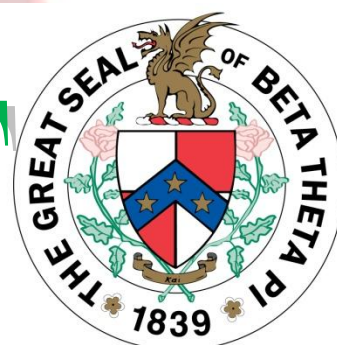


At nine o'clock in the evening of the eighth day of the eighth month of the year 1839, eight earnest young men, all students at Miami University, held the first regular meeting of Beta Theta Pi in the Hall of the Union Literary Society, an upper room in the old college building known as "Old Main."

-of ever honored memory"

The SIGMA SLANT



Greetings! From the Sigma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi

Greetings Sigma Chapter Alumni! My name is Michael Consoli and I am the 2011 president for our chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Over the past year, the sigma chapter as well as the chapter house has achieved numerous accomplishments and changes. As of recent, we won the Northeast Self-Governance Award for excellence in Chapter self-governance. This accomplishment credited our proactive leadership in handling our recently abolished school issued probation and sanctions. Over the past year we have made significant strides toward our community and campus involvement. In the Fall of 2010, the brothers of the Sigma Chapter averaged almost 22 hours community service per brother and were 100% involved in campus organizations and clubs outside of the fraternity.



In this newsletter, we have included several articles detailing the before mentioned accomplishments as well as information on the many events and news we have had and will have over the course of the next semester. Over the next year, we look to grow into an elite Chapter of Beta Theta Pi. We plan to send an increased number of members to General Fraternity leadership programs. We look to increase and strengthen the type and variety of philanthropy and fundraiser events we offer. In addition, we look to offer new opportunities for you, the alumni, to join us at the house and get to know us better. The actives look forward to hearing from you and hope you will be able to attend one of our upcoming events. I am very pleased with the Chapter's success over the past year and I am optimistic about the increased achievement in the year to come.

Yours in _kai_,
Michael Consoli
Σ1126

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Sigma House Plans

The house has had many improvements over the last few years and has many more to come that will add to the overall appeal of the house.

The first substantial renovation to the house was the removal of the old oil burning furnace and installation of a gas burning, smaller, compact and more efficient system. The house now has 3 independent zones for each floor. The only part of this project left to finish is the removal of the tank for the old burner. Additionally, if you had not seen the last Sigma Slant, the basement has been completely re-modeled. This included new ceiling tiles, floor tiles, a new bar and soon to be a new mosaic of __Kai__ tiled on the front.

We are also preparing the house for the annual fire inspection which includes replacing ceiling tiles, repairing holes and repairing the stairs. This comes as a large task, as the steps are as old as the house itself and need much care. We welcome the alumni to visit the Sigma Chapter house to see the finished renovations and the ones in progress.

Yours in __kai__,
Christopher Moyer
Σ1134

New Academic Assistance!

Beta Theta Pi has always been a fraternity that has built its self on achievements and Achievers. Two such achievements that Beta has become very proud of is that in 1984 it became the First Fraternity in the Greek world to adopt a minimum GPA of 2.5 for Chapters, and in 1997 become the first Fraternity to adopt a minimum GPA of 2.5 for members. Not only has the Sigma chapter abided by these minimums, but we have gone above and beyond the minimum requirement.

This past Semester, the men of the Sigma chapter put together a respectable 3.03 house GPA. The GPA of the sigma chapter has increased by .18 over the past two years, and looks like it will continue to rise.

This Semester the Sigma chapter will be re-instituting an academic assistance plan as well as a study buddy system to help brothers who are struggling with their grades, and ultimately improve the house GPA. The study buddy system is based upon major and GPA. The system is designed to pair two brothers with the same major together, and have them study with each other. Ultimately, the brother with the higher GPA will benefit the brother with the lower GPA by acting as a tutor, while the brother with the higher GPA will also be learning through repetition and teaching.

