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# ALPHA TAU ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Winter 2002

## TOP STORY

### Alpha Tau helps to put some of the pieces back together.

October 11, 2001

It is now one month after the tragic events that took place on September 11<sup>th</sup>. These events have affected all Americans in different ways, for me, I do not know if I will ever be the same. During the moment I heard the announcement that a plane has crashed into the WTC while driving to work, I thought to myself that it was a horrible accident. Suddenly the news came about a second plane and suddenly a huge feeling of fear and anger came over me. I turned my car around and headed directly home. Many thoughts were racing through my head, but the strongest one was if I knew any one in the buildings. For what seemed like years, details of that day started to come out. I remember calls & e-mails that were passed in great speed, trying to see if all the people I knew that worked in the area were OK. As it turned out, I was a lucky ones, but what about everyone else? The undergraduates along with the alumni got involved with the Hudson County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Many people helped in any ways that they could, including coin (Continue on page 2)

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## Alumni Happenings

January 14, 2002

### Marriage Announcements

- Peter and Natasha Volz were married on January 5, 2002
- Ed and Karalee Pieluc were married on August 18, 2001
- Tom and Lauren Holz were married on October 6, 2001

### Engagement Announcements

- Paul Serrilli has become engaged to Jamie Cell, a September 6, 2002 wedding is scheduled
- Kamron Awwal has become engaged to Sadia Afrooz, a June 30, 2002 wedding is planned

### Carrier Announcements

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. Starting in February, a section will be added to the Alpha Tau Community Page that will allow people to post career information that they have. (See Contact Information for the Internet address of the Community Homepage)

### AT Tournament

After half of a year the alumni find themselves down a 2-0 big hole when it comes to trying to out class the undergraduates in the AT Tournament.

-> September: Ultimate Frisbee, Undergraduates win by a score of 8 to 2.

-> October: Football (Fall Classic), Undergraduates win due to Alumni forfeit

-> November: game canceled, has to be rescheduled

With the January competition still uncompleted, it looks like the alumni team needs to step things up a notch if they want to come out the victors. Games left to play: February, March, and April. If you are interested in more info, please send e-mail to the address in the Contact Information section.

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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### EVENT – ALUMNI WINTER PUB CRAWL

PLACE – MEET AT ALPHA SIGMA PHI HOUSE

TIME – FEBRUARY 2002

### EVENT – SKI TRIP

PLACE – MEET AT ALPHA SIGMA PHI HOUSE

TIME – MARCH 2002

### EVENT – 75<sup>TH</sup> TALISMAN BALL

PLACE – GERRINO'S RESTAURANT

TIME – APRIL 2002

### EVENT – BEEFSTEAK DINNER

PLACE – ALPHA SIGMA PHI HOUSE

TIME – APRIL 2002

### EVENT – ANNUAL SOFTBALL GAME

PLACE – MEADOW LANDS GOLF COURSE

TIME – APRIL 2002

### EVENT – CAMPING TRIP

PLACE – KITTATINNY CAMPGROUNDS

TIME – MAY 2002

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collections, money/food/clothing/blood donations. Some of the brothers even volunteered their time at local hospitals and organizations to organize care packets and equipment that would go to the WTC. Also on September 14<sup>th</sup>, Alpha Sigma Phi organized a candle lighting that took place on Castle Point.

## Ben Oliver Program Update

October 1, 2002

After a year, the Ben Oliver Program has made some helpful changes. Currently we have a yearly \$1,000 scholarship for the continuing education of one of our Undergraduate brothers as well as two yearly Leadership scholarships that allow for more of the brothers to attend National Conference each year. On other fronts, the program has successfully completed over 90% of the goals that were set aside for the previous year. However, this year has not turned out so well. With all of the craziness that has been happening we expected to see the fund take a slight drop. To date, the fund was only able to achieve 25% of its goal for the December 31, 2001 deadline. The cause of this drop was due to the reduction of donations during the Fall months. With the September events, a new plan was drafted, this plan is in the process of being looked over by the alumni and undergraduate committees and should be available shortly. Updated of the Ben Oliver Program will be placed on the Alpha Tau Community Homepage as soon as they are available (see the link in Contact Information), but a quick summary will be included in the 2002 Goal report. This year's main objectives of the program are to see the successful completion of the new fire systems. Hoboken has changed its 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 is expected to start some time in the Spring months & should be completed by the start of the Fall 2002 school semester.

