



The student chapter poses for their official chartering photo in front of Doak Campbell's iconic "Unconquered" statue.

Sixty Years and Counting

During the weekend of October 2nd, Beta Eta alumni, students, spouses and guests celebrated sixty years of brotherhood, while at the same time officially welcoming the student chapter back to the official fraternity roll.

The weekend was one of those early fall, sunny but crisp weekends for which Tallahassee is famous. The type of weekend that makes you yearn to be enrolled again as a student at Florida State. For Pi Kappa Phi, it would be a splendid backdrop against which the largest "reunion" of Beta Eta alumni, friends, and guests would convene in dual-celebration of not only what the chapter's founding members had first started in the fall of 1949, but more recently what a dedicated group of students, led by a strong group of leaders, would accomplish.

The weekend's activities moved forward on two parallel tracks – events for Beta Eta alumni and guests and a separate course for the student members who were being tested on their knowledge of the fraternity as a part of their chartering activities.

Student activities began Thursday evening when the entire chapter completed the National Written Exam – the official assessment which the National Fraternity administers to all associate chapters wishing to earn a charter of the fraternity. Students completed a 70 question exam on both national and Beta Eta history. Not only were students asked to learn about "90 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina" (the

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NOTES

NAMES: The number after each name in this newsletter represents the year of initiation.

NEED TO FIND A BROTHER?

The BHAC would like to help you stay connected with fellow Beta Eta brothers. E-mail us at fspikappalumni@yahoo.com to request contact information for alumni you would like to contact.

CHAPTER ETERNAL: The following brother were reported to the National Fraternity as having passed to the Chapter Eternal since the last publication:

Charles Welker '55

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**52ND SUPREME CHAPTER
Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity
August 5 - 9, 2010
Hilton Walt Disney World Resort Hotel
Orlando, FL**

THE NEXT ISSUE...

The next issue of the *Beta Eta Data* will include a recap of the Annual Meeting held last February in Tampa, Florida.

Cutajar Named 'Mr. Beta Eta'

The Board of Directors of the Beta Eta Alumni Chapter recently named **Chuck Cutajar '62** as the Alumni Chapter's first Mr. Beta Eta Award recipient. The award is given to a Beta Eta alumnus who best represents the ideals of fraternity and who has exhibited considerable and sustained service toward the promotion and advancement of Beta Eta Chapter. In considering a list of potential alumni leading up to chartering weekend, the Board unanimously selected Cutajar as their first candidate.

To recognize Cutajar's contribution to Pi Kappa Phi, fellow alums, **Ron Boersma '60**, **Glenn Mayne '61** and **Chuck MacMillin '62**

all played a part in recounting the many ways in which Cutajar has contributed to Beta Eta and enriched their lives and the lives of so many Pi Kappa Phis.



From L to R: Chuck MacMillin '62, Chuck Cutajar '62, Glenn Mayne '61 and Ron Boersma '60 celebrate Cutajar as he is named Beta Eta's first Mr. Beta Eta Award recipient.

CUTAJAR'S MR. BETA ETA 2009 RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Beta Eta Alumni Chapter, Inc. of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity has established the Mr. Beta Eta Award as its highest honor; and

WHEREAS, Charles Robert Cutajar was initiated into the Beta Eta Chapter at Florida State University on February 25, 1962; and

WHEREAS, Brother Cutajar, as a student member of the fraternity, led fellow student members to a deeper appreciation and understanding of commitment and lifelong brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, Brother Cutajar has served the Beta Eta Chapter in numerous official and unofficial capacities, including President and Treasurer of the Beta Eta Housing Corporation, Treasurer of the Beta Eta Real Estate Corporation, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Beta Eta Alumni Chapter; and

WHEREAS, while serving as the unofficial Homecoming Chair for all Beta Eta alumni, Brother Cutajar has organized alumni events for decades; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as a successful businessman and family man, Brother Cutajar has truly led by example and given unselfishly of his time, leadership, wisdom, encouragement, and personal resources, reaching out to brothers and friends of Beta Eta with sincerity of heart and charitable intentions; and

