

# History of the Beta Pi Chapter for the 2012-2013 Academic Year

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In August:

- The Fall Semester began with work week, which started on August 20 and ended on August 24.

In September:

- Cody Dorn, Colin Klawans, Steven Tsuyuki, and Brent Leinonen accepted their bids.
- The chapter went on a brotherhood retreat to Camp Menno Haven.
- The chapter had its annual Teeter Totter event to raise money for Peoria Family House.
- The pledge class elected its officers. Cody Dorn became Pledge Class President. Steven Tsuyuki became Pledge Class Treasurer. Brent Leinonen became Pledge Class Recording Secretary. Colin Klawans became Pledge Class Corresponding Secretary.
- The chapter had a Nerf Gun Exchange with Pi Beta Phi.

In October:

- Stefan Woloshyn accepted his bid. He also became the Pledge Class Historian.
- Alexander Lustgarten accepted his bid. He became the Pledge Class Social Chair.
- Zachary Burtle accepted his bid. He became the Pledge Class Philanthropy Chair.
- Nathan Clark accepted his bid. He became the Pledge Class Scholarship Chair.

In November:

- Cody Dorn dropped the house out of concern for his grades.
- Nathan Clark was elected new Pledge Class President.
- The Beta Pi chapter held its Faculty Dinner. The event was organized by Jacob Lasinski (pledge).
- Pledge Education ended. All pledges passed.
- New cabinet members were installed.
  - Eric Gottschalk became the President of the Beta Pi Chapter, replacing John Daleske.
  - Eric Winslow maintained his position as Treasurer.
  - Nicholas Butler became the Recording Secretary, replacing Harrison Behm.
  - Bryce Egan became the Corresponding Secretary, replacing Eric Gottschalk.
  - Joseph Baumgartner maintained his position as Historian.

In December:

- The chapter had an exchange with Alpha Chi Omega, which consisted of serenading them at their house and returning to the chapter's house and playing a variation of "Whose Line is it Anyway?".
- David Brennan's final chapter as an undergraduate member.

Over winter break, a pledge, Brent Leinonen, dropped the house out of concern for his grades.

Classes recommenced for Bradley University on January 23. The chapter put in place several new committee heads during this semester. Zachary Burtle became the Philanthropy Chair. Stefan Woloshyn became the new Recruitment Chair, while the previous Recruitment Chair, Kyle Scherner, became the new Brotherhood Chair. Steven Tsuyuki became the new Risk Manager. Alexander Lustgarten became the new Social Chair. John Daleske became the new Pledge Educator. Harrison Behm became the new Graduate Relations Chair.

A new, temporary position was also created at this time. It was dubbed the "Ace in the Hole Committee". The "Ace in the Hole Committee" duties included helping out any other chair or cabinet member when needed. Nathan Clark took the role of "Ace in the Hole Committee".

At the beginning of the new semester, a new scholarship plan was put into place. Based on their current GPAs, members were divided into four different scholarship teams. Each team was headed by a member of cabinet, excluding the President whose job was to oversee the progress of each team.

On January 29, Jacob Lasinski and Colin Klawans were depledged.

On February 1, the remaining pledges from the Fall Semester that went through Pledge Education (Zachary Burtle, Nathan Clark, Alexander Lustgarten, Steven Tsuyuki, and Stefan Woloshyn) were initiated as active members of the Beta Pi chapter.

On February 3, the Beta Pi Chapter held a Super Bowl Party, which had a fairly large attendance. Snacks were served, and they included tortilla chips, salsa, queso, doritos, hot dogs, and a variety of soda.

From February 12 to February 14, Duke Murphy (Field Secretary) visited the Beta Pi Chapter.

On February 19, a new scholarship plan was put into place during open chapter. Based on their current GPAs, members were divided into four different scholarship teams. Each team was headed by a member of cabinet, excluding the President whose job was to oversee the progress of each team. Harrison Behm was also put in charge of Faculty Dinner.

On March 22, Harrison Behm (Graduate Relations Chair) organized a meeting for graduate brothers in the Chicago area who would not be able to make it to Pig Dinner.

On March 26, the chapter amended a local bylaw to define "impure motive".

On March 30, Jackson Garrison accepted his bid. There was also a brotherhood event of watching Caddyshack and cooking cheeseburgers.

On April 5, there was a pledging in ceremony for Jackson Garrison. Afterwards, the Beta Pi held its annual Rider Cup, a pool tournament. The Rider Cup went unfinished due to an emergency house cleanup for Pig Dinner.

On April 6, the Beta Pi Chapter held its Pig Dinner. There were 38 graduates in attendance. The pledges that carried in the pig were Robert Franklin and Jackson Garrison. Pledge Brother Robert Franklin and Graduate Brother John Faulk kissed the pig. Six awards were given out at Pig Dinner. Robert Schaich won the award for being the most active graduate brother, Nathan Clark won the Thomas A. Ellman Award for having the highest grade point average of new members, Joseph Baumgartner won the Michael A. Lucas Award, Bryce Egan won the Francis Bush Award for best displaying the motto: "Scholarship, Fraternity, Self", Derek Staller won the William Kelly Housing Award, and John Daleske won the Maddox Leadership Award.

On April 8, the pledge class organized a recruitment event, which consisted of a Ping Pong Tournament.

On April 11, the Beta Pi Chapter held a Pig Roast to raise money for the United Service Organizations. The event was led by Bryce Egan (Corresponding Secretary) with assistance from Zachary Burtle (Philanthropy Chair). The chapter raised \$448.25.

On April 23, Alexander Lustgarten stepped down as Social Chair.

On April 25, the Beta Pi Chapter held a Faculty Dinner. The brothers invited faculty members to eat food prepared by them at the house. The event was run by Harrison Behm. The main dishes were sushi, stir fry, and soup.

On April 30, new chairs were selected for next semester. Zachary Burtle took on the position of Network Administrator while also maintaining his position as Philanthropy Chair.

Stefan Woloshyn will be the new House Manager and is stepping down as Recruitment Chair, which will be taken over by Steven Tsuyuki, who will be stepping down as Risk Manager. Jacob Winslow will be acting as Risk Manager. Eric Gottschalk will be acting as the Social Chair for next semester as well.

On May 1, the Beta Pi Chapter had its First Annual Founder's Day Dinner. The event was organized by the Recording Secretary, Nicholas Butler.

On May 7, the last chapter of the semester was held. The graduating seniors were Joseph Baumgartner, John Daleske, and Mitch Porembski. Rooms for next semester were picked.

On May 8, Bradley University had a scheduled "study day" before final exams. The chapter bought pizzas and breadsticks as a brotherhood event.

On May 12, the second floor and third floor bathrooms of the house became unusable because of a plumbing issue. This plumbing problem also caused a massive leak above the kitchen. Water leaked down throughout the ceiling of the kitchen.

On May 14, the plumbing issue was resolved.