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Another Spectacular Beta-Chi Homecoming

Brothers and family members alike were treated to another fun-filled Homecoming celebration this past fall. It was a wonderful way to end a very productive year for both the undergraduates as well as the alumni who have continued to make Beta-Chi as one of stellar chapters of Kappa Sigma.

During the Homecoming celebration, we inducted Brother Mike Burns '57 into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame. It was an induction that was long overdue considering Brother Burns' selfless dedication to the chapter. You can read his biography on page 3, although it does not do justice to the influence that he has had on both brothers of his era and those who followed after.

The undergrads have continued to put the chapter ahead of all the rest on campus with their academic success and amazing dedication to community service. Brother Zac Barcon '00 has now taken over the reigns as Grand Master. His report can be read on page 2.

Although 2002 has shaped up to be quite a year, we're just getting started! Preparations are currently under way for the Beta-Chi 100th anniversary. You will be hearing from us often as we try to make this celebration "one for the ages!"



2002 Grand Master Tony Petersen '00 congratulates 2003 Hall of Fame inductee Mike Burns '57. Read Brother Burns' biography on page 3.

2003 Beta-Chi Golf Tournament

The date for next year's Beta-Chi's Golf Tourney was "officially" announced recently at Founder's Day. The date will be Saturday June 7, 2003 at Paradise Valley. More information will be on the way, but mark your calendars now!

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— From the Undergrads —

The Brothers of the Beta Chi Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity have been very active throughout the last calendar year. We have been involved in numerous events and organizations, both on campus and in the community.

Service is a big part of being a Kappa Sigma. We pride ourselves with our involvement in a great number of service projects throughout the semester. Such service includes three blood drives, two of which the Brothers came in first for participation, and another was hosted at our house. Furthermore, the service list includes Able Commission, Grace for Christmas, a Christmas charity for needy families, two platelet drives, one of which was the largest sponsored drive in CBCO history, bingo at the nursing home, work to help fix the local fire department, a trap shoot that raised money for Shriners Hospital, t-shirt sales with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity and Adopt-a-Highway. Along with the many service projects, the Brothers are actively involved in several service organizations on campus, some of which include Theta Tau Omega, GAD, and Circle K. Our members hold executive positions in Theta Tau Omega, one of the largest service organizations on campus. Each year they put on a casino night that raises over \$10,000 for charity.

The Brothers are also involved in numerous clubs, athletic teams, and organizations throughout campus. These include Chess Club, Rugby Club, ROTC, varsity roller hockey, UMR baseball, UMR cross country, Student Council, St. Patrick's, and Inter-Fraternity Council. Executive positions are held in nearly every one of the above mentioned organizations.

Countless social events planned throughout the semester are aimed at promoting brotherhood, keeping good relations with sororities and other fraternities, and assisting rush. These events include our annual Theme Party, Formal, Homecoming, socials with every sorority on campus, barbeques and Greek parties. Planning is underway for our 100th Anniversary, and we hope this will be our best anniversary ever.

Academically, the Brothers of Kappa Sigma strive to be the best. Strict study and quiet hours are enforced every school night. There are many resources available to promote academic, including an extensive file system and one of the most advanced computer labs of all fraternities. Along with the many available resources, weekly grade sheets are turned in to ensure that our brothers maintain good grades. In addition, the Big Brother Program aids the incoming freshmen in adapting to the rigorous academic schedule here at UMR.

Of the 20 fraternities on campus, Kappa Sigma ranks near the top. During the last two semesters, we have boasted the second-largest rush class in Chapter history. Thanks to our great rush, we have one of the largest houses on campus. Our most recent accomplishment was first-place overall finish in Greek Week. Shortly before Greek Week was Greek Sing, an event in which we also took first place. The Brothers are proud of their accomplishments and will strive to stay on top for years to come.

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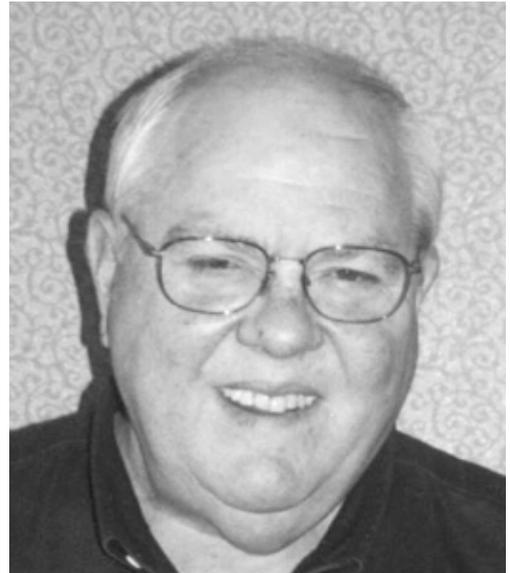
Zac Bacon '00

2002 Hall of Fame Inductee

James Michael Burns '57

Upon graduation in 1961, Brother Burns returned to the company he had worked for as a co-op student while in school and completed his four-year apprenticeship to become a Journeyman Machinist prior to entering the U.S. Army in October of that year. During his two-year tenure in the service as a Lieutenant, he was mobilized for the Cuban Crisis, one of the most trying times in American history. After completion of his military experience, Brother Burns embarked on a successful 36-year career in the plastics industry.

After graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, Brother Burns began a career with the Continental Can Company, where he became the youngest Plant Manager in the history of the organization. He would later become a manager with multi-plant responsibilities for three different companies and also would successfully spearhead an industry first, the total integration of the supplier within its major customer's plant. Brother Burns' knack for diplomacy — which he credits in large part to his experience in the Beta-Chi Chapter — helped him forge 13 years of labor peace in a facility that had been fraught with union and personnel problems before his efforts. He also secured an industry-record six-year labor agreement for the last plant he managed. He was known for his proficiency in training and personnel development and received numerous awards and recognition from such companies as Union Carbide, Proctor & Gamble, Clorox, Pepsi Cola and Coca-Cola for outstanding quality and service. He is now retired and lives with his wife Nancy in Columbus, Ind.

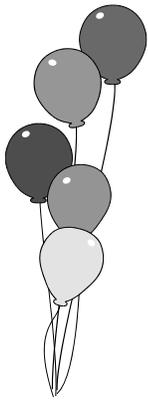


Brother Burns was chosen as the first President of the Southwest Chapter of the Society of Plastics Industry and was elected for a second term. He was also the Chairman of Awards and Chairman of Guest Speakers for the Annual Society of Plastics Industry Western Section conventions, and a 13-year member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce Manufacturers Committee.

Brother Burns has maintained a high regard for Kappa Sigma and Beta-Chi throughout the years. He is a Star and Crescent Club level donor and organized and managed a reunion for the Pledge Classes of 1957 and 1958 in Branson last year. He is also a regular donor to the Mechanical Engineering Department at UMR.

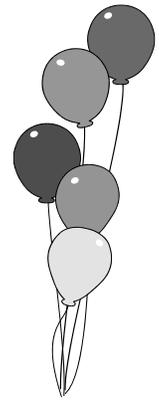
All three of Brother Burns' children — Michael, 38, Kevin, 36, and Kathleen, 27 — have distinguished academic careers. Michael has an MBA from Southern Methodist University, Kevin received his Ph.D. from UC-Berkeley, and Kathleen is pursuing her Ph.D. at UM-St. Louis. Kevin followed in his father's footsteps, becoming a member of the Mu-Gamma Chapter during his undergraduate years at Texas A&M. Michael has also given Brother Burns four granddaughters to dote over.

Brother Burns' experience in the Beta-Chi Chapter took on a deeper importance than it did for many of his brothers. Having been raised in a single-parent home after his father's death when he was two years old, Brother Burns credits his brothers with helping him become a man. "The Brothers of Beta-Chi filled a huge void at a very important and pivotal time of my life," he said. "Over the years, when asked if I belonged to a college fraternity, I have always replied immediately with a strong sense of pride, 'Yes, the best — Kappa Sigma.'"



It's Time to Celebrate!!

Beta-Chi's 100th Anniversary



Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime event!

Ten years ago, we celebrated the 90th anniversary of the Beta Chi chapter at the Missouri School of Mines / University of Missouri Rolla. About 350 alumni and guests attended the event. It was a memorable experience that we will never forget. Ten of our most distinguished alumni were recognized and inducted into the Hall of Fame.

This year, we are planning the 100th anniversary and we hope to see an even bigger turnout. The event will take place October 10 and 11. Among the activities that we will be planning include a memorabilia party Saturday at noon. We will also tailgate before the Miner football team takes the field. The main event will take place Saturday evening at the University Center. We will induct 10 brothers into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame as well as relive memories from the past. Following the ceremony, the chapter will host a 100th-Anniversary party at the house. The weekend will conclude with breakfast Sunday morning, for those able to attend. Details will follow in a formal invitation as well as in email reminders.

