

# BETA-CHI C LUMMINS

KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | SPRING 2011



## WE ARE ONLY \$259,000 AWAY FROM OUR GOAL

- *We need Your Help to Re-open Doors for Undergraduates Next School Year*
- *Grand Opening Set for Homecoming 2011*

We continue to make great progress on the new Beta-Chi Chapter House. You can see from the pictures that the roof, addition, underground storm drains, and rough grading have been completed. Most of the internal framing, wiring, and plumbing are also checked off our to-do list. Drywall started in mid-January and parking lots started in November.

To date, we have raised \$2,240,804 in gifts and pledges to the *Securing the Future for the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma* campaign. We hope to raise **at least** \$2.5 million of the \$4.3 million project cost in order to re-open our doors to the undergraduates next school year. The undergraduates have been living in two apartments provided by the house corporation. The Buehler building holds 52 members and the Forum apartments hold another 20 members.



Remember, all donations are now eligible for tax deductibility through the Beta-Chi Educational Foundation. Please consider your pledge to support the rebuilding of the Beta-Chi Chapter House. Multi-year pledges (over five years), as well as one-time gifts, can make a great impact. Several Brothers have also found it very easy to make their gifts online at [www.beta-chi.com](http://www.beta-chi.com). I thank you for your commitment to and support of this project—the **greatest project ever undertaken by Beta-Chi**. Please send in your pledge or donation now to help us reach our goal.

I hope to see many Brothers soon at St. Pat's on March 10-12 where we will have an informal gathering at C&M Billiards (207 West 9th and across the street from the Beuhler Building). While the undergraduates are fully participating, the house will not be open by that date, but we look forward to a big gathering for St. Pat's 2012! I encourage you to mark your calendar for our Hall of Fame celebration during Homecoming 2011 on Saturday, October 8, where we will also have a grand opening of the Chapter House.

*Most of the internal framing, wiring, and plumbing are checked off our to-do list.*

A.E.K.A.B.,  
**Robert Hoffmann '78**, Campaign Chairman



*The roof has been raised already and the drywall started in mid-January and parking lots started in November.*

## Thoughts from a Volunteer

"I want to thank you, Robert, for asking me to join the fund raising team. At first I anticipated an opportunity to get in touch with my pledge Brothers from 1975, see how they were doing, and ask them to pledge or donate. Now I can say that I've been provided a deeper understanding of who I am as an alumnus of Beta-Chi. It's my current membership in Kappa Sigma that is important right now, not the fact I used to live with you guys while at MST. Pledges and donations made towards our house is an opportunity that is at all of our feet right now. Not an obligation or burden, but a chance to make a difference in the lives of the young fellows following in our footsteps. They will get their chance to do this in the next 30 or 40 years. Thanks again Robert!

A.E.K.A.B.,  
**Mark White '75**

## UNDERGRADUATES EXCITED TO RETURN TO CHAPTER HOUSE IN THE FALL

Beta-Chi Adds 30 Brothers During Recruitment



Zach Purol '08, Travis Stewart '09, Sam Jansen '10, Austin Mehner '08,  
David Muller '09, Eric LaPietra '10, Tyler Gach '08,  
Braxton Hoenes '10, and Nick Smith '10



Chris Healy '08, Nate McGee '08,  
Schott Hacker '08, and Kyle Dibbler '10

The Brothers of Beta-Chi were hard at work this past fall. Despite our current displacement from our Chapter House, I am happy to report that the brotherhood is stronger than ever. Everyone has taken the extra effort to make sure our situation is used as a chance to focus and improve on what we have always done. Even though we all dearly miss our house, this semester has only proved what we already know—it is not a house that defines a fraternity, but the brothers and brotherhood that live in it.

Even without the Chapter House, Beta-Chi had a very successful recruitment season and was able to add 30 Brothers to our noble Order. This new member class has proved to be a very exciting group of guys who have already taken on executive committee positions and other vital roles.

Furthermore, Beta-Chi has been a force on the field. In the annual Greek Week competition, we took a strong second place finish. Beta-Chi per-

formed valiantly and we are looking forward to taking the field of competition again next fall. We have also had a very solid start to intramurals this semester with a first place finish in Ultimate Frisbee and swimming.

