

# Beta Theta Pi Alumni Newsletter

## From The President

Matthew A. Goldsmith, Wright State '00

Welcome Alumni Brothers! I'm happy to bring you our second installment of the Delta Phi Chapter Alumni Newsletter. Many exciting things are under way in the chapter right now; composite pictures, the Alumni Banquet on the 1st of April, and new officer voting this month.

Many Alumni have asked that we publish the chapter's GPA each quarter, and so I am proud to announce that last fall the active chapter's GPA improved from a 2.3 to a 2.49. Four Brothers made Deans List, three of those were 4.0!

I look forward to seeing you all at the Alumni Banquet.

## Composite

Matthew A. Goldsmith, Wright State '00

The date for the composite pictures to be taken has finally been set. Any Alumni interested in taking part in the composite should be available to sit for pictures between noon and 5:30pm on April 11th. All Alumni interested in being in the composite is also asked to call before pictures are taken so that we may make prior arrangements with the photographer. The individual cost will be \$20 per person. For this, each Alumni will receive an 8"x11" composite and the chapter will receive a large size for the chapter house.

If you are interested in being in this year's composite, please call the Beta House at: (937) 775-6951 so that we may reserve a place for you.

## Calendar & Events

**March 31st**      **Alumni Pre-Banquet**

**April 1st**        **Alumni Banquet**

**April 11th**      **Composite Pictures Taken**  
12:00pm - 5:30pm

Meetings are held every Sunday at 7:00pm in the WSU Student Union. If you wish to attend, please call the Beta House at: (937) 775-6951

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## Beta On The Internet

Jared L. Height, Wright State '03

The Delta Phi Chapter's web site is being updated continually throughout the year with many more changes and additions on the way. We have had many Alumni write us or email us with their email addresses, so if there is anyone you wish to contact, the Alumni email list would be a great place to start. Also, the Delta Phi rollbook is in need of more Alumni pictures. If you have a picture of yourself available and would like to include it on the web site, please send it in. This Alumni newsletter can be found on the web site along with more information for Alumni. As always, our website can be found at: [www.wright.edu/studentorgs/btp/beta.htm](http://www.wright.edu/studentorgs/btp/beta.htm)

## Alumni Banquet

Jared L. Height, Wright State '03

It is time once again for the Delta Phi's annual Alumni Banquet which will be held on April 1st. The exact location for the banquet is still being discussed by the Brothers and plans are under way.

Our Vice President, Brother Dave Boynton, will be mailing out formal invitations to everyone closer to the time of banquet with exact information as to where, when and all other pertinent information. We look forward to seeing all there.

## Beta Athletics

David Boynton, Wright State '01

During the Fall and Spring quarters, three of the Brothers from Delta Phi Chapter are starters on Wright State University's Rugby Team. David Boynton is the captain and plays 8-man, Riley Archer is the starting Flanker, and Taylor Fisher starting Wing. Last Fall, the Rugby team had a successful season due in part to the excellent play of the Brothers. In the spring of 2000, the Rugby team is favored to win two tournaments around the area.

During the Winter quarter, the Brothers of Delta Phi are organizing a team to compete in the Greek Basketball League. We hope to do well in the league due to the strength of our newly initiated members and perspectives. Also, in the spring, we plan on fielding a team for the Greek Softball League.

If you would like to come out and cheer for your Beta Brothers, please call (937) 775-6951 for game dates or check out the Delta Phi website.

## "It's Not Over 'Til We Say Its Over"

It is amazing from where we can draw inspiration! As most of you may have been informed the General Fraternity was going to close the Delta Phi chapter effective January 30, 2000. Reasons cited for this decision were poor member participation, and very little alumni support. However, the overwhelming response of the brothers who wrote letters, made phone calls and attended the advisors training in Oxford convinced Jerry Blesch, the General Secretary, to take us off "double secret probation" and give us "one more chance". The references to "Animal House" should not make light of the severity of the situation it took a lot of negotiating and in some cases begging to give us that "one more chance". Thank you for all of your support in body and Beta Spirit.

Those of us who were able to attend the training in Oxford learned several things. First, we do not recover from late nights as easily as we did in our younger years. Second, we came to understand what the General Fraternity expects from it's chapters, as well as it's alumni. Third, we were given to information needed to become effective chapter advisors. Last, we came to understand the "Men of Principle" philosophy that the general fraternity is working to establish. In the grand scheme their visions are for the good of the entire organization. The active members are obligated to uphold our great principles, meet the financial and academic requirements of the fraternity, be leaders in the chapter and on campus, and recruit quality young men to carry on the tradition. As alumni we need to become involved in the direction of the active chapter. This is a quality group of young men who need navigators not pilots. As alumni, we bring a lot to the table through our experiences in the fraternity as well as our post-collegiate endeavors. The era of the "us & them" attitude needs to cease if we expect our chapter to carry on. I encourage all alumni to get involved to whatever degree your situation allows.

The brothers who were able to attend the training have made the decision to establish the Delta Phi Alumni Association and Alumni Advisory Board. For the interim we have appointed brothers to serve in what will be elected positions in the future. These appointments were done strictly on a voluntary basis. In no way should this current situation discourage any brother from becoming involved in the future of our chapter or alumni association. We are currently looking for copies of any paperwork (i.e. constitution, by-laws, etc) that might have been used in the past to establish an alumni group. If you know of the where-a-bouts of any information, please contact me.

On a personal note, putting aside all of the events that have transpired over the past few weeks. I have come to understand that sometimes it takes the worst of situations to bring out the best in people. The amount of concern and support for our chapter's future reaffirmed for me the reason why I became a Beta. Brotherhood. Without a firm grasp of our principles we are nothing more than a group of men who decide to convene for meetings and social events. Our cooperation, trust, and aspirations for the best that life has to offer is what makes us brothers now, and in the future.

*"The first mark of a Beta will be his Beta Spirit." (Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan 1879)*

Yours in ~kai~,  
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## **200 Brothers In 2000!**

*Jared L. Height, Wright State '03*

After nearly 23 years of being on campus at Wright State, the Delta Phi Chapter is proud to announce the initiation of our two new brothers, ΔΦ 199, David Sweetwood, and ΔΦ 200, Taylor Fisher.

Dave is a freshmen majoring in business from Cincinnati, Ohio and carries a 3.0 GPA. He is very excited about being a Beta and is looking to become the Rush Chairman.

Taylor is a junior majoring in HPR and Education. His hometown is New Paris, Ohio. Taylor plays for the Wright State rugby team and carries a 4.0 GPA.

Congratulations to our new Brothers!



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