



# the Beta-Chi Columns



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## Celebration of the Century

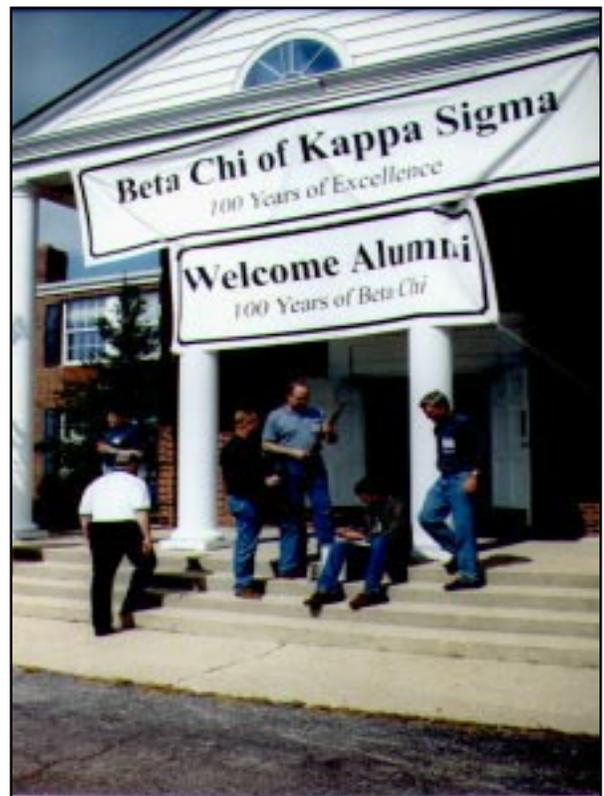
2,200 drinks  
340 alumni, guests, undergrads  
650 meals

On October 10th, and 11th we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the Beta Chi Chapter at the University of Missouri Rolla. The event started with an informal party Friday night at the Chapter House. About 220 attended the event. Friday night was a lot of fun because you were reacquainted with some brothers you have not seen in years.

On Saturday at Noon, over 300 alumni and guests attended the memorabilia party and lunch where alumni brought memorabilia and placed them on display. Thousands of photographs, paddles, cups, and other relics of the past filled the common area. All the old composites were removed from the closet and placed around the house. The new cook, Annie, prepared a great lunch.

The Hall of Fame Banquet Saturday night was the main event. The banquet took place at the Gale Bullman Multi-purpose building. Both alumni and undergraduates spent the previous two days decorating the facility. They filled the ceiling with balloons and placed flower arrangements throughout the building. The tablecloths, napkins, balloons and table decorations were all color coordinated in Kappa Sigma Colors, red, green and white. Thanks to Glen Mabie, Kris Mabie and Mike Murray the facility looked great. Each person received a wine glass monogrammed with the Kappa Sigma Crest and 100-Year logo.

The colorful Paul Fleischut was the Master of ceremonies. Paul introduced our first speaker Jay Goff, Dean of enrollment management at UMR. Jay filled us in with the status of the university and challenged us to help provide



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housing for increasing enrollment at UMR. Jay was responsible for the large enrollment last year. We appreciate Jay's success.

Ron "Spider" Webb took the stage next. Ron is the Supreme Grand Scribe with Kappa Sigma National. Ron was the Kappa Sigma Man of the Year in 1999. Ron was a Phantom pilot during the Vietnam War. He was on a combat mission over North Vietnam when his plane collided with another Phantom. Ron survived the mid-air collision but was captured by the North Vietnamese and held as a POW for 6 years. His first 18 months were spent in solitary confinement. In his cell he had no light, nobody to talk to and only a grass matt to lie on. The only things he had with him were his memories-memories of Kappa Sigma, pledging, school, sports, and friends went through his mind over and over again. This is why our Fraternity means so much to him. His memories of Kappa Sigma kept him going. Ron is truly dedicated to Kappa Sigma. Throughout the weekend he took an active interest in the Beta Chi Chapter. He researched the history of the chapter and shared that information with us Saturday night. We appreciate Ron's efforts to improve the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Our final speaker of the evening was Brother Gary Forsee 69', Chairman and CEO Sprint Corporation. After graduation Brother Bob Glaser, former Senior Vice President of Southwestern Bell, hired Gary. He spent the next 30 years with Southwestern Bell, AT&T, Global One and Sprint.

Gary is active with the March of Dimes. He is also on the UMR Board of Trustees.

In his speech, Gary talked about the positive impact the fraternity has had on his life. In the fraternity he learned the value of friendship, how to work with others and be an effective team member. He visits Rolla and the fraternity often. His presence has a profound impact on the undergraduates. We appreciate Gary's support.

