

BETA THETA PI

BETA OMEGA CHAPTER



TRIDENT

Winter 2010 - Rush Edition

RUSH CHAIRS

With Winter Break coming to an end, it is time for a new group of rush chairs to begin searching for the best and brightest incoming students of the University of Washington. Three experienced sophomores lead the



RUSH team this year. Marcus Flynn went to Redmond High School where he played basketball and baseball for three years. He's in the Foster School of Business and hopes to attend dental school here at the UW. Andy Palmer is also a sophomore in the house and went to Inglemoor High School in Kenmore, Washington. He played football and ran track at IHS and went on to run for the UW track team last year. He will be applying for the Foster School of Business later this spring. Jake Snorsky graduated from Eastside Catholic High School in Bellevue. In high school he played basketball, baseball, and also participated in ASB. He is also applying to the Foster School of Business in the spring.

The RUSH team of last year was able to sign a tremendous class of 30 students and that will be the goal of this year's rush team. We have hit the ground running by having nine potential Betas out for dinner and a tour of the house in our first two weeks. It is extremely important that RUSH begins in January now, instead of in late spring as it did in years past; this is due to the increasing interfraternal competitiveness for the premier rushees. We consistently strive to pledge the best men for the



fraternity and in order to achieve this, RUSH must begin earlier. We have been pleasantly surprised by the quality of young men that are interested in becoming a brother here at Beta Omega and look forward to recruiting a new class of Betas that will keep our house at the top of the UW Greek System. This year's RUSH team hopes to recruit members from all over the Seattle area as well as other parts of Washington and other states. We strive for a diverse class in order to maintain a fraternity of unique individuals that can each contribute something different and great. We believe that the fundamental principles of Beta Theta Pi combined with the men and house here at Beta Omega sell themselves. With the right approach, determination and teamwork we believe that we have the ability to sign one of the best classes that this chapter has ever seen. If you know of someone who you believe would make a great Beta and is thinking about attending UW as a freshman this Autumn, please contact one of us so we can have them out to the fraternity and get to know them. Also, if you have any sort of sports tickets or facilities which you are willing to donate and think would be of assistance to the rush process, please contact one of the rush chairs. THANK YOU!!

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PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers,

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Sean Burnstead, and I am the new Chapter President of Beta Omega. I am a sophomore in the Foster School of Business with a double concentration in Finance and Entrepreneurship. I was born and raised in Redmond, attended Redmond High School, and was on the golf team for four years. My other passions include music, baseball (now channeled into intramural softball), and skiing. I am very excited to connect with all of you in the coming year; Betas has made a profound impact on my life and I look forward to leading the house and continuing our reign at the top of the UW Greek System.



With winter quarter upon us, the men of Beta Omega have found a way to build on our success from the previous year. It is my pleasure to announce that we were 1st in grades for the fourth consecutive quarter with a 3.45 house GPA. To put this achievement into perspective, we reported the most members (104), had 45 actives on the Dean's List, and easily beat the all-fraternity and all-sorority averages. I would like to thank all alumni involved in creating a great scholastic environment in the house—the new library and culture surrounding academics in the house would not exist without all of your support. I am especially proud of our chapter given my former role as Scholarship/Awards chair during the previous year.

Educational programming has also never been better at Beta Omega. Thanks to all alumni who came out for the Mark Emmert talk and thanks to Bruce Nordstrom for speaking at chapter during fall quarter. These are amazing experiences for the brothers of the house, and I am delighted that Betas has had the privilege of hosting these tremendous individuals.

I had the honor of attending the Chapter President's Leadership Academy in Oxford, Ohio on January 16th thru 18th. I feel that this experience gave me the tools to lead our wonderful chapter to the best of my ability. I now know that trust, accountability, and living up to our 3 Great Principles are vital to our continued success. I built relationships with our leadership consultant, Andrew Willert, and with the General Secretary, Charlie Warner. It also highlighted how great a support network Beta Omega has compared to other chapters; a big thanks goes out to the Housing

Corporation, Advisory Team, and all other alumni who take time out of their days to aid our pursuit of excellence.

With a newly initiated freshman class, RUSH gearing up to find another great class of young men, and with awards season drawing near, I will keep all of you informed about our successes in the coming months. Feel free to contact me via email (sburnstead@hotmail.com) and cell-phone (206-849-5800) with any questions you may have. There is a lot to celebrate, and I look forward to furthering Betas reputation over the following quarter and year.

