



# beta-chi columns

University of Missouri-Rolla Kappa Sigma, Beta-Chi Chapter – Spring 2005

## State of the Chapter

**B**eta-Chi is continuing to build on the successes of the past semester. It is quite a challenge to upend winning the Trifecta (St. Pat's, Greek Sing, and Greek Week), the FACE Award and having the largest pledge class on campus, but we continue to set our sights high. We look forward to sharing our successes with our two impressive spring semester pledges. The focus of our chapter revolves around our five house goals: Scholarship, Brotherhood, Gentlemen, Campus Leaders and Social.

As one would expect, scholarship is always at the forefront of our goals. For the fall semester Kappa Sigma had a 2.97 GPA compared to the Greek average of 2.90 and 3.00 All Men's average. We fell just short of our house goals of a 3.0 but are confident that we can get over the hump this semester under the leadership of our Scholarship chair, Aaron Glastetter.

Brotherhood might be Beta-Chi's greatest strength right now. A fraternity's success on any level starts with brotherhood and can be directly correlated to the accomplished stated above. We have brotherhood retreats at least once a semester to create house goals and help create a common vision. On a lighter note recent Brotherhood Events, chaired by Grant Mabie, have included Brother Kevin Volk winning the "Healthy Eating Contest" by eating an entire head of lettuce in a record five minutes. Other amusing events include Paddle Daze and Scavenger Hunts.

Anyone familiar with the female population at Rolla recognizes the importance of being gentlemen when opportunities arise. We appear to have made early



success this semester by having an 80's prom with Zeta Tau Alpha that included plenty of corny suits and dresses to complement an even guy-to-girl ratio. We plan on having an etiquette dinner in a couple weeks with our campus advisor's wife, Boo Eversman, to help sharpen our table manners. You have to start somewhere.

We have made great strides recently towards improving our leadership on campus. Almost every member is involved with at least one organization on

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## Spring 2005 Undergraduate Officers

### Grand Master:

Michael Lancey '02

### Grand Procurator:

James Luntz '01

### Grand Master of Ceremonies:

Brandon Graves '03

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### Grand Treasurer:

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## Beta-Chi Housing Corporation:

### President:

Robert Hoffmann '78

### Vice President:

James Telthorst '81

### Treasurer:

Rich Manning '78

### Board Members:

William Kirchoff '60

Ronald Acker '75

Robert Hoffmann '78

Darren Walters '92

Pete Joyce

Ted Ruppert

# housing corporation report

The chapter continues to excel in membership, grades, activities and leadership on campus. I am proud to see our undergraduates excel.

The house corporation completed several projects this year including:

1. New high efficiency HVAC system for the common area.
2. New cast aluminum patio furniture
3. New rear exterior doors are on order
4. New shed for lawn equipment and cudgel building
5. New professional grade ping pong table.

Also, Ted Ruppert is donating a commercial mower.

The new house project is exciting. The site will not be available for several years. The old bread factory site at 10th and 63 is still being used by the university for the next couple of years. However, we are still doing prep work. We are working on acquiring the remaining three lots on that block. You can see the previous newsletter for all the details at [www.beta-chi.com](http://www.beta-chi.com).

Speaking of websites, you need to check out ours. The site contains our alumni database, newsletters and photos. If you need one of your pledge brother's phone number go to [www.beta-chi.com](http://www.beta-chi.com). User name is AEKDB, all upper-case, and the password is aekdb, all lower-case. Please let us know if you have any updates or information on our lost alumni.

This year looks to be another good year for Beta Chi!

AEKDB

Robert Hoffman '78

House Corporation President

## UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION!

We're always trying to keep our records up to date, so if you haven't done so already, please forward your home and email addresses to us.

Also, please check out our website @ [www.beta-chi.com](http://www.beta-chi.com)

We're looking for more content for the site. If you have pictures of recent alumni or family events, please mail or email them to us.

We'll scan originals and send them back to you.

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# parent's club quarterly report

## OFFICERS

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Dear Members:

The officers of the Parent's Club hope you and you son(s) are enjoying being a part of the Kappa Sigma family. In an effort to inform you and to ask for your input on important items that have come before the board, we offer our Quarterly Treasurer's report for your review and approval. Additionally, a request has been made by the Fraternity to replace a broken meat slicer. Details are below. Thank you for taking a moment to review this information.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Below is the Kappa Sigma Parents' Club Treasurer's Report showing the current status of our finances. We have had a very successful year so far. As noted below, we currently have \$1,149.51 in our checking account. NOTE: Please let me know if you have trouble reading the report below in your e-mail. I can also attach it in a document if this doesn't show up well. The Officer's recommend approval as written.

