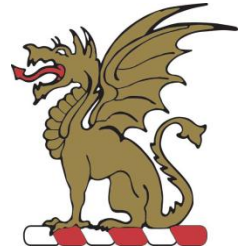




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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wyatt Hilkene '12

Greeting from the Phi Chapter!

It gives me great pleasure to address all of you after so much success in the past term. During the fall semester, we participated in many charitable events with sororities, spooked many a young child during our annual Haunted House, and continued to give back through community service and charity events.

However, the most significant success was the completion of our Agreement of Responsibility. It gives me great pride to inform you that the Chapter has been restored to Good Standing with both the University and General Fraternity. This accomplishment stands as a testament to the strength of this brotherhood and the spirit of the Phi Chapter.

I am truly proud to be surrounded by such a diverse

group of campus leaders. We have multiple members serving on the executive boards of honor societies and clubs, a brother serving on the senior class board, multiple captains of club sports teams, and many members of scholastic societies. Additionally, we have brothers launching their own businesses here at Penn, which have been very well received by the community.

I myself am currently serving as the Executive Vice President of the governing Inter-Fraternity Council. I look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the Greek system as a whole and especially to address the needs and goals of the Phi Chapter with my appointment to this position.

It would be remiss if I did not mention our newly created Alumni Advisory Board and their impact on this Chapter. They have been extremely influential in the success of this past year, most importantly in the completion of the Agreement of Responsibility. They have also helped tremendously in

raising funds for chapter house improvements, managing chapter finances, and by simply being there for the chapter when it was in need of guidance. The Phi Chapter is certainly blessed with such exceptional Alumni. We thank them for all the time they have devoted and the help they have given us.

During the beginning of the Spring semester, we ran an extremely successful rush and recruited fourteen of the best and the brightest this campus has to offer. Hailing from all corners of the United States, the Kappa class continues to exhibit the excellence upheld by the Phi Chapter. I expect great things from them in the future and look forward to their growth as Betas.

I hope this letter finds you all well and in good health. I also hope that harmony and brotherly love continue to prevail in your lives as in ours.

Yours in _kai_

Wyatt Hilkene 1707

ALUMNI RELATIONS

John Evans '11

One of our foremost priorities this year was to put an emphasis on alumni outreach, both in holding events that allow alumni to reconnect with the Phi Chapter and with each other, as well as keeping the alumni base informed of the Chapter's progress and success.

In the fall we held a great Homecoming Weekend, with over one hundred and twenty brothers returning to campus. The day was filled with food, drink, brotherhood, and revelry. The football team, which features senior Defensive Back Josh Powers '11 and sophomores P.J. Hobson '13, Ryan Allen '13, and McKinley Stephens '13, defeated Brown 24-7 on its way to a second straight Ivy League Championship. The day culminated with a fantastic Loving Cup Ceremony, with brothers and alumni from all years passing the cup around.

The spring featured the 3rd Annual NYC Alumni Reunion Event. The event lasted for three hours and we had the full brotherhood in attendance, including the new Kappa class.

The Chapter would like to graciously thank all those alumni who have been

involved this year. We owe special thanks to our new Alumni Advisory Board, who have volunteered their precious time to help the Phi achieve success this year and in the future: Jonathan Behrens, Chapter Counselor, '05; Steve Slone, Financial Advisor, '96; Vincent Szwajkowski, Alumni Relations & House Corporation Advisor, '07; Scott Campion, Pledge Education Advisor, '05; John Toukatly, Risk Management Advisor, '07; Patrick Cleary, Philanthropy Advisor, '04; Tyler Wallen, Ritual Advisor, '06.

We also owe our thanks to the many alumni who generously donated over the course of the year. We began the year with a capital campaign goal to raise \$20,000 to help bolster chapter finances and specifically focus on chapter house improvements. Admittedly, the goal was ambitious, but I am proud to report that so far we have raised over \$13,000 and are continuing to receive additional donations and pledges. Most of this was donated through the University and is exclusively earmarked for house improvements. So far, through working with the University, we have purchased a new TV for the main room, new couches, and a dining table and chairs for brotherhood meals. We will continue to work with the

University this year and next to implement our goals.

