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## Chapter Newsletter 2002

Welcome to the summer 2002 epsilon beta newsletter. This newsletter was developed with the contributions of active and alumni members of Epsilon Beta. Epsilon Beta would like to thank Douglas DeRosier for his 500-dollar contribution to the creation and distribution of this newsletter.

### Chapter Highlights

→The chapter for the first time in recorded history has managed to have 16 members with GPA's above a 3.0. **The general cumulative GPA for the chapter was around 2.75, which is one of the highest cumulative GPA's in epsilon beta history.** One of the actives also achieved a 4.0 while taking a computer science and math class load.

### Graduates

→This year, six members graduated:

**Sean Tobin** – MIS  
**Richard Schouten** - PR/advertising  
**Adam Machotka** - PR/advertising  
**Greg Conger** - Graphic Arts  
**Keith Wales** - Functional Design  
**Gary Keesling** - Social Work  
**Andrew Ward** - History

*The chapter wishes them great success in their future endeavors...*

Side note: For the last 4 years our chapter has consistently lost active members to graduation. The rates of our graduating brothers speak on behalf of our chapter's ability to support personal academic excellence.

→The homecoming celebration 2001 was a great success bringing 4 generations of Delta Sigs together. The celebration was held at George's lighthouse and gathered close to 60+ alumni from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's.

This year's gathering will be in the alumni house across Dempsey. Some younger alumni will meet at Kelly's. Homecoming is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>.

The ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha will join us at the Oshkosh Elks Lodge 292 in the north side of town. The address is: 175 Fernau Av, Oshkosh WI, 54901

→As many alumni know, Bart Ruggeri passed away during the attack of the WTC. His life and contribution at UW Oshkosh and Delta Sigma Phi was celebrated at a special service at the Neumann Center the morning of Homecoming on October of 2001.



**We are moving!**

→The chapter house is moving to a new house located in Amherst (the new fraternity road).

We are moving to a new house for two simple reasons:

- The landlord at 529 Algoma was not responsive to our housing maintenance requests.
- The new landlord (Tori Nett) seems more willing to work with the chapter to improve and sustain our housing needs.

Epsilon Beta will be moving to the new house on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002  
The new address will be:  
**614 Amherst St, Oshkosh WI, 54901**

## Other Active Highlights

→**Erick Alatorre** and **Andrew Ahlborg** were awarded membership into the order of the sphinx. This national award is vested on members whose personal contribution has further the values of the DSP.

→**Eric Stephani** will receive the highest GPA award for achieving a 4.0 in the spring of 2002.

→**Patrick Donoghue** received the highest GPA award for the Spring 2001

## Campus Highlights

→ In the spring of 2001, Oshkosh hired Dr. Richard Wells to replace Dr. John Kerrigan as Chancellor of UW Oshkosh. He seems like a very progressive leader and seems to be putting a lot of effort on revamping and updating the image and perceived quality of UW Oshkosh. Information about the new chancellor's vision and experience can be found at:

<http://www.uwosh.edu/chancellor/home.html>

Last fall, the renovation and expansion of the Reeve Union and Black Hawk commons was completed. If you haven't had a chance to visit campus, I would encourage you to come to Oshkosh to check out this new magnificent project. UW Oshkosh is also completing the renovation of the Halsey Science Hall. I believe you will be impressed and also proud of the school

The area around the campus itself has change a lot too. New apartments, a new upscale bar and several restaurants have replaced the old strip on Wisconsin Ave. (Molly's is still there...)

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## Help for Scholarship Awards

→ For the last 4 years, Michael Ebert has sponsored a 100-dollar scholarship award for the most active pledge.

To further recognize leadership achievement at Epsilon Beta, our chapter would like to give two awards:

- The first scholarship award would be presented to the active brother with the best semester GPA
- The second award will go to the brother with the most improved GPA of the semester

In order to do this, we need the help of the alumni.

If you would like to sponsor a scholarship award please contact:

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Chapter Vice-President  
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**Letter from the President of Epsilon Beta**  
Jason Dederig

→ When I came to college, the brothers of Epsilon Beta extended their hands to me and gave me an opportunity of a lifetime. Joining Delta Sigma Phi has been one of the best decisions I've made so far. The fraternity has allowed me to grow and mature in many different ways. I believe the friendships I have foster at epsilon beta will last me a lifetime.

As the president of Epsilon Beta for the 2002-2003 school year, I look forward to leading the chapter through a path of leadership and excellence.

I would like to thank and congratulate Andrew Alhborg for his contribution to epsilon beta. Probably his most important achievement was to formalize the Engineer leadership position. The EL position now holds a key role in the tactical plan of the chapter.

