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Addendum to the 2004 Pre-Fall Gathering Journal

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These reports were submitted prior to Fall Gathering, but too late for the submission deadline for inclusion in the Pre-Fall Gathering Journal. They are provided here for reference.

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Section 1: National Expansion Director

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Date: Tue, 12 Oct 2004 23:28:53 -0700
 From: expansion@sigmatheta.org
 To: cabinet@sigmatheta.org
 Subject: Expansion Director FG Report
 Brothers in Christ,

Please forgive me for not getting my Fall Gathering report on time.

On September 15th, Dan Divelbiss (a Beta Gamma brother) and I left Cincinnati and drove to Los Angeles, California. Our first leg ended us in Tahlequah Oklahoma where we stayed with the Havens for a night. We then drove 16 hours to Flagstaff, took in the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas the next day, and landed in San Dimas the day after that. We spent the night with Dan Weber (Beta Gamma alumnus) and his wife, Beth. I moved into my new apartment in Los Angeles on Sept. 20th.

For those that aren't aware, I was laid off from my job on July 17th and have moved out to Los Angeles to look for work. I am still unemployed but I am exploring many options available to me right now (in fact I picked up some part-time work as an extra for the show Navy NCIS, you may notice my legs or shadows walking past some windows looking out from a lab).

My move delayed some of my fraternity projects, but those are getting back on track now that I'm starting to settle in. Newer versions of the pledge and pledgemaster manual, expansion packet (for inquiring students), and applications are being revised one last time and will be integrated into the fraternity for use during the upcoming spring semesters or winter quarters. I will have copies of all documents available at Fall Gathering.

Illinois Wesleyan University's temporary club is going well. Their pledgemaster, Mike Sowa, has been taking them through the process and is doing an excellent job. They will not be activated at Fall Gathering, but will be attending. They are expected to wrap up their pledging the week before Thanksgiving. That not due to problems in the pledging, it's to allow for a well rounded program.

Alumni volunteers around Bowling Green State University and Kent State University have stepped up and expressed interest in assisting the formation of a chapter at those schools. Much prayer is needed to raise up student leaders interested in joining with us in ministry at those campuses and that our volunteer alumni can be there to facilitate that.

I've also worked with Josh Parsell to provide him with a quicktime of the STE promotional video that we will (when space allows) post on the website to be a resource to expansion efforts. I will be attending Fall Gathering East at Beta Epsilon. If there is anything in this report that you have a question about or have any question about expansion, please feel free to ask me and I will make myself available to you.

In Christ,
Isaac Woodby
National Expansion Director

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Section 2: Beta Theta Chapter
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Date: Wed, 13 Oct 2004 22:24:04 -0500
From: Marcelo Lima <marcelo_paulista@hotmail.com>
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Beta Theta Chapter Report:

This quarter started off with our chapter preparing for our first rush week of the school year. Within a week of classes we began passing out hundreds of STE RUSH WEEK flyers, painting store windows, chalking sidewalks/classrooms, and adding additions to the Beta Theta website. As a result of our rush week, we attracted two new pledges that are currently being introduced to the fraternity. The pledging process has been smooth and successful. In about 4 more weeks, we will be activating the pledges as brothers to the fraternity. Through the quarter, our chapter has discussed what our goals and vision for the fraternity should be. One common answer we found through out the brotherhood was the greater need of fellowship and growth with one another. As a result, we have planned to meet together once a week, aside from our projects, bible study, and business meetings, to grow and learn from each other through deeper and more meaningful conversations with each other. During this time, we plan to discuss what God has been putting on our hearts and what we have learned through Him. In addition to that meeting, we plan on getting together one on one with a different brother each week to enjoy each others company and experience deeper fellowship.

As a result from this new growth in fellowship, we have come together in bible study and business meetings with a better understanding of each other and views that we possess. It is our hope that through greater fellowship with each other and Christ, we will be used as a stronger tool through service and love to our community.

From Beta Theta at Ohio University,
Marcelo Lima