~kai~,

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VICE PRESIDENT

My name is Pete Wilson, and I am a sophomore from Bellevue. A graduate of Interlake High School, I wrestled, played baseball, and was captain of the golf team for two years. With one quarter of experience as Secretary this past fall, I am eager to begin my duties as Beta Omega's new Vice President. With 27 newly initiated freshmen, I am grateful for



the opportunity to promote and encourage fraternal brotherhood as well as continuing the success and excellence found at Beta Omega. We have planned many fun brotherhood outings to look forward to in the upcoming quarters, including community service events, paintballing and a trip to a Mariner's game. Stressing the importance of what it means to be a Beta, these brotherhood activities provide excellent opportunities for fostering individual growth while at the same time strengthen the cohesiveness of the chapter house. Through firm and responsible leadership, I am ready to face the challenges of the upcoming year and to affirm the work of past officers in striving to maintain the excellence and direction of Beta Omega at the University of Washington.

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HOUSE MANAGER

I want to start by once again thanking all the alumni whose generous donations make our house projects possible. The fall quarter went extremely well with no issues happening within the house.



This year we are fortunate enough to have our newly remodeled library up and running. Now, we are able to have 25 people studying with personal space and a conference room with six people studying quietly all within the doors of Beta Theta Pi. This project was completed by the fine skilled labor of Seattle's local Big Red Construction. It was completed on schedule and put into use immediately. Recently, we had the annual inspection on our boiler room. We passed and replaced our hot water pump and are looking to replace our outdated water tanks. Now, hot water is consistent throughout the house at anytime, and the boilers will be operating at their full potential for the upcoming year.

Over the past quarter we switched out our main supplier to Indoor Billboard for our everyday cleaning materials around the house. They have continually shown us great service and we have saved a good amount of money on their competitive prices. Additionally, we receive paper towel and toilet paper dispensers for every restroom free of charge.

We have been working with the Parents Club on getting the first security system for the house. They were generous to give us 1,500 dollars for a system. We have selected a wireless camera system, and will have all areas of the house visible all the time. This will assure the well being of the house for future generations to come. The system will be going up very shortly. As a house, we want to thank the Parents Club for all that they do for us.

Additionally, we have had bars put in the windows that pose a risk throughout the house. These include windows on the second and third floor that have easy access to them. Therefore, future generations of the house can live safely, and not have to worry about risk of anyone when sitting around the windows.

We are all looking forward to the remainder of the school year and next summer. Future projects that we are considering include a remodel of the third floor bathrooms and porch (freshman sleeping room). After last summer's remodel of the library we have had a better impact on recruitment and parents' first impressions of the house. We know there would be an equivalent effect with the third floor bathroom and especially the porch. We are very eager to move forward with these projects as summer approaches.

We are committed to having the best physical Fraternity House on campus. We have had all the house maintenance taken care of and the house is operating stronger than ever. We appreciate all the help we receive from alumni and parents, and we would love to connect with more alumni. If you want to be involved you can contact me by email at grant.madril@gmail.com or give me a call at (714-319-2348). Feel free to stop by and get a tour of the house and have dinner with the guys. I would be happy to show you our recent projects and our goals.

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RISK MANAGER

As a new year begins I am honored and excited to fulfill the role of risk manager for Beta Omega. I look forward to the challenge of continuing our successful risk management program, which is why promoting an incident free year is my top priority. By increasing our members' awareness of the rules and rituals of Beta Theta Pi and strategically planning social functions I believe Beta Omega can continue to flourish and extend its dominance in the University of Washington's Greek System.



My predecessors have made my transition into the position of risk manager go smoothly and I'd especially like to thank Ben Pitasky, Kevin Durkin, and Max Harden for their support. I look forward to working with our alumni advisors to create an even safer environment for our brothers of Beta Omega to live in.

I would like to thank the Parents Club for their generous donation to our house. We used a large part of their donation to purchase a brand new surveillance security system. This system will help protect the brothers of Beta Omega and our house from any sort of assault and vandalism. We are currently in the process of installing this system, and are looking forward to reaping the benefits of it.

Our executive team is primed and ready to guide Beta Omega through another successful year and we look forward to continue to operate a risk management program that is unparalleled by any other fraternity.

~kai~,
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SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS CHAIR

It is my honor to take the position of Scholarship and Awards chair, following in the footsteps of our new President, Sean Burnstead. I make it my goal to work closely with him to assure that Beta Omega continues to lead the Greek System in grades and earn the recognition it deserves, both on campus and among Betas nationally.



I am pleased to report that Beta Omega has once again placed first in grades among all fraternities at UW, with an outstanding 3.45 GPA. Beta Omega has now placed first four straight academic quarters, and there are no signs that this run will come to an end soon.

