
ALPHA TAU ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Summer 2002

TOP STORY

September 3, 2002, by Timothy Rashkin, Undergraduate HSP

Alpha Tau Chapter gains high recognition this year. The undergraduate brotherhood of Alpha Tau would like to share its excitement over the new semester with you. The chapter house is nearly at capacity and we are looking forward to a variety of different events this semester that will allow us to continue the progress that we have made during the past year. Seven members of our brotherhood recently journeyed to Indianapolis, Indiana, to participate in this year's National Leadership Conference. It was an extremely magnificent event that united the brotherhood of Alpha Sigma Phi from Oregon State to FSU. We also had the chance to meet much of what makes up Alpha Sigma Phi's Grand Council as well as attend a Phoenix Society Breakfast in our honor and receive a multitude of awards for our chapter's participation and dedication "to better the man." Some of the awards we received include:

- Phoenix Society Award
- The Brotherhood Development Citation For 2001-2002
- The Campus Involvement Citation For 2001-2002
- The Membership Improvement Citation For 2001-2002
- The Philanthropy Citation For 2001-2002
- The Publication Citation For 2001-2002
- The Risk Management Citation For 2001-2002
- The Ritual Education Citation For 2001-2002
- The Service Citation For 2001-2002

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Alumni Happenings

August 30, 2002

Marriage Announcements

- Paul and Jamie Serrilli will be married on September 6, 2002
- Kamron and Sadia Awwal were married on June 30, 2002

Anniversary Announcements

- Ed and Karalee Pieluc celebrated their 1st year Wedding Anniversary on August 18th
- Rob and Tammy Weiss celebrated their 1st year Wedding Anniversary on June 16th
- James and Kathleen Berger celebrated their 34th Wedding Anniversary on July 20th

Birth Announcements

- Keith and Lynn Bloomer are expecting their first baby, the due date is November 8, 2002
- Jim and Kathy Berger are happy to announce the arrival of their newborn granddaughter, Laura Susan on April 7, 2002
- Mike and Jen Percarpio are expecting their first baby, the due date is sometime in October.
- Phil Santiago is a recent Godfather to niece Gabriel

Career Announcements

- Keith Bloomer recently passed the Professional Traffic Operations Engineer exam, making him one of two engineers in Rhode Island certified by the Transportation Professional Certification Board Inc.
- Andy Krynicky accepted a position at Abraham Clark in Roselle, NJ as a visual Basic/C++ programming/mathematics instructor

With the fluctuations in the job market, a suggestion of having a career posting for some of the brothers that are looking for employment, either it be a career change or for a recent graduate, was suggested. There is a section on the Alpha Tau Community Page that will allow people to post career information or resumes that they have. (See Contact Information for the Internet address of the Community Homepage)

If you have any announcements that you would like to see appear in this newsletter, please send them to the e-mail in the Contact Information section.

Undergrad Happenings

August 1, 2002

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT – ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

PLACE – FARMSTEAD GOLF CLUB

TIME – SEPTEMBER 2002

EVENT – ALUMNI VS. UNDERGRAD FOOTBALL

PLACE – STEVENS FIELD

TIME – OCTOBER 2002

EVENT – THANKSGIVING DINNER

PLACE – ALPHA SIGMA PHI HOUSE

TIME – NOVEMBER 2002

EVENT – CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

PLACE – ALPHA SIGMA PHI HOUSE

TIME – DECEMBER 2002

**PLEASE CHECK COMMUNITY PAGE FOR
UPDATES AND SPECIFIC DATES**

Family Tree project

Becoming a brother means many things to different people, for some it is a chance to learn from people more experienced, specifically your big brother. The Undergraduates have started a task to map every brother of the Alpha Tau Chapter together in “The Family Tree Project”. This task is very difficult due to the amounts of records that were missed placed describing big brother little brother relations. We are asking for all alumni brothers to email us with their big/little brother's name, nicknames, etc. It would also be a big help if you remember any further down your family line or if you know of any other brother's bigs/littles.

Undergraduate Web Site gets new look

There has been many changes how the undergrad chapter functions and shares information. Information about the house, its brothers, its officers can be found on the web site (listed in the *Contact Information* Section below). But the most impressive contribution that this site makes is the literature it offers to people. For those of you that remember, “The Crossed Swords” is the Undergraduate newsletter, it is made a transition from paper to electronic.

New Undergraduate Alumni Representative

Joe Haydu has recently been elected as Alumni Relations Chair, if you have any questions about undergraduate happens, please contact him at jhaydu@stevens-tech.edu

Rush Updates

Rush has successfully begun and on 9/17/02 the house will be holding its Super Smoker. On 9/27/02 we will be hosting a semester party from 9 PM to midnight. You are all invited and encouraged to come visit the house and attend these events. We have regularly scheduled house meetings on Mondays and BBQs on Wednesdays.

