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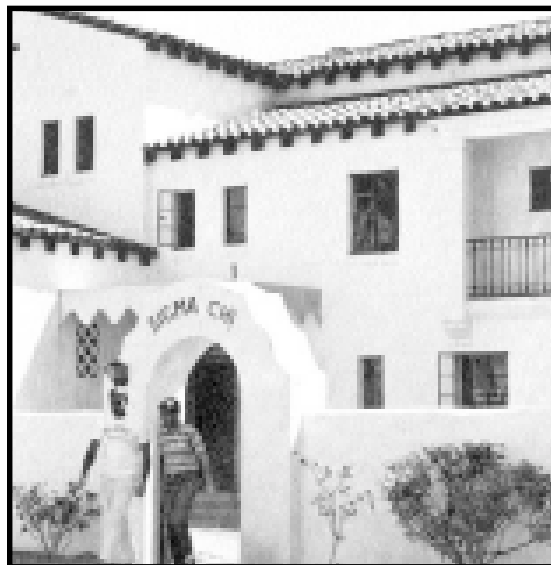
Securing the Legacy of Beta Phi

Do you reminisce about the Beta Phi Chapter when you remember your college days? Do you talk to another brother about the chapter's current state?

Think of the friendships you started in college and how those relationships have helped form your career and life. What the Beta Phi Chapter means to you now is important as we consider the future of the Sigma Chi Fraternity at the University of Arizona, a future guaranteed only through our diligence and commitment.

Today, fraternities must recognize that the college environment is constantly changing. To be successful, today's chapter houses must be ones that foster learning, living, and social activities. As we ponder the vision for the future we must consider the following:

- For over 75 years we have had a chapter at the University of Arizona. What will we see in the next 75?
- Many college men are working through school with part-time jobs and loans.
- Despite some difficult times, our Chapter has remained strong over the years, but we must continue to demand excellence from our undergraduates to remain a top fraternity in Tucson.
- Our Chapter House, despite being less than 20 years old, is in a sorry shape. The Kappa Sigmas opened the doors of their new house in the fall of 1995. Since then Phi Delta Theta and Delta Tau Delta have undergone major renovations. Fiji has begun construction on a new \$4 million house. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is now looking into a major renovation. With our current structure we are simply not competitive.
- To make matters worse, our rent is one of the highest on campus thanks to our debt situation.
- There is hope, however. After our Chapter reorganized in 1977, Beta Phi earned 20 Peterson awards in row. With our hard work, we can certainly achieve this once again.



With these thoughts in mind, the Beta Phi Housing Corporation is addressing our current and future housing needs. Part of that process is communication and to ensure a better job communicating with you, we hired Fraternity Management Group (FMG), a company based in Tucson and instrumental in all of the aforementioned projects on campus (To find out more information about FMG, please visit their web site at www.fmgtucson.com). Over the next couple of months, they will be requesting your input through the mail, over the phone, and in person. Their study will help determine the fund raising capacity of the chapter as well as explore alumni opinion to the options open to us; i.e. renovating or razing and rebuilding. Securing the future of our chapter is the responsibility of all alumni. Please take a few minutes to speak with FMG and share your thoughts and opinions. We have provided information about the undergraduate chapter and discussed some of the options to solve our housing dilemma throughout this newsletter. Our time is now and together we can ensure the future of our legacy.

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Undergraduate Report

Dear Brothers,

During the Spring semester, the Chapter had a strong academic performance and had more brothers on the Dean's List than in any semester in the past five years. This, as well as help from the entire chapter, enabled Beta Phi to raise the chapter GPA for yet a third consecutive semester. The Chapter also received two grants to improve the chapter house, the first to build a computer room and the second to remodel the alumni room.

