A Word from the President

Fraternity life is an extraordinary gift and, at the same time, a great burden. As young men, our aim is to make the most out of our four years at college and leave with the best memories we'll ever have. Simultaneously, our goal is to work hard, succeed, and be the best persons we can be overall.

While we do not always achieve our goals, we do our best while we try. Our chapter appears to be coming into a new era as well known old members graduate and our new members continue to impress us. Our presence around campus has slightly declined, though the number of leadership roles that are held by Betas keeps growing. We are planning a Spring philanthropy for the first time in recent memory. We are also making a strong push to connect with those organizations and faculty with whom we do not yet have relationships and reestablish old bonds with other groups, such as you, our fellow Betas and Gamma Sigma alumni.

I feel we are moving in a good direction. We as a chapter hope to continue the efforts that we have already begun as well as come up with more means by which to improve our chapter.

Overall, I believe there is a bright future for Beta Theta Pi at Willamette University.

Yours always in __kai__,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Initiation and Alumni Dinner
Saturday April 10, 2010
Initiation to Start at 5:00pm
with Dinner and Ceremony to Follow

Come join Gamma Sigma celebrate
the initiation of our new brothers
and as we celebrate our alumni with
Fraternal 25 and 50 presentations.

Please RSVP to Paul Eldred
peldred@willamette.edu by April 7th.
As a second-semester senior, I have had a chance to reflect upon the Gamma Sigma Chapter and our progress over the past four years and I have to say: these are exciting and dynamic times for us.

We are finally settling in to our brand new chapter house after we moved here last fall. Paintings are gradually making it onto the walls, the pool table is in constant use, and the study room and new flat panel TVs are being fully utilized (though I won’t say which is used more). Having had the opportunity to live in both the original and new chapter house, I can personally say I loved being able to walk into the old house and just feel the history in the walls. History and memories were made in the original house and I am proud to say that the current brothers have not wasted any time in making the new house feel just like the Beta home our great chapter deserves.

While much has changed in my four years here, much has stayed the same. The Ritual is still central to our fraternity life, we are consistently first or a very close second in fraternity GPA, we are still the Men of Principle, and it shows.

This semester, we have signed an outstanding pledge class, retained a position on IFC Exec, increased participation and

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Message from the Old Historic Temple By Paul Eldred ‘10

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Gamma Sigma Endowment Update

In the fall of 2008 Brother Doug Houser ’57 led efforts to establish the Gamma Sigma Chapter Endowed Fund at Willamette University. Once the fund reaches $50,000 the interest will be used to help subsidize the cost of sending active members to leadership programs (such as the Men of Principal Institute), chapter brotherhood programs (such as the semester all-house retreat) and other chapter-wide initiatives.

As of March 1, 2010, a total of $38,000 has been contributed by over 50 chapter alumni. With just $12,000 remaining all Gamma Sigma alums are asked to consider making a gift in support of the Beta Endowment, in addition to your annual support of Willamette. To make a gift via the Willamette secure-online server, please visit: www.willamette.edu/go/donate
This summer I had the great opportunity to participate in the **John and Nellie Wooden Institute for Men of Principle** at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. I had heard from a number of Brothers about the experience, but all the stories and recommendations could never have prepared me for what I experienced in Oxford.

What amazed me most throughout the week was the cohesiveness of the entire group. Young men from all corners of the country and everywhere in between managed to leave their egos at the door and make 90 new friends in a matter of days. I was also able to visit the Administration Office where much Beta history is kept including John Holt Duncan’s wooden leg (which you are no longer allowed to take pictures of) and a very specific artifact that touched me deeply: a Kappa Gamma Rho pin from Willamette.

Institute also gave me many tools to become a better leader – how to accurately assess our faults, how to inspire others into action, and how to face opposition were only a few lessons I learned from our lead team (including my small group leader Andrew Willert, Miami (FL) ’09, who is the new Leadership Consultant for Gamma Sigma). Institute taught me that I cannot expect change in others if I don’t expect change in myself. A lesson, amongst many others, I hope to bring home to Gamma Sigma this coming fall.

We were also able to enter the Hall of Chapters – an experience I can only equate with entering the Gamma Sigma chapter room for the first time. In the Hall of Chapters we proceeded with the most important and most powerful practice of all: review and analysis of the Ritual. This was most important to me because so much gets lost in the heat of the moment that is one’s

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Initiation, and Institute gave me the opportunity to take my time and realize what the Ritual means to me as an individual, and even more importantly as a Beta. I realized our Ritual is so much more than just legend – it is a lifelong vow to uphold the values symbolized by our three stars. This analysis of the Ritual also helped me realize that in our Initiation we admit the necessity of our brothers’ aid to reach our full potential as men. As amazing of men as we could become on our own, our brotherhood in Beta gives us that much more potential.

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-Tim Christian ’11

leadership on campus, increased accountability within our brotherhood, and continued the tradition of excellence our chapter has enjoyed since our foundation.

While our chapter continues to improve, so does our alma mater. New construction brings top of the line facilities to our campus and over the past three years, our applicant pool has doubled and our selectivity has skyrocketed, which is evident in the freshmen we have on campus and the quality of men we have recruited.

Chapters will often have struggles to overcome to be the best they can be and I am proud to report that the Gamma Sigma chapter is constantly improving itself to become the best fraternity on Willamette’s campus and fully live out our Ritual and Principles.

I hope you are all able to make it to the alumni event on April 10th. It will be a great opportunity for the entire chapter – past, present, and future – to gather and celebrate our Beta heritage and welcome our new initiates into our great and good fraternity.