The Academic assistance plan separates brother into five different classifications based upon their GPA: Excellent, Good, Probationary I, Probationary II, and Deferral. Any brother having below a 3.0 GPA would be classified in the latter 3 categories, and must meet certain requirements. All brothers who fall into the Probationary I classification must meet with the Scholarship chairman on a monthly basis to review their grades and academic progress, have a minimum of two hours of study hall, and also establish goals throughout the semester. All Brothers who fall into the Probationary II classification must meet with the Scholarship chairman on a bi-monthly basis to review their Grades and academic progress. These brothers also must seek out a tutor in a minimum of 2 classes, and have professors in every class sign an attendance sheet, and have a cumulative attendance of 90%, and establish 3 goals for the semester. Deferral members will have all of the same requirements as probationary II, but are also required to meet with a study buddy once a week, and must remain sober at all parties.

The re-institution of the Academic assistance plan and the use of the study buddy system should ultimately help boost the Sigma chapters GPA. The ultimate goal for the end of the spring semester is to achieve a 3.20 GPA. This would hopefully put the men of the Sigma chapter over the all men's and all Greek average and in the running for a Knox's or Sisson award.

Yours in _kai_,
Mark Bagniewski
Σ1153

Coaches Corner

It all comes down to one game as the actives and the alumni meet in alumni/active football game at The Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey. This game featured two of the most talented teams in Beta history. It was a defensive battle led by active captains Bobby Bishop and Michael Consoli. Michael Consoli led the team with 5 sacks and the defensive MVP Jon Monahan led the team with 3 interceptions. Soon after said interceptions alumni quarterback Eric McCormick was benched. Third team honorable mention will go out to Jimmy Caposello who had a receiving touchdown for the alumni.

We are looking forward to our Greek league basketball season which will start on February 13th. We have a very young and talented team this year that has a chance to go all the way and bring home a championship.

Yours in _kai_,
Matthew Sinatra
Σ1124



Alumni vs. Active Football game with Coach Sinatra (Left) and defensive coordinator Cal Perry (Right) discussing their game plan for the Alumni



(Above) Picture of The Sigma Chapters Alumni and Actives before they face off in the epic seasonal foot ball game

Alumni News

In an effort to gain more Alumni involvement, we are planning on having more alumni events in addition to the regular football game, softball, and golf outing. There is also our Metro/Tri-State Area Google group which has reached a high of 50 members and still growing. If you know of any Beta alumni from another chapter feel free to point him in my direction.

As a way of raising money for needed house repairs the actives will be selling pledge sweatshirts. These shirts will be available for purchase at the house, if you cannot make it to the house the actives would be more than willing to mail you the sweatshirt at no additional charge! Please contact Benjamin Watkins at sigma1152@gmail.com if you are interested or want more information.

The actives would like to thank those alumni that have given us donations.(These are the ones we have a record of, if you have made a donation contact me at grodriagu@stevens.edu so we can add it to our records.)

Brother Ronald Webb (Σ427)
Brother Robert J. Stiefbold and Mrs. Stiefbold (Σ486)
Brother Mirhir Kamat (Σ965)

Lastly if you would like to join our Sigma alumni group email list and stay connected with current events of the Sigma Chapter, email sigmaalumni-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to be added to the list.

Yours in _kai_,
Geraldo Rodriguez
Σ112

New District Chief

It comes with great honor and pleasure to announce that Bob Giarratano Σ1044, 2003 Sigma Chapter Alumnus and Sigma Chapter Housing Association President, has been appointed District Chief of District V as of December 20, 2010 replacing former District Chief and now Regional Chief Brian Boardman. Bob was chosen for this esteemed position based on his proactive work and dedication to the Sigma Chapter. As District Chief, Bob's main duties within the chapters in his district include appointing and coaching members of the local advisory team, challenging and supporting the implementation of Fraternity standards, and developing relationships with key constituencies. The chapters within his district include chapters at Wesleyan College, Columbia University, and of course, Stevens Institute of Technology. The Sigma Chapter has benefitted much from Bob's mentoring and advice since becoming District Chief, and we look forward to working more with him in the future.