The Beta Phi Chapter was busy this summer, with two brothers — Ryan Calkins '01 and Patrick McNamara '04 — attending the Sigma Chi Horizons Leadership Program and five brothers attending the Balfour Leadership Workshop at Murray State in Kentucky. The Housing Corporation was busy as well, working with the undergraduate chapter to replace the sheetrock, paint the hallways and foyer and add new carpet in the halls. We also patched up parts of the roof and fixed the evaporative cooling system for the entire house. The chapter would like to thank Jim Campbell '85, Mark Wood '89 and Bill Scott '80 as well as the entire Housing Corporation for all the effort put forth to improve the house for the brothers.

This semester has started off quickly, and the chapter has hit the ground running in thanks to all the planning done this summer. Prior to the beginning of the semester, the chapter held Initiation Week for the Spring 2002 Pledge Class. At Initiation Week, the chapter initiated 20 brothers, including the entire spring class and three from the previous fall. It was the chapter's largest spring class in recent memory, providing high expectations for the future.

Since school started, things have picked up around the house. The meal plan started after almost an entire year's absence (scoring a 99 out of 100 on the health department's inspection) and the new computer room, complete with high speed internet, made its grand opening. We would like to thank Patrick McDonald '92 for all his work in helping the chapter make the computer room a reality as well as serving as our chapter's faculty advisor.

The brothers have continued plans for the remodeling of the alumni room in hopes of having it ready for Homecoming. The chapter held its annual Fall Rush, with activity night at Golf'n'Stuff and alumni Greg Evans '99 speaking at the chapter's formal preference dinner. We capped off the week with enjoyable Bid Night party off campus with Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

By the conclusion of rush the Beta Phi Chapter finished with 47 new pledges and an enthusiastic magister staff. Since then, the chapter has remained busy with various social functions and philanthropies. So far this semester, we have had a "Cookies and Milk Social" at Theta, made a visit to Habitat For Humanity, had a barbeque at the chapter house with Theta and held our annual fall pool party, "The Windjammer." We are also in the process of planning a charity drive with Pi Phi with the proceeds going to the Children's Miracle Network. By the end of the first week in October, the chapter plans to have more than 300 community service hours completed. The chapter is also holding a brotherhood retreat during the third week in October and all alumni are invited to attend. Following the brotherhood retreat, the Chapter is hosting Family Weekend and Homecoming events.

In hoc,

Patrick McNamara '04
Beta Phi Consul

Praetor Report

The Beta Phi Chapter has reached a pivotal moment in the Chapter's history with an undergraduate Chapter looking to turn the corner and move towards success. They are working with various alumni as well as influential members of the Housing Corporation in order to improve the operations of the Chapter and the improvement of the living conditions at the Chapter House. Distinguished brother S. Jack McDuff '51 has made numerous visits to the Chapter to see initiations and performed a ritual analysis last Spring. Brother Joe Beers '83 has signed on as the new Chapter ritual advisor and along with Steve McNamee, who has agreed to assist him. They visited the Chapter early this Fall to attend a Chapter meeting and interact with the active brothers. Brother Beers has also taken on the challenge of assembling a Chapter Advisory Board to advise them on various issues of Beta Phi and is currently seeking out brothers around the state to assume roles within the board.

Brother Jim Campbell '88 has served as the Housing Corporation President for years and under his direction this past summer, the Housing Corporation has chosen to take on additional responsibility. They have begun collecting rent from individual brothers, working with the undergraduates to improve the living environment at the Chapter house as well as work to increase the number of brothers living at the house this year. This increase in involvement from the Housing Corporation has been greeted with great enthusiasm by the brothers in the chapter and has enabled the Quaestor to focus on alternative things to paying the chapter's monthly rent to the Housing Corporations. During this past summer the House Corporation was able to secure over the \$20,000 in funding from the Sigma Chi Foundation, the organization that holds the note on the Chapter house. With this additional funding, we will be able to make structural improvements and address certain long needed house improvements. The Housing Corporation has also taken on additional obligations in setting move-in and move-out dates as well as assigning certain alumni brothers to address the needs for improvements and repairs.

