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Welcome Back, BΘΠ

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It’s almost been a full year since 816 N Dubuque street once again opened its doors for members of the Alpha Beta chapter of Beta Theta Pi, and its new members couldn’t be happier. Even after months living under the same roof the men of Beta Theta Pi wouldn’t want to live anywhere else.

“There’s nothing like living with twenty of your friends, and I didn’t want to miss that opportunity. I don’t regret my choice to live in the house at all,” says Matt Schill, Sophomore and current pledge educator.

An interesting take comes from Mike Roupas, a Freshman who lived in the dorms for one semester before transferring into the beta house. Roupas claims that the difference between the dorms and the chapter house are like night and day, saying that nobody on his floor talked to each other. Moving to the house was an easy decision for him, and was a major factor in his decision to remain at the University of Iowa.

Truly, the social aspect of living with so many friends seems to be the biggest draw for living in the chapter house. According to Schill “If I ever want to do anything and need another guy or two to go with me, there are always people within reach. It seems like there’s always something going on, and that’s a lot of fun.”

Of course there are some negative aspects to living in the house. A few brothers claim that the distraction of always having friends around makes it a little difficult to focus on their studies, a problem, they admit is easily remedied by a trip to the library.

House chores rank fairly high on the list of negatives. When asked their least favorite part of living in the house, the general consensus amongst the brothers seems to be cleaning the bathrooms.

Overall, living in the Beta House seems to have been a great experience for all the live-ins, who are proud of their newly renovated home. The members of the Alpha Beta Chapter would like to extend an invitation to all alumni to return and pay a visit to the house. They’d be happy to give a tour!

House Father's Eye of Wooglin: A Year of "Firsts"



Jeff Rundle, Former chapter president from Kansas State and current AB house father.

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Judging by the progress that had been made at the chapter house on June 24th of 2006, even I was nervous about whether we would have 816 N. Dubuque up and running when school began. But, as they usually do, things worked out and the brothers of the Alpha Beta colony had their first "move-in" week in early August. The men could not have been more pleased or more thankful for the incredible condition the house had been restored to. This honeymoon was appropriately short lived, though, because the colony had too many "firsts" in front of it to pass for too long.

The men began with their first formal recruitment, and while it was a learning experience for all, they took it in stride and represented the Fraternity in the fashion

of true gentlemen. The next big first was their first meal in the dining room and singing their first songs in the Great Hall. The colony passed their first "House Rules", assigned their first cleaning duties, performed their first "Pledge Father" ceremony and had their first social event on the deck with the women of Delta Zeta. While this may seem typical for the Alpha Beta brothers of the past, these were all momentous steps for a new group, still learning what it means to build brotherhood within the framework of four walls.

This spring the men are hosting their first philanthropy, holding their first date party and publishing their first alumni newsletter. The colony graduated its first senior in December and will watch one more leave this

spring, but should return 25 brothers for the fall. There are aggressive plans for summer and fall recruitment and a goal to have 816 alive in the fall with 30 brothers and pledges living together for the first time since the re-founding. I count myself blessed to have been there for all of the firsts this year. I too, had my own first, as I finish my first year at the Iowa College of Law. I want to thank the Housing Corporation and Advisory Team for their tireless effort and support. I look forward to the bright future of Alpha Beta and whole-heartedly welcome all alumni to stop by the chapter house whenever you are in town.

Yours in __kai__,

Jeff Rundle – House Father
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What have you been up to since you left Iowa City?

Have lived in Chicago, Dallas and now Denver

What has the "Beta Experience" meant to you?

Lifetime of memories and great friends. High School pales in comparison.

Any other information you wish to provide?

There's lots of Hawkeyes in Colorado. It would be great to hear from any other A.B.s that are out here.

HOUSING CORPORATION SEEKS DEA GRANT

The 816 North Dubuque (housing) Corporation continues to make strides under the “ever watchful” eyes of current president, Jeff Towle. Under Brother Towle’s diligent leadership, the housing corporation has, in March, submitted an application for a Designated Education Area (DEA) grant to Jonathan Brant at the Beta Theta Pi Foundation in Oxford, Ohio. The DEA grant will dramatically improve the colony’s

ability to move again to a flourishing chapter as well as preserving the beautifully renovated structure that is 816 North Dubuque Street. The DEA grant will enable brothers (and friends) to send tax deductible contributions to the Beta Theta Pi Foundation with funds made available to both Alpha Beta and the housing corporation. Contributions earmarked for Alpha Beta will assist in the budgeting and general ad-

ministration of the colony as it continues to establish and grow its presence on campus. Funds that can be used for the upkeep of the chapter house will be channeled into the budget of the housing corporation.

