

BETA THETA PI

BETA OMEGA CHAPTER



TRIDENT

Convention 2011 Edition

This year the annual Beta Theta Pi General Convention was held in our own backyard at the Hyatt Hotel in Bellevue. The Convention in and of itself is an amazing gathering of Betas all across the United States and Canada, but this year was especially important because it afforded our Chapter with the opportunity to act as the host to all of the brothers across North America.

BETA OMEGA AT CONVENTION

As the host chapter at this summer's General Convention Beta Omega was in some ways obligated to attend and participate more so than any of the other chapters present. It pleases me to no end to be able to tell you all that our chapter not only appeared to have sent more active members than any other chapter, but that we also had, without any doubt, by far the most Alumni members present as well. During the final awards banquet our chapter was represented by a group of nearly fifty undergrads and Alumni, a number which easily doubled the size of the next largest group present. The alumni presence at this year's convention made the moments in which the chapter's successes were recognized all the more satisfying. On behalf of the active members I would like to thank all of the Alumni present at this year's

convention for recognizing the significant positive impact that hosting the annual General Convention can have on a chapter and subsequently working hard to present our chapter in the best possible light through unwavering support throughout the entirety of the planning process and execution of Convention.



A group of sophomores during the opening address of the Leadership College.

BETA OMEGA ALUMS MAKE A SPLASH AT CONVENTION

Along with the tremendous presence of Beta Omega Alumni at this summer's Convention, two of our Alumni in particular played crucial roles during the final night's Awards Banquet. The first notable alumnus is Rob Weller '71 who acted as this year's emcee during the banquet. Rob famously invented "the wave" as a cheerleader during a UW football game and went on to become a television personality, and as emcee he brought an immense amount of enthusiasm and some much needed humor to the night. For those of you who have not been at Convention before, the awards banquet usually lasts up to four hours and at times becomes exceptionally serious, meaning that it often times becomes exceptionally difficult to remain engaged in the proceedings. As emcee, Rob did an exceptional job throughout the banquet imparting his vivacious humor and enthusiasm unto the audience so that everyone was awake to truly appreciate the more serious and somber moments of the night. Rob did a truly exceptional job

representing Beta Omega as emcee and we can only hope that he will host the event again in the future.

The second alumnus that deserves mention is Donald Peterson '46 for receiving the Oxford Cup, our fraternity's highest individual honor. There



Rob Weller opening the festivities of the Awards Banquet

have been 73 Oxford Cup recipients since the award was established in 1984, and Donald is only the third University of Washington graduate to receive the award. Donald was recognized for his outstanding success in the business world, mainly as the CEO of the Ford Motor Company. Donald, on behalf of Beta Omega we would like to congratulate you once again on adding another impressive award to your already vast collection and we would like to once again thank you for being another outstandingly impressive representative of our chapter.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION AT CONVENTION



Brother Donald Peterson giving his Oxford Cup acceptance speech.

The past summer has been quite successful for Beta Omega on the awards front, as our chapter hosted the 172nd General Convention in Bellevue and returned home with a bundle of prestigious awards. Our Scholarship/Awards Chairman and Secretary worked tirelessly for two weeks together on the applications for each award, and their hard work truly paid off. This year at convention, Beta Omega once again won the Knox Award, Sisson Award, Charles Henry

Hardin Leadership Development Award, John Holt Duncan Service Award, and lastly the Virginia Tech Award for G.P.A. The Knox Award application nearly reached 350 pages and is awarded to approximately ten of the best Beta chapters in the country. This year marks the third consecutive year that our chapter has received the esteemed award, a fantastic indicator of the recent successes of our house. The Sisson Award is essentially a smaller version of the Knox Award that we have won for nearly ten consecutive years. The Leadership Development Award is awarded to chapters that display excellence in the growth of its leaders and its leadership programs. For the Service Award, our chapter was specifically recognized and highlighted for our ongoing service with the Ryther Child Center. Lastly, the Virginia Tech Award is awarded to the highest academically achieving chapters in the country. As a chapter, we are very proud of all that we have accomplished through all of our hard work and truly appreciate the General Fraternity for recognizing our house with these awards. As the host of the 172nd General Convention, we feel as though we represented our house in the best way possible and are proud to have helped set the standard that other houses continue to strive for.