The undergraduate Chapter has been working diligently as well to improve both the structure and the environment that the brothers live in. During the past Spring semester, the actives have worked with alumni brother and faculty advisor Patrick McDonald '92 to apply for a grant which resulted in the securing of \$10,000 to construct a computer room, complete with high-speed internet. This room, formerly the basement storage room, opened just after the beginning of the school year and has been inundated with brothers checking email and working on group projects. The Chapter was also able to obtain another \$10,000 grant from an anonymous foundation to remodel the Chapter's alumni room, a project that is currently in progress and should be finished by the end of the semester.

To compliment the return of meal plan service, the Chapter purchased new wood tables and benches while investing over \$7,000 into refurbishing the kitchen. This Summer, the Chapter Consul and Questor also combined to bring the accounts receivable down below \$10,000, lower than the Chapter has seen in over five years.

This semester has seen a jump start in activity within the Undergraduate Chapter and alumni involvement in the Beta Phi Chapter and house structure as well. Currently, the involved alumni are seeking various other Sigma Chi alumni willing to work with the Chapter in advisory positions as well as positions within the Housing Corporation. Overall it seems that the Chapter has reached a crucial moment where it can continue its path of improvement and increased alumni involvement or slump back into previous years of hardship.

In hoc,

Bill Scott '80
Beta Phi Praetor

2002 Hall of Fame Inductees

Bob Svob '43
 Jack McDuff '51
 Peter Corpstein '52
 Donald Breckenridge '53
 Jerry Patterson '56
 Burt Kinerk '57
 Eddie Lynch '57
 Paul Muscenti '57
 Seth Pepper '92

Posthumous Inductions

Karl Butler '31
 Swede Johnson '50
 Barry Goldwater '62

Nominated, but not confirmed

Paul Rosenblatt '63
 Gordon Willey '35
 Earl Carroll '51
 Roy Brown '55
 Lloyd Eisele '61

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Come enjoy a day at the links with your fellow Beta Phi brothers and UA greeks! Plenty of prizes will be given out for everything from the longest drive to the worst team! Register today for a sponsorship package to help fund the event or just come out and hit the sticks! Contact Craig Lowden at 1-800-228-7326 or email craigl@fmgtucson.com for more information.

Alumni in the News

Eddie Lynch Pavilion opens to rave reviews

By Charles Renning

Arizona Daily Wildcat

Building and maintaining an elite athletic department or athlete requires a commitment to progress and changing with the times.

That's what UA athletic officials had in mind when they decided to break ground on the Eddie Lynch Pavillion, a new state-of-the-art strength and conditioning center to be added on to the north side of the McKale Center.

"(We're doing this) to stay abreast with the competition," said John Perrin, associate director of athletics for business affairs. "We needed to bring new efficiency to our training program. Our athletes will be able to train in the best facilities."

Director of Football Operations Dan Berezowitz said that it was time for a new facility.

"The training rooms now are too small to handle all of our athletes," Berezowitz said.

The current weight room and training area was built when the McKale center was erected in 1973 to accommodate the roughly 200 student athletes at the UA. Today nearly 550 student-athletes train in McKale, far too many for the present space, Berezowitz said.

"(It's) time to increase the size," Berezowitz said. "The new facility will give our strength staff a chance to train more teams at once."

Softball coach Mike Candrea said he is excited about the improved conditions his team will train under.

"I think it's great," Candrea said. "We are excited to move into the new facility that will allow more teams to train at the same time."

The \$13.5 million addition, dubbed the Eddie Lynch Pavilion, was set in motion last year to enable UA athletes to have the best possible training accommodations. The new features include a running track, the most up-to-date



Named after Eddie Lynch'47, the addition to McKale Center will provide the UA athletics program a boost for the future.

training equipment and a medical center that Berezowitz described as "second to none."

Perrin said the money used to fund the upgrade was provided by private donors, so an increase in ticket prices wasn't necessitated.

"We launched the campaign 18 months ago," Perrin said. "The money we raised was \$13.5 million entirely from private donors."

While the financial end of the project is coming along smoothly, the budgeted amount of time to complete the project has been compromised.

"We were hoping to be in by Sept. 1," Perrin said. "But we won't be able to move in until January because of weather, primarily."

