

HOUSE CORPORATION PLANS FUTURE OF BETA CHI

- Board members evaluate systems and relationship with Chapter, implement processes to increase efficiency
- 40-year-old Chapter House is showing its age
- House Corporation hires Investment Realty to manage property, conduct inspections, and repair damages

I want to first thank the members of the House Corporation and volunteers who have helped us through some major changes at Kappa Sigma: **Ted Ruppert '49, Bill Ricketts '58, Bill Kirchoff '60, Ron Acker '75, Ed Jantosik '76, Rich Manning '78, Brian Hall '80, Dan Conway '82, Steve Sieckhaus '84, Pete Joyce '91, Stephen Hoffmann '02, Grant Mabie '02, and Aaron Prewitt '02.** They have spent countless hours working. Thanks!



The House Corporation members have hired Investment Realty to manage the Chapter House and its financials, inspect rooms at move-in and move-out, and repair damages.

Over the last year the House Corporation members evaluated our systems and relationship with the undergraduate Chapter. We have thoroughly reviewed our financial situation, condition of our house, systems, and processes for managing Kappa Sigma and the House Corporation. We evaluated some of the most successful chapters across the country, interviewing house corporation presidents from California to Mizzou. They were generous enough to share their operations, and we are excited about what we found and the changes we are making that will take Kappa Sigma into the next century.

House Corporation is assessing the future to address these issues and is dedicated to providing a housing plan and facility that matches the quality of our undergraduate Chapter.

When looking at the condition of our own Chapter House, it is apparent that significant upgrades are needed. Our 18,000-square-foot house is 40 years old, dated, and has MEP systems that are worn out. Our room layout does not meet current student needs. Our group showers are not desirable and scare away potential members. Our life safety systems need updating. The

However, having quality housing is just one step in the process. A comprehensive facility management plan should complement any potential investment in housing. We have recently implemented new systems and completely changed the relationship between the House Corporation and the undergraduates. These systems are strongly encouraged by Kappa

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Beta-Chi is working to provide a housing plan that addresses the needs of today's student. While the Beta-Chi Chapter House has served the Chapter well for over 40 years, changes are required to meet current undergraduate need in regards to space, privacy, and technology. In addition, all systems are in need of an overhaul with special focus on fire safety.

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Kappa Sigma Strives for Excellence

- Chapter enforces mandatory study hours
- Beta-Chi initiates 29 new members
- Kappa Sig to host fifth annual fish fry philanthropy

The Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma has always dedicated itself to becoming one of the top chapters in the nation.

Scholarship

Beta-Chi enforces supervised, quiet study hours for all members who have yet to prove themselves academically. Everyone on academic probation completes a weekly grade sheet, and Brothers are encouraged to form study groups within the Chapter and with fellow classmates.

Fellowship

Our brotherhood events committee arranges



The Chapter members participate in a variety of campus activities during Greek Week, including float building, and in the last five years have won first place twice and runner-up three times.

weekly events, including pool tournaments, limerick contests, karaoke contests, trivia nights, and participation in all 18 intramural sports offered by the university. Last year we had the pleasure of aiding in the installation of the Pi-Eta Chapter in Joplin, Missouri, because of our exemplary performance in previous initiations. In addition, we sent Kappa Sigma apparel to a Brother who is serving in Iraq. Perhaps the best example of our fellowship is our success in Greek Week. In the last five years we garnered first place finishes twice and finishing runner-up the other three years.

Leadership

Our members hold leadership positions in numerous campus organizations, including multiple professional societies, the campus radio station, Interfraternity Council, and Engineers without Borders.

Service

Beta-Chi contributes hundreds of hours to the freshman orientation program, honor societies, and prospective student activities. We adopted a highway near the house and clean up trash on a regular basis and maintain trails at a local park. Our largest service event is our annual fish fry. We have raised more than \$5,000 for local and national charities, includ-



Members of Beta-Chi volunteer hundreds of hours each year in the Rolla community, including Habitat for Humanity, the Phelps Regional Medical Center, and maintaining walking trails at a local park.

ing Habitat for Humanity and Phelps County Regional Medical Center.

Recruitment

We started the semester with a record 34 new members and are proud to report that we welcomed 29 new members into our brotherhood in February. To find more information about recruitment and other Chapter news, visit our newly updated Web site, www.beta-chi.com. And remember, stop by the Chapter House the next time you are in Rolla; we love to hear from you!