Andy has the ability to connect with younger people; hence this year's recruitment effort was a success. Our membership continues to rise (**28 strong**). He promoted the idea of a year-round rush, which has delivered an amazing group of guys.

In my opinion, one of the most important qualities of a successful chapter is unity. My administration will promote collaboration through inclusion. Allowing and respecting the contribution of all members will promote the stability and growth of this chapter. Leading the chapter through excellence can sometimes be challenging. Thirty different belief systems, values, personalities, schedules and ways of life can sometimes create challenges. I feel we have a great opportunity to improve and sustain the brotherhood as we move forward into a new house this fall.

I believe in continuous self-improvement and excellence, thus I look forward to improving our new member education program. While the national office continues to integrate more leadership programs into the Gordian knots, I also believe our history and traditions hold the key to our future.

Right now the chapter has a very positive and enthusiastic attitude. I look forward to the rest of this year and next as we continue our path to excellence.... YITBOS

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## Homecoming 2002

→ **The brothers of Epsilon Beta would like to invite you to Homecoming on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002.**

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha will join us for homecoming celebration.

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## Letter from ACB president Scott Gurholt

→ This past year has been a year of unpredictable change for Delta Sigma Phi, and ourselves, and what it means to each of us as brothers.

After the untimely loss of brother Bart Ruggieri stemming from the tragedy of September 11<sup>th</sup>, we saw an alumni and active chapter of many come together as one to celebrate the life of Bart – most without ever having met him. A number of brothers spent their time and effort to ensure Bart was appropriately remembered for the contributions he made to the fraternity and the lives he had touched. This was certainly accomplished and serves as symbol of the true bond of brotherhood our chapter teaches and demonstrates.

As we move forward through 2002, we as alumni and active brothers of Delta Sigma Phi carry the responsibility of continuing to hold the traditions of our fraternity in tact. The best way to do this is to keep involved in the alumni association through its activities and don't forget that our active brothers are still going strong at our alma mater.

Make a concerted effort to support the ideals of Delta Sigma Phi by visiting our active chapter. Our actives have been upholding our traditions amidst mounting negativity toward Greek organizations at UW-Oshkosh. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed by myself and many others, and I challenge you to see for yourself what impressive contributions our actives have made.

As for the alumni association, we have the continued challenge of bridging the many generations of Epsilon Beta. From the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and the 2000 graduates know one thing. All of us are dually initiated brothers of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity ... I have taken great pride in this over the years and you should as well.

When you pledged and became an active brother, you saw the benefit of being a brother almost immediately upon initiation. From the networking and leadership opportunities, to the social atmosphere or what have you, this was initially why you decided Delta Sigma Phi was for you. Now, as recent graduates as well as long-time alumni brothers, many of you may have yet to realize the continued benefit of your brotherhood.

The benefit is held within ourselves, as we are our greatest resource. We all may have gone our separate ways over the years – to start a family, to succeed in our careers, or learn the capacity of ourselves – but to return is nothing more simple or as easy as making the effort to show up. I have had the great pleasure of befriending many brothers from the 80s, 70s and going into the 60s over the past few years,

and this has brought me great pleasure in knowing these individuals.

We have a number of activities that provide opportunities for all of us to come together and celebrate what it means to be a brother of Delta Sigma Phi. In the summer, our annual alumni picnic is open to all to attend -last year's host Jeff Commer and organizer Eric Hafsoos provided a great environment to us to get together and share stories of the past and show off what we have been building for our futures. In the fall we have Homecoming (October 19), initiation and graduation. And in the spring we have Winter Carnival, Sailor's Ball, initiation and graduation.

All of these are great opportunities for you see what the continued benefit Delta Sigma Phi offers you, and I hope to see you each or any of these events in 2002. YITBOS

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## Alumni Highlights

**Bill Bannantine** bannantine@yahoo.com  
Still lives in Spain with his wife Monserrat. He comes to the US about once a month.

**Matthew Krenke** mkrenke@yahoo.com  
Recently purchased a home in Menasha. Continues to work for FNB Bank as a loan officer.

**Matthew Klug** Mklug@co.winnepago.wi.us  
Recently got married to Jill in Oshkosh. Matt works for Winnebago County in Human Services.

**Gary Keesling** KEESG@prodigy.net  
Graduated in Dec 2001 and got married to Nicki on July 20th, 2002. He currently works for AAL as an Insurance and Financial Agent.

