



The Beta Theta Pi Newsletter

Fall 2005

Delta Beta Chapter

Delta Beta Highlights

- All 12 men who pledged the house in the spring made grades and were all initiated on August 27th. Many of these new members already hold smaller offices.
- Our fall rush was very successful with a great effort from the entire house and especially our rush chair, Kevin Finnegan. We recruited 26 great young men for our fall pledge class.
- Despite losing a large, valuable senior class last semester, our chapter membership is still strong with 75 active members plus our exciting new pledge class.
- Of only 13 Arizona seniors selected to Bobcats Honorary and of only 35 Arizona Juniors selected to Chain Gang Honorary, Beta has 2 Bobcats and 5 members of Chain Gang.
- At the 66th General Convention, Delta Beta was awarded our fifth Sisson Award.
- With lots of work from John Libby ('64) we finally have a website that we will stick with. The new website is www.uadeltabetabtp.org.
- After years of anticipation, the plans for an addition to the Delta Beta property are underway with help from Fred Oliver ('67). Current details will be available on our website.



Delta Betas gather around Joanne Henning (mother of active Douglas Allen) after completing the Susan G. Komen Race for the cure. In addition to more than 20 members running in the race, we raised over \$1000 in donations.

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President's Forum

Greetings from Tucson!

With the start of another year, Delta Beta once again finds itself at the top of the Greek world at the UA. We recently completed rush and for the third time in as many years, we have a pledge class of over 25 men. The week of rush, as always, was a stressful and anxious week, but we are extremely happy with the group of young men who decided to pledge the house. Many thanks go out to our local alumni who were able to help us out during the week.



We have an exciting semester ahead with many events including Parents Weekend (October 14-16) and Homecoming (October 31-November 5.) This year we have teamed up with Chi Omega sorority for Homecoming and it promises to be an exciting time. Hopefully many of you are planning on making the trip back to Tucson to meet brothers old and new.

Four of the Actives that attended the General Convention participated in the annual Dragon Classic, played this year at the TPC at Scottsdale, home of the now FBR Open (formally the Phoenix Open). Though the foursome certainly didn't win the tournament, they had a great time sweating it out in the Phoenix Heat. Pictured are (from left) Danny Huck, Jeff Dauenhauer, President Kevin Truitt, and Craig Truitt.

I am extremely happy at the current position the house is in, with our high numbers and our continued alumni involvement. Delta Beta continues to develop the best men on campus. You do not have to look far to see leaders who are making a difference. From Bobcats to UA senators, Inter-fraternity Council to Greek Judicial board, Beta has always been the benchmark of leadership at UA. As I look into the future I can honestly say that we are in great shape and I can not wait to be able to attend Homecoming for years to come.

Yours in _kai_,

Kevin Truitt DB 613

New Executive Staff

- President — Kevin Truitt
- Vice-President — Mathew Gugliuzza
- Treasurer — Phil Stricker
- Secretary — Douglas Allen
- Social Chair — Mathew Habberman
- House Manager — Nick Jorgenson
- Risk Manager — Danny Shelby
- Rush Chairman — Kevin Finnegan
- Pledge Educator — Gabe Facini
- Alumni Relations — Danny Huck

Delta Betas Impress at Convention

The 166th General Convention was a special one for Delta Betas. As we are sometimes forgotten over here by ourselves in the desert, it was great to get some recognition by the General Fraternity. Though many complained about the August heat of Scottsdale, everyone was very impressed with what they saw of the Arizona Chapter.



The Delta Beta chapter sent twelve undergraduates to the beautiful Princess Resort to attend the first convention in Arizona in many years. This included eleven members who attended the Peter F. Greiner Leadership College as well as our President, Kevin Truitt, who delivered a fantastic speech to begin the convention. The eleven of us who attended the leadership college were able to gain many ideas that we have since brought back and shared with our chapter. These ideas range from recruitment to pledge education and all will be very valuable in continuing the improvement of our chapter.



The twelve members that attended the 66th General Convention show off their fifth Sisson Award which was given at the Awards Banquet on the last night of an eventful weekend.

Perhaps what stuck out the most, though, from this convention experience was probably meeting Betas from other schools. We met guys from all types of institutes and even though there were many types of people there, it was great knowing that we all shared a common bond. It helped all of us realize that the Delta Beta chapter, though great in its own respect, is really part of a bigger entity that is well known and respected in the fraternity world. By winning our fifth Sisson, we showed that we are certainly living up to the high standards that Beta Theta Pi sets.

