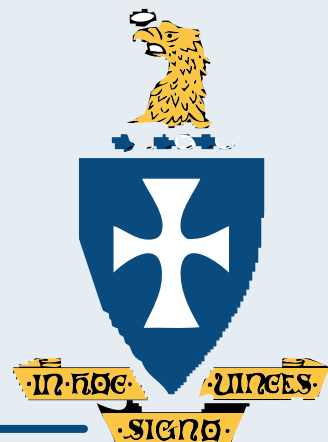


# The Arizona Sig



Sigma Chi at the University of Arizona · Summer 2008

## A Call to Service

As brothers in Sigma Chi, we have an obligation to foster the undergraduate experience of our young brothers to be in the spirit of our ritual, and that Sigma Chi is a lifetime experience. That service to the chapter can be that of an alumni officer position, mentor, or advisor. We have a plethora of successful alumni in Tucson, Green Valley, and Phoenix and across the nation and that collective success can be transferred to our undergraduates. We're often asked, "How can I help? I'm in New York, etc." In an internet enabled world, it does not matter that you live across the country or even internationally. What matters is your commitment to "engage and get involved" - in whatever capacity you feel your life experience will help these young men.



The Campaign for  $\Sigma$ Xcellence is a result of an exhaustive analytical look at what had happened to the chapter to result in our suspension in 2003. It was clear to us that greater alumni interaction, supervision, and advising may have kept the chapter from engaging in the activities which resulted in our losing our charter. We've been asked many times, "What's to make sure this doesn't happen again?" The Campaign for  $\Sigma$ Xcellence was created to achieve a series of checks and balances that would make it almost impossible for this result in the future. If we provide superior leadership, we will get a return on our investment. Young men need adult leadership, period. We are not here to run the chapter, they need the experience of managing that on their own. However, with the supervision and oversight and the ongoing review of chapter operations and performance, we can once again be the Peterson Significant Chapter we have been in the past – and even better.

We have structured our positions so that they can be accomplished with manageable amounts of time. We understand fully that our alumni have businesses to run and families to care for. We need just a little bit of your time in conjunction with all the other alumni brothers and we can truly accomplish something special. The Beta Phi Chapter will always have far more alumni members than undergraduates. This is OUR chapter. Its success benefits us all. Will you be part of this future of success?

To volunteer, please contact Robin Winter '89 at [cwinters@farmersagent.com](mailto:cwinters@farmersagent.com) or Steve Schuyler '79 at [sschuyler@partnersmanagement.com](mailto:sschuyler@partnersmanagement.com).

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## Board of Governors Report

It has been my distinct honor to meet with many alumni over the past few years and to talk in detail about our beloved chapter. As we connect and reconnect with Beta Phi brothers one thing rings clear: the depth and breadth of the talent in our alumni ranks is daunting. In every field of endeavor a Beta Phi alumnus is among the leaders. It is inspiring to hear the life stories of men who have brought favor and distinction to their families, their communities, the University of Arizona, and our own chapter. It has been awesome to meet men who, as Kipling put it, "...walk with kings nor lose the common touch." I have heard so many diverse stories of success and satisfaction from lives well lived and a common theme has woven its way through them all. The Beta Phi Sigma Chi experience was pivotal and served as a key foundation for their lives. In many cases it is where it all started for some of our most successful brothers. Because of Sigma Chi many got involved in campus organizations that led them to their field of choice. Some met their wives through the house; some met their business partner; others shared bruises and blood on the varsity or intramural athletic fields with brothers that helped shape their character; some used the ideals of Sigma Chi to mold their approach to the world. Virtually all of us had a great time but we also came away with something that would last a lifetime. It is no wonder that when asked we instinctively respond in the present tense, "I am a Sigma Chi."

