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9/30/11. The Men of Sigma Chi and Women of AOP pose for a photo during the 2011 homecoming dinner at the house.

CHAPTER TRIBUNE REPORT

This semester has been a fast one for the brothers here at 722. We had a hugely successful homecoming weekend, that we plan to repeat next year. We passed two new by-laws that will greatly aid in the chapters ability to function efficiently (more info in the consul's address). We kicked SAE's butt in football, for full story see the Intermural section. Brother Dillon Haskell '14 was re-elected to ASMSU senate. Brother Perrodin has filled an important void by being the best *sshole of a house manager and has led the cause on reaffirming a sense of house pride. We look forward to finishing off this semester strong and carrying on in the same direction for spring.

-Karston Waarvik '14

CONSUL'S ADDRESS

The brothers of Beta Rho have been working hard in order to expand and improve our chapter in many ways. We currently have twenty-one men living in the house, and I expect the number of live-ins to increase for the spring semester. Last spring we had 14 -active brothers and several alumni make the trip to Salt Lake City to participate in the annual province conference in which we joined together with the Utah/Nevada province. During our visit we toured Jon Huntsman's Cancer institute, it was amazing to see where the money we raise goes. Recently we had a very successful Derby Days in which we had outstanding participation from all the sorority women at MSU, together we raised over \$2000. This past summer nine brothers and four alumni from our chapter attended the Balfour Leadership training workshop at the University of North Carolina. The leadership skills and experiences we gained from the workshop have been extremely valuable to the success of the chapter officers and emerging leaders. We also sent one brother to Grand Chapter and one brother to Horizons.

This semester two-by-laws have been changed that will greatly improve the transition periods within the chapter. The first by-law we changed states that the top officer elections will be held at end of the spring semester rather than the end of the fall semester. This change allows us to send the new officers to BLTW before they start their term in office. At the workshop brothers gain new skills and information on how to succeed, improve their office and the chapter as a whole. The second by-law we changed involves having brothers sign their live-in agreements before they leave for summer and Christmas break. The change will allow us to know exactly how many members will be living in the house the next term. Also it will make house preparation, budgeting, and the beginning of the semester go a lot smoother. This way we can focus all of our energy on recruitment. Last spring we initiated nine men into our chapter, and we currently have twelve pledges all expected to go active this fall. Our relations with the university and the Bozeman community as a whole have improved greatly in the past few semesters. Last semester the **chapter had a GPA of 2.92**, which is above the all mens average. Our goal this semester is to have a chapter GPA of 3.0 or greater. One of our brothers and one of our pledges are members of the ASMSU. Brother Dillon Haskell is Vice President of Senate for ASMSU and pledge Mario Stanislaos is the associate director of campus entertainment. We also have many brothers getting involved with their specific colleges as student Ambassadors, and more brothers are getting involved in other student organizations as well. We will be the valets for the annual Eagle Mount fundraiser this month. We have also been having great participation in community service events and Greek functions. This year our alumni Homecoming dinner with Alpha Omicron Pi was a great success. Thank you to all the alumni and brothers that made this event a success, we plan on making next year's homecoming even more memorable. This fall we hosted a parent's day at the chapter, which was very exciting and fun for the parents, brothers, and pledges. The brothers hosted a tailgate and a barbeque at the house for them.

From what I was told the parents were very impressed with all the members and the house. We have been working hard to improve the chapter and in the past few years and there have been some outstanding changes at the Beta Rho house. As Sigma Chi's we will always continue to seek and strive for greatness and success.

