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# Beta Theta Pi

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## Psi Diamond Update – State of the Chapter

**Doug Miller**  
**#1077, Class of 1977**

As president of Psi Diamond, I'm happy to report that Psi Chapter remains one of, if not the strongest Greek organizations on Bethany College's campus. In the following pages you'll see why. But suffice to say it is because of the unwavering support from our alumni.

Chris Berman from ESPN likes the saying, "No one circles the wagons like ....." Having been involved with the Psi Diamond Alumni Association going on 10 years and seeing the continued support from so many of our alumni, I can confidently say, "No one circles the wagons like the Psi Betas!"

Like the story of the Phoenix rising from the ashes, just over 10 years ago we had to take the unprecedented step of closing Psi Chapter. And after an 18-month absence on the Bethany campus, a group of supremely dedicated Brothers re-colonized the chapter in a 2005 ceremony in Oxford, Ohio.

Since that time, we have continued to build on what has been a strong foundation based on the Men of Principle creed of Beta Theta Pi. The results speak for themselves; Psi continues to innovate and lead around the campus. We have won the Woolery Cup eight semesters over the past six years; we have won numerous awards from the General Fraternity at conferences and conventions; we have leaders on campus, in Greek life and in intramural sports. And, best of all, we are seeing our recent graduates' active in alumni activities. This is crucial for our continued success.

Additionally, our young men are extremely active in philanthropic pursuits with an ongoing commitment to the Augusta Levy Learning Center for children with autism. And, as you'll see a bit later, our actives have adopted a family that was impacted by a recent tragedy. As alumni, we should be very proud of the men that we are helping to shape and the impact they will have on their families, businesses and communities after graduation.

Alumni have been involved every step of the way, beginning with the re-colonization effort on campus and the recruiting of the Founding Father class in 2005. Our 'old timers' have been there for Alumni Dinners to help out with rush activities, for Homecoming events, and even for special events like the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Other organizations around campus often wonder what makes Beta special. We know the answer because each day we look in the mirror and we see the face of Beta Theta Pi.

Enjoy the updates in the following pages. But, more importantly, make plans to get back to Bethany for our next Alumni Dinner on Thursday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m. Or plan to join us next year at Homecoming! Remember; Once a Beta, Always a Beta, Everywhere a Beta!

Yours in –kai-,  
Doug

# What Makes Psi Chapter Strong?

## **An Overview of the Organization.**

Even though Psi Chapter is one of the smaller chapters in the Beta Theta Pi universe, it is no less dynamic. To give you a better perspective of how critical the alumni are to our success, here is a quick overview:

**Psi Diamond Alumni Association** – the operational arm of our alumni group. This group coordinates alumni events and interfaces with the active chapter. Our key activities during the year include the Annual Alumni Dinner, Homecoming meetings and celebration, coordination of alumni support for active seminars, education, training, etc.

**Psi Diamond House Corporation** – responsibilities include coordination of our facilities, property and equipment. The Corporation manages the relationships with our property manager, the school, collection of rents, building maintenance, etc. This group also manages short-term needs and long-range plans. They ensure the safety and comfort of our young men.

**Psi Diamond Charitable Foundation** – manages the assets that have been entrusted to Psi through the tax deductible contributions of our great alumni. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit and must abide by strict rules for the management and distribution of funds. Our director's review and vote on distribution of funds for various requests.

**Administrative Advisor Group** – this group was established when Psi re-colonized and consists of an individual alumni Advisors for Leadership, Finance, Parent Communications, Rush and Risk Management. This team is intimately involved with the Active Chapter executive team and committee chairs to coordinate the ongoing requirements of the chapter and Men of Principle program.

**Psi Scholarship Committee** – began in 2007 with the support and funding from the CF. The group is made up of representatives from four different eras. It reviews, analyzes and makes recommendations on the \$10,000 per semester in scholarship awards granted to our Active Chapter.