Fraternally,

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Hall of Fame Inductee Honored at Homecoming 2008

MIKE MEYER '71 FEELS INDEBTED TO BETA-CHI

When **Mike Meyer '71** joined Kappa Sigma he did not know the far-reaching impact it would have on his academic and professional life.

Mike was involved in both fraternity and campus activities and served as grand master for Beta-Chi. "I worked on anything I could to improve the status and image of Kappa Sigma." In addition to campus activities, Beta-Chi motivated Mike to work hard on his academics. He received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1975, an MBA from St. Louis University in 1988, and a professional degree in mechanical engineering from MS&T in 2000.

Following his graduation in 1975, Brother Meyer



worked for Shell Oil Company before beginning a 30 year career at Anheuser-Busch Companies, where he retired as group director of brewing engineering & technology in 2008.

As an alumnus, Mike is involved with both his alma mater and his Chapter. He is a past president of the Academy of Mechanical Engineers, a member of OGS, has been involved with student recruiting, placement and advising, and has served as an ambassador promoting Kappa Sigma and fraternity life to incoming students. Mike believes it is important to support the Fraternity and its lifelong brotherhood. "Beta-Chi changed my life. It taught me humility, teamwork, leadership, and to always strive to do my best. I have made lifelong friends at Beta-Chi and will be forever in debt to our Fraternity."

Beta-Chi Gives Alumnus Lifelong Friendships

SPOTLIGHT ON STEVE MALCOLM '70

Steve Malcolm '70 was first introduced to Kappa Sigma by a friend, and he decided to join after attending several recruitment parties. "I met the Brothers during a couple of summer events. I liked the group I met, and the old house on State Street had a lot of character. I felt that Kappa Sig would work well for me."



"Overall, it was a great experience, and I really enjoy it when I get to see any of the Brothers today."

Beta-Chi gave Steve many wonderful memories and lasting friendships. Some of his favorite memories include the all-night poker games, late-night bull sessions, the special party weekends, cramming for exams, participating in intramural sports, and simply the close friendships and camaraderie with the Brothers.

The men of Beta-Chi made a lasting impact on Steve during a formative time in his life. "Overall, it was a great experience, and I really enjoy it when I get to see any of the Brothers today. Last fall I played golf with **Duane Vaughan '70**, and I have seen **Gary Forsee '71** several times over the past few years.

Steve is chairman, president, and CEO of Williams, an integrated energy company headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In his free time he enjoys playing tennis, reading, traveling, and staying in touch with his daughter, Rebecca, an attorney in Washington, D.C. Steve and his wife, Gwen, live in Tulsa. E-mail: steve.malcolm@williams.com.

BETA-CHI CHAPTER RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Beta-Chi Chapter was honored at the Multi-District Grand Conclave on September 27, 2008, and received the Highest Level of Chapter Proficiency award by achieving a 92% increase of ritual proficiency during 2007-08. Also, Beta-Chi Chapter was awarded the Action Chapter and Greater Cause Excellence awards for most improved achievement in Kappa Sigma's A Greater Cause Program. The collegians volunteered a record 1,026.5 service hours. While at the conclave, six undergraduate Brothers committed to become One of Jackson's Men, each pledging to donate \$1,000-\$1,500 to Kappa Sigma. *Congratulations, Beta-Chi!*

THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI

Thank you to the alumni, parents, and friends listed below who contributed to the Annual Fund or Educational Foundation in 2008. Your contributions support scholarships, alumni programming and events, and chapter house maintenance. Your support makes a difference!

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| Lance M. Killoran '69 | Brian Koscielski '96 |
| Richard J. Lacavich '69 | Jason L. Schroeder '96 |
| Anthony G. Bommarito '70 | Kevin R. Volk '01 |
| Douglas E. Gale '70 | John R. Crownhart '03 |
| Stephen H. Miesner '70 | Nick Olson '04 |



101st St. Pat's Celebration the Best Ever

Kappa Sigma started strong this St. Pat's in the Follies with a solid top ten list that left the crowd amazed and laughing. This began the biggest celebration in Rolla since last year. The 101st Best Ever St. Pat's brought the past, present, and future of Kappa Sigma to Rolla, Missouri. Kappa Sigma was honored to have undergraduate brother **Chris Smith '06** as the Herald on St. Pat's court and the presence of many alumni who made trips from across the nation to mid-Missouri. **Mike Myer '70**, newly inducted into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame, made his presence known and had a good time. The St. Pat's parade was a central part of the celebration as many Kappa Sigs and others gathered to celebrate the best week of the year. Thirty freshmen enjoyed having the alumni in town and enjoyed their first St. Pat's celebration. The 101st truly was the best ever.



