



THE BETA THETA PI NEWSLETTER

DELTA BETA CHAPTER

Delta Beta Takes the Sisson!



Spring '02 1st Annual Beta Theta Spike

Hundreds of people came to party by our tiki hut, swim in our man-made pool, and watch girls play volleyball for charity. We raised around \$1000 and one hell of a time!

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This past summer, I was privileged to write Delta Beta's application for the Sisson Award, which is given out annually at the General Convention held at Miami of Ohio. The Sisson Award consists of about 20 different types of

criteria that Nationals deems appropriate for "excellent" to complete. Are house previously won the "Most Improved Chapter Award" in '99, and since then we have met significant strides in improving our house to be recognized by Nationals as an "excellent" chapter. To summarize how our chapter did last year in a paragraph is hard, considering the application was well over 13 pages, but some notable accomplishments were:

Hosting our first annual philanthropy, "Beta Theta sPike" whose proceeds went to benefit a local charity, having 10 4.0 GPA's during the fall semester, our active chapter being ranked 3rd on campus for highest average GPA (1st among larger member houses), going to neighborhood relations meetings to help resolve situations and further our credibility with our neighbors, having members in organizations and honoraries as Optimi/ Primus/ Preludes/ Spires/ Chain Gang/ IFC/ Greek Judicial Board and with members being selected into other honoraries/ organizations for the upcoming school year like Bobcats/ ASUA/ Sophos. Junior, Zach Sakas, as well as myself won Greek Man of the Year awards at the annual Greek Awards for our respective classes. Lastly, we were proud in initiating 26 new member during the Fall semester as well as 11 new Spring members, both of which are Delta Beta's highest Rush numbers in previous years.

There are many other accomplishments that are house succeeded in completing in addition to the ones noted above. Nonetheless, Delta Beta had an incredibly successful year and we are very proud of ourselves and we hope that you, the alumni, are proud as well. If anyone would enjoy reading the Sisson application, please email me and I would be glad to send the application. (pregan@u.arizona.edu). -Patrick Regan, Secretary

CURRENT EVENTS



Beta at a Glance

■ Nick Abdy and David Trotter, both seniors, proposed to their girlfriends and

will marry in a few years.

■ On September 21st, we initiated 11 quality men from spring '02 and 1 holdover into Delta Beta and surpassed 600 on the roll. Last spring we initiated 26 men from Fall '01-one of the biggest classes in recent history.

■ From the helpful donations from Alumni, we were able to fix the electricity and wiring in the house in time for rush. Thanks to those who donated!

■ We had a great rush this year, and currently have 19 stellar Fall '02 pledges.

■ Our 1st annual Beta Theta sPIke was a huge success and we raised about \$1,000.

■ Moreover, bowling philanthropy was also a tremendous accomplishment with \$3,000 for The Boys and Girls Club.

■ Around 10% of the house earned 4.0 G.P.A.s last year.

■ Our chapter is now around 90 members including the pledge class this year!

■ Homecoming planning is underway and we expect to have some excellent opportunities for alumni to be reacquainted with the house. We will contact you with a more detailed list of events in a couple of weeks.

■ Don't forget to RSVP for the Alumni Breakfast on November 9th for only \$5 a person (RSVP to Dan at dsuh@email.arizona.edu)



Pictured above is Nick Abdy before badging his fiancée Nicole McCoy

Executive Staff

President- CJ Musil

Vice President- Jon Hobson (Matt Lopez until end of semester)

Secretary- Pat Regan

Treasurer- Robert Schapira (De facto Treasurer: Todd Arena)

Rush Chair- Ian Musil

Social Chair- Aaron Pelander

House Manager- Andy Lemieux

Risk Manager- Brian Yunt

Alumni Relations- Dan Suh



PRESIDENT'S FORUM



Hello, and a hearty welcome to all. In the last year our Delta Beta chapter has gone through many transformations. Most of which are very exciting and call attention to the incredible growth we are experiencing, both in sheer numbers and in accomplishment as a pro-active chapter here on campus. In the last year we have taken on almost 40 new members while suffering the loss of only 4 seniors. In addition we have experienced incredible success in all areas of chapter achievement namely philanthropy and academics, as noted by our acceptance of the Sisson Award in August. This year with increase numbers and organization, we were able to devote more hours and raise more money to aid our community than we have recent years. We organized and instituted a program for "Beta Theta sPike"; a sorority volleyball tournament we hosted in which close to 30 teams of young women helped us raise nearly \$1,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Association. In the spring we took part in a "Bowlathon", teaming up with one other frat and two sororities to raise over \$3,000 dollars for Big Brother Big Sisters. Academically, we are proud to say that in the last two semesters approximately 10% of our house has received 4.0 grade point averages. In the spring we placed 3rd in G.P.A. among 26 other fraternities, behind several much smaller houses. On the field of athletics we are currently both champions of school wide three on three intramural basketball and winners of the "Chi-O Kickoff", a Greek wide football tournament. Despite our incredible success in areas of Membership growth, Academics, Athletics, and Philanthropy we realize a need for maturation



