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BERNIE CLARK '00, PRESIDENT

Summer House Improvement Day Sat, July 30

Rejuvenation, both of mind and the natural environment around us, is a constant theme during the spring and summer months. It is in this spirit that I would like to inform you of an event that will be taking place this summer. This year Beta Chi plans to resurrect an old tradition by hosting a "Chapter House Project Day" with alumni and undergraduates participating side-by-side. We have scheduled the project day to start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2005, and tentative projects include regrading the parking lot, painting the chapter room and library, and general landscaping around the facility. The

building association will provide for lunch and all the project materials, but we are asking volunteers of all ages to provide a few extra hands. We are also accepting donations to help refurbish the library with new furniture and study materials.

We are looking forward to this important day as a way to bring generations of brothers together. The benefits are two-

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fold—while having the chance to meet and socialize with other members of our storied brotherhood, we will be helping to maintain the chapter facility and grounds for future generations. For more information concerning the event and how you can

become involved or contribute, please contact Brother Thomas Ess at (716) 860-8343 or ess71@hotmail.com. We are very excited about this event and look forward to seeing you there! ■

ALUMNUS PROFILE BY CHRIS LOCKMAN '04

Grant L. Scott Class of '94

Leadership Forged in Brotherhood

Leadership is essential to the success of any organization. For this issue of *The Banner*, we interviewed one exceptional brother who led our undergraduate organization through some very hard times. Brother Grant L. Scott '94 became president of the undergraduate chapter as a sophomore and experienced a rebirth of the organization during his two terms as leader of the Beta Chi Chapter.

Brother Scott initially joined Beta Chi Chapter in the hopes that it would allow him to grow as an individual by becoming a more outgoing person. Brother Scott had memorable experiences during his initial tenure in the house. He says, "I really enjoyed the ritual and the pledging process. It showed you why you joined the fraternity in the first place." After only a year of membership and varied activities, including working with the house mother in the kitchen to pay his social dues and living in the room dubbed "asylum," Brother Scott was elected president as a sophomore.

Brother Scott's most prominent memory from his undergraduate years was of an event that has affected generations of brothers. "I was

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Grant Scott '94, with wife Ellen, newborn daughter Kaitlyn, and son Brandon.

BETA CHI

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

CHRIS MANUEL '95, TRUSTEE & FUND CHAIRMAN

Newly Established Scholarship Fund Will Benefit Undergraduate Brothers

We are excited to inform you of a new scholarship program that has been recently established through the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Inc. for our Allegheny undergraduates. Over time, once our endowed Chapter Specific Scholarship Fund (CSSF) reaches critical mass, earnings will be available to extend a Helping Hand to needy brothers in the form of educational scholarships. Moreover, we envision the scholarship program as another “feather in our cap” to help with the recruitment of new members.

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Look for more information on the status of the fund, incoming donations, and scholarship recipients in upcoming editions of *The Banner*. Furthermore, donors will be identified each year in the spring issue of the fraternity’s magazine, *The Rattle*, which is published by the Foundation Chapter. If you are interested in accepting Brother Bonner’s challenge, we will be sending annual fundraising letters. Or at any time you may make credit card donations over the phone or on the Foundation Chapter’s website. However, in order to make your donation count, it is imperative to specify “Beta Chi Scholarship Fund” either on the website, to the operator on the phone, or in the memo field of your check so that your contributions are credited to our Beta Chi CSSF.

Finally, we would like to note that while the Beta Chi Building Association endorses the creation of the Beta Chi CSSF, they are completely separate entities. As such, we hope and trust that any financial support you provide the Beta Chi CSSF will not detract from your current contributions to the Building Association’s annual fund, which goes

towards making improvements to the chapter house, publishing alumni communications like this newsletter, and ensuring the sustainability of the undergraduate chapter. ■

To make a donation to the BCSF, call 317-824-1881 or visit www.thetachi.org/forms/secure/contribution.html. Please be sure to mention “Beta Chi/Allegheny College” or select it in the Chapter Specific Scholarship Fund dropdown box.

SCOTT '94, *continued*

only a sophomore when the fire happened,” he says. “This was obviously a tragedy, but some very good memories came out of this experience. We were a very small chapter at the time, only about twenty-five guys, but the fact that we had to deal with such a tragedy caused us all to become very close. We had to live in the dorms in converted lounges for the rest of the semester and we had to share an apartment complex during the beginning of the next semester while our house underwent repairs. But one of the best feelings was when we got to move into the new house.”

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It seems as though the fire defined Brother Scott’s time as an undergraduate, symbolizing a re-birth in the spirit of brotherhood. “The chapter house was two different places for me, pre- and post-fire. The pre-fire house was awesome. It had such character. The post-fire house was somewhat plain... but what was great was giving it some character. For example, painting the family trees on the back stairwell.”

Brother Scott enjoyed the relationships formed by linking older and younger members of the brotherhood together through families. “I loved having little brothers, particularly Dan Van Aken. We were only one year apart and our friendship during those years was just like brothers. We fought, we laughed, we had a good time.”

