

Marty's Boys

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Membership Education Forum Coming Together

Plans for the 2005 edition of the Membership Education Forum are coming together. This year's MEF/NBT weekend is being held from February 11—13 at Beta Chapter (Purdue University).

The Membership Education Forum will be held at University Lutheran Church (100 S. Chauncey, West Lafayette, IN). MEF formally begins at 9:00 am EST with a Welcome and Introduction Session.

The keynote educator for MEF is Joe Franklin. Mr. Franklin is a Senior Managing Partner with Thrivent Financial. Mr. Franklin's large group session will focus on general selling techniques.

After the keynote session, those in attendance will be able to break into small groups led by various National Officers. These groups will focus on sharing ideas, techniques, and providing feedback to National Officers.

In addition, Mr. Franklin will be leading a Recruitment Seminar, where he will teach



University Lutheran Church at Purdue University

advanced selling techniques and management techniques. This seminar is geared towards current and future Chapter Recruitment chairman.

The following small group sessions are planned:

- New Member Seminar
- Membership Manual
- National Programming
- Leadership Academy
- Treasurer Meeting
- Presidents' Meeting
- Scholarship
- Other groups may be added before MEF

This year's Luncheon Speaker will be John Hingst, 13th National President and Chairman of the Housing Foundation. It is a great honor to have Mr. Hingst speak at this year's MEF.

Several other events will be occurring with MEF this year. Alumni Vice President Andy Ortstadt will be leading an Alumni Chapter Forum starting at 9:30 am. This Forum will allow officers from Alumni Chapters to meet with each other and to discuss ways to work together and with National.

The Vision for the Future Committee will also be holding a meeting during MEF. This meeting will start at 1:00 pm, and is open to the public.

Registration information should be directed to Robert Brackman at rbrackma@purdue.edu.

Marty looks forward to seeing everyone at this year's MEF.

Spectators or Participants?

By Mark Heilman,
National Pastoral Advisor

“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:3,4)

Late winter means basketball fever at colleges. “March madness” will soon be with us as people participate in pools to determine who will do what in the NCAA tournament. As we watch the games, we are tempted to dream of how we would do on the court slam dunking the ball through the hoop or hitting a three-point shot from the corner.

Going to college can give you a wonderful opportunity to go to one of those games and sit near ground

level. It can be astounding to see just how big, how quick, how agile those athletes are. Perhaps you’ve seen one of those athletes in class or even played against them in intramurals. As much as we might identify with the members of the team we are rooting for, we realize we are only spectators. We can leave the basketball arena or turn the channel on the TV if we don’t want to watch anymore.

Late winter also means Lent, the time when we hear again the story of how Jesus died for us. We can try to identify with the suffering and humiliation that Jesus went through. A year ago people were flocking to the movie theaters to see how “The Passion of the Christ,” portrayed that suffering. But it is only like imagining we can be like the basketball players in the NCAA tournament. And what does Jesus’ life nearly 2,000 years ago have to do with our lives in 2005?

“Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?” St. Paul tells us that through baptism Jesus’ life is not just a story that we hear during Lent. Through baptism Jesus’ story becomes our story. It was not Jesus alone who went to the cross. He took with himself our old, sinful lives. And it was not Jesus alone who rose on Easter. We also arose to a new life, the new life God gives to us in baptism. We are not spectators to Jesus’ death and resurrection; we are participants.

We are no longer in the stand watching the life of Jesus during Lent. God has given us the ball. We are on the court. But we are not on the court to hit the winning jump shot. Jesus has already done that for us. We are now joined with Him in proclaiming His victory to each other. Christ bless us this Lent and always as we participate in His death and resurrection.

Who is Craig Marbach?

My name is Craig Marbach and I’m the current Regional VP for Alpha, Beta, and Psi chapters. I pledged Beta Sigs in the fall of 1990. While attending Purdue, I served as 1st and 2nd VP’s, rush co-chair, and Alumni Relations. While living in the house, my most memorable moment was our first championship of the Alpha Xi Delta “Fuzzy” football classic. I still keep up with Beta Sig alums at Alumni Association meetings, football games, and the occasional trip to Indianapolis.

Since accepting the position of regional VP, I’ve gotten to speak with

people from many different chapters and get an understanding of the challenges and opportunities that come with being a Beta Sig. This is an exciting time to be a Beta Sig with the reestablishment of Delta chapter and interested students at Texas A & M and Indiana. Of course, to remain a strong and viable national fraternity, we need to make sure we enable our current active and alumni chapters to thrive in this time where fraternity incidents still make news headlines when something negative happens.

