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ALPHA ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Summer 2008

Summer...The Season of Change Aaron F. Dubas, Publications Editor

More so than any other season, to me summer is the season of change. Summer is wedding season—a wonderful change where two people become one family. Summer is the time when new college graduates transition into their first jobs. Perhaps some of you, like me, have attended a wedding, or had a new employee join your workplace, and seen just wonderful change can be.

Another big change that we all too have experienced is the transition from high school to college. Many of these high school graduates are leaving home for the first time. All of them are leaving behind everything they think they know about the world, and freely choosing to change themselves, to better themselves through college.

For a select few young men, Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois is the agent of change in their lives. As it was for all of us, Alpha Chapter continues to be a place that helps young men transition, to grow, to succeed.

Change is a frightening, trying experience for everyone. But through fraternal support, Alpha Chapter helps these young men through one of the most challenging changes of their lives. It helped me grow into a man; I'm sure it helped many of you as well. Alpha Chapter is a positive, powerful *agent of change*. The time in the fraternity is not always easy, not always enjoyable, but always positive in helping its members grow and succeed.

As grown and matured men, as alumni, we have an opportunity and a duty to be agents of change in our own lives. No matter what the area of life (raising children, training new employees, supporting the fraternity), we can help those who come after us complete the transitions that we too experienced.

In the coming months, you will have ample opportunity to help the fraternity remain an agent of change at the University of Illinois. You can volunteer at work weekend August 9, attend Homecoming October 10-12, recruit prospective members at your parish, or just reconnect with a brother from your days in school. Support the fraternity as she grows and changes, as she supported you.

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Homecoming 2008

It's that time again. Great fall weather, exciting Illinois football, and Homecoming 2008. Homecoming Director Dale Durfey and the rest of the Alumni Board of Directors have worked to assemble a program that will be fantastic. We will again have a Hospitality night on Friday evening at the Chapter House. The Eastland Suites Hotel and Conference Center will be our hotel and dinner/dance location. Saturday will have the Alpha Alumni Business Meeting, Tailgate, Football Game, and Dinner/Dance. Below is a full schedule of events for the weekend. On the outside of this newsletter, you will find an order form for your tickets. Please don't delay in responding, as this will be an awesome Homecoming celebration with a winning football team fresh from a Rose Bowl experience.

Coach Zook got another great high school signing class that will only build on last year's awesome season.

The schedule for Homecoming 2008 will be as follows:

Friday, October 10th, 2008–

8:00pm to 12:00am - Chapter House

Saturday, October 11th, 2008 --

8:00am to 10:00am – Business Meeting at Beta Sigma Psi House 10:00am to 11:00am – Pre-game Tailgate outside Memorial Stadium 11:00am to 2:30pm – Fighting ILLINI vs. Minnesota 2:30pm to 4:00pm – Post-game Tailgate outside Memorial Stadium 6:00pm to 12:00am – Dinner/Dance at Eastland Suites Hotel

2008 Homecoming Activity Prices

(ORDERING DEADLINE FOR ALL TICKETS IS SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 FOOTBALL TICKETS ARE ON FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS)

Full Homecoming Package Includes (Football, Hospitality, Tailgate, and Banquet)	x \$100 =
OR	
Social Fee (entitles entrance to Hospitality night and Tailgate**)	x \$38 = x \$17 = x \$45 =
**Children of Alumni under 16 years of age that wish to atter admitted at no charge with the purchase of a for	

Alumni Work Weekend Saturday August 9

The Alumni Work Weekend is scheduled for Saturday August 9 at the Chapter House. This annual event is crucial in keeping the Chapter House an attractive recruitment tool for prospective members, and keeping the house in working order for the Actives who reside there. It also is a great event to volunteer, a good way to work up a sweat, a chance to reconnect with brothers and an excuse to visit campus, grab a beer and eat some world famous Papa Dell's pizza!

The event is open to brothers, spouses, friends and family. Any and all skill levels are welcome. Tasks range from as simple as painting and cleaning to as complex as window, roof and wall repair. Tools will be on site, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own work gloves, safety glasses and power tools as they have available.

Let's make the Chapter House sparkle for the fall!

Distinguished Alumnus

After years of loyal service, Steve Eggerding has stepped down as the chair of the Distinguished Alumni search committee. The Alpha Alumni Board thanks Steve for his dedication to this process for the past several years.

Brent Gieseke, Alpha Alumni Vice President is now heading up the Distinguished Alumni search committee. If you know an Alumnus who deserves recognition for their support of the fraternity, please contact Brent for information about how to nominate that person. Applications will be taken from now until September 27th for award at Homecoming 2008.

Unfortunately, no nominations were had in 2007. Let's make sure this doesn't happen in 2008! There are countless hard working, dedicated men who have given their lives to their families, their community, their profession and their fraternity. Help Brent recognize these fine men this fall!

Alpha Alumni Scholarship Update

Alpha Chapter is proud to announce Tim Homeier as the 2008 Alpha Alumni Scholarship award winner. Tim demonstrated excellence in all 3 S's with exemplary academic and personal leadership and maturity. For his hard work, Alpha Alumni awarded Tim a \$1000 scholarship to the University of Illinois, where is enrolling this August. Alpha Alumni wishes Tim continued success as he enters into the next stage in his academic career and personal life.

Watch out for information on the 2009 Alpha Alumni Scholarship in upcoming newsletters. If you know of a Lutheran male enrolling at the University of Illinois next fall, please send a note to Jason Braun at jasonbraun1@gmail.com and he will provide you with next year's scholarship application as it becomes available.

Missing Alumni?

Our goal is to have the most complete list of Alumni. If you know the whereabouts of these missing Alumni, please contact the Board of Directors.

William Stamberger Loren Stoeckel Steve Stuckemeyer John Swanson Eric Thompson Gene Timm Mike Toepper Thomas Treblehorn James Treichler Paul Trost Michael Unger Lawrence Vandre Dean Voelker Frank Vokac Richard Von Dach John Wargo Jim Watt Donald Weeke Erwin Wehrman Paul Wentland David Wiese *RobertWilloughby* Paul Yellina Mark Zachgo Paul Zeirath

BETA SIGMA PSI – ALPHA CHAPTER TO THE NEXT 50 YEARS

Enclosed is my donation to the **NEXT 50** of \$_____

\$1000 contributors will receive dinner/dance and game tickets for 2 \$500 contributors will receive choice of tickets for 2 \$1000 pledges to the house renovation (4 annual payments of \$250) dinner/dance tickets for 2

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> *Please note: Beta Sigma Psi with your check memo when sending checks to SPGH.

The NEXT 50 campaign has been very successful to date with over \$11,000 contributed by the alumni membership. Additional contributions of \$14,000 are needed to reach our campaign goal of \$25,000. Your contribution to the campaign insures the immediate future of Beta Sigma Psi as we embark on a new beginning for the active chapter at the University of Illinois.

A special thank you to all who have contributed to date, your giving is certainly appreciated.

Over the next several months many projects are going to confront Alpha Chapter and the Chapter House. The main project that will be necessary is the installation of a sprinkler system to bring the house in compliance with an ordinance passed by the Urbana City Council. Your donations are encouraged to ensure a safe and appealing house for the Active Chapter.

Got Stories?

The Alpha Alumni News is always looking for stories and/or good and welfare. If you have anything to share please send an email to

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Are You Moving?

Please update your mailing address with Aaron Dubas. Each returned newsletter costs about \$1. Every little bit helps.

Do You Know Someone Coming to the U of I?

If you know someone who will be attending the University of Illinois, please contact Michael Nolte. I will make sure the information is passed along to the rush chairmen.