Again, thank you to all those that got involved or donated to the Chapter this year. As I approach graduation I can confidently say that the fraternity has the necessary leadership and guidance in place to ensure success in the coming years and I look forward to continued Beta glory.

ALUMNI NEWS

Have something you'd like to share with the Chapter? We'd love to hear from you! Send us your news, events, and updates (see Contacts section).

11TH ANNUAL PHI DORG FOR THE FIFTIES

The 11th annual Phi Dorg for the Fifties - this event will bring together all the Phi Chapter classes of the 1950s, including the 55th Reunion class of 1956 and the 50th reunion class of 1951:

- 6:00pm, Saturday, May 14
- Mask and Wig Clubhouse, 310 S. Quince Street, Philadelphia
- \$75 per person, includes open bar, dinner, and wine with dinner
- Reservations and questions, contact:

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CHAPTER LEADERS RECEIVE AWARDS

We are proud to announce that several of our Chapter's leaders were honored this year with awards:

Jon Behrens '05 was awarded the Merv Sluizer Outstanding Alumni Advisor Award, annually awarded to the fraternity adviser who best exemplifies the qualities of dedication, loyalty, and commitment to the excellence of their chapter.

Wyatt Hilkene '12 received the Outstanding Greek Leader of 2011 Award.

Andrew Kibert '11 received a Greek Fraternity Scholarship.

PHILANTHROPY

Zach Feldman '12

The 2010 - 2011 academic year has seen a big effort to expand the Phi Chapter's philanthropic events, and there are still a number of events left in the spring that promise to be great for our Chapter's cause, the Ian L. Cali Fund for FOP Research. Ian Cali is a dear friend of the Chapter and the brother of former Chapter President Jason Cali '09. Ian's fund goes

toward research on his rare condition, Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP). This past September, Beta hosted a charity concert off-campus featuring the artist Darude, which raised nearly \$4,500 for our cause. In November, Beta teamed up with the ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta for Kick for the Cure, an event that raised money through a well-attended soccer tournament.

Earlier in the fall, the Phi again hosted its annual haunted house at the chapter house for the kids of the West Philadelphia Tutoring Project, a school-wide community service organization. We later hosted a joint philanthropy event with the Delta Delta Delta sorority benefiting St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

This spring should likewise prove to be another strong semester on the Philanthropy front. In addition to Relay for Life, Beta plans on holding another event with Theta, with proceeds again going to FOP research. The highlight of the semester, though, was the annual charity downtown concert during Spring Fling, which featured rapper Wale, Penn alum Hoody Allen, and our very own Rossman, Ross Rubinchuck '13.

RUSH 2011

Scott Lexton '11

As Head Recruitment Chair for the school year of 2010-11,

I made a pledge to the fraternity that I would intensify our fall rush efforts with the hope of attracting at least ten verbally committed pledge class members before the beginning of our compact spring rush schedule.

Fall rush was highlighted by four featured events. The first was an invitation only dinner event downtown. In groups of roughly ten brothers and 5 freshmen, we attended several restaurants around the city before convening with brothers and rushes from the other groups. The second was the implementation of a Thursday Night Football event. The event was an overwhelming success, with roughly 200 freshmen in attendance. Our final two rush events for the fall are staples of the Phi Chapter: our annual Beta Sweethearts event and to our annual Holiday party. These four fall rush events gave us great momentum and carried us into an extremely successful spring rush season.

Vice Rush Chair, Chris Rowan '13, and I had solidified an extremely busy and exciting rush schedule that the entire Brotherhood was excited for. The 10 days were highlighted by several extraordinary events. First, Chris and I brought back the tradition of a fraternity wide dinner at Kim's Korean BBQ. There was no better place for the freshman and brothers to get

to know each other while enjoying endless amounts of delicious self-cooked Korean food.