Perrin said he was sure the new complex will be worth the wait - not only for athletes but for students as well.

"The heritage center is going to be a wonderful display for everyone," Perrin said. "We will all be able to enjoy it. Having the state-of-the-art facility will help us stay competitive and that will benefit the students as well."

Perrin said that the top floor of the Eddie Lynch Pavilion will be the "Jim Click Hall of Fame," featuring photographs and other memorabilia relating to Arizona athletics in interactive kiosks scattered throughout the heritage center.



Alumni Updates

*News From Your
Brothers Around the Nation*

Frank Dettner '51

After leaving the UA, Brother Dettner went into sales with U.S. Steel Corp., John Deere, and served as a USPTA Tennis Teaching Professional in both the United States and Europe. Brother Dettner then parlayed his love of tennis to a job as General Manager of the Jack Kramer Tennis Club before retiring 12 years ago. Brother Kramer and his wife of 53 years, Suzanne, are the parents of three grown children: Mark, Kate and Kelly. In his free time, Brother Dettner volunteers. With Friends of the Library, the Elderly Care Ministry, and competes in obedience competition dog training.
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Joe Beers '83

Brother Beers, more than most, can thank his association with Beta Phi for helping him start his career. After graduating with his degree in Business Economics from UA, he went to work for Chapter Advisor Steve Schuyler's company, Consultant Property Management. He is now the Executive Vice President of Operations for Diversified Human Resources, Inc. He also serves as President of the Arizona Association of Professional Employer Organizations. Brother Beers recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of his marriage to Cindy May, with whom he has two children, Emma (3) and Robert (9). He says he tries to stay active in the fraternity, and talks to a Beta Phi alumnus just about every day.
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Christopher J. Armer '90

After earning a Bachelor of Architecture from UA, Brother Armer moved to Kansas City, where he is a practicing architect at Gould Evans. He married Sara, a fellow UA alum and Kappa Kappa Gamma, and together they have had three boys; Justin, Alexander and Tyler. In his spare time, Brother Armer and his family enjoy cycling, playing tennis, painting and renovating their home. He keeps in touch with Brother

Richard Randall, whom he sees on family vacations, and Brother Bill Young, who lives close by in Chillicothe, Mo.

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Michael A. Eads '90

You could say Brother Eads' career has taken flight since he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1990. Since leaving, he has joined the U.S. Air Force, where he currently serves as a fighter pilot, flying an F-15E Strike Eagle. He is currently flying a Mirage 2000C on exchange with the French Air Force. He and his wife are living in Phoenix and expecting their first child soon.

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Barry Baker '92

After earning his undergraduate degree in Regional Development and Business from UA, Brother Baker earned his Master's degree from the University of Texas. He is currently the Director of Acquisitions and Asset management at Southwest Value Partners in San Diego. He has been married to his wonderful wife Rachael for three years, and together they have an 18-month old daughter, Hannah. Brother baker tries to keep in contact with his Brothers via email and telephone, but said being a father takes up what little free time he has.

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Keath Blatt '94

Brother Blatt used his time at Sigma Chi to prepare for a career as a lawyer. After graduating with an English degree in 1994, Brother Blatt attended law school, and is currently employed by the Anti-Defamation League in Los Angeles. Brother Blatt lives in Los Angeles.

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Jeff Cramer '96

Brother Cramer began his career in investment banking after earning his degree in Finance. He worked for some time as an Associate in the Equity Derivatives Group at J.P. Morgan until entering Yale to pursue a Master's degree in Management, where he is in his first year. Brother Cramer was married last August to his lovely wife Megin. Brother Cramer still maintains contact with some of his Beta Phi Brothers, and tries to attend as many UA football and basketball games as possible.

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Michael Clark '97

It's easy to tell that Brother Clark enjoys the outdoors. With his degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology, he has embarked on an exciting career in various areas of marine wildlife maintenance and protection. He began as a biologist technician with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department before volunteering for the Peace Corps' Philippines Coastal Resource Management Development group. After two years there, he went to Virginia Tech University to be a fisheries graduate research assistant. In his spare time, he enjoys (surprisingly enough) fishing, hiking, bicycling, travelling and hunting.