We recently completed our application for the 2010 IFC Awards, and I am confident that we will get due recognition when the awards are handed out, both as individuals and as a chapter.

I cannot wait to become further involved in aiding the scholastic and awards success of Beta Omega. Please contact me with any comments or questions at dever.david@gmail.com.

~kai~,
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PLEDGE EDUCATOR

Over the course of the past Fall Quarter, we have been introduced to an excellent pledge class of 30 young men. The former Pledge Educator, Wesley Thomas, and I worked hard to make sure these gentlemen knew what being a Beta and living by our values was all about. They are a hard working group of men who are dedicated to being the best Betas they can be. Our group of pledges upheld the Beta standard of working towards having a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 in order to become initiated. Almost all of them have reached this goal and we had an impressive 3.49 pledge class average for the Fall Quarter. They had a high study table attendance and are working vigorously towards their class project. In addition, they have worked hard and continue to work well together as a group, having put on a successful and amusing homecoming skit in front of our house during homecoming week. They have put in countless hours at our local food bank as well as participated as a class in a full day community service project. Overall, I am very proud of our new freshmen class and look forward to working with next year's Assistant Pledge Educator, Hardy Mowe, in shaping another great pledge class for PC '10.



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TREASURER

Beta Omega continues to be one of the most financially sound chapters at the University of Washington and nationwide. As we constantly oversee our budget by collecting 100% of our receivables and maintaining a high membership rate, we are able to continue to apply our budget for the overall improvement of the chapter. With a newly renovated library and continuous house improvements, I am confident our chapter will continue to be one of the best on campus and nationwide. While Beta Omega is putting available funds to an efficient use, our new chef John is saving us a substantial amount of money allowing us to not only eat better but allocate the savings to other important areas of the house such as philanthropies, chapter improvements, and RUSH.

~kai~,
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SOCIAL CHAIRS

Along with keeping the grades up to an unparalleled standard, the social committee at the Beta Omega chapter keeps our Greek house from turning into a geek house with many social functions throughout the quarter. One of our more highlighted events planned for the quarter is our annual FROM winter formal. Paying respect to the prom high school days we are getting all dressed up and renting out a hotel ballroom on



February 26th. Additionally, we have Biad functions planned with many of the top houses throughout the quarter including TKE's, Sigma Chi's, and Fiji's. These events include themes ranging from the classic toga theme where the Temptations classic song 'Shout' will be played throughout the night, to our February 9th Lil Wayne Biad, where we will pay respect to the rap artist who is being sentenced to jail that day.

Additionally, we will be maintaining relations with the sororities across the Greek system and encouraging our freshman to make connections with the girls early on in their collegiate career. We are holding an exchange with the Kappa Delta Sorority on the 4th

of March in celebration of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day, and on the 28th of February we will be hosting the DG sorority to a Jeopardy styled game.

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INTERNAL PHILANTHROPY CHAIR

Beta Omega philanthropy is aiming in somewhat of a new direction this quarter. We are turning to UW's Carlson Center to start a fresh and hopefully long lasting relationship with one or more community organizations. The Carlson Center specializes in helping students take advantage of service and learning based community opportunities.



At this point the plan is still in its early stages and not very specific. We will meet with a member of the Carlson Center and simply discuss ideas. Our goal is to get involved with an organization that we can both support and benefit from on a more permanent basis. In other words, we want to move away from the typical "check the box" strategy. Instead of doing a community project or participating in a philanthropy just to fulfill a requirement, we want to develop a more prominent sense of enthusiasm when it comes to service. Although raising money is an effective way to give back, it is only

one way. Having our house fully involved in a more hands-on service project would not only positively impact the community, but would more deeply impact our members as well.

Another goal of our new philanthropy plan is to welcome alumni participation. Traditionally, Beta service events have basically shut out alumni participation. However, we are finally realizing that the easiest way to have a powerful impact when it comes to philanthropy is to combine active and alumni involvement. This would not only catalyze the philanthropic spirit within our house, but it would also legitimize Beta Theta Pi as a significant difference maker in the community.

Although this plan is merely a set of ideas, it has tremendous potential. We are attempting to set a new standard and mindset when it comes to Beta philanthropy. With enough effort we can create a philanthropic template that will strengthen the ties between actives, alumni, the university, and the community for many years to come.

