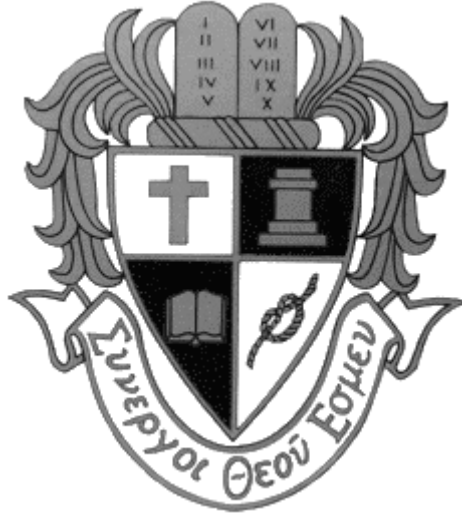


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## **Tentative Conclave Schedule**

Saturday 4/8

8:30: Devotion

9:00: Roll of Chapters, Business I: Officer Elections, begin Business

12:00: Lunch (on your own)

1:30: Business II

4:00: Cabinet Meeting

5:00 Housing Corp

6:00 Rituals (Officer Installation, Love Feast, )

7:00 Dinner

8:00 Free time

Sunday 4/9:

9:00: Devotion

9:30: Head home

Please note: This schedule is tentative, and is subject to change.

Updates to this schedule will be announced during devotion, business meetings, and the Housing Corp meeting

## **From the Desk of the National President ...**

Brothers,

Welcome to Conclave 2006 in Indianapolis, IN. Since we last met many things have happened on the national level. It has been a year of ups and downs but we have preserved and God has seen us through the down times.

This past year has presented the fraternity with many setbacks and situations where Nationals and the organization have been tested. The first was with the group at Oklahoma City University that attempted to restart the Beta Alpha chapter. The summer after last Conclave a group of men contacted the Beta Zeta chapter inquiring about restarting the chapter there on the campus. Throughout the summer I worked with the Director of Religious Life and a Beta Alpha alum to lay the ground work for the group to start the pledging process once the school year began. Unfortunately, there was some issues concerning one of the men who wanted to pledge but his beliefs were not in line with that of the National Fraternity and set off a mindset among the group there that National Officers perceived as one that would be detrimental to both the future of the revived chapter and the national organization. After many talks with the group leader there we were under the impression that the group understood were the fraternity stood spiritually and were in agreement with the national organization. Weeks later I received a call from the pledge class president that the group had made the decision to depledge. While it is disappointing that the restart of the chapter did not happen and we are losing a chapter, perhaps it is for the best given the history of the chapter there and the circumstances that lead to the dissolution of the chapter.

The second situation that has happened this year deals with the Beta Theta Chapter at Ohio University. The situation there is very grave and has brought to light an area that the fraternity needs to address. Long story short, membership at this time is down to one brother and communication between the brother and Nationals has been poor and other issues have unfortunately pushed this to the background. Attempts have been made to contact said brother with minimal success so it is difficult to assess the whole scope of the situation. Hopefully I will be able to contact the brother there and meet with him and see what we need to do to get that chapter moving again. Hopefully it is not too late to turn this situation around as I am making this top priority after Conclave.

Despite these issues there have been some good things that have happened in the fraternity. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the other National Officers for their dedication and hard work that they have done over the past year. It is nice to have a dependable group of officers that are not afraid to give honest opinions and to keep each other accountable as we deal with fraternity issues. As of this year I have visited every chapter of the fraternity and would like to thank the chapters for their wonderful hospitality on these visits. Visiting and meeting with actives I normally do not see at national gatherings has to be one of my favorite things to do. I hope that if reelected to be able to visit the chapters on a regular basis as time and finances allow. I would also like to thank the members of the Constitution Committee for their hard work on the reorganization of the fraternity structure. I believe that once this passes the fraternity will be in a better position to move forward and switch the focus on ways Nationals can better serve the local chapters in the most effective manner possible. As you may know this year there have been no additional potential colonies attempting to join us I believe at this time this is a good thing.

There have been many inquiries by groups about joining us and I am sure you can read about them in the Expansion Directors report, none have made a solid commitment, which is a good thing. At this time it is best for the fraternity, on the brink of a major organizational restructure to focus on this issue rather than having to explain to potential groups the changes being proposed. The Housing Corporation has made great strides this year. While the HC is still working on establishing itself it has developed and things are beginning to work more efficiently (for more details see HC report).

Finally, I would like to say a special thank you to our outgoing IT Director. Josh and I both became National Officers in 2000 so I have had the pleasure of working with him for the past six years. He has been very instrumental in meeting and exceeding the needs of the fraternity in developing the website and other databases associated with it. I hope he will continue to stick around and be an active part of the brotherhood and that God will continue to bless him.

In the Spirit of Philoi,

Chad A. Burdette

Sigma Theta Epsilon National President

## **From the Desk of the National Vice President ...**

Brothers,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to the 2006 National Conclave of Chapters. Over the past eighty years, God our father has graciously allowed us to be fellow workers with him. It is an honor to serve as your National Vice President, now in my second two-year term. Conclave is a special time for me. My pledgeship ended at the 1993 Conclave, hosted at Miami University. Many things have changed in my life since then, I have since DKR'd, graduated college, become employed, and will be celebrating five years of marriage to my wife Ruth this coming June. Sigma Theta Epsilon has evolved as well. We now have regional fall gatherings, different national officers and offices, new chapters and a national housing corporation. All of this things occurred because of vision casting. At Fall Gathering 1993, I sat in Ada, OH in the original Epsilon Chapter house and listened to then National President Steve Wood cast a new vision for Sigma Theta Epsilon. He spoke of such things as regional meetings, at a time that there were only four active chapters, one in Oklahoma, two in Ohio and one in West Virginia. At that time, I never could imagine what God would have in store for us this very weekend. It is with the same fervor, that I invite you to join in opening a new era of Sigma Theta Epsilon. I hope that you prayerfully consider the lay of the land as Joshua and Caleb did when serving the tribes of Israel.