Pictured above are some members of the executive board at the end of chapter with Mark Harlan, our chapter advisor, and Donovan Jackson, a representative from the general fraternity

in several other areas of fraternity life. Particularly alumni involvement is an area in which we are making significant efforts to improve as a house. Thus, we are planning several alumni events, in addition to Homecoming that were not a previously a part of our alumni program and urge everyone to attended. We hope that through these events we will be given the opportunity to better share our collage and fraternity experience with the Betas who came before us and at the same time have some fun. In closing, I would again like to thank all the alumni that have aided us in the previous year and years past whenever we needed their support, without you we could not share in this success. Sincerely,
CJ Musil, President



HOMEcoming, NOV. 9TH

Getting There

America West Airlines

America West Airlines is offering a discount of up to 10%, plus other discount options for travel to and from Tucson or Phoenix for Homecoming 2002. To make your reservation call the America West Group & Specialty Travel Department directly at **1-800-548-7575** Monday through Friday from 6:00am to 7:00pm MST, or you may contact your preferred travel agent.

Reference CAMS Code 4000 to receive your discount

Tickets and Parking

Homecoming Football Game

The Homecoming football game against UCLA is scheduled to begin at 7:07 p.m. This time may change based on TV game scheduling. Alternative game time schedules will be posted as soon as we have the information. To purchase game tickets, please call the McKale Ticket Office at 520-621-CATS or 1-800-452-CATS between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. MST.

Parking

On the map on the left, the zones with stripes are available parking. Garages are free on weekends and most zones do not require a permit on the weekends. However, please check the signs when parking your car. There will be some space on the dirt behind the house, but this space is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Accommodations

Homecoming Host Hotels

DoubleTree Hotel at Reid Park

445 South Alvernon Way
Tucson AZ 85711

800-222-TREE

520-881-4200

\$95.00 Single/Double

Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Park

5151 E. Grant Road
Tucson AZ 85712

800-257-7275

520-323-6262

\$109.00 Room / \$119.00 Suite

The Good o'le Times

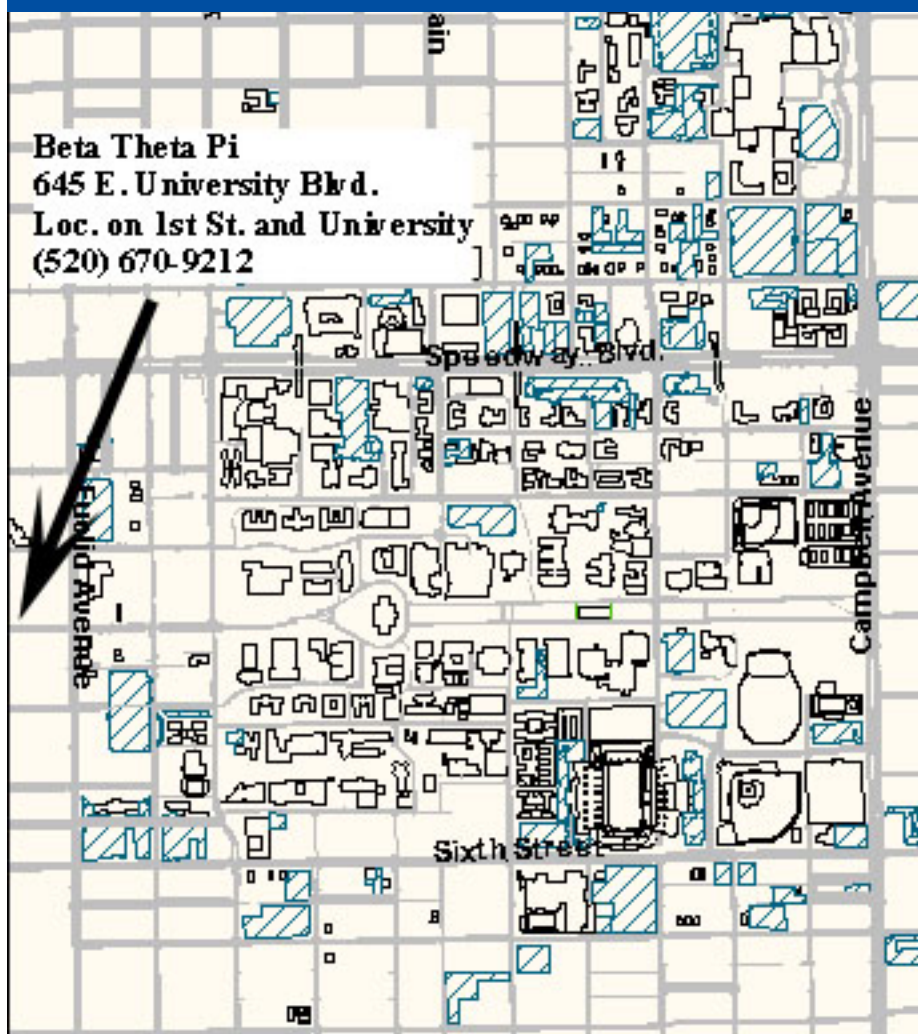
Preparations are underway for Homecoming 2002. The Delta Betas are very excited for the week of festivities. We will be joined by Alpha Phi sorority, which will add to the good times had by all. But more importantly, we are excited to strengthen the bonds alumni like you have with the Delta Beta chapter. This is the best time of the year to facilitate interaction and establish connections between the alumni and the active chapter. The actives enjoy hearing old stories, memories, as well as hearing about the good times had in the past. It also gives us ideas for possible adventures in the future, though I'm not sure that is always a good thing. Maybe the members of the active chapter can help you remember what it was like during your undergrad years. Myself, as well as the other Homecoming chairs, Austin Lind '04 and Ben Flajnik '05, as well as the rest of the chapter, are committed to showing you a good time. Show us what it means to be a "Beta for life." So, get some buddies together, and join us in celebrating the Beta spirit in all of us this homecoming. See you there,

