

Psi Chapter Update



BETA THETA PI

September 2006

Front Row (L to R)

Anthony
Adeliankakis
Adam Henning
Matt Davis
Gary Gerba



Back row (L to R)

Brandon Curtis
Doug Winwood
Korey Mullin
Ron Ermlick
Justin Elkins
Hank Hampton
Chris Boland
Dan Scriver.

We are Back!

The hard work and dedication of countless Brothers was well worth it. On Sunday April 2nd, we added the names of twelve outstanding young men to the rolls of the Psi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

There are so many good and positive activities underway that I'm concerned about doing justice to the Brothers involved and to the overall accomplishments. First of all, I would like to recognize and congratulate the 12 young men that are now our Brothers. This is an impressive group; academically, socially and physically. They are truly Men of Principle and will make us all very proud.

Next, I'd like to recognize some unsung hero's of Psi Chapter; our Re-colonization team; David Cottington, Deno Emili, Jeff Boucek, Blake Rowe and Mike Zdinak. This group continues to lead our successful re-colonization process. Coupled with the unwavering support and guidance of the administrative team, our efforts continue to deliver on the dream of Beta Theta Pi regaining our place as the leading men's fraternity on campus.

The next group to be recognized is the House Corporation, led by Art Musicaro and Art Bertol. This group has done an amazing job of judiciously spending our contributions to ensure that projects are planned, budgeted and contractors deliver on their commitments. Their results are easy to see. Our House has not looked better since the day it was dedicated back in 1992.

The Psi Diamond Charitable Foundation led by Dean Lesiak, Scott Thompson, Doug Selwyn, Mark Hicks and Ted Kemp continues to do an outstanding job of supporting the long-term goals of both Psi Chapter and of Bethany College. Their stewardship of the charitable fund has allowed Psi Chapter to be a positive force on the Bethany Campus in spite of our three year absence.

Special recognition must be given to several additional team members; Byron Shindler, our Webmaster, has been tireless in his work to keep our Brothers connected and updated through the use of some of the latest internet technology. Also thanks go out to Mark Bado, Psi Diamond Treasurer, Ron Varga our Interim Secretary and Tim Redman, who has done a great job of communicating with the parents of the new active chapter to ensure they understand the Men of Principle program and the alumni's commitment to the future of Psi Chapter.

Our Class agents have played a critical role in communicating key messages and coordinating the critical support necessary to keep Psi Chapter alive. Please view Jeff Boucek's report on the critical role of class agents. And if your class is not represented, step forward and be a part of this great effort.

Most importantly, we want to thank everyone that has contributed your time, your talent and your financial support. We would not be where we are today without your commitment. You continue to make a difference to the success of Psi Chapter and ultimately Bethany College.

From our entire team; THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

- kai -

Doug Miller
1075 and Class of 1977

Chapter Counselor Report

Brothers of Psi Chapter:

On April 2nd, 2006, at 2 pm., in the Hall of Chapters, at the University of Miami, Oxford, Ohio, 12 young men were initiated into Beta Theta Pi, Psi Colony. After three long years of Psi's absence from Bethany College a new and reborn Psi chapter has returned to its storied prominence as the leaders on the Bethany campus.

As I last reported, the Advisory team, Alumni re-colonization team, Psi Diamond leadership and the General Fraternity were gearing up for January rush. After two weeks of rush, the team identified 12 outstanding men who had the vision and character to become the Founding Fathers of Psi Colony. As background the Founding Fathers fall cumulative GPA was 3.30. Four are seniors, two juniors, one sophomore and five freshmen. College activities include Football, Kalen, Student Activities Council, Resident Advisor, SGA, PRSSA, Tri-Beta, and writers for "The Tower" to name a few. These twelve young men are truly "Men of Principle" and are worthy of wearing the Beta pin.

During the pledge process, the Brothers learned the "Sons of the Stars", learned the long list of Beta songs, organized several community projects, participated in serenading the sororities, and won several College sponsored contests, in particular the "Chili Cook-off". These men came together as a group, established their identity and are poised to become the leaders on campus. During their pledge process they also continued to recruit potential brothers for the fall. We offered thirteen open bids prior to the end of the school year. Additionally the Brothers have identified and offered the Faculty Advisor position to Dr. Michael Mihalyo, Dean of Faculty at Bethany. Dr. Mihalyo has accepted and is already actively involved with Psi Chapter.

Just as the journey that took us from closing, to regrouping, rebuilding, and now rebirth, the journey is not completed. As Chapter Counselor, I can not stress how important it is to maintain the momentum that has brought us to where we are today. If you are involved, continue your support and involvement. If you are not involved, I urge you to get involved. To all the alumni who have volunteered their time, from my fellow Advisory Team members, to the Re-colonization team, to the leadership of Psi Diamond and the Charitable Foundation, to those who have contributed monetarily and in particular the Alumni who volunteered to become mentors and "Big Brothers" I thank you. It has been a privilege and an honor to help lead the effort to re-establishing Psi Chapter.

- kai -

David Cottington 1121
Chapter Counselor.

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Justin Elkin – Founding Father and President of Psi Chapter

The men of the Psi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi have become a close-knit group through the rush program, initiation at the Hall of Chapters, and events that we've participated in and hosted. Coming into the rush process, we did not know what to expect because we only knew of fraternities on campus and how they operated. It was a pleasant surprise to find that Beta Theta Pi is not the average fraternity. Travis Fischer, the brother leading us through the pledge education progress, was very helpful and spoke so highly of Beta that we knew that we had entered something special. This was proven to us when we attended the Alumni Dinner where we were handed our bids. To see Bethany's previous Betas walk into the chapter house and bring with them that sense of brotherhood and friendship was an eye opening moment for me and the other pledges.