Over past year, I have attempted to serve you with diligence in many areas including

- Working directly with BB and BG chapters on chapter concerns as the came up.
- Serving as a Member of the Constitutional committee
- Assisting other Officers and Chapter Presidents as needed
- Researching new idea for devotions
- Compiling and editing The National Program Book
- Posted a national devotions
- Prepping/planning for national meetings
- Convening the National Judiciary
- Editing the national ritual book with changes that have been approved.
- Serving as steBB moderator

As time permits, I have some uncompleted tasks that I am endeavoring as I continue to serve you, specifically developing a National Style Guide and Brand Development for National Identity through our documents, traditions and rituals.

May God bless our time together as we unite as a brotherhood nationally. I hope that this weekend finds you meeting new brothers and making new friendships,

In the true spirit of Philoi,

Shannon Wagers  
National Vice President  
Sigma Theta Epsilon  
National Christian Service Fraternity

## **From the Desk of the National Secretary ...**

It has been my pleasure, and an honor, to serve as National Secretary for the past two years. I hope that my service has in some way impacted your walk with Christ, and strengthened this fraternity, that it may impact many more men for Christ. I would like to take the opportunity to review the past year in office for myself in terms of three areas: areas of duty, areas of correspondence, and areas of goals.

### Duty

Over the past year, I have worked with the National Information Technology Director, Joshua Parsell, to implement new reporting functions on the website. Utilizing these tools, as well as some older methods, I have received and compiled chapter reports, pledge names, and officer changeovers. As these tools are further refined, I believe that the ability of the National Secretary to accomplish these tasks will be greatly increased.

I have also distributed updated versions of the National Constitution, By-Laws and Standard to chapters and other brothers as requested. I have also distributed minutes from Conclave 2005 and Fall Gathering 2005 in a like manner. I have also compiled the Pre-Fall Gathering and Pre-Conclave journals for the same meetings. I am currently editing and compiling an issue of the *Philo*, which will be distributed to chapters at Conclave 2006.

I have attempted to update the Roll of Actives and the Compilation of Local Constitutions, but have thus far been unsuccessful. With greater lines of communication and improved web based tools, I believe that these two items can be up-to-date by October of 2006.

### Correspondence

I attended the National Officers Advance meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio this past July to plan out goals, objectives, and other items of importance with the other National Officers. I also attended Fall Gathering East at Beta Eta Chapter in Morgantown, West Virginia.

In addition to these meetings, I have visited Epsilon Chapter and Beta Gamma Chapter, and had phone contact with Beta Zeta Chapter. I have also had Instant Message contact with members of the following chapters: Epsilon, Beta Epsilon, Beta Zeta, Beta Delta, Beta Beta. I plan, if reelected, to have non-national meeting contact with all chapters in the next year, either through visits or phone conversations. I believe that frequent and open communications is the key to a more united National Christian Fraternity.

### Goals

I have said from the start of my campaign for National Secretary that my goal for my office is to serve the fraternity, mainly through its active members, to create a more united Sigma Theta Epsilon. I plan on continuing that goal for as long as I am a National Officer, and probably longer. One of the cornerstones for my vision of a united Sigma Theta Epsilon is the *Philo*. I am hoping to have greater success in distributing this newsletter and in harvesting articles for this newsletter.

In addition, another of my cornerstones was a “chapter paring program” Unfortunately, this program was never able to get off the ground, do to several factors. This plan is going to be modified, and a new plan to connect brothers from different chapters will be unveiled after Conclave, provided I am reelected.

Brothers, I hope to continue serving you, as it is an honor and a blessing to me. I hope that I honor and bless you with my service, and hope that you contact me without hesitation if you have any suggestions, concerns, or comments for me or my office.

In the true spirit of Philoi,

Tyler A. Betts  
National Secretary  
Epsilon Chapter Alumnus

## **From the Desk of the National Financial Director ...**

This year was definitely a busy year. Between babies and fires, I was busy with my personal life.

For the fraternity I accomplished the following this year:

- Spent many hours on the boards when I should have been sleeping.
- Came up with a new file system for easier auditing/accountability
- Laid the backbone work for the Treasurers handbook
- Took Patrick on his first plane ride when I went to San Antonio for Fall Gathering.
- Went with Chad to meet with BI and BE. Talked about Conclave with BI and Conclave and HC stuff with BE
- Had a blast being a ref at STEBowl V (even if some players got a little mad at me for supposedly not yelling times out loud enough ;)).
- Kept the national officers reimbursed.
- Tried to lay off the nagging for the chapters, but went too far.
- Helped Chad with Conclave planning.
- Worked with all the national officers on Conclave Logistics planning
- Worked with our jewelry manufacturer to get pricing for the Alumni and Plain keys.
- Worked with all the national officers on policy and idea shaping.
- Beta Tested forms for IT Director
- Attended E's Rib Roast

HC activities

- Attended a Face to face meeting of the HC at E house
- Attended monthly electronic meetings.
- Inspected house for BE