Jeff Towle at 515.245.3204 or Scott Teasdale at 563.355.0991.

Alpha Beta is back on the Iowa campus and standing as proud as you remember. For more information about how you can set up your tax deductible contributions with the Foundation, please call



AB CAMPUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As many of you may be aware, at the time of Alpha Beta’s colonization, Beta Theta Pi established an advisory board of individuals who serve to oversee and counsel the founding fathers and subsequent young men of Alpha Beta. The advisory board is comprised of members of the University of Iowa and Iowa City communities with an interest in assisting Alpha

Beta in its return to Iowa. As things have gone well in the establishment of the colony, the advisory board has prioritized seeking Alpha Beta alumni in the area who would like to become involved in advising the men of Alpha Beta. If you are in the vicinity of Iowa City and would like to get involved with the work of the advisory board, please contact Scott Teasdale at 563.355.0991.



Return to Iowa City and visit the newly renovated Beta House!

VISIT ALPHA BETA IN IOWA CITY

Many alumni have made the trip back to Iowa City to see the renovations completed on the chapter house. If you have yet to find a reason to return to Iowa City, make plans to come and see the house in 2007. Under the leadership of chapter advisor and recently appointed district chief Jeff Rundle, the

men of Alpha Beta are flourishing and are diligently working to reach out to alumni. For the summer and fall of this year, activities will take place well worth your consideration. Take a closer look at the schedule detailed in this newsletter. Come back to Alpha Beta and rediscover your Beta experience.

COMING SOON

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| April 20th-21st | Relay for Life |
| April | Initiation |
| April 29th | Spaghetti Dinner Philanthropy with Gamma Phi Beta |
| May 5th | Wedding of Steven Bensema, last year’s president |
| June 23rd | Summer Meeting and Alumni Golf Outing |



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

After encountering road blocks and pot holes, 816 N. Dubuque is up and running at full speed. The newly renovated house is at her peak again and is more than most of us could imagine—especially when compared to its condition the previous fall. We currently have eleven active brothers, one pledge and an advisor living in. The morale of the house is high. We took a blow last semester with low turnout in formal recruitment and sub-par grades. However, since then we have been proactively moving forward. We now have weekly study hours and our current pledge class is outstanding.

Hoosiers vs. Hawkeyes! The Holmstrom weekend will continue, thanks in large part to the tremendous efforts of Scott Hall, our newest addition to the Housing Corp. As recipient of last year's award, I strongly encourage everyone to attend. Last year was a great adventure! There was time for socializing at the house with Actives, Alumni, Pledges and Advisors followed by a trip downtown. Saturday morning we went tailgating and met up again after the game. For those of you who have forgotten, Iowa City is one of the greatest places in the world... especially on football weekends! We would like to see all of you come support our fallen Brother Daniel Holmstrom.

As we look to the future, we focus our energy on recruitment. Recruitment is something that has been difficult for us in the past. We are looking for those standout men who are here to make a difference, not simply here for the ride. We are slowly shaping the best approach and we realize that it is difficult to find these diamonds in the rough. We look forward to formal recruitment again this fall, hopefully, with the addition of veterans to the process. We will have two recruitment chairmen living in this summer who will be available when freshmen go through orientation. If you are in the area, please stop by.

Our next goal is to apply for charter in December 2007. We are on the path to success and with a little luck in recruitment, we will be there. After we apply, we will go to convention in August of 2008 and, fingers crossed, we will become the Alpha Beta Chapter from the University of Iowa again and make you all proud!

If you have any questions or just want to check up on us, please feel free to call myself (641-330-9717), or check out the website that Brother Matt Petti posted; www.uibeta.com.

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PHILANTHROPIC ENDEAVORS

The men of the Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi have been busy both planning their own philanthropic event, and participating in many others held on campus.

