

Beta Epsilon News

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New Year. New Start. Words from our President - Brandon Gilbreath:

I wanted to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Brandon Gilbreath & I have the esteemed pleasure of being Beta Epsilon's president for 2005-2006. I pledged in the spring of 2003. Last year I was the fundraiser chair and I co-hosted the 75th anniversary which turned out to be a great success with the help of the chapter and Alumni. I am majoring in Human Resources and will be graduating this May.

In our chapter right now, we have 57 collegiate members. Last May we had 25-30 brothers graduate so we are a young chapter but never the less, we have a lot planned for this year and we are excited.

As president, some of the goals that I have for chapter are to strengthen brotherhood, obtain corporate sponsorships, restore the chapter's history, and the implementation of committees. These are only a few of our chapter's goals.

I think one of the biggest goals that our chapter has this year though is to increase Alumni Relations. Over the past few semesters we have lost a lot of participation from our Alumni. We want to restore & renew our relationship with our Alumni because we know how valuable it is. One of the ways that Beta Epsilon is trying to increase our relationship is by rolling out our chapter's first issue of our newsletter. This newsletter is strictly for Alumni. It is a medium of communication for us as a chapter to keep all of our Alumni informed on what Beta Epsilon has going on. Not only that, but the biggest thing is that it is our way of personally inviting Alumni back to chapter events.

We realize that Beta Epsilon would not be where it is today if it weren't for our Alumni. Our goal is to carry the torch and help Beta Epsilon see another great 75 yrs. We thank you & look forward to seeing each of you at our chapter events. **Proud To Be a DeltaSig.**

Brandon Gilbreath

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Another Successful Semester of Recruitment

As we all know, recruiting is the sustenance of our fraternity. Each semester we look for the best and the brightest among the students in the business college in order to help perpetuate Beta Epsilon's tradition as one of the foremost fraternities here at the University of Oklahoma and one of the best chapters in the nation. Fall 2005 recruitment was no exception.

This week's events were a great opportunity for the potential pledges to meet Beta Epsilon's current membership as well as those alumni that were able to attend. Beginning Monday and going through Friday, we set up tables in Adams Hall each morning in order to inform those business students how they too could associate themselves with this great organization. Tuesday evening we had a fraternity barbeque at Reeves Park just south of

campus where potential pledges could come out and meet the members and alumni in a relaxed setting. We had a nice turnout from everyone. Wednesday evening was the informational where roughly 33 potential pledges came out to learn more about the fraternity (almost all of whom signed up for interviews that night). Brandon Gilbreath, Robert Simpson, Kyle Harger, Danny Gambell, and Jerry Hotwagner spoke to these potential pledges to help reinforce why they would like to join this fraternity. Thursday we had another casual meet and greet at Jimmy John's Deli on campus corner. Friday was the final event we had, where we went to



Delta Sigma Pi - Continuing to spread diversity.

Coach's restaurant in Norman for one final opportunity for the potential pledges to meet and get to know membership and some of the alumni that were there before interviews on Sunday. We had tremendous success generating interest this semester with membership speaking to their friends and also with Robert Simpson and Kyle Fernandez speaking in the basic business classes.

From all of our efforts this semester we were able to have a pledge class of 24 whom we feel are going to be great pledges then become great members and be able to quickly take an active role in bettering the Beta Epsilon Chapter and Delta

Surfing the Web with the DeltaSigs

Norman, OK (BE) - When Brother Moran became Beta Epsilon's newest IT Chairperson, little did he know of the magnitude of task ahead. "It was an absolute mess," he claims, "the code was more or less impossible to comprehend." That, coupled with an outdated design, screamed for an overhaul. Facing the realization that most of the MIS majors

would soon be graduating, Brother Moran knew that something must be done for the sake of not only future IT Chairpersons, but for Beta Epsilon as a whole. Brother Moran compared the old design with that of other chapters and tried to incorporate the

best of each. The website now features more recent photos from chapter events and easier navigation. "I've had a great time working with the site," Brother Moran continues, "and am grateful that I have found a way to make a lasting contribution to Beta Epsilon. The new website can be found at the same address, <http://www.oudsp.org>.

"The new website provides useful information such as our fraternity history, access to other chapters, job resource centers, and [Brothers'] résumés."

Brother Chau Ma

Grand Chapter Congress was Grand for Beta Epsilon!

This year was a great year to be a member of Delta Sigma Pi because it was a Grand Chapter Congress Year. This Grand Chapter Congress was great. The Beta Epsilon chapter was represented well with the four collegiate members that were able to attend: Brandon Gilbreath, Robert Simpson, Tyler Skelton, and Merya Regalado. Also in attendance were a few of our Alumni that were able to attend: Mike Malone, Los Ellis, Peter Chamberlain, Devrick Wilder, and Jerry Hotwagner. And what a great time we had. The first day (Tuesday) we got there, registered and got settled into our room situations. Then we all went out to dinner and discussed what was going to be going on throughout the week. Wednesday was the educational seminars, where we each participated in different activities in order to learn and share that knowledge with our brothers here. Thursday was the business sessions where different motions were discussed and passed in order to try and help make the fraternity more effective. Thursday was also the opening of the caucuses for those running for the different national offices. This also involved Beta Epsilon being able to help out Brother Ellis in his campaign for Provincial VP. At

Grand Chapter the Beta Epsilon Chapter was awarded both the regional and provincial "Chapter of the Year." This is both a credit to the current membership but also to the Alumni that strived to make this chapter great while they were here and also continue to help and desire to see this chapter stay great.

