



THE BETA THETA PI NEWSLETTER SPRING '03

DELTABETACHAPTER

Delta Beta Best Chapter on Campus!



Fall '02 Pledge Class Trip

Rocky Point, Mexico was not the same when last Fall's pledges decided to walk out on their academic duties and enjoy the weekend on sunny sand beaches.

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As I'm wrapping up my senior year before heading off to law school, I think it's funny to observe the cyclical experiences of the men of Delta Beta. There

was a time in my life when I asked older guys for their old class notes or to buy me beer, and now I realize how annoying I was back then. While the individual member of Delta Beta may observe this sort of role change as they grow older, I want now to express how Delta Beta as a chapter has left some of its cyclical ups and downs behind.

When I pledged in the fall of 1999, the house was in decent shape. Nothing spectacular, but we were recovering from a drop in membership, nobody paying dues, and a general malaise that fell over the chapter. This was not any single person's fault, the chapter had just allowed behaviors to perpetuate and go uncorrected.

During my freshman and sophomore year, the house had tremendous highs and lows. We would have a great rush week only to lose half the pledges during the semester. Or we would win a ton of Greek awards one year, and win none the next. It was a time of great instability and change for the chapter.

What I am proud to say is that sort of tumultuousness, ups and downs, highs and lows, or whatever you want to call it, is over. It brings me so much pride to see that Delta Beta is stable and consistently excellent. There are numerous reasons that this has occurred, including great leaders within the house, involved advisors, and significant alumni support.

CURRENT EVENTS



Beta at a Glance

■ Love is in the air as we had several pinnings this year. Brother Lemke, Korner, Trotter, Crow, and

Goodman all had pinnings this year.

■ On January 25th, we initiated 14 quality men and have 4 holdovers from our Fall '02 pledge class. Many of these men have already taken leadership positions and are proving themselves as dynamic leaders.

■ We had a great rush this Spring, and currently have 10 stellar Spring '03 pledges.

■ We recently finished Spring Fling with the lovely ladies of Chi Omega. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to doing homecoming with Gamma Phi Beta next Fall.

■ Our 2nd annual Beta Theta sPIke is coming up and we are expecting almost double the participation from last year..

■ We were tremendously successful at Greek Awards this year taking over 50% of all the awards that we were eligible to win.

■ Our house earned the highest G.P.A.s last semester excluding the houses with under 20 men.

■ Our chapter is now around 88 members and we will soon be hitting around 100 members including our current pledge class!

■ Homecoming planning is underway and we expect to have even more excellent opportunities for alumni. We will contact you with a more detailed list of events in the beginning of next Fall.

■ Don't forget to check our website <http://clubs.asua.arizona.edu/~beta/> and our alumni message board.



Brother David Trotter (Center), surrounded by his fiancée, Cindy (Right of Brother Trotter), his sister Rayne (Left of Brother Trotter) and Rayne's Delta Gamma sisters.



BETA THETA PI

Executive Staff

President- Andy Lemieux

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Treasurer: Matt Strom)

Rush Chair- Kevin Truitt

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Alumni Relations- Dan Suh (De facto

Alumni Relations: Ben Goot)



PRESIDENT'S FORUM



Thus far, the Spring 2003 semester has been fantastic for Delta Beta. With the initiation of 14 new brothers and a highly successful rush of 12 pledges, our chapter has reached a new pinnacle with 91 members. However, we remain exclusive as a chapter in which brotherhood exceeds all. With a recent university wide crackdown on hazing we have seen three of the biggest houses on campus lose their recognition (PIKE, SAE, and Sigma Chi). As a result, Brother Breslin and I have spent many hours with the Greek Advisors this semester to ensure that our pledge program is in accordance with the university's expectations. The changes we have made to our program make certain that Delta Beta will persist to be the best house on the University of Arizona campus. We recently elected four new members to the executive board of Delta Beta. We look forward to stellar performances from each of these brothers. On the topic of Alumni Relations, Dan Suh has been working hard to setup a capital fund campaign. More information on this will be available over the coming months. Delegates for Convention and the Men of Principle Institute will be selected at our next chapter meeting. Finally, I would like to invite you all to stop by and visit the house or a chapter meeting and witness for yourself the greatness of Delta Beta.

