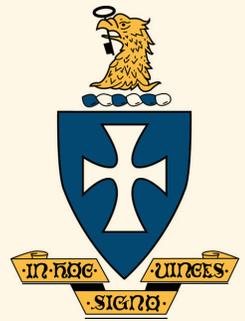


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## Six to be Inducted into 10<sup>th</sup> Hall of Honor

Six distinguished Sigma Chis will be inducted into the Beta Phi Hall of Honor, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The following biographies are from the inscriptions on their plaques prepared by Michael Myers, a 2007 inductee into the hall.



**William "Billy" Chavira** was the first in his family to graduate from college. Passing up an early desire to enter into the seminary, Billy not only finished college but has gone on to become a leading physician in the Phoenix area specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. He is also a tireless volunteer for his community and church.

As an undergraduate, Billy excelled academically on campus as exhibited by his 4.0 undergraduate GPA. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he was the recipient of the Robie Senior Medal that is given each year to a male and a female student who show personal integrity, initiative, cooperativeness, enthusiasm, humility, well-rounded interests, active participation in student affairs, service to the University and willingness to give more than required, and show a love of God and country.

Billy was active in the Beta Phi Chapter in numerous activities, and was also a member of Bobcats. He has continued his commitment to the University since graduation serving as a member of the University of Arizona's President's Diversity Advisory Council, vice chair of the University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix Alumni Board, Chairperson of the University of Arizona Hispanic Alumni Steering Committee, and a member of the University of Arizona Alumni Association National Board of Directors of which he is the president. He is also an instructor in the University's College of Medicine.

Accomplishments aside, if you know Billy you know that family and his church are the primary focus points in his life. He is very involved in the Catholic Church in Phoenix and internationally. He has been recognized consistently for his service to his community, his church and his alma mater.

A few of these recent awards include: Bourgade Catholic High School Alumni Hall of Fame, St. Joseph's Hospital Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Teaching Attending of the Year, St. Luke Award Catholic Physicians Guild of Phoenix, APGO Excellence in Teaching Award, and the CREOG National Faculty Award.

In Billy's own words, "I am forever grateful to the brothers of Beta Phi, The University of Arizona and Our God for assisting in shaping my ideals, conscious and friendship that will forever be treasured for a lifetime and beyond."



In 1957, the only thing that could make freshman **Dennis Harman's** time at the University of Arizona even better was to become an active in the Sigma Chi fraternity. Thrilled his pledge was accepted, his lifelong brotherhood began. During his college years, Brother Harman excelled in many areas including lettering on the wrestling team and bull riding on the rodeo team. Spending summers as a "fruit tramp," Brother Harman worked his way through school.

Eager to see the world and serve his country, upon graduation Dennis enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, was accepted in their Officer Training Program and commissioned as a Second lieutenant. Upon completion of many specialist combat training programs, he was assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., and then stationed in Okinawa where he was promoted to first lieutenant. In 1965, Dennis was part of the first combat units sent to Viet Nam. Now all of his training and leadership skills would be tested over and over with many Marines' lives, including his own, depending on his judgment. During months of search-and-destroy missions, his battalion saw combat daily. In fact, during the first 8 months 35 percent of his battalion was either wounded or killed in action. It was at this time that Dennis was wounded from shrapnel from enemy mortars. Quickly treated for wounds, he returned to his unit and finished his first tour.

Promoted to captain, Dennis returned to Viet Nam for a second tour in 1966, five months after his first tour was completed. He was assigned as commander of a combat infantry rifle company operating along the demilitarized zone dividing North and South Viet Nam. The war had greatly intensified by this time. Months of intense daily combat finally resulted in him being seriously wounded for a second time. On more than one occasion, he performed extraordinary acts of bravery, heroism and decisiveness under fire at great personal risk that were a great source of inspiration to his Marines and resulted in many military citations and awards including the Silver Star for gallantry in action, Bronze Star w/ combat V for valor, Navy Commendation Medal with combat V for valor, two Purple Hearts" and 10 more commendation medals and awards for gallantry in service. After five years in the Marine Corps, Dennis attended the Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management. Upon graduation, his first employer, Eco Lab, assigned him to its Brazil operation. Through his 29 years with Eco Lab, he was promoted to the level of senior vice president of operations and worked across the globe in South America, Africa, Middle East and the Pacific Far East. Since 1998, Dennis has been enjoying life as a luxury real estate broker in Scottsdale. Active in various real estate committees and associations along with selling luxury properties keeps him busy.