Alex Johnson  
National Financial Director  
Sigma Theta Epsilon - National Christian Service Fraternity

## **From the Desk of the National Expansion Director ...**

Accomplishments for the past year. (as of start of Conclave '06)

- Updated/spruced up National Expansion Packet.
- Updated/spruced up Pledge Master Manual & Pledge Manual.
- Updated/spruced up Official STE Rush brochure & packet.
- Been involved with the boards and helping anyone out when they called upon me.
- Been in contact with the following colleges/universities (someone contacted me).
  - Ohio State
  - University of Dayton
  - Langston University
  - Lake Superior State University
  - Alma College
  - East Carolina University
  - College of Biblical Studies-Houston
  - University of Virginia College
  - Roswell New Mexico (NMMI)
  - Saginaw Valley State University
  - Rutgers University
  - Missouri Valley College
  - Winthrop University in Rock Hill
  - Kent State University
  - University of North Carolina at Pembroke
  
- Been in contact with the following colleges/universities actively seeking.
  - Northern Illinois University
  - Illinois State University

## **From the Desk of the National Alumni Director ...**

Philo,

It is with great excitement that I submit my report to the National Conclave of Chapters. This year has been much more productive behind the scenes than years past. Many of the local chapters have done a much better job at reporting graduating brothers to the Fraternity. This, in turn, is enabling me to keep them associated with the Fraternity.

The next alumni newsletter will be going out after Conclave so that it will be full of Conclave recaps. The following newsletter will go out in the early fall.

Like most of us here at Conclave, I did not serve on the Constitutional Committee this past year. However, looking over the draft on the boards and participating in the discussions online, I am very excited about what this document will offer to the Fraternity. As your National Alumni Director, I want to emphasize to you that I am strongly for the document and the changes proposed within it.

In the mid 1990's, the alumni delegate was changed from mandatory to voluntary. This change has played a role in the erosion of relations between alumni and actives. By restoring this vote, one of the bridges between brothers will be rebuilt, and the restoration of brotherhood can improve dramatically. This restoration of old practices helps chapters - I can not say that enough. If you think that it will hurt your chapter, please find me Friday night at Conclave and we'll have discourse.

I would like to close my report by providing a platform for next year. My platform, as it relates to actives, will rest on ensuring the change of officers within a chapter is a coherent process. First of all, I will push for every chapter to modify their local constitution so that the election of the alumni chair takes place in the right order. As it is a nationally mandated office, its election should take precedence over any office not required by the national constitution. When most chapters are formed, there is no alumni director, and the position is often placed at the bottom of the totem pole of officers because its importance is not fully realized for several years. However, once a chapter has been established for a substantial length of time (Beta Delta and Beta Gamma would both fit my description), it is vital for this office to receive a qualified brother. Therefore, I will spend next year overseeing that chapters adjust their elections accordingly.

Second, I will ensure that brotherhood trees are being recorded. To this, I pledge to work with the Secretary, the Historian, and the respective local chairs to ensure that these legacies are preserved. Many young chapters do not begin this since the entire chapters' memory is comprised of actives, but once a chapter gets to the eta/iota pledge classes, if the tree does not exist, it may be compromised.

Third, I will be working behind the scenes with the necessary people to help ensure that the handbooks for various offices are written and passed along to local chapters at officer turnovers.

Fourth, I will push once again for the creation of alumni associations.

Fifth, should the new constitution be approved by the Conclave of Chapters, I will help write items for the Standard, volunteer to peer review other proposals for the Standard, and assist in the changeover as much as possible.

This message was sent to you by:  
Justin Evilsizor  
Sigma Theta Epsilon  
National Alumni Director

## **From the Desk of the National Historian ...**

Since being elected to the office of National Historian at the 2005 Conclave, the majority of my time and effort has been spent on my ongoing obligations with the Constitutional Committee. I am very proud of the draft constitution which the committee has presented for the Conclave's approval, and am hopeful that the hard work which the committee has invested in this project will result in improvements in the government of the fraternity.

As the constitutional committee absorbed the majority of the time I have available to dedicate to fraternity activities, I have not accomplished much else other than the basic duties of the office such as researching and answering the various historical questions that arise from the other national officers and local chapters. Upon receiving the fraternity archives from the previous National Historian, I combined them with the various papers and documents that I had collected independently from other alumni. I also purchased a half dozen plastic filing cabinets which gives me sufficient storage space for the archives and makes it slightly easier to transport the files. I have yet to organize the files to my satisfaction.

I have a long-range goal of scanning the entire archives and making them available to the entire fraternity, and as a test of this I scanned every issue of the Philoi available to me in the archives, as well as all of the various newsletters. This has resulted in over ninety documents scanned and available for a test run of such a system, as soon as I find the time and means to make them available online. I also have continued the task of writing a comprehensive history of the fraternity, and made some progress on this effort during the first several months of my term as I had easier access to the national archives. As I started my own law practice in July, 2005, I have not had any spare time to devote to this project, but as my practice is stabilizing I anticipate having more time to focus on the history and hope to have it completed by this time next year.

As always, I urge all chapters to feel free to contact me should they have any questions at all about the history of the fraternity, I am always happy to research such questions. I also encourage chapters and national officers to assist me in preserving the history of the fraternity. If there are any records or documents that you are concerned about preserving, I can always find room for them in the national archives.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aaron Aldridge  
National Historian

## **From the Desk of the National IT Director ...**

As I close out my sixth year as a National Officer, I have mixed feelings. While I am proud of much of my work as IT Director, I am aware there is still a lot of unrealized potential. I have several unfinished goals with the steDB database. Most importantly, I had wanted to get enough "Management" tools in place that the National Secretary and National Alumni Director could use steDB a central repository of information, rather than maintaining their own separate, offline databases.

