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Celebrating 100 Years

If you ever needed an excuse to come back to Rolla, **this is it!** UMR's Homecoming Weekend, taking place October 10 and 11, will mark the 100th year of the Beta-Chi Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at the Missouri School of Mines and the University of Missouri-Rolla. The 100th anniversary will be a celebration of monumental proportions.

Special guests and speakers include; **Brother Gary Forsee '69**, CEO of Sprint; Kevin Kaplan, Worthy Grand Master of The Kappa Sigma Fraternity; and Chancellor Gary Thomas.

Ten years ago, we celebrated the 90th year of the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma. We had over 300 alumni and guests attend. The 100th is shaping up to be a much bigger event.

The Chapter House will host a party Friday night. A memorabilia party and lunch will be held at the Chapter House on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., where alumni can place their memorabilia on display.

The main event is the Hall of Fame banquet, which will take place Saturday night at 6 in the UMR gym. Ten alumni will be inducted into Beta-Chi's Hall of Fame. Two alumni will receive Beta-Chi's Man of the Century Awards. A portrait of these men will be

placed in the foyer next to Henry Hartzel. Despite these fun events, the main attraction at Homecoming are your friends and brothers. The friendships you made at Rolla are priceless. Don't miss them.

Homecoming invitations are being sent out soon with a complete listing of all events. We look forward to seeing all of you this fall.



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— From the Undergrads —

The Brothers have finished another successful semester at UMR. We continued our tradition of campus superiority by winning the Order of Omega's Silver Award of Excellence, which was the highest level awarded to a fraternity. The award is based on community service and campus involvement. We took second place in Greek Sing, finished sixth in intramurals, and were robbed in St. Pat's, placing fourth. Congratulations are in order to Brothers **Joshua Goosey '02**, **Marshall Littrell '02**, and **Nicholas Christian '02**, who are serving as Treasurer, Secretary, and Green Shepherd, respectively, on the St. Pat's Board. In addition, Brother **Steve Parle '03** was recently elected Vice President of Theta Tau Omega, and Brother **Richard Franco '02** was elected Treasurer of IFC.

This semester, we initiated 16 great guys, and 12 of them later attained ritual proficiency. We continue to make improvements to the house: we recently added new tabletops and countertops in the common area and bar, hung new paneling downstairs and installed a new ceiling and light fixtures. We were sad to see Annie -- our cook of several years -- retire, but we are looking forward to welcoming Susan, our new cook, to the family.

The Kappa Sigma social tradition remains strong. We hosted several socials with sororities, and held our annual St. Pat's party in March. It was good to see so many alumni brothers in attendance. Over spring break, 20 brothers traveled to the Bahamas, where they partied with many other college students, including brothers from other chapters.

The semester concluded when the brothers and their dates traveled to St. Louis for a formal party at the Radisson.

This summer's upcoming conclave will be represented by yours truly; and it would be exciting to see many of our alumni in Tampa to witness our finest hour. As the fall semester draws near, we are working hard on rushing another great group of guys, striving to once again have one of the largest pledge classes on campus. If anyone has any rush prospects, please let us know.

We are already looking forward to defending our first-place Greek Week finish, and are bringing back the Kappa Sigma Bid Day Party.

Finally, everyone is very excited about the 100th homecoming celebration. We hope to see all of our alumni return. There are many activities planned and it will be a great time for all. We always love to hear from our alumni; if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Beta-Chi ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Beta-Chi Alumnus Gary Forsee '69 named CEO of Sprint

One of the most successful alumni in Beta-Chi's 100-year history at the University of Missouri-Rolla and the Missouri School of Mines, Brother Gary Forsee has been a success in the classroom, Chapter House and business world.

It only makes sense, then, that one of the most successful Beta-Chis be named Chief Executive Officer of Sprint, one of the nation's most successful companies.

Before being hired at Sprint, Brother Forsee was the Vice-Chairman of Bell South, a company he joined after leaving Global One Communications.

At Sprint, Brother Forsee returns to company he served for 10 years. As CEO, he will oversee one of the world's best-known companies.

"It is a pleasure to be a part of this great company again," Forsee said when he was rehired. "Sprint has an impressive heritage of innovation and customer service. When you combine that with the company's strong financial position and enviable set offsets, you quickly realize the incredible potential Sprint possesses."

Long before he was Gary Forsee, CEO, Brother Forsee was an undergraduate at Beta-Chi, one of the most successful fraternities on campus at the Missouri School of Mines.

As an undergraduate, he served as Grand Master, Treasurer and Rush Chairman until graduating in 1972 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Throughout the years, Brother Forsee has remained close with Beta-Chi, always making time for the chapter as he became more successful in the business world.