**Psi Mentoring Program** – was recently established and currently has 11 alumni participating as Mentors for 11 members of the Active Chapter. Additionally, they have identified speakers on selected topics of great interest to the actives as they transition through college and into the business or post-graduate work.

To continue the great work of our chapter we need your continued support. Our Psi Diamond Alumni Association exists and can do great things only through your kind and generous support. So please take a few minutes and write a check to help us continue to build strong young men! Make your checks payable to: Psi Diamond, c/o Deno Emili, Treasurer and send them to 545 Clemson Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15243. Thank you for any and all support!

If you would like to serve on any of the organizations, please let us know. We can always use a 'few good men!'

## Communications is the Key

We want to hear from you, and we want to keep you up to date on Psi Chapter and Beta Theta Pi. The best way to do this is by email (preferred) or the old traditional US Postal System (for us really old guys).

Take a few minutes to log onto our Psi Beta Website at <http://psibeta.net/update> and update your contact information. While you're on the site check out the great content that Brother Byron Shindler provides for us. The current picture is Brother Bud Long, Class of 1977, getting ready to jump out of a perfectly good airplane. Byron changes the content periodically based on photos and information sent to him.

Another aspect of communications is through our Class Agents. We have class agents for many of class years, but there are some holes to fill, and we would love for any interested brothers to step up. Here is who we have as Class Agents; and you can see that some classes are not represented. Be that point person for your class. Call or write and let us know if you would like to volunteer, and if you haven't heard from your class rep in a while write them and bust their chops!

**1962 – Art Low**  
**1963 – Jim Zimmerman**  
**1968 – Mickey Hornack**  
**1973 – Mark Hicks**  
**1974 – Dean Lesiak**  
**1975 – Doug Selwyn**  
**1976 – Frank Ravella**  
**1977 – Bob Mackenzie**  
**1978 – Scott Thompson**  
**1979 – David Cottington**  
**1980 – Dean Young**  
**1982 – Jeff Boucek**  
**1983 – Jim Ravasio**  
**1984 – Kirk Collins**  
**1988 – Robert Maibach**  
**1994 – John Arminas**  
**1995 – Tom Harvey**  
**1996 – Brian Nolan**  
**1997 – Brian Avolio**  
**1998 – Charlie Licata**  
**1999 – Bob Kolb**  
**2000 – Michael Zdinak Jr.**  
**2001 – Bryan Baker**  
**2002 – Jason Bandemer**  
**2005 – Adam Byers**  
**2009 – Ian McNally**

The whole point of the PsiBeta.net site is to communicate. A Class Agent's job is to network with members of their class to encourage registrations on the web site and to be sure they are up-to-date with Psi activities.

# Charitable Foundation Update

**S. Dean Lesiak**  
**#1033, Class of 1974**

It is my pleasure to report on behalf of the Board of the Charitable Foundation that we continue to operate in good standing with all Federal and State of West Virginia oversight agencies. For the 12-month period ending June 30, 2013, the market value of the Charitable Foundation was \$2,280,588. Due to the hard work of the Foundation's Investment Committee and our Investment Advisor, the fund has achieved a 7.5% YTD return for the first six months of 2013; a one-year return of 13.8%; and a three-year return of 11.8% (returns are net of all associated costs). A "thank you" is warranted for the investment oversight and direction that has resulted in these returns.

Distributions made by the Foundation for the year continue to focus on our 150th Anniversary commitment to Bethany College and in support of scholarship and leadership development of the active Chapter. We recognize that a strong enrollment and student body at Bethany College provides the foundation for a strong group of young men. In this regard, we made the fourth installment of \$50,000 against our five-year, \$250,000 pledge to the college. In addition, our annual distributions included \$19,800 to the actives for scholarships and an additional \$6,123 to support leadership development for this group, primarily by underwriting their participation in conferences, programs, and other trainings provided by the Beta Theta Pi National organization. Expenses for the year totaled \$21,831 and covered the costs associated with investment advisory, legal and accounting services provided on behalf of the Foundation.