In Hoc,
Alex Kaul '13



Brother Alex Harry '14 decided the best way to bond with the pledges during their live-in week was to move up to the maus with them. (unannounced to him)

HOUSE MANAGER REPORT

The house is being well maintained through constant persistence and plenty of cold tubs. We are thankful for the new refrigerators and remodeled deck facing Wilson Ave. The pledges have done an excellent job keeping dishes spotless and the yard raked. A new project of a "wrecking crew" is being implemented in order to keep the house clean for the weekends. The plan causes all glasses, cans, and trash to be removed before 10:00 am from the previous night. Parents and Alumni who stop by the house have given positive comments towards the houses exterior and interior. Improvements are underway in the house consisting of remodeled gun safe (old keg room), energy efficient lighting, and a master key system. Futures projects for the house include new carpet, drapes, repairing the tile in the bathrooms, dividing large rooms, and masonry work to the brick planters. Overall the brothers have worked hard to each do their part here at the house. The cold tub continues to be ever proof that laziness can be curtailed.

-John Perrodin '14



House Fundraiser

To fund the replacement of the drapes and carpets at the house we need to raise approximately \$30,000. Rick Dissly has agreed to put in \$1,000 toward this project and would like other alumni to match his contribution. Smaller amounts are ok. We cannot proceed with this project until the total amount has been raised.

Also, please pay your alumni membership dues to continue to fund the "Bobcat Sig" and other alumni activities. To pay your annual alumni dues, press control + click on the following link: [paying your dues](#). Your internet browser (Internet Explorer) needs to be open for the link to work properly. Or you can go to the Beta Rho web site at www.bobcatsigs.org/betarho/dues/alumni.php. For those of you who choose to pay via check, cut out the Beta Rho Contribution Form below and mail it. Dues are \$50.00 biannually and \$500.00 lifetime. You can use the form for both dues and contributions to the drape and carpet fund.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Designated For: _____

Make check payable to: "Beta Rho Sigma Chi HBC"

c/o Bro. Rick Dissly

6651 Leyland Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95120



MAGISTER'S REPORT

We have a current pledge class of 12 working their way towards initiation. They have showed themselves to be a solid group of men. They are ambitious with a number already involved in various groups on campus. Initiation starts the 28th of November, I welcome all brothers to attend. For the specific times feel free to contact me at 845-283-0992.

-Zach Coffill '13



Rory O'Connor '14, Far right in black, taking a tour of the Cowboy's stadium while at Grand chapter in Dallas.

INTERMURAL UPDATE

We had a decent football season as we opened with a strong win over SAE 20-13. We had a scheduling conflict and had to play a man short against PIKE, a game we would have taken had we been fully manned. We ended up losing in double OT to PIKE and AGR, but gave it to Sigma Nu 40-12. We're now setting up for basketball season and are preparing to dominate the other houses.

To the right, The brothers on offense in their game against SAE.

RECRUITMENT REPORT

Recruitment went well this semester, we held different events on campus such as a bowling night and events at the house. One of the nights we were out at the Bozeman hot springs with some of our sorority friends. The gun range was the highlight of recruitment as we all went out as a house with the rush-ees to practice our clay shooting. We initially bid 18, with a few having parents encourage them to wait a semester. We are continuing to be involved with those men who declined while building our plans for spring recruitment. We plan on doing a barbeque with alumni again for spring recruitment and will include more information as it approaches. We are working with the current pledges to get insight on what they liked about recruitment and what we can do to improve it. One of the most common things we hear from potential recruits are that they want to be able to have their own privacy and room at the house. Which is why we plan on dividing some of the larger room into two separate rooms to help with this. The house has been doing well regardless of our structures limitations by showing the high value our brotherhood offers and why its incredibly more vital then having your own space to hole up and play video games. We are constantly complimented on the great condition the house is kept in by members of campus. Which nearly eliminates recruits issue on having to share a room. Our house is immensely helpful in recruitment of new members.

-Dillon Haskell '14



Alumni Advisor Board for Active Chapter

Accomplishment for 2011

- ◆ Drafted Cyclical/reoccurring Beta Rho Chapter activities/task (overall – by officer) to help Pro Consul hold officers accountable for what they should be doing.
- ◆ John Wishman and Mike Langohr attended BLTW together with 9 active chapter members.
- ◆ Held a mini “365 Recruitment Seminar” in fall for Active Chapter Members .
- ◆ Held recruitment conference call to assist in the planning for the recruitment of new pledge candidates.
- ◆ Held an all hands meeting with all alumni advisors and executive committee officers of active chapter during Homecoming.
- ◆ Ensured that at least one alumnus is in attendance at each Active Chapter meeting during the school year.

