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After years of being away from the University of Arizona, the Beta Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi has finally returned and is on the way to receiving its charter.

In the fall of 2007, Matt Mickson, an alumnus from Arizona State, Beta Phi alumnus Joe Beers, and Chapter Advisor Robin Winters established a strong Alpha pledge class consisting of almost thirty pledges. These pledges had the responsibility of maintaining a high GPA, spreading the word that Sigma Chi is back on campus, and upholding the fraternity's name as they attempt to get the charter back.

Needless to say, the pledge class did everything that was expected of them, and more. They maintained an average GPA of 3.1, the third highest among fraternities on campus, first among chapters with more than ten members.

They took part in several community service events, successfully ran a pledge education program, began planning for major fundraisers, planned an invitational golf tournament, estab-

lished strong ties with local Alumni and the neighboring ASU brotherhood, ran a sound budget, held numerous brotherhood events, developed functional chap-



ter operations and leadership, and initiated scholarship, tutoring and mentoring programs. This pledge class completed their test in December of 2007, and everyone who took the test passed.

In February, the actives of the chapter traveled to Northern Arizona University to the Sigma Chi Southwestern Province meeting. Here, the attendees were able to meet with active Sigs to learn about Sigma Chi history, brotherhood, and even were able to speak to two other chapters who were also seeking to regain a charter.

Needless to say, the recruitment chair had his work cut out for him in the beginning of the Spring semester. After being the first in the chapter to start a



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rush week program, he had to choose people who fulfill all of the qualities of an ideal Sig. Although Spring Rush is typically much slower than Fall Rush, Beta Phi managed to gain a solid Beta pledge class of 20 pledges, even adding more as the semester continued.

After rush week, Beta Phi held a combined bid night party at a downtown venue in conjunction with Sigma Pi. This bid night, the first Sigma Chi Beta Phi social event, was a resounding success.

This pledge class had an average GPA of 3.15, and their involvement within the U of A is unsurpassed; the Beta pledge class includes members of ASUA student government, NCAA athletes, scholars, and musicians.

The hard work wasn't exclusive to the Recruitment Chair, though. The Magister's job was no easy task, as he too had to form his own pledge education program. After a few months, the pledges were able to take the test. Again, every single one of them passed, bringing in a total of 21 new actives to the colony.

Beta Phi's successes on campus haven't just been within the colony, however. The name of Sigma Chi is beginning to spread on the cam-

pus again. Beta Phi has several teams competing in intramural sports, including volleyball, indoor soccer, and even a team that competed in a dodgeball tournament. Teams were sent to both the Chi Omega kick-off and the Alpha Epsilon Phi kickball tournament. In the upcoming week, members of the colony will join with members of the sorority Delta Delta Delta to work several booths at the university's annual Spring Fling, after a very successful dinner exchange with the sorority. On April 19th, Beta Phi will host a golf tournament, hopefully the first of many. Any wishing to participate in the tournament should contact Philanthropy Chair Ben Eastman at (262) 227-9954.

