



THE-SHIELD



Group picture of Beta Brothers around 5 pm after the Corporate Meeting at Homecoming Oct. 10, 2009

(Peterson photo)

Sigma Beta Alums enjoy 2009 Homecoming at 26 Madbury Road

With much fanfare, the **Sigma Beta REBUILDING** message was proclaimed in Durham from Boulder Field all the way across town to 26 Madbury Road. The Sigma Beta Alumni Association and the Beta Task Force teamed up to welcome over 100 Betas to the 2009 UNH Homecoming festivities.



Tent at Boulder Field

Starting early in the morning, the **ΣB REBUILDING** banner was flying over our tent on Boulder Field. Many Betas reconnected there and accepted invitations to return to The House to witness the progress of the reconstruction efforts. The new hats were popular and could be seen spreading through the crowd.



John Parsons led the charge into Boulder Field to setup the tent, left, and secured the new hats.



The new flag flies proudly at 26 Madbury Road

Back at The House, our brand-new maroon and gold **ΣΒ** flag was once again flying gloriously between the pillars. The WELCOME ALUMNI banner beckoned us all back to the front lawn. The **ΣΒ REBUILDING** banner made its way back home to make our announcement complete.

Beta Task Force members, wearing **ΣΒ REBUILDING** hard hats, guided everyone through The House, pointing out the planned amenities. For the first time in years, Brothers were encouraging their wives and children to actually step inside and share in this truly historic event. There were smiles, laughter and excitement in everyone's (yes, EVERYONE'S) faces and voices as they witnessed the improvements while they remembered their past.

A police officer (present at our request) kept a close watch on the activities. He observed Brothers writing checks, eating pizza and sandwiches, donating cash, hugging, making 5-year pledges, drinking beer, writing checks, telling stories (significantly embellished), donating cash, laughing, making 5-year pledges, drinking wine and writing checks. No hedge-diving, Beirut tables, obnoxious music or any other problems; just lots and lots of fun (and check-writing)!

Doug Clark (SBAA President) welcomed everyone to the annual corporate meeting. For the first time in many, many years it was a meeting that everyone could not wait to attend. The grounds were all but cleared as we filled our living room where so many meetings had occurred before. In the crowded room, Doug began by recognizing all of the individual and team efforts that have allowed us to get to this point. He was very



Doug Clark

proud to be able to be the one to formally make our **REBUILDING** announcement to the Brotherhood.



Tom Moulton makes a point.

The House and all it will provide the Brothers that will grow there for many years to come. His emotions touched everyone present.

Doug introduced **Tom Moulton**. Tom had offered his substantial influence and resources in the Seacoast area to make this Sigma Beta **REBUILDING** project a reality. He gave an impassioned address about



Artie LeBrasseur

Artie LeBrasseur, a structural engineer, filled in the building details that Tom's enthusiasm could not relay. Tom closed by cautioning everyone that the efforts are just beginning. The fund-raising needs to start immediately to ensure a strong Sigma Beta for the future.

John Lindahl recognized the Brothers (**John Boghos Mike Tamasi Bruce Huebner Bob Webster and himself**) who have joined Tom in guaranteeing the mortgages to make all of this possible. In the style that only Br. Lindahl can deliver, he encouraged everyone present to financially support the **REBUILDING** effort and to reach out to their Beta peers and inspire widespread participation.



Lindy encouraged everyone to answer the call to secure Beta's future.



Beta Boys on the front steps at Homecoming 2009

Bob Webster
(SBAA Treasurer) reiterated John's strong financial statements. He stated, "through the fund-raising efforts (with EVERYONE'S help), we are targeting Sigma Beta to be debt-free in



Bob Webster

FIVE years! This will not happen without significant contributions made by the alumni." He discussed some of the Beta Task Force's challenges. Most notably, Bob made it clear to everyone present that it is the BTF's goal to REBUILD Sigma Beta to be **the** premier fraternity on the UNH campus (and beyond). He reviewed the three options for re-colonizing the fraternity on campus:

1. **Seek Re-recognition from UNH as Sigma Beta** – While the university has consistently indicated that this option is not viable, our goal is to earn back Sigma Beta's local fraternity recognition through action, not talk, in hopes that some day UNH will change its position on the matter. We've made some mistakes. But, most of Sigma Beta's 88 years on campus have been characterized by leadership and responsible behavior and this is germane to the topic and should be considered in future decisions.
2. **Re-colonize as a Non-Recognized Sigma Beta** – If UNH stands firm in its position, then the vast majority of alumni prefer to stay independent and operate as an un-recognized private fraternity on campus.
3. **Re-colonize as "the Sigma Beta Chapter" of a National Fraternity** – this is the option that UNH favors and has a high likelihood for success if we desire to be recognized right away. While this is an option, it is unlikely that we will choose this route.