Since graduating Brother Scott has taken not only the friendships made but also the lessons learned in Beta Chi Chapter into adulthood. He currently lives in Elderburg, Maryland with his wife Ellen, son Brandon (2 yrs.), and newborn daughter Kaitlyn. Brother Scott is able to pass on the lessons and values acquired as a member in Beta Chi Chapter as a biology teacher at Howard High School, and as a U18 National Travel volleyball coach for his region. ■

Alma Mater First, and Theta Chi for Alma Mater!

A Semester of Highs Must End with a Low

Much of Beta Chi Chapter's emphasis this semester was focused on the initiation of our new members and increasing our numbers by recruiting another pledge class for next fall. As president of Beta Chi Chapter, I am pleased to say that we have achieved both of these goals.

Beginning January 22 and running until March 5, we undertook the education and initiation of ten new members, placing our overall number at thirty-six brothers. Our chapter did not stop there however; we accepted the challenge of taking another class next fall in an attempt to increase the number of underclassmen. By extending bids to another twelve freshmen, I can confidently say that Beta Chi will have a fall pledge class for the first time in three years.

Philanthropically, we continued to strive towards achieving our high standards for community service. By continuing our old projects such as Furniture Closet and Elm Street, along with spring events such as the Children's Carnival and Senior Citizen Day, we successfully completed nearly 500 hours as a chapter this



2005 Runout

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semester. Each semester the number of community service hours our chapter completes continues to rise.

On a campus-wide scale, eight of our brothers competed in the model NATO competition in Washington, D.C. In late February, these eight brothers finished fourth in a competition of over thirty teams from colleges and universities from around North America. We continue to maintain our visibility on campus by hosting events such as dance parties, barbeques, and many sporting activities including a softball tournament at the end of April.

As the old saying goes, what goes up must come back down. While Beta Chi achieved much success as a chapter this semester, we are forced to endure yet another loss at the semester's close—Beta Chi will lose eight brothers to graduation. While I cannot list the endless amount of things these nine brothers have contributed to our chapter over the past four years, it saddens the entire chapter that we must lose yet another group who rebuilt our house after the reorganization of 2000. On behalf of Beta Chi Chapter I would like to thank Jay McCain, John Lobaugh, Trevor Samios, Ty Sippel, Mark Receski, Kurt Gutshall, Andrew Chrzan, and Adam Clements for their leadership, guidance, and above all else—the memories. ■



Newly initiated brothers at the March 2005 spring formal.

ALUMNI NEWS AND UPDATES

Ralph Intorcio '51

Ralph had a complete left and right knee replacement and is enjoying retirement!

John Waite '51

John has been spending many hours and manpower restoring the historic Fullerton Fox Theater built in 1925.

Edward D. Williams '61

Edward retired from private practice on December 31, 2000 and recently moved to Henderson, Nevada.

James M. Robertson '67

James was married to Louise (Masey) Williams on April 2, 2005 in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Oliver Jacob '69

Oliver became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter had a baby girl in July of 2004. Oliver is the business manager for the public school system of Bane, Vermont.

Paul Rockar, Jr. '75

Paul is the current CEO of Centers for Rehab Services, a certified rehabilitation agency in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Marty Goldman '81

Marty continues to operate a family-owned menswear store.

Stephen A. Weirich '81

Stephen reports he has followed his heart, quit his "cushy" job in the for-profit world of medicine, and is now medical director of the Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland.

Michael C. Benedict '82

Michael and his wife Lori are expecting their second child, a girl, due in early June.

Doug Tucker '92

Doug and his wife Heather recently settled into their new home with their two daughters Samantha and Victoria and their son Alex.

Chuck Borromeo '95

Chuck and his wife Rachel have moved back to the Pittsburgh area with their two children Charlie and Katherine.

James Nagy '98

James moved to Tampa, Florida to work in investment real estate.

David Veshi '98

In late 2004 Dave and his wife became parents. Dave is currently in Officer Candidate School to become an infantry officer in the U.S. Army.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have news to share? Use the enclosed card to send us your updates, or email Chris Lockman at lockmac14@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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REUNION WEEKEND EVENT

Second Annual Theta Chi Reunion Weekend Golf Scramble

Come join Theta Chi alumni and undergraduates for a two man golf scramble, followed by an evening barbeque. The Hailwood Golf Course is located on Park Avenue just north of the Robertson Sports Complex. After our round, we will gather in the pavilion for dinner, beverages and a few awards. Awards will be given for the winning twosome, closest to the pin, and longest drive.

The \$35 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with a cart and dinner. Come join us for a day of laughs, semi-friendly competition and networking as we attempt to dethrone last year's winners, Chris Manuel '95 and Sam Lauricia '99.

When

Saturday, June 4, 2005

Time

2:30 p.m. (after the alumni meeting)

Where

Hailwood Golf Course
562 Park Ave
Meadville, PA 16335
(814) 333-2505