During the pledging process, we lost a good potential brother, but this showed us how much more important Beta is to us. We spent hours at the house every week becoming closer and understanding what it's like to act as a unit. Each of us then moved into our separate jobs and began to make the Psi Chapter our own. Conducting our Tuesday chapter meetings became what we looked forward to, and our weekly assignments along with football, classes, and other involvements became a welcome hassle.

After Travis Fischer left us, we saw our first responsibility to be recruitment for the following school year. We began to bring qualified recruits down to the house for cookouts, volleyball, and horseshoe games. In coordination with Phi Mu, we hosted an on campus event that included food, volleyball, horseshoes, and the National Guard set up a rock climbing wall. This was used more for increasing our visibility on campus, but this did give us some time to spend with our targeted recruits. Before we left for the summer, we issued thirteen bids, and at least seven of them should be entering the pledge process next semester along with other recruits that we find on preview day and in football camp.

Everyone is excited to finally move into the house next semester, and we believe that we can accomplish much more with everyone in a central location and become the premier fraternity on campus. I would like to thank everyone for their support through this process, and I hope that we represent the Psi Chapter well.

Always in ___kai___,

Justin R Elkins

Psi Chapter Scholarship Report

Doug Winwood – Founding Father and Scholarship Chairman of Psi Chapter

From a Scholarship Chairman's point of view, I am extremely proud of our chapter and commend my fellow brothers for their high academic standards. We are a diverse group of men majoring in all fields from chemistry and communication to psychology and education. We take Cultivation of the Intellect seriously, and that shows in our chapter's last semester cumulative GPA of 3.3.

Since Beta was ineligible to receive the Woolery Cup, it went to another fraternity with a GPA of 3.2. I have no doubt that the Woolery Cup will be awarded to Beta Theta Pi in the coming fall semester, as well as the semesters that follow. I believe that Beta will be the new exemplarily fraternity at Bethany College in scholastic achievement. Also, in this past semester, our chapter applied for and received a 'Recruitment Through Scholarship Grant' of \$500. As Scholarship Chairman, I have put together an effective RTS program that I think will attract many, great men to our chapter.

As the "low numbers guy," in the recent pledge class I have come to really appreciate the pledging process. I think having this as an incentive drives new members to be the best they can be and learn as much about the fraternity's history as they can. I know I felt very honored when I was selected to be the first initiated member of our pledge class.

Since I'm a senior, transitioning from active to alumni has made me realize how much I'll miss these guys. Nevertheless, I plan to stay very active within the chapter and help to execute our RTS program. I know that I'm leaving a chapter that is in excellent hands and will continue to thrive throughout the years.

I'll take many memories with me as well as the motto **"Once a Beta, Always a Beta, Everywhere a Beta"** and will forever remain proud to be a Psi Beta.

Doug Winwood
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Psi Chapter House Corporation Report

Art Musicaro – President of Psi Chapter House Corporation

The report of the Psi Chapter House Corporation for the spring of 2006 is one filled with enthusiasm and thanks. We are happy to report that monies given for the House renovation projects have been spent very wisely. We have:

Replaced all dorm room doors, closure hinges and locksets. Doors are fire rated oak, factory finished to a “red oak” color, locksets and hinge replacements are of a heavy duty commercial grade, the keys are similar to keys used by the College.

The entire interior of the house has been painted; we chose to change the grey block color to light beige. The reviews from those brothers who have seen the change have been very favorable.

We have purchased 12 new heating and air conditioning units for the 10 dorm rooms, library and Chapter Room. These units are on site and will be professionally installed in the coming weeks.

The electrical contractor has reviewed the entire electrical, fire and smoke alarm systems and made necessary repairs. All base board heating units have been replaced along with the entry vestibule heaters. All dorm room ceiling light fixtures have been replaced with 2’x4’ florescent fixtures.

Plumbing repairs are ongoing; shower control valves, urinals, sinks and toilets have been repaired or will be replaced as needed.

New carpet has been ordered for the library. For the first time we will have carpet in the Chapter Room and entrance leading to the Great Hall. We are also carpeting the entry way vestibules with a special carpet designed for such applications. The additional carpet placement is an attempt to “soften” the common areas of the house.

Additional work to be completed before the fall semester is the replacement of all window treatments and the installation of partition walls and shower curtains in the bathroom.

The biggest challenge facing the House Corporation for the coming school year (2006-2007) will be covering the operational expenses. Currently we anticipate at least eight actives living in the house. The small number of men will leave with us with an operational short fall that will require alumni support. Our active chapter has extended thirteen (13) Bid Invitations this spring and some of those young men will become pledges in the fall and live in the house helping to support the cost basis.

As the numbers of men living in the house increases over the next couple of semesters, our reliance on alumni support for operational expenses will decline. Once the House is full (20 men), we anticipate operating with a small cash carry over. Your continued support of Psi Chapter and “The House” will always be needed and appreciated. On behalf of the entire House Corporation I would like to say Thank You for your past and continued assistance.