Next fall when we have settled into our brand new house, we hope you will have a chance to visit and check out the new place. We are already very proud of it and are also very grateful for the generosity of the alumni that made it possible. I feel like the new Chapter House will be the beginning of a long string of great things to come for Beta-Chi.



A.E.K.A.B.,  
**Ryan Foshage '08**  
Grand Master  
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rmf446@mst.edu

## WELCOME, NEW BROTHERS!

**John Armstrong**  
Rolla, Mo.

**Jeremy Covey**  
Fulton, Mo.

**Josh Grobe**  
Webster Groves, Mo.

**Kyle Jamison**  
St. Charles, Mo.

**Jacob Meier**  
Pacific, Mo.

**Jared Backues**  
Westphalia, Mo.

**Ethan Cusack**  
Valley Park, Mo.

**Andrew Hennessey**  
Wentzville, Mo.

**Sam Jansen**  
Des Peres, Mo.

**Christopher Parks**  
Granite City, Ill.

**Drew Barfield**  
St. Charles, Mo.

**John DeMartino**  
St. Louis, Mo.

**Braxton Hoenes**  
Beardstown, Ill.

**Don Jordan**  
Kirkwood, Mo.

**Brendan Proske**  
Florissant, Mo.

**Steven Bearden**  
Fenton, Mo.

**Kyle Dibler**  
Florissant, Mo.

**Patrick Hope**  
Nevada, Mo.

**Joseph Kurtz**  
Mount Vernon, Mo.

**Ben Prueter**  
Overland Park, Kan.

**Matt Beasley**  
Rolla, Mo.

**Jeff Fritzmeyer**  
Chesterfield, Mo.

**Adam Hussey**  
St. Charles, Mo.

**Eric LaPietra**  
Lee's Summit, Mo.

**Chris Rice**  
Hazelwood, Mo.

**Andrew Christian**  
Maryville, Mo.

**Jermy Jamison**  
Lone Jack, Mo.

**Caleb Rogers**  
Wilmington, Mo.

February 19  
PRO Day

March 4  
PRO Day

March 12  
St. Patrick's  
Day Parade

March 19  
Kappa Sigma and  
Zeta Tau Alpha  
Fish Fry

March 28  
Spring Break

April 8  
PRO Day

April 30  
PRO Day

May 2  
Finals Begin



## GARY FORSEE '69 RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SYSTEM

*Commitment and Service  
to the University Are Highly Regarded*

*Courtesy of Jennifer Hollingshead, University of Missouri System Web site news release*

In January, **Gary D. Forsee '69**, president of the University of Missouri System, told curators in a special meeting that he is stepping down from his role, effective immediately, "solely for personal reasons."

Gary's wife, Sherry, is recovering well from recent surgery and will "soon begin a treatment regimen to ensure she remains cancer-free." Gary also added, "I'd like to extend my special thanks to all of you for your support over the past several years and for your important service to this university."

The board will begin a search immediately for the 23rd system president and in the meantime, curators have appointed Steve Owens, general counsel, as interim president. The team under Gary's leadership has accomplished much in the past several years. These accomplishments include:

- Reinvigoration of the system's research and economic development program, including a \$5-million Enterprise Investment Program to support business collaboration with university researchers;
- Consistently strong operating performance during the most challenging economic climate due to strategic financial decisions and stringent cost controls that resulted in improved credit ratings

- Implementation of a comprehensive system of accountability measures to support more transparent operations and performance;
- Advocacy for more competitive faculty and staff salaries and benefits;
- Creation of the new University of Missouri Health Care enterprise;
- Agreement with Gov. Nixon, the General Assembly and the campuses to hold tuition flat for two years, and leadership in achieving parity on Access Missouri scholarships for public and private higher education students; and
- Achievement of \$115 million in documented cost savings through campus and system efficiency and effectiveness measures.

