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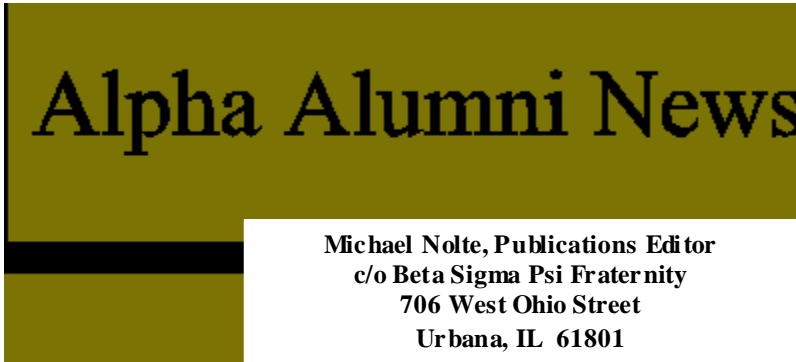
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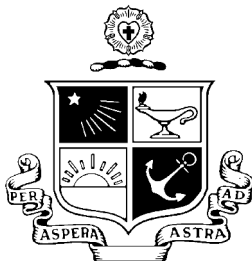


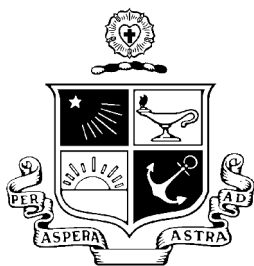
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Fall Business Meeting

October 26, 2007
8 AM
@ the Chapter House

Presidential Ponderings...

Gimmicks v Traditions

You may not think that writing a one page article a couple times a year is that great of a task, but generating inspiring, coherent thought for my newsletter article is something that I take very seriously. I am conscious about things in my everyday life that are relevant to Beta Sigma Psi. I listen to my Pastor's sermons on Sunday morning and try to think how his message of Law and Gospel can apply to our organization; I watch CNN and try to determine how the world's events can apply to what we do. I read books, newspapers, and magazine articles, and try to think how those words relate to Beta Sigma Psi. For this article, I had several topics to choose from, but one item resonated greatly with the current situation of Alpha Chapter.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the final halftime performance of Chief Illiniwek. After that bittersweet, basketball victory over Michigan, I determined that I would visit the campus bookstores to purchase some available Chief merchandise. One of the items that I purchased, in order to be able to expose my children, and their children, to the wonderful symbol of respect that is the Chief, was a DVD titled, *The Chief and The Tradition*. For those of you that attended that February basketball game, you know that the scoreboard showed clips of this video before the halftime performance. While watching the DVD, I heard one of the most moving descriptions of the performance of the Chief. The current University of Illinois Director of Bands, James F. Keene, was a collegiate member of the University of Michigan marching band. On one particular trip to Memorial Stadium, the Michigan Director of Bands told band members that at halftime, 'they would witness the most remarkable halftime performance that they had ever seen'. One of the Michigan band members said, 'even better than script *Ohio*,' the on field, moving script that the Ohio State University marching band creates during their halftime performance. To this, the Michigan Director of Bands replied, 'gentlemen, we are not talking about gimmicks, we are talking about tradition.'

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Homecoming 2007

It is that time again. Great fall weather, exciting Illinois football, and Homecoming 2007. Homecoming Director Dale Durfey and the rest of the Alumni Board of Directors have worked to assemble a program that will be enjoyable for all. We will again have a Hospitality night on Friday evening; we just don't know where it will be. The Park Inn (our hotel) is also where the Illinois football team stays before home games and the hotel does not yet know what Coach Zook will want for Friday night. Therefore, we might be at the hotel in a hospitality room or at the fraternity house. Saturday will contain 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 note that the HOTEL RATE IS LESS THAN LAST YEAR. Please don't delay in responding, as this will be an awesome Homecoming celebration with a winning football team.

If you haven't heard, this year's football high school signing class was one of the best in the nation. Coach Zook said Illinois should be greatly improved from last year.

The schedule for Homecoming 2007 will be as follows:

Friday, October 26th, 2007 –

8:00pm to 12:00am – Park Inn???