Additionally, we have included a Beta-Chi Hall of Fame ballot and basic alumni-update questionnaire. Please fill out the information and return to the address listed. We are also looking for brothers to serve as class volunteers to assist and coordinate pledge class's attendance. It is a simple job - call your pledge brothers and have them attend the 100th anniversary celebration. We will be working with Fraternity Management Group to help coordinate events, invitations, and Beta-Chi directory assistance. When we have finalized the list of volunteers, we will try to coordinate a common hotel so you are not spread all over town. Ty Young from FMG will assist you with names, phone numbers, and any other questions you might have. It is critical that we get started early. Three fraternities are celebrating 100th anniversaries and hotels are filling up fast. Please contact me if you would like to be a pledge class volunteer or if you have any additional questions. I am looking forward to seeing **all** of you on Oct 10th and 11th.



Make your plans now to attend the 100th anniversary of Beta-Chi!

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Beta-Chi's 100th Anniversary Celebration

October 10th and 11th, 2003 during the University of
Missouri-Rolla Homecoming

We will be one of three fraternities celebrating 100th
anniversaries so space will be limited.

Make your hotel reservations now!

American Motor Inn
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Rolla 65401
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Rolla 65401
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573-364-4156

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Rolla 65401
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Rolla 65401
573-308-1060

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Rolla 65401
573-364-1333

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We'll be sending more information and a schedule of events soon.

If you need maps to the hotels, please call Ty Young from Fraternity Management Group
(800-228-7326 ext 12), or email (TyYoung@FMGTucson.com).



Alumni Updates

News From Your Brothers Around the Nation

William Gammon '44 can be found enjoying the beautiful weather in Florida since his retirement from Ashland, Inc., after 27 years of service. A chemical Engineering graduate of 1949, Bill spends his leisure time golfing and traveling now. He recently took a trip to Alaska with his grandsons. He maintains constant contact, mostly through phone calls, with many other Beta Chi brothers. His two grown daughters live near Brother Gammon and his wife of 54 years, Dorothy (8167 Nice Way, Sarasota, FL 34238, (941) 927-1974, billdot@comcast.net).

Larry Acuff '56 went to work in Mexico after his graduation in 1959 --- Mexico, Mo., that is. After a stint with AP Green, he served for a time in the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer. Before his retirement, Brother Acuff achieved distinction as the Manager of International Engineering for Kraft Foods. Since his retirement, Larry has spent his time bass fishing in tournaments and playing bridge. He actually met his wife Phila playing bridge in 1990. They have been blissfully married for twelve years (680 Turkey Tree Dr., Galena, MO 65656, (H)(417) 538-4404, (W)(714) 879-0874).

Robert Haul '74 has always had an electrifying personality. Since his graduation in 1977, he's been putting it to good use. Brother Haul's Electrical Engineering degree earned him jobs at Sverdrup, Union Electric, Emerson Electric and Standard Machine & Manufacturing, where he can presently be found as the Manager of Mechatronics. He is in charge of design and development of new products. Bob and his wife Tonda's son, Nick, graduated from high school last year. He is part of his credit union Supervisory Committee and sits on his subdivision Board of Trustees (5480 Fireleaf Dr., St. Louis, MO 63129, (314) 487-7722, RWHaul@icon-stl.net).

Edward John Corich '84 graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and went to work for the Department of Defense at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. He is responsible for the technical aspects of overhauling nuclear carriers and submarines. In July 2000, Brother Corich married Margarita Mancilla Corich, who recently gave birth to their first child. In his free time, he enjoys hunting volleyball, camping, and wakeboarding. Brother Corich stays in contact with dozens of his Beta-Chi brothers (2744 Aspen St. SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, (360) 871-7852, CorichE@psns.navy.mil).

Mark Wohlstadter '84 left UMR after earning a degree in Chemical Engineering to receive a MS in Organic Chemistry from Saint Louis University in 1991. After leaving SLU, Brother Wohlstadter went to work for P.D. George as a Research Chemist. He continued on to U.S. Paint, where he was the Group Leader for Automotive Coatings Research. Mark could also be found as the Senior Production Engineer for Rhodia before his current job at Ethyl as a Development Engineer Specialist. He and Tiffany, his wife of almost 10 years, have a young son, Sean. In his free time, he enjoys soccer, softball, and golf (7815 Robin Meadow Ct., St. Louis, MO 63119, (H)(314) 351-0354, (W)(314) 342-1324, Mwohlsta@us.rhodia.com).

Robert De Chant Jr. '86 graduated in May of 1990 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation, he went to work for Watlow as a Sales Engineer in St. Louis. Over his 12 years with the company, he has moved up to Territory Manager for Watlow in Austin, Texas. He married wife Teresa in the same month as his graduation and they now have a son and two daughters together. In his free

time, Rob enjoys working on his golf game. Even though he has left Missouri behind, he continues to stay in contact with many Beta-Chi pledge brothers (9939 BarBrook Dr., Austin, TX 78726, (H)(972) 517-2470, (W)(512) 657-5457, RdeChant@watlow.com).