Some National News

August 20, 2002

New Grand Council Installed - On Saturday, August 17, 2002, seven alumni brothers were installed as our new Grand Council for the next two years. Those men are: John Gibson, Grand Senior President Ed Leedom, Grand Junior President Mark Still, Grand Secretary Mike Young, Grand Treasurer G. Scott Grissom, Grand Marshal Jonathan Burns, Grand Councilor Jeff Hoffman, Grand Councilor Please join us in congratulating this group of dedicated brothers.

Alpha Tau Award Winners – On Saturday, August 17, 2002, the chapter of Alpha Tau received a National Award for its contributions to the Phoenix Campaign. This January at the National Academy of Leadership, this new campaign was forged by the Alpha Sigma Phi Educational Foundation who's primary purpose was to promote academic excellence through the betterment of educational programming and the creation of new national merit scholarships. Due to the Chapter's heavy involvement, Alpha Tau was honored at a breakfast, awards ceremony, names are being place on a plaque at the National Headquarters & there are plans on featuring the Chapter in an upcoming Tomahawk. [Read Spring 2002 *Crossed Swords* for more info]

Ben Oliver Program Update

August 1, 2002

During these six months, the Program has done well under expected. We were able to continue the yearly \$1,000 scholarship for the continuing education of one of our Undergraduate brothers, but were forced to drop the two yearly Leadership scholarships that allow for more of the brothers to attend National Conference each year to only one scholarship. The program has only completed 12.5% of the goals that were set aside for the mid-year. The rest of this year also appears that the turn out will not be well. We expected to see the fund take a slight drop, but nothing to the extend that it has fallen. To date, the fund has only completed 5% of its goal for the December 31, 2002 deadline. The cause of this drop was due to the huge reduction of donations during the winter/spring months and the missing of payments of many alumnus that still owe a sum of money to the Fraternity. This year's main objective of is to see the successful start of installation of the new fire systems, however we have no funds set aside at this point to cover the initial costs. Due to changes in Hoboken laws regarding the fire systems that must be installed in multi-dwelling homes (including Fraternity houses), the new codes require upgrades to our smoke & carbon monoxide detectors as well as an addition to a full sprinkler system through out the house. Work on the new system was expected to start some time at the end of Summer or start of Fall 2002 school semester, but due to funding & issues that have come up with the NJ State loan, the construction efforts are being pushed back. As of today, work is expected to begin some time early 2003.

Contact Information

Alpha Tau Community Homepage: <http://www.communityzero.com/alphataualumni/>

E-mail address: AlphaSigHP@yahoo.com

Alumni Homepage: <http://24.6.64.208/alphasigmaphi/>

Undergraduate Homepage: <http://atila.stevens-tech.edu/alphasig/>

Ben Oliver Fund mid-2002 Results Report:

Our goals for the mid-2002 time frame included the following:

- ➔ Pay back amount of \$5,000.00 to Alumni Loans [\$3,000.00 of goal has been met]
- ➔ Have an allotment of \$12,500.00 for Sprinkler Installation [\$0.00 of goal has been met]
- ➔ Have an allotment of \$15,000.00 for Re-pointing work [\$0.00 of goal has been met]
- ➔ Have an allotment of \$1,000.00 for Academic Scholarship [\$1,000.00 of goal has been met]
- ➔ Have an allotment of \$500.00 for Leadership Scholarships [\$250 of goal has been met]

Our total goal is set at \$34,000.00. The Collection goal is set at \$37,500.00. Collection goals are the following:

- ➔ Collection of Debt: \$22,500.00 [\$1,166.40 collected during the mid year]
- ➔ Collection of Donations: \$15,000.00 [\$3,140.12 collected during the mid year]

Our total Collection amount was \$4,306.52 and with the addition of the money from 2001 (\$311.25), we were had a total of \$4,617.77. Above you can see the goals that the money went to. We had enough to pay off only 12.5% of our mid-year goal amount, and we were approximately \$33,000 below our expected Collection goal. We would like to thank all of the brothers who so generously contributed to the Benjamin Oliver Fund [donation breakdowns are below].

Ben Oliver Fund 2002 Goal Report:

Goals are set end of year at December 31, 2002. Our goals for the following year included the following:

- ➔ Pay back amount of additional \$5,000.00 to Alumni Loans
- ➔ Have an allotment of additional \$12,500.00 for Sprinkler Installation
- ➔ Have an allotment of additional \$15,000.00 for Re-pointing work

Our total goal is set at \$32,500.00. The Collection goal is set at \$37,500.00. Collection goals are the following:

- ➔ Collection of Debt: \$22,500.00
- ➔ Collection of Donations: \$15,000.00

Benjamin Oliver Fund 2001 Contributions

On behalf of the Benjamin Oliver Fundraising Committee, we would like to thank all of the brothers that helped us raise over \$3,000 for the period between January 1, 2002 to August 1, 2002.

Alpha Tau Club Contributors: \$2,000 & above donations

Polk, Craig

Talisman Club Contributors: \$500 & above donations

Albala, Mitchell

Anniversary Club Contributors: \$75 & above donations

Malik, Joseph

Liss, Charles

Proskow, William

Other Contributors

Roosevelt, Joseph