(Above) Beta Theta Pi Pledge Sweatshirt

Upcoming Events

Field Day.....	April 16 th /24 th
Softball Game.....	June/July
Golf Outing.....	June/July

Chapter Leadership

President: Michael Consoli

Vice President: Joe Matarazzo

Secretary: Patrick Hunt

Treasurer: Jason Benensky

Social: Geraldo Rodriguez

House Manager: Chris Moyer

Rush: Benjamin Watkins

Spring Beta Ball 2011

Dear Fellow Brothers,

This year the brothers of the Sigma Chapter will be hosting the annual Beta Ball at the esteemed Italian eatery, La Reggia in Secaucus, New Jersey. After the smashing success of last year's Beta Ball there are high expectations for 2011. There will be a four hour premium open bar that is bound to fill the void in any taste bud. For dinner, there will be a carving station that will be serving a slow roasted suckling pig served throughout the evening. Chafing dishes will include Chicken a la Reggia, calamari, and eggplant rollatini. The pasta station will have penne a la vodka and gnocchi served with basil, prosciutto, and garlic. There will also be appetizers served in the beginning of the evening. For Hors D'oeuvres there will be deluxe antipasto display and appetizers served. And we will conclude the evening serving fresh fruit, chocolate mousse, and Italian pastries.

If you are looking for a fun filled event to partake in this spring, join the actives and your pledge brothers April 30th at La Reggia, at a price of \$80. Guests are welcome and as always, it will be a fun filled night of dancing and as always joining hand to hand as we pass the loving cup by. We will be hosting a brief cocktail hour at the house and the buses will leave at 6:30 with the event set to begin at 7.

For more information please contact the alumni chair Geraldo Rodriguez off of the alumni emailing list or speak directly to the Beta Ball Chair, Jon Monahan at (jmonahan@stevens.edu)
I look forward to seeing you all there.

Yours in _kai_,
Jon Monahan
Σ1121



Fellow Beta Sails to High Accomplishments

Since graduating in December 2010, I think of the great memories at Stevens. Especially the times in the house and with my brothers over the past four years. Even though its only been a few months, I have started missing it already to be honest.

After graduation, I moved back home to Izmir, Turkey to follow my one dream. To represent Turkey in 2012 London Olympics in Heavyweight sailing class , Finn. I have sailed in the Turkish national team between 98 to 2003 but due to various reasons I had to quit. In 2008, I decided to go back to sailing, made it to the national team in 2009, and to the Olympic team in 2010.

Currently, I'm training nonstop towards qualifying and sailing in the Olympics and the preparation is going well. Finishing 16th in the first race of the season in Cannes Finn Week out of 72 athletes is a great start to the season, but there is still a long way to go. My sailing and progress can be tracked at www.efekuyumcu.com or twitter.com/TUR35.

It is always an honor and comfort to know that my brothers are always rooting for me from the other side of the world.

Hope to see you all soon!