The plans laid out for the future of our chapter are ambitious. Some have scoffed and said too ambitious. Perhaps. But better to have dared greatly for a worthy cause than to let our chapter wither. Michael Hammer said, "When memories exceed dreams, the end is near." Our memories are many but our dreams far exceed them. Beta Phi has produced leaders for almost 90 years. The University of Arizona and our





own communities would not be the same without the contributions of our brothers. It is a rare thing in life when a group can pool its collective talents and resources to do something special. We have that chance right now. What lies before us are some incredible opportunities. We have the opportunity to provide a leadership vehicle for top flight young men to grow and mature and prepare to become the future leaders of our communities. We have the opportunity to give back what was so freely given to us. We have the opportunity to step out and lead the Greek system at the University of Arizona. We have the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and share our lives, our talents, our resources. We

have the opportunity to mentor young men who yearn for insight and guidance from those who have gone before them. We have the opportunity to provide scholarships for deserving student achievers and to provide the ideals, the brotherhood, and the environment that Sigma Chi offers. It is high calling and a worthy cause.

The University of Arizona has made a commitment to the Greek system. They recognize Greek alumni give of our time and our money in disproportionate amounts compared to alumni at-large. They are focusing resources on the Greek system and are committed its long-term success. Sigma Chi is positioned to be the leader. The undergraduate young men who have joined in the last two semesters are an impressive group. Very impressive. Their grades are solid, they are diverse in temperament, talents, and convictions and they are committed to recruiting high minded men. They now look to us, the alumni, to reach out and help. We need you brothers in any way you can contribute. Of course we need money. The plans for the Beta Phi Leadership Facility are impressive and can only be done with proper funding. If everyone will give to the level they are capable we will be in great shape. But we need more than money. We need mentors; we need role models; we need brothers who will be an advisor to a specific officer; we need committee members with ideas and brothers to execute those ideas.

Whatever your talent, time, and financial condition allows, we can use it to the betterment of our chapter, our university, and our community. Perhaps one of the best components of getting involved is reconnecting with old friends. It is such a blessing and it will fill you up with laughter and satisfaction to the point where you simply want to give more. That has been my experience and the experience of many others. This is an awesome deal we have going here brothers and it's a blast! Join us; you will be so glad you did.

Joe Beers 1983

### *Chapter Loses a Treasure in Ron Bergamo*

Brother Ron Bergamo, Beta Phi '65, was tragically killed in an automobile accident in January 2008. Ron was co-chairman of the Campaign for ΣXcellence and worked tirelessly with the committee in our fundraising and promotional projects for Beta Phi and the new leadership center. His great sense of humor and infectious upbeat positive attitude will be deeply missed. As Ron said many times, "Sigma Chi gave me the father and the brothers I never had." Ron's life and his philanthropic deeds exemplified the Spirit of Sigma Chi. He was a special brother. All honor to his name.

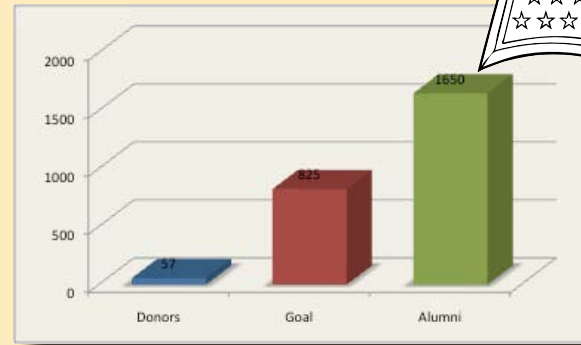


In his honor, the Ron Bergamo Media Arts Scholarship has been created under the Beta Phi Educational Foundation - 5055 East Broadway Suite B100, Tucson, Arizona 85711 ATTN: Steve Schuyler  
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# Campaign Update

The Beta Phi Campaign for ΣXcellence is well under way. Through the first quarter of 2008 we have commitments in excess of \$1,231,300 from 57 alumni brothers and friends. Keep in mind that we have about 1,600 alumni of the Beta Phi Chapter so we are off to a great start! With support from all of you, we can reach our goal of \$4.0 million.