WHEREAS, Brother Cutajar has faithfully upheld the ideals of Pi Kappa Phi as expressed in the Member's Oath, thus setting an example for all brothers to follow; and

WHEREAS, Brother Cutajar, in honor of his dedicated service, was awarded Pi Kappa Phi's Merit Citation for exceptionally meritorious service by the 50th Supreme Chapter in 2006; now, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that Brother Charles Robert Cutajar be extended the Beta Eta Chapter's deepest appreciation for his proven love and devotion to this chapter and fraternity; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Beta Eta Alumni Chapter does hereby declare Brother Charles Robert Cutajar to be the first recipient of the Mr. Beta Eta Award this third day of October, 2009.

SIXTY YEARS AND COUNTING CONTINUED FROM COVER

birthplace of Pi Kappa Phi), but they were also asked to identify certain prominent Beta Etas like **Alan Sundberg '50**, **Jim Nettles '56**, and **Ruth Knighton** to name just a few. As the written test concluded, students were then assigned to shifts at the chapter house where they completed a chapter journal, recording their personal thoughts about the journey they had taken to this point (12 months) and their feelings about the impending ritual of initiation.

On Friday afternoon the Beta Eta Alumni Chapter (BHAC) hosted a welcome luncheon at the chapter house to kick off the official alumni and guest activities. Tallahassee's famous Jim & Milt's BBQ provided the fare as alumni like **Paul Nichols '64**, **Tom Coley '63**, and **Reg Dickey '63** spent time reminiscing and catching up on lost time. **BHAC President Michael Loy '91** welcomed alumni "home" for the weekend.



[1] Alumni from the 1960s Dave Michael '61, Reg Dickey '63, Mac Parker '64, Tom Coley '63, Ron Boersma '60, Dave Pavesic '62, Chuck Cutajar '62 and Chuck MacMillin '62 at the BHAC's Welcome Luncheon. [2] Tom & Dee Coley arrive at the chapter house. [3] Alums Mike Bascom '85, Marshall Atkinson '84 and Tim Atkinson '84 catch up during Saturday's lunch sponsored by the House Corporation. [4] Alumni from the 1980's and 1990's pose for a quick shot after the banquet.

Meanwhile, the students were meeting with the fraternity's two chartering officers, **Dr. J. Patrick Figley '61**, Chi (Stetson) and **Jeff Wahlen '81**, Alpha Epsilon (Florida) who quizzed the chapter during a 3-hour oral examination in a classroom on campus. This was the final hurdle which the students needed to clear before receiving approval to proceed with initiation.

After the oral examination, the 64 students approved to go through initiation rendezvoused at Tallahassee Heights United Methodist Church where ritual teams from Theta Alpha Chapter (Southern Miss) and Theta Xi Chapter (Louisiana Tech) initiated all of the student members and several alumni initiates, including faculty advisor **John Blihar '09** and Aramark (food service) director **Randle Clay '09**. Four initiates were legacies, including **Phillip Kelley '09** (grandson of **Frank Kaney '55**), **Eddie Baker '09** (brother of **Zack Baker '05**), **Will Godwin '09** (brother of **James Godwin '95**), and **Chris Siegle '09** (nephew of **Chuck Cutajar '62**).

Alumni and guests later reconnected that evening as the BHAC sponsored two separate alumni receptions in downtown Tallahassee. Alumni initiated prior to 1975 gathered privately at Harry's, while those initiated since 1976 convened at Urbane, just a few short blocks away. Following the lead of alumnus **Dave Pavesic '62**, several contemporaries of **Chuck Cutajar '62** honored him with toasts and a few stories from the 1960's as Cutajar would later be named "Mr. Beta Eta" on Saturday evening.