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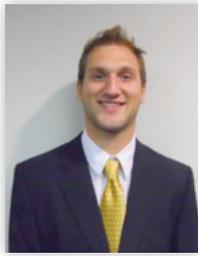
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# Consul's Report - Jon Eastman



As the 2011-2012 school year begins the Beta Phi Chapter is looking for continued success. We are hoping to build on last year's success during which the chapter was awarded the Robert Dean Svob award for the second year in a row as the best fraternity on campus. We continue to maintain a 3.04 active GPA, which is higher than the university's average men's GPA.

This past July we sent seven brothers to Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at the University of North Carolina. There the chapter was also recognized as a Peterson Significant Chapter for the 2010-2011 school year. Consul Jonathan Eastman was also appointed to the Balfour Leadership Operating Board as one of two undergraduate representatives from the active international undergraduate chapters.

The undergraduate chapter held a brotherhood retreat called the Sigma Chi Beta Phi Leadership Conference in Phoenix. It took place the first weekend back to school. The retreat was attended by more than 90 percent of the active brothers.

We focused on reviewing last year's chapter-wide goals and creating new goals for this coming year, talking about accountability. We also implemented a new standards board committee, and focused on leadership opportunities outside of Sigma Chi within the university. Alumni brothers Stephen McNamee and Philip May addressed the brothers during the retreat.

The overall weekend was a success in bringing the brothers closer together while also focusing them on this coming year's goals and aspirations. The chapter plans to make the Beta Phi Leadership Conference an annual event at the beginning of each year.

During fall rush, the chapter took in 26 pledges. The Iota pledge class continues to impress the actives under Magister Robert King. The brothers have also enjoyed attending the Wildcat football games, cheering brother Brian Chacon who became the starting long snapper for the Wildcats this season.

This past September we hosted the lovely ladies of Alpha Phi and their parents for a family weekend barbecue before the Oregon game. It was a great time to visit with family and meet new friends. The chapter continues to attend sorority philanthropies while also participating in local community service projects around Tucson.

On behalf of the Beta Phi chapter I would like to thank our alumni for the tremendous amount of support and guidance over the past years. We have continued to succeed in the greek community and are looking forward to another great year.

## Executive Board - 2011-2012 School Year

Jon Eastman - Consul  
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# Homecoming 2011 Itinerary



We are pleased that Grand Quæstor Mike Greenberg will be the featured speaker at the Friday banquet. Circle November 4-6 and join good friends for a fun-filled Homecoming weekend at the Westin La Paloma Resort in Tucson. Last year's event drew more than 150 Beta Phis, spouse, friends and others.

In recalling last year's Homecoming, Jon Underwood '64 remarked, "It was a wonderful weekend. It is always a pleasure to catch up with old friends and meet some of the terrific undergraduates who have distinguished themselves so well on campus."

The Tucson Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi has set up a fun-filled weekend for returning brothers, spouses, significant others and girlfriends. The itinerary includes:

## THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 3

A number of couples are arriving in Tucson early and have expressed an interest in getting together at the North Restaurant for a casual dinner on Thursday evening. NORTH is a nice Italian restaurant and is a 5 minute drive from the La Paloma Resort. We will meet at the resort outdoor patio area (check registration desk for specific location information) for a glass of wine at approximately 7:00 PM and depart for the restaurant from the resort lobby at approximately 7:30 PM. The dress is casual and meals are in the \$25-\$35 price range (user pay) Our restaurant dinner reservations are for 7:45.

## FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4

**7:00 AM – Noon** – Group or Couple Activities for golf, tennis, swimming, hiking and sightseeing activities can be arranged at the La Paloma Resort. On Friday morning there will be an opportunity to participate in the annual University of Arizona Lettermen Golf Tournament. (Arizona National Course in Tucson), In addition, there is a wonderful selection of Tucson galleries and Restaurants on Skyline Boulevard within a short 5 minute drive from the resort.