Five brothers were inducted into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame. Three brothers were selected as Beta Chi Men of the Century. Enclosed are the details.

## Don't forget to check us out online!

**There are many more  
pictures from  
Homecoming and more  
news and events  
detailed at:**

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case sensitive)**



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# Undergraduate Brother News

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## Undergraduate Report

The men of Beta-Chi are geared up for another great year. Last semester we were 5<sup>th</sup> in grades, and we are currently in first place in the Greek Week competition. We have also been very active in service, we won the highest participation award for a 5k run/walk to benefit breast cancer, and had highest participation of any organization in the most recent campus blood drive. We also raised over \$200 for the United Way, and donated 360 cans of food to local food banks. Over work weekend, we raised the volleyball court and constructed a retaining wall, and painted most of the interior and the front porch. There are also plans to do several landscaping projects around the house.

This semester we have many events planned including our Theme Party, a camping trip, and the traditional Kappa Sigma Halloween and Christmas Parties. Most importantly, everyone is excited about the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Plans for the festivities are being finalized and everyone is preparing for the events. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

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Zachary Bacon

Grand Master

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## Rush Report

Our summer rush was again very successful. We signed 18 great guys, again one of the largest pledge classes on campus, bringing our in house numbers to 55, and we look forward to initiating them later in the semester. I would like to thank all of the alumni who called or emailed me with contacts for prospective recruits, and I assure you that they were all followed up on. I would like to give a special thanks to Robert Hoffman and Glenn Mabie for opening their houses up to host rush parties over the summer. Your support is a vital part of our success.

Over the summer, we had many great activities including sporting events, comedy clubs, Lake Jacomo BBQ, and the ever-popular Kappa Sigma float trips. We also hosted several parties at undergraduate brother's houses in the St. Louis and Kansas City areas.

Grant Mabie is our newly elected recruitment chair for next year, we are all sure that he will be able to help us get closer to our mark of having a full house. We are already looking to have 5-7 pledges for the spring semester, which would be one of our largest spring classes in the last few years. If you know of anyone who will be coming to Rolla next fall or are willing to host a rush party please contact him at [gjm057@umr.edu](mailto:gjm057@umr.edu) or 573-364-2314 ext 375.