"I am always at home when I return to Beta-Chi," he said. "Kappa Sigma was to me the high point of attending MSM, and has continued to be a wonderful experience throughout my life. I am eternally grateful to Beta-Chi and to Kappa Sigma for the true meaning of brotherhood. I can never repay either of them." Whether it's on campus or in the boardroom, Brother Forsee has proven that successful people are truly good at everything they touch.

And he — along with his wife Sherry and daughters Melanie and Kara — will continue to remain close to Beta-Chi, one of the main reasons for his success.

"Beta-Chi and Kappa Sigma were and continue to be a very important part of my life," he said. "Lifelong friends were made and growing up and learning about life were experiences I won't forget."



Brother Gary Forsee '69

Beta-Chi 100TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Beta-Chi's 100th anniversary is almost here! From October 10-12, we will celebrate a century of Beta-Chi. We hope to see you there. Invitations will be sent very soon, but we have included a sneak peek of the of the banquet schedule. We will also be holding events on Friday and Sunday. Pledge-class volunteers are already organizing their pledge-class reunions. If you are organizing a reunion and haven't made hosting arrangements, there is still time. You can access the Beta-Chi Chapter's database at www.beta-chi.com. The login and password is **AEKDB**.

If you need any help with the process, please call Ty Young from Fraternity Management Group at (800) 228-7326 or email him at tyoung@fmgtucson.com. We'll see you soon!

100th Anniversary Banquet

Sunday, October 11th

Univesity of Missouri-Rolla Speaker
Jay Goff, Dean of Enrollment Management

International Memorial Headquarters Speaker
Kevin Kaplan, Worthy Grand Master

Keynote Speaker
Gary Forsee '69, CEO of Sprint

Hall of Fame Inductions
presented by Mike Burns '58

Man of the Century Awards Presentations

*Thanks to our 100th anniversary
volunteers!*

The following people will be calling all Beta-Chi alumni to drum up support for this year's Homecoming festivities.

If you would like to become a 100th anniversary volunteer, please contact Ty Young from Fraternity Management Group at (800) 228-7326 or email him at tyoung@fmgtucson.com

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Beta-Chi Pledge Class Reunion

The Pledge Class of '71 (initiated in spring of 1972) had a 30-year Walkout reunion planned to begin Sept. 13, 2001. However, the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 and subsequent cancelled flights caused us to postpone the reunion exactly one year. All 13 pledge brothers arrived in Gatlinburg, Tenn., on Sept. 13, 2002. We rented a large, luxurious cabin in the remote Tennessee mountains for a five day reunion of eating, drinking, partying and reminiscing. A traditional float trip was on our agenda, and the wild raging rapids of the upper and middle sections of the Ocoee River on USA Raft outfitters did not disappoint us. The Ocoee was the host river for the 1996 Summer Olympics. We also experienced indoor skydiving in Pigeon Forge, and made a side trip to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, where we helped find a lost and injured hiker on the Appalachian Trail just as dusk was settling in. We may have saved his life. Our pledge class is very close and has been celebrating Walkout reunions every five years since our original Walkout in 1971. It still hard to believe that 31 years have passed. It's funny — nobody has changed, except now we look like a bunch of old farts. We really have become friends and brothers for life. -- **Darrel Ludwig '72**



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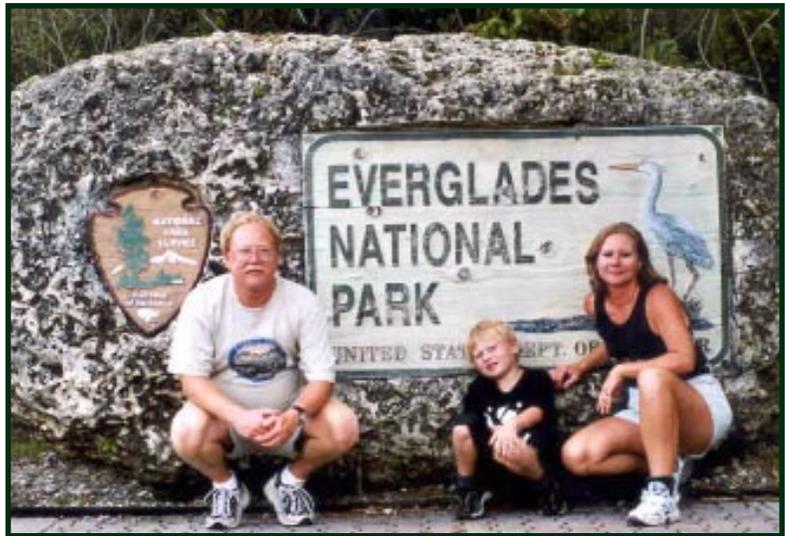
Alumni Updates

*News From Your
Brothers Around the Nation*

Grant Schaumburg '34 graduated in 1937 and became a practice engineer at South Work in Chicago before moving to United States Steel Company. Now retired, Brother Schaumburg spends time with friends and family, including his grown daughter, Ann (Plimpton) and son Grant, Jr. (1310 Monroe Village, Monroe Township, NJ 08831-1915, (732) 521-6550).