Dan Lumma '86 is still playing his guitar. He can most likely be seen once a month in various places around Kansas City with his band, Acoustic Safari. A 1990 graduate of UMR, Brother Lumma received his degree in Electrical Engineering. After college, he went to work with Bibb and Associates, Inc. where he can still be found as Manager of Projects in the Power Division. Dan keeps in constant contact with Brothers **Al Hopkins '86**, **Rob DeChant '86**, **Brian Lux '87**, and others (12690 S Hallet St., Olathe, KS 66062, DHLumma@Bibbs.com, (H)(913) 764-5788, (W)(913) 236-7200).

Kirk A. Peterson '90 went to work for Cessna Aircraft Co, where he can still be found after graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1995. He is now the Design Engineer for the Citation Encore (Model 560) program. Brother Peterson was married in April and looks forward to starting a family. In his free time, he likes to play indoor volleyball and ice hockey. He also enjoys in-line skating and mountain biking in the steep Kansas mountains. He owns two homes in the Wichita area and has done a deal of remodeling (1741 N Payne, Wichita, KS 67203, (H)(316) 264-1622, (W)(316) 517-0940, Kpeterson@cessna.textron.com).

Jason Hudson '91 has spent the last seven years working for Hallmark Cards and is moving through the company rapidly. After his graduation in May of 1995 Brother Hudson was hired as a section manager for the manufacturing plants. He is now the Strategic Buyer for Hallmark's Global Shared Services group and is in charge of the purchase of direct material (chemicals) for their plants. Jason has kept in constant

contact with other Beta-Chis since graduation, speaking with four or five brothers a week. Conversations tend to include the weekend's events and future social functions (16220 W 126th Ter., Olathe, KS 66062, (H)(913) 390-5019, (W)(816) 274-3558, Jhudson1@hallmark.com).

Fred Niemeier '92 graduated in 1995 and went to work for General Motors. He was hired on in the Powertrain Division as a production supervisor and excelled there for the next three years. Brother Niemeier went back to school, this time to earn his MBA from the prestigious Harvard Graduate School of Business. He now lives in Chicago and works as an associate at Pittiglio Rabin Todd & McGrath. PRTM is a management-consulting firm and Fred loves the challenging, fast-paced work. He married the former Jessica Thomas in April 2001. She is also a UMR grad, though they did not meet until Brother Holschen's wedding as they were both in the wedding party. In his free time Brother Niemeier enjoys spending time with his wife, drinking good wine, investing and exercising. His goals include completing a marathon, becoming CEO of his own company, living overseas, and most importantly, using his talents to help others achieve excellence (1909 W Barry Ave #1, Chicago, IL 60657, Fniemeier@mba2000.hbs.edu).

Jason Holschen '94 graduated with a degree in Geological Engineering in 1996 and stayed at UMR to earn a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering after he married his college sweetheart Valerie. They are now living in London where Brother Holschen was transferred after being hired by DigiTerra in Denver as a senior consultant. When he is not working, Jason spends time reading, working out, traveling, and volunteering. He is also studying for the GMAT, as business school is his current goal. He corresponds regularly with a few fraternity brothers and tends to stay in contact with others through sporadic emails (Jholschen@digiter.com).

Send us your
email addresses!

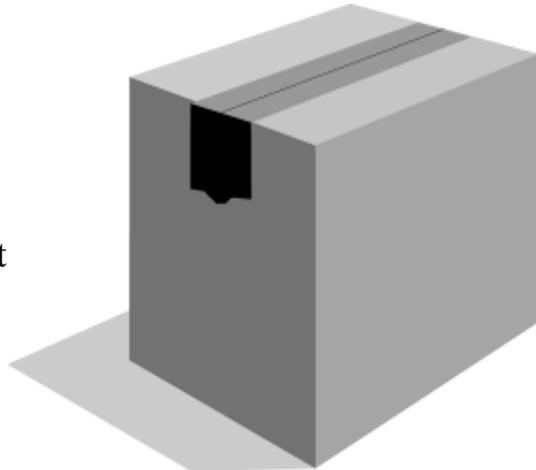
The Beta-Chi Chapter will be emailing news and updates throughout the year. Make sure you don't miss out. Please email Ty Young from Fraternity Management Group at Tyong@FMGTucson.com. We'll add you to the distribution list and keep you up on the news.

Call for Pictures

Are you hiding pictures of your time with Beta-Chi in some old box? If so, pull them out!

The chapter is looking for pictures from the past and present to include in future newsletters. We will return all originals.

Please send to Beta-Chi Photos, c/o Fraternity Management Group, 744 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705-8351. You can also email pictures to Ty Young at Tyoung@FMGTucson.com



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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