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[1] National President Jeff Wahlen '81 and BHAC board member Frank Kaney '55 pose with a replica of the chapter's original 1950 charter which was donated to the students at Saturday's banquet. [2] An impromptu Tau pledge class reunion. From L to R: Dan Thompson '91, Mike Loy '91, Jason Klein '91 and Greg McMahon '91. [3] Pi Kappa Phi CEO Mark E. Timmes '76 (center) poses with student members Zack Baker '05, Theta Delta (FIU) [left], and Zack's younger brother Eddie Baker '09 [right]. Timmes, a Gator alum, proudly displays the colors of his dreams. [4] Student member Biron Smythe '09 receives the chapter's Presidential Award from Archon Adam Fox '09 and Rose Queen Adriene Donaho. [5] 1970's alums Chuck Krblich, Newton Beaver and Chris New visit with one another. [6] Chartering Officer Dr. J. Patrick Figley, Chi (Stetson) offers the closing prayer at the chartering banquet. [7] Students and their dates at the chartering banquet. [8] Alums Jim Bultman '68, Jeff Wright '68, Gordon Potts '68 and Tom Beavers '68 visit at the alumni reception.

Ryll to Join Sundberg in the Pi Kappa Phi Hall of Fame

Alumnus Frank Ryll '62 will join fellow Beta Eta alum Alan Sundberg '50 as the chapter's second inductee into Pi Kappa Phi's Hall of Fame.

At the Fraternity's 52nd Supreme Chapter next August in Orlando, FL, **Frank M. Ryll Jr. '62** will be honored as Pi Kappa Phi's twenty-ninth inductee into its Hall of Fame and will join former Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice (and fellow Beta Eta alum) **Alan Sundberg '50** as the chapter's second inductee.

Created in 1979, the Pi Kappa Phi Hall of Fame recognizes alumni who have brought credit to the fraternity through their distinguished and impressive career. Past inductees have included former U.S. Senator and Reagan Chief of Staff Howard Baker, Alpha Sigma (Tennessee); former South Carolina Governor and Reagan Energy Secretary James B. Edwards, Alpha (Charleston), and former astronaut and physicist Ed Lu, Psi (Cornell).

Ryll is being honored for his accomplishments as President of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. His work as the longest serving President of one of the nation's largest Chambers of Commerce cannot be overstated. His contributions to Florida's business community, his leadership in helping to shape meaningful legislation that promotes job growth and a diverse Florida economy, and his commitment to building civic-minded leaders for Florida's future have brought credit to him, the state of Florida and certainly Pi Kappa Phi.

At the same time, Ryll has never abandoned his chapter and has remained a concerned and active alumnus since graduating Florida State in 1965. Ryll served as President of the Beta Eta House Corporation in the early 1980's – a vulnerable time for the chapter as it was being re-colonized by a handful of young, dedicated students. He later went on to serve as a board member of Pi Kappa Phi Properties – the national fraternity's housing division. And finally, as a founding member of the Beta Eta Alumni Chapter in 2006, Ryll has consistently proven himself to be there when his fraternity needed leadership.

With Ryll's induction next August, the Beta Eta Chapter will join an elite group of only five chapters in the entire fraternity that can claim multiple inductees, a lasting statement to the type of men that Beta Eta has historically recruited.

The Beta Eta Alumni Chapter, Inc. will be honoring Ryll with a cocktail reception on Saturday, August 7, 2010, as part of the the Fraternity's general convention. All alumni are encouraged to attend.

AN EVENING FOR BETA ETA
HONORING PI KAPPA PHI'S NEWEST
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE, FRANK RYLL.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Hilton Walt Disney World Resort Hotel

Visit orlando.pikapp.org for additional details

Wahlen Named Servant Leader of the Year

On the evening of Thursday, September 17, alumnus Jeff Wahlen '81 was named Tallahassee's "Servant Leader of the Year" for 2009 by the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce. The write up, which appeared in the *Tallahassee Democrat* the next day, was as follows:

The Servant Leadership Award was presented to attorney Jeff Wahlen of the law firm Ausley & McMullen and national president of the Pi

Kappa Phi Fraternity. Wahlen is a member of the board of directors of the Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare Foundation and is a member of Leadership Tallahassee Class 12 and Leadership Florida. He has also served as treasurer of the Myers Park Little Major League Association, served on the Florida Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors and the campaign treasurer for former State Rep. Lorraine Ausley.