In a letter to University employees, Gary said it has been an honor to serve as president for the past three years, and committed his full support to the University of Missouri System long into the future. "The University President's role is a statewide, '24X7' commitment to support the teaching, research, service, and economic development mission of our four campuses," he said. "This is a role both Sherry and I have taken on, and with passion. We have enjoyed the opportunity to serve our state and help in any way we could during what has certainly proven to be a challenging time."

The thoughts and prayers of fellow Beta-Chi brothers are with the Foresees in this difficult time.

## Initiates of 1960 Celebrate 50 Years

By Bill Kirchoff '60



The Beta-Chi 1960 initiates and friends recently held a 50 year anniversary of initiation reunion at Hilton Head, South Carolina. We have been gathering every few years, often outside of the United States. Amazingly, everyone still scales in at their college weight and is also better looking! Thinking about California in 2012. Saddle up!

**Travis Salvo**  
Columbia, Mo.

**Juston Sanger**  
St. Joseph, Mo.

**Curtis Simmonds**  
Greenville, Ill.

**Herman Singhe**  
Fenton, Mo.

**Nick Smith**  
St. Charles, Mo.

## ALUMNUS REFLECTS ON GENEROSITY OF PREVIOUS BROTHERS

### *Hall of Fame Inductee Dave Smith '80*

**Dave Smith '80** received a lifetime of leadership skills and opportunities from Kappa Sigma at Missouri S&T. It was Beta-Chi's strong sense of tradition that drew Dave to its doors. There he joined his brother, **Tom '77**, as a Beta-Chi. Not long after initiation Dave quickly became involved in all his Chapter had to offer. He loyally served as assistant house steward, house steward, recruitment chairman, vice president, and represented Kappa Sigma on the Interfraternity Council at Missouri S&T.



After successfully earning his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1983, Dave began working at his first of seven steel mills. After a few years of experience, Dave's talents afforded him the opportunity to help start two new steel mills from the ground up. Dave can attribute much of his career success to lessons learned at Kappa Sigma. "It turns out in business that very few people who work by themselves gain success." Dave feels that the greatest lesson

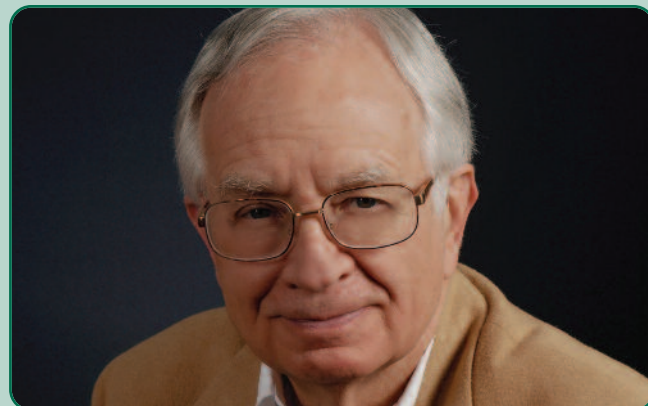
he learned while at Kappa Sig was that the largest accomplishments were a direct result of working on a team. His ease in social situations and around people is due to constantly being around his Brothers for four years. This shaped his personality and, in return, his business sense.

Thinking back on his time as an undergraduate, Dave remembers learning how to work with people from different backgrounds and experiences. He is also thankful for the great men he has remained friends with beyond college.

When Dave is not working for Nucor Steel as their vice president and general manager in Plymouth, Utah, he is home with his wife of 26 years, Marsha. Their three children: Kim, Brian, and Sam, are all recent college graduates and off to the next phase of their lives. After work and on weekends Dave finds time to backpack, snowboard, run, and bike in the mountains of Utah. He has also been involved in many philanthropic endeavors since college. Dave has served as chairman for Auburn Memorial Hospital in Auburn, New York, headed a youth soccer association, worked with the Rocky Mountain Boy Scouts of America, and sits on the board for the Boys and Girls Club of Box Elder County.

Dave's strong belief that Kappa Sigma was such an excellent influence on him is due to "the support of Kappa Sigma Brothers before us, who had the foresight and generosity to provide excellent facilities." Dave continues to give to Kappa Sigma because he knows his support of this organization is what will allow Beta-Chi to maintain its excellent reputation and strong traditions.

