

The Arizona Sig

Sigma Chi at the University of Arizona · Spring 2009



Beta Phi Celebrates Return To U of A!

The Beta Phi chapter at the University of Arizona was reinstalled in a daylong ceremony Jan. 31 that also saw 48 new Brothers initiated in the Fraternity.

More than 250 people attended a banquet at the Marriott Hotel during which Grand Consul Bob Jones III returned the chapter to the UA campus after a six year absence. Alumni, undergraduates, parents, UA administrators and guests attended the banquet.

UA President Robert Shelton welcomed the chapter back to the campus, noting the importance of the greek system to campus life.

Joe Markling '80, president of the Beta Phi Consuls Association, presented current chapter Consul Andrew Cole with the Beta Phi Consul's pin. Host and Chapter Adviser Robin Winters introduced Jones who spoke on the current state of Sigma Chi and awarded numerous awards and recognitions.

As the banquet ended, Sydney Fong, the 2009 Sweetheart of Sigma Chi was serenaded with "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" along with all our sweetheart guests including Stella Johnson, wife of Marvin "Swede" Johnson '50.

Earlier in the day the new Brothers were initiated on campus at a ceremony attended by more than 200 Brothers including Sigs from Northern Arizona, Arizona State, Arizona, New Mexico State, New Mexico and Eastern New Mexico universities. The installing chapter was Emory Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott.

Beta Phi brothers from the 1940s through 2005 were in attendance, including Jack McDuff, the 50th Grand Consul of Sigma Chi.



Robin Winters, Andrew Cole (Consul) and Sydney Fong

The ceremonies started the night before with a Sig gathering at Sam Hughes Place near the campus attended by more than 50 Beta Phi brothers and Sigma Chi national officers.

Jones handed out numerous Semi-Century Sig Awards and Sigma Chi Veterans pins. In attendance were Grand Pro-Consul Wayne Tucker, Grand Questor Dennis Santoli, Chairman of the Grand Trustees Bruce Casner, and Dean of the Praetorial College Dan Matthewson.

Thank you to the many Sigma Chi Brothers who participated in such a wonderful celebration of the return of the Beta Phi Chapter to the University of Arizona. A new history of Beta Phi is waiting to be written in the years and decades to come.

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Rebirth Of The Sigma Chi Tucson Alumni Chapter



Alumni Chapter Executive Committee - Bottom left to right: Randy Lewis, Jim Johnson, Chuck Colton, Lisle Payne, Larry Hecker, Linn Wallace. Top left to right: Tom Furrier, Winston Maddox, Jon Underwood, Robin Winters, Steve Schuyler, Terry Valeski.

The newly formed Sigma Chi Tucson Alumni Chapter on May 6 honored the graduating seniors from the Beta Phi chapter during a light dinner attended by about 50 Brothers and the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, Sydney Fong. The meeting was held at Sam Hughes Place near the University of Arizona campus.

It was the initial meeting of the alumni chapter and followed the Beta Phi Chapter recertification and celebration activity in late January. Newly elected alumni chapter president Steve Schuyler and several members of the chapter's Executive Committee, including Chuck Colton, Lisle Payne, John Underwood, and Terry Valeski, addressed chapter plans with dinner participants.

Brother Jerry Tolle received the 50th anniversary Semi-Century Sig Award signed by Grand Consul Bob Jones.

The highlights of the undergraduate evening program (in addition to seeing old friends and networking) involved the comments shared by Beta Phi seniors, the introduction of new Beta Phi officers and a presentation by new Consul Andrew Cole.

Cole also presented Steve Schuyler with an award for his outstanding leadership commitment to the Beta Phi Chapter.

As part of the Alumni Chapter planning discussion, Schuyler reviewed the proposed lease of the Kappa Sig house at 1423 E. First St., for use by the Beta Phis. He noted that this was a unique opportunity for Beta Phi that could result in an interim fraternity house for the next several years. He said the lease should be concluded within the next several weeks.

It is anticipated that the Hall of Honor and Sigma Chi Homecoming activities on the Nov. 7 weekend (see related Homecoming story) will provide alums with the opportunity to visit the new housing facility.

Valeski said that the Alumni Chapter will implement a mentoring and career education program for Beta Phis in the fall. He noted that such a program had been successfully introduced at the Arizona State's Sigma Chi chapter.

Colson, who is membership chairman, encouraged dinner attendees to become members of the Alumni Chapter and that applications are available at www.uasigmachi.org or by e-mailing him at WAColton@comcast.net.

