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Dear Brothers and Alumni,

Hello, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and New Year my name is Cruz Manatt, and I was recently elected Sage and wanted a chance to formally introduce myself to those of you I have not met. At the beginning of my term an alumnus, Eric Kugler stopped by and spoke with a bunch of us active brothers. During the time we spent speaking with him he told us many stories of his time as an active brother and gave us quite the history lesson regarding the original layout of the house. This got me thinking about how in recent years there has been less and less interaction between the actives and alumni which I would love for that to change. The first step to this is us actives reaching out to you guys who have experience and can help us and the fraternity flourish. In this up-and-coming semester I will be heading an Alumni History Committee. My goal is to reach out to as many alumni as I can and document their personal stories and memories as brothers during their time in the Beta-Psi House. I would like to use this information to make a history book for the Beta-Psi chapter of Sigma Pi filled with all our stories and photos if you have any that way our history is never forgotten and future brothers that have yet to join may also enjoy our history and amazing stories. If you would like to reach out to me at any point please do not hesitate too. Jeff Bruno and I have agreed to make this a joint effort. I will leave my contact information below, but I do plan to begin reaching out to alumni at the beginning of our spring semester. Hopefully this can bring about a stronger active and alumni relationship.

AS this semester came to an end, we had two of our brothers graduate and we would like to congratulate Colin Tye and Derek Sarge on a job well done. Id also like to take a moment acknowledge that for the past year we have held and maintained the highest GPA amongst all fraternities on campus with an astounding 3.1. We are planning to continue our hard work this year so that we can continue to set a standard for other fraternities on campus. Due to the pandemic caused by COVID-19 it wasn't the semester any of us had hoped for but we tried our best to remain diligent in our studies and in our community involvement. While we could not host any in person fundraisers or events, we did have the opportunity to participate in a Toys-For-Tots money drive so they could buy fresh clean toys for families in need during the holiday season. Although the pandemic may have made recruitment this past semester a lot harder, we were fortunate enough to have three students come out and rush for us. Considering there has not been much communication between us and the alumni in the past I would like to change that by creating a nice formal semesterly newsletter to share our accomplishments, stories and photos with you all. I'm hoping that by doing this everyone feels more connected and up to date with the chapter and its events. Please do not hesitate to reach out top me if you have any questions or if you have any suggestions as to things you the alumni would like to see more of.

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