Over the next several months you will most likely get a call from one of our 80 volunteers and/or from FMG (Fraternity Management Group), our campaign consultants. Please take a few minutes to respond to our calls to give your feedback and support. You can make a difference in securing the future of our beloved Beta Phi. If you would like more information, please contact Tony Marks at 800.228.7326 or Tony.Marks@FMGTucson.com. You may also visit our website for the most up to date campaign information at [www.UASigmaChi.org](http://www.UASigmaChi.org).



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 Linn Wallace '60  
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 James Musgrove '62  
 Frank White '62  
 Briggs Wood '62  
 Mike Anderson '63  
 Richard Bohnet '63  
 Jerome Moiso '63  
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 Joe Long '64  
 Lisle Payne '64  
 Mickey Powers '64

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 Dave West '93

*As of June 25, 2008*

# *News from the Beta Phi House Corporation*

The new young men are sharp, respectful, and impressive. To keep this fledging enthusiastic group going, the immediate focus of the Beta Phi House Corporation is to locate temporary housing for the new colony. This would be a bridge between the current situation of no housing, and the permanent structure to be obtained from the proceeds of the ongoing capital campaign. We hope to secure housing for 8 - 10 men for the Fall 2008 semester. More importantly, we want to provide a meeting and gathering place for the young men. They need a spot to hold chapter, play foosball in between classes, eat Sausage Deli on a Sunday afternoon, and challenge their pledge brothers to basketball games where honor and future life happiness are at stake. This interim house will not be financed by the capital campaign but, rather, it will be paid for by ongoing fees from the colony. We are looking at a property located on University and Second, but it needs work. We are exploring whether the needed improvements render this option possible. If you have any leads or expertise on the area of housing or real estate around the University of Arizona, please contact me at [jcampbell@macbanlaw.com](mailto:jcampbell@macbanlaw.com) or 520-624-6446.



On April 26<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a very successful retreat for the young men at my house in Tucson, Arizona. There was a great turnout. The focus of the retreat was team building, decision making within an organization, and ensuring hazing does not creep into the program. All were committed to keeping hazing, and its inevitable ills, completely out of the chapter. The retreat provided the undergrads with some much needed interaction with alumni of all different ages and backgrounds, as well as a lesson that us old guys can still play basketball. All alumni were very impressed with the young men. They were eager to honestly discuss the colony's successes and challenges. Unfortunately, the only downside was my grass and flowers were overrun, but both were well worth it and are on the road to recovery. Make it a point to meet these new young men of the chapter; you will be glad you did.



Jim Campbell Beta Phi 1985

## *William Scott Named Constantine Sig*

Southwestern Province Grand Praetor Bill Scott, Beta Phi 1980 was selected for induction into the Sigma Chi Order of Constantine. The Order of Constantine is considered to be the highest honor the Sigma Chi Fraternity can bestow upon one of its members. The honor of being named a "Constantine Sig" has been conferred on less than 500 brothers since the inception of the Order of Constantine at the 47<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter in 1948. Bill has served the fraternity as a volunteer for over 25 years as chapter advisor, Grand Praetor, and in numerous leadership roles at the General Fraternity level and is one of only nine Beta Phis to receive this honor. Congratulations to Brother Scott on this well deserved and hard-earned recognition.



# Undergraduate News

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After years of being away from the University of Arizona, the Beta Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi has finally returned and is on the way to receiving its charter.

In the fall of 2007, Matt Mickson, an alumnus from Arizona State, Beta Phi alumnus Joe Beers '83, and Chapter Advisor Robin Winters '89 established a strong Alpha pledge class consisting of almost thirty pledges. These pledges had the responsibility of maintaining a high GPA, spreading the word that Sigma Chi is back on campus, and upholding the fraternity's name as they attempt to get the charter back.