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On Saturday morning – while the students were meeting with Figley and Wahlen to receive Part II of the Ritual of Initiation – alumni, parents and guests were meeting at Doak Campbell Stadium for a "behind the scenes" tour of the Seminole athletic facilities. Associate Athletic Director Bernie Waxman gave an exemplary tour, giving over 75 attendees a chance to ask questions, see off limits sections of the Athletic Center (including the football locker room), and rush the football field like the Seminoles do every game day.

Afterwards, the Beta Eta House Corporation (BHHC) played host to Saturday's luncheon where nearly 200 students, parents, and alumni gathered to congratulate the student chapter for having earned the return of the Beta Eta charter. All had the chance to tour the newly renovated chapter house and BHHC President **Brian Baber '92** offered remarks.

The weekend's activities culminated with a celebratory banquet on Saturday evening at the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum. With nearly 350 in attendance, Pi Kappa Phi had the run of house as blue, white, and gold filled the room. Alumnus **Tom Atwood '92** emceed the evening's program. And following remarks by Michael Loy, FSU Dean of Students Dr. Jeanine Ward-Roof, and Archon **Adam Fox '09**, alumni **Frank Kaney '55** and **Gene Caruthers '56** were recognized as the oldest alumni in attendance. As such, Kaney accepted a gift on behalf of the student chapter from alumni members Atwood and Loy who had commissioned a replica of Beta Eta's

original 1950 charter (which had disappeared from the chapter's possession in the mid-1990's). As the program continued, Dr. Figley presented the the Charter to Archon Adam Fox on behalf of the chapter. Fraternity CEO **Mark Timmes '76**, Alpha Epsilon (Florida) keynoted the banquet.

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As the program drew to a close, it ended on an unforgettable note as alumnus Chuck Cutajar was named the chapter's first "Mr. Beta Eta" by the BHAC. Cutajar, whose exceptional and sustained efforts to keep Beta Eta alumni connected to each other and to their fraternity for over three decades, made for an easy choice by the BHAC Board of Directors. To honor Cutajar, three alums (**Ron Boersma '60**, **Chuck MacMillin '62**, and **Glenn Mayne '61**, each offered a story or reflection which illuminated Cutajar's impressive commitment to Pi Kappa Phi, Beta Eta, and the brotherhood. MacMillin read the framed resolution and, acting on behalf of the BHAC, presented Cutajar with his well deserved award. (SEE PAGE 2).

The evening (and weekend's festivities) ended as all alumni from the 1960's joined Cutajar on stage and serenaded the audience with a three-song set, including Pi Kappa Phi's "sweetheart song," The Rose.

The mission of the Beta Eta Alumni Chapter is to enhance the lifelong fraternal experience for Beta Eta alumni by maintaining an active alumni group that is dedicated to connecting alumni with each other and to their fraternity by providing timely communication of relevant news and organizing meaningful events. This group shall promote the ideals of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity as expressed in our Ritual of Initiation and Supreme Laws and encourage Beta Eta alumni to renew their lifetime pledge to the brotherhood of this fraternity.

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REMEMBER 34 YEARS AGO

Florida State University College of Education Professor Mode L. Stone, Alpha Alpha (Mercer) receives his Golden Legion Certificate for fifty years of membership from the chapter. Mrs. Stone (seated) is reviewing the letter from the fraternity. A Pi Kappa Phi from Alpha Alpha Chapter, Stone was nevertheless influential in the early days of Beta Eta, helping Pi Kappa Phi gain a foothold on campus when the university opened for fraternity colonization in the late 1940's. The Stone Building, home to the College of Education and on the western edge of campus, is named for Brother Mode Stone.

