please contact us at houstonsigs@gmail.com.

HAC Database Updates Needed

The HAC is currently updating its database to include cell phones, and we need your help. Please e-mail us with your name, school, graduation year, and cell phone number at houstonsigs@gmail.com.

Even if you have paid dues, please e-mail us!

HAC Happy Hour Chairman Needed

Over the past year, the HAC has hosted monthly Happy Hours throughout various areas in Houston— all in thanks to the work of Brother Michael Johnson, **Stephen F. Austin 2005!** Michael needs help in planning future happy hours— if you are interested in assisting planning monthly happy hours, contact Brother Johnson at mbjohson@gmx.com.

HAC Family Annual Picnic

The Annual Bud Adams Family Picnic has been cancelled, but that does not mean the HAC Family Picnic is cancelled this summer! Do you know a venue that can host our picnic? Are you willing to offer your back-yard for the picnic? If so, let us know via e-mail at houston-sigs@gmail.com.