



Beta-Chi

Columns

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Homecoming 2006 a Success!



This year at Homecoming, Ted Fiedler '62, Glen Mabie '76, and Greg Raymer '83 were inducted into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame. Glen has Kappa Sigma in his blood. His father, uncle, brother, and son were all Kappa Sigmas. Even his wife, Kris, was a Kappa Sigma sweetheart. Ted Fiedler, a successful business man, ran a printing company and real estate company. Finally, we had the engineer, attorney, and poker champion Greg Raymer. It is not very often you get a chance to party with the Poker Champion of the World. Greg "Fossilman" Raymer '83 was inducted into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame and was selected as the 2006 Beta-Chi Man of the Year. Greg hung out with the guys for the weekend, played poker, and taught them a few tricks of the trade including how to count cards. Greg got his nickname "Fossilman" because he places a fossil on his cards while playing poker. He purchased the fossil for a few dollars in Arizona. People thought the fossil brought Greg luck and they offered him money for the fossil. Greg sold the fossil and the next time he was in

Arizona he purchased a bag of fossils and started selling them. It is not the fossil, we learned. Poker requires skill, knowledge, experience, acting ability, and some luck. The weekend was capped off with the Hall of Fame banquet. The event was held at the chapter house with about 80 undergrads, alumni, and guests in attendance. It was a wonderful event. Our goal with this event was not only to honor our alumni, but to motivate the undergraduates to succeed both academically, professionally, and personally.

More About the Inductees...

Theodore M. Fiedler '62 (Ted)

Brother Fiedler was born in Saint Louis in February of 1942. He grew up in St. Louis, where he attended Cleveland High School. He opted to attend UMR mainly because of their engineering program and also because it was, as a state school, more affordable. Ted credits the rush skills of Charlie Becker '60 and Bill Kirchoff '60 with being a deciding factor in his decision to pledge Kappa Sigma.

Following graduation, Ted was hired as a product engineer for General Electric. Shortly thereafter, he left to attend Officer Candidacy School for the United States Navy to train as a combat engineer. During school, he was stationed in Montgomery, Alabama where he met Penny. They were married July 4, 1968. Ted received a commission as a second lieutenant and spent a year serving in

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Report From the Grand Master

The Beta-Chi chapter of Kappa Sigma has worked hard over the last year to continue building upon our esteemed history. This past year we won the Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence (F.A.C.E.) for the second time in three years. This prestigious award was given to only a few Kappa Sigma chapters west of the Mississippi. Our exemplary competition among the Rolla campus continued with Beta-Chi winning its third Greek Week in the last five years. We are also preparing for the always tight St. Pat's and Greek Sing competitions.

In addition, Beta-Chi continues to flex its influence on campus, winning or being involved with two of the more coveted awards on the University of Missouri-Rolla's campus. The house gave itself to the community and won the Service Award for most charitable house on campus. Notable contributors to this effort were the Kappa Sigma – Zeta Tau Alpha joint fish fry and overly generous brothers volunteering at the fire department.

Kappa Sigma has been pushing hard in rush, initiating 14 quality guys this semester and working towards its largest second semester rush in recent history. This will make great strides in replacing the eight hard working brothers that will graduate this December. In addition, the new Executive Committee has been installed, led by new Grand Master Travis Reed '04. This young EC, consisting of three sophomores and three juniors, will be able to provide positive leadership for years to come.

National Awards

- *Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence (F.A.C.E.)*
- *Chapter Academic Excellence Award*



Homecoming 2006 Continued...

Vietnam. Upon returning from his service overseas, Brother Fiedler started a printing company which he owned for 25 years. He later started the Penthe Group, which is a holding company for small businesses and real estate.

Ted remembers his initiation into Kappa Sigma as 'fantastic' and 'life changing,' and he is thankful for the lifelong friends that he made as an undergraduate at Beta-Chi.



Glenn J. Mabie '76

Brother Mabie is currently the president of Mabie Vac-Formed Plastics, Inc., for whom he has been working for nearly 20 years. Mabie Vac-Formed Plastics is an industry leader in custom plastic signs, display components, and industrial parts since 1955. Prior to his current post as president, he spent eight years as a production engineer for Emerson Electric Company in their Electronics and Space Division. In addition to a successful business career, Glenn is active in the community having served as both a t-ball and baseball coach. He is an active member of the Parents' Club of Oakville High School, and has even volunteered his time and services to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity.

It has been said that there are only two certain things in life – death and taxes. For men in the Mabie family, that list can be amended to include death, taxes, and Beta-Chi. Glenn followed in the footsteps of his father, George Mabie '48, and his uncle, Paul Mabie, Jr. '52, when he was initiated into Kappa Sigma in 1976. His brother, Scott, followed suit in 1982. During his time as an undergraduate at Rolla, Glenn served as grand master, grand treasurer, rush chairman, and as pledge class president. He also met his wife, Kris, at St. Pat's as a sophomore. They have had two children together, Grant and Drew. Grant, like so many other Mabies before him, pledged Beta-Chi and was initiated into Kappa Sigma in 2002.

Glenn thanks the Fraternity for being such a positive influence on his life and for the many friendships he made that have lasted through today. He is a regular fixture at Founders' Day banquets, Homecomings, and Beta-Chi golf tournaments.