Saturday, October 27th, 2007 --

- 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. Indiana
- 2:30pm to 4:00pm – Post-game Tailgate outside Memorial Stadium
- 6:00pm to 12:00am – Dinner/Dance at Park Inn

2007 Homecoming Activity Prices

**(ORDERING DEADLINE FOR ALL TICKETS IS OCTOBER 12, 2007
FOOTBALL TICKETS ARE ON FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS)**

Full Homecoming Package

Includes (Football, Hospitality, Tailgate, and Banquet) _____ x \$90 = _____

OR

Fighting ILLINI vs. Ball State Football Ticket _____ x \$35 = _____

Social Fee (entitles entrance to Hospitality night and Tailgate**) _____ x \$15 = _____

Dinner/Dance _____ x \$40 = _____

TOTAL = _____

**Children of Alumni under 16 years of age that wish to attend only the Tailgate before the game will be admitted at no charge with the purchase of a football ticket from the Alumni.

Active Chapter Report

Summer 2007

The summer has brought much promise for Alpha Chapter. We enjoyed several brotherhood and recruitment activities together, and planned many more events for the fall semester.

Earlier in June we held a barbecue and attended a Kane County Cougars game in what has become a bit of an annual tradition for our Chapter. We also held our first ever Beta Sig Summer Retreat at the Chapter house. The focus of the weekend was setting goals for the upcoming term. We also videotaped several skits on the meaning of brotherhood. These will be shared with all the active chapters of Beta Sigma Psi as part of a National Associate Member Training Program. The weekend was such a success, we expect to hold many in the years ahead.

On the recruitment front we look forward to the upcoming formal Fall Rush. New recruitment chairmen Andrew Naber and Joel Dickhut have put together an excellent plan for the semester. We've contacted twice as many college freshmen (41 altogether!) to date as this time last year. We're also working with University Lutheran Church to acquire additional prospects. We had a great presence at Quad Day and a well attended Open House the next day. This will be followed by two solid weeks of recruitment events including mini-golf, ice cream socials and tailgating for Fighting Illini Football! Once campus recruiting ends, we will refocus our efforts with a brand new high school senior recruitment program that involves church leaders, high school guidance counselors, and most importantly, you the alumni. More details will be announced at Homecoming.

On the social scene, we have already filled in much of our social calendar for the semester. Several exchanges with campus sororities are planned. The national fraternity has planned a regional conference in late September for Alpha, Beta, Epsilon and Psi Chapters, as well as Chi Colony. The event will be an exchange of recruitment and chapter management ideas, as well as a great way to strengthen bonds with Beta Sigs across the country. Alumni in the Chicagoland area are encouraged to attend the event.

All in all it has been a restful, yet productive summer for Alpha Chapter. We look forward to the challenges and promises of the upcoming semester and hope to see as many alumni as possible at Homecoming this October!

Matt Johnson
President
Beta Sigma Psi- Alpha Chapter

2007 Alpha Alumni Scholarship

During the Spring Semester, the Alpha Alumni Chapter again awarded a \$1000 scholarship to an incoming University of Illinois Freshman. The Alumni Chapter received 10 applications for the scholarship from solicitations to high schools and congregations throughout Illinois. Applicants interviewed at the Fraternity House over the span of two weekends in April. Although each young man was a worthy candidate for the scholarship, Matthew Perry of Collinsville, IL stood out as this year's winner because of his poise, leadership experience and stellar academic credentials. In addition to the financial award, Mr. Perry will be presented an honorary plaque at his home congregation of Our Lord's in Maryville, IL.

A special thanks goes to John Garlisch and Matt Johnson for their smooth running of this year's interviews.

2007 Fighting Illini Football Preview

For the first time during his tenure at Illinois, Ron Zook and Illini Nation enter the season with realistic hopes of a bowl game.

Although the Illini have only notched two victories in each of Zook's two seasons, it wasn't fair to judge players who were recruited to play in previous coach Ron Turner's system. Zook's uncanny recruiting skills have been paying dividends for the Illini off the field, bringing a top 20 recruiting class to one of the worst football programs in recent memory.