The evening festivities concluded with the Sigs, old and new, serenading Sydney to the accompaniment of guitarist and graduating senior Alex Hecker.

The next Alumni Chapter's meeting will be held in September. Watch your email and www.uasigmachi.org for updates and details.



Chuck Wagner talks to graduating senior

Note: The honored seniors were Kai Kaapro, Alex Rivera, and Paul Hara, who graduated in December, and Kyle Lundberg and Alex Hecker, May 16 graduates.

Beta Phi Consul Report - Andrew Cole

After a year and a half of hard work, and perseverance, the colony of 48 gentlemen at the University of Arizona was formally initiated into the Sigma Chi Fraternity on January 31st 2009. This ended the nearly seven year streak of Beta Phi's absence in Arizona's greek life.

The week was filled with excitement as brothers from all around the country gathered in Tucson. It was truly amazing to see the bond among the brothers as Sigs from Florida shook hands with brothers from the University of Southern California. The number of Beta Phi alumni was almost overwhelming but extremely special. It was clear to see that we have an amazing legacy to follow. It is this legacy, however, that has served as our primary motivational force along our journey.

To our Brother, Alumni, friends, family and Sweethearts, the Beta Phi undergraduate brothers would like to personally thank all of you for the support, guidance,

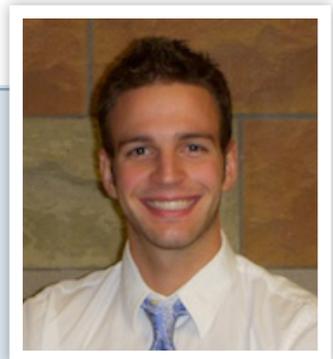
and patience we received during these past three semesters. Your encouragement has helped us build the strongest brotherhood on campus and all 48 of us would like to promise you that Beta Phi will never leave the Arizona Greek system for any reason ever again.

In regards to our new re-chartering, John Komadina (2011) couldn't have said it any better, "My name is on it, I will give it 100%."

The I-week was long and hard for us, especially because the University's formal rush was the exact same week! We were faced with a huge obstacle, to rush or to follow the implied silence. Somehow under the leadership of our Recruitment Chair, Dan Gibson (2010), and his committee, we were able to pledge in 12 extremely committed and diverse gentlemen.

In addition, the Beta Phi Chapter has won the UA Dean's Award at the annual Greek Awards Banquet. It is the second highest award given to a fraternity annually.

You can view the bios of these fine young men at uasigmachi.org.



Campaign Update

New Capital Campaign Strategy

The Beta Phi capital campaign progress has slowed over the past six months due to the difficult economic environment. Campaign donations and pledges total approximately \$1.3 million and campaign funding period will be extended through 2010 to meet our funding goal.



In response to the economic environment, the campaign strategy has been modified to focus on achieving the following two goals:

1. **The 2009 campaign goal will be established at \$2 million.** This is a more realistic and achievable goal in light of the economic environment. Moreover, it also will provide Beta Phi with the financial resources to purchase and renovate an existing property if such an opportunity should present itself over the next 24 months due to the marketplace conditions.
2. **The 2009 campaign strategy will focus on expanding the donor base and increasing the number of donors participating in the campaign.** It is critical to have a large number of Beta Phi donors committed to the campaign to demonstrate a broad base of alumni support.

During the next 12 months the campaign goal will be to increase the donor and pledge base from 90 to 200 participants (Out of a total alumni base of 1,600) so that we can get to the 2009 goal of \$2 million. Once this objective has been achieved it will help achieve additional large donor gift support. The 2010 efforts will focus on the completion of the capital campaign with the anticipation that construction of the new house will begin in 2011.

2009 Campaign Marketing Plans

Plans are to kickoff the 2009 capital campaign marketing efforts in May following the publication of the spring Beta Phi newsletter and to use the Tucson Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter to facilitate these efforts. We will be managing the campaign efforts through the leadership of six Co-Champion Decade teams. ('50s, '60s, '70s, '80's '90s and 2000) Our communication efforts will be critical to the campaign success and regional meeting visits to Kansas City, Los Angeles, Phoenix, and San Francisco will be scheduled for the second and third quarters.

Brothers, these are challenging times and we need everyone to make a special effort to move the ball across the goal line. **We need to get some skin in the game in order to get the necessary points on the scoreboard.** The young Beta Phis are deserving of a new home. Please visit the website at www.SigmaChi.org if you are ready to make a pledge commitment now.