Darren Goodman, Homecoming Chair



BETA THETA PI

RUSH UPDATE



Beta Saplings are Growing

Beta's recruitment at the University of Arizona has been highly successful over the past several semesters do in large part to the concentrated effort of the chapter as a whole and effective programming executed by several members of the executive board and a member of the alumni board, Mark Harlan. This fall (2002), we expect the same quality in our pledge class: sheer success.

In the spring, Beta obtained national support for a Recruitment Through Scholarship program that focuses on offering a \$500 scholarship to all incoming Freshmen at the U of A as a recruitment ploy (or ruse if you will). Over the summer, applications for the Beta Theta Pi Scholarship zoomed out all across the country to future recruits. As we entered fall, a steady flow of applications from interested Wildcats had been trickling back to the house (Astonishingly, many coming from 40 and 50 year old Son's of the Baby

Boom era. Great job recruiting your peers at work and friends at the old folks homes, Beta alum!). The Beta Scholarship Mixer was then held on Friday August 30th where the active chapter had the opportunity to sort through each applicant in-person. About 25 serious recruits attended. Afterwards, began formal rush.

University of Arizona Formal Fraternity Rush began Sunday September 8th and continued until Bid Night Friday September 13th. Rush took place at the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity House (645 E. University) and runs from 6pm-9pm in the evenings, save Preference Dinner beginning at 6pm on Thursday September 12th at the El Parador. As we sifted through the numerous formal recruits, we started the vital process of deciding who will receive bids. After hours of debate, we narrowed down the prospects to a select few who we felt are Beta material. 21 accepted the challenge and thus began their pledgeship.

This fall -more than any other- Active members are excited about pledging a great fagot of freshman saplings. And I am sure, that with the right care (plenty of beta spirit beaming down on their green leaves and an abundance of rich, fermenting liquids) the wandering roots of the Fall 2002 pledge crop are certain to firm and lay a strong for Beta's future.

Ian Musil, Rush Chair



ALUMNICORNER



From left to right in front of the house: Greg Coffman, Mark Harlan, Jon Beck, and Todd Arena

Calling all Old Farts!

Hello, my name is Dan Suh and I'm the new Alumni Relations Chair for this year. This year, we as a chapter are trying to focus on you guys-the Alumni. We are all excited to meet you and have a good time. I just hope we can keep up with you guys! (I've heard some crazy stories that happened in previous years) With this focus, we strongly urge you to attend homecoming. We will have several events planned and I assure you it will be worthwhile. For example, our Alumni Breakfast on Nov. 9th for only \$5 a person (Please RSVP by Nov. 1st) and even a caps

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(better start

practicing). Although we greatly appreciate any financial support, there are many other ways you can donate to our chapter other than monetarily. We would really appreciate (even more so) any alumni who would like to donate their time and services, for example accountants for financial problems, lawyers to help with legal issues, help with initiation and rush, etc. We would value your wisdom and it would provide a chance for the chapter and you to interact personally. Finally, these newsletters are for **YOU!** If you have any suggestions or comments on the newsletter, our chapter, or anything in general just contact me (Info on the bottom of the page).

Dan Suh, Alumni Relations Chair

Quick Checklist

- ☐ **Renew contact info!**
- ☐ Make arrangements for travel and accommodations. (Homecoming, Nov. 9th)
- ☐ Notify the chapter of your attendance for homecoming.
- ☐ Buy homecoming tickets.
- ☐ RSVP for Alumni Breakfast by November 1st!
- ☐ Call 1-800-BEAT-ASU or go to www.arizona.edu for more homecoming info.
- ☐ Think about ways you'd like to be involved with our chapter.
- ☐ Eat a nice steak while reading the articles in the newsletter.
- ☐ Take out the trash.
- ☐ Send comments and criticisms to the Alumni Relations Chair



IMPORTANT

To cut down on costs and time, we will be sending all newsletters via e-mail. However, in order to keep our records accurate, please give us your contact information as soon as possible. Moreover, if you know anyone who is not receiving a newsletter and would like to, please send us his information and we'll get him connected. Plus, if you have anything you would like to announce or have some great pictures of Beta moments please send us the information and we'll post it on the next newsletter.

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