Since graduating and completing a 5

year Army commitment, I’ve been employed by Howmet Castings as a Process Engineer. I work in an investment casting foundry, making super-alloy turbine engine components for the Aerospace industry. Although I’m originally from Decatur, Indiana, I currently live in just outside La Porte, Indiana.



Bethany Lutheran to Host Leadership Academy

The 2005 Leadership Academy is beginning to take shape. This year's Academy will be held from August 12—15 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas.

While the schedule of events has not been finalized yet, the Leadership Academy will have a different feel than in years past. It will actually feature two separate academies, one for collegiate members and one for alumni members.



Each academy will be tailored to meet the needs of each group, while still focusing on the overall object of developing better leaders for the Fraternity.

Some of the events which are currently being planned include the Annual Awards Banquet, Fireside Chats, an Alumni/

Active Social Event, and a Service Project.

No costs have been finalized yet, but the Collegiate Member cost will likely be between \$50—\$75.

Look to the upcoming issues of Marty's Boys for more information and details about the 2005 Leadership Academy. If you have any questions please contact Chad Pfister.

Committee Starts Working on Vision

The Vision for the Future Committee which was charged with reexamining and redeveloping the 5 Year plan created in 2002 held their first meeting on January 13, 2005.

The committee is chaired by Past-President Larry Edwards (Zeta), and includes Scott Gessell (Delta), Mike Nolte (Alpha), Mark Schiebe (Epsilon), Ryan Thieme (Beta), and Dan Meyers (Iota).

During its first meeting, the committee met with National President Chad Pfister to discuss the purpose of the committee and the 5 year plan. In addition, a discussion was held regarding the plan and how it related to the Fraternity.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in conjunc-

tion with the Membership Education Forum at Purdue University. This meeting will be open to the public, and the committee welcomes feedback on the 5 year plan.

There are still spots available on the Vision for the Future Committee. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the Committee please contact Chad Pfister.

Paperwork Submission Deadline Approaching

With the beginning of another semester comes the need to resubmit forms to the National Office. While it may seem tedious, it is important that the National Office and National Officers have the most up to date information available concerning each chapter.

The following forms/reports must be submitted by January 31.

- Chapter Officer Form

- Risk Management Statement w/ Signatures
 - Chapter Roster
 - Membership Status Report
 - Academic Achievement Statement
- The following forms/reports should be resubmitted as well.

- Rush Reports
- Chapter Operating Plan

Finally, chapters should also remember that minutes of Chapter meetings should be sent to the National President, the respective Regional Vice President, and the National Office.

Over the next few months, the National Board will be taking a closer look at paperwork submission, to ensure that everyone is in compliance.

Please direct questions to your RVP.

National Council to Discuss Constitution & By-Law Amendments

As mentioned in the November 2004 issue of Marty's Boys, the National Council will be meeting on February 12th to conduct the business and affairs of the Fraternity. The meeting will be held at University Lutheran Church at Purdue. Delegates should be prepared to start the meeting at the conclusion of the Membership Education Forum (around 3:00 pm EST).

Official packets were sent to delegates on January 12 and included the following items:

- Amendment Proposal A—*Clarification of Colony/Chapter*

Management

- Amendment Proposal B—*Finance*
- Resolution 1—*Definition of Good Standing*
- Resolution 2—*Membership Education Forum*

In addition to the above items, an election will be held for Southern Regional Vice President. This position was left vacant after the August 14, 2004 National Council meeting. Adam Synoground was appointed to serve as the interim officer, and

is seeking to be duly elected to the position.

Additional items may still be presented to the National Council from the floor of the meeting.

If you have any questions about the National Council Meeting, including the agenda, rules and procedures, please contact National President Chad Pfister.

If you have any resolution, policy, or amendment which you would like to distribute to Council delegates before the meeting please contact Chad Pfister.

Fraternity to Launch New Website

By Rudy Ristich

Northern Regional Vice President

The National Board of Directors is excited to announce some new technological features upcoming in the near future. At its most recent meeting, the National Board approved the transferring of web hosting rights to a different company.

Our new web hosting plan allows us to create consolidated mailing lists for each Active and Alumni Chapter as well as for each Foundation. All chapter websites will soon be able to be hosted under their own subdomain of betasigmapi.org.

Active and Alumni Chapters will also be able to receive e-mail addresses for officers and recruitment efforts.

Executive Officers of each National organization will also receive their own email address complete with POP, IMAP, and Webmail access.