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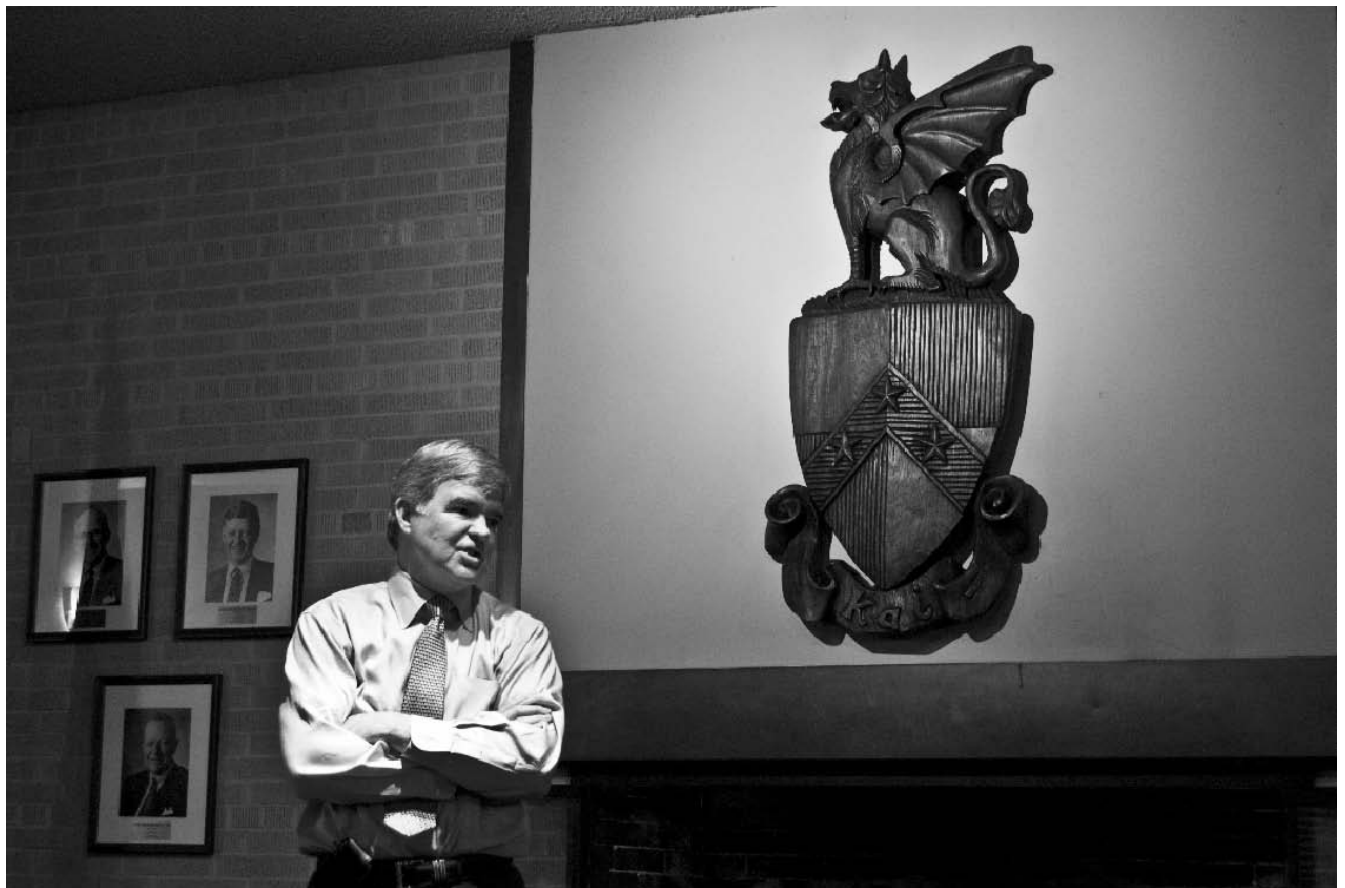
The 2009 year came to a successful end here at Beta Omega and 2010 looks to be a great one as well. At this time we would like to look back at some events which have taken place here in the past few months.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON PRESIDENT MARK EMMERT SPEAKS AT CHAPTER

During chapter on January 11th, we welcomed UW president Mark Emmert who spoke on a number of subjects concerning the University, the Greek system, and us as individuals. He first gave a background on himself and how he ended up as the president of UW. Mr. Emmert grew up in Fife and attended the University of Washington in the 1970s. He worked at four other universities before ending up at UW. Since he has been president here at UW many other universities have contacted him in hopes of hiring him but he says that he is happy here and politely denies their offers. After giving this background he opened up to questions from us. He talked about the situation with the state giving less money to the UW and how that is causing the need for more out of state students due to their higher tuition costs. Even with the need for more out of state students he said that there will still be a cap on out of state students.