Let me close by thanking Board members Mark Hicks, Vince Mikolay, Doug Selwyn and Scott Thompson, as well as Treasurer Deno Emili, for all of their hard work and dedication in overseeing the activities of the Foundation. Sincere appreciation is extended to all who have continued to support the Foundation with their generous contributions. And thank you to the young men of the active Chapter for making us all proud to be Psi Betas.

# House Corporation Update

**Art Bertol**  
**#1176, Class of 1982**

The Psi Chapter House Corporation serves as the alumni-based landlord of the Beta House. The House Corporation continues to make use of a contracted property manager to aid and assist with the day-to-day management, maintenance, and repairs of the chapter house. Psi Chapter is only one of two off-campus fraternity houses currently at Bethany College – the other being Sigma Nu. There are five fraternities remaining on campus – the others being Phi Kappa Tau, Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Sigma Phi. Bethany College enrollment stands at about 820 students; 60% are male and just 20% of men are participating in fraternities. Psi Chapter consists of 22 men.

Funds required to operate the house at 12 Church Street are generated primarily through rents collected by the actives living in the house. As detailed in the Report on Corporation Finances found in this newsletter, the House Corporation has found itself with a less than breakeven census this year with just nine paying members versus the 12 to 13 needed to balance expenses.

Our Chapter House, built in 1995, is showing its age as the heating/ventilation system and roof are near the end of their expected life and will need to be replaced. Also of significance is the need replace furniture – in each room and in the common areas – as these fixtures are, by and large, original from the opening of the house.

Please see the table below – if you haven't donated to Psi Diamond in a number of years, the time is now to lend your financial support.

|   | <b>Projects Pending &amp; Comment</b>  | <b>Budget</b>    |
|---|--|------------------|
| 1 | <u>Common Area HVAC Proposal</u><br>Boiler-based system is original. While maintenance and upgrades have been done, the system needs replaced before it fails. Poor ventilation issues developed during the dormant summer and early fall time frames. | Budget: \$30,000 |
| 2 | <u>New Roof</u><br>Current roof is 18 years old and showing serious curling of the asphalt shingles.   | Budget: \$30,000 |
| 3 | <u>New Room Furniture / Common House Furniture</u><br>All room furniture is original and needs updated.  | Budget: \$40,000 |

As an update of activities to maintain the house – about \$4,000 was spent this past summer and another \$7,500 this past spring for routine repair and maintenance work such as the replacement of all lavatory valves; room door/lock repairs; professional carpet, floor and wall cleaning; complete cleaning and servicing of each room's air conditioner unit. New window treatments for the Great Hall were recently installed while all exterior lights have been restored and a related electrical breaker replaced.

A recurring roof leak at the front entrance cornice peaks has resulted in a need to remove wallpaper in the library followed by a thorough chemical cleaning. The lawn care and landscaping has been stepped up this past summer to include fertilizing, tree/shrub trimming, and weed control. Finally, tax services for the House Corporation are costing about \$1,000 per year.

In closing, there is no better time than now to make a donation to support the house. While the actives are low in number, they are huge in effort – case in point is the fact Beta has won the Woolery Cup for highest fraternity GPA for eight of the past 12 semesters – this is truly amazing.

They are doing their part – let's do our part to keep Psi Chapter full of life, strength, health and wealth.

## Silver/Gray Update

**Edward 'Ted' Kemp  
#707, Class of 1954**

My freshmen year at Bethany began in the fall of 1950. I found a very different lifestyle. Students were not allowed to have automobiles unless they were in the pre-ministerial program. Women were locked up at 9 p.m. every night except Friday and Saturday when they were allowed out until 11 p.m.

Bethany was a dry community and alcohol was forbidden in any college facility, including sororities and fraternities. It was a three mile walk to Emily's for beer! There was bus service to Wellsburg, so you could escape on Saturday afternoon if you so desired. Men and women dined separately and coats were required for men at dinner.

FHK (Forrest H. Kirkpatrick) was dean of men and he continuously promoted the theme that "BETHANY IS PRIMARILY AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION! IF YOU WANT TO DRINK - GO TO PITT!"