Yours in -kai-

Art Musicaro, #1103, President, Psi Chapter House Corporation

House Repair and Refurbish Schedule

	Projects that need to be completed	Vendor Budget/Final	Status / Comment
1	Heating Units Ordered / Delivered / Installed Units are in house awaiting installation	Standard Air H.E. Neuman Budget: \$15,350 Final Equipt. \$8,654 Final Labor:	Plan is for H.E. Neuman to install units during the summer. Some issue with plugs
2	Window decorations Window project still pending Budget number was \$2,000.00 based on PVC verticals thru out. *faux wood is golden oak in color to blend with the wood doors and ceilings complete with wooden valances 1" minis white verticals standard colors approx delivery 4 weeks	Jamison Carpet Blinds budg.: \$2,000 Final:	Several options: A. All 2" faux wood* blinds 10 dorm rooms, CR, GH, B. Library (20 units) installed w/tax \$3,392.00 C. (this would look really nice) D. 2" faux wood* in GH, CR, Library 1" 8 gauge E. alumn in dorm rooms w/tax \$2,999.80 F. 2" faux wood* in CR, Library w/tax \$2,622.44 1" 8 gauge alumn in dorm rooms and GH G. 2" faux wood* in CR, Library w/tax \$ 2,814.30 1" 8 gauge alumn in dorm rooms verticals blinds in GH
3	Carpeting Jamison Carpet has reviewed the house / made recommendations /	Jamison Carpet Carpet Budg: \$4,500 Final:	Carpeting has been selected and contractor scheduled to install (May): Scope now includes: Chapter room; hall to GH; Library; entrance strips: GH; Alley door; Side Door.
4	Furniture rehab: cushion covers replaced Project Approved	University Loft Bid of \$2,000 Final	To replace all cushion covers. Plan to have summer help clean wood frames.
5	Shower Room Partitions Project Approved	Tom Craig & Co Budget: \$1,785 Final:	Millennium student needs awarded project
6	Alley Steel Door Project approved	Tom Craig & Co. Budget: \$1,895 Final:	Present door rusted and in poor repair. awarded project
7	Flag Pole Dr. Hurl has agreed to underwrite this project.	Budget: \$2,200 Final:	Town has been contacted to confirm any zone requirements.
8	Alley Parking Lot Drainage	Budget: \$2,000 Final:	Plan to run drain line from alley parking to the newly installed outfall on Church Street.
9	Brick Bar-BQ Class of '89 to underwrite this project as a memorial.	Brandon Curtis & Co. Budget: \$2,000 Final:	Tony Barsh class Cost to be underwritten by Big John classmates as a memorial.
10	General maintenance: Attic insulation & vapor barrier	BC Staff Budget: \$500	Pending project for possible BC staff to bid.
11	Plaques Installed Paddle Mounting Plan Honor Roll Committee	Psi Alums	Replace wall plaques, Honor Roll plates, etc. Boucek plan for class paddle tradition Action/Additions have been on hold for 25 years.
	TOTAL –rounded	Budget: \$34,250 Current: \$8,700	

House Repair and Refurbish Schedule

	Projects Completed	Vendor Budget/Final	Status / Comment
1	Interior Painting Project complete.	Perfection Painting Budget: \$7,500 Final \$9,300	Entire interior painted. Colors changed and greatly improved. Extras for cleaning and dry wall repairs.
2	Room Doors Replaced Project complete.	Orien Hunter, BC Budget: \$7,500 Final: \$6,785	This now the third set of doors on the house rooms. Looks fantastic. Orien did a great job.
3	Plumbing: all urinals/sinks/showers/commodos operating Project complete.	H.E. Neuman BC Staff Budget: \$2,000. Final: \$1,300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Urinals/toilets all have been removed, o snaked, o and remounted. All in good order now. o Shower heads all replaced. o Shower room tile not feasible.
4	Internet Wireless Service Project underwritten by Dean Lesiak. Project complete	Jeffrey Devlin, BC Budget: \$5,000. Final: \$5,250	Need to confirm boiler room security and environment (heat/humidity). Possible vented rack/cabinet needed.
5	House phone service: compare cost of Verizon v. Internet Land line install. Project complete	StratusWave Phone installed \$80 and \$35/month	StratusWave has been contacted / install Will have restricted calling - same as the school.
6	Electrical Work: dorm room light fixtures installed replacement heaters installed; General review of all electric system - esp. fire/smoke alarm, breakers, etc. Project complete	United Electric Budget: \$5,500. Final: \$7,900	Electrical work complete waiting on final bill. Many extra jobs: all outside light fixtures, vestibule heaters, baseboard heaters Minor jobs pending: room hall emergency light; wall receptacles;
7	Cleaning Service: intensive commercial cleaning Project Complete	Apollo Restoration budget 2500.00 final: \$2,740.40	This was a complete top to bottom cleaning
	TOTAL	Budget: \$30,000 Final: \$33,290	The scope of many projects expanded by completion. W/I 10%. Some projects were sponsored

Future Projects and Plans			
	Social areas Furniture Replacement	\$20,000	Couches, chairs, tables, lamps
	Sleeping Rooms – Furniture Replacement	\$20,000	Beds, desks, dressers, wardrobes
	Boiler replaced with forced air gas system	\$7,500	Age and reliability issues.
	Social Area Appliances, Recreation	\$10,000	Wide screen TV, other as needed
	General Decorating	\$5,000	Wooden Beta Crest (Alpha house good example) Wall decorations; Framed pictures/paintings
	Outdoor Recreation, landscaping	\$5,000	Basket ball; horse shoe pits, volley ball, decorator plants/shrubs Accent Lighting
	Utility Building	\$2,000	Storage for lawn equipment, msc.
Note: Monies for some of these projects can begin to be allocated from rents received as time goes on and house occupancy approaches capacity.			
	TOTAL	Budget: \$69,500 Final:	