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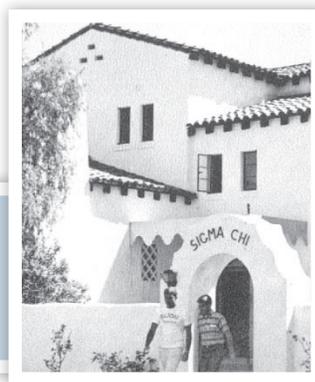
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For the online pledge form, visit www.UASigmaChi.org and/or contact Tony Marksch at 800-228-7326 or by email at tony.marksch@fmgtucson.com.



Negotiations To Lease The Kappa Sigma House

The Sigma Chi building company is completing negotiations to lease the Kappa Sigma fraternity house at 1423 E. First St. for temporary housing for the Beta Phi Chapter. Occupancy will begin about July 15.

This will allow the award-winning chapter to continue to grow and excel and have a location for fraternity activities that does not rely on university facilities. The house sleeps 40 and has a resident adviser unit. It comes with a full kitchen and dining room, which will be used. It also has a living room, chapter room, and storage and utility rooms.

It is a two- and three-story structure, with a sprinkler system for fire protection. It has multiple outdoor areas, including a half basketball court. It is considered one of the two nicest fraternity house on campus.



1423 E. 1st Street, Kappa Sigma House

David M. Jones '36 - Chapter Eternal



David Jones, a Beta Phi ('36) who was named to the chapter's Hall of Honor in 2005, entered the Chapter Eternal on Nov. 25, 2008. He was 94.

Jones was born on Dec. 18, 1913, in Marshfield, Ore., but he attended high

school and college in Arizona, where he also enlisted in the National Guard. Jones was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Cavalry arm of the Arizona Army National Guard, but soon after he transferred to the Army Air Corps, where he began pilot training.

In 1942, Jones volunteered to fly for the Doolittle Project - a secret bombing raid on Japan in response to the attack on Pearl Harbor. The April 18, 1942, Doolittle Raids on five Japanese cities earned Jones the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Jones was then assigned as commander of the 319th Bombardment Groups in North Africa campaign of World War II. He was shot down over Tunisia and spent two-and-a-half years as a prisoner of war.

From early 1952 until mid-1955, Jones was commander of the 47th Bombardment Wing. He then began working in research and development as directory of the B-58 Test Force. At one time, he had more supersonic flying time in the B-58 than any other Air Force pilot.

Jones was later the deputy assistant administrator for manned space flight with NASA. In 1973, he retired with the rank of major general.

In the community, Jones was a past president of the Chamber of Commerce of South Brevard, Fla., he was a former trustee with the Florida Institute of Technology and the Florida Air Academy, and he was an active board member of the Doolittle Raiders Association.

Beta Phi 2008 Homecoming Reunion A Big Success!

The feedback from the participants in the 2008 Homecoming/Reunion festivities has been terrific. Our Friday afternoon Hall of Honor Ceremony involved a "standing room only" audience of over 100 attendees. Paul Muscenti '58 and Steve Schuyler '79 presided over the program which involved the induction of brothers Marshall Humphrey '51 (Chapter Eternal), Robert Wilson '58 (Chapter Eternal), Ted Brookhart '63, Rick Fried '63, Mike Hennigan '65. At the end of the ceremony the audience was treated to a special presentation by Kai Kaapro '08, the current Beta Phi Consul, as he updated everyone with a current status report on the Chapter. Kai introduced the Beta Phi Sigs and Pledges that were in the audience and reported that our chapter membership was expected to grow to 60 active members by the end of the school year. The Chapter academic performance has been exceptional and the chapter



members are looking forward to participating in the special Re-installation of the Beta Phi Chapter and Initiation Ceremony scheduled for January 31, 2009.

Following the Hall of Honor ceremony and a "colorful group photo shoot" everyone proceeded to the Westward Look patio for cocktail festivities and a chance to "catch-up" with the many "old friends" that had made a special effort to participate in the reunion.

Saturday and Sunday Festivities

At 7:30 the dining room doors swung open and the sounds of Sigma Chi songs/music greeted everyone as they wandered among the tables that were colorfully decorated with U of A red & blue balloons. After a welcome toast by Lisle Payne '64 & Jon Underwood '64 and a thank you to their spouses (Roslyn & Tammy) the audience witnessed Steve Schuyler receive a "special" award for all of the time and personal energy that he has committed to the success of the young Beta Phi Sigs and the reunion. Many thanks to Steve!