Obviously, things have changed! However, the Men of Principle program has partially taken things back to 1950 with the requirement that the Chapter House be alcohol free. That's very positive, in my opinion!

# President's Message

Alexander DelGiorno

Bethany '14



This past year has been one of many trials and tribulations; however, I believe we have ended up on top. The chapter started in the Fall of 2012 with only 10 men but with an excellent recruitment in both Fall and Spring, 15 men have been initiated and the current number of active members sits at 22 with one current pledge. This number gives us the largest fraternity on campus with an overall GPA of 3.017 and are expecting between 12 and 15 additional members in the spring.

I could not be more proud of how this chapter has evolved in more than just one area of the fraternity, but in every area possible. Many men have stepped up and have taken initiative to take this brotherhood to its full potential. Because of this initiative, we were awarded "Chapter of the Year" by student life along with "Best Pledge Education" during the 2013 Greek Week Awards. This was not done because of any one member but by bringing all the brothers together.

As we approach the end of the semester, we are preparing for elections and revisions of the constitution and by-laws that govern the chapter and the responsibilities of each position. This time brings along a great deal of preparation for future events, programs, and leadership opportunities and this will take place during a transitional meeting prior to the winter break. We will be developing strong, effective leaders in the chapter that will ensure our continued success.

## Recruitment Chair

Dylan Blaschak  
Bethany '15



Hello all, I am writing to you to let you know of the current events that are happening within our wonderful chapter. With fall rush coming to its end; we successfully received one open bid of our new pledge Stanislav Peceny. Stan is a Physics major who moved to the United States from The Czech Republic a few years back. Big Brother for Stan was held on October 22, 2013 and Stan's Big Brother is Brandon Trinh (Bethany '16).

The Men of Principle scholarships are now being administered in search of two men who carry the amount of responsibility and scholarship worthy of the grant. We have a table set up in the cafeteria from October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> in efforts to have as many non-greeks apply. The chapter will review the applicants and award the two men later this year. This has been a good recruitment tool as to find out about the activities and grades of the current students in efforts to pursue the best of the best.

## Community Service

Dylan Schooley  
Bethany '15



Roughly 500 hours so far this semester which include the following services:

- Zeta/Beta Breakfast- providing breakfast snacks to students on first day of school
- Painting of soccer fence
- CV Cleanup - picking up trash found on the floor in the halls in respective Campbell Village Buildings on Sundays
- Donating Blood
- Car Wash - combined philanthropy with Alpha Xi Delta Sorority for Autism Speaks
- Two different individual Betas wrapped up over 100 hours each for an unpaid Camp Counselor Service and a Volunteer Fireman.

### Upcoming events

- "Beyond the Red Solo Cup." The purpose of this class is to inform freshman men and women how a Greek House functions and to disprove the negative image that movies and shows such as "Animal House" and "GREEK" portray.
- Last semester Beta Theta Pi won an award from Bethany for most amounts of community service hours done by a male organization.

# Psi Diamond Treasurer's Report

**Deno P. Emili**  
**#1100, Class of 1978**

## **Psi Diamond Association and Psi Chapter House Corporation Finances**

To all my Brothers. The financial circumstances of Psi Chapter have improved greatly over the last several years. As Treasurer for both entities, I have been able to chart the progress (or lack thereof) in maintaining two viable entities. The reopening of the House nearly a decade ago was a landmark event from a historical and financial perspective.

**Psi Diamond Association:** This organization sponsors two main events each year – the Alumni Dinner on campus in February on Bid Night and the Homecoming festivities, which typically include breakfast at the House in conjunction with committee and Chapter meetings, and the lunch/tailgate at the Football game in the afternoon. Annually, the total for these two events runs around \$2,500. Ironically, when the House was closed in the early 2000s, we would typically receive donations of between \$3,000 and \$7,500 each year. Lately however, other than at Homecoming, when we have recently raised just enough to cover the weekend – this year the take was \$1,500 – we have been receiving very little in the way of Alumni donations. However, in keeping with the theme of circling the wagons, Scott Thompson, Doug Selwyn, Dean Lesiak and the other Brothers of the Charitable Foundation team have acknowledged the benefits of the two events described above to the Chapter as it relates to Recruitment and Education. They have this year therefore allowed for the reimbursement of many of the expenses relating to those events such that we have roughly \$2,000 in the coffers.

