

alpha alumni newsletter

Christmas 2009

**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!**

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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A letter from new Alpha Alumni President Brent Gieseke...

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I joined BSP in 2003 and was an active until Dec 2005. My tenure as an active may have been short but my growth as a person was immense. I was able to serve as Active Chapter President and Social Chair for one year each, helped renovate many rooms and made many friends.

I currently reside in Kansas City with my bride, Lindsay. I am enjoying a career working for HR Block. We recently bought our first home with the help of a fellow Brother, Del Karmeier. I barely knew of Del before my wife and me moving to KC. We happened to run into him at a bar watching an Illini basketball game. It was not until the second meeting that we recognized each other and began talking. Our friendship has grown because we have one important thing in common; we are both BetaSig's.

I have been involved with the alumni board for the past 2 years as VP. When the opportunity for Alumni President was available and I was approached about the position, I had some hesitations but there was no doubt within that I would take the position. I have always entertained the thought of being president of the fraternity and am proud to be serving. I ask for your support and guidance as we face the challenges ahead.

I would like to thank Mike Nolte for his 6 years of extremely hard work as President. He may not remember, but I was the Active President when he was in his first term as Alumni President. He has done a great job for many years and deserves a warm Thank You. His hard work and persistence deserve recognition.

I look forward to serving the fraternity. The Board is full of idea on improving the fraternity and making every brother stronger. As we move closer to celebrating 85 year at homecoming, I look back at all we have done and it energizes me to face the challenges ahead.

Have a Blessed New Year All!
Brent

\$125,000 Fundraising Campaign Needed to Keep 706 W. Ohio Street Open

Brothers, our chapter house needs your financial support today.

WHAT IS THE NEED?

Alpha Chapter is faced with 2 large expenses in the next 2 years.

Whole roof replacement – \$25,000 Wind and rain have created holes in the roof, causing water damage and bat infestation. A whole roof replacement will solve these problems.

Sprinkler system installation – \$100,000 City code requires all Greek houses to install fire suppression systems by Spring 2012. Failure to meet code will close of 706 W. Ohio St.

WHY SPEND THE MONEY?

706 W. Ohio St. has been a focal point of the fraternity for new and old members alike for 50 years. It remains a gathering point for alumni each Homecoming and a destination for Lutheran students every school year. It is a major recruitment tool, and is vital to Beta Sigma Psi maintaining an active chapter at the University of Illinois.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- 1. Make a pledge to the fraternity.** Any donation will help. Please give whatever you can. For a 3 year pledge of less than \$3 a day, you will receive 2 free dinner/dance tickets to Homecoming 2010 as a small thank-you.
- 2. Contact brothers you know personally.** Many brothers have not been back to the house in years, and are unaware of the need for a sprinkler system and new roof. Talk with them about the fraternity. *Encourage them to make a pledge as well.*
- 3. Volunteer with fundraising.** We are looking for any dedicated brothers who can give a few hours a month to help fundraising. No experience necessary, but certainly welcome! Contact Aaron Dubas for more information.

CAN WE DO THIS? YES WE CAN! Over \$25,000 has been pledged so far. But YOUR pledge is needed!

Mail pledge cards to
Aaron Dubas
3339 Claramont Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45209

or make an e-pledge to Aaron at
afdubas@hotmail.com

Mail donation checks payable "Beta Sigma Psi"
to
Greg Treichler
1804 Rita Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174

YES! I am pledge my support for the future of Alpha Chapter at 706 W. Ohio St. !

Please check one below:

Founders Member Pledge _____

\$3,000 donation by March 2012

(Payable via 12 quarterly installments of \$250 each, or lump sum)

I will receive 2 free dinner/dance tickets to Homecoming 2010 for my pledge and first year's payment.

Active Member Pledge _____

\$1000 donation by Christmas 2011

Associate Member Pledge _____

\$500 donation by Christmas 2011

Other. Please specify: _____

Homecoming 2009 Great Success!

Beta Sigma Psi continues to have the largest and most formal alumni Homecoming program of all Greek chapters on campus. This year brothers from eras spanning the last 50 years of Alpha Chapter came to the Alumni Mixer, Football Tailgate and Reception. Our traditional Saturday night reception had over 70 attendants dine, mingle and revel together at the Eastland Suites. Were you there?

2010 marks the 85th anniversary of the founding of Beta Sigma Psi. The Alumni Board wants to make 2010 Homecoming extra special to commemorate this milestone. We've found a new and improved reception hall, updated the Saturday night program and will feature a keynote speaker. Now all we need is YOU!

Our goal is to have 85 brothers make it back to Homecoming for the 85th anniversary. This is double the turnout we've had the past few years. Is it possible? YOU BET! Here's how:

FIRST, mark your calendars and make plans to attend, especially if you haven't visited in a few years. SECOND, contact a fellow brother you lived with, and personally invite him to come back with you. Make Homecoming a personal mini-reunion. If you have lost contact with a brother and want to invite him, please contact any Alpha Alumni Board member, and we will be happy to provide you contact information from our mailing list.

Homecoming 2010 Quick Facts:

- When? **October 22-24**
- Who? **Football Game v Indiana University Hoosiers**
- Where? **Group rate hotel rooms available at Eastland Suites and Holiday Inn Express
Saturday night Reception at Holiday Inn**

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 [Brent Gieseke](#) with any questions or interest about serving on the Alumni Board.

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