The biggest accomplishments in my office over the past year were in the implementation of the "steDB::Reporting" forms which have enabled Chapters to file uniform Monthly Reports with the National Secretary all year long. More recently, I have added additional forms which can be used to report New Pledges, New Brothers, New Officers, and New Alumni. A Chapter Innovation Award report form was added just a couple weeks ago, and an Expense Report form should be available by Conclave.

In late April, I will be coordinating the transfer of our web site from its current server to a much newer server cluster. Our web host will be performing the largely automated move, but it will then be up to me to troubleshoot everything and make sure nothing is broken. It will also be up to me to fix anything if it \*is\* broken. This may result in some downtime of the web site (including the bulletin boards) of anywhere from a few hours to a few days. Hopefully everything can be accomplished in one weekend. Once the move is complete, our site should generally be more reliable. We will also have much more disk space at our disposal (1 GB instead of 50 MB).

Last year I announced that I did not intend to run for this office again. With the new Constitution potentially taking effect in a year, I have reconsidered that position. It would seem odd for the Conclave to elect someone new to become a full National Officer for one year, only to then be demoted. Under the new constitution (if accepted), the National IT Director is an appointed position, and he does not sit on the National Board. Combined with the fact that no one else has declared for this office, and considering my unfinished goals explained above, I am announcing my intention to run for another term as National IT Director.

It will be my goal in the next year to continue supporting the National fraternity with new technology and new ideas. I look forward to the opportunities that are ahead.

Philo,  
Joshua Parsell

National IT Director

## Alpha Gamma Chapter

Events of the chapter have been: a "smoker" to meet potential pledges, cleaning out the former KA house, Taboo Bible 1, a church trip to a local church, Love Feast, a Formal, Bid Night, planning/running a scavenger hunt with Kappa Phi and other religious groups, Pledge Initiation, raising money for the Homeless in DC, Taboo Bible 2, Big/Little night and a Car Wash to raise money for the Heipher project.

The most successful event as a brotherhood would have had to have been our first Taboo Bible. While I can not go into specific details about what was discussed, I will say that this event brought the brotherhood closer together being able to discuss questions they had about life and the bible. This event provided the brotherhood with a religious experience that can be taken into the daily lives of each and every brother. Also being able to discuss possible disagreements, every brother has grown to respect the differences and that it is ok to have these differences and they know they can talk about them.

This was successful because the one problem I personally had noticed in the chapter has been a division between the brothers and this taboo bible session allowed us to come together. When I took office, I wanted to grow in our service, religious and in members. I am happy to say that by the end of the semester as a brotherhood we would have partook in 10 religious events. Also I will like to announce we will be turning 6 pledges into brothers by the end of the semester, and our pledge class of 6 was second biggest on the West Virginia Wesleyan College campus this spring.

Looking forward to the next semester, again service, numbers and continuing our active work in the religious community are our targets. Most specifically the service area. I was not happy with many of the projects we did and how they were organized, but our service director had many items on his plate this semester and needed more help than he received. Hopefully next year Alpha Gamma Chapter can be just as excited with their service projects as we were about our religious events.

12 Actives  
0 Associates  
0 Inactives  
6 Pledges

## Delta Chapter

This year Delta Chapter of Mount Union College, Alliance OH, has had many successes. Leading the way, our pledge master Jared Krugh has doubled our numbers with a pledge class of eight last semester and two pledges this semester. With seven brothers attending Fall Gathering, we made it known that Delta is excited to be growing and becoming ever so involved in fulfilling the creed of STE.

### SOCIAL

#### September

- We had our new president and his wife over for a BBQ. They were over for about two hours talking and getting to know the guys. One of the brothers brought a ping pong table from their house and we turned one of our rooms into a ping pong room. We had a ping pong tournament this month.
- One of our week day activities was bowling

#### October

- Frisbee game in the quad
- A haunted house
- In late September we had a ping pong tournament
- For the Monday night Steelers games we gathered and got pizza and watched the game

#### November

- Nov 4-6, Fall Gathering (7 brothers attended)
- Nov 11, BW3s with Chad Burdett

#### December

- December 2 iV STE had a formal where we all went to dinner in Canton and then went to Sleepy Hollow Country Club.

#### January

- Wednesday nights the brothers are getting together and doing some sort of physical activity/ sport in the field house.
- January 27th we had a lock in at our house.

#### February

- Dinners Tuesday nights with the brothers
- Getting together once a week for some sort of event. Earlier in the month we were inside the field house playing football and Frisbee. This past Wednesday we went bowling.

#### March

- March 1 iV Bowling

- March 22 iV Pool in the Campus Center
- March 29 iV Watched Tommy Boy in the Campus Center

## SERVICE

### September

- We have been working with Habitat and trying to set up a time when we can work with them once they start their next project.

### October

- The first event our new service chair put on was a food collection for the hurricane victims.

### November

- Nov 5, Habitat during Fall Gathering
- Nov 12, went to Canton Calvary Mission for orientation
- We also went and pick up names of children to adopt for Christmas, 6 names total
- A community church puts on a “Hell House” to address real life issues and teach how God can lend his saving hand

### December

- Some of the pledges partook in a variety of service projects around the community to meet requirements for their pledge process.