**Psi Chapter House Corporation:** The College has been collecting the rent from our Men pursuant to an agreement Dean Lesiak, Doug Selwyn and Doug Miller put together a few years ago. These rents are the only revenue which accrues to the House Corporation. The rents come to us commencing in late October and flow throughout the two semesters until we have all monies by April or May each school year. Throughout the summer the balance of the account dissipates until next year's rents begin to flow. Since late 2008, the time period when I began to administer the finances and prior to that when the House reopened, we have known that a minimum of 12 or 13 Men living in the House is our breakeven. Because we had been achieving this level for much of the last few years, we have been maintaining a balance of \$5,000 to \$10,000 each year. Right now, we have 10 Brothers in the House and as a result, things became quite tight last month. I had to delay paying October's bills in anticipation of the rent check from the College which did not arrive until late October. Although we now can cover our bills, likely through the end of the year, there may be more hurdles ahead. Unfortunately, my understanding is that there are many more Active Betas on campus who choose not to live in the House. I believe this is a situation which needs to be addressed going forward to sustain the viability of the House Corporation.

Again, for many years now, we have not needed to worry about finances. Today, I think we should refocus. Thank you.

# Advisors Report

**David Cottington**  
**#1121, Class of 1979**

“Beta Theta Pi, not just a house, but a home. Not full of friends, but of family. Not only a collegiate experience, but enduring brotherhood to last a lifetime.” – Stephen Harvey Barranger - Pugen Sound 1991.

Whether Pugen Sound or Bethany, West Virginia, truer words could not have been spoken to describe being a Beta. Evident by the brotherhood experience at the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration of Psi’s founding or the upcoming 175<sup>th</sup> celebration of Beta’s founding this summer at the Convention in Oxford, Ohio. But this experience of lifelong brotherhood doesn’t happen by chance. Today’s actives have more distractions, whether it’s social media, classes that start at 7:00 a.m., mandatory commitments to extracurricular activities, fraternity leadership programs both chapter based and General Fraternity based, community service requirements, fraternity reporting requirements, or maintaining high academic standards to name a few.

Does it come from the “Men of Principle” program, the positive pledge education program, leadership programs like the Wooden Institute or Keystone Leadership meetings? They have merit, but ask an active why they decided to become a Psi Beta and I can guarantee the response will be, “the commitment of the alumni to each other and to the chapter that I witnessed at the Alumni dinner was why I decided to be a Beta.” Ask yourself why you decided to become a Psi Beta and after much reflection, I can guarantee you’ll answer the same. Lifelong Brotherhood is developed by having strong alumni support, active volunteer advisors and mentors. Volunteer your time as a mentor or advisor; come to a chapter meeting, Alumni dinner or Homecoming. Show the actives and potential pledges what being a Beta, in particular, a Psi Beta means; “an enduring brotherhood to last a lifetime.”

**Risk Management****Blake Rowe****# 1045, Class of 1975**

In today's college and Greek environment, risk management has become a key issue concerning the safety of our undergraduates, guests in our house, our fraternity house and Psi chapter. The risk management process includes identifying, analyzing and controlling identified hazards and financing the potential consequences. The Psi chapter supports risk management via having an undergraduate risk manager provide educational opportunities for the active brothers. Those activities include review of the General Fraternity's Risk Management Policy, familiarity with proper manner in which to exit the house in the event of a fire and alcohol and substance abuse training. In addition, an annual fire inspection is conducted by the West Virginia State Fire Marshall.