### Noon – 7:30PM – Homecoming Reunion Registration

A Sigma Chi Homecoming Reunion registration table will be open from noon to 7:30PM at the La Paloma Resort. Please stop by the table to receive your Hall of Honor and reunion celebration dinner seating assignments. Parking maps for the homecoming parade, the football game, as well as directions to the Saturday barbecue at the Sigma Chi house will be available. For those of you that have purchased football tickets in the Sigma Chi Block you should plan on picking them up on Friday before the evening dinner activities.

### 4:15 PM – 6:15 PM – Hall of Honor & Homecoming Reunion

The registration and reception for the Annual Hall of Honor will begin at 4:15 at the La Paloma Resort. Please note that the actual Hall of Honor Ceremony will start promptly at 4:30. Everyone is invited to participate (spouses and significant others) in the annual award activity. Dress is sport coat (with or without tie) with slacks for the male and the female should plan on a cocktail party/casual outfit. In addition to recognizing outstanding Beta Phi alums, there will be an opportunity to meet and to hear from the current Beta Phi Sig undergraduate chapter officers.

### 6:30 PM – Cocktails and Homecoming Reunion Celebration Dinner

Our evening dinner activity will begin with mariachi music and the opportunity to enjoy a terrific historic picture presentation of Beta Phi activities of the past. Everyone will be seated at selected tables with friends and table hosts that reflect their appropriate time periods in school. Dress will be sport coats/slacks (with or without tie) for the male and cocktail party/casual for the female. The evening will be focused on "catching up" with friends of the past and involve some fun music and casual entertainment. In celebration of Beta Phi's 90th anniversary, our keynote dinner speaker will be Mike Greenberg, Sigma Chi Grand Pro Consul. A short evening program is planned which will be concluded with a "White Rose Ceremony" and the opportunity to impress our spouses and significant others with the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi serenade.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

### 7:45 AM – 9:30 AM – Casual Breakfast on Sigma Chi Patio Area

A special outdoor space at the La Paloma Resort has been set aside for Sigma Chi Alumni to have a (user pay) casual breakfast with friends. Breakfast can be ordered off the resort menu. The resort will be totally booked for the weekend and dress is casual. (Shorts and jeans are acceptable)

**11:00 - 2:00 – Attend the Special Open House Tour and barbecue at the Sigma Chi House prior to attending the football game.** Please plan on joining us at the Sigma Chi Fraternity House (between Vine and Mountain at 1423 East First Street) for a tour of the house and the pre-game barbecue.

### 2:00 – 4:00 – Attend the Annual Homecoming Parade at the Arizona Student Union and visit the Sigma Chi Tent on the Mall.

It will be located near the student union, where all the greek organizations are. Join friends as they tour the campus and enjoy the festivities.

### 4:00-7:00 – Arizona Cats versus the Utah Utes Football Game

### 8:00 – 11:30 PM – LA PALOMA Resort Bar & Patio Area Social Activity

For those with additional energy following the football game please check out the pleasant bar facility and outdoor patio area at the La Paloma Resort for a final nightcap with good friends!

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

### 8:00 – 10:00 - La Paloma Breakfast & Brunch Plans Before Departure

Join friends in the La Paloma special outdoor patio space that has been reserved for a Sigma Chi breakfast (user pay) together. Plan on ordering off the menu. If you prefer to be inside you can utilize the resort restaurant or eat at the casual cafe/bar. Enjoy the resort's golf, swimming or tennis facilities. Another option is to visit a colorful restaurant or one of the many galleries on Skyline Boulevard. Enjoy some leisure time with friends before departing for home!



# Hall of Honor Continued...

Brother Harman says, "Looking back to my Sigma Chi days, the principles of friendship, integrity, close brotherhood and dedication not only laid the strong foundation for the Marine Corps but also have greatly enriched my life. I have been honored to be able to give back to Sigma Chi and to the University of Arizona."



**John Klotsche** was an active member of the Beta Phi Chapter during his time at Arizona. After graduation, he attended the University of Wisconsin where he earned a degree in law, was a member of the Order of the Coif, and was the Co-Editor in Chief of the Wisconsin Bar Journal.