Psi Chapter: House Corporation Projected Operating budget: 2006-2007 School Year

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Item	School Year Months (9 each)	Summer Months (3 each- June, July, Aug.)	Total
Revenues			
Rent Revenue 12 x \$2,000 x 2 less BC billing charges (5%)	\$48,000 Less \$2,400	\$ --	\$45,6000
Diamond Assoc.	\$5,000	--	\$5,000
Charitable Found.	\$10,000	--	\$10,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$60,600		\$60,600
Expenses			
Utilities:			
Gas \$500/mo & \$200/	\$4,500	\$ 600	\$5,100
Water \$300/ & \$180/	\$2,700	\$540	\$3,240
Sewer \$200/ & \$50/	\$1,800	\$150	\$1,950
Electric \$2,000/ & \$800/	\$18,000	\$2,400	\$20,400
Trash \$70/ & \$30/	\$630	\$90	\$720
TV Cable \$35/	\$315	\$105	\$420
Telephone \$30/	\$270	\$90	\$360
Total utility	\$28,215	\$3,975	\$32,190
Insurance \$350/	\$3,150	\$1,050	\$4,200
Professional Cleaning 4 x \$300	\$900	\$300	\$1,200
House Supplies \$200/	\$1,800	--	\$1,800
Yard/Landscape \$200/	\$1,800	--	\$1,800
Miscellaneous \$150/	\$1,350	--	\$1,350
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$37,215	\$5,325	\$42,540
CARRY OVER			\$18,060

Note: Carry over breakeven with no assistance from PD or CF is 11 tenants.

The above projection provides only about \$3,000 carry over without PD or CF proceeds.

Revenues assume 100% payment by all tenants and 5% billing fee to BC.

Class Agent Report

Jeff Boucek – Psi Chapter Financial Advisor and Class Agent

As many of you know, I reconnected with our chapter shortly after its closing some three years ago. What many of you may not know is that while I am a Psi Beta, I am not a graduate of Bethany College. For personal reasons I transferred to another university in the middle of my sophomore year. I chose to get involved with the chapter because Psi, Bethany College and many of you meant something to me and this was a way for me to give back to something that will forever hold a special place in my heart.

As part of the Advisory Team to the chapter, I volunteered to be the Financial Advisor. I knew going into this it would involve a lot of time on my part, and between coaching my kids in various sports and starting a business, my wife thought I'd lost my mind the night I so happily told her of this. Many of you from my pledge class most likely are thinking I had no mind to loose!

The truth is, this was one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. Not only have I been able to help fellow brothers transform our beloved house with this new generation of Psi Betas through the Men of Principle initiative, but I've been able to see firsthand the transformation of Bethany College through the efforts of Buck Smith, the current President of the College. Buck was a friend of Forrest H. Kirkpatrick.

I mention Buck in this writing because our house can not succeed if Bethany College does not succeed. To quote Brother Hurl, "there are seven letters in the word "Bethany" and four of them spell "Beta". That's a powerful message.

As a member of the Advisory Team, we share the duty of attending chapter meetings. I attended a chapter meeting with the Founding Father Class that was held exactly one week prior to their initiation. Following the meeting, I spent some time talking with Hank Hampton, one of our newest brothers.

Hank is a senior and will be missed by the chapter and the college as well, when he leaves following graduation. He is a very unique young man as are all the Founding Fathers. The focus of our conversation was about an article Hank had written in "The Tower" and had been published three days prior to the chapter meeting. It was quite an article and the topic was of interest to all at the chapter meeting that night.

As our conversation evolved, Hank told me about what had convinced him to become a Beta and a Founding Father. He indicated he had "not quite made up his mind until he came to the dinner we had during rush and saw all the alumni that had returned". He said that "really impressed him" and that he then knew that this was right for him. I attended that dinner and can tell you first hand that there was a true spirit of brotherhood among those in attendance.

During the chapter meeting with the Founding Father Class that I attended Travis Fischer (our brother from Oxford who has been with this Founding Father class from the start)

Class Agent Report

discussed “Beta Spirit”. Hank had his first experience with “Beta Spirit” at that dinner during rush...just as many others in attendance had.

I felt that “Beta Spirit” last April (2005) when the Advisory Team went to Oxford for training and had the privilege of taking a tour of the General Fraternity grounds...a breath taking day by any standard.

I felt that “Beta Spirit” again this past January when I joined many alumni in the Academic Parlor of Old Main to meet prospective Beta pledges and hear a presentation about becoming a Psi Beta by the team from Oxford.

I felt that “Beta Spirit” again on Bid-Day when we welcomed our Founding Father Class as pledges and I felt that “Beta Spirit” yet again when Hank told me what had convinced him to become a Psi Beta and Founding Father.

Our common bond is the time we spent on the campus of Bethany College and no matter how long (or short in my case) that time was, we chose to be different by joining Beta Theta Pi. Our new brothers, this Founding Father Class, also chose to be different and “...different for the right reasons...” by choosing to become Betas...Psi Betas.

Our house and the “Men of Principle” initiative that is the foundation to our recolonization are the new corner-stone of the entire Greek System on the campus of Bethany College. Buck Smith is changing Bethany College and we are changing right along with them.

In the past, it would be easy to question why put any effort into Psi? All one had to do was come back to Homecoming or Alumni Weekend and look at the direction of the house, the Greek System and the College itself and say it will never be the same so why bother.

Today I’d still agree that “it will never be the same”. The fact is, it is going to be better. Let’s face reality; this is a different world than the one we encountered in our house or on the campus of Bethany College. We all have the chance to step-up and make a difference in Psi and Bethany College through your involvement in this great effort.

We need Class Agents for the following classes to help coordinate our work; (60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 81, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 96, 97, 01, 03, 04). Please visit our website (www.psibeta.net) and sign-up to help.

I am proud to be a Psi Beta and honored to be a part of this effort. Please give thought to getting involved any way you can. Together we can make a difference for future generations of young men in Beta Theta Pi and on the campus of Bethany College.