Streaming media is now available so look forward to being able to get copies of National Programming streamed to your desktop from the National Website.

In the coming months the National Board hopes to begin implementing the following items on the National website.

- Monthly Online Chat Sessions with National Offices and Famous Beta Sigs
- National Office Blogs
- Online Store

- Online Donations
- Secured Online Membership Database
- Online Paperwork Submission

This is an exciting time for Beta Sigma Psi and the Board looks forward to moving Beta Sigma Psi further into the 21st century.

The National Board is also soliciting submissions for the redesign of the national website. We are moving toward a recruitment oriented professional platform. If you feel your submission could serve the Fraternity in this purpose and you would like to show off your web design chops please submit a sample design or portfolio to the National Board of Directors by the end of February 2005.

Beta Sigma Psi Basketball League

The Fighting Illini continue to dominate the Beta Sigma Psi Basketball League. They look to be running away with the title, but there are still two months left in the season and crazier things have been known to happen.

The surprise of the season is still Kansas State, but since starting the season 8-0, they have lost 4 of their last 6 games. However, they pulled off the biggest upset of the league when they blew out Missouri 74-54.

The month of February will be important as teams begin preparing for their respective national tournaments.

The remaining inter-league games are:

- January 26th
Iowa St @ Kansas State
- January 29th
Kansas State @ Missouri
- February 8th
Iowa State @ Nebraska
- February 15th
Kansas State @ Iowa State
- February 19th
Missouri @ Nebraska
- February 27th
Nebraska @ Iowa State
- March 1st
Purdue @ Illinois
- March 2nd
Missouri @ Iowa State
- March 5th
Nebraska @ Kansas State

Team	W	L	APF	APA
Illinois	19	0	81.4	62.5
Kansas St	11	4	71.7	64.5
Missouri	10	8	65.3	65.2
Iowa St	8	7	67.8	65.0
Nebraska	8	7	67.8	60.2
UMR	8	8	62.1	61.1
Purdue	4	12	63.2	68.6
Midland	5	16	76.6	83.2
CC-B	0	15	55.1	76.8

Standings as of 23 Jan 05

2005 National Basketball Tournament Preview

The Battle for the Cross, Heart, and Rose Trophy will heat up on February 12, 2005 at Lambert Fieldhouse on the campus of Purdue University.

The National Basketball Tournament is one of the most anticipated to events of the Beta Sig year, because year in, year out, it provides excitement for all who attend and take part. This year will likely be no different.

The team to follow this year will be the men from Beta Chapter. Beta is the only chapter to have held the Cross, Heart, and Rose Trophy since it was created at the 2003 National Basket-



ball Tournament. It will be interesting to see if the home field advantage will assist them in their search for a 3-peat.

Looking to knock them off their

championship form will be the Alumni of Delta Chapter. Delta Alumni come into the 2005 NBT with 2 championships and 2 runner-up finishes in the past 5 years. Delta will surely be looking to avenge last year's Championship loss to Beta. While they lost spring chicken status a long time ago, they are definitely not a team to mess with (just ask National President Chad

Pfister, who had a slight run-in with Delta Alumni at the 2000 NBT).

The men of Epsilon are another team to look out for, they are the only host team in the last 5 years to have won the Championship, and while they have had up and down tournaments since their 2001 win, they are always a formidable force.

2003 Runner-ups Zeta Chapter will also be seeking to take hold of the CHR Trophy, after failing to make it out of the semifinals in last year's tournament.

Look to the next issue of Marty's Boys to see the results of the 2005 National Basketball Tournament.

Schedule of Events

- Jan 31—Deadline for submission of Winter Semester 2005 Paper-work
- Feb 9—Ash Wednesday
- Feb 12—Membership Education Forum
- Feb 12—Vision for the Future Committee Meeting
- Feb 12—National Council Meeting
- Feb 12—National Basketball Tournament
- Feb 12—National Board of Directors Meeting
- Feb 14—Valentine's Day
- Feb 21—Presidents' Day

February 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

Submit your events to Chad Pfister for inclusion on the Marty's Boys Calendar of Events

Beta Sigma Psi Football League

The 1st ever Beta Sigma Psi Football League title has gone to the Boiler-makers of Purdue University. Even though both Purdue and Iowa State finished with 7-5 records, Purdue won by having a larger point differential. Iowa State did everything it needed to do, to finish with an above .500 record by beating Miami (Ohio) 17-13 in the Independence Bowl.