Since that time, Brother Klotsche has had a distinguished career in the legal field. Starting as a law clerk in the Wisconsin Supreme Court, he

moved into the private sector and rose to the global leadership role of Executive Committee chairperson for Baker & McKenzie where he served until his retirement in 2000. Baker & McKenzie is one of the world's largest legal firms. John had overall management and administrative responsibility for the firm's global business operations that included 62 offices in 35 countries with 7,000 employees, 2,500 lawyers, 550 partners, and revenues in excess of \$1 billion with a headquarters' staff of 250. In his role as full-time Executive Committee chairperson, he led its eight-person management body that was responsible for developing and carrying out the firm's global business strategy.

John's career focused on international tax matters, first in the Chicago office and then in Dallas and Palo Alto, Calif. His legal practice principally involved advising multinational clients about the U.S. tax implications of transnational foreign trade and investment. He has been lead counsel in landmark cases involving cross-border transfer pricing and other international tax issues. Since his time at Baker & McKenzie, amongst other service, John worked for the United States Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service as both the senior advisor to the commissioner and as its senior international advisor to the commissioner. He was involved in designing and coordinating the agency's overall strategy for shutting down abusive tax shelters, mainly at the corporate and high-income, high net-worth individual taxpayer levels, and was the U.S. representative and a member of the project team on the Seoul Declaration Intermediaries Project.

During his career, John has also been involved in a number of non-governmental organizations that affect global business and legal policy. These include the co-chairmanship (with Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski) of the U.S.-EU Poland Action Commission, the World Economic Forum Annual Meetings in Davos, Representative, U.S.A.-Republic of China Economic Council Member, Board of Directors, Executives' Club of Chicago, and the President's Foreign Investors Council, Republic of Kazakhstan.

John has published a number of fiction and non-fiction short stories, many with a political focus. His career and service are exemplary, and he is proud of the recognition and his induction into the Beta Phi Hall of Honor.



**Ed Reading** was born in Elk Grove Village, Illinois and moved to Scottsdale in 1974. After graduating from Saguro High School, he entered the University of Arizona, pledged the Beta Phi Chapter, and began a lifelong involvement with the fraternity.

During his undergraduate years, Ed immersed himself in the chapter by attending three Leadership Training workshops. He served as Quaestor, Pro-Consul and Consul.

Following graduation in 1984, Brother Reading started his professional career in public accounting with Arthur Andersen. Shortly after receiving his Certified Public Accountant designation, he left Arthur Andersen to begin a real estate career in the private sector.

Since 1992, Ed has been a partner with Vestar Development Company, one of the leading privately held real estate companies in the western United States. Vestar develops, acquires and manages retail and entertainment destinations of varying size and scale that serve as community focal points. As vice president of finance, Brother Reading has been involved in over \$2.5 billion dollars worth of construction and permanent debt financings and project sales during his 19-year tenure with Vestar.

Ed has been and continues to be involved in several civic and philanthropic organizations. Since 1998, he has been an active member of the Scottsdale Charros, a local civic organization dedicated to serving the community through the promotion and support of education, youth programs and economic development. Additionally, for the past 10 years, he has been a frequent speaker at the University of Arizona's Department of Finance.

Of his Sigma Chi experience, Brother Reading says, "I feel very fortunate and privileged to have been initiated into the Beta Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi at the University of Arizona. In addition to the lifelong friendships I made, the fraternity experience taught me responsibility and leadership skills that shape my personal and professional life to this day."



**Tom Scott** served as the Pro- Consul in the initial re-colonization of the Beta Phi Chapter during the 1970s. His efforts were a central part of the foundation for the chapter that led to the recruitment of brothers who developed a high quality chapter that garnered an unparalleled 20+ year run of Peterson Outstanding Chapter awards, numerous Svob Awards, and countless other chapter accomplishments. On campus Tom was a member of the Traditions Committee and played

on numerous intramural teams.

Tom became a Certified Public Accountant and eventually became CFO of a local Tucson developer. Later he founded Barkley Mortgage, a mortgage banking company, and operated it for 15 years. Post his departure, he returned to public accounting founding a small firm. He has participated in the founding of numerous firms in a variety of industries.

Over his career Tom has volunteered for a variety of organizations and participated on numerous non-profit boards. Some of these include Catalina Council Boy Scouts where he was treasurer, the Business

Development Finance Corporation for over 25 years, Kiwanis, Rotary Club of Tucson (Casas Adobes) for over 15 years where he was named the Paul Harris Fellow, a founding member of FEAT, and as a member of an association of CFO's and supporting professionals.