“Beta Spirit”, it lives in us all and through each of us, it will carry on.

- kai -

Jeff Boucek

Financial Report

Psi Chapter Diamond Association and House Corporation

Mark Bado – Psi Diamond, Treasurer

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the financial position of the PSI Diamond Association/House Corporation as of March 31, 2006.

Beginning with Homecoming in October 2004, the challenge was sent out to the Beta Alumni of Bethany College that a re-colonization effort was to be undertaken. In response to this challenge, nearly 125 brothers have donated or pledged over \$ 59,000 to help re-establish the Betas on Bethany's campus.

As detailed in the attached report, these monies have gone toward house improvements, repairs and maintenance, insurance, financing re-colonization efforts, a dinner banquet for Spring Rush, the Psi Newsletter to alumni, and a special wrap for the Beta Theta Pi Magazine.

It has been with tremendous pride that I have offered my services to bringing back the glory of Beta Theta Pi to our alma mater. While I am unable to physically attend the meetings and many of the alumni gatherings, I am there in spirit and my dedication is not diluted by the mileage between the campus and my home. The brotherhood of Betas transcends the miles and lives on in the hearts and memories of the men who were a part of the history of this fine fraternity.

I will continue to work diligently to re-establish the Betas at Bethany and to ensure that future pledges can have the opportunity to experience the same companionship, support, spirit, and love that this fraternity has endowed to its past alumni.

Yours in -kai-

Mark A. Bado, Treasurer, Class 1987



PSI Diamond Donations by Class Year
Homecoming 2004 - March 31, 2006
Revenues:

<u>Class</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>			<u>Class</u> <u>Year</u>
	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Pledge</u>	<u>Total</u>	
1937	\$ 250		\$ 250	1937
1939	\$ 500		\$ 500	1939
1941	\$ 100		\$ 100	1941
1944	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	1944
1946	\$ 100		\$ 100	1946
1947	\$ 100		\$ 100	1947
1948	\$ 1,573	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,573	1948
1949	\$ 650		\$ 650	1949
1950	\$ 650	\$ 100	\$ 750	1950
1951	\$ 600		\$ 600	1951
1952	\$ 3,975	\$ 4,000	\$ 7,975	1952
1953	\$ 1,100		\$ 1,100	1953
1954	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	\$ 3,500	1954
1955	\$ 10,200		\$ 10,200	1955
1956	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,500	1956
1957	\$ 300		\$ 300	1957
1958	\$ 50		\$ 50	1958
1959	\$ 350		\$ 350	1959
1960	\$ 300	\$ 500	\$ 800	1960
1961	\$ 275		\$ 275	1961
1962	\$ 75	\$ 100	\$ 175	1962
1963	\$ 200		\$ 200	1963
1964	\$ 100		\$ 100	1964
1968	\$ 100		\$ 100	1968
1969	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	1969
1970	\$ 50	\$ 100	\$ 150	1970
1971	\$ 100		\$ 100	1971
1973	\$ 300	\$ 500	\$ 800	1973
1974	\$ 7,351		\$ 7,351	1974
1975	\$ 3,850	\$ 100	\$ 3,950	1975
1976	\$ 750	\$ 200	\$ 950	1976
1977	\$ 3,835	\$ 300	\$ 4,135	1977
1978	\$ 650		\$ 650	1978
1979	\$ 1,100		\$ 1,100	1979
1981	\$ 100		\$ 100	1981
1982	\$ 450	\$ 500	\$ 950	1982
1983	\$ 50		\$ 50	1983
1984	\$ 100		\$ 100	1984
1985	\$ 100		\$ 100	1985
1986	\$ 100		\$ 100	1986
1987	\$ 150	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,150	1987
1988	\$ 334	\$ 666	\$ 1,000	1988
1994	\$ 100		\$ 100	1994
1995	\$ 50		\$ 50	1995
1998	\$ 50		\$ 50	1998
Foundation	\$ 25,000		\$ 25,000	Foundation
	<u>\$ 71,618</u>	<u>\$ 12,666</u>	<u>\$ 84,284</u>	

PSI Diamond/House Corporation
Beta Theta Pi
Bethany College PSI Chapter - Alumni Association

Asset Position
March 31, 2006

CASH	\$	13,070
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
Pledges	\$	12,266
PSI Charitable Foundation	\$	23,173
	\$	<u>35,439</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u><u>48,509</u></u>

PSI Diamond/House Corporation

Homecoming 2004 - March 31, 2006
Expenses:

Painting	\$	9,300
Air Conditioning Units	\$	9,260
Insurance	\$	5,826
Utilities	\$	4,195
Doors	\$	3,886
Homecomings, Alumni Weekend	\$	3,100
Lawn Service/Winterize Misc.	\$	2,932
House Cleaning	\$	2,740
Newsletter/Publishing/Postage	\$	1,927
Conference Calls	\$	1,850
Dinner for Rush	\$	1,007
IT	\$	1,000
Wax Floors	\$	601
Other	\$	578
	\$	<u><u>48,202</u></u>

Psi Chapter Diamond Association Charitable Foundation

S. Dean Lesiak – President

Now that our 2005 Federal and State tax returns are completed and filed I am pleased to report that the Charitable Foundation continues to be in good standing and is a thriving organization. Because of the continued generosity of many of the Alumni (and the help of a robust market), I can report that the Charitable Foundation, at March 31, 2006, has a total market value of \$543,808. The asset allocation continues at historical levels with 77% invested in equities, 12% invested in cash and cash equivalents and 11% in fixed income securities.