What would make all the brothers back in “62 push and shove for a spot on the bench in the mausoleum?



A visit from the Chi-O's no doubt.

Alumni Advisor Board for Active Chapter

Objectives for 2012

- ◆ Need a recruiting advisor.
- ◆ Need a risk manager and scholarship advisor.
- ◆ Get the Cyclical/reoccurring Beta Rho Chapter activities/task by officer implemented such that Consul and Pro Consul are holding themselves and other officers accountable for timely accomplishment of their tasks.
- ◆ Get agreement on the Chapter Alcohol policy.

Reoccurring objectives

- ◆ Continue to have Advisors attend BLTW with active Chapter.
- ◆ Continue to hold a mandatory mini 365 Seminar for one evening before the Fall & Spring semester each year.
- ◆ Continue to hold an alumni barbeque before the Fall & Spring semester of each year. Have selected alumni talk on why they are a Beta Rho Sig.
- ◆ Continue to have all hands meeting with all Advisor alumni advisors and executive committee officers of active chapter during Homecoming each year to agree upon plans for next year.
- ◆ Continue to have at least one alumnus at each active chapter meeting.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Bob Gum

Beta Rho 1963

Charles Wood

Beta Rho 1966

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, with Whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, we do thank Thee for all those who, having been found worthy, have eternal life with Thee.

Beta Rho House Building Corporation

Accomplishment for 2011

- ◆ Hired Handyman and made significant progress on several plumbing, electrical and heating problems.
- ◆ Increased the rent to active chapter. Will not be able to have a major long-term repair or improvement fund until we consistently have 28 members living in the house.
- ◆ Chapter implemented recommended change to have top eight officers elected one month before the end of Spring semester instead of fall, to allow BLTW to prep them for their positions
- ◆ Chapter adopted recommendation to have live-in contracts for following semester signed one month before end of current semester
- ◆ Increased incentives from \$50 to \$100 to pay live-in house bills at move-in.

Major Repairs or Improvements to house

- ◆ Painted outside of the house.
- ◆ Replaced the front deck.
- ◆ Put Blue curtains on all hall closets
- ◆ Replaced and redirected rain gutters fixing drainage issue
- ◆ Put bike racks in Mud room and outside storage to avoid theft
- ◆ Added security light at back of house to reduce theft and vandalism.
- ◆ Added two water heaters in the house to make heating system more efficient

Alumni Brothers send in your Stories, new and old, and pictures to be published in the newsletter. You can email the Tribune, Karston at the below address. Or send by mail to the house.

Tribune's email: kw_waarvik@hotmail.com

The house: 722 South Wilson Ave. Bozeman, 59715

On your right, Left to right, Brothers David Ricci '14, Waarvik '14, and Haskell '14 wooing the ladies during the Guy of AOP competition. Which is their equivalent of our Derby Days.

Beta Rho House Building Corporation

Objectives for 2012

- ◆ Transfer getting the live-in agreements signed a month before the next semester begins to the Quaestor. The HBC Treasurer will continue to monitor.
- ◆ Have the House Manager implement the check-out procedure. The HBC Treasurer will continue to monitor.
- ◆ Increase the capacity of the house to 26 members by adding partitions to large rooms on 1st and 2nd floor and get Chapter buy-in.
- ◆ Have house bills paid through the university accounts
- ◆ Repair or Improvement to house such that house is in a livable condition
- ◆ Complete master key project such that HBC President, House Mgr advisor, Consul and Handyman have a master key to all areas.
- ◆ Get router upgraded such that internet accounts can be assign with ease by chapter web administrator. Make
- ◆ Sure internet connection is working for all hard cables and wireless anywhere on the south side of house.
- ◆ Get first floor shower area repaired and re-tiled.