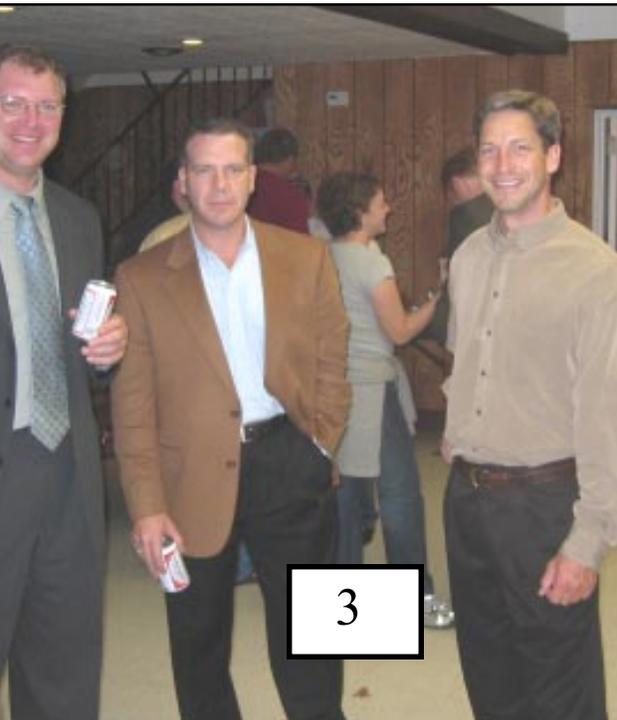


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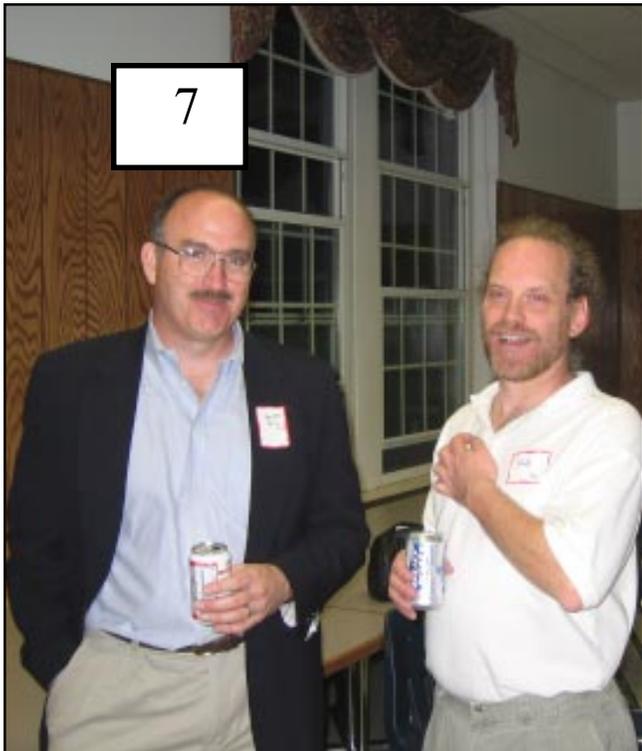
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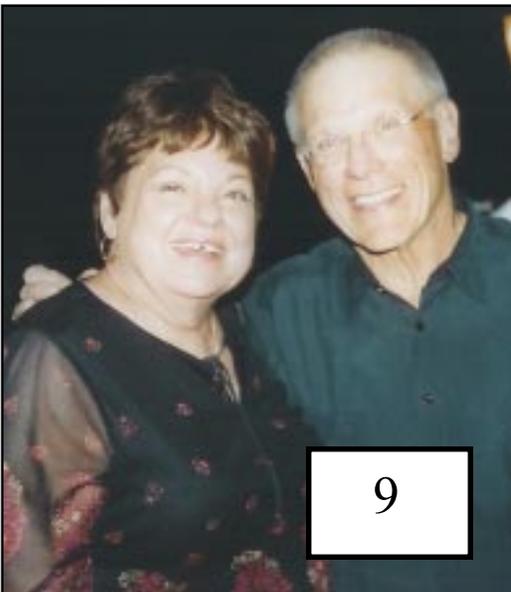
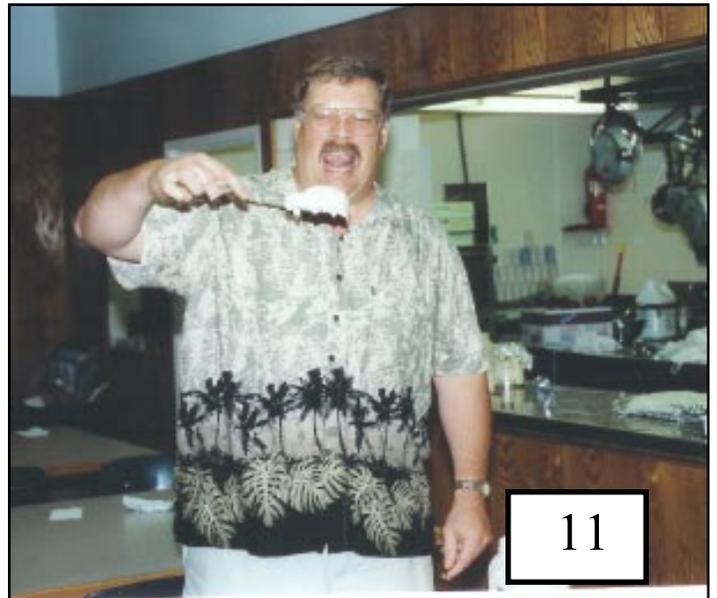


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100TH ANNIVERSARY PICTURES





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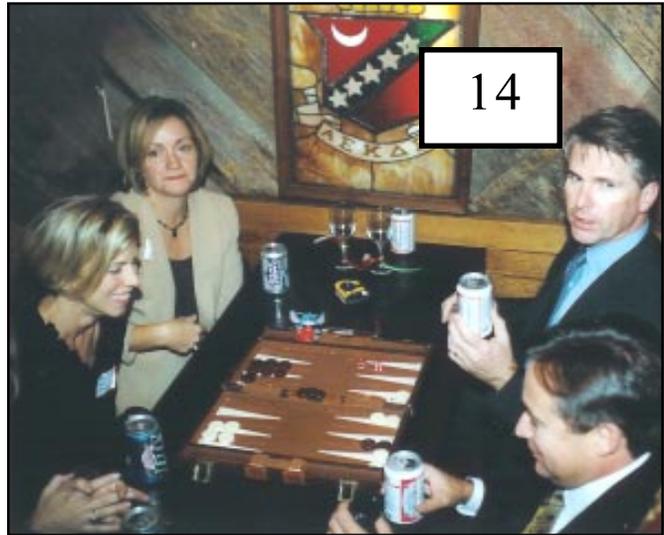
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