I would like to thank the following thirty-three Brothers for their recent, generous contributions to the Foundation (and I sincerely apologize if I have inadvertently left anyone off of the list). Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Donald Boyd ('44)	Harold Watkins ('49)	Robert Mackenzie ('77)
Carl Groppe ('56)	Ted Kemp ('54)	Fred Tilock ('54)
Ira Marks ('51)	Robert Ritter ('50)	Donald Cloudsley ('48)
Jim Moyle ('74)	Rod Hurl ('52)	Theo Christman ('52)
William Cobra ('49)	Donald Brinkworth ('46)	Mark Bado ('87)
Fred Vines ('57)	Don Farrington ('59)	William Warren ('53)
Mark Hicks ('73)	Gordon Oliver ('55)	Charles Licata ('98)
Charles Linn ('84)	Herbert Berman ('62)	Neal Christman ('55)
William Newton ('75)	Thomas Fabek ('48)	Gary Novak ('76)
Blake Rowe ('75)	Harold Doster ('53)	Art Bertol ('82)
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The Charitable Foundation continues to operate on its founding principles and purposes as it continues to support Bethany College, and in particular, Psi Chapter. This support was evident during the Re-Colonization efforts of the past several years and continues today in support of the Psi Colony. The most recent contributions to Psi have been in support of maintenance, repairs and the upgrading of the Chapter House and have been in the form of two recent contributions to the House Corporation. The first of which was a \$25,000 contribution that took place in the fourth quarter of 2005 and the most recent, in the amount \$23,000, just occurred in May of 2006.

Again, and on behalf of the Charitable Foundation, I want to thank the Brothers listed above for their continued support of the Foundation. It is because of these generous contributions that the Foundation has been able to maintain its net asset value at a level sufficient enough to generate an earnings flow that will afford us the opportunity to support Psi Colony as it progresses back to Chapter status. Additional tax-deductible donations are always welcome from other Psi alumni and you can rest assured that your donations will be invested wisely, the earnings of which will continue to support Psi Colony.

Let me close by saying that I am glad to be a Psi Beta and I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming 2006!

S. Dean Lesiak ('74)

Psi Diamond

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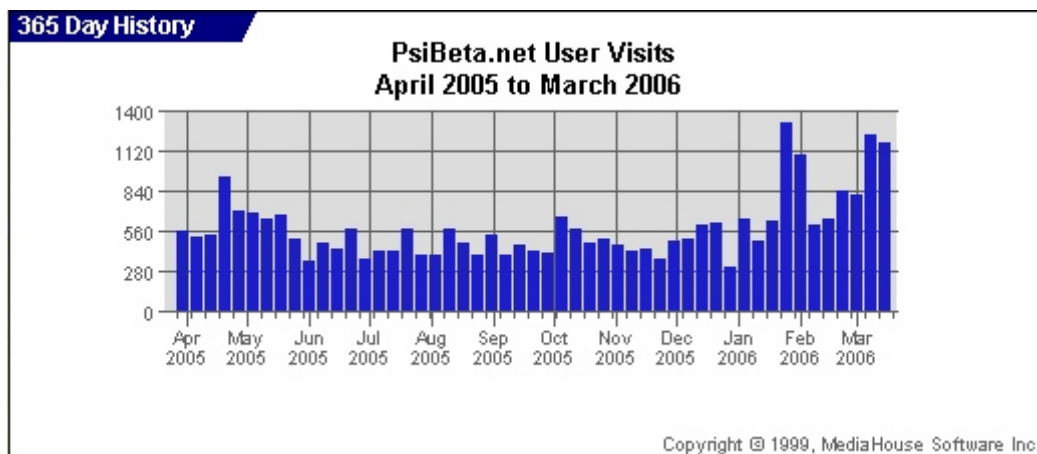
Psi Chapter Alumni would like to once again extend a very heartfelt Thank You to Brother Fran Haus and the F.L. Haus Company for their extensive work and contribution to our Summer 2006 Newsletter. Thank you Fran and congratulations on your upcoming induction to the Bethany Sports Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2006!

Webmaster's Report

Byron Shindler – Psi Chapter Webmaster

Thanks to all your support, PsiBeta.net had a record year! Site activity shattered all previous records in January 2006 during the recruiting phase of the recolonization effort. The previous record was set right after the recolonization agreement was signed at Alumni Weekend 2005. The web site activity is best illustrated by the numbers.

A user visit or “session” is when one or more pages are viewed by a user from one computer within an hour.



Server Activity Totals for the Month of January 2006

Total sessions served :	3618
Total hits made on server :	48465
Total time spent by all sessions :	116h 9m

Although our site is graphically challenged by today's standards, our content is unsurpassed. That is the most important thing for an alumni networking site with a very diverse user base and whose skills and equipment vary from modest to advanced. Our site has grown to over 400MB of content which is over 50 times larger than the humble beginnings after Homecoming 2002. The new “PsiBeta.net” domain went on-line in June 2003.

PsiBeta.net Content Statistics	
Web Pages (not including chapter roll)	14616
Supporting Images (not photos)	7676
Photos (not including thumbnail photos)	71212
Sound - Singing Psi and audio clips	28
Chapter Roll Pages	8555
Living Psi Betas from 1912 to 2005	

Webmaster's Report

Through the very hard work of our database administrator, Brother Wayne Kirk '53, the Psi Chapter roll includes 940 living Psi Betas with 367 e-mail addresses and 869 valid postal mailing addresses. This list requires constant maintenance. Please help us keep your contact information up-to-date so we can keep you in the loop on the progress at Psi Chapter. Brothers may register their e-mail address for Psi news and send us updated contact information via the web site. We have 243 site registrations as of this writing. For your protection and privacy, the security of our alumni contact information and e-mail addresses continues to be a top priority.

