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SUMMER RUSH

In past years, Summer Rush hosted by alums was a standard practice that provided a great preview to active chapter's Fall Rush Program. Summer Rush has the advantage of better one on one with prospective pledges complemented with the alum's valuable perspective on the long range benefits of Sigma Chi. It is a tool that works and we are reviving it at Beta Delta.

Cory Rigler '98 is coordinating four Summer Rush barbecues to be held at alum houses capable of accommodating 30-50. Locations and dates are:

T Great Falls - August 17
T Helena - August 17
T Billings - August 24
T Missoula - August 30

These events will be cohosted with Beta Rho. If you have a house that will work for these functions (except Missoula which will be held at the House) or would like to attend, contact Cory by email at sigriggs@aol.com or phone him at 303.403.1777 by no later July 15th. All function expenses will be paid by Beta Delta House Corp.

Also, we'd like to contact incoming legacies and other UM attendees referred by alums. If you have any leads, let Cory know and a special invitation will be extended to all Rush Events.

NEW ACTIVE BROTHERS

These new brothers went active at Beta Delta and joined the proud ranks of Sigma Chi this past school year:

David Blethen - Bellevue WA
Kevin Brensinger
Jeffrey Corey - Lake Oswego OR
Thomas Dolan - Greeley CO
Tyler George
Michael Lueckemeyer
James Morrison - Rockville MD
Erik Nelson - Tulsa OK
Jesse Thorpe - Colstrip MT
Spencer Unger - Bethesda MD
Patrick Van Droen
Daniel Windmueller

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2002-2003

We're excited to announce that Beta Delta will be offering up to \$25,000 in academic scholarships during the upcoming school year for active brothers that live in the House and meet the specific criteria.

The scholarships will be available to freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors based on highest GPA, achieving 3.0 or higher and the best improved GPA. We're confident that the number and amount of scholarships will be a powerful incentive for goal oriented pledges and higher House occupancy.

This spring, we kicked off an incoming freshmen scholarship program which was extended to all Montana highschools and others that expressed an interest. Applicants for the \$500 scholarships were asked to write an essay and provide academic and activity credentials earned in highschool. Over 20 applications were received and most had impressive resumes. These applicants will be invited to the Summer Rush function in Missoula.

There is also a Recruitment Workshop to instruct actives on more effective rushing techniques schedule for Labor Day weekend in Missoula.

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

This month, we will be transferring \$145,000 in scholarship cash and assets to the UM Foundation for investment management. This is seed money for a \$1,000,000 endowment we will grow over the next ten years (with your help). By transferring this money to UM, we accomplish several goals:

1. To build closer ties with the University and promote a better working relationship.
2. Provide a mechanism for taking advantage of tax incentives offered to Montana taxpayers.
3. Establish a process for systematically managing and growing capital.

Sigma Chi Building Foundation (Beta Delta's house corporation) is approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation so contributions are tax deductible. Besides cash, we can accept securities, real estate or other assets. For more details, see our Gift Acceptance Policy at our website in the "Giving Back" section or contact **Walt Kero '74** at 406.549.4148.

RENOVATION UPDATE

We continue our aggressive renovation of the House. Planned for this summer:

Roof. We're going to finish the roofing project started last summer which was suspended in the fall due to a shortage of trim tiles. These tiles had to be custom made by Ludowici (the original roof tile supplier) and are extremely expensive. The good news is we saved a bundle on the Gladding McBean brand field tiles and most of the Ludowici trim tiles we were able to buy through an historical tile supplier for 80% less than new cost.

BETA DELTA GIVE BACK FUNDRAISER

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CONTRIBUTION LEVELS & CATEGORIES

' Up to \$249	Pledge Builder
' \$250 - \$499	Norman Shield
' \$500 - \$999	Jordan Standard
' \$1000 - \$4999	Prof Scheuch
' \$1110	Prof Scheuch (1110 Club)
' \$5000 - \$9999	Constantine
' \$10,000 & Up	White Cross

	My Fundraiser Commitment	\$ _____
PAID	' All now	\$ _____
	' ½ now, ½ in 1 year	\$ _____
	' ⅓ now, ⅓ in 1 year, ⅓ in 2 years	\$ _____
	Total Enclosed	\$ _____

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