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ONCE A BETA, ALWAYS A BETA

Joe Thiele McCrary '72 (-124-) of Tuscaloosa, died on March 20, 1999. He is survived by his wife Debra Sims McCrary, and his two daughters, Joanne and Margaret. Mr. McCrary had been battling cancer for two years. While living in Tuscaloosa, Mr. McCrary was an integral part of the Delta Theta chapter. He served as an advisor and helped us through many tough times. In 1996, the Joe McCrary Leadership Award was introduced, and is given annually to the brother who exemplifies leadership and brotherhood to the highest degree. This year's recipient was John Troncale '99. "Mr. McCrary was always around the Beta house doing whatever he could to make the house as a whole better," said Troncale. "From helping with rush, cooking at parents' weekend, to doing renovations. It was an honor to receive an award in Joe McCrary's name. We were like the sons he never had."

Mr. McCrary will be greatly missed, however his legend will live on.

V.J. FOR V.P.

In recent events V.J. Graffeo, a junior political science major and current Vice President of the Delta Theta chapter, was elected to the office of Executive Vice President of the SGA for the 1999-2000 school year. V.J. during his time at the Capstone has been very involved in the SGA and is currently serving as a senator for his college of Arts & Sciences. V.J. is also involved in many other campus activities such as Student Alumni Association and Capstone Men & Women. V.J.'s candidacy was so strong that he ran unopposed for the office, but still put together a campaign run by his sister, fraternity brothers, and friends.

A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS

We would like to congratulate and recognize the newly elected leaders in our chapter this year. This new batch of leaders have been elected as well as appointed to positions throughout both the house and University. The positions in the house include a virtually all new executive committee. The new committee members are as follows: Ollie Newton(-575-) President, VJ Graffeo(-576-) Vice President, Stephen Bolt(-597-) Secretary, Seth Newton(-593-) Treasurer, Lane Cooley (-600-) House Manager, Daniel Shepard(-598-) Rush Chairman, Kip Copeland(-618-) Social Chairman, Larry Vinyard (-609-) Scholarship Chairman, Brian Anderson(-614-) Alumni Chairman, and Ross Morgan (-613-) sports chairman. Besides just positions in the house the members of the Delta Theta chapter have also earned many positions within the University. Recent appointments include VJ Graffeo and Ollie Newton to Jason's Honorary Society a senior mans honorary, Seth Newton to Cardinal Key a junior honorary society, Ross Morgan as well as Larry Vinyard to Lambda Sigma a sophomore honorary society, and Andrew Brock as well as Jeremy Adler earned positions to the university's Judicial Board. Also in the fall many other positions were held by members of the chapter. For instance, Larry Vinyard, Jeremiah Arsenault, Josh Friedman, Jeremy Adler, and Mick Blankenship were all appointed to SGA committees. Also Andrew Brock, Jeremiah Arsenault, and Larry Vinyard served on IFC committees while Jeremy Adler and VJ Graffeo served on the Student Alumni Association. These are just a few of the many organizations that Betas have been apart of over the year and are just a few organizations that the Delta Theta is hoping to continue participation in during the upcoming year. Lastly, with the unfortunate loss of our house advisor Joe McCrary a new one has been appointed with the arrival of Jim McGriff, who looks to continue the legacy Joe has left behind.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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My name is Ollie Newton and I am pleased to serve as the president of the Delta Theta chapter for the 1999-2000 year. Over the next few bulletins I will be giving a report that will consist of a preview of upcoming events, future plans, and updates on events that have occurred. This fall was a busy time for our chapter. We have plans to make this coming year even better. We have many plans to improve areas such as philanthropy, social, sports, scholarship, pledge, and alumni. Next years philanthropy projects include a clothes drive involving participation from sororities around the campus as well as a goal of \$2000 for the American Cancer Society donated from the annual benefit concert. Socially, we are looking forward to another good year of swaps, football games, band parties, and trips. As for sports the all intramural trophy for fraternities was in our grasps this year, but we fell just short with a second place finish. Scholastically the chapter turned in one of its best semesters yet with the pledges having the third highest GPA on campus. Our goal is to be in the top three fraternities by the end of next year. Twenty five is the magic number that we would like to initiate for next year's fall class. This goal seems in reach especially after our success last fall. Finally, with all that has been accomplished in the past year and future plans the Delta Theta chapter of Beta Theta Pi is on the verge of a break through year that will build on the strong foundation that has already been started.