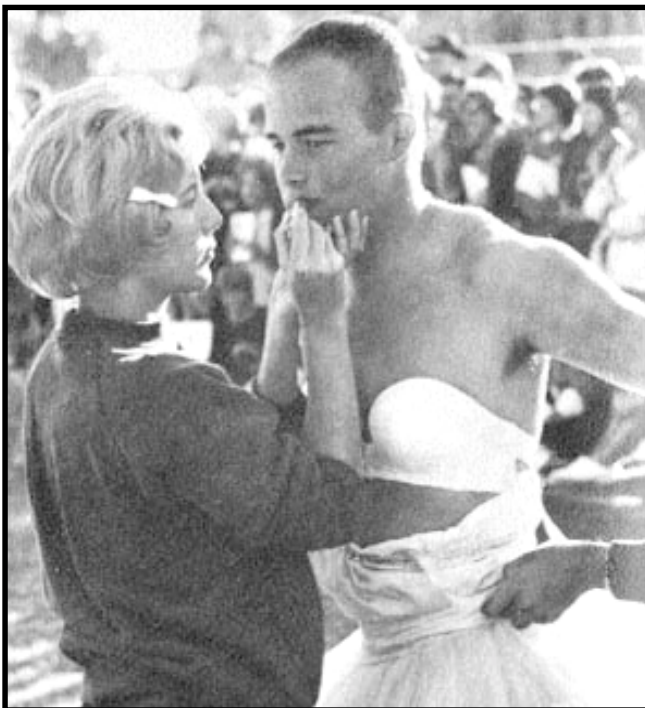
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Jeff Barraclough '98

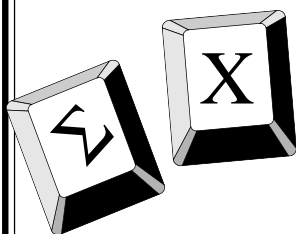
After earning his degree in Business Marketing at UA, Brother Barraclough moved to Lake Tahoe for a little more than a year and worked on the lake. He then

moved to Phoenix and worked in sales for Hughes-Calihan, an office equipment company. In 2000, Brother Barraclough decided to change tracks and moved to Pleasanton, CA to take a position as Sales Manager for a medium-sized print company. Brother Barraclough spends a lot of his time working on the house he recently bought with his wife Emily. He still maintains contact with his Brothers, generally in small-scale reunions like weddings.

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Beta Phi of Sigma Chi on the World Wide Web

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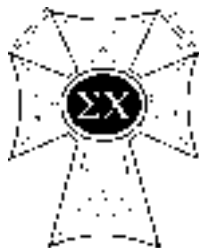
Access our alumni directory(login: , Password:), review detailed and up-to-date information regarding the Chapter House renovation project, see a calendar of all upcoming alumni activities or view updated chapter information. These and more are available 24 hours a day for your convenience!

UA Basketball 2002-03



11/06 Red-Blue Game	01/16 @USC
11/12 EA Sports All-Stars	01/18 @UCLA
11/20 Team Nike	01/22 Arizona State
11/23 Western Kentucky	01/25 @Kansas
11/27 Northern Arizona	01/30 Stanford
12/03 Saint Louis	02/01 California
12/07 @San Diego State	02/06 @Washington
12/15 Texas	02/08 @Washington State
12/21 @Louisiana State	02/13 UCLA
12/28 Davidson	02/15 USC
12/30 Fiesta Bowl Classic	02/22 @Arizona State
01/02 @Oregon	02/27 @California
01/04 @Oregon State	03/01 @Stanford
01/09 Washington State	03/06 Oregon State
01/11 Washington	03/08 Oregon

Note to Parents: If your son is still attending the University of Arizona, this newsletter is intended for you. If he is no longer in school, please send us his permanent address. Thank you!



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