**Jim Buehner** jrbuehner@vbe.com  
He currently lives in Omro. He attended the homecoming dinner last year.

**John Kelly** jcdmkell@email.msn.com  
John works for Waste Management as a manager. He lives in Grayslake IL with his wife and kids. His kids keep him busy. ☺

**Douglas DeRosier** DeRosier@Apex1.net  
Doug works in the logistics/transportation business with his family in Two Rivers. He donated 500 dollars for this newsletter. He is also moving to Madison in late August.

**Darren Kaiser** darren\_kaiser@hotmail.com  
Darren is a Senior System Analyst for Technology Solutions Corp at of Chicago. He lives in Oshkosh with his wife Ann. They recently had a baby girl named Isabelle Mary

**Kris Kaminski** kaminski1975@yahoo.com  
He is getting married next year to Nicole Young. He is moving to Milwaukee with his fiancé.

**Brian Kuklinski** bkuklinski@eudoramail.com

Brian "ted" is a radio host of the show "Bill and Ted" on the FOX 107 FM out of Neenah. He lives in Oshkosh and is currently planning to return to UW Oshkosh to finish his teaching degree.

**Brad Heutmaker**  
Brad.Heutmaker@phoenix.edu  
Brad moved to Dallas TX and works as an admission counselor for the University of Phoenix. His wife Ivette had a baby back in Dec 2001.

**Chad Bork** ChadB@MBM-IDT.com  
Chad lives in Appleton and works for Modern Business Machines. His wife had a baby (Alex Bork) back in January.

**Matt Witt** (1800-236-2029)  
He works at Saturn of Appleton as a Sales and Leasing Consultant.

**Tom Tuttle** tommytut2000@yahoo.com  
He works for WG&R in Oshkosh. He is planning to move to the Chicago area as soon as his girlfriend is done with school.

**Benjamin Bollenbacher** bbollen@kcc.com  
Ben works for Kimberly Clark as a Senior Systems Engineer. Got married to Molly Rhon last August and is finishing his MBA from UW Madison.

**Andrew Benisch** benisa44@hotmail.com  
Lives in Whitewater and is currently finishing his teaching certification in Mathematics.

**Shane Anderson**  
Shane.Anderson@RedPrairie.com  
Shane is a Project leader for Red Praire (a logistics software developer) down in the Milwaukee area. (Also known as geek herder ☺)

**Mike All** Michael\_All@jeffersonwells.com  
Mike works for Jefferson Wells (a consulting firm) in Milwaukee as a Network Engineer. (network geek ☺)

**Scott Selenka** slselenka@netscape.net  
His wife is expecting their second child. She is due in August. Scott lives in Oshkosh with his family.

**Scott Schweiger** sschweiger@wi.rr.com  
Works for SmartWorks LLC (an industrial printing solution company) lives in Menomonee Falls and enjoys the company of his newborn baby daughter Emma and wife Stacy.

**Mark Novell** mnovell@cox.net  
He is doing executive sales for his company down Phoenix AZ. He likes the sales aspect of his job. His wife, Umi is an Assistant City Prosecutor in Phoenix.

**Mike Schmackle** Getting married in December (finally) to Sarah.

**Chuck Milam** chuck@redroot.org  
He works at 3M as network manager in Saint Paul. He bought a house in River falls and enjoys fishing and shooting wild life. ☺

**Blois Olson** (<http://www.new-school.com/>)  
married last Labor Day to LuAnn Bravinder. Doing well with his P.R. Firm in St. Paul MN.

**Dave Schwenk** (<http://www.mediaranch.net>)  
Still working for KSTP as a promotions editor, he has a media production business on the side.

**Dave Prissel** Lives in Hudson, WI with his wife Jessie. He works as a manager for a retirement home in the Hudson area.

**Larry Baier** Larry\_Baier@thrivent.org  
Larry got married to Karla Mauk in June. He just finished his MBA from UW Oshkosh. He also bought a home in Appleton.

**Brent Seifert** bseifert@mcw.edu  
Lives in Milwaukee, works for Medical college of Wisconsin as a LAN manager. Got married to Sarah on May 4th, 2002

**Dave Prokop** dprokop@mail.ci.wasau.wi.us  
Moved to Wausau to work for the local PD. Dave enjoys fishing in "god's country and truly appreciates family life up north. He was recently promoted to captain in the National Guard. His boy is large an healthy.

**Dennis Larsen** dlarsen@new.rr.com  
He currently owns and operates his own business: the Pool Center LLC in Oshkosh and is planning to marry Tori Coats on Sept 14.

**Rich Neuman** rhn69@hotmail.com  
Rich bought a house in Delavan, works for GAP as a general store manager in the Madison area. His father recently passed away due to complications from lung cancer.

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**Did I miss you?**  
Update the chapter and alumni by emailing:

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