

# alpha alumni newsletter

summer 2009

happy 4th of july!

A note from the Publications Editor...

Kudos to those of you who are reading this on your computer screen. You just saved the fraternity \$1! That's the approximate cost to print and distribute each paper newsletter copy. *We still are mailing 400+ newsletters twice a year at an expense of over \$1000!*

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## **YES WE CAN!**

I would wager a bet that every person reading has heard the title phrase of this article at some point in the past six months. It seems to have morphed from a political campaign slogan to a way of life for some people, with endless usage in news programs, speeches, and even music videos. While it is taken from, and centers around, the country's political system, and the current President, why can it not be applied to Beta Sigma Psi?

Even as many of the popular culture references of this slogan are misplaced priorities, there is no denying the positive impact of the phrase. Penning this article following the most recent Alpha Alumni Spring Business Meeting and scholarship interviews, I am again recharged with positive views for the future of Beta Sigma Psi. The current men of the fraternity continue to overcome all odds and persevere through difficult times. With a number of men already signed for the fall, and many other promising prospects, the future appears bright. The men have kept positive attitudes through difficult times, and are beginning to reap benefits of their diligent efforts.

A major topic of discussion in the Spring Business Meeting was that of the necessary sprinkler system for the fraternity house. For those of you that are not aware, the house must be fitted with a sprinkler system by March of 2012, or we risk the city of Urbana prohibiting us from operating. How will we accomplish such a task? We must reach out to you, our alumni, for assistance. We are currently assembling a committee of members to drive this fundraising effort, and they will be contacting you in the near future to seek your assistance in preserving our house on the University of Illinois campus.

How can you help us achieve our goals? The process begins at home, start by contacting your home congregation. Engage your Pastor in a discussion about Beta Sigma Psi and how it shaped or impacted your life. Be receptive and willing to help the current members of the fraternity when they are in your area on recruiting visits. Support the upcoming fundraising campaign with offers of donation or assists in the fundraising process. But most importantly, be involved with your fellow alumni. Join us at Homecoming – you will find all Homecoming event details in the pages of this newsletter, and it would be great to see a record crowd this year at the banquet, tailgate, and football game. Organize a local gathering of alumni in your area to reconnect with old friends. The opportunities are endless, and I encourage you to take advantage of them.

So, after reading this article, you might ask: What are our goals for the coming years? A house at 706 West Ohio Street, with a new sprinkler system, full of men that will lead this great organization into the future. Can we reach this goal? Yes we can, but only with your help!

God's Blessings to You and Your Family As We Celebrate Our Nation's Birth,  
Michael Nolte

## **Homecoming Update**

It's that time again. Great fall weather, exciting Illinois football, and Homecoming 2009. 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 again 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.

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

*The schedule for Homecoming 2009 will be as follows:*

### **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

8:00pm to 12:00am – Chapter House

### **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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. Michigan State

2:30pm to 4:00pm – Post-game Tailgate outside Memorial Stadium

6:00pm to 12:00am – Dinner/Dance at Eastland Suites Hotel

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

## **order form**

### **HOTEL RESERVATIONS (Deadline for Hotel Reservations: SEPTEMBER 9, 2009)**

At **Eastland Suites Hotel & Conference Center** – 2 Night Minimum – \$125 Double/night  
Call (217) 367-8331 and specify "Beta Sigma Psi Group".  
(30 Double rooms available)

### **TICKETS (Deadline for Tickets: SEPTEMBER 26, 2009)**

Full Homecoming Package \_\_\_\_\_ x \$105 = \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Fighting ILLINI vs. Michigan State Football Ticket \_\_\_\_\_ x \$38 = \_\_\_\_\_

Social \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner/Dance \_\_\_\_\_ x \$47 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and return Order Form along with check payable to **Beta Sigma Psi** to:  
Dale Durfey, 6541 Terrace Drive, Downers Grove, IL 60516 (630) 960-3352

## **Volunteer Opportunity**

### **Alumni Work Weekend July 18-19**

The annual Alumni Work Weekend will be held July 18-19 at the Fraternity House. The House is a major recruiting tool. Keeping it an attractive option to students is a must. The labor you provide at the Alumni Work Weekend saves us thousands of dollars in general contractor costs. We need your help and your hands.

This year's work will focus on upgrading the second floor bathroom. Additional cleaning and maintenance projects will be determined during the weekend based on alumni turnout.

- No special plumbing or handyman skills required to participate.
  - We will match work to your ability so that everyone can contribute.
- You don't need to spend the whole weekend at the house.
  - Stopping by for a few hours either day will be a major help too.
- Spouses and children are welcome too.
  - Mrs. Sig's are some of our most productive workers every summer.
- Food and beverages will be provided.
  - Burgers, brats, beer...a real Lutheran get together.
- Lodging is available at the house if you wish to stay Friday/Saturday night. It is highly suggested to bring your own linens if you want to crash at the House.
  - Many area hotels have rooms available at less than \$80/night too.

Please RSVP to Tim Norsen at [illinifantn@illinoisalumni.org](mailto:illinifantn@illinoisalumni.org) if you are able to attend.

### **Looking To Give Your Time?**

- Do you have a few hours each month to give back to Beta Sigma Psi?
- Do you have a passion for engaging and guiding college men?
- Would you like to help steer the direction of Alpha Chapter in these important times?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, then consider serving on the Alpha Alumni Board. The Board is always looking for Brothers to participate in the work, guidance and governance of Alpha Chapter.

Time commitments vary per position and time of year, but board members can often fulfill their responsibilities in only **5-10 hours a month**.

A board member has the opportunity to lead projects in a variety of areas important to the Chapter:

- Recruitment
- \$1000 Alumni Undergraduate Scholarship
- Building & Services
- Fundraising
- Anything Else He Has Passion to Work & Improve

Contact Mike Nolte or Brent Gieseke with any questions or interest about serving on the Alumni Board.

### **Chief Prints 4 Sale**

Beautiful hand-drawn prints of Chief Illiniwek remain for sale at the low price of \$25 each plus \$10 shipping & handling. An Alpha Chapter Brother created these beautiful drawings during his time as an Active and left the drawings to the Alumni Association as his gift back to the Chapter. Celebrate your Illini pride by displaying one of these wonderful pieces of art in your home or office.

Shipping & handling can be combined for multiple orders or waived if you are able to pick-up your order in person in the greater Central Illinois area.

Contact John W. Schweizer for details and/or to make a purchase.

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