Forever in __kai__,

Tim Christian

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Always in __kai__,

Tim Christian

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Message from the Old Historic Temple (Continued)

CHAPTER EXECUTIVES

President: Josh Halladay ’12
Vice President: Ben Shipe ’11
Alumni/Parent Relations: Paul Eldred ’10
Risk Management: Matt Satterthwaite ’12
Recruitment: Rafael Baptista ’12 & Dan Echeverri ’12
Financial Affairs: Tim Christian ’11
Ritual: Ryan Moothart ’10
External Affairs: Cole Cochrane ’10 & Garrett Potter ’11
Membership: Brian Furey ’11

WEBSITE UPDATE

Visit the newly designed Gamma Sigma website! www.wubeta.com
See chapter news, events and pictures and keep in contact with your home chapter.
Regarded as strong contenders in the Northwestern Collegiate Conference the **Willamette Men's Crew** squad did very well this past year. Five Gamma Sigma brothers competed last season: John Schmitbauer '11, Nathan Keffer '10, Mike Isaacs '10, Cliff Chen '10, Henry Lo '12. For the second year in a row Willamette Crew has sent a Men's and Women's team to compete in the renowned Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, MA in 2009. Brother Schmitbauer joined the crew team for this auspicious honor and, according to Brother Schmitbauer, Willamette Crew should have an excellent 09-10 season.

The **Willamette Men's Lacrosse** club team could just as easily be called the Willamette Gamma Sigma Lacrosse club. Out of the men that are on the team this year 6 are Gamma Sigma brothers. And 3 are Beta Pledges. Brothers Stonebraker '10, McAnnis-Entenman '12, Cochrane '10, Christian '11, Wu '12, and Horacek '11 and Pledges Harding '13 and King '13 are all on the team. Of the three captains of the team, two are Betas, Brothers Stonebraker and Horacek. The Pacific Northwest Club Lacrosse (PNCLL) Division II Conference, the governing body, acknowledged Brother McAnnis-Entenman as Freshman of the Year (2009). Also of note, during the 09-10 academic year Will Patton, Willamette Men's Lacrosse Coach, serves as the University Representative for the Gamma Sigma chapter. He lives in the Residential Assistant Single on the first floor and assists the chapter with all University related matters. We’re excited to have Will in our house!

This past year three brothers and two pledges participated in **Willamette's Chamber Choir**: Brothers Paul Eldred '10, Phil Hodgins '10, and Will Pilon '10 and Pledges Bailey ’13 and Daniel ’13. Brother Daniel Heathcock ’09 served as Chamber Choir President in the 2008-2009 school year, Brother Pilon served as the Tenor section leader (08-09) and Brother Eldred is serving as assistant section leader for the Bass section in 09-10. Brother Hodgens is also in the **Willamette Singers**, the university’s premier jazz group. Brothers Hodgins and McAnnis-Entenman also are members of **Male Ensemble Willamette**, the all-men’s group, along with pledges Daniel and Bailey. With as many members in choir than any other fraternity combined, Beta is truly living up to our reputation as the singing fraternity!

Gamma Sigma continued to be a leader in **Campus Life** activities at Willamette. The Willamette chapter of Order of Omega (an honor society recognizing particularly meritorious men and women in the undergraduate Greek community) awarded Joe Gruber ’09 Chapter President of the Year (08-09). Colin Waite ’09 served as the ASWU VP of Finance and Paul Eldred ’10 was elected to the position of Interfraternity Council (IFC) President. Daniel Echeverri ’12, Rafael Baptista ’12, and pledge Tej Reddy ’12 are serving on ASWU Senate. David Bernstein ’10 served as co-chair of the Eastside student judicial board as well as Residential Assistant for Residence Life in the University Apartments. Also, three Gamma Sigma alums are current graduate students at WU. Andrew Clark ’09 a second year student at Atkinson Graduate School of Management is the University Rep for Terra House, and Brian Best ’06 a 2L at Willamette College of Law is serving as the University Rep for the ΣAE Fraternity. Trevor Gamache ’09 is also in his first year at Atkinson.

In August 2009 Tom Eliot ’11 presented at MathFest at Penn State and studied onsite through the Fall 2009 semester. During the Spring of 2010, Brother Eliot embarked on an adventure to the Czech Republic and will return to Willamette this Fall.

Expanding Beta’s Broad Domain, three brothers are studying abroad during the Fall 2009 semester and one during Spring 2010:

- Jake Horacek ’11, Chile
- Nathan Keffer ’11, Denmark
- Will Pilon ’10, Italy
- John Schmitbauer ’11, Denmark (Spring)
During the 2009-2010 school year, Gamma Sigma has added 16 new men to our number. After informal recruitment, Matt Satterthwaite ’12 and Patrick Wu ’12 were both initiated in November 2009.

Formal Recruitment in Spring 2010 was one of the most successful recruitment efforts the chapter has had in almost a decade. With an initial pledge class of 17, the class has settled out to 14 outstanding men:

Andrew King – Winnetka, IL
Aaron Ollis – Santa Barbara, CA
Ben Fry – Medford, OR

Brad Bourque – Portland, OR
Dustin Daniel – Keizer, OR
Eliseo Calixtro – Beaverton, OR
Matt Bailey – Mt. Shasta, CA
Nate Teal – Juneau, AK
Nathan Combs – Seattle, WA
Patrick Cully – Ashland, OR
Sean Harding–Huntingtown, MD
Tej Reddy – Portland, OR
Tyler Young – Vancouver, WA
Zane Scheuerlein – Chicago, IL

The new pledges are currently in an 8-week process to learn about Beta and our history guided by Co-Pledge Educators Cole Cochrane ’10 and Paul Eldred ’10.

“…such associations teach us in their records how far human friendships can carry us from the shrine of idol self”

John Reily Knox, Miami ’1839

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