The Illini offense will run through true sophomore Juice Williams. Although he showed flashes of greatness last season, Williams overthrew his receivers and scrambled out of the pocket far too often for the offense to sustain any sort of consistency. Williams will have a new weapon this year in freshmen receiver Arrelious Benn. Arguably the top freshmen wide receiver in the country, Benn turned heads when he chose to come to Illinois. In spring practices, he has lived up to the hype, dazzling fans and teammates alike with his talent and athleticism.

Last year's surprisingly stingy Illini defense will be anchored by All-Big-Ten linebacker J Leman. Leman will have plenty of help from true freshmen linebacker Martez Wilson as well as defensive linemen D'Angelo McCary and Josh Brent. Sophomore cornerback Vontae Davis, brother of San Francisco 49ers tight end Vernon Davis, also earned an honorable mention to the All-Big Ten preseason team.

This young team will go as far as Williams can take them. If he can become more consistent and reduce his turnovers, expect this Illini team to win more games than their past two seasons combined. With all the new talent on both sides of the football, Illini fans can look forward to some exciting football at Memorial Stadium this season.

How The Fraternity Has Shaped My Adult Life

By Brent Gieseke, 2005 Graduate

The first year out of college can be full of uncertainty as you embark upon your first job in the 'real world'. This job is nothing like the one you had during high school where you mixed paint, stocked shelves or made pizzas. The first 'real job' can be hard to transition into without the right group of people to help you. The difficulty of finding a job was easier with the core of confidence that was instated in me from the experience I have gained from Beta Sigma Psi.

My association with and experiences from Beta Sigma Psi have played an important role in helping me find solid ground after college. As we all may remember, one of the hardest milestones to conquer in the last months of college are all the interviews. On more than one occasion I was asked to provide character references. Although I used previous bosses for other references, they were not ideal for this type of reference. So I instead decided to give them the names of people who really knew me and worked close with me: my alumni advisor and another member of the national fraternity.

Throughout college we are told to network but it was not until after college that I fully understood how much my social network would help me. I've been out of college for eighteen months and have lived in three different apartments, two of which have been with my fraternity brothers. Each time I was looking for a temporary place to live for my job. And each time my brothers were there to help. At times it felt like I was living back in the Fraternity House!

There is not one big thing that I can tell alumni to do. It is the simple things that help the active BetaSig's prepare for their first job and foray into the real world. Talking with the actives about your career as it pertains to their major and the jobs they are looking for is an effective way to help students decide on the perfect career. And the best place to talk to all the actives is at homecoming. I-L-L...

The *Other* Kind of Recruitment

Greetings Brother,

My name is Aaron Dubas and I am the new Scholarship Director on your Alumni Board. One of my goals for the coming year is to place added emphasis on the professional development of our Active Membership. One way you can help in this process is to consider recruiting an Active for an externship, internship or full-time position at your company.

The Active Chapter maintains a successful, diverse academic membership. Brothers study in the Colleges of Agriculture, Business, Education, Engineering, Fine and Applied Arts and the Liberal Arts and Sciences. There's an excellent chance an Active shares professional interests with your company.

Hiring an Active for an internship can aid his professional development and even help him pay for school. But it will benefit your company too. Internships are a great way to evaluate talent for future hires and build corporate name recognition on campus. In the process, the Active completes real work for your company. It's a favorable opportunity for both parties.

This fall the Active Chapter will assemble a résumé book. The book will be on display in the Chapter House during Homecoming festivities. This is an added incentive to attend Homecoming: meet and recruit talented Beta Sigs in person!

You will also be able to access electronic copies of the résumés through both the Active and Alumni websites.

In Christ,

Aaron F. "Augustine" Dubas

afdubas@hotmail.com

Business Card Raffle

Win a \$50 Illini Bookstore Gift Card!

Increase Professional Networking Potential!

Participate in the Business Card Fish Bowl!

It's not what you know in business; it's who you know. With an Alpha Chapter membership of nearly 800 brothers, you have hundreds of networking opportunities to explore. To grow this resource, the Alumni Chapter is building a business card database for publication on the Alumni website this fall.