~kai~
Lemieux
DB #581



After the float burned down, everyone, including actives, pledges, alumni, and Alpha Phi's, worked all night rolling newspaper and spraying the float to prepare it for the parade. After all that hard work, our float won 3rd place overall! Pictured above from left to right: Alumni Brian Rowe, Active Augustine Aguilar, President Lemieux, Active Steven Dratler, and New Initiate Kevin Finnegan.

Beta Theta Pi Greek Awards

- Best Social Programming Award
- Campus Involvement Award
- Alumni Relations Award
- Public Relations Award
- Interfraternity Relations Award
- Sophomore Greek Man of the Year (Dan Suh)
- Junior Greek Man of the Year (Patrick Regan)
- Senior Greek Man of the Year (Zach Sakas)
- Dean Robert S. Svob Award for Best Overall Chapter

In addition, we also had both runner-ups in the Junior and Senior Man of the Year awards.

BEST CHAPTER CONT.

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Delta Beta alumni, which I will soon be one of, no longer need to worry that the chapter won't be there when they come back for a Homecoming event.

The stability of Delta Beta is observable in a lot of the chapter's accomplishments. We maintain great balance, attitude, and brotherhood. Allow me to delineate a few recent examples:

Balance:

This year we did very well at Greek Awards, an evening in which fraternities and sororities are honored for their accomplishments in the past year. Delta Beta received awards for a variety of things including social programming and neighborhood relations. For us to receive awards for throwing a lot of social events AND keeping the local neighbors happy is a great credit to the balance we maintain.

On top of our great social programming, we have the highest grade point average of any of the large fraternities. We're the best of the biggest, and the key here is that we emphasize quality. Our rush tactics have refocused the chapter to pull in guys that will do well in school, are athletic, and can have a good time when we have social events. We are a very diverse chapter ethnically and socio-economically, but the one thing every member has in common is excellence, and the ability to do many things well to maintain balance.

Attitude:

Delta Beta is confident and proud, and with good reason. We know that as a chapter we work hard, and we see great results due to those efforts.

Before we dominated the Greek awards this year, a bunch of us went to Dirtbag's (a local drinking spot) in a pre-winning celebration. We knew we were that good, and during the ceremony we got tired from having to stand up and walk to the awards podium so many times.

The attitude of confidence in our chapter comes from our hard work and great membership. Members work hard, the chapter succeeds, and we enjoy it and are proud of our accomplishments.

Brotherhood:

Our chapter has grown tremendously, and we are nearing

the century mark in numbers. While this is different from when there were about 40 of us when I joined, I think minimal brotherhood losses have occurred as we grew. It's impossible to maintain the tight social links that a group of 40 has compared to a group of 100, but as a chapter we've developed mechanisms, such as a brotherhood retreat to ensure unsullied friendship is abound. For spring break this year about 30 of us went to South Padre Island, Texas. No other fraternity on the U of A campus can boast of this sort of group mentality. While the corn-fed midwestern girls often caught us off-guard, everybody on the beach knew about the Betas from Arizona.

Again, the key thing I wanted to express in this little article was that Delta Beta is here to stay. Delta Beta is enjoying great success, and we've implemented methods to ensure that this success continues. Now that I've hopefully illuminated the strength and fortitude of Delta Beta, let me take the opportunity to encourage my soon-to-be fellow alums to come by the house, to come look at how respected we are on campus, to come look at a great Beta chapter that you can be proud to be a member of. We'll be here, and we'll only be getting better.