### January

- Due to the fact of the semester resuming half way through the month and everyone getting back into their new semester schedules, we were unable to do a Delta service project this month.

### February

- February was a big planning month for some large service events coming up. In March we have a Relay for Life on campus and in April we are doing Homeless on the Quad

### March

- March 31 we had Relay for Life. Delta put together a team and had people walking for 24 hrs.

## RELIGIOUS

After each meeting we have a Bible study ran by our Chaplain Mike Romano. The Bible studies usually run between 30 and 40 minutes. During the semester Mike has been relieved a few times by pledges who have taken over the Bible Study for a night to meet their religious requirement for our pledge process.

## ALUMNI

Our current Alumni Chair is Neal Veverka. This year he has put together three newsletters and sent them to around 80 brothers who have gone through DKR with Delta. In the last newsletter we also invited the Alumni to attend the end of the year BBQ that Delta puts on.

#### MOST SUCESSFUL EVENT

In December Delta had its first formal dinner and dance held on December 2nd. For dinner the brothers met at the house and drove to Canton where we ate at Bennigans for a formal sit down dinner. After dinner we proceeded to the Sleepy Hollow Country Club where the dance was held. This event was a huge success due to the fact that almost every brother attended and also those that did attend had a great time. We were hoping to have another formal this semester, but I guess it is on event that the brothers will be able to look forward to in the upcoming year.

This was a very low cost event for the chapter and the brothers. The main expense was the dinner before the dance. The only other cost was that of renting the hall which cost around \$80 and the cost of some decorations and food. We were able to put together a play list on a laptop and not have to hire a DJ. The brothers not only had fun at the event but also setting up and planning. Overall, this has been one of the more successful events in many years.

#### PAST GROWTH

This year Delta started out with setting goals of growing in both the service and social areas. We were able to best succeed at growing socially and as a chapter. We have initiated weekly events and in general spent more time together. One attribute to this success is that many of the brothers this year are living together in the same house. It is not a fraternity house but one on campus. Regardless, in general we have succeeded at this goal.

#### TARGET AREAS OF FUTURE GROWTH

In the future Delta would like to strive to participate in more service events on campus and in the community as a fraternity. Individually many of the brothers are doing a great job at service, however, as a collective group we would like to see more events being planned and carried out.

14 Actives  
0 Associates  
2 Inactives  
2 Pledges

## Epsilon Chapter

### Major Activities:

Fall Welcomefest  
Twister party and cookout  
Slip n' slide on campus  
Fall Rib Roast  
Brotherhood Christmas  
Party  
STE/KP semiformals

The most successful event we have had as a chapter this year is our first party of fall quarter, held on Friday night of the first week of classes in September. The party involved our giant twister mat (which would later also double as a slip n' slide), a cookout in the back yard, and praise and worship on the front porch. The party was the best-attended event we've held this year and served as a way to introduce freshmen to our house and our brotherhood, as well as a way to see old friends again.

Twister was set up in the house common room and was accompanied by music and dancing in areas that provided enough space. Praise and worship was led spontaneously by a few brothers who happened to have guitars with them at the time. Most of the party attendees took part in worship at some point during the night. The cookout was held in the backyard fire pit and provided a time of more subdued fellowship for anyone who needed a break from the other forms of excitement. According to our best estimates, between 100 and 150 people visited the house throughout the night to take part in this party.

Our brotherhood has grown spiritually this year with the incorporation of a number of new brotherhood Bible studies and a new biweekly Wednesday night time of worship. We have grown in reaching out to our community by working with Ada high school and citizens of Ada to perform service projects, and through this have established a few solid relationships within our community.

40 Actives  
2 Associates  
0 Inactives  
7 Pledges

## **Beta Beta Chapter**

Major Activities Done Thus Far:

Intrafraternal Activities:

Circle of Men

Bible Study

Midnight Prayer

Prayer Walk

Rush

Re-writing and ratifying new constitution

Alumni Picnic - Oct. 1

Relationship Study

Service Activities:

Relay for Life

Drop Inn Center - March 25

Mississippi Trip - October

Drop Inn Center - January 28

Luminaria at Over the Rhine Dec. 10

Oxford Community Arts Center - Oct. 22

Social Activities:

Hockey Team

Party - January 27

Game Night - January 28

Feb. 11 - Dodgeball with local youth group

Feb. 12 - Super Bowl Party

Game Night - Feb. 10

Corn Maze Day Oct. 08

House Party - Nov. 11

Christmas Party - Dec. 9

Religious Activities:

Green Beer Day Event - March 9

Paradise Bound Concert Sep. 10

Praise and Prayer - January 19

Block Party Outreach Oct. 22

Campus Wide Prayer - Dec. 6

Most Successful Chapter Event:

Mississippi Trip

Over Fall Break we sent a group of 10+ guys down to Mississippi to help with the hurricane relief. We sent one group down on Thursday, one on Friday, and then both worked until the return on Sunday morning. It was a unique experience that allowed us the opportunity to directly impact people's lives. We worked at several

different locations, helping to gut homes, hang dry-wall and look for valuables amid the destruction. It was a humbling, re-orienting experience that helped all of us have a better perspective on life.

The drive down and back, and the time spent working with each other, also gave all of us the opportunity to bond with each other. The drive down took 12-14 hours, and then we worked on very little sleep for the few days that we could. We stayed at a local church that allowed us to sleep on the floor. It was hard work, but very worth every moment.