Needless to say, the pledge class did everything that was expected of them, and more. They maintained an average GPA of 3.1, the third highest among fraternities on campus, first among chapters with more than ten members. They participated in several community service events, successfully ran a pledge education program, began planning for major fundraisers, planned an invitational golf tournament, established strong ties with local alumni and the neighboring ASU brotherhood, ran a sound budget, held numerous brotherhood events, developed functional chapter operations and leadership, and initiated scholarship, tutoring, and mentoring programs. This pledge class completed their test in December of 2007, and everyone who took the test passed.

In February, the actives of the chapter traveled to Northern Arizona University to the Sigma Chi Southwestern Province meeting. Here, the attendees were able to meet with active Sigs to learn about Sigma Chi history, brotherhood, and even were able to speak to two other chapters who were also seeking to regain a charter. Needless to say, the recruitment chair had his work cut out for him at the beginning of the spring semester. After being the first in the chapter to start a rush week program, he had to choose people who fulfill all of the qualities of an ideal Sig. Although Spring Rush is typically much slower than Fall Rush, Beta Phi managed to gain a solid Beta pledge class of 20 pledges, even adding more as the semester continued.

After rush week, Beta Phi held a combined bid night party at a downtown venue in conjunction with Sigma Pi. This bid night, the first Sigma Chi Beta Phi social event, was a resounding success.

This pledge class had an average GPA of 3.15, and their involvement within the U of A is unsurpassed; the Beta pledge class includes members of ASUA student government, NCAA athletes, scholars, and musicians.

The hard work wasn't exclusive to the recruitment chair, though. The Magister's job was no easy task, as he too had to form his own pledge education program. After a few months, the pledges were able to take the test. Again, every single one of them passed, bringing in a total of 21 new actives to the colony.

Beta Phi's successes on campus haven't just been within the colony, however. The name of Sigma Chi is beginning to spread on the campus again. Beta Phi has several teams competing in intramural sports, including volleyball, indoor soccer, and even a team that competed in a dodgeball tournament. Teams were sent to both the Chi Omega Kick-off and the Alpha Epsilon Phi kickball tournament. Members of the colony joined with members of the sorority Delta Delta Delta to work several booths at the university's annual Spring Fling, after a very successful dinner exchange with the sorority. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, Beta Phi will host a golf tournament, hopefully the first of many. Any wishing to participate in future tournaments should contact Philanthropy Chair Ben Eastman at 262.227.9954.



## *Annual Fund Donors*

*Thank you to these brothers who have contributed to the 2007 - 2008 Annual Fund. Their support is greatly appreciated and so important. These donations help fund the cost of invitations, The Arizona Sig newsletter, and much more. Please join this list by making a contribution to the 2007 - 2008 Annual Fund! A donation envelope has been inserted in this newsletter. Thank you!*

Alan Hall '60  
Wes Mohr '69  
Flip May '80

Jeff Sippel '85  
Donald DeGracie '90  
Carmen Disilvestro '91

Kiernan Curley '05

## *Bergamo Scholarship Donors*

*Thank you to the following brothers for supporting our new Bergamo Media Arts Scholarship, mentioned on page three:*

J. Michael Powers '64  
Jon Underwood '64

Joe Beers '83  
Mike Myers '88

# Save These Dates!

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**October 4<sup>th</sup>** – Family Weekend

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** – Hall of Honor

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** – Homecoming

**January 1<sup>st</sup>** – Rose Bowl (ha!)

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# The Bergamo Campaign

*Beta Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity, The University of Arizona*



*1984 Beta Phi Chapter Homecoming Reunion*



## Ron Bergamo '65 1943 – 2008

Ron Bergamo loved Sigma Chi and everyone that knew Ron was aware of his enthusiasm for Beta Phi and the many friendships that he enjoyed with his Beta Phi brothers. It was because of his leadership skills and infectious enthusiasm that Ron was selected to play a critical leadership role in the current Beta Phi Capital Campaign to create a new Beta Phi chapter house. We all lost a wonderful friend as well as a capable Beta Phi leader due to Ron's tragic and untimely death this past

January. In May, a significant number of Beta Phi brothers traveled to Phoenix to participate in a Sigma Chi White Rose Ceremony as part of a moving and emotional celebration of Ron's life.