One of the key elements to protecting the actives, the chapter and the house is for those actives to exhibit responsible personal conduct (one of the objectives of the Men of Principle) in all of their activities as a Psi Beta. Part of college is not only to obtain the most from the academic perspective, but also to have fun. Whether we agree or not, some of the social activities involve the consumption of alcohol. The chapter house is an alcohol-free facility; no one may consume alcohol within the chapter house or on grounds of the house. If the actives elect to consume alcohol outside of our house and grounds, the Psi Chapter encourages any and all actives to do this responsibly.

**Recruitment Chair's Report****Terry Davis****#1550, Class of 2011**

All is good on the home front with recruitment. Rush is a little different these days than what some of our older members may remember. In the fall, the college permits Open Rush, meaning that all unaffiliated upper classmen are eligible to pledge Greek. Naturally, fewer upperclassmen choose to pledge at this time. February is the time for the main Rush activities for freshman. This fall we had one upperclassman join our ranks.

I have been in contact with the actives to discuss ideas for rush events this fall. Last year, we initiated 12 men, the biggest pledge class that the Psi Chapter has had since its re-colonization in 2005-2006. I am hopeful we will do as well or better this year.

As I told the men, we do not want to try and reinvent the wheel, but find ways to make it better. In the past, all the recruitment responsibilities fell solely on the recruitment chair. This is not the case anymore. After many discussions, the entire house is taking on the responsibility of recruiting and allowing the chair to lead the charge. I'm pleased to report that the times I have been to campus, I talked to a number of independents around campus. I couldn't be happier with the feedback I received. I am certain that spring rush will be another good one!

I want to encourage all Alumni to come back to our Alumni Dinner on Bid Night to support the Active Chapter and meet and talk to the young men that we plan to offer bids to join Beta Theta Pi. It's a great event and the young men appreciate your insight and support.

**Chapter Counselor's Report****Korey Mullin****#1508, Class of 2008**

I visited the house with four alumni from my (restart) generation to attend a round table meeting. The active group is focused on recruitment, brotherhood bonding, and they understand how and why filling the house is a top priority. It was a very exciting few hours with all 21 of the active members. We talked about basic issues going on throughout campus. We overcame some issues related to brothers living on campus feeling somewhat segregated. With that said, we handled the situation in true Beta fashion ... a nice loud conversation that really ended the topic in a very positive light.

These young men continue to impress me with their efforts around campus, how they work together as an organized group, and their drive for long term success. The Actives have elections coming up soon with a full transition plan with current and newly elected members. A few by-laws are being written again for the benefit of the house, one being that all first-year Betas must live in the house. (I really liked that one!)

I have been in discussions with Mark Heckman, the local district chief. He assures me that the actives are in great standing. I am currently rounding the troops for any alumni volunteers that would like to attend chapter meetings on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. Our alumni association has found that staying in touch with our young men in the Active chapter is an excellent way to support them and better understand the issues and demands they face on campus. Volunteering to attend a chapter meeting once a semester or even once a year, reconnects you with the House we all love so much!

Once a Beta, Always a Beta, Everywhere a Beta.

**Chapter Financial Advisor's Report****Jim Godish****#1002, Class of 1973**

The state of the Chapter's finances is very good. This is a testament to the leadership of the past and current treasures Casey Hamilton and Cody McElhaney, as well as previous and current presidents Tyler Buchanan and Alex Delgiorno. These men, through the skilled leadership and strong management as well as by example, resulted in the active chapter meeting their financial obligations.

Furthermore, the chapter has transitioned over the past three semesters to a new financial management and information system supported and encouraged by Oxford, called Bill Highway. The last phase of the conversion is the implementation of budgeting.

Lastly, the Chapter's transition to financial stability was, is and will be made possible with the support of the Psi Charitable Foundation. In particular, Psi Charitable Foundation made it possible for the chapter to meet mandates from Oxford pertaining to various conferences. Although these events are crucial to the long-term success of Psi Chapter as well as Beta Theta Pi itself, they are financially onerous to small chapters such as ours.

