

# No More Scrimmaging! It's Game Time!



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Every Fall, the thoughts of many turn to college football. Mine sure do (and I hope the Fighting Irish have a GREAT season!). The anticipation of those of us who are fans combine with our annually renewed hope for a successful season, regardless of the outcome of

last season. After all of the practice and countless hours of preparation, the success and execution of the game plan rests squarely on the shoulders of the players on the field... the guys in the trenches.

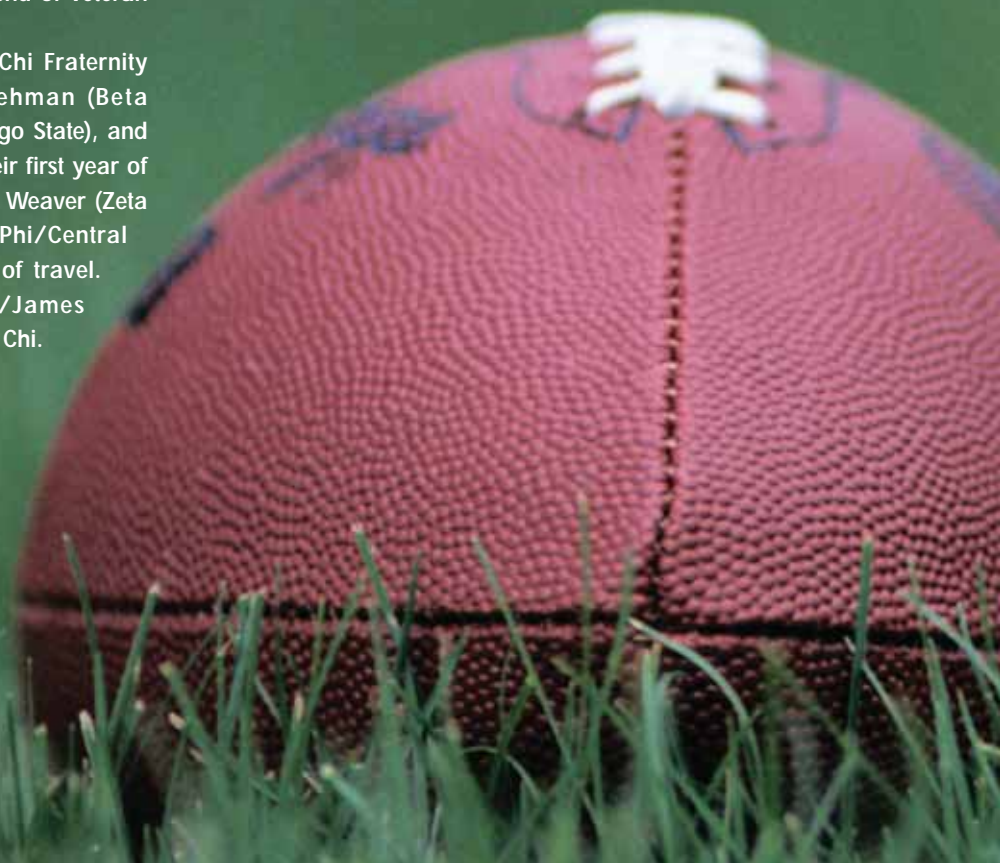
For Theta Chi, our 'guys on the trenches' are our Leadership and Education Consultants. They are the brothers who are out on the road for eight months out of the year, working in cooperation with our alumni and chapter leaders, all with the common goal of making Theta Chi a better Fraternity. With a lineup that would make most football coaches envious, the "starting roster" for the 2005-2006 Leadership and Education Consultants consists of a blend of veteran leadership and emerging talents.

This year seven brothers are traveling for Theta Chi Fraternity across the United States and Canada. Koby Rehman (Beta Alpha/UCLA), Philip Thornton (Gamma Theta/San Diego State), and J.D. Ford (Beta Lambda/Akron) all join the staff for their first year of travel. Brent Liner (Iota Alpha/UNC-Wilmington), Kyle Weaver (Zeta Sigma/UW-River Falls), and Mike Mayer (Epsilon Phi/Central Missouri State) each return for their second season of travel. Rounding out the squad is Ben Hill (Eta Kappa/James Madison), beginning his fourth year traveling for Theta Chi.

The 'pre-season' for these seven brothers consisted of two months of educational training at the International Headquarters in Indianapolis, this past June to August. As the last days of their training were completed, it became very obvious that this squad of men was ready to start their work: visiting chapters, colonies, and interest groups in their respective regions.

While the college football season across the United States comes to a close with bowl games through the early days of 2006, our LECs will continue travel through next May. At the end of this academic year, collectively, these brothers will have visited every one of our 135+ groups. They will have collectively logged more than a total of 125,000 miles on the odometers of their vehicles. We owe them a debt of gratitude for being our guys on (or in this case, "in") the field, helping to build a stronger Theta Chi Fraternity.

Here's to a safe and successful season!





From left, front row: Philip Thornton, Brent Liner, and Kyle Weaver. From left, back row: J.D. Ford, Ben Hill, and Koby Rehman.