If you wish to get in touch with Dave, you can contact him at [dave.smith@nucor.com](mailto:dave.smith@nucor.com).



## TERRY MILLS '58 WELCOMED INTO HALL OF FAME

**Terry Mills '58** has been in the investment business since 1967. Working for various firms, including Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, he was a branch manager for 18 years, a certified financial planner, and an investment manager analyst. But Kappa Sigma met Terry when he was just beginning on this path his adult life.

"The whole fraternity and undergraduate experience is the basis for whatever success I've had professionally. One of the primary benefits of this time was that I was able to witness different styles of leadership and be a leader while I was there. Those experiences are more important than all of the technical things you learn in school."

Terry did take advantage of the opportunities Kappa Sigma and the University provided. Besides a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering with the nuclear option, he served as grand master of ceremonies and as president of the engineering fraternity, Theta Tau.

This understanding of the importance of service and leadership has carried through to positions within the Episcopal church, on the vestry and as a trustee at his church. Even the friendships initiated in Kappa Sigma remain, with pledge class reunions every few years.

"My favorite memories are of hanging out, intramural sports, and going to Brothers' homes. Many of these friendships are ongoing—50 years later we are still talking."

From his home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with his wife, Louella, Terry considers the present moment, as well as the experiences that future Brothers will have as members of the Fraternity. "The new house will be a tremendous asset for the undergraduates. It will make the Fraternity stronger for the Brothers' own living and study standards, helping them to accomplish even more. I am honored that I have been selected as a member of the Hall of Fame at such an important moment."

Terry can be reached at [terrylou@cox.net](mailto:terrylou@cox.net).

# Thank You, Loyal Alumni, for Securing Beta-Chi's Future

We are deeply grateful to the following Beta-Chi Brothers for committing \$2,240,804 to *Securing the Future for the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma* Campaign. These Brothers have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our \$2.5 million goal and complete this major project. All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500,

over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated Chapter House. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so that we may make a correction. Thank you to our loyal alumni!

## **Beta-Chi Founders Society** *(\$1,000,000 and above)*

Theodore A. Ruppert '49

## **Miner Society** *(\$500,000 to \$999,999)*

## **Hartzell Society** *(\$250,000 to \$499,999)*

## **Star and Crescent Society** *(\$100,000 to \$249,999)*

Gary Forsee '69  
Hoffmann Family Gift  
Robert Hoffmann '78  
Tom Hoffmann '80  
Stephen Hoffmann '02  
Brian N. Hall '80

## **46 East Lawn Society** *(\$50,000 to \$99,999)*

Donald E. Beuerlein '58  
Bill Ricketts '58  
Wayne Ruck '58

## **Five Friends and Brothers Society** *(\$25,000 to \$49,999)*

Andrew J. Baum  
Mr. and Mrs.  
Timothy Houghton '63  
Brian Houghton  
Foundation Fund of the  
Greater Saint Louis  
Community Foundation  
Lance M. Killoran '69  
Thomas R. Gredell '76  
Tom Smith '77  
David Smith '80  
Mr. and Mrs.  
Jim Von Behren '80

## **Ritual Society** *(\$10,000 to \$24,999)*

Carolyn Becker  
In memory of  
Charles P. Becker Jr. '60  
John Evans '48  
Robert Glasser '58  
Terry L. Mills '58  
Ira R. "Dick" Phillips '58  
In memory of  
the Class of 1958  
Tom Gresham '59  
Clinton A. Clark '60  
William S. Kirchoff Sr. '60  
In memory of  
Charles P. Becker '60  
Ed Kopaskie '60  
In memory of  
Bob Elliott  
Theodore M. Fiedler '62

R. George Calkins Jr. '69  
John Pepper '69  
Ken H. Arnsmeier '70  
Mike Meyer '71  
William P. Alt '75  
Mark R. White '75  
Brian J. Grant '78  
J. Barry Sheldon '78  
Mike Wrob '78  
Paul T. Demizk '80  
Tom Hoffmann '80  
John Remmers '81  
Gratia and  
James Telthorst '81  
In memory of  
Harold M. Telthorst '42 and  
Edgar J. Telthorst '47  
William L. Kovacich '82

