



# BETA-CHI ANNOUNCES \$4 MILLION RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF 1701 WHITE COLUMNS DRIVE

## More Than \$1.8 of \$2.5 Million Goal Committed

Since our founding in 1903, we have had several Chapter Houses; none have stood for Kappa Sigma as long as 1701 White Columns Drive. But our connection to Kappa Sigma goes beyond that location. Kappa Sig is where we worked and where we played. It is a support system that provided a lifetime of friendships, contacts, social opportunities, and simply fond memories. We all gained from our Kappa Sig membership. Many of us can say it helped form who we are today.

Our Chapter House has been the envy of other fraternities and has served us well. Since the house was built in 1969, the majority of our initiates have lived in the facility and time has taken its toll. With growing maintenance concerns and competition from the University and other fraternities that have recently renovated their housing, the Beta-Chi Alumni House Corporation is committed to providing a facility that will meet the needs of our undergraduate Brothers well into the 21st century.

Since **Ted Ruppert '49** planted the seed at the 100th anniversary that something must be done to the facility, a committee has explored each opportunity and developed a solid strategy to renovate and expand the Chapter House. Their hard work has produced a \$4 million comprehensive

plan to provide our Fraternity with a first-class facility and ensure the legacy that each of us helped build carries on. To this end, our leadership engaged architects and consultants to develop a needs assessment, architectural plans, and fundraising goals. It was determined the House Corporation has the ability to take on a \$1.5 million mortgage, and a minimum fundraising goal of \$2.5 million was established to complete the project. However, our plan is to limit the financial burden on the Chapter, which is directly connected to the generosity of our alumni.

To date, early commitments from dedicated Beta-Chi alumni, friends, and undergraduates total more than \$1.8 million. We now seek additional support from loyal alumni, such as you, to complete this project. The *Securing the Future for the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma* Campaign is an effort to garner the support of all Beta-Chi alumni.

Alumni who came before us provided the opportunity to join Kappa Sig and be a part of something special. This is the one chance in our lives to repay in a small way what Beta-Chi provided us. Those of us who enjoyed the Brotherhood and camaraderie of our Fraternity will forever owe a debt of gratitude for that unique experience. Now is the time to join us

and provide the same wonderful experience to a new generation of Kappa Sigma men.

In the coming weeks, you will receive information detailing the project and the ways in which you may help. We hope you will join our growing list of loyal supporters who wish to ensure the lasting impact of the Kappa Sigma experience on the lives of young men attending the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

A.E.K.A.B.,

**Robert Hoffmann '78**  
Campaign Chairman

### Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of March 13, 2010

\$4 Million Project