Beta plans to participate in the Relay for Life as a chapter on April 20th. Relay for life is an over night event in which participants raise money to help fight cancer. The Beta boys hope to make a strong showing in participation and in financial contribution, collecting money from friends, family and the community, with a goal to raise \$1500.

Additionally, the men will be co-hosting their first philanthropy on April 29th with Gamma Phi Beta. The plan is to host a spaghetti dinner in the IMU Ballroom. The event will include live music, raffles, and food, with all proceeds going to Heart Connection, a summer camp for children with cancer. All

alumni are invited to attend this event.

Mike Roupas, Beta's newly elected philanthropy chair, has been hard at work planning the chapter's first solo philanthropy since recolonization, scheduled for Fall 08. The details are still in the brainstorming phase, but current ideas include throwing a Ms. Greek Pageant. Look for updates in *The Campanile* as more information becomes available.

Roupas also plans to renew the chapter's philanthropic efforts throughout the year. By the end of the 07/08 school year, Beta hopes to reach its goal of an average of 20 hours of community service per member per year.

Beta has also been participating in philanthropies hosted by many other chapters. Most recently, the Beta men took a first place finish in Delta Gamma's Anchor



splash event. Not only did the Beta win bragging rights and benefit the community, but also the invitation to Anchor Bash, an exclusive social for the winners with Delta Gamma. Other notable victories include a first place finish in Alpha Xi Delta's Halo tournament, and a third place finish in Alpha Chi Omega's billiards tournament

To help with Beta's philanthropic efforts, contact Mike Roupas at Michael-roupas@uiowa.edu.

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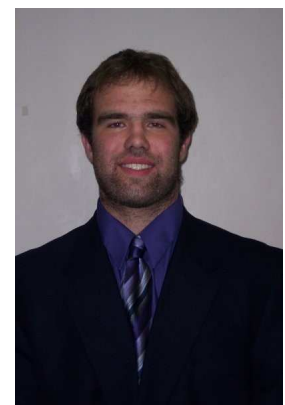
BETTER KNOW A BETA

Matthias Franzen better know his Greek Alphabet. The current Vice-President of the Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi is involved in an alphabet soup of professional and service fraternities, including Order of Omega, Alpha Phi Omega, Beta Gamma Sigma and Gamma Sigma Alpha. But Beta is where the heart is.

“I wanted to be a part of something I knew could change the fraternity life on campus,” says Franzen, on joining Beta. But Beta changed him, as well, he continues “It's taught me how to work with others while also holding firm in my own beliefs. It's really helped me to open up to others and to experiment and try new things

that I once thought I'd never attempt.”

Franzen, a junior, a premed/economics major, has aspirations to go into medicine and starting his own practice. That is, when he's not dreaming of becoming a professional wrestler. He hasn't earned the nickname “Poseidon” from his brothers for no reason!



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KEYSTONE, ROUND TWO

The executive board of the Alpha Beta chapter attended the Second Annual Keystone Leadership Development Conference held in Kansas City this February. For some this marked a return trip to Keystone, while others experienced it for the first time.

“Keystone was a great learning experience. It did a great job in bringing the executive board together to focus on our goals and the goals set out by our ritual,” says Matthias Franzen, Alpha Beta VP.

A lot of learning certainly went on at Keystone, as attendees were soon separated by position, and attended lectures and discussions custom tailored to suit their position. This also allowed for a great deal of interaction between members from many different

chapters.

“Keystone was a great time to talk with brothers from all across the country,” remarks Adam Duggleby, Alpha Beta’s Recruitment Chair, “The best part was talking in between sessions with other people in your respective position and getting input on things, or giving your advice and relaying your own experiences.”

In addition to bonding with other chapters, the trip to Keystone only served to strengthen the bond between the members of the executive board. The event proved to be a fantastic combination of shaping Beta’s leaders and building up brotherhood throughout the fraternity.

The Alpha Beta chapter looks forward to attending Keystone again next year.

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What have you been up to since you left Iowa City?

Active with family, real estate development, and youth hockey.

What has the “Beta Experience” meant to you?

No better way to transition from youth to adulthood than with 40 guys that you learn to value and respect. Wouldn’t trade it for anything and still, after many years, consider all to be close friends.

Any other information you wish to provide?

The Greek system is under a lot of pressure today by misguided do-gooders. We need to support our chapters so that they can survive these changes

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