The undergraduates with some of the Alumni brandishing the new Knox and Sisson Awards.

ANNUAL VISIT TO THE RYTHER CHILD CENTER

Apart from the small groups that visit the Ryther Center on a near weekly basis, once a year the entire house makes the trip up to the Lake City neighborhood to help maintain the grounds and facilities. Every single active member of the house got up bright and early on a Sunday morning and donated close to four hours of their time to help dig down to a building's foundation, paint a back-stop, re-paint some of the cabins, rake leaves, and haul gravel up hill to be stored in a shed. Most of the work that we did was long overdue but remained untouched because a lack of time and adequate resources. It was an extremely rewarding morning for all of us and we are glad that we can continue to support such a terrific cause.



Seniors Sean Burnstead, Jake Hemingway, and Joseph Hegge raking leaves on the Ryther Center grounds.

BROADMOOR LUNCHEON



Carl Kester '91 speaking at the Broadmoor Luncheon.

This fall, once again, we held the annual Broadmoor Alumni Luncheon where local alumni of all ages get together and have lunch with a select group of active members. Each year we try to give the freshmen pledge class president an opportunity to give a short speech in order to show the alumni the type of pledges we have signed this year. There are also several other quick speeches from a few of the active chapter officers and some of the Alumni. This event is a great way for the alumni to gather together once a year to catch up with one another and to keep up with the current activities of the house.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT THROUGH THE HALLS OF BETA

Slowly, but surely, as the men of Beta Omega returned to the house after the Thanksgiving break, an unbelievable amount of holiday spirit began to emerge as each room started to put up elaborate



The end of the third floor hallway decked out with decorations for the Holiday Season.

Christmas decorations in their rooms and the hallways. Walking through the hallways and into each of the rooms there is a spectacular array of wrapping paper coating the walls, Christmas lights stung up along the walls and ceiling, wreaths draped over doorways, and bows turning everything to presents. From all of us at Beta Omega we wish you all a happy Holiday Season!



James Huesner, Troy Colyer, Justin Patrick, and James Coatsworth (from left to right) pose for the Hotel Christmas photo.

PLEDGE CLASS '11

This quarter the active chapter has had the opportunity to help educate 31 fantastic young men both in the ways of Beta Omega as well as college life in general.



The Freshmen dressed up for a Halloween Grad-a-Date.

PLEDGE PROFILES

Erik Jensen

- Bellevue, Washington
- Newport High School
- Three years of varsity baseball and water polo

Seth Eric Martin

- Yakima, Washington
- Naches Valley High School
- Black belt in martial arts (Shudokan)

Evan Lemoin Beckman

- Bellevue, Washington
- Seattle Preparatory School
- 2nd in State in doubles tennis

Bobby Gebert

- Everett, Washington
- Everett High School
- Three years of lacrosse and varsity swim (captain senior year)

Philip Paul Smeraldo

- Bellevue, Washington
- Bellevue High School
- Varsity tennis (captain senior year)

Alex Smith

- Issaquah, Washington
- Eastside Catholic High School
- Varsity football captain and 2 year DECA President

PLEDGE PROFILES ~ CONTINUED

Antoine Dawson

- Bellevue, Washington
- Eastside Catholic High School
- UW boxing team

Davis Francis

- Reno, Nevada
- Bishop Manogue Catholic High School
- Has a boxer named Wilson

Samuel William Mintzer

- Long Beach, California
- Los Alamitos High School
- ASB assembly director

Luke Eichinger

- Everett, Washington
- Archbishop Murphy High School
- Eagle Scout

Alex Paul Raquer

- Bainbridge Island, Washington
- Bainbridge High School
- Soccer, basketball and golf

