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'Doc' was backbone as fraternity grew

Longtime adviser reflects on years with Ohio ETA



"The quality of the men is what makes this thing go!" – William "Doc" Gordon '57

William "Doc" Gordon '57 counts the years spent as an OH ETA adviser as some of the finest of his life. Becoming a SigEp in 1954, Doc twice returned to Miami, first to start his doctorate in 1964, then again as an assistant professor in 1968. One year later, he started the first of his many years as a full-time adviser.

Doc watched the fraternity grow, consistently averaging 100-plus members. Sigma Phi Epsilon recruited and graduated outstanding young men who, over the years, became very successful leaders in their vocations and communities and are fine family men. Doc believes the strength of the fraternity came through the respect and fellowship of its individual brothers, their diverse backgrounds, interests and talents, and the respect they develop



for one another. Doc takes pride, but seeks no praise, for his part in the many accomplishments realized by this fraternity of fine men during his tenure as adviser.

Many of the friendships and relationships Doc maintains to this day extend to the beginning of his association with OH Eta. He remains thankful for the opportunities he had to share in the group's achievements and successes.

"Doc – take come credit ... you had a tremendous impact on those of us who had the opportunity and willingness to get through that hard exterior to get to know you and learn from you." – Dave Chittock '80

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Alumni Weekend 2017

Mark your calendars for Alumni Weekend, June 8-11. The alumni dinner is June 9 at Marcum Center, and Event in the Tent XVI is June 10 at the fraternity house. RSVP to Mark Durket '76 at mdurket@rsanet.com or 513-520-3773. For more information, visit MiamiAlum.org/AlumniWeekend.

Commemorate the following reunions in 2017:

Class of '57
60-year reunion

Class of '77
40-year reunion

Class of '87
30-year reunion

Class of '97
20-year reunion

Class of '12
5-year reunion

Class of '67
50-year reunion

Class of '82
35-year reunion

Class of '92
25-year reunion

Class of '07
10-year reunion



New SigEp endowment focuses on leadership development

Endowment honors William 'Doc' Gordon

Giving to the Sigma Phi Epsilon Leadership Fund through Miami University stimulates leadership development and scholarship initiatives. Dedicated to William "Doc" Gordon, this effort creates opportunities to be successful both at Miami and later in life, just as Doc helped many OH Eta brothers find their leadership potential. Alumni can contribute directly to this endowment to support and sustain OH Eta.

The endowment focuses on three areas:

- Support of the OH Eta Leadership Development Committee in hosting leadership events and excursions and opportunities to build relationships and foster brotherhood. The volunteer committee meets with undergraduates regularly in Oxford and hosts events with the chapter brothers. They have also formed a mentoring committee of 30-plus alumni from various graduate years.
- Support scholarships for SigEp Leadership Conferences, such as the Carlson Leadership Academy, Ruck Leadership Institute and SigEp Conclave.
- Support merit-based awards for chapter brothers who display SigEp values in academics, athletics, chapter and campus leadership.

If you already give to Miami regularly, you can direct a portion of your contribution to this endowed Leadership Fund or, if you do not currently contribute, this is a great opportunity to support an area you care for most. Contributions can be made in a variety of ways, including cash gifts, appreciated securities and deferred

gifts/bequests – and are 100 percent tax deductible.

For general fundraising appeals received from Miami, write 5147-001 in the "Other Fund" section to make a direct contribution to SigEp. Miami recognizes all contributions to this endowment.

Contributions are invested permanently to fund these opportunities for the chapter in perpetuity. Grants from

"A Miami degree together with a SigEp education in virtue, diligence, brotherly love and sound mind/sound body is invaluable and worthy of our continued support."
– Joe Hornsby '06

the endowment will be reported in newsletters and communications to show the impact you've made on OH Eta.

The current undergraduate chapter has already made a \$2,500 commitment to this

endowment in enthusiastic support!

Contributors to the endowment to date include:

OH Eta undergraduates 2016-2020
Robert B. Albright '51
James A. "Sarge" Wilson '58
Michael N. Edmonds '68
Thomas R. Barmore '72
S. Douglas Engebretson '72
G. Cary Dice '73
Graham E. Mitchell '73
Daniel R. McKenzie '74
Mark J. Durket '76
David B. Chittock '80
William W. Greer '81
Randy E. McMullin '98
R. Daniel Hannon III '04
Matthew L. Wilkinsky '04
Joseph M. Hornsby '06
John P. Owed III '09

Special thanks to their generosity for helping get the endowment off the ground.

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

Welcome the 33 newest brothers of OH Eta as of January 2017:

Alex Baker, Jack Breuch, Jacob Conjerti, Carsen Davenport, Brandon DeLano, Tyler Dunn, Nick Freund, Mike Gerbus, Chris Grillo, Matt Hall, Quentin Jones, Peter Kent, Jake Ketterer, Grant Knue, Max Lewis, Harrison Lippy, Kyle McMichen, Ben Mehelic, Eli Mills, Scott Mosher, Johnny Noyen, Sam Parsons, Milan Pittmon, Regan Puzzitiello, Drew Seifert, Tim Sgroi, Jack Srail, Travis Stohr, Thomas Suter, Jared Tate, Owen Van Den Huevel, Teddy Wight and Jacob Zimmerman.



Jack Breuch '20

Novi, Michigan:
2016 Balanced Man Scholarship winner; marketing major; 4.0 GPA; Miami President's List;

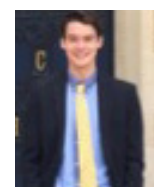
CoherentRx marketing intern; owner Baseline Entertainment; Northville High School men's swim captain and student body vice president; Bridgepointe Charity.



Regan Puzzitiello '20

Strongsville, Ohio:
Management and leadership major; Parkview Homes; fourth grandchild of Richard

Puzzitiello Sr. '60 to attend Miami; fifth Puzzitiello to join OH Eta SigEp family.



Tim Sgroi '20

Buffalo, New York:
Canisius High School varsity hockey and golf; Companions Program volunteer.