SPRING FEVER

With the combination of a baseball game, a Saturday lunch, a dinner, an awards ceremony, and music by Todd and Preston this years Parent's Weekend was definitely a success. Many parents attended the annual spring event and were given a great chance to meet as well as see the house and its members. Also for those who had not seen much of Tuscaloosa the weekend was a time to see and tour the town. Our dinner guest and honoree was Joe Mitchell, our former house repairman and cook who means a great deal to all the members of the house who know him. Joe was a employee of the house for eight years, but unfortunately was forced to retire this year due to health problems. There was also a focus on the memory of the former chapter advisor Joe McCrary who succumbed to cancer only a day before. Our next big spring event was our annual spring party, MIA. The week included swaps with two sororities, and other activities. However, the major events occurred during the weekend. The weekend started out featuring an outside band party with Members Only, an 80's cover band out of Atlanta. The outside idea was more than a hit and practically filled the entire side yard with brothers, alumni, friends, and rushees. Saturday afternoon began as Friday ended with the Kenny Williams Band playing outside. Although this part of the weekend was more laid back with a crawfish boil, cookout, and many people settling for lounging around. However, as the night came everyone was back in the party mood for the grand finale with an indoor band party featuring one of the best bands in Tuscaloosa, Iratowns, which packed our house with more people than any other band so far this year.

THIS IS ALABAMA FOOTBALL

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Opponents</u>
September 25	Arkansas
October 23	Tennessee
October 30 (Homecoming)	Southern Miss
November 6	LSU
November 13	Mississippi State

With five games being played at Tuscaloosa and four of which come in successive weeks the brothers of the Delta Theta chapter of Beta Theta Pi would like to invite all alumni, parents, and family to visit us. If you are interested in attending or would like for us to locate tickets for a game, please write to: Delta Theta Chapter Events, The University of Alabama, Box 11006, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35487. Everyone is invited to a breakfast, lunch, and pledge bar at the house on game day, but all are still welcome to visit any weekend that you would like to stop by. So if you would like to visit please write to the address listed above in order to schedule a visit or if you would like to be mailed a listing of our events for the fall.

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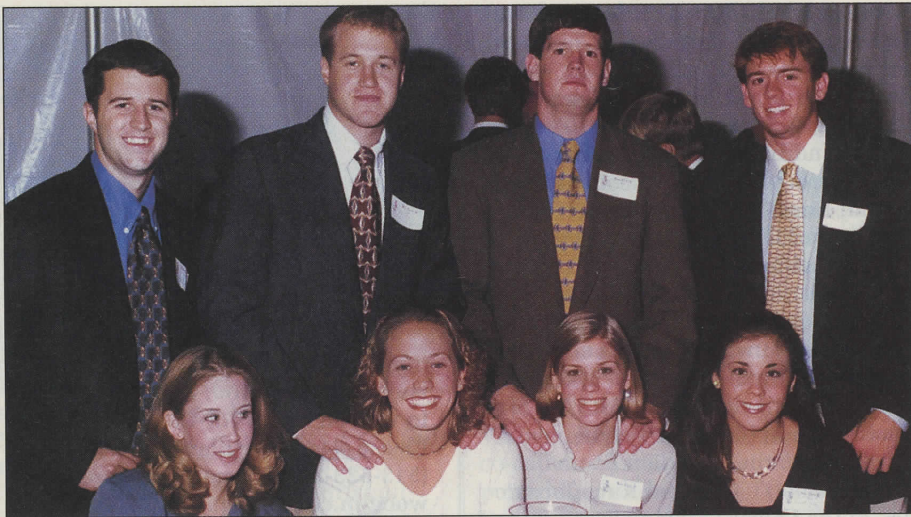
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THE ALUMNI'S RETURN

One of our goals in publishing this newsletter is to get feedback from the alumni. Anything regarding rushees, requests, suggestions, and even complaints are more than welcome. We would also like for you to send us news about yourself and family that we can print in our future issues to the address mentioned earlier. Lastly, plans for improvements are still continuing and any ideas or donations that you think would better the house are always welcome.

Chapter Reports

These semi-annual reports are from 113 chapters and colonies. The chapters are listed alphabetically by state and province and introduced with a colorful graphic. If your chapter's report is missing, one was not submitted or it was received too late after the deadline to be included. At the end of each report is information about GPA (Grade Point Average) for fall '99 term, position above (+) or below (-) the campus AMA (All-Men's Average) and chapter status: Good standing, On warning, On probation, Suspended, Subject to reorganization, Under reorganization, Suspended/disbanded, Revoked or Closed as of Dec. 10, 1999.