Gregory P. Raymer '83 (Greg)

Brother Raymer pledged Beta-Chi while attending UMR in pursuit of a B.S. in chemistry. "Rambo" as he was known at the time, was initiated in 1983 and remained active in the house and in the classroom, serving on and chairing several committees for the chapter while making the Dean's List. He continued his education, earning a Masters in biochemistry from the University of Minnesota in 1988, and concluding by earning a Juris Doctorate, also from the University of Minnesota.

Greg entered the legal world serving as a patent attorney for several law firms before he joined Pfizer in 1998, also as a patent attorney. In 2004, Greg (now also known as the Fossilman) had quite the change in careers when he won the 2004 World Series of Poker, and the 2004 Poker Champion of the World. He is currently a self-employed professional poker player and also a representative of PokerStars.com. He travels the globe playing in many of the major poker tournaments in pursuit of more poker titles.

Greg and his wife, Cheryl, have a daughter, Sophie, age 9.

When asked what Beta-Chi of Kappa Sigma meant to him, he responded, "I had friends before Kappa Sigma and I have made friends since, but never BROTHERS!"

Poker Press Release



Have you ever thought you could beat a poker World Series Champion at his own game? On October 21st of this year, Beta-Chi got just that chance. Greg Raymer '83, 2004 World Series of Poker Champion, returned to UMR during Homecoming to accept Beta-Chi's prestigious Man of the Year Award. Beta-Chi capitalized on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and held a poker tournament in Brother Raymer's honor. Thirty participants entered the tournament, including actives, pledges, alumni, and family. The tournament offered a substantial payout of \$150 for 1st place, \$90 for 2nd place, and \$60 for 3rd place.

Brother Raymer, although being eliminated in 11th place, watched the tournament in its entirety, presenting his signature "fossil" to the winner, Pledge John Clay. The 2nd and 3rd place winners were Brandon Graves '03 and Pledge Mark Acree, respectively.



'58 Reunion in Branson!

As the sun rose the morning of June 21, 2006, the unsuspecting town of Branson, Missouri had no idea what it was in for. The town would soon find itself under a four day siege from the 1958 initiation class of the Beta-Chi chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.



Dick and Barbara Phillips, Roger and Judy Martin, Paul Shy, Tom Gresham, Bill and Missy Sullivan, Bob Glaser, Harold Brady, Bill and Camille Ricketts, Tom and Sally Netzer, Bill Turner, Cary White, Jon Nance, Wayne and Joan Ruck, Terry and Lou Mills, Tom and Dick Scott, Mike and Nancy Burns, Otto and Ann Murray, and Don and Turid Beuerlein arrived and took the town by storm.

Using the Grand Oaks Hotel as a base of operations, the brothers hit the links at the Branson Creek Golf Course while their wives enjoyed Branson's shopping. Additional activities included catching several shows, including the unforgettable Shoji Tabuchi Show, visiting the Showboat Branson Belle, pontooning Table Rock Lake, visiting Table Rock State Park, the usual "eatin', drinkin' and singin'," before enjoying a sumptuous feast at the Radisson and retiring to the Point Royale for a last round-up to hand out awards.

When the four days of rowdy fun were all said and done, the last song sung, the last Lite beer emptied, the Beta-Chi class of '58 returned back to their homes with four days of memories and one burning question:

"Where to raid in 2008?"

New Beta-Chi House

The House Corporation has several challenges in building a new chapter house. They include fundraising, tax deductibility, and site. We have a commitment from the University for the northwest corner of 10th and Highway 63. The University will demolish the old building within the next year making the site available. The block has three homes on the northwest corner that we have been negotiating, with limited success, for these properties. If we are not successful, the Quad site becomes available in a few years.

We have received commitments from several major donors totaling a little more than half of the anticipated \$5,000,000 project cost. We are still seeking major donors. Additionally, Kappa Delta is seriously considering purchasing our old house.

Both the University and the House Corporation have hired consultants, attorneys, and accountants trying to figure out how to make the project 100% tax deductible. If we own the house, the best we could do is 50% deductible. If the University owns the house, it could be a 100% tax deductible project. If we end up with a 50% deductible project, it becomes a \$6,000,000 fundraising campaign. The University is reluctant to take on the liability of owning the house.

Our Current House

Last summer, we spent over \$30,000 on house repairs and could have easily spent another \$30,000. We replaced the bathroom sinks, kitchen walls, kitchen floor and plumbing, foyer carpet, living room carpet, and purchased some furniture. The fire marshal recently informed us that our kitchen hood and fire suppression system do not meet current codes and must be completely replaced at a cost of about \$20,000. The current house is 37 years old and is at a point where it needs to be completely remodeled or replaced. I hope we can count on your support.



Annual Giving During 2005-06



The following alumni have made a contribution to our Annual Fund, Educational Foundation, and Housing Corporation during the last year (October 2005 - November 2006). Thank you! Your support makes a difference.

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We apologize for anyone who has made a contribution that is not included on this list. Please contact Craig Lowden at 800.228.7326 or craig.lowden@fmgtucson.com so that you can be properly recognized!

Alumni Updates

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John currently lives in Green Valley, Arizona with his wife, Katherine K. Tennis - Frame. He is retired and has one daughter, Susan E. Jackson.

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Thomas Sonderman '81

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Dan Lumma was initiated in 1985 and graduated in 1990.

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