Greg Reynolds

- Spokane, Washington
- Lewis and Clark High School
- Basketball and baseball

Brayden Stanley Underwood

- Spokane, Washington
- Mead High School
- Summited Mt. Rainier at the age of 15

Ricky Martinez

- Renton, Washington
- O'Dea High School
- Three years of varsity football

Brandon Adolphus Boyd

- Bellevue, Washington
- Skyline High School
- Contributes articles to a sports blog

Benjamin Jeffrey Dowdle

- Marysville, Washington
- Everett High School
- Four of years varsity track and cross country

Maxwell Austin DePina

- Seattle, Washington
- O'Dea High School
- 4 years of varsity swimming (captain), academic all-American

Zach Ruben Socoloske

- Orange County, California
- Corona del Mar High School
- 3 years of varsity baseball

Charlie Penner

- Bellevue, Washington
- Bellevue High School
- Four years of varsity cross country

Jacob Davis

- Bellingham, Washington
- Sehome High School
- 3 years of varsity lacrosse

Taylor Jerome Froland

- Snohomish, Washington
- Archbishop Murphy High School
- ASB Activities Coordinator

Quinn Sterling

- Mercer Island, Washington
- Mercer Island High School
- Fours years of varsity basketball



PLEDGE PROFILES ~ CONTINUED

Nicholas Ensbury

- Manhattan Beach, California
- Mira Costa High School
- Four years of varsity volleyball

Matthew Gebert

- Everett, Washington
- Everett High School
- Varsity basketball (captain)

Tyler Barron

- Sammamish, Washington
- Skyline High School
- National qualifier in DECA competition

Louie Jachim

- Bellevue, Washington
- Newport High School
- Four years of varsity football

Gabriel Alexander Benedetto

- Seattle, Washington
- Archbishop Thomas Murphy High School
- Red Cross Real Hero award recipient

Robert Sean Carr

- Seattle, Washington
- Lakeside High School
- Passionate downhill skier

Clayton Devon Edrington

- University Place, Washington
- Curtis High School
- Varsity wrestler

Peter Jacob Meiusi

- Kenmore, Washington
- Inglemoor High School
- 2nd place International DECA business plan finalist

Luke Picking

- Indian Wells, California
- Palm Desert High School
- Varsity tennis



OFFICERS REPORT

PRESIDENT

Distinguished Brothers of Beta Theta Pi,

I hope everyone is enjoying what has been a great fall, despite the recent disappearance of the Husky offensive line. In this brief report, I hope to give you an idea of how we are doing at the old house on 47th and 17th, and what we have been up to.

As you have seen throughout this edition of the Trident, we recruited an outstanding group of pledges, won a pile of awards, got our grades back up (most of us, anyways), and are working hard to keep the house in shape. All of our success has been very exciting indeed, but may not paint the most-complete picture of what daily life is like for our chapter members. I am sure that most of you remember your college days quite fondly and I also feel safe assuming that most of these memories have little to do with the house GPA or Awards we may have won. Although external perceptions may bring in accolades, donations, and rushees, while simultaneously keeping the advisors happy, they do not fully portray the true atmosphere of the chapter, which remains focused on the utmost enjoyment of our time during these painfully-short four years at the UW.

I truly do believe that the members of our chapter comprise the best group of undergraduate men at UW,

but I can also promise that our chapter still knows how to have a good time and we have continued to do so, as I'm sure the ladies of the Greek system will attest. Obviously I would love to tell you some stories but I'll have to save them for another time when I can hear a few stories from back in the day.



President David Dever

This marks my last Trident report as Chapter President, and I can tell you that it has been a hell of a ride. I was faced with many trials over my term as president, but out of each struggle there has been a slew of great memories, making all of the tribulations more than worthwhile. Everything that our chapter has accomplished over this last year is a product of the contributions each of you made while living in our house, a legacy of excellence that I have been happy to help further during my time here. As always, thank you for your generous support, and GO DAWGS!