Auburn Betas Mike Mikos '01, Allen Sullivan '00, David Strongman '00, Robbie Wentz '00 and their dates enjoyed Delta Zeta's 35th anniversary celebrations held on Nov. 6, 1999.



Alabama

Delta Theta members on SG and IFC continue a strong tradition of campus involvement. We reorganized chapter operations with the help of our new alumni advisor, Jim McGriff '69 to include a new chapter creed, constitution, rush program and pledge education program. Alumni relations improved with a new newsletter and parents gathering at the house before and after each home football game and for food and fellowship. In sports, two intramural flag football teams advanced to the playoffs. Community work included volunteering in a charity horse competition benefiting the needy. Our web site is www.bama.ua.edu/~beta and we invite alumni to our 2000 Founders Formal this spring — the next celebration won't be until 2005! *Stephen Bolt '01, sec*
GPA 2.64. (-) AMA. Status: Good

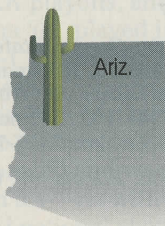
Auburn's Delta Zeta turns 35!

Delta Zeta celebrated its 35th anniversary in style with a brunch before a homecoming game against Central Florida and after, with a formal banquet celebration. More than 400 gathered as General Secretary Jerry Blesch, Centre '60 was the guest speaker followed by chapter founder and Oxford Cup recipient, Dr. Edward B. Taylor '42. After former chapter presidents told stories of days past, General Fraternity Historian, B. Hume Morris Centre '68, gave an excellent chapter evaluation. Festivities concluded with more than 100 brothers joining in a Loving Cup ceremony.
— Jeff Weeks '01, corres. sec.



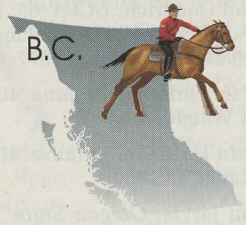
Auburn

Delta Zeta pledges 33 men! More than 200 rushees attended our first night of rush compared to 90 reported by another fraternity. The well-rounded group defeated Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Pi in their first two football games. Philanthropy involvement included improving the university library, and hosting work socials afterwards. *Jeff Weeks '01, corres. sec.*
GPA 3.05. (+) AMA. Status: Good



Arizona

Delta Beta recruits 22 men in one of the chapter's most successful rush periods thanks to a scholarship from the General Fraternity and strong recruitment planning. Success continues in intramurals with championships in soccer and volleyball and earning the reputation as "the team to beat." Alumni support increased, and Homecoming was fun as the pledges designed a float winning third place honors. Alumni assns. are growing. *Bryan Gottfredson '00*
GPA 2.76. (-) AMA. Status: Good

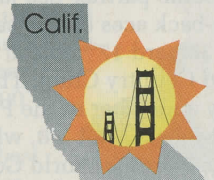


British Columbia

Knox winner Gamma Omicron builds on award-winning summer after winning a John Reily Knox chapter excellence award, a Children's Burn Awareness award and the 160th Convention Cup. Sixteen brothers

returned safely after a memorable cross-continental journey from Vancouver to Oxford, Ohio, and back in our "Woogie Wagon," bus. We recruited 30 new men and started fall intramurals strong by winning both the Arts 20 Relay/Day of the Longboat and two stages of the athletic triple crown. Both wins contribute toward our bid for our 16th consecutive sports trophy! Four brothers hold IFC positions.

We are grateful for chapter visits from Education Consultant Donovan Jackson, Central Michigan '99 and The Beta Theta Pi Assistant Editor Shane Fletcher, South Florida '96, who we were happy to get to know. In November, the chapter held a private party organized by the pledges, participated in Project Penny Coat and hosted an alumni hockey game. We hope to continue our success as we work toward our second Knox award! *John Hibbard '00*
GPA 2.92. n/a AMA. Status: Good



Cal. Poly

Epsilon Delta focuses on fundraising and different programs such as the Beta credit card, a football pool and a mass mailer campaign. In sports, our football team defended its intramural title with a 3-0 season led by Nate Pivaroff '01 and Kevin Waters '00. Alumni Chairman Chris Vyn '00 planned a barbecue for Homecoming weekend at the house, along with golf tee times. We are happy to have a new house and look forward to becoming a stronger chapter. *Mustapha Parekh '00*
GPA not reported. Status: Suspended



Cal State-Chico

Epsilon Iota starts new academic club! President Timothy Ladd Schiller '00 started a "300 Club" for members with a 3.0 GPA