**We have chosen to honor Ron by naming the next phase of our Beta Phi Campaign for  $\Sigma$ Xcellence - the "BETA PHI BERGAMO CAMPAIGN." The campaign "kickoff" will officially occur on July 14<sup>th</sup> with a series of special communications (newsletter, Hall of Honor announcements, homecoming invitations, e-mail activities, and regional donor meetings) to the Beta Phi members.**

The "Bergamo Campaign calendar" will involve a series of special events at the October 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Weekend, (please note the events are listed on the other side of this flyer) as well as an opportunity to meet and hear from the new Beta Phi Sigs. As part of the campaign educational process, a series of donor meetings will occur in Kansas City, Los Angeles, Phoenix, San Francisco, Tucson, and Yuma.

**Our goal is to complete the "Bergamo Campaign" in December and to proceed forward with the construction of the new Beta Phi facility upon receipt of the pledged funds. We are confident that Ron will endorse this goal and be pleased to know that he is still involved in an important leadership role!**



# Beta Phi Homecoming Reunion Celebration

## October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

With Dick the Cook and the Righteous Brothers

### RSVP List: (current as of June 27, 2008)

Paul Muscenti '58	Joe Long '64	David Drew '66
Leo Corbet '59	Lisle Payne '64	Luke Helms '66
Jim Corbet '61	Mickey Powers '64	Jim McDougall '66
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Jim Musgrove '62	John Shultz '64	Bob Bretz '67
Dave Vaughn '62	Dan Skelton '64	Randy Leathers '67
Briggs Wood '62	Jon Underwood '64	Mike Murphy '67
Dick Bohner '63	Mike Hennigan '65	Jim Cote '68
Frank Duranti '63	Jaykee Jacobson '65	Bob Ingraham '68
Rick Fried '63	Dave Knott '65	Pete Newcomer '68
John LeProvost '63	Bill Kyte '65	Bill Wamsley '68
Rudy Pacheco '63	Jeff Lewis '65	Bill Gibney '69
Jon Walker '63	Jeff Quiggle '65	

### Special Weekend Events:

1. Enjoy the Westward Look Resort – spa, tennis, & pool
2. Friday morning golf activities
3. Beta Phi returns to campus – meet the new Beta Phi members
4. Attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Beta Phi Chapter Hall of Honor awards celebration at the Westward Look Resort
5. Friday night dinner & party – dance to the Righteous Brothers!
6. Saturday brunch at the Westward Look Resort
7. Attend the USC vs. Arizona football game & float parade
8. Early Saturday evening Mexican dinner & mariachi entertainment before the football game
9. Go shopping & visit the new Skyline Galleries

### Football Tickets:

The Arizona Wildcats play the USC Trojans Saturday evening at 7:15 p.m. We are in the process of reserving a block of tickets. If you are interested in buying tickets for the game, please contact us at [BetaPhi@UASigmaChi.org](mailto:BetaPhi@UASigmaChi.org) or 800.228.7326.



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\*\*\* Please call the hotel ASAP to assure your room reservation.

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### Do You Have Questions?

For the most up-to-date event information, visit the website at [www.UASigmaChi.org](http://www.UASigmaChi.org) or e-mail us at [BetaPhi@UASigmaChi.org](mailto:BetaPhi@UASigmaChi.org). You can also contact Tony Marksch ([Tony.Marksch@FMGTucson.com](mailto:Tony.Marksch@FMGTucson.com)) of Fraternity Management Group at 800.228.7326 with any questions.