As we move forward, many new capabilities are planned for our web site. We are very grateful to receive two "servers" donated to Psi by Wheeling-Nisshin of Wheeling, WV and server software donated by Twin Palms Productions of Austin, TX. We plan to use one server as a network file and print server in the chapter house and the other as a database server for our web site. The web database server will enable our web site to have more advanced chapter roll searching and reporting, individual secure user accounts new financial systems, and improved automation.

As our new actives move in to the chapter house in August 2006, we expect they will wish to add some web content of their own. We are looking forward to the web site playing an increasing role in the development and support of our Psi Beta actives and alumni.

__kai __,
Byron Shindler '77



from L to R: Blake Rowe, Paul Chewning, Tim Redman,
Curt Klein and Mark Sniegocki

Background on Psi Chapter and Bethany College

Dr. Rodney B. Hurl – Distinguished Alumni and Brother

My late father Robert Davis Hurl '24 Psi #338 was secretary-treasurer of the Psi Diamond Association from its founding in 1935 to the 100th anniversary of Psi in 1960. My folks were raised in Follansbee, WV and as both sets of grandparents dwelt there this meant they were able to conveniently find lodging when returning to Bethany. The Gresham House helps the lodging problem.

At the 1935 celebration my father was told he was to be the secretary-treasurer. He always felt that Kirk Woolery manipulated this. Woolery was a well respected officer of the college (Dean of the Faculty and later Provost), in addition to being the faculty organizer and builder of the history and political science department. He had a PhD from Johns Hopkins.

Dad, with the help of Don Boyd '20) mailed several appeals per year requesting donations. These were to improve the house on Roosevelt Ave. and to build a new structure on a different site. Several evenings per week after supper he accounted for and deposited these gifts and wrote notes of thanks to the donors. These notes were transmitted on post cards because they were cheaper than stamped letters.

In the late 1940's property was obtained and cleared and plans were studied. In the spring of 1950 the new house was dedicated. It was later expanded and was eventually replaced.

When the Beta House of 1950 was dedicated the President of the college, Dr. W. H. Cramblet stated in his part of the ceremonies the basis of several things. The late FHK documented Cramblet's remarks. Cramblet had a PhD in mathematics. For years he was the youngest person awarded a PhD in math at Yale. His father had also been the Bethany president around the turn of the century so Cramblet spent most of his life at Bethany. He was also the national president of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Dr. Cramblet presented two facts: 1) there are 7 letters spelling Bethany and 4 of them spell Beta. 2) over the years one third of the college trustees that are Bethany alumni and Greeks were or are Betas. Psi is the oldest fraternity chapter in West Virginia and up until recently it could also be stated it was the oldest continuously existing such chapter. The 4 of the 7 letters also indicate it's hard to have a good chapter unless the college is healthy in every respect. All Psi Betas should support our alma mater financially in every respect.

When I attended Bethany (class of '52) there were only two accredited colleges in the state. Bethany and WVU, and Bethany was older. WVU didn't start until West Virginia became a state in 1863 at which date Psi was 3 years old and Bethany 23 years old.

The first fraternity at Bethany was the Virginia Delta chapter of Phi Kappa Psi. Two other groups formed at about the same time, the Bethany chapter – the Psi of Beta Theta Pi and a group that called themselves Damn those Delts i.e. Delta Tau Delta. The economic depression of the 1870s and later 1890s killed off Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Tau

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Delta, and Sigma Nu. The Sigs later recolonized. Old Psi persisted. The Delts have been on and off campus on more than one occasion.

There is a body of thought that feels fraternities are evil. This is a very idealistic group – some carry it against even local Greek campus social organizations. You'll note as you go along in life that academia spawns many sweeping idealistic causes. These seem to many be simplistic and didactic. Many such thoughts could be fine if the human animal was godlike in motivations, outlook, and desires. The human eats when not hungry, drinks when not thirsty and will make love in all seasons.

The Greek Letter system is an attempt, not always successful, to harness human nature and channel it into constructive activities. Many college disciplinary people feel that Greek groups add a layer of student leadership enabling easier control of the student body through healthy competitive modes e.g. academic, sports, social, behavioral channels and even singing. The system also furnishes a place for the returning alums to “hang their hats” and gather among those of like memories, interests and outlooks. People tend to bunch up. The Greek system tries to channel this tendency.

You should realize that I'm the recipient of a 3 year Lutheran Catechism, medical house staff (intern-resident) in a strict Roman Catholic Hospital system and 40 years of practicing medicine in the entire socio-economic spectrum of humanity. I'm also only the 2nd generation born-in-American (3 or 4 grandparents were immigrants. I'm also a genetic conservative (Also I might add we all suffer from the gout). We have a college freshman granddaughter who will soon be sporting a Beta Daughter's pin.

Incidentally some of my closest friends and acquaintances dating back to college and before are not Betas. Some aren't even Greeks! Would you believe a couple are even Sigs.

As I recall the first “Greek” Bethany president was T.E. Cramblet, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Next was W.H. Cramblet who was an Alpha Sigma Phi. Gresham, Tucker, and Cummins were or are Delts and Bullard is a Sigma Nu (multigenerational). Only one of these was ever accused of overtly boosting their group while being college president.

Many Student Deans were Greek members and only one of which I am aware was accused of picking on various chapters at different times. Most, in my opinion, have been evenhanded and proactive and tried to help maintain decorum through Greek organizations.

When and if college administrations become reactive against a chapter the support of the chapter's alumni unfortunately diminishes. One should attempt to rise above this. It's my opinion that the human animal enjoys righteous indignation. College administrators should realize this tendency and not encourage it.

