

Statement on the Return of Beta to Dartmouth – January 10, 2008

The Trustees of the Alpha Omega Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Dartmouth have reached an agreement with the Office of Residential Life enabling Beta to participate in fall 2008 Greek member recruitment activities.

“On behalf of our 1,200 alumni, our board is very pleased to bring one of the great fraternal institutions back to the Dartmouth campus. We’d like to thank Dean Marty Redman and Assistant Dean Deb Carney for their considerable effort in assisting us through this process. We also wish to thank the women of Alpha Xi Delta for their partnership during the past 10 years and for the great care they have taken of our house,” said Scott Sipple ’84, Co-Chairman of the Beta Board of Trustees.

Dean Redman stated that “since Dartmouth’s Board of Trustees removed the moratorium on selective residential and single-sexed organizations in June 2005, we have been working with Scott Sipple and the Beta trustees to provide men with an opportunity to join an organization committed to developing strong leaders within a diverse community. I am glad to welcome the Dartmouth Betas back and look forward to the organization’s successful return.”

Beta Co-Chairman Davies Beller ’83 commented, “We look forward to introducing current undergraduates to Beta’s proud legacy and presenting the goals of our organization. Our objective is to bring an enriching experience to Dartmouth undergraduates and to the Dartmouth community as a whole.”

“Beta’s history at Dartmouth dates back to 1889, and our organization was perennially one of the leading and most respected fraternal organizations on campus. We’ve been proud to have had many distinguished members over the years. They include:

- **Dartmouth leaders:** former Dartmouth President David McLaughlin ’54; former Dartmouth Trustee and current Chairman of the Rockefeller Center Ron Schram ’64; head football coach Buddy Teevens ’79; Presidents Leadership Council Members Joel Hyatt ’72, Davies Beller ’83, and Brian Conroy ’86
- **Government leaders:** former New Hampshire Governor Walter Peterson ’47; Delaware Lt. Governor John Carney ’78
- **Athletic Leaders:** Scores of Dartmouth captainships; All-Americans in seven different sports; Olympians; professional athletes

The tireless efforts of our board and the support of our alumni throughout a decade-long absence from campus should serve as a very strong statement of our organization’s character and the passion that our alumni feel for Beta. We will draw on this energy to

offer to a group of current campus leaders the opportunity to become part of one of Dartmouth's storied institutions. A group of Dartmouth men will have the opportunity to build a new and unique organization leveraging our strong history and alumni base," added Co-Chairman Sipple.

Beta board members and alumni will conduct information sessions in the winter and spring terms to educate undergraduates on the goals of the organization and engage students in dialogue to better understand the issues and interests of potential members and the campus at large. The first information session is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, at 5:00 p.m. in the Rockefeller Center.

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