During dinner the audience was entertained by a special video/slide program that had been prepared by Beta Phi Sig Dick Bohnet '63. The 300 plus photo/video presentation involved "ancient" pictures of the Beta Phi house, Mount Lemmon Scenes, Derby Day Escapades, the South Sea Islander, Dick the Cook at the peak of his career and many, many more - thanks to "Tricky Dick" for an outstanding personal effort that made the evening very special. ***A special disc is now being prepared by Dick for those that want a copy of the presentation materials and the evening festivities as a special reunion memento.

One of the evening highlights was the opportunity to view part of the Bill Gibney '69 South Sea Islander video celebration. Bill has been an outstanding Beta Phi Sig and he and his wife Cheryl Parker have hosted a number of Beta Phi festivities at their lovely Phoenix home. The audience was treated to hearing from Bill as he reminisced about the importance of Sigma Chi in his life - it was a very special moment for everyone. Following the video, Jon updated the audience on the status of the Beta Phi capital campaign and encouraged everyone to learn more about how they could participate in the four million dollar fund raising effort that is expected to be concluded in 2009.

At 8:30 the brothers were invited to gather their courage and their musical talent to sing the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi to their spouses and significant others. The young Beta Phi Sigs led by Magister Alex Hecker joined in the singing festivities (adding significantly to the musical talent of the group) and the traditional White Roses were visible as everyone headed for the dance floor to enjoy the music of the Righteous Brothers and the magical tunes of the 60's. A good time was had by all!

On Saturday morning a "Breakfast/Brunch" was served on the Westward Look patio as Beta Phi Sigs enjoyed one another's company before heading to the campus for the homecoming float parade and tent visitation activities. Tennis courts, golf, swimming and skyline galleries were utilized by those that wanted to be more active. Late in the afternoon the Beta Phi Sigs started to arrive at the Arizona Historical Society for a colorful Mexican Buffet prior to the USC/Cats Football game. Mariachi music greeted everyone at the entrance of the museum as everyone joined friends for a pregame party and an opportunity to reminisce.

Prior to our departure to the football game, Burt Kinerk '57 (accompanied by his wife Nancy) addressed the group and talked about his experience with the young Beta Phi Sigs. Burt's talk was encouraging as he gave his insights as to

the progress that the chapter was making and the message that he had attempted to communicate to the young Sigs. Many thanks to Burt and Nancy for making a special effort to join us and for being valuable chapter resources. At 6:30 the group departed to the football stadium and over the next several hours proceeded to watch the Cats confront the USC Trojans in a "hard fought" game that was indeed

"win-able" by Arizona - same time next year? Following the game a few "brave souls" were seen in the Westward Look Resort bar area at midnight attempting to recreate the "Bay Horse" scene and to "outlast" the bartender just like the good old days!

The Beta Phi Sigs were particularly impressive at the Westward Look Sunday morning brunch as people gathered for their last meal together and the opportunity to exchange phone numbers and a promise to get together again in the near future. (A special thank you to Rick Fried '63, Mason Frank '65, Bill Hall '63, Jay Kee Jacobson '65, Don Wade '64 and Mick Williams '67 for making a personal effort to join in the festivities and return to campus for the first time in many years) Many memories and stories covering the decade of the 50's and 60's were once again discovered over the weekend - a good time was had by all!



Consuls at Re-Installation

Congratulations to our 2008 Hall of Honor Inductees!

** These members have joined our Chapter Eternal*

Marshall Humphrey, Beta Phi 1951*

Robert Wilson, Beta Phi 1958*

Ted Brookhart, Beta Phi 1963

Rick Fried, Beta Phi 1963

Mike Hennigan, Beta Phi 1965

Visit UASigmaChi.org to view full bios of the 2008 inductees.



Homecoming 2009 - November 6-8

Arizona vs. Washington State

Friday, November 6:

Golf & Tennis activities, Hall of Honor Activities Late Afternoon; Cocktails & Dinner at the Doubletree Hotel from 6 - 9 PM

Saturday, November 7

Informal Breakfast at the Doubletree Hotel; Pool & Tennis activities; Group Lunches at the Skyline Restaurants; Tent Activities on the Campus Mall; Barbeque at the Sigma Chi House; Homecoming Parade and Football Game;

Sunday, November 8

Informal Group Breakfast at the Doubletree Hotel & Poolside, Tennis Activities prior to departures for home.

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Watch www.UASigmaChi.org for news and updates on summer activities, info on Fall Rush, Parents Weekend, and additional information on Homecoming 2009!