A business card fish bowl will be present at all Homecoming festivities. Drop in your card and be entered to win a \$50 gift card to the Illini Bookstore! If you can't make it to Homecoming this year, but still want to be added to the database, email your Name, Company, Work Telephone, Address and Email Address to our Scholarship Director, Aaron F. Dubas at AFDUBAS@HOTMAIL.COM. Electronic submissions received by October 25 will also be entered into the gift card drawing. A winner will be announced during the Homecoming Dinner Dance, Saturday, October 27. (If the winner is not in attendance at the dance, he will receive his gift card in the mail.) Look for the continually updating database to be up this November.

Presidential Ponderings continued:

This same thought can be applied to Beta Sigma Psi. Go to most other fraternities on campus, and what do you get, gimmicks: parties, hazing, an overly elaborate house, and the list goes on. We don't offer gimmicks; we offer tradition, eighty-two years of tradition. We offer a place where college age men can grow Spiritually, Scholastically, and Socially. We offer something that those other, gimmick filled houses can't offer, a TRUE bond of brotherhood. Why am I still so heavily involved in the fraternity after 12 years, why am I seeking my third term as President, and my fifth term on the Board of Directors? The answer is simple, the same reason that I purchased *The Chief and The Tradition* DVD; I want my children, and their children to experience the wonderful tradition that is Beta Sigma Psi. I want them to grow as much spiritually during their college years, as I did. I want them to form life-long friendships, as I did. I want them to come to respect Beta Sigma Psi as much as I have.

Gentlemen, I know that you have heard this warning before, but I will tell you again: we must have your involvement to continue the tradition of Beta Sigma Psi. In my past articles, I have begged and pleaded in an attempt to generate more activity from the Alumni. I have 'cried wolf' about the fate of the Fraternity so much that you may not realize the severity of the situation. I assure you, the situation is serious, and now, I encourage you to become more involved. Think about what Beta Sigma Psi has meant to you, how it has shaped your life, the friends you have made because of the Fraternity; think about your son, or grandson, being a member of the Fraternity. We need your involvement on the Board of Directors, we need your involvement in recruiting new members, and we need your involvement in maintaining the house at 706 West Ohio Street. A change in culture led the University Board of Trustees to cave to pressure from politically correct groups in eliminating performances of Chief Illiniwek. A change in culture on college campuses is causing dramatic impacts on the future of Beta Sigma Psi. Please don't let Alpha Chapter go the way of the Chief, please help us ensure that future generations can experience the tradition of Beta Sigma Psi.

per Aspera, ad Astra
Michael Nolte

Distinguished Alumnus

Do you know an Alumnus who deserves recognition for their support of the fraternity? If so, contact Steve Eggerding for information about how to nominate that person. Applications will be taken from now until the Fall Executive Board Meeting for the award at Homecoming 2007. As of press time, the Board of Directors have not received any nominations for the 2007 award. We know that there are many deserving Alumni out there, we just need you to nominate them to us.

Steve Eggerding, 2421 S. 11th Ave, Broadview, IL 60153 (708) 343-8520

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.

- Robert Jacke*
- Chris Jense*
- Dr. Ronald Johnson*
- Ernest Karner*
- Allen Kesier*
- Scott Kempin*
- William Klavon*
- Kurt Koenig*
- Edgar J. Krenz*
- Edgar H. Kromj*
- Glenn Kruse*
- Keith Larson*
- Robert Lenz*
- Bill Leverence*
- Wayne Loseke*
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- Don Metzler*
- Bryan Miessler*
- Larry Milam*
- Kevin Miller*
- Robert Monsell*
- Frederick Mueller*
- Mark Mulch*
- Jim Nelson*
- Ted Nolte Jr.*

**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

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____

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Graduation year_____

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St. Charles, IL 60174		Champaign, IL 61825-2764

*Please note: Beta Sigma Psi with your check 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 me a letter or an email.

Are You Moving?

Please update your mailing address with Michael Nolte. 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.