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE (7/24/2004)</b>	<b>\$ 479.40</b>
<b>Fundraising Income (Fall 2004 - Spring 2005)</b>	
Parent's Day	
Silent Auction	\$ 1,927.55
Quilt Raffle	\$ 235.00
50/50	\$ 55.00
Contributions for Final's Week Food (Fall '04)	\$ 620.00
Contributions for Final's Week Food (Spring '05)	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous	
Parent's Sweatshirts	\$ 20.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,857.55</b>
<b>EXPENSES (FALL 2004 - SPRING 2005)</b>	
Parent's Day	
Quilt for Raffle (Parent's Day)	\$ 220.00
Food & Supplies for Parent's Day	\$ 73.82
Kappa Sigma Pins (3 for Spring '03 & 4 for Fall '04)	\$ 273.50
Kappa Sigma Pins	
(2 for Fall '04, 14 Spring '05 & 4 for Fall '05)	\$ 767.50
Purchases for Kappa Sigma House	
Can Opener Parts	\$ 20.07
Rails & Cloth for Pool Table	\$ 265.11
Meat Slicer	
Food for Finals Week (Fall '04)	
Wednesday BBQ thru Friday Lunch	\$ 477.19
Pizza Thursday Night	\$ 90.25
Miscellaneous	
Parent's Sweatshirts	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,187.44</b>
<b>CURRENT BALANCE (2/13/2005)</b>	<b>\$ 1,149.51</b>

**PARENT'S CLUB QUARTERLY  
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Thanks,  
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# Hall of Fame Ceremony *2004*

## *Man Of The Evening: Steve Sieckhaus '84*

Since the day Brother Steve Sieckhaus '84 took his obligations as a pledge, one characteristic in his life has remained constant; the ability to excel through anything put in front of him.

What a better example of this Kappa Sigma-like characteristic than his days as an undergrad, when he served as Rush Chairman and Grand Scribe.

Wait, he didn't stop there. He later became Grand Master of Ceremonies and Grand Procurator, rounding out his undergrad service as Grand Master.

Brother Sieckhaus was also involved with many other extracurricular activities, including Chi Epsilon, the civil engineering honor fraternity, and E.I.T; Engineer in Training program.

Brother Sieckhaus' professional journey virtually mimicked that of his life as an undergrad. After graduating UMR with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1987, he picked up a job as an estimator at Turner Construction. His hard work and dedication at the firm quickly earned him the title of Project Engineer, followed by Project Manager. He was then offered the position of Vice President of Operations at Clayco Construction, where he currently is employed.

Realizing the importance of education, he later returned to UMR, and in 1992 earned a Masters in Engineering Management.

That unique momentum Brother Sieckhaus had as an undergrad now reverberates through his community as well. He serves on several committees for St. Patrick's Center, a non-profit organization that helps indigents return to the work force and become self-sufficient. And when he isn't busy coaching youth sports teams, he puts in hours at Habitat for Humanity, constructing housing for low-income families.

Alas, and he hasn't forgotten his academic alma mater. The Beta-Chi undergrads can find him in the school's placement center, which hires qualified engineers for various companies.



### **Brother Steve Sieckhaus '84 accepts his Hall of Fame Induction at the 2004 ceremony.**

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No surprise, Sieckhaus blames his forest fire approach to any hierarchical ladder on his fraternity.

"The Beta-Chi chapter of Kappa Sigma has taught me responsibility and leadership, mentored teamwork and cooperation, and created life-long friendships."

Brother Sieckhaus currently lives in St. Louis with his wife Terri, daughter Annie (10), and son John (5).

## STATE OF THE CHAPTER, FROM FRONT PAGE

campus and we have made a greater effort towards sharing information on the various campus organizations on campus. We current have representation on the Executive Committees of Student Council, IFC, St. Pat's, Tau Beta Pi, Blue Key, Circle K, Theta Tau Omega, APO, GAD and many other professional societies. We are also doing well in intramurals, currently in 7th place overall.

The social aspect of our lives has never been a grave concern. Somehow it always takes care of itself, but still necessitates a spot on our house goals. Social chair Jeremy Bexten '02 has done a great job organizing events. As mentioned above, we recently had an incredibly successful 80's Prom with Zeta Tau Alpha. Phi Sigma Rho (formerly Gamma Beta Sigma) joined us for our Super Bowl Party. Last semester we threw our first Buffett Bash in four years, importing a hot tub and 12

tons of sand into our common area for the occasion.

As we continue through the semester we will strive to win yet another FACE Award and keep the chapter moving in a positive direction. Rush chairman Ryan Carson has already mapped out the spring and summer rush schedule in anticipation of taking the top honors on campus for the second consecutive year.

A.E.K.Δ.B.