Another topic of conversation was the current state of Husky Stadium and what the agenda for its future holds. Right now, the stadium's lower level concrete is very old and needs replacement. They are working on drawing up plans for when and how to update the stadium. The future still is not entirely clear but Mr. Emmert said that as long as he is president, UW will play at Husky Stadium, not Qwest field as some rumors have claimed.

Lastly, he talked about the UW Greek system and its relationship with the University and the community. He said that since he began working here in 2004 the relationships have significantly improved and he sees them strengthening in the future. He believes the Greek system is a great way to build leaders and supports it. We would like to take a moment to thank last quarter's Public Relation Chair Jeff Habersezter for setting up this unique event for the house.



2010 INITIATION CEREMONY

This year's initiation ceremony was a great experience for the 27 pledges that were initiated. We had 12 alumni in attendance which was great because one of our goals was to have a stronger alumni presence at this important event. The new freshman brothers now enjoy attending weekly chapter meetings while some even ran for, and won executive positions in the house. All those who ran for positions said they wanted to give back to the house and help make it better through various contributions. Congratulations to freshman Nick Pizzitola, the new Secretary; freshman David Dever, Awards and Scholarship Chair; and freshman Matt Raine, a new Social Chair.

IFC POSITIONS WON BY BETAS



In this year's Interfraternity Council elections, two Betas ran for positions. Alec Maghami ran for President and Zach Carlile ran for Vice President of Membership Development. Both Alec and Zach won their respective elections. Having Betas on the IFC board is a great way for us to give back to the Greek community and give advice to other fraternities on how to improve their chapters. Congratulations to both Alec and Zach.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Thanks to the Parents Club funding, we will be installing our new security system for surveillance at four locations around the house. The new addition to the house will be extremely helpful in monitoring future theft or vandalism threats. With future financing from the parents club, we will be improving the Beta network with an additional line to ensure the internet is maintained to perform at maximum speeds. Our newly remodeled library and conference room continue to assist us in maintaining excellence in academic standards.

ACADEMIC UPDATE

For the fourth quarter in a row, Beta Omega has posted the highest fraternity GPA. This past fall quarter Betas averaged a 3.45 GPA which was an improvement on the previous quarter. We handily took first place this quarter with a .07 cushion over the second place fraternity. The freshman class admitted that study tables helped them make the often times difficult academic transition to college much easier than expected and they obtained a 3.46 GPA as a pledge class. Congratulations to the 45 members who made the Autumn 2009 Dean's List. The following is a statistical breakdown of the grades for last quarter.

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| Rank | 1 |
| Chapter | Beta Theta Pi |
| Members Reported | 104 |
| FR GPA | 3.46 |
| SOPH GPA | 3.48 |
| JR GPA | 3.43 |
| SR GPA | 3.41 |
| Total GPA | 3.45 |
| Previous Quarter | 3.42 |
| Members > 3.5 GPA | 45 |

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

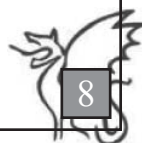
Here are some upcoming events happening at Beta Omega:

- Winter Formal Dance 3/5/10
 - Spring Break 3/22/10 – 3/27/10
 - Dragon Cup (Philanthropy Soccer Tournament) 3/31/10 – 4/3/10
 - Relay for Life 5/22/10
 - Senior Ceremony 5/23/10
 - Graduation 6/12/10
 - 10th Annual Beta Shootout 6/19/10
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The Tenth Annual

BETA SHOOTOUT

*BETA OMEGA'S ANNUAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT*

*SATURDAY
JUNE 19th, 2010*

8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN @ WASHINGTON NATIONAL

*Watch For Spring Registration via regular and e-mail
Questions or ideas? Contact Carl at
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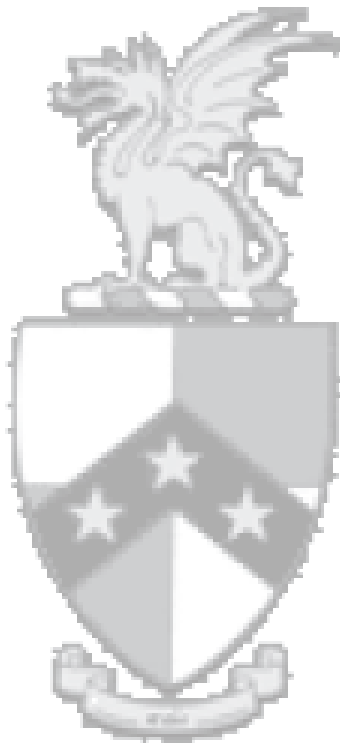
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