During the Bethany years of our three offspring there was an additional fraternity and sorority on campus. The ensuing and relentless enrollment decrease was mainly responsible for their loss.

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The best thing Betas can do for Psi Chapter is to be loyal not only to the chapter but also to Bethany. Financial support may not be the most important thing but it's more important than what ever is in 3rd place.

Unfortunately with the passage of time Psi forgets many of the efforts of faculty and alumni. Some of these are now listed on some bronze plaques in the chapter house. However with each name inscribed there is a story of hard work and loyalty. One plaque lists the founders of the House Corporation. All of these founders but one was also a college trustee. The one not a college trustee was the house corporation attorney-of-record and it was deemed a conflict of interest to fill both positions.

W. D. Turner was a successful Cleveland corporate attorney. He very quietly lent money to actives that had fallen on hard times. This list was never made public but one of the credit was my late father. My grandfather had developed pneumonia with several complications. To finish his diploma this Brother loaned my father \$1200 in 1923. This vignette is an example and one that was often repeated.

W. K. Woolery was the son of Bethany's 3rd president and lived his entire life in Bethany. He earned a PhD at Johns Hopkins and built the History and Political Science Dept. He missed a few chapter meetings and stirred much potential mischief. He and Wilbur Cramblet were frequent guests at the house when contract bridge erupted across the country in the 1920's. He served as Dean of the Faculty and later as Provost. He campaigned for and pulled the wires to start the Psi Chapter Diamond Association in 1935. (He also hired my father while a student to spot clean and press his suits). This organization raised the money and arranged the financing and construction of the 1950 Beta House. Brother Woolery and Brother Kirkpatrick helped found Gamma Sigma Kappa and the institution of the Senior Comprehensive Examination. Brother Woolery started the Woolery Cup.

During my years as an undergrad, alumni and faculty were frequent visitors to the house. L.W. Coughenour was faculty advisor and he had his fingers on the pulse of the active chapter. "Boots" Whitehead, M.S. Miller and Byron Townsend were alumni in the area and spent countless hours at the house. These hours were not scheduled and the house had to be neat and quiet. Incidentally these men had no sons.

Brother Donald L. Boyd wrote much of the copy used by the Diamond Association to raise funds to build and maintain our Beta home. He also was frequently on campus. One could write volumes about the influence FHK had on decades of Psi Betas. Another significant alumni is Brother James Daub. He conceived and did the legal work to start the Psi Charitable Foundation.

I'm sure every several years the actives are aware of many alumni who have influenced their lives and attitudes of many undergraduates. These are the original Men of Principle.

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The Diamond Association officers and directors were filled with volunteers. Unlike many voluntary groups the Bets developed many competent, conscientious and successful workers.

The history and the results of the Diamond Association has been one of great accomplishments. Their efforts were all voluntary - no paid workers - and is a record of great success. Building on this success, a Psi Chapter Charitable Foundation was started and its record is proving to be another success. Brother James Daub '40 spearheaded this initiative.

We should all be glad to be Betas and take just pride in being Psi Chapter Betas!



L to R: Art Musicaro, Dr. Rodney B Hurl, Neil Christman and Dr. Thomas Hawk

Please make plans to join us at Homecoming 2006: October 6th and 7th.

The following article was written by Brother J.U. Davis and appeared in Bethany College Legends Book that was sent to the home of every eligible freshman during their break in January of 2006. It turned out to be a great introduction to Psi Chapter.

BETA THETA PI

On a cold December day in 1860 six young men from 5 different states mounted horses and rode from Bethany to Washington, Pennsylvania to be initiated in Beta Theta Pi and form the Psi Chapter.

They were determined to see a Beta Chapter on the Bethany campus.

Over the years members of Psi chapter have exemplified that same initiative, determination and persistence as we addressed the goals of Beta Theta Pi and Bethany College.

Psi chapter remained active during the civil war and both the first and second world wars, thus becoming the oldest fraternity in continuing existence in Bethany history. Our alumni form a veritable Who's Who of leaders in the United States. Psi graduates have served on the U.S. Supreme Court, the House of Representatives, as Presidents of many colleges and universities, President of the Stock Exchange and the American Psychological Association as well as a long reining top professional wrestler! We have and continue to contribute Trustees to Bethany in great numbers.

Psi chapter has maintained its own house almost continuously since 1911. We moved from Pendleton Street to Cramblet Street and finally to our present location on Church Street. The current building was dedicated in 1995. In 2003 the house corporation found it impossible to carry the costs with so little rent being collected and the house was closed.

Almost immediately the Beta alums rose in support of the actives and Psi chapter. We formed a re-colonization team.

We are determined to see a Beta Chapter on the Bethany campus.

The Beta Theta Pi general fraternity has adopted a Men of Principle program. It includes goals of Cultivation of the intellect, Leadership development and self-governance, and Commitment to community. Through this program members will have the opportunity to attend leadership experiences; The Institute, Futures Quest, Leadership College and a six day Beta Wilderness Challenge in the mountains of Utah.

As in the past, Beta Theta Pi membership will engender bonds of friendship and brotherhood, which create a lifetime commitment. "Once a Beta, always a Beta."

In January 2006, with the approval of the college, the re-colonization team and the general fraternity, there will be a formal recruitment program on Bethany's Campus. It will culminate with initiation of the new "Founding Fathers" of Psi Chapter. Soon it will be said of these young men:

They were determined to see a Beta Chapter on the Bethany campus.

Psi Chapter will again say, GO BETA. "We offer a lifelong fraternity of Brothers, young and old, committed to our principles and to each other. We are not just another FRAT."