Rob Peterson

Rob Peterson spoke briefly about the BTF's vision for the "new" Sigma Beta. The rebuilt House will be exceptional. The plans for the

culture of Sigma Beta must also be so. He spoke of the plans for independent life within The House, pledging, re-colonization, philanthropy, alumni mentorship and the effort necessary to achieve them. The planned oversight groups along with the House Parents will provide guidance, direction and involvement far beyond any national affiliate that we have researched. The plans are being formulated now. All Brothers are encouraged to contact him (r.peterson@mikrolar.com) to offer assistance or suggest ideas.

The meeting concluded with even more excitement than was present at its beginning.

Moving outside late in the afternoon, many remained to finish the food and beer and to help with the cleanup. There was lots of positive feedback to the meeting presentations. We even had interest from Brothers for the House Parents and Cook positions. How great would that be?

When the last of us left around 6:30PM, the building was quiet and the grounds were spotless. Our banner was left flying proudly and will remain (construction permitting).

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A picture is worth more than 1,000 words



Moulton wants Beta to be Debt-Free in 5 (years)

Yup, everyone had a wicked good time. We collected \$83,733 for the day while having all that fun!

Impressive?
Absolutely!

However, to achieve our **“Debt-Free in FIVE”** goal we must parlay this gain through Alumni

involvement to continue the momentum! EVERYONE’S help is essential.

Contact John Lindahl (JohnLindahl@comcast.net) or Bob Webster (rjwebby@mac.com) to make a donation or to learn more.

Homecoming 2009’s message rings clear:
“Beta is indeed REBUILDING.”
Spread the word!



John Boghos and Russ Hagopian

Contributors

Rob Peterson

Rob is a long-time Beta brother, as are his older (Gary) and younger (Doug) brothers. Rob leads the Culture Committee as we continue to REBUILD Sigma Beta. His poignant, purposeful, prose produced this report on Homecoming 2009. He supplied the picture on the front page.

Gerry Miles

Gerry photographed the house renovations on the website and Homecoming for this E-Shield. Although he failed to get Rob Peterson’s signature during Hell Week Fall ’77, he’s gotten over it. Really.



I PLEDGE AGAIN!



As a tribute to the greatness of Sigma Beta, and my legacy to the men who follow us, I pledge the following to help rebuild:

<input type="checkbox"/> Al Reinhart Donation	any donation valued at	\$ 50,000 or more
<input type="checkbox"/> Order of the Cross Fitchee	annual pledges between	\$ 5,000 and \$ 9,999
<input type="checkbox"/> Order of the Brotherhood	annual pledges between	\$ 2,500 and \$ 4,999
<input type="checkbox"/> Founder	annual pledged between	\$ 1,000 and \$ 2,499
<input type="checkbox"/> Leader	annual pledges between	\$ 500 and \$ 1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Brother	annual pledges between	\$ 100 and \$ 499
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporter	one-time contribution of	\$ _____

- 1) To be paid in five (5) equal annual installments by Homecoming each year and SBAA LLC annual dues to be paid by Dec. 31st each year.
- 2) To be used in its entirety exclusively to pay off the mortgages on the House in the hope that we can be "Debt Free in 5" years.
- 3) To be paid to the Sigma Beta Alumni Association, LLC (SBAA, LLC).
- 4) My pledge cannot be assigned or encumbered or used for any other purpose without my prior written consent.
- 5) If the House is debt free before my final payment, or if SBAA, LLC or its successor does not exist, or they or their assigns no longer own the House, my obligation is fulfilled.
- 6) The House is the property located at 26 Madbury Rd., Durham, NH.
- 7) This pledge is made separate and distinct from any and all other donations, gifts, contributions or dues.
- 8) I expect my gift to be acknowledged in writing each year.
- 9) I authorize SBAA, LLC to display my name acknowledging my contribution to our future and our past on an Honor Roll, plaque or similar presentation.

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____ Year of graduation: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Accepted by SBAA, LLC

Amount received: \$ _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

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