#### Areas of Growth:

1. As a fraternity, we have grown a lot regarding the relationships between brothers. We have spent a lot of time trying to increase brother participation in each other's lives. We have striven to grow together, and to be intention with one another. It is a constant learning process, but the brotherhood is becoming much more involved with each other.
2. We have greatly increased the efficiency and order of our fraternity. We had been very poor at communication with ourselves and with the community, and we had failed to be a well-run organization. We are now much better at knowing how to make our fraternity run, though we still have areas we need to refine ourselves as an organization.
3. We have grown in the area of performing impactful activities in our community. We have increased our activity in all three impact areas, religious, service, and social. We are trying to focus our efforts more around certain goals and to continue to be good at the events that we run.

#### Target Areas of Growth:

1. We have had a lot of problems with numbers in the past year. We have had a number of brothers become associate or inactive, and we have not had large pledge classes to replace them. We have put a lot of effort in to Rush, but with very little success. In the end, we are not sure what we are doing wrong, and why we are failing to attract new recruits. It is an area in which we will continue to work, but could use assistance from others.
2. As mentioned before, we want to become much more focused in what we do, instead of putting together projects wherever we can, we want to be much more direct in a specific area to maximize our impact.
3. We would also like to continue to increase our contact with our alumni. We are trying to put together more activities that our alumni can come to, so that we can learn from their advice. We have to better our communication and strengthen our alumni program to take advantage of the men who have gone before us.

13 Actives  
3 Associates  
1 Inactives  
1 Pledges

## **Beta Gamma Chapter**

### **Spring Quarter 2005:**

In place of a spring rush, we organized Man Week. Man Week involved grilling out, horsing around and celebrating all that was manly. We had a great turnout and got a chance to get to know some guys outside the fraternity better. We also threw a No-Wax party where two iPod Shuffles were raffled away. A No-Wax party is where people bring their mp3 players and have the opportunity to DJ their favorite song at the party. Our formal was held but was not well attended. For service, a group of 10 guys went to a Christian camp near Bellfontaine, OH to clear away brush that had fallen as a result of the winter snowstorms. For religious we held a SMOTS that was well attended.

### **Summer Quarter 2005:**

Although class was not in session, we were focusing on recruiting at the freshman orientation by having a booth set up and also having someone man the booth. Unfortunately, the person delegated to ensuring these tasks dropped the ball and the booth was set up midway through orientation. Very few freshman contacts were generated from this.

### **Fall Quarter 2005:**

We kicked off the quarter with a movie night, showing *The Flight of the Navigator* and *The Never Ending Story* on a very large (~25ft) screen in our parking lot. The event was well attended and was more social than previous movie nights. We had our bar (just soda and hot chocolate!) set up at the entrance to the parking lot with a focus of serving our guests and welcoming them as they came in. We held our 8<sup>th</sup> Masquerade which was decently attended. Our rush yielded many contacts and four bids. Three accepted those bids and were initiated in December. For service we did our annual events, Canned Food Drive on Halloween and our Thanksgiving Dinner. We collected many truckloads of food for St. Monica-St. George Food pantry located here in Clifton. For our Thanksgiving Dinner, we cooked seven turkeys, 30 boxes of stuffing, 90 lbs of mashed potatoes, and 20 pumpkin pies and sold tickets, with all the money going to charity. Over 90 people came, and we were able to donate \$1000 to City Gospel Mission, a local charity involved with caring for the homeless. Elections were held and officers for 2006 were decided. Three new brothers were initiated and we DKR'ed our sweetheart and initiated a new one.

### **Winter Quarter 2006:**

With all new officers, there was a learning curve that prevented us from performing at our best. We held a rush that was well attended, but unfortunately was not well executed. Rushees were given pledge packets haphazardly and as a result we only had one person turn in an application. We denied a bid to this person because we felt that STE was not the right place for him at this point in time and we would like to get to know him better spiritually. We have been building into him this past quarter and he now stops by the house almost on a

daily basis. Due to the poor rush we had, we immediately turned our focus on a Spring Rush and put a quarter of prayer and planning behind it. The STE bowl was held; we had a good number of active as well as alumni participation. Our party this quarter was "Fiesta." Turnout was not as good as previous parties. For service we participated in UC and Xavier's crosstown helpout. Our main religious project this quarter was supposed to be a late night discussion on Calvinism and reformed theology, however, this fell through at the last moment.

#### Spring Quarter 2006:

Our rush week is quickly approaching; Some of the details have been forgotten last minute but overall I thin we have a good slate of events and are trying to draw the focus back to the spiritual side of the brotherhood. Before each event a brother will give his testimony. Our event include DAAPture the flag (capture the flag in the craziest building on campus), Ultimate Four Square, a home cooked meal and a Bible Study night, a Test of Manliness, and a service project. I am looking forward to this rush and the people it will bring to us. Other activities for this quarter include a party, a retreat with BB and a movie night. We will be DKRing seven people at the end of this quarter.

