



Our Strong Band

Phi Kappa Psi
Pennsylvania Beta

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Fall 2006 Newsletter

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Class of 2007 Spotlight

Timothy Eyerman

Major: History
 Minor: Latin
 Comp: 'Desmond Tutu and Christianity';
 Post-grad plans: Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Charles 'Chip' Moon

Major: Philosophy & History
 Comp: 'Epictetus' Effect on Marcus Aurelius'
 Post-grad plans: Finance/Law School

Andrew Peterson

Major: English & Psychology
 Comp: Toni Morrison/
 Operant Responding on Rats with Drug Discrimination
 Post-grad plans: Grad School - Counseling/Psychology

If you have any graduate guidance for these senior Brothers of Penn Beta and would like to contact them, please e-mail alumni@pennbeta.com

Penn Beta Newsletter Goes Electronic

The Penn Beta newsletter that we affectionately dub Our Strong Band has for quite some time not lived up to this expectation. From an undergrad point of view, the newsletter has failed to stimulate, let alone increase, alumni involvement or interest in the current standing of the chapter.

That being said the current chapter takes responsibility for the lack of professionalism and interval between events and updates. We also thank graciously those alumni who have continued to stay involved despite our shortcomings.

In order to inoculate the chapter from further degeneration on this matter, Penn Beta has decided to convert the newsletter into one that is primarily electronic. If you do wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, please respond to the chapter accordingly.

Replacing the paper newsletter with an electronic one serves the chapter and her alumni in many significant ways. The chapter itself will save nearly \$500.00 per semester by relinquishing the mass mail-

ings, and late nights of folding and envelope stuffing, while having long been a testament to the great history of Penn Beta with our nearly 1900 members, will be replaced with simple and fast electronic updates. Thus, the greatest advantage the online newsletter offers is the timely reporting of chapter events, accomplishments and developments.

The news page remains in development, and will constantly be a work in progress. You are invited to view this evolution in undergrad/alumni communication at your leisure at:

<http://www.pennbeta.com/news.html>

Also, if you have any of your own news that you would like to be published in the next edition of Our Strong Band, feel free to e-mail alumni@pennbeta.com.

The Great Joy of Serving Others

The Brothers of Penn Beta have had great success and pleasure in striving to complete the Phi Psi 500, a yearly goal of 500 hours of community service, throughout the fall 2006 semester. Thus far, we have engaged in numerous philanthropic events, highlighted by the following:

-- During Make a Difference Day, the chapter split into three groups

to complete a large wheelchair ramp, re-roof a home, and construct a freestanding roof over a mobile home.

-- Installing a new liner into a Koi pond at a retirement home

-- Participating in a letter-writing campaign for 'Up 'til Dawn,' with proceeds benefiting St. Jude's Cancer Research

We at Penn Beta have found great satisfaction in aiding all those less fortunate and are pleased to be well on pace for completing the Phi Psi 500.



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Penn Beta Website

The recently redesigned Penn Beta website is now fully operational. Thanks in large part to tireless work from webmaster Brandon Swanson '03 and generous hosting from Jared Kuchta '00, the website offers numerous functions for alumni, brothers, and new members, while also offering many resources for young men interested in learning more about our illustrious chapter.

We at Penn Beta have been promoting the site in every way possible, including on our rush T-shirts for this year. We hope that you will enjoy the new website and visit often for updates. The website can be reached at:
www.pennbeta.com.

New Members and Fall 2006 Pledge Class

The Brothers of Pennsylvania Beta would like to welcome two new brothers into our Chapter. Nathan John Auvil '06 (Pittsburgh, Pa) and Justin Scott Bahl '06 (Linesville, PA) were recently initiated into our illustrious Fraternity.

Brother Auvil has taken a lead in the joy of serving others as the chapter's new Philanthropy Chair. He has organized several events thus far including two roofing jobs and the repair and painting of several homes.

Brother Bahl has also taken an active role in the chapter as well as in the campus community as a member of the Division III Champion Allegheny Rugby team and several other campus organi-

zations.

This fall, two fine young men of the Allegheny Class of 2009 are pledging themselves to the Pennsylvania Beta Chapter. Eric Schonberg of Mendham, NJ, and Kurt Pawlak of Sewickley, PA, are nearly half way through the pledge education program at the time of publication.

As sophomores, both men have exhibited excellence in their academic performance and enthusiastically adopted the Phi Psi mantra of *the joy of serving others*.

Additionally, Brother Andrew Stelzer (initiated Ohio Alpha) transferred to Allegheny College this fall, and is participating actively in the Chapter.

If you would like to attend the initiation of the fall 2006 pledge class, please contact Brother Tim Eyerman by email at: GP@pennbeta.com

Live Ever...

Die Never...

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The Brothers of Pennsylvania Beta will soon be selling personalized e-mail addresses through our newly designed website. These addresses, to be available for a low price of \$15 per year, can be personalized by active brothers and alumni and will end in '@pennbeta.com.'

This is a great opportunity to support the chapter and show your connection to the undergrads. We hope that this opportunity will provide a basis for further interactions between the chapter and her members in the future, as well as serving as a great reminder of our chapter. We at Penn Beta hope you will

be interested in taking advantage of this upcoming feature.

The e-mail accounts will be available beginning in December, just in time for a holiday gift to yourself and a wonderful way to contribute to the chapter.

Please check the website for more details, or send an e-mail to pkp@allegheny.edu if you have any questions about the program.

Recent Donations

We would like to thank all those who have donated to Penn Beta to aid us in discharging promptly all our just debts and affording us many of the comforts we enjoy on a daily basis. Recently, we have been able to purchase new sound equipment for the chapter house basement and hold many enjoyable, successful rush events.

Thanks again for reaffirming your dedication to Our Strong Band.