



THE MAINE BETA

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Beta Theta Pi
University of Maine, Orono

Thank You to our Building Fund donors, past and present

The Big Bear

Dr. Robert D. Buchanan Class of '44

Who got us started in 2004 with his gift of \$75,000 that allowed us to take on the first major project of the kitchen, completed in 2006.

Papa Bears

\$5,000 and up

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Grand-a-Man Plan

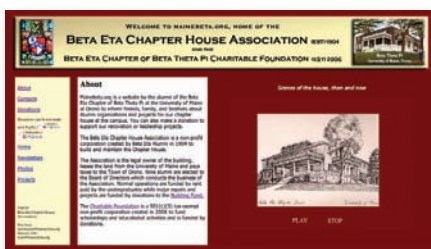
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House Association website now accepts credit card donations through PayPal

The mainebeta.org website has been overhauled and now has a link to PayPal so that supporters can make credit card donations securely online, without needing to have a PayPal account. Visit the "Donations" page for more info.



Eighty-plus alumni and undergraduates form the loving cup circle Saturday afternoon on the front lawn after the football game. The house was packed for an evening dinner of grilled steaks, chicken, and an excellent buffet.

Beta Eta Homecoming 2010

The weekend's festivities began Friday night with good food, spirits, and stories among the Tap Room tables of Pat's Pizza, only to transition back to the chapter house for an evening of songs and reunions. Beta's young and old could be heard reminiscing of years gone by, laughter filling the chapter house. As night gave way to the dawn, the morning brought with it a cool rain and the business of the weekend, the House Association meeting.

The Saturday morning meeting began shortly after eleven with President Ed Stevens bringing the meeting to order and providing a brief summary of the state of the chapter. He made sure to note that the active brotherhood was current on their payments and was at live-in capacity for the chapter house. Additionally Brother Stevens went into detail regarding the recent remodel of the front ram staircase that brought the third floor up to fire code. These changes allowed the active brotherhood to increase occupancy by placing four brothers on the third floor and increasing the revenue to the House Association.

Treasurer Ryan Holmes followed with his report outlining an increase in operating costs over the last two years, due mainly to hikes in property taxes and insurance costs. Despite these increases, the House Association remains in good financial standing with regard to investment reserves, operation costs, and ongoing capital improvements.

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President's Corner

Thank you Beta Eta donors!

The good news is that we have raised about \$120K with the building fund since 2004. The bad news is that we've spent it all as you'll see in the following list, and we're not done yet.

Maintenance and projects under \$15K are handled by our operating margin, but we need help when it comes to the larger projects, *continued next page*

Homecoming 2010 *continued*

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Class of '56
Class of '54
Class of '79

House Advisor Brother Rick Dube then provided a report outlining the status of the active brotherhood. Among its highlights were news of approximately 50 active brothers, a pledge class of 12 quality young men, and feedback about the recent renovations to the ram.

The Eye shined on all our brothers-at-arms who stand in harm's way, and the meeting wrapped up shortly before kickoff of the homecoming football game with a chorus of the Doxology.

After the meeting, brothers had a chance to enjoy both a barbeque on the front porch as well as tailgating during the football game. With the afternoon's weather clearing and the sun setting, the chapter once again gathered on the front lawn for the loving cup ceremony followed by a wonderful meal prepared by the active brotherhood

When all was said and done, the 2010 Homecoming was a great success for all those who could attend. We look forward to seeing you all next year for the 132nd birthday of our beloved chapter.

Corey Coffin

Secretary,

Beta Eta Chapter House Association

We offer prayers for Chuck and Patty Gero as "Gerb" battles cancer. The former House Association President was readmitted to the hospital just before Thanksgiving.

*Chuck & Patty Gero
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Visit the undergrads at umainebeta.org

Have you visited the chapter's website lately? You should... The Beta Eta Chapter's website has undergone a major transformation in the last year including updates to aesthetic and technical attributes. The active brotherhood has also included links to both Twitter and Facebook pages to provide updates on what the chapter is doing.

A key feature for alumni is the opportunity to update their contact information or search for other brothers via a **login** under the "Brotherhood" tab. (*see below*) In the login area, you need only type in your roll number and the default password "themonster" and you will be directed to a search page available to only Beta Eta Brothers.

Along the right side of the screen is the option to "View/Modify My Information."

You can also look up your brothers and get addresses and phone numbers that aren't available through the General Fraternity's member directory.

Both the active brotherhood and the Board of Directors strongly encourage each of you to take the time to visit the website, the undergrads, and update your profile.

Click the pull down menu here at the home page at umainebeta.org to find the brothers search page.



Two Funds, two ways to donate to the Beta Eta Chapter directly

1. Building Fund — Beta Eta Chapter House Association

Grand-a-man plan _____ (Pledge your roll number, or \$1,000 in one gift or payments)

Whatever you feel like parting with this year __\$50 __\$75 __\$100 __\$250 __\$500

Check # _____ MasterCard/Visa # _____ Exp. Date _____ Security code _____

2. Scholarships — Beta Eta Charitable Foundation 501-(c)3 [tax-exempt EIN: 26-0253383]

___ Maine kids going to UMO (not limited to Betas) *AJM Memorial Scholarship*

___ Travel sponsorship of undergraduate Betas to attend Convention, leadership conferences *JBK Leadership Fund*

Check # _____ MasterCard/Visa # _____ Exp. Date _____ Security code _____

Donations now possible online through PayPal at mainebeta.org/donations

Tear Here and return in pre-addressed envelope directly to our Treasurer, Ryan Holmes. Call with questions: 207-841-3772. Thank you for the postage!

Beta Eta Undergraduate 2011 Sleepout to mark 10th year of philanthropy project

The active chapter will have its Annual Sleepout for Rape Response Services this coming February and is looking for your help to make it a continued success. Last year, the brotherhood raised more than five thousand dollars for the charity, as well as continue to increase awareness for the cause since its inception in 2001.

In recent years, the university's involvement has greatly increased providing additional resources for the chapter in order to improve visibility for the event which occurs in conjunction with a home hockey game. Last year, alumni contributions helped to make the event the most successful ever.

Whether it's donation of prizes for the raffle or a regular cash donation, any help you can provide to this worthy cause is appreciated.

President's Corner *continued*

and that's where you can help us with our primary mission of "keeping the old girl out of the cellar hole."

We use the Engineering reports of 2002 as the guide for determining projects in order of importance with life & fire safety first on the list. Weather-tightness and structural integrity come next, with cosmetics last.

The reports and updated progress charts can be found at "mainebeta.org/projects."

Major projects completed

(Approximate total spent: \$179,000)

- 2005 Fire code & prep for Kitchen \$6K
- 2006 Kitchen overhaul \$80K
- 2007 Fire doors, emergency lights, security system \$17K
- 2008 Bathroom overhaul \$60K
- 2009-10 Ram stairs to fire code for occupation \$16K

On deck: new porch structures

Complete rebuild of the porches and adding the original connecting deck. The plan is for self-standing porch structures with a base of steel and concrete, so they are not connected to the building. Jon Sirois '06, is leading the project.

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House Association *Dates to Note for 2011*

Mid-March - Building committee meets onsite during spring break

Late April - House closes, scheduled projects begin

July or August - Alumni Work Weekend (project inspection)

October - Homecoming



Send your news, keep in touch

Looking to share important information, offer up a great memory, or contribute to future newsletters? We're always looking for brothers willing to share their time and words to our publication. Please feel free to contact Corey "Bubba" Coffin at Betadragon1406@yahoo.com or 207-689-1363 with any items of interest you'd like to see in future publications.