16 Actives  
2 Associates  
0 Inactives  
0 Pledges

## **Beta Delta Chapter**

Goals we set after Conclave 2005:

- To keep a better communication open between Nationals and the local chapter
- To have better communication between brothers locally
- Bridge the gap between the pledges and brothers
- To complete over 400 total service hours
- To raise the numbers of the pledge class
- To become more visible and active in campus life
- To do more spiritual activities such as a retreat
- To become a recognized student chapter at OLLU

Goals we have accomplished already:

- Drawn the Alumni to become more active
- Meeting as an executive council to plan ahead
- We have become more visible on campus
- Have separate and more productive general council and executive meetings
- We have raised our numbers significantly since the prior semesters (11)

Goals we are currently working to accomplish:

- Planning and executing more fund raisers
- Lilly grant endowment
- Organizing more opportunities for brothers to gather
- Communication between Nationals and the local chapter
- Looking for better ways to communicate to our local brothers

Since the last Conclave our brothers have done a tremendous job. We have become the only recognized male fraternity on campus; we were a CSO Chartered Student Organization). This was a tedious process that required many meetings and deliberations. We have grown in spirituality by sharing and expressing more opportunities not only for the brothers, but all of the campus to experience new ways of prayer and faith. We have assisted in the Lenten weekly services on campus, where we lead prayer, Eucharistic adoration and rosary services. We have a new long term service project at an elementary school, St. Martin Hall, we assist with the content mastery program (students that require special one on one individual needs), the after school homework and sports program, aided the teachers in the classrooms and fundraising.

This past semester we helped run a booth at our school's annual Easter Egg Hunt. This was where we held the pledge showcase. They provided service by sponsoring a booth, lead prayer and reflection and held a social afterwards. This brotherhood has grown into much more than a group of men I am proud to call all of the great men my Brothers.

Actives: 14  
Inactives: 3  
Pledges: 11

## **Beta Epsilon Chapter**

This semester so far we have done many things, and it would be easiest to divide those between inward projects and outward projects.

Inwardly, we have made our focus for the semester to clean up much of our bureaucracy and official documents. At the end of last semester we changed when we hold elections as a chapter, and they are now in the end of the fall semester. This year is a transition year in that regard, and the officer turnover has been quick. We kept up that head of steam into the beginning of this spring semester, with our largest project being a major revision of our constitution. It was passed by a large majority, and now we are dealing with smaller amendments. The idea is to make our documents readable and to make them reflect our actual policies. Furthermore, there has been a large push recently on strict lawfulness- we have been striving to actually follow all the rules we are supposed to follow. One way that has been realized is in our recent push to align our chapter with the national housing corporation guidelines. Overall, our main focus this semester has been in housekeeping: we want to streamline and set appropriate traditions for the future.

Although inward housekeeping has been our main goal for the semester, it is far from our only goal. We have continued our perennial emphasis on service, social, and spiritual projects. This semester we have provided some volunteers for the Boys and Girls Club for the first time, and although few have been able to commit any time, it has been a success. Also, we are sponsoring a team for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, which is a major fundraiser for cancer research. On the social front, we continue to offer parties to the campus, but we are in the process of re-working the activity of those parties. Our spring semiformal occurred recently, and it was a success as well, and our various intramural sporting endeavors are always a favorite. Spiritually, we have made a major emphasis on our chapter bible studies, and they are going particularly well this year. Our spring retreat is the first weekend of April, and it should be a good time of quality fellowship away from school. We have also been trying to work more of God's word into our chapter meetings, and that has been very positive.

We are looking forward to our car show, which both a great way for the campus to hear our name and it is a good partnership with a couple of the other fraternities on campus. We are also looking forward to next semester, which should be a spectacular one for us. We are hoping for a large pledge class, and we hope that with God's help, we will only lead this brotherhood in the direction it should go.

21 Actives  
0 Associates  
0 Inactives  
2 Pledges

## **Beta Zeta Chapter**

1/15& 1/16 Service project with Senior Citizens Re-waxing their floor.

Rush week

1/23 Ultimate Frisbee

1/24 Game night @ Wesley Foundation

1/25 Service with Boys and Girls Club

1/25 Worship service

1/26 Cookout

The week went well and was a success in finding quality Christian men for our brotherhood.

We are staying active in Help-In-Crisis weekly children's class. We also help the Senior Citizens weekly to help to put up tables and chairs after their dance.

We also have a bible study Tuesday night @ 10:00

3/2 the pledge worship project went well and was a blessing.

3/9 Had a blast bowling with the brothers

3/26-4/2 softball games

4/1 Pledge Service Project was hard-work and we grew together as brothers and learned a lot about each other

Between now and Conclave:

4/4 We will lead worship at CCF(Campus Christian Fellowship)

We have grown together some of the divisions within and are striving to become more involved with our community We still need to look at doing more projects and serving God in all things.

15 Actives

2 Associates

2 Inactives

5 Pledges

## Beta Eta Chapter

Our the major activities accomplished this semester have been pretty routine: a planning meeting here and there, dodgeball/basketball for our social projects, bible studies for our religious projects, and our major service project being the Alternative Spring Break.

I would say that our most successful event this semester was our Alternative Spring Break. While it was not attended by a large percentage of our chapter, it was possible with the combined numbers with Kappa Phi and another campus Christian group, InterVarsity. Members attending from Beta Eta were Carl Poland, Alan Raudenbush, Derek Hardin, Patrick Brooks, and our sweetheart, Michelle Sudhoff. Chad Burdette went with us as well as an adult leader to successfully guide us spiritually and unsuccessfully guide us geographically.

The trip's theme was "Action Speak Louder than Words" and the scripture backing this was from Matthew 25:34-40. As a group, we boxed over 15,000 pounds of food to feed over 10,000 families, sorted food and supplies for three pantries that serve hundreds in Harlem, Manhattan, and Brooklyn, handed out enough groceries for a week to over 490 families, and created nearly 300 brown bag meals for the homeless. The brown bags were handed out in midtown Manhattan (the heart of the Big Apple) from 10pm to 2am.