Purdue on the other-hand was not so lucky in the Sun Bowl, as they lost 27-23 to Arizona State.

This 2004 edition was a very interest-

ing one. We had traditionally Big 12 powerhouses Kansas St and Nebraska finish with losing seasons. Missouri was unable to capitalize on the failures of their Big 12 North brothers, and finished with a disappointing 5-6 records.

One of the biggest surprises was the 5-0 start by Purdue, but after losing Homecoming to Wisconsin, it was all downhill from there.

We look forward to seeing everyone for season 2 of the Beta Sigma Psi Football League.

Team	W	L	PF	PA
Purdue	7	5	381	206
Iowa St	7	5	246	259
Missouri	5	6	256	215
Nebraska	5	6	275	298
Midland	5	6	237	298
Kansas St	4	7	326	337
Illinois	3	8	240	323
UMR	3	8	254	509

CU Sets New Greek Policies

The Denver Post
January 15, 2005

By Dave Curtin
Denver Post Staff Writer

Fraternities and sororities at the University of Colorado at Boulder would push back freshman recruiting to the spring semester and would be prohibited from using alcohol and hazing in new-member initiations, under a proposed new contract announced by CU on Friday.

Greek organizations that want to continue to be associated with CU have until mid-February to accept the contract, said Ron Stump, vice chancellor for student affairs.

The contract also requires each Greek house to have a live-in CU staff member and prohibits underage drinking by members and pledges.

Stump had detailed some of the changes in a letter to sororities earlier this month. But Friday he listed more detailed prohibitions and confirmed that fraternities will be expected to abide by the same rules.

There are 15 CU fraternities and 11 sororities. The proposed contract comes after several alcohol-related deaths this fall at colleges in the state and marks a departure from a perceived "hands-off" approach CU has taken with Greek organizations that exist independently off campus.

CU freshman Lynn "Gordie" Bailey died from alcohol poisoning Sept. 17, the morning after he and other Chi Psi pledges were told to drink as part of an initiation ritual.

Bailey's stepfather, Michael Lanahan, ripped CU administrators in a letter this month for inaction in controlling alcohol and hazing abuse after Bailey's death.

"Every day we regret sending him off to college without teaching him about forced drinking at fraternities and alcohol poisoning," Lanahan wrote in the Jan. 6 letter to outgoing CU chancellor Richard Byyny.

NEW RULES POSTPONE RUSH

Under the fraternal organization contract, CU fraternities and sororities will be expected to:

- # Have a full-time, live-in staff member in the chapter house.
- # Prohibit underage consumption of alcohol.
- # Schedule rush in the spring semester of the freshman year beginning with the 2005-06 academic year.
- # Abide by federal, state and local laws as well as CU's student code of conduct.
- # Meet the national organization's academic standards.
- # Prohibit any form of hazing and use of alcohol in new-member programming.

Student Greek leaders were noncommittal Friday about accepting the contract.

"After an extensive review by our national organizations and chapter advisers, we will be in a much better position to continue a process of positive change for members of fraternities and evaluate the positive and negative aspects of deferred recruit-

ment," said Nate Ushio, president of the Interfraternity Council at CU-Boulder.

While fraternities and sororities are independent off-campus entities, they are dependent on university services such as office and meeting space on campus, student lists for recruitment, a full-time campus Greek adviser and use of campus fields and facilities for sports.

"Our goal is to foster a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the Greek system," Stump said. "I believe that the entire campus environment can be enhanced by Greek organizations that follow their core principles of leadership, scholarship, service and brotherhood or sisterhood. The agreement is intended to strengthen that relationship."

USC InterFraternity Council Cracks Down on Drinking

Daily Trogan
University of Southern California
January 14, 2005

By Rebekah Sanders

New recruits rushing fraternities on The Row this semester might be disappointed to find harsher penalties for violations of the dry rush policies and stricter enforcement by members of the University of Southern California Interfraternity Council.

The IFC began work on reforming rush last semester after an undercover article in the Daily Trojan exposed alcohol and drug use during fraternity rush events.

Fraternities must register all activities with IFC vice president of rush, Sagar Patel, a junior majoring in biological sciences.

Patel said that fraternities are not allowed to hold events at venues that make more than 50 percent of their profits from alcohol sales.

"Anything with the word 'bar' in it, we're rejecting," he said.

Patel said houses are planning more creatively, choosing activities like go-cart racing, poker nights and comedy clubs.