In summary, the continued leadership of Alex and Cody, supported by the active chapter, the continued quality of future executive teams, Bill Highway, Psi Charitable Foundation and alumni support of the Psi Diamond Association will enable Psi Chapter to continue prospering well into the future.

## **Mentoring Program**

**Mark Genard #1125, Class of 1979**

**Brian Nolan #1424, Class of 1996**

If you haven't already heard, we've initiated a mentoring program for the Psi Beta actives. We have 11 actives participating and have matched them with alumni volunteers in a one-on-one "virtual" relationship. There are other alumni that have volunteered to be industry speakers and will be called upon throughout the year to provide insight into specific industry segments.

I extend a special thanks to all of the actives who have decided to participate in this inaugural Psi Beta mentoring program, to the alumni that have volunteered to be a mentor to these fine young men and to those that have volunteered to be industry speakers.

There was a meeting with the Psi Beta Executive Committee in early September to discuss the program and the mentoring program process and expectations. The group was excited and took this information back to the actives.

The mentoring program officially launched in October. The eleven actives involved in this program have been matched with alumni volunteers with common backgrounds to those they are pursuing.

This program is for the actives and they are expected to drive this process. The mentors and industry speakers are to provide guidance and insight.

The format of the program is structured to support both in-person and virtual situations. It has been tailored after successful corporate and e-mentoring programs. The time commitment is about an hour per week which would include email and phone communications. There is no requirement for face-to-face meetings, but if the logistics allow this will only enhance the relationship. The intent of the program is to help guide the participating actives through situations and questions they'll be facing as they progress through their collegiate experience and into the workforce. This program is NOT intended to provide jobs to the actives, but best prepare them to obtain one.

The goal of this program is to give the actives an avenue to obtain guidance and feedback from someone that has experienced what they're about to go through ...from completing their degree to landing a job. The relationship could also continue beyond that but that would be up to the individuals. The approach is to match actives with a volunteer alumnus based on degree plan of the active and career of the alumnus. The communications are through email and phone calls with face-to-face meetings depending on the location of participants. There would be a topic sent out periodically to both the active and the alumnus meant to provoke thought and guide them through this process. Each relationship will develop its own course, the topics are meant as a guide not a mandate. Here's an initial draft of the topics:

- Introductions ... getting to know one another
- Plan for the relationship and set goals
- Resume review
- Short-term career goals
- Grad school or a job (seniors)
- Internship/summer plans (juniors)
- Long-term career goals
- Progress/evaluation
- Interviewing skills
- Job search etiquette
- Handling job offers
- Networking to find a job
- Maintaining the relationship

Again, thanks to all those who are volunteering for making this a success.

**Psi Scholarship Program**  
**Mark Schmidt**  
**#1110, Class of 1978**

The Psi Scholarship Program rewards academic excellence and leadership within Psi Chapter. Quality in education, as in all endeavors, must be a never-ending process of improvement.

The scholarship program began with a focus group of Psi alumni who were asked to design a comprehensive program that would inspire and reward the young men with incentives similar to a bonus program that they will see in the business world. The program kicked off in the spring 2008 with the presentation of eight scholarships. We are now in our sixth year and it is clear this program is meeting the objective to foster continued excellence in the principles of Beta Theta Pi. We congratulate the brothers for the achievements in the classroom and the continued academic performance of the Chapter.

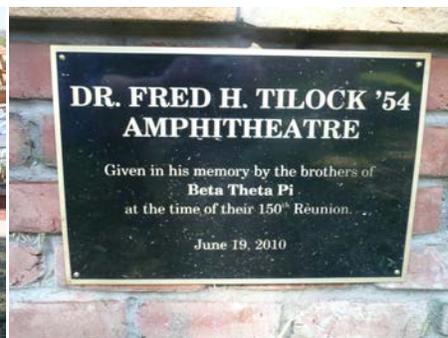
Since inception of the program, the Chapter has won the Woolery Cup eight semesters out of a possible 12 (and during two of those four semesters that we didn't win, we had the highest GPA but didn't meet the required number of eligible actives). We have awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to a total of 44 brothers. Our average award has been roughly \$2,500 per recipient over the three years the men are eligible to receive awards. The typical award recipient has a GPA of 3.3 and is an active leader both on campus and in the community.