Yours in _kai_

Justin T. Green DB 639

Perfect 12 for 12

The Spring 2005 semester was another successful chapter in the tradition of Delta Beta recruitment. This past semester saw the largest spring class of recent years, having 12 young men complete the pledge period. We are proud to announce that every member of our spring class met the academic requirements needed for initiation, and were all initiated this past August. Spring 2005 is truly a bright group, who (in addition to their contributions to Delta Beta) participated in numerous philanthropy events including the Susan G. Komen *Race for the Cure* and our chapter's volunteer project with the Boys and Girls Club. The pledge class also managed to raise over \$3500 in donations for our annual Spring Fling event.

Thanks to the support and planning by Garry Morfit ('65), the spring pledge class was able to spend a "team-building" weekend at the Rancho Esmeralda in Nogales, Mexico. This trip was an opportunity for the pledge class to spend time away from Tucson and the active chapter in order to strengthen their bonds and friendships. The pledge class spent two days riding horses, playing sports, and discussing their future role in this chapter with our active-member facilitators. In addition to Garry and myself, the pledge class was accompanied by actives Matt Strom (DB 603) and Eric Garcia (DB 617).

As a chapter, we took a large step this semester in our effort to create a stronger and more consistent pledge program by ratifying the official Delta Beta Pledge Program. This program was written and revised by Brandon Peterson ('04) and Kevin Finnegan (DB 621) over the course of the past four semesters. It highlights Delta Beta's commitment to non-hazing practices and outlines the procedures and responsibilities associated with being a pledge of the Delta Beta chapter of Beta Theta Pi. The program has since been submitted to the Greek Life office at the University of Arizona and to our Educational Consultant from the National Fraternity. We have received positive feedback from both of these offices.

Thank you to all of the alumni who continue to help and support the Delta Beta pledge program.



Members of the Spring Pledge Class shown during the Pledge Retreat at the Rancho Esmeralda in Nogales, Mexico. The weekend getaway gave the young men a chance to grow close as a group. All 12 members of the pledge class made grades and were initiated recently, evidence that our new pledge program is building great Betas.

Yours in _kai_
Garrett Munro DB 610

Alumni Corner

After one semester at the head of Alumni Relations I have learned a lot about the great group of Alumni that we have in Delta Beta. I have interacted with many brilliant men who are still very passionate about improving an already amazing chapter. It has inspired me to do as much as I can in this position as well as after my term as I continue as an undergrad.

With that being said, I look at the upcoming semester and realize that already I am running out of time to make the impact that I set out to make. However, I do think that this position is heading in the right direction and it is my hope that I can pass on what I have learned during my time in this position. In doing so, I hope that the next person can take off where I left off and really make some considerable improvements in the area of alumni relations.

As when I stated a semester ago, my main focus again this semester will be alumni communication. The main medium that I will use this semester is updates through electronic communication including emails and our newest website, www.uadeltabetabtp.org. Now I know that we have gone through a number of websites over the past few years (yes I also realize that this address looks the same but there is an added "btp" at the end) but I really feel that John Libby ('64) has worked with a great company and has the makings of a valuable tool here. The only thing it needs now is constant updates by the active chapter and maybe even more importantly, occasional visits by alumni. It is my hopes that we can get this website going so that every so often, alumni can be prompted by emails to take a couple minutes or so and learn about what the Delta Beta chapter is up to. Whether that involves viewing pictures from the last date dash or reading about our most recent philanthropy, the website could provide short, frequent updates on current events rather than a longer update only once a semester. It would keep alumni more interested in the chapter and perhaps promote a more unified group of alumni.

The only problem with this plan is that it relies heavily on a complete alumni email list. As of now, the email list we have needs to be improved and in this day and age, I am confident that most alumni now have an email account that they check at least on an occasional basis. If we could acquire a more complete alumni email list we could utilize this quick and efficient means of communication to pass on information about the chapter. Please help me with this effort by sending me your email address and then by taking a couple minutes to check the website when I let you know about any additions. I have talked to the people in charge of the website and they have ensured me that they will make the website more accessible to actives, alumni and parents. I especially think the message board will be great for the alumni to post messages and increase the communication between the group. I ask that every now and again you check out the website so that we can let you know that we are still upholding Beta's legacy at the University.

Yours in _kai_
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Pictures



Newly initiated Jeff Sander sits atop his steed at the Pledge Retreat.

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View from our hotel during our trip to San Carlos, Mexico last year. The trip was planned by now graduated Matt Strom and was a highlight for all of us last semester.



Now a popular event in our chapter, the sober retreats give actives a chance to relax, hang out and grab some burgers. Actives shown here this past August.

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