Grand Chapter was also a great opportunity to meet other brother from around the province and from around the country (there were 900+ brothers in attendance). Not only during the business sessions but during free time, you could see DeltaSigs from around the country meeting each other and establishing friendships and lines of communication that will help everyone become better brothers and help our chapter continue on its path of excellence.

Grand Chapter wasn't all just business. There were plenty of opportunities to have fun. Each night when the business sessions closed it seemed that's when the fun really started. The

hotel let the pool stay open late every night for DeltaSig and every night there were plenty of brothers having a great time relaxing bonding with each other. As a matter of fact the pool wasn't even shut down on the last night. Also, the fraternity provided some great entertainment too. Including two dances (one after the banquet on the final night) and of course the day at Sea World. Sea World was a great time and at the end of the day when the park had closed all the DeltaSigs that were there were invited to a private killer whale show.

What an experience G.C.C. was! If you haven't been, I would recommend you begin to plan now for 2007; and if you have been before, I would recommend you also begin to plan on attending. Because this is where we will be celebrating the Centennial of our Fraternity and you know it is going to be one of the biggest and best Grand Chapter Congresses to date.

Robert Simpson



Beta Epsilon continues to remain #1.

Fall is Here.....Hayride is Near!

As October nears, the Beta Epsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Pi finds itself closer to our most anticipated social event, the annual Hayride Event at the Thunderbird Riding Stables in Norman, Oklahoma. Hayride is an event that is an ongoing tradition that brings the brotherhood together in an event outside of fundraising, community service, and chapter meetings. The event is held approximately 5 miles East of the Norman Campus at the Thunderbird Riding Stables. When DeltaSigs and guests arrive at the stables, they are taxied on trailers pulled by a tractor out to a clearing deep in the woods, where they arrive upon the scene of glowing bonfires and towering trees. Food, drinks, and smores are provided and everyone is encouraged to "get down"

to the sounds of our favorite tracks. Stories and tall tales will circulate of the way things used to be in Delta Sigma Pi, as well as how they are now. This event also holds significance in that this is the night that the new pledges will be introduced to their Bigs and their new family. This is the night where the pledges begin to understand what Delta Sigma Pi is all about, and where brothers are reminded of why they joined Delta Sigma Pi in the first place, brotherhood.

Alumni and guests of brothers are welcome to attend. Guests will be charged \$7-\$8 (not yet set in stone) and any brother is welcome to bring a guest. We will be meeting at the Lloyd Noble center in Norman on October 14 at approximately 9:00. Before the event, we will be meeting at Zio's Italian Bistro in

Oklahoma City, where we will be holding a pre-social/fundraising event. Zio's is something new this year. We hope that it will help brothers from other chapters to get to know Beta Epsilon before Hayride.



Mark your calendars for October 14th, 2005

Zio's has also offered to provide us with a 20% stipend of our sales as a contribution to the Fraternity.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GET AN INSIGHT TO WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH:

- 10/01/05 Boomerang (Kansas State) S. of Price 6pm
- 10/05/05 General Meeting Sarkeys 8pm
- 10/12/05 General Meeting Sarkeys 8pm
- 10/14/05 Fundraiser/Social Zio's
- 10/14/05 Community Service Children's Hospital 12pm
- 10/15/05 General Meeting Sarkeys 8pm
- 10/19/05 LEAD Dallas
- 10/21/05 LEAD Dallas
- 10/22/05 Boomerang (Baylor) S. of Price
- 10/26/05 General Meeting Sarkeys 8pm
- 10/27/05 Community Service YMCA

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We are also selling Hayride shirts. A short sleeve t-shirt is \$10, a long-sleeve is \$12, and a hoodie is \$20. The design is located at the bottom righthand corner. If you would like to order a shirt, please do so by contacting Brother Harger by October 7, 2005 to ensure that the order is received before Hayride. Please indicate your name, size, and type of shirt. The sizes are youth large, small, medium, large,

XL, XXL, & XXXL. For directions or additional information regarding these events contact Beta Epsilon's social chair Kyle Harger at (469)-774-8502 or by e-mail at jkharger@ou.edu.

night where DeltaSigs from Beta Epsilon, as well as other chapters in the region, get to let loose and have a genuine good time. So, spread the word and get pumped for Hayride 2005.

Hayride never fails to be the event of the semester and will surely be the talk of chapter meetings to come for those who attend. It is a



Never fear! Your Hayride shirts are here! Order one today!