Above: Kappa Sigma alumnus rocking out on the drums during the parade. Right: Brothers Greg Moore '04, Everett Probasco '04, and Cary Cooper '04 smiling for the camera as they wait for the 101st St. Pat's parade to begin.

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Recruitment Events

- May 1 St. Louis Deathball Event
- May 21 St. Louis Virtual Sports/Minor League Event
- May 28 Kansas City T-Bones Game
- June 6 St. Louis Event
- June 10 Kansas City Party at Lancey's
- June 26 Springfield Event
- June 29 St. Louis Rascals Game
- July 11 Kansas City Lake Jacomo Event

Visit our Web site, www.Beta-Chi.com, for more information about upcoming recruitment events or to make a recommendation for membership.

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

Lowell H. Hiners '63 passed on to Chapter Celestial on February 16, 2008. He graduated from UMR in 1959. He is survived by his wife, Madelyn. He lived in Wichita at the time of his death.

Carl O. Olfe '50 passed on to Chapter Celestial on January 6, 2009. He was a resident of St. Louis, Mo., and is survived by his wife, Dorothy.

Charles P. Becker Jr. '63 passed on to Chapter Celestial on November 19, 2008. He graduated with a degree in metallurgical engineering and was the St. Pat in 1963. After college he served in the Army during Vietnam. When he was discharged, he worked for several companies and in 1974 started his business, The Beckwood Corporation. In the early years of the company, he sold wood heating products and did fireplace installation. Later he manufactured high-efficiency wood-burning stoves, fireplaces, inserts and fireplace glass doors and designed and manufactured hydraulic presses. Charles is survived by his wife, Carolyn, sons Stephen, Marc, and Charles III, and daughter Valerie. He was a resident of Kirkwood, Mo.

James A. Warner '64 passed on to Chapter Celestial on August 9, 2008. He was a resident of Springboro, Ohio, and is survived by his wife.

ALUMNI NEWS

Albert T. Sindel '39 and his wife, Lillian, live in Canon City, Colo. They have four children: Sandra, Sherry, A.T. II, and Laurie.

Harry J. Kruger '52 is busy in retirement taking gun engraving, glass blowing, and ceramics classes in addition to earning his MBA. He enjoys playing golf, trap shooting, playing his musical instruments, and reading. Harry and his wife, June, live in Long Beach, Calif. E-mail: harrykruger@aol.com

Larry K. Acuff '56 lives at Table Rock Lake and spends as much time as possible fishing and hunting. He and his wife, Phila, spend the winter months in southern California. They have six children and eight grandchildren. E-mail: lkacuff@gmail.com

John W. Ricketts '58 retired as president of Emco Building Products Group in 2005. He enjoys skiing, community activities, church activities, and exercising. He and his wife, Camille, live in Springfield, Mo., and have two daughters and three grandsons. E-mail: bill-ricketts1@aol.com

John M. Killoran Jr. '62 retired in 1998 and is heavily involved in Latin American mission work. He lives in Florissant, Mo. E-mail: johnk4443@sbcglobal.net

Robert E. Smith '66 is a project manager for CH2MHill in Englewood, Colo. He and his wife, Alice, live in Aurora, Colo., and have two children, Robin and Stephen. E-mail: smiths-green@comcast.net

Dr. Robert Lee Ward '68 won the Outstanding Teaching Award in 2002-03 from the College of Engineering at Ohio Northern University, where he is a professor. He is chairman of the north central section of the American Society for Engineering Education. He and his wife, Karen, live in Ada, Ohio, and have four children: Heather, Jennifer, Brian, and Vanessa, and four grandchildren. E-mail: r-ward@onu.edu

Michael W. Fugate '73 and his wife, Tina, have three children: Danielle, Heather, and Skylar. Danielle graduated from North Central College, found a job, and was married last summer. Heather is studying graphic design at Columbia College of Chicago. Skylar is a high school sophomore and is thriving on the soccer fields. Tina quilts and teaches, and Mike is manager of storage operations for Nicor Gas and volunteers with Boy Scouts and Red Cross. E-mail: mwfugate@tbc.net