Tom's engagement with Sigma Chi has never stopped since his initiation. While he has been ever present at activities and among the brotherhood, from a service perspective, he has been either president or treasurer of the Sigma Chi Beta Phi Building Company for over 25 years and is the current treasurer.

Tom has received a Grand Consul's citation three times and is a Life Loyal Sig.

In his words, "I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to be a Sigma Chi. This association with the brotherhood has enabled me to live with honor and dignity. I always value the qualities I have gained by learning to be a man under Sigma Chi's tutelage. My continued involvement with Sigma Chi, and particularly the brothers of Beta Phi, is very important to me. I am honored to pass on the values my parents and the Sigma Chi brotherhood have taught me to my family and all young people I get the opportunity to influence."



Born and raised in Chicago, **Steven Seiler** received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Public Administration in 1963 and a Master's of Hospital and Healthcare Administration from the University of Iowa in 1965. Steven has had an accomplished career since his graduation. Focusing in the healthcare market space, Steven has worked for a variety of firms at the highest levels and has been an active volunteer in community activities.

Steven is currently the President of Windpines Group and the principal facilitator of the Health Executives Forum, a national group of health system chief executives. He founded this consulting firm after retiring from Banner Health as Chief Executive Officer of Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center, a position he held for over a decade. Banner Good Samaritan is the 675 bed flagship of Banner Health, a 23-hospital multi-state healthcare system based in Phoenix. Steve joined Samaritan Health System from VHA in Irving, Texas, where he had served as a senior vice president. During his time with VHA, he also served as executive vice president, corporate operations. Prior to VHA, Brother Seiler served for 18½ years at Lake Forest Hospital, Lake Forest, Illinois including 13½ years as president and CEO. While at Lake Forest Hospital, he served on the board and as chairman of the Illinois Hospital Association as well as a member of the Metropolitan Hospital Council of Chicago. Brother Seiler began his healthcare career at Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois where he held several administrative positions.

Steve is a Life Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, has served on the Board of Trustees of Blood Systems and is currently Chairman of that Board. He has also served as founding Chairman of Canyon State Insurance Company. In his role as Chairman of Blood Systems, Brother Seiler serves as a member of the board of Blood Centers of the Pacific in San Francisco and Inland Northwest Blood Center in Spokane, Wash. Steve is also chairman of the Ear Foundation of Arizona and has served in that role since 1994, and serves as a member of the state board for Junior Achievement of Arizona and previously served as a member of the Executive Committee and past Chairman of the JA

Central District Board. He also serves as a member of the Advisory Board for Thunderbird Leadership Consulting, LLC.

While at Banner Good Samaritan, Steve served as Chair of the American Heart Association Heart Walk and a member of the American Cancer Society Leadership Council as well as the Executive Committee of the Phoenix Community Alliance. He also previously served as a member of the board of the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association, the Economic Club of Chicago, and a Fellow of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago. In 2002, Brother Seiler was invited to the People's Republic of China as a lecturer on the U.S. healthcare system. From 1995 to 2007, he served as a member of the Eller College of Management National Board of Advisors at the University of Arizona. He also served as a founding member of the Leadership Council of the Banner Alzheimer's Institute at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center.

Steve has been a featured speaker and author over the course of his career. Early in his career, he was nominated by the American College of Healthcare Administrators for the Robert Hudgens award as the "Young Hospital Administrator of the Year," an award to recognize outstanding healthcare executives under the age of 40.

"I am most grateful for my time at Beta Phi which was instrumental in my learning to value the experience of living with others from all around the nation and to understand the meaning of brotherhood. Those years and the friendships I developed help shape my life in very important ways."

## The Sweetheart Wall



*After months of research, alumni have put together a display that features the names of past and present Sweethearts of Sigma Chi, the story of the writing of the famous song, which is on the left and the song's words on the right. The display will hang from the wall of the Sigma Chi house and will be moved to the new house upon completion. The portrait in the middle is the current Sweetheart Christina Clasby, who is an elementary education major and an Alpha Phi from Scottsdale, Ariz.*

# Tucson Alumni Chapter



## UA Athletic Director Cites Challenges

The University of Arizona's athletic director Greg Byrne told a gathering of the Tucson Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi that he found taking over the Wildcats' athletic program challenging.