We did a lot of work, but we were also able to do some touring while we were there. During our trip, we visited the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Coney Island (although it was closed, a member of our group is from Montana and had never seen the Atlantic Ocean), and we enjoyed a Broadway play or musical. One group of nine went to see "The Producers" and the other sixteen of us saw "Beauty and the Beast".

If anyone is interested further, they can check out more at <http://wvunyc2006.blogspot.com/>.

I feel that our chapter has grown the most in our religious activities. Our chaplain has been given a budget to purchase study guides and is sharing more frequently. The area that needs focus for the upcoming year is recruiting. We have a sizable number of seniors graduating which outweighs the number of pledges.

Actives – 10  
Associates – 0  
Inactives – 5  
Pledges – 3

## **Beta Theta Chapter**

There has been, regrettably, no correspondence from Beta Theta Chapter to the National Secretary this year.

## **Beta Iota Chapter**

For as activities, we have continued our weekly dinner gatherings as well as our chapter meetings on Monday nights. We had two major events for the month of March. Earlier in March we had an exchange with the local Christian sorority. We had a theme of "Dynamic Duos" and dressed up as famous couples to go bowling. Over our Spring Break, we sent 6 of our brothers down on a Mission trip to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi to help with relief efforts. Our pledges were extremely active in planning and participating in this trip. Also, 4 brothers went on a mission trip to New York City with a campus ministry group here.

Our most successful chapter event thus far this year would be the "Glory Service" we put on at our school's chapel. We had a worship team play several songs that focus on God's glory, had communal prayer focused solely on the glory of God, and myself and another brother spoke on the glory of God.

I view this event as the most successful because I see this as fulfilling the true mission of Christ - spreading the good news to others. As a fraternity, we get too caught up on quotas of events or the name of Sigma Theta Epsilon. This event allows us, as well as others in the campus community, to take the focus off of ourselves and place it back on God (where it belongs).

As far as activities that are planned between now and Conclave, we will most likely be watching the NCAA Championship as a chapter. Also, there is a Christian service conference that many of the brothers will be attending on April 8th that has caused them to have to miss Conclave this year.

Growth accomplished in the last year has definitely been in numbers, but also in fellowship between brothers. Having a large number of brothers living together in a theme house has helped dramatically. Friendships and relationships have truly improved over the last year. I also think that our ability to plan attractive programs has also improved as we develop into a known fraternity at our school.

We are still learning a lot. There is still room for growth. I feel that we each need to work on our own individual commitment to the Lord and then also to the fraternity. It is very easy to get busy. I need to focus more on communication and expectations of officers. I feel also that there are some individuals who seem to slip through the cracks of the friendship bonds that have been formed. We need to work on bringing these brothers back in close and truly caring for them. We also need to work on planning ahead. Time flies when there is no plan.

20 Actives  
1 Associates  
2 Inactives  
2 Pledges

# **Conclave Rules of Order**

## CONCLAVE RULES OF ORDER (to be approved at beginning)

### **I. Announcements/Explanation of Process**

- A. Explanation of rules and process
- B. Presentation and discussion of the Budget shall be limited to 12 minutes, which includes amendments to the Budget and concludes with a motion to accept

### **II. Appeal of Judicial Sanctions by Alpha Gamma Chapter**

- A. Presentation of case by Chapter President
- B. Questions for the Chapter President
- C. Debate
- D. Vote

### **III. Elections**

- A. Nominations
  - 1. Opened by presiding officer
  - 2. Closed by motion to close
- B. Candidate Speeches(only if running opposed) – 2 minutes for each candidate
- C. Questions for Candidates
  - 1. The time period for questions shall be the sum total of 5 minutes per candidate
  - 2. Each individual response shall be limited to 2 minutes
- D. Call for vote – may come earlier with a motion to vote
- E. Candidate leaves the room
- F. Discussion
  - 1. Limited to 5 minutes
  - 2. No individual may speak for more than 1 minute without relinquishing the floor
- G. Vote

### **IV. Votes of Confidence**

- A. Questions for Candidates
  - 1. The time period for questions shall be the sum total of 5 minutes per candidate
  - 2. Each individual response shall be limited to 2 minutes
- B. Call for vote – may come earlier with a motion to vote
- C. Candidate leaves the room
- D. Discussion
  - 1. Limited to 5 minutes
  - 2. No individual may speak for more than 1 minute without relinquishing the floor

### **V. Business Items**

- A. Presentation of New Constitution
- B. Authorship Speech
- C. Questions for Clarification
- E. Discussion of Proposal

1. No individual may speak for more than 2 minutes without relinquishing the floor

#### G. Vote

These rules of order may be superceded at the discretion of the presiding officer or by a motion from the floor (i.e. "I move to extend discussion \_\_\_\_ minutes") and majority approval

*--All questions, concerns, or comments must come from delegates. audience members must remain quiet and will not be allowed to ask questions*

*--Past National Officers and HC members may provide input and ask questions*

*--The rights to ask questions and provide input given to delegates, and Past National Officers and HC members will also be extended to National Officer and Housing Corp members elect, immediatly following the vote to elect them*

*--The rights to ask questions and provide input given to delegates and past National Officers and HC members will be extended to members of local HMTs (or their designees) during the election of the Housing Corp chair. HMT members, or their designees, must notify the prosiding officer prior to the start of business if they wish to have these priveleges extended to them.*

*--The rights to ask questions and provide input given to delegates and past National Officers and HC members will be extended to all members of the Constitution Committee during the time dealing with the Constitution*