Each night of rush, IFC members, along with graduate housing assistants who live in and supervise the houses, will hold unannounced inspections at each venue. At places that serve alcohol, Patel said, the council members will stay for a significant amount of time to ensure no one is drinking even if they are more

than 21 years of old.

He also said that if no alcohol is in sight at an event, but members appear to be intoxicated, the inspectors would make a thorough search and report the incident.

The no-alcohol rush policy has long been in place, but penalties often were not effective.

In the past, punishments for violations only applied to the next semester, said IFC president John Ellis, a junior majoring in political science.

However, now the IFC judicial board will implement punishments, which can range from losing a day of rush to being kicked off The Row, during the semester of the violation, Ellis said.

Ellis said that IFC will also investigate any complaint made by a resident adviser in the dormitories if a student who is rushing is found drunk.

IFC has also added two more days to the moratorium period, which begins Friday at 9 p.m. and ends Saturday, Jan. 22 at 9 p.m. During that time, no alcohol and no women are allowed in any fraternity house. The two days were added to eliminate "pre-rush" parties and events.

"It's easy to show a person a good time in a week," said Ellis. "Now the focus is learning what the principles of these fraternities are besides the social aspect."

Other fraternity presidents echoed Ellis, saying the purpose of rush is to promote conversation and interaction between rushes and active members.

"Rush is not all about going to a cool club. It's about recruiting people you can trust the future of the house to," said Sigma Phi Epsilon president Steve Houchin, a junior majoring in broadcast journalism and cinema-television.

"Rush is the most important thing we do over the whole year," he said.

Though the university, IFC and fraternity presidents support the new enforcement policies and stricter punishments, the change was not easy.

Patel first laid the groundwork last semester when he rewrote the rush rulebook in a formal, constitutional form.

Later, Ellis, who was IFC vice president of administrative affairs at the time, led the group in discussing plans to reorganize rush with their adviser Denzil Suite, executive director of residential life, in order to prevent repercussions on the Greek system from the university.

"The students initiated the process of revamping the rules themselves," Suite said.

After the new IFC board took office this year, they made the new rules clear to all chapter presidents.

"There were obviously a lot of objections," said Alpha Epsilon Pi president Brian Fischer, a junior majoring in broadcast journalism.

"Everyone knows that rush in the past has 95 percent revolved around alcohol," he said. "So, my first fear was that guys who were juniors and seniors in the house who have had that

USC InterFraternity Council Cracks Down on Drinking (cont.)

type of rush experience would boycott it altogether or drink anyway."

Sigma Nu president Hayden Sakow, a junior majoring in creative writing, said the presidents understood the reason for the new policies.

"The university wants to make sure alcohol isn't the main thing we're promoting ... We're really here to meet

kids who we think will be an asset to our organization," he said.

"Alcohol is just a part of the overall experience," Sakow said.

Houchin agreed.

"People will realize we're not just the 'Animal House' stereotypes," he said, referring to the infamous movie about

a fraternity. "There's more substance to us."

Ellis was both optimistic and pragmatic about the upcoming events.

"We don't expect it to be perfect, but we hope our clear commitment and steadfast efforts will provide a safe and effective spring rush for 2005," he said.

Marty's Boys Feedback Form

Please answer the following questions and provide comments about Marty's Boys. Responses can be e-mailed or snail mailed to Chad Pfister (contact info on page 16)

Do you like the current form of Marty's Boys?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Undecided

How often should Marty's Boys be released?

- ☐ Once a Month
☐ Twice a Month
☐ Once a Week

Comments:

I would like more coverage of:

- ☐ Active Chapters
☐ Alumni Chapters
☐ Individual Brothers

Did you vote in the 2004 Presidential Election?

- ☐ Yes, in person
☐ Yes, by absentee
☐ No

Name _____

Address _____

Chapter & Year _____

E-mail _____

Caption Contest



Can you come up with a caption for this picture? If so, submit your caption to Chad Pfister by February 10, 2005. The winner and runner-up will be announced at MEF and receive prizes.

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The purpose of Beta Sigma Psi is to promote an environment in which the Lutheran college man can grow spiritually, scholastically, and socially. To that end, Beta Sigma Psi undertakes programs designed to develop Christian leaders and to aid individuals in assuming a satisfying and useful role in society. Through its alumni and undergraduate leadership, Beta Sigma Psi endeavors to assist each member:

1. Develop character
2. Develop intellectual awareness
3. Develop social responsibility to Chapter, College, Community, State, Nation, and World
4. Develop spiritual welfare
5. Develop brotherhood
6. Develop integrity
7. Promote friendship
8. Advance justice

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