He told about 70 alumni and guests that one of the challenges was to improve the "experience" of fans attending UA football games. Noting that some fans prefer to watch games at home on TV, he decided to construct a \$7 million digital scoreboard to add to that experience.

Among other topics Byrne touched on were:

- The Cats' poor attendance at KIndall-Sancet Stadium baseball games on campus. He noted that the last three winners of the College World Series were from the Southeast Conference and that one of the reasons was the millions of dollars schools spent on facilities. He said he hoped that with a \$5 million upgrade of Hi Corbett Field more fans and better recruits will be attracted.
- The new Pac-12. He said the UA is satisfied with the lineup and is not eager to expand.
- Basketball coach Sean Miller. "I hope I never have to work with another basketball coach" at the UA, he said. Bryne's job, he said, is to make sure resources are in place to help the UA compete.

Byrne noted that on one recent recruiting trip that Miller had made 11 stops during three days. "I love what he's doing with Arizona basketball," Byrne said.

The event, coordinated by alums Jerry Tolle and Linn Wallace, was part of the Beta Phi chapter's sports history program. About 300 Beta Phis earned letters in various sports. Tolle pointed out that they included 16 members of the UA Hall of Fame, 11 All Americans and three coaches.

The event was held in the UA Sports Hall of Fame on the campus. Mike Hennigan, Don Madison and Tom Sawyer were varsity swimmers while Mickey Powers, Jay Kee Jacobson, Luke Helms, Mason Frank, Bill Farkus and Jed Holtzman were on the golf team. Rick Fried was on the tennis team.

In October, the Sports History Capital Campaign will be initiated in order to facilitate the preservation of the Beta Phi sports memories and traditions that were established over the past 75 years. In the interim, the sports history project committee will be collecting and confirming the names of those Beta Phi Brothers who were active in UA athletics at the time they attended the university.

A list of athletes and the sports in which they played is posted on the Sigma Chi website [uasigmachi.org](http://uasigmachi.org) for review. Please take a moment to review this material and indicate if there are other names of athletes, coaches or other alumni that should receive recognition. If you can, indicate the name of the sport, any special honors they received as well as the approximate



*Some of the UA lettermen from Beta Phi gather at the Sept. 15 meeting. From left they are football Bob Svob, golf Chuck Colton, track Jack McDuff, wrestling Terry Valeski, baseball Jerry Tolle, basketball and baseball Bruce Larson, football Ted Sherwood and baseball Linn Wallace.*

years that they played. Also indicate names of Beta Phi coaches and sports or other alumni who you feel should receive recognition.

If you have questions, you may contact Jerry Tolle at [jjtolle@mindspring.com](mailto:jjtolle@mindspring.com), Linn Wallace at [klinn60w@msn.com](mailto:klinn60w@msn.com) or Dave Knott at [dknott225@yahoo.com](mailto:dknott225@yahoo.com).

Among the former athletes working on the project are Joe Bognnano '58, John Carroll '52, Jim Corbet '61, Allan Hall '60, Dave Knott '64, Nyal Leslie '68, Lance Long '63, Ted Sherwood '70, Bob Svob '41, Jerry Tolle '55, Linn Wallace '60 and Jack Wright '69.

## Dear Parents

We are pleased to report that your sons had a very productive Phoenix retreat earlier this fall (see larger group picture) and successfully recruited an impressive group of new pledges (see smaller group picture) in early September. As many of you know, the retreat involved some extensive planning sessions for the new year, a discussion dialogue with a number of Sigma Chi Alumni and an opportunity to attend an evening Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game.

Our Nov. 4-6, 2011 Homecoming Weekend is fast approaching and the Tucson Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter would like to extend an invitation to those parents that will be visiting the campus to visit that weekend. On Friday afternoon from 4:30-6 p.m. there is a Hall of Honor ceremony that will be followed by an evening banquet that we would encourage you and your son to attend. We have special tables that have been reserved for those undergraduate parents that would like to participate with their sons.