Charles A. Ecklund '48 has retired after long stints with Missouri Power & Light Company and Union Electric. He now spends his days working part-time at his church and as a substitute at Capital Region Medical Center. He has one grown child, Helen Shade. (406 Belair, Jefferson City, MO, 65109-0708, (573) 635-1128, cecklund@fednet.com).

JJ Gianquinto '60 is a self-employed lawyer who specializes in personal injury, probate, estate planning and family law, but his life has been anything but by the book. After graduation, Brother Gianquinto went to work for Missouri Mines and worked at North American Rockwell before entering night law school in September 1965. He was sworn into the California Bar in 1971, and continued to practice law while serving as a part-time pilot! When he manages some free time, Brother Gianquinto plays the saxophone in a community band and spends time with his wife and two grown children. (PO BOX 2241, Bakersfield, CA 93303-2241, (661) 322-7406, jgianquint@aol.com).



James Howe '76 poses with his wife Linda and son William at the entrance to the Everglades on a recent family vacation. They moved to Florida in November, 2002, and have enjoyed the great weather and sunshine.

Steve Smid '76 is Business Operations Director for Dow Automotive, a branch of Dow Chemical, Inc. He and his wife Janet have three children: 21-year-old Michelle, 19-year-old Matt and 16-year-old Christine. (55 Orchid Ct. Lake Jackson, TX 77566-4355, (979) 299-6297).

Paul M. Kuehn '79 spent 19 years at Data General before moving to his current post as a senior account engineer at Parkplace International. In February 2001, he took what he described as "the best vacation ever," a two-week cruise of the Tahitian Islands. In his free time, Brother Kuehn reads and surfs the Internet. (4 Town Cryer Ct., O'Fallon, MO, 63366, (314) 298-2614, lancer4@mindspring.com).

Mark Beck '81 is the President of 2Day Software, and has written a Windows manual entitled "Convert This 2 That." Brother Beck has been married to his wife Nancy for 15 years, and together they've had two children, four-year-old Jason and two-year-old Rachel. (10600 E Route Y, Ashland, MO, 65010, (573) 657-1469, mbeck@2daysoftware.com).

Alan Hopkins '86 is an environmental consultant for Portnoy Environmental. As a consultant, he tests soil and groundwater and deals with risk management and environmental geophysics. In his free time, Brother Hopkins spends time with his wife, Dixie, and their 6-year old son, Jake. He also remodels historic homes, enjoys camping and travels. (1830 Arlington St. Houston, TX 77008-4328, (713) 880-4456).

Philip McCalla '88 went to work for Nooter Fabricators for five years after graduation before being promoted to Field Service Engineer for Nooter/Eriksen, Inc. As an engineer, Brother McCalla is an aftermarket service representative for Nooter, a steam generator manufacturer. In his free time, Brother McCalla is helping build a home and spends time with his wife Michele and their two young children, 3-year-old Marcella, and Kyle, who is 10 months old. (1729 Williamson Ave., Staunton, IL 62088, (618) 635-2346).



Dick Smith '60, Jeff Dreyer, Lynne Thomason, Suzy Roeder, Dennis Dreyer '60, Gene Roeder '60 and June Thomason '60, enjoy an mini-reunion and dinner in March 2003.

Beta-Chi BLAST FROM THE PAST



Much has changed in Rolla since 1976, but one thing that remains the same is the Saint Patrick's Day Celebration. As the custom goes, especially with the freshmen, people dress in green, carry their shillelagh, consume mass quantities of various beverages, and build the St. Pat's float for the parade.

This photo, provided by **Brother David Perry '74**, shows **Brother Robert Haul '74** in all of his St. Patrick's Day glory. Providing support are Beta-Chis **Bruce Bowermaster '75, Pat Owen '73, Jim Howe '76, Mike Clark '75 and Mike Rapisardo '75.**

Getting in touch

...and keeping in touch

Do you have an email address?

The Beta-Chi Chapter is interested in utilizing the Internet when sending newsletters like this. We are exploring a number of avenues in which to decrease our printing and mailing costs. The most obvious route is to use your email address. Here are the advantages:

1. Unlimited Space
2. Color Photos
3. Quick Response to Questions
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5. Decreased Printing and Mailing Cost

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Note to Parents: If your son is still attending the University of Missouri at Rolla, this newsletter is intended for you. If he is no longer in school, please send us his permanent address. Thank you!

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