Michael Lancey '02  
Grand Master  
Beta-Chi of Kappa Sigma

## Hall of Fame 2004



*Save The Date*

**Homecoming Weekend 2005: OCTOBER 1-2**

# alumni updates

## **JOHN E. EVANS '49**

Brother Evans is currently retired after working in the oil business—he worked 27 years at Union Oil and 17 years with Global Marine in California, drilling offshore oil wells domestically and abroad. After working in the oil business, Brother Evans owned his own electrical wholesale company, South Bay Electric. He and his wife Jackie have three children, Debbie Patty and Jim, and seven grandchildren. Joe Gears '49 and his wife Shirley will be visiting John and his wife at the end of February. Brother Evans stays active in the chapter and visited Rolla for the Missouri School of Mines 50th reunion in 2002. (7115 Crest Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, Home: 310-541-2216, Email: USCFANS@COX.NET)

## **LLOYD GABBERT '56**

Brother Gabbert is retired and living in Jacksonville, Fla., where he enjoyed the festivities of this year's Super Bowl. He worked for 25 years at General Electric, where he managed the information systems, and later at Tandem Computers, where he directed the worldwide data centers. (3881 Biggin Church Rd West, Jacksonville, FL 32224, Home: 904-992-6054)

## **THOMAS SCHMIDT '66**

Brother Schmidt is currently retired and living in Plano, Texas. After graduation he worked in the oil and gasoline business, where he worked for seven different companies in 43 countries. Now he stays busy by working part-time doing computer work for his son-in-law and helping his wife by doing work around the house. "Basically just enjoying life," he says. He and his wife Pat have two children, Stacie and Kristie. (3612 Seltzer Dr., Plano, TX 75023, Home: 972-467-2296)

## **ROBERT E. SMITH '66**

Robert graduated from UMR with a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1970. Brother Smith also completed a Master's degree in engineering management from UMR in 1971. After receiving his post-graduate degree, Robert underwent officer's training with the U.S. Army at Fort Sill in Oklahoma and entered the Army Reserves after a year of service. His civilian career when he began working for Gas Service Company in Kansas City. Brother Smith is currently working for Stanley Consultants in Colorado. He is married to Alice and has two children: Stephen and Robin, as well as two grandchildren. Robert enjoys golfing, hunting and playing softball in his spare time. (8085 S. Catawba Ct., Aurora, CO 80016, Home: 303-400-0615, Work: 303-925-8322, Email: smithsgreen@comcast.net)

## **THOMAS J. SONDERMAN '82**

Brother Sonderman is the Director of Automated Precision Manufacturing (APM) Technology for AMD with global responsibility for the design, development & implementation of manufacturing technologies within AMD's wafer fab and assembly operations. He has held numerous management and engineering positions during his 15-year tenure with AMD. Prior to joining AMD, Sonderman worked as a process control engineer for Monsanto Chemical Inc. Brother Sonderman currently lives in Austin, Texas, with his wife Michele. The couple have a one-year old son Aidan. He stays busy by playing with his son, golfing and traveling to Europe and Asia, especially Italy. He keeps in touch with Paul Fleischut '82, who is now the godfather of Aidan. (16010 Braesgate Dr., Austin, TX 78717, Home: 512-335-4026, Work: 512-602-4288, Email: thomas.sonderman@amd.com)

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# MEMBERS OF THE HERITAGE SOCIETY MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**A**lumni, parents, and undergraduates give to the Beta-Chi Educational Foundation in many ways— cash, securities, property and planned gifts. However, they all give for the same reason - because Kappa Sigma made a difference in their lives.

For some, it was because the fraternity became a home away from home. For some, it was because the fraternity helped develop their leadership, organizational and social skills that have benefited them in their lives. For some, it was a member who helped them deal with a very difficult time in their life. For some, it was because they feel the chapter made a difference for their son. Whatever the reason, we know it is because Kappa Sigma made a difference in their lives.

People reflect on their estate plans, wills and financial assets for many reasons. Some are prompted to do so by their accountant or attorney. Some have children that they need to plan for. Others reach middle age or later and decide it's time to take a crack at planning for that unfortunate date in the future.

Some people decide to include charities in their plans because they don't have heirs who need to inherit their assets - or at least not all their assets. Some understand they can improve their tax situation by bequeathing a portion of their estate to a charity. Some decide that they want at least a portion of their accumulated wealth to support organizations they value the most - and in some cases that is Kappa Sigma.

You can help support the educational and housing needs of the chapter by making an estate gift of any size. The foundation asks that you discuss your charitable intentions with the potential executors of your estate to ensure that your final wishes are honored. We also would appreciate notification of your wishes so that we can recognize you as a member of the Heritage Society (we can keep in confidential if you wish) and we can make appropriate plans for future.

For more information, please write:  
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Thanks for making a difference!

## PARENT'S CLUB QUARTERLY REPORT, CONTINUED

### MEAT SLICER PURCHASE REQUEST

The guys at Kappa Sigma have requested our help in getting them a new meat slicer. Their old slicer's motor is burned out. They use the slicer frequently and want to get a good quality slicer.

- The slicer they would like to get is a Chef's Choice Model 667. I have looked at several sites on the internet and it appears to be rated high in quality. The lowest price I could find is \$469.95 which includes shipping (no sales tax required).

The officers recommend approval of the purchase of a meat slicer at a cost of no more than \$469.95. If no objections are received by February 20, 2005 the recommendation of the Officer's is approved by acclamation.

Please forward any comments or corrections to:  
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## CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN 2005 TO DATE:

**Charles A. Ecklund '45**  
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**Robert H. Glaser '58**  
**Charles P. Becker Jr. '60**  
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**Aaron Prewitt '02**

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