~kai~

Sakas

DB #536

To see the list of Greek Awards given to Delta Beta, see page 3



RUSH UPDATE

Spring '03 Raises the Bar



The Fall '02 pledges construct a mighty human pyramid for Homecoming

Top 10 Highlights of Homecoming

10. Being able to eat your way to a heart attack with our endless amount of sausages and eggs at our Alumni breakfast.
9. Watching the ladies of Alpha Phi work on the float and wishing you were in college again.
8. Reminiscing about memories of the house with its very distinct and unique scent.
7. Coming back to the house to see the house trashed, people passed out, caps everywhere, and seeing that nothing has changed over the years.
6. Returning early to an overcrowded Dirtbags to enjoy our Wednesday night tab with other actives and alumni.
5. Attending the homecoming booth to see no chairs and no tables but only cases and cases of Keystones.
4. Viewing our float at the parade and see us take 3rd place in spirit and 3rd place overall against dozens of floats.
3. Challenging actives to caps games to only lose because caps are now a religion here instead of a game.
2. Reuniting with other brothers you haven't seen in years to realize how old you really are.
1. Staring in complete shock as the homecoming float gets lit on fire hours before the parade and then everyone; alumni, actives, pledges, and girls work together to rebuild the float in only a few hours.

This years Spring 2003 pledge class is one of the strongest spring classes we have had in recent memory. The 12 man class has been eagerly working towards initiation. They have accomplished many things already this semester in their pursuit of becoming a full member of Beta Theta Pi. Among its accomplishments, the class has planned to make its philanthropy 'The Race for the Cure.' It's an annual race to raise money and awareness for Breast Cancer. The class members will continue to work for this cause every spring semester throughout their careers at the U of A. Academics have also been targeted as a main goal. Together the chapter and pledge class have raised the minimum grade point average for initiation to a 2.7, and created a goal of a 3.0 average pledge class GPA. Along with learning the lore of Beta Theta Pi, the pledge class has placed building

relationships with their future brothers as a goal. To help build these relationships the class organized a barbecue for the chapter. The goal is to interview actives and expand upon existing relationships with actives. The spring class has also done various fundraisers for the active chapter to help finance the upcoming expenses of Spring Fling, where they will help run a lemonade stand. This class is also looking forward to help in the organization and running of Beta Theta sPike later this year, which will raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

~kai~

Matt Breslin

DB #589



ALUMNICORNER

Will the Real Alumni Please Stand Up?



Mark Harlan (Left), our chapter advisor, talking to Active Steve Herman (Right), Fall '00, at last Fall's pref dinner.

As I'm about to end my term as Alumni relations, I would really like to highlight the achievements of our local Tucson alumni. This year has truly been one of Delta Beta's most successful years. As a result, many opportunities opened. Yet, these new avenues would have never been pursued without the drive and determination of our alumni. At the end of my term, I can only feel the excitement of our alumni as a whole, finally starting to mold into a cohesive organization. *I believe this time, more than any other time in Delta Beta's history, is the best time for alumni to start becoming involved with the chapter.* This past year the chapter has made leaps and bounds in our alumni outreach program and has maintained strong communication with our contacts. Moreover, we also recruited alumni to serve on our first Alumni Advisory Council. Specifically, I would like to give special thanks to many alumni including: Mark Harlan, Chip McLaughlin, Jon Jump, Jon Beck, Judge Bill Brammer, Richard Rea, Alex Rodriguez, Jeremy Crutchfield, Fabian Cordova, Dan Rosen, Jared Marks, Bryan Gottfredson, David Musselmann, Mike Radcliff, and any other alumni I may have forgotten. Finally, my replacement, Ben Goot (Fall '00 bgoot@email.arizona.edu), will continue my work and I am confident he will do a great job. ~kai~
Dan Suh
Alumni Relations Chair, DB #576

Quick Checklist

- ☐ **Renew contact info!**
- ☐ Check out the Beta Website and our Alumni Message Board.
- ☐ Notify the chapter of any visits so we can prepare for your arrival.
- ☐ Interested in getting involved with Beta? E-mail us for opportunities to support Delta Beta.
- ☐ Forward fellow brothers' contact information to keep them in the loop.
- ☐ Remember, 30 something is not old; it's ancient.
- ☐ Call an old pledge brother and catch up on old times.
- ☐ Make plans for attending homecoming next Fall. 3 words: GAMMA PHI BETA
- ☐ Send comments and criticisms to the Alumni Relations Chair



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