Yours in ~kai~,
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RUSH UPDATE

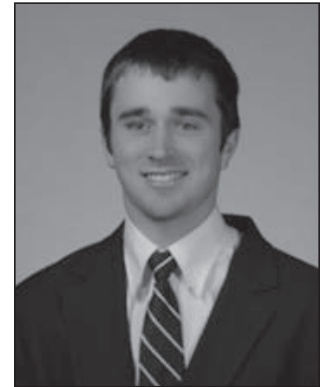
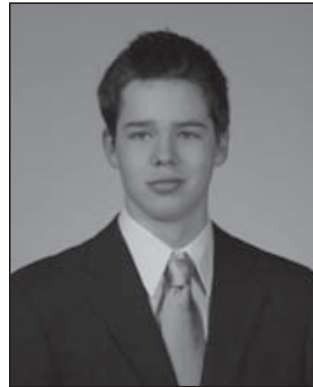
Rush Chairmen Hardy Mowe, Chandler Foster, and Jack Seidl

Brothers,

With the help from all of our chapter members, alumni, and friends of the fraternity, this year's Rush team managed to sign a total of 31 new pledges. We are very excited about the prospects of these individuals and the class as a whole. The class consists of members from the greater Seattle area, the Eastside, Spokane, Yakima, California, and Nevada. We are sure these men will contribute to the chapter and go on to become great Betas.

Over the course of this year's rush the house invited rushees to attend several different events including a paintball excursion, summer barbeques, our annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament, Mariners games, golfing, and a variety of other social events. We are proud to have retained some of our great legacies and to have branched out and brought some new blood to the chapter as well.

We are looking forward to making rush a 365-day process and having each member and alumni commit to aiding us in this effort. We are also looking to extend and improve our efforts in regard to out-of-state prospects as well, as the University



has changed its standard admissions process and begins to accept more out-of-state residents. We thank all of you for your contributions during this past rush season, as we could not have had the success we had without you. Please continue to aid in the Rush process and continue to be involved. We are very grateful for your continued support.

Yours in ~kai~,
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HOUSE MANAGER

Brothers,

I would like to first start off by thanking all the alumni whose generous donations make all our house projects possible. This fall we have begun another fair sized renovation project at the house. In the coming weeks the two rooms in the basement, as well as the basement bathroom, will be undergoing full-scale renovation in order to remedy the inevitable amount of aesthetic damage that the fraternity house accrues over the years. In addition to this renovation, we will also be completing a fair number of miscellaneous updates and general repairs throughout the rest of the house so that we can maintain the quality living conditions that only the Beta House can offer. We continue to strive to have

the cleanest and the best physical fraternity house on campus and we greatly appreciate all the help we receive from alumni. If you are interested in getting involved, please do not hesitate in contacting me by email.

Yours in ~Kai~,
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During the past year, total donations and the number of annual donors reached new highs, and the first donation of securities was received. From rush to alumni relations, the Foundation hopes to make a difference in every Beta's experience. Please visit the uwbetas.com website for more information.

~ Check out our new and improved website, including the new Beta Business section at www.uwbetas.com ~

~ Not a registered alumni yet? Click on the STAY CONNECTED link on the homepage ~

~ Active Betas are always looking for internships and job opportunities. Think you can help? Contact Chase Beauclair via email at Chase.
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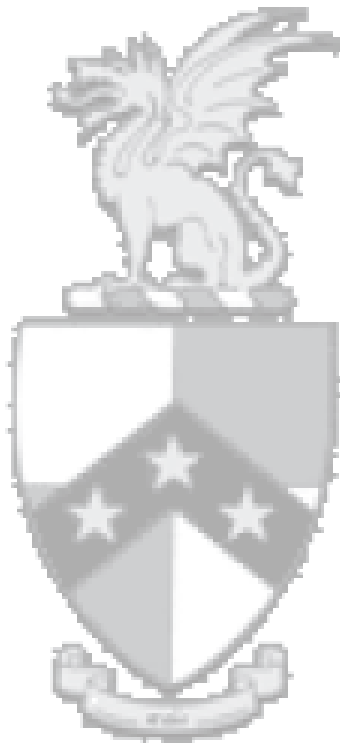
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