

ΣΝ BETA ALPHA NEWSLETTER

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Picture of the SN Beta Alpha fraternity house at Yale and 2014-15 Officers. The house at 37 High Street has had many improvements over the past 16 years. Finished basement with the addition of a laundry and bathroom, Chapter Room, A/C & electric upgrade, back yard paving and storage shed, replace 1/2 roof, Internet and HDTV, new windows, fire alarm system, kitchen floor and appliances and many other capital improvements costing over \$100,000. **Officers: Top, L to R:** Matt Sainotz - Brother, Blake Brown - Treasurer, Avery Schwartz - Brother, Tino Butler - Brother, Ian Cook - Brother, John McNiff - Lt. Commander; **Bottom, L to R:** Daniel Faierman - Lt. Commander, Conner Lacnenbruch - Commander

Dear Alumni, Parents & Friends,

Although Sigma Nu has transformed considerably over the years, it still holds true to the same core principles and values. The brothers strive to create bonds and friendships that last long after they leave Yale. We continue to be very active in the Yale community and excel in the classroom and on the athletic fields. The past generous support of alumni and parents has made it possible to keep these traditions alive and maintain and improve our property at 37 High Street. The fraternity house is a symbol of pride for the brothers due to the significant improvements throughout the years. A first class house is essential for our recruitment process and social activities. We extend our sincere thanks all the alumni, parents, and board members who, in the past, helped to improve the house, keep it affordable and attract many new brothers. We look forward to your renewed assistance to enable implementation of critical repairs, maintenance and improvements that were postponed due to the lack of communication resulting in much less alumni and parent support and donated capital over the past few years. Be assured that communication will be a priority going forward.

Charles Brockner & Mike McDonough, Chapter Co-Advisors

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Sigma Nu is currently one of the strongest fraternities on campus and in the best position it has been in years. The Chapter is active socially, academically and athletically and has earned a reputation of having the best fraternal events throughout the year and attracting a wide diversity of students and co-eds for its functions, thanks to strong pledge classes and active brother participation. Over the years Sigma Nu has been building a reputation of honor and respect with both Yale and national which we support greatly considering the difficulties facing many fraternal organizations nationally. We are on track to have the highest number of Brothers in the history of the Beta Alpha Chapter at Yale. The enthusiasm and pride of all of our brothers is evident around campus. As the fraternity continues on an upward trend, we strongly encourage all Alumni to stay involved. However, in order to continue this trend and expand we need the financing for pressing critical infrastructure improvements. In order to do what is needed (including a new 1/2 roof, enlargement of the 3rd floor bathroom and other improvements) the fraternity is in need of a minimum of \$60,000. With over 450 active Sigma Nu alumni your support and generosity can help obtain this goal and maintain your house to the standards you were able to enjoy as brothers. But only if you participate and help out. When you were brothers in the house, the donations from SN alumni helped keep down the rent costs and improve and maintain the property. It's again time that we are asking to improve and maintain the house with essential upgrades. Please use the enclosed envelope to send in your donation together with the donation/information card which you can also use to update your contact information and supply any suggestions, comments and/or news you'd like to offer on your family, career, etc.. Mail to: **Sigma Nu Projects Fund, C/O Charles Brockner, 185 Candlewood Path, Dix Hills, NY 11746**. Please make all checks payable to **Sigma Nu Projects Fund**. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT WE HEAR FROM YOU. Please make every effort to respond, be involved and support SN at Yale.

We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the officers for the 2015-16 school year. Max Cook has replaced Conner Lachenbruch as Commander, while Nick McNiff has taken over as Lieutenant Commander, and Alex Hagermoser was elected Treasurer.

To help us maintain contact with you, please let us know if this newsletter has reached an old address that should be corrected for marriages, moves, etc. A brief email to Charles Brockner (cbrock@prodigy.net) will allow him to update our records. We are also updating and improving our website (betaalphasigmanu.org). Please check the site often to be informed of the latest chapter and alumni news, events and other current information.

The Housing Corporation and fraternity are very encouraged by the progress this year. We hope that all alumni will make an effort to come back and check out the house, meet the new brothers, and stay connected in order to maintain a strong connection with Sigma Nu.

News and Notes:

A refurbished house- The condition of the house continues to be maintained. However, with the large increase in the number of Brothers and social events and house use there were additional expenses of over \$10,000 to prepare the house for summer tenants which will bring in additional rental income to offset the additional operating costs.

Donations Wall- The wall in the basement is up and looks great. It contains the names and positions of both current and past members who have donated to the fraternity. If you want to see pictures or are interested in purchasing a brick, please do not hesitate to contact Mike McDonough at mjmcdonough70@hotmail.com.

Community Involvement- As a chapter we raised over \$1,000 in November to support the St. Luke Foundation of Haiti. Follow this link to read Brother Max Cook's story to view our fundraising pg.: www.razoo.com/story/Yale-All-For-One-2014-St-Luke-Foundation-For-Haiti

New Leadership- Mr. Walter Kuzia, Steve Kuzia's '00 father, retired from the Housing Corp's Board. We thank him for his fifteen plus years of service, dedication and contribution to the Fraternity and its property. Mr. Kuzia's successor on the Board is Steve Bloom, previously engaged by Analog Devices and our IT consultant.

Sports and Other news- See prior Newsletter, mailed to SN alumni in May, 2015

Please Send Questions, Comments, or Concerns to Mike McDonough, High Street Housing Corporation President (mjmcdonough70@hotmail.com).