### Contact Information

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

E-mail address: [AlphaSigHP@yahoo.com](mailto:AlphaSigHP@yahoo.com)

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

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

## Undergrad Happenings

January 14, 2001

### Letter from the new HSP

Greetings from the Undergraduates of Alpha Sigma Phi Alpha Tau Chapter! We hope that you and yours had a wonder Holiday Season and a Happy New Year and cordially invite you to come visit the house at any time.

The undergrads would love to meet each and every one of you and give you and your family the opportunity to see where you lived for almost four years at Stevens Tech.

Currently the house has 17 people living in it; 14 brothers and 3 pledges I personally consider this a major victory for a house that had at one point only 6 undergraduates in the house, 5 of which were Seniors. Soon we will be having our next Pledge Night and anticipate it to be, again, a big success. Thank you again for the support you have shown us and I hope to see you soon

Timothy Rashkin - HSP

### Initiation Night

Scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2002 the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi will be welcoming Rich Schweizer, Christain Tsu-Raun, and Philip Merola to our Mystic Circle.

### Pledge Night

Scheduled for Friday January 26, 2002

### Conqueror of the Hill

This year, the brothers of Alpha Sig are going to help many High School students expand their minds through Science & competition. This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that the chapter will help Lucent Technologies with their annual High School Physics torment, which is being held on March 9, 2002. For more info about the tournament, go to [www.geocities.com/coh\\_info](http://www.geocities.com/coh_info)

# **Ben Oliver Fund 2001 Results Report:**

Goals were original set based on end of year of May 31, 2001, due to changes of Hoboken City Housing Laws and events that took place in September, all end of year May 2001 Goals have been pushed back to an end of year at December 31, 2001. Our goals for the past year included the following:

- ➔ Pay over due Hoboken Tax debt of \$15,000.00
- ➔ Pay over due Hoboken Water debt of \$3,939.98
- ➔ Pay over due Hoboken Sewage debt of \$3,939.98
- ➔ Have an allotment of \$1,000.00 for Academic Scholarship
- ➔ Have an allotment of \$500.00 for Leadership Scholarships

Our total goal amount was \$24,379.96. At the beginning of the year, we set a Collection goal of \$33,000.00. Collection came from old debt still owed to the Chapter and donations:

- ➔ Collection of Debt: \$9,178.90 [based on a \$13,000.00 goal]
- ➔ Collection of Donations: \$15,512.31 [based on a \$20,000.00 goal]

Our total Collection amount was \$24,691.21. We did receive enough to pay off the goal amount, but we were approximately \$8,000 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 on page 4].

# **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 \$10,000.00 to Alumni Loans
- ➔ Have an allotment of \$25,000.00 for Sprinkler Installation
- ➔ Have an allotment of \$30,000.00 for Re-pointing work
- ➔ Have an allotment of \$1,000.00 for Academic Scholarship
- ➔ Have an allotment of \$500.00 for Leadership Scholarships

Our total goal is set at \$66,500.00. The Collection goal is set at \$75,000.00. Collection goals are the following:

- ➔ Collection of Debt: \$45,000.00
- ➔ Collection of Donations: \$30,000.00

## **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 \$15,000 for the period between January 1, 2000 to January 1, 2001.

***Ben Oliver Club Contributors: \$5,000 & above donations***

Polk, Craig

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

Albala, Mitchell

***Phoenix Club Contributors: \$1,000 & above donations***

Crandall, Stephen

Miazad, Emad

Vesterman, Robert

***Talisman Club Contributors: \$500 & above donations***

Beneski, Benjamin

***1845 Club Contributors: \$225 & above donations***

Earl, Randy

***Pinnacle Club Contributors: \$150 & above donations***

Awwal, Kamron

Ferrira, Zef

Smith, Howard

Talbot, Donald

Waypa, John

Yannone, John

***Anniversary Club Contributors: \$75 & above donations***

Berger, John

Braun, Robin

Cebula, David

Coless, Michael

Friedle, David

Goldfarb, Charles

Sarma, Stan

Scheidegg, Carl

Yee, Lin

***Other Contributors:***

Gajarsky, Robert

Roosevelt, Joseph