The scholarship committee meets twice a year. The committee makes scholarship recommendations. Final awards are approved by Psi Diamond Charitable Foundation. Funding for the scholarships is from the Tilock donation (see more below). The committee members are Dave Zarnoch (class of 1970), Art Bertol (class of 1982), Vince Mikolay (class of 2000) and myself.

**Dr. Fred Tilock**, the benefactor of the program, was a member of Beta Theta Pi during his years at Bethany and remained active with the fraternity throughout his life.

A native of Lorain, Ohio, Dr. Tilock followed a well-worn family path to Bethany College shortly after World War II. His father, Walter Tilock, played football at Bethany, graduated in 1920 and later served on the Board of Trustees. Dr. Tilock's grandfather, Herbert, graduated from Bethany in the late 1800s. His uncle and namesake, Frederick H. Tilock, Sr., graduated in 1917.

Dr. Tilock graduated from Bethany College in 1954 with a B.S. in Biology and went on to earn his medical degree at Temple University in Philadelphia. He spent more than two decades as a pathologist with the United States Navy and served for 10 years at Tri City Hospital in Oceanside, California.



## Psi 150th Anniversary Celebration

In June of 2010, the Psi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi celebrated 150 years of existence. Hundreds of Psi Betas and their spouses/guests came from all corners of the country for this memorable celebration.

The extended weekend began on a Thursday evening with an informal reception at the Gresham House. Friday's highlight was golf at Oglebay Park in Wheeling in addition to other activities for the non-golfers. Saturday began with one of the largest Psi chapter meetings in history at the campus Leadership Center. Following the chapter meeting was a cookout at the Park in Bethany. The day concluded with a group photo of all of the Psi Betas and a dinner dance.

Many thanks to the numerous Psi graduates for their hundreds of hours of work in making the weekend one that will always be a part of future Beta Lore. We hope to see everyone back in 2035 for the 175th.

## Looking for Distinguished Alumni

The Memorial Honor Roll Committee is seeking nominations for inclusion on the plaque located in the Chapter House.

The criteria for nomination includes:

- A new honoree can be either living or deceased. The process would have a bigger impact if outstanding contributors to Psi Chapter can be recognized while alive to enjoy the award.
- Must have consistently contributed to Psi Diamond or Psi Chapter Charitable Foundation or Psi Chapter House Corporation in time or treasure, or both.
- Must be nominated by a member in good standing of Psi Diamond and gain a majority vote in favor by the selection committee.

To submit a nomination, contact one of the Memorial Honor Roll Committee members: Dr. Rod Hurl, #662, class of 1954; Peter Kemp, #740, class of 1956; Art Musicaro, #1103, class of 1977; Art Bertol, #1176, class of 1982.



## Year in Events

### Pi-A-Beta

The brothers held two booths over the previous year to raise funds towards the support of the Augusta Levy Learning Center in Wheeling. Over \$100 was raised to support the center.



### Augusta Levy Kickball Tournament

Actives and alumni joined forces for the Augusta Levy Annual "Kick It for Autism" tournament. The tournament helped raise funds for the Augusta Levy Learning Center.

### Dinner at Claudio's

Actives and prospective members enjoyed dinner with a group of alumni at Claudio's. The event helped reinforce to prospective members the strong bond that remains between the active chapter and alumni.



### Faculty Christmas Party

The chapter hosted a faculty and staff Christmas party to strengthen the relationship between the chapter and college. The event was well-attended and is scheduled to be an annual event that will hopefully expand to include alumni.



# Thank You

This chapter is very much aware of the great deal of respect you as alumni have for this house and this chapter. Many of us hope to be able to give back to this good and great fraternity in the future and look forward to the many events we will attend together. We will always work to make you proud.

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