David L. Ausmus '75 is a project manager and an engineer at Shafer, Kline and Warren. He has two children, Dylan and Alison, and lives in Macon, Mo. E-mail: ausmus@skw-inc.com

Robert Hoffmann '78 and his wife, Mary, still live in their first house in Des Peres. They have four children: **Stephen '02**, Laura, Chris, and Joe. Stephen graduated from UMR and the St. Louis University School of Law, Chris is a junior at St. Louis University, Laura is in her last year of medical school at UMKC, and Joe is a freshman at Mizzou majoring in mechanical engineering. E-mail: rob38h@aol.com

Robert C. Hampel '80 lives in Littleton, Colo., with his wife, Patty. They have two sons, John Henry and Quinn. Robert is director of risk management at Viridian Partners. E-mail: rhampel@viridianpartners.com

D. Troy Leitschuh '83 has been happily married to his wife, Charlotte, for 17 years. He reports that his oldest daughter, Ashley, just got her drivers permit and his twin daughters, Brooke and Lauren, are excelling

in choir. Troy works at IESI Corporation as director of environmental compliance. E-mail: troyleitschuh@yahoo.com

Richard T. Bradley '84 was selected by the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers as the 2009 Outstanding Professional Engineer in government. He was honored by the City of St. Louis Board of Alderman with a Resolution in Honor of MSPE Award. This April he was inducted into the Missouri Science and Technology Academy of Civil Engineers. Richard is assistant airport director for planning and engineering at Lambert-St. Louis Airport. He lives in St. Louis with his wife, Alison, and their daughter, Kristin. E-mail: richardtb@charter.net

Kirk A. Peterson '90 is a senior mechanical engineer at Hawker Beechcraft Corporation in Wichita, Kan. He and his wife, Tracy, live in Wichita with their two children, Raelee and Mackenzie. E-mail: kirkandtracy@cox.net

Leonard J. Eftim '93 married his college sweetheart, Chrissy, in November 2007. He is a senior traffic engineer for the City of St. Louis street department. Leonard and Chrissy reside in St. Louis. E-mail: leneftim@gmail.com

John H. Lovitt '98 was promoted to team leader at Garmin International in early 2009. He is a software engineer. He resides in Spring Hill, Kan., with his wife, Kim. E-mail: john.lovitt@garmin.com

M. Todd Mills '01 and his wife, Melissa, had their second child, Logan Daniel, on January 24, 2009. Logan joins older sister Caroline, who was born on May 11, 2007. Todd is a project manager for Kroger. They live in Hutchinson, Kan.

Stephen J. Hoffmann '02 and Meena Phillips will be married on September 9, 2009. They live in St. Louis, Mo. Stephen is an attorney and asks that you contact him for legal help with wills, trusts, estate administration, or traffic tickets. E-mail: stephenjhoffman@gmail.com

Christian D. Rasmussen '05 is employed at Applied Research Associates, which provides research and development for various U.S. Air Force projects. He and his wife, Amanda, were married in August 2008 and purchased their first house this year. They reside in Panama City, Fla. E-mail: c_ras@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE

Homecoming 2009

Friday, October 23 and

Saturday, October 24

(Tentative)



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Make sure to visit the recently updated Web site! Not only does it have a new look and feel, but it has improved alumni, undergraduate, and parent capabilities. Create a login and password today to check it out!

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Sigma National and will protect the house and hold members accountable for damage. We hired Investment Realty to manage the property and its financials. They inspect rooms at move-in and move-out, repair damage, and charge members for the damage. All repairs are done by professionals, and cleaning is still done by the members. Next semester we will implement a new food service program that will provide healthy food and keep the kitchen clean.

For more updates, visit our recently updated Web site at www.beta-chi.com. Not only does it have a new look, it has improved alumni, undergraduate, and parent capabilities. Change is difficult but necessary for Kappa Sigma to thrive for the next 100 years. We hope you will support our efforts!

Fraternally,

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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.

WELCOME, NEW INITIATES



Kappa Sigma initiated 29 new members in February. Visit our Web site, www.beta-chi.com, to find information about upcoming recruitment events or to recommend someone for membership.

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