Yours in _kai_,
Efe Kuyumcu
Σ1115

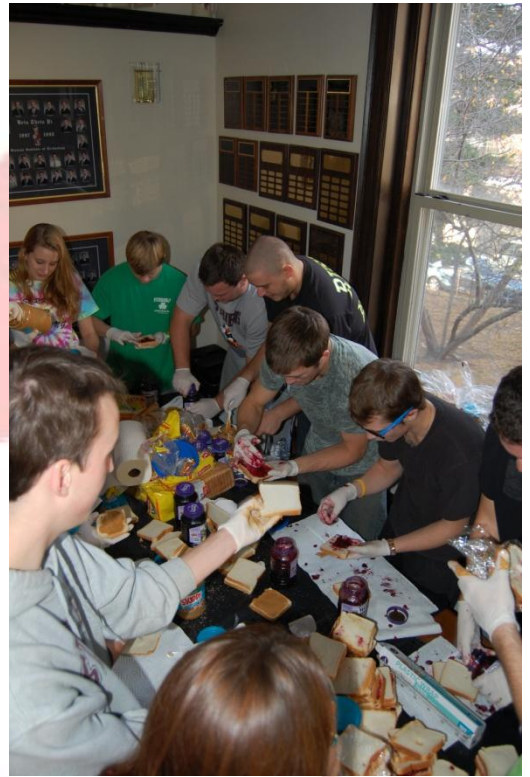


Sigma Philanthropy

Last semester was a big one as far as philanthropy was concerned with the chapter. Each brother did their part, finishing the semester with over twenty hours of community service per brother. Our big project was raising money for the Curesearch foundation. Curesearch is set up to raise money and help find a cure for childhood cancer. We raised the money through collections at Stevens sporting events and donations by both brothers and their families and friends. The culmination of our efforts was the Curesearch barbeque where we served food, played music and shaved brother's heads for donations.

This semester we are picking up right where we left off. We are holding peanut butter and jelly races with the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma where we set up teams and race to see who can make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches faster. When we are done we have over 200 sandwiches all of which then get donated to the Hoboken Food Kitchen. We are also teaming up with the sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon to make meals for the Ronald McDonald house in New Brunswick. Throughout the semester meals will be prepared on campus and then brought to the Ronald McDonald house where we will cook and serve them to the residents of the house. If there are any questions or ideas for future ideas for philanthropy projects please contact me at cselvosk@stevens.edu

Yours in _kai_,
Chris Selvoski
Σ1158



(Above) Brothers of The Sigma Chapter team up to make some amazing PB&J for the homeless!



(Left) Brothers prepare for the haircut they promised after raising money for the Curesearch foundation.

Beta Fall Rush 2011

This past February 4th, the Sigma chapter was more than happy to invite eight young men the opportunity to join their ranks. These eight young men, who were given bids after much deliberation, are of the highest quality in academics and extra-curricular activities. They are already leaders on campus in activities such as Army ROTC and wrestling. This group will, without a doubt, become great leaders of the Sigma chapter for years to come. The brothers of this fraternity did a great job this year of rushing!

The Sigma chapter was also very happy to welcome its new Rush Advisor, Michael Casey UCLA '10, to help aid in Rushing quality members. Michael, who moved to Hoboken upon graduation from college, served as the Gamma Nu chapter Rush chairperson and President. He was an integral part of improving his chapter's Rush process and he will surely help improve the Sigma chapter's process as well.

The brothers have already begun brainstorming various ways to bring in even more quality prospective members next year. Recently, brother Brian Schmalz Σ1159 attended the Beta Theta Pi Regional Keystone Leadership Conference and took away a lot of great and innovative ideas for our Rush season next fall. One of his brilliant ideas was the formation of a Rush committee, which will be created in the upcoming months. The chapter as a whole plans to improve its Rush process by planning events well before they take place and advertising them better around campus. The brothers also aim to get to know the prospective members on a more personal basis, while also still holding large Rush events.

With the quality of the newest pledge class and the changes that will be coming to the Rush process next year, the future looks bright for the Sigma chapter. The chapter looks forward to adding bright young men that will add to its already illustrious traditions.

Yours in _kai_,
Ben Watkins
Σ1152



(Above) The Sigma Chapter welcomes the pledge class of 2011!

Help Us Make this **YOUR Slant!**

This News letter is an ongoing effort to keep alumni informed of Sigma news and current events and to help us keep in touch with you. To make *The Sigma Slant* the best it can be, we need YOUR help! We are looking for information from alumni on the following:

- Beta Memories – essays recalling Beta adventures
- Personal news for Alumni Update section
- “Where are they now?” updates
- Spotlights on Sigma alumni of note
- Alumni News
- Comments and suggestions

Name: _____ Year or Roll Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please write your update info / suggestions here (or attach sheet):

Please complete this sheet and help us to update our records by joining the alumni mailing list at SigmaAlumni-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Thanks!



We need your help to save our house from falling into disrepair from the conditions described in the first article.

Donation Amount: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$200 ☐ Other: _____

You can now visit the website at sigmabetathetapi.org and donate online or please make checks payable to Sigma Chapter House Association:

MAIL TO: Sigma Chapter House Association
c/o Emile Hill
591 Campbell Rd.
York, PA, 17402

Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!