In addition, there will be a barbecue at the Sigma Chi Fraternity house on Saturday afternoon before the University of Arizona Football Game with the Utah Utes. A number of football tickets have been set aside for your use. Please note that we have included an itinerary and that we need to have you make reservations for you and your son if you would like to participate.

We apologize for not getting this communication to you earlier, but are hopeful that we will see many of you over the homecoming weekend! Please contact us if you have any follow-up questions.

# Capital Campaign Update

## Major Gift Phase of the Campaign Strategy

The Major Gift Campaign efforts were initiated in September as planned. As you will recall, the 300 Donor Phase of the capital campaign was successfully completed in July as 150 new donors made pledges or cash donations to the campaign. We now have about \$1.5 million of pledges and donations that have been provided for the construction of the new house by Beta Phi Alumni. Our campaign funding efforts are now focused on getting the capital campaign successfully completed by the end of 2011.

In order to accomplish these objectives, the campaign chairmen and the Steering Committee have established a fundraising plan to secure capital commitments of \$2 million during this time period. The Major Gift Phase of the campaign will be focused on securing pledge commitments from major donors in the amount of \$1.5 million. Once these commitments are achieved both the Steering Committee and the Major Gift Committee will be focused on implementing a special challenge grant program to fund an additional \$500,000 to successfully complete the \$3.5 million capital campaign.

As you are aware, the current undergraduate house lease will terminate in the summer of 2013 and thus, the construction of the new house needs to be initiated in the spring of 2012 in order for the house to be ready for occupancy by the undergraduates in the fall of 2013.

## Undergraduate Phoenix Retreat and Fall Rush Events



The Beta Phi undergraduates were successful in their fall rush efforts as 26 new pledges were recruited in September. Consul Jonathan Eastman indicated that they were pleased with the rush program efforts and the quality of the new pledge class. He noted that 20 percent of the new pledge class were sophomores and that approximately 70 percent of the class were out-of-state students from California, Colorado, Utah, Alaska, Ohio, Nevada and Iowa. Before fall rush the chapter officers organized a chapter planning retreat in Phoenix with the assistance of the Tucson Alumni Chapter. The two-day retreat involved 85 undergraduates traveling to Phoenix on a bus together to undertake some group planning and social activities. The social activities involved attending a Diamondbacks baseball game as well as meeting with a number of Phoenix Beta Phi alumni.

As part of the retreat event, Phoenix alumni Flip May '80 and Steve McNamee '67 addressed the group and a number of other Beta Phi Alumni participated in the undergraduate discussion sessions. Chapter Adviser Robin Winters and Alumni Chapter President Steve Schuyler indicated that they were very pleased with the experience and that it would become a permanent part of undergraduate leadership training program. Winters and Schuyler felt that the success achieved by the Beta Phi Chapter's during the past two years (recipients of the Peterson Award and being ranked the No. 1 fraternity on the University of Arizona campus) were the result of the leadership training programs that Sigma Chi had implemented as well as the Tucson Alumni Chapter mentoring activities.

The importance of having a Beta Phi fraternity house on the University of Arizona campus cannot be over-emphasized. We recognize that our Beta Phi personal college experience would have been significantly different without a "house experience" to share with our Brothers. For many of us the friendships that we made and a significant number of the memories center on our Beta Phi house experiences. As we are all aware, it is critical for the New House Capital Campaign to be successfully concluded by the end of 2011 in order for Beta Phi to retain their leadership role on the campus. We look forward to working with you to achieve this objective and to provide the undergraduates with the same Beta Phi opportunity that we had.

In Hoc,

Lisle Payne      Jon Underwood      Bob Bretz  
Paul Muscenti      Ed Reading      Steve Schuyler

## Beta Phi Pledges 26

The Beta Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi at the University of Arizona welcomed 26 pledges this fall.

The pledge class president is Rob Murray, a legacy and a four-year veteran of the Marine Corps and has served in overseas in the war on terrorism. The pledge class brings the total undergraduates in the chapter to 108, 12 short of the cap. That allows room for 12 pledges in the spring class.

Ten of the pledges are from California, eight from Arizona (one from Tucson), two from Washington, and one each from Nevada, Utah, Alaska, Iowa, Ohio and Colorado.

The class includes 21 freshmen and five sophomores.



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