## **My Brother's Keeper Society** *(\$5,000 to \$9,999)*

Norman E. Hart '53  
Betty and William Demzik '55  
William "Andy" Anderson '59  
Thomas Barber '61  
Rich Heppe '68  
Gary Abernathy '71  
Gary Leemann '71  
Bill Wagener '71  
In honor of the  
Pledge Class of 1971  
Patrick Owen '73  
Paul Vetter '73  
T. Mark Drumm '74  
Frank J. Jost '74  
David L. Perry, Ph.D. '74  
Gary E. Roebke '74  
Ronald K. Acker '75  
Glenn J. Mabie '76  
Paul Fleischut '82  
David J. Vitale '82  
Fred W. Niemeier '92  
Jason Holschen '94  
Seth M. Hanebutt '96

## **White Columns Society** *(\$2,500 to \$4,999)*

James "Jim" O. Murray '57  
William L. Sullivan III '57  
In memory of  
William L. Sullivan Jr. '33  
Thomas L. Scott '58  
Dennis G. Dreyer '60  
In memory of  
Charles P. Becker Jr. '60  
JJ Gianquinto '60  
Cary D. White '60  
Richard L. Schmidt '61  
In memory of  
1201 State Street  
William A. Turner '61

David A. Wayne '62  
June C. Thomason Jr '64  
In memory of  
Charles P. Becker '60  
Ray A. Behrens '65  
Robert J. Riley '65  
In memory of  
Doug Lauck '66  
Don and Maureen Bourne '67  
Pat "Bonus" Godwin '69  
Jerry W. Kiel '69  
Stew Scott '71  
Ted Bestor '75  
Stephen Ernst '75  
Edward C. Jantosik Jr. '76  
Paul Reed '76  
Jeffrey P. Hillemeier '78  
David B. Wilhide '78  
Edward J. Bradley Jr. '81  
Daniel F. Conway '82  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard T.  
Bradley '84  
Steven R. Sieckhaus '84  
Daniel H. Lumma '86  
Peter A. Joyce '92  
Daniel Anderson '01  
Kevin J. Hudson '03

## **Brotherhood Society** *(\$1,000 to \$2,499)*

Walter Knecht '45  
George W. Mabie '47  
Les C. Daniels '55  
Charles "Bob" Hoffman '55  
George T. Hughes '55  
John "Jerry" Borman '56  
Harold D. Meisenheimer '56  
In memory of the  
Pledge Class of 1956  
Richard K. Oberlander '56  
In memory of  
O.R. Nichols '56  
William J. James '57  
Leroy F. Manor '57  
In memory of  
Charles P. Becker Jr. '60  
Mike Burns '58  
Roger T. Martin '58  
In honor of the  
Pledge Class of 1958  
Antonio D. Pezza '58  
J. Derald Morgan '59  
Robert H. Gardner '60  
In memory of  
Paul Shy '58  
J. Thomas Netzer '60  
Gene Roeder '60  
Don Bacich '61  
Mike Woldman '61  
James D. Chase '63  
Gene Foshage '63

## CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

*As of February 11, 2011*

\$4 Million Project  
\$2,240,804 Total Contributions  
961 Mailable Alumni  
222 Pledges to Date

Mark A. Martin Sr. '63  
In memory of  
Richard Woolberg  
Steven J. Seay '63  
Leonard J. Bornemann '65  
Terry Broccard '65  
Roger L. Easterday '67  
Tim Vicente '67  
Dave Krueger '68  
V. Michael Alverson '70  
Anthony G. Bommarito '70  
Michael O. Chase '71  
Dennis B. Wehmeyer '71  
J.C. Griese '72  
In memory of  
Mike Griffin '72  
David R. Breece '73  
Kent S. Springer '74  
Mark Gredell '75  
Mark Suellentrop '75  
James H. "Howboy" Howe '76  
Dieter J. Becker '77  
Andrew Tayon Jr. '77  
John J. Laschober '78  
Richard F. Manning '78  
H. John Vetter II '81  
Dan Ross '82  
VanDorfy Family Gift  
Michael R. VanDorfy Sr. '58  
Michael R. VanDorfy Jr. '83  
Timothy D. Litsch '86  
Bob Fischer '87  
Brian A. Lowry '96  
In memory of  
Dain Kamman '97  
Jason L. Schroeder '96  
In honor of  
organ donation  
Issa and Mike D. Allega '98  
William S. Parle '00  
Zachary A. Bacon '01  
James Luntz '02  
Grant J. Mabie '02  
Aaron J. Prewitt '02  
Jason M. Williams '03  
Michael B. Lancey '03  
Ryan M. DuPatz '04