Later that week, we treated the freshman to perhaps the best event of the last four years: an all-you-can-eat hockey game between the Philadelphia Flyers and Washington Capitals. The next event was a date party at Sakeya in Center City. Extraordinary turnout and reviews from these two events were keys to our success during the bid process that was to follow.

At the final dinner, Tyler Wallen '06 and John Curran '09 spoke about the bonds that make Beta the closest brotherhood on campus, and the character of the special men that our lucky enough to enter this house. This formal dinner, which featured food from Senior Nate Adlers's brand new restaurant, Kitchen @ Penn, put the finishing touches on an incredible rush season.

After roughly 13-hours of deliberation the Brotherhood granted a select group of gentlemen the opportunity to join the Phi Chapter. With 14 freshmen signing their bid cards to join Beta Theta Pi the Rush Process was determined a success.

INTRAMURALS

Nate Powers '11

Despite the loss of many great Beta athletes to graduation last spring, the current house has stayed true to the Beta tradition of Greek Sports League domination. Our focus has remained on three main sports: Flag Football, Basketball, and Soccer.

The Flag Football team started slowly with a 2-0 loss against Skulls, but quickly found our stride as we entered the tournament. With a complete destruction of Phi Psi, a humiliation of AEPi, and a hard fought win against Kappa Sig, we found ourselves in the Greek Championship against Phi Delt. In a back-and-forth contest that featured great play on both sides, Phi Delt emerged as the victor while continuing on to win the City 6 Tournament. Great performances were turned in by Scott Lexton '11 at Quarterback, Mike Petegorsky '11 at Offensive and Defensive Line, and Nate Powers '11 at Wide Receiver and Linebacker.

The Basketball team featured a new look this season with the loss of several key graduating seniors. The team was shorter and lacked the depth of previous years, but played with great tenacity and chemistry. With a 7-2 regular season record, which featured 4 "Mercy Rule" wins and a thrilling double overtime win, we were well positioned to make another run back to the

Palestra. With an opening round "Mercy Rule" win against an overmatched Skulls team, we squared off against a Phi Delt team that had won our regular season matchup by a significant margin. We played a strategically superior game, keeping within 7 points until the last minute, but it was too little too late. Our team was led offensively by Jordan Taylor '11 and Eric Morris '11, defensively by Nate Powers '11, and featured inspired play by freshman Karl Ingram '14.

The soccer team is currently competing in the double-elimination tournament, leaning on four returning starting players: Wade Henriquez '13, William Reavis '13, Adam Smith '11, and Brian Krawitz '12. The team will also benefit from the contribution of several players from the current Kappa Pledge Class, who should be great additions to the squad. With an early win against a competitive Skulls team, they are determined to regain the glory of past Beta soccer teams.

BROTHERHOOD

Zach Saltman '11

From the birth of our fine Chapter, *brotherhood* has always been our greatest virtue. This year we have maintained our strong fraternal bonds via the many brotherhood events that we

have always enjoyed over the past decade.

In the fall, we enjoyed a day of paintball at the nearby Poco Loco course. The Iotas stunned the brotherhood with their Band of Brothers-esque courage and strategy, aiding in many victories throughout the day. We also obviously shook the very foundation of West Philadelphia with the day that is STATE, in one of the best autumn efforts I have ever witnessed. Due to a limited budget, and desire to have a jam-packed spring semester that we could share with the new Kappa class, we had no other major events in the fall.

This spring is shaping up to be a true brotherhood

spectacle. We have brought back classic events, such as Capture the Flag and Broomball (both brotherhood versus the NIBs) as well as Quad Golf, which have sadly disappeared in recent years. Events like spring STATE day, the Big-Little Beirut Tourney, and St. Patrick's Day were all featured this spring, and one thing is for sure: these days were all unbelievable times where we were able to be festive together as a house.

In terms of brotherhood, this has been a school year for the ages. Our house is as close as ever, and I could not be happier to share all of these timelessly awesome events with our new Kappa class, who have impressed us all with their dedication and attitude.

CONTACTS

Feel free to reach out to any of us with questions or comments:

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