Gregory C. Moore '04  
Zachery Anderson-Boland '05  
Chad Brenton '05  
Dustin Fox '05  
Mark Bunch '05  
Adam Hilgedick '05  
Matthew Lyons '05  
Jake Walker '05  
Caleb Bredlow '06  
John Clay '06  
Nicholas Cochran '06  
Patrick Lancey '06  
Max Boeh '07  
Brian Garber '07  
Michael D. Lyons '07  
Zach O'Hanlan '07  
Nolan Rasmussen '07  
Matt Shell '07  
Clint Strieker '07  
Patrick Versteeg '07  
Elias Borton '08  
Zachary Branham '08  
David Cashier '08  
Nicholas Faria '08  
Chris Ferguson '08  
Tyler Gach '08  
Chris Garner '08  
Andrew Glover '08  
Scott Hacker '08  
Michael Jurgensmeyer '08  
Brandon Luebbering '08  
Austin Mehner '08  
Jeremy Schoor '08  
Jake Shults '08  
Otha Stone '08  
Travis Winkelmann '08  
Michael Worms '08  
William T. Davis Jr '09  
Robert Foote '09  
Chris Healy '09  
John Kraus '09  
Drew Krump '09  
Neal Mahoney '09  
Samuel Rothove '09  
Travis Stewart '09  
Blake Harrison '10

# Save the Date!

St. Pat's Celebration  
March 10-12

Stop by C&M Billiards at  
207 W. 9th Street  
after the parade!

Saturday, October 8, 2011  
Beta-Chi Chapter House  
Grand Opening  
Hall of Fame  
Homecoming Banquet

## Websites

Beta-Chi  
[www.beta-chi.com](http://www.beta-chi.com)

Kappa Sigma National  
[www.kappasigma.org](http://www.kappasigma.org)

# BETA-CHI COLUMNS

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ATTENTION: *This newsletter is intended for alumni, undergraduates, and parents. If your Kappa Sigma son is still attending Missouri University of Science and Technology, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.*

## PLEDGE CLASS OF 1957 REUNITES FOR FELLOWSHIP

*By: Bill Ricketts '58*



The pledge class of 1957 has been having a biannual reunion for the last several years and it seems like each one is better than the one before. In 2010, we were at the Clarion Resort Hotel in Branson, Missouri, and we opened up the invitation to encourage folks from all of the 1950s to attend. We also reduced the number of "official" program activities to allow more fellowship time.

The reunion committee consisted of **Tom Netzer '60**, **Bill Ricketts '58**, **Bill Turner '61**, and **Cary White '60**, who all did an excellent job. We had a turnout of 25 Kappa Sigma Brothers, with 19 spouses and friends, for a total of 44. Not everyone made it to every event, but they all had a great time. Those in attendance included Beta-Chi brothers from 1954 through 1961. In addition, 13 of the spouses had dated their husband during our Beta-Chi years and were familiar not only with the house but also with all the Brothers—an all-inclusive reunion.

One high point was the closing dinner on Saturday night with our guest entertainer "Elvis." **Tom Gresham '59** and Judy Overton were able to get one of the best Elvis impersonators that I have ever seen and he brought a real '50s atmosphere to the event. However, as good he was, the true highlight was watching the fellowship of the Brothers. There were several cases where the brothers had not seen each other in over 50 years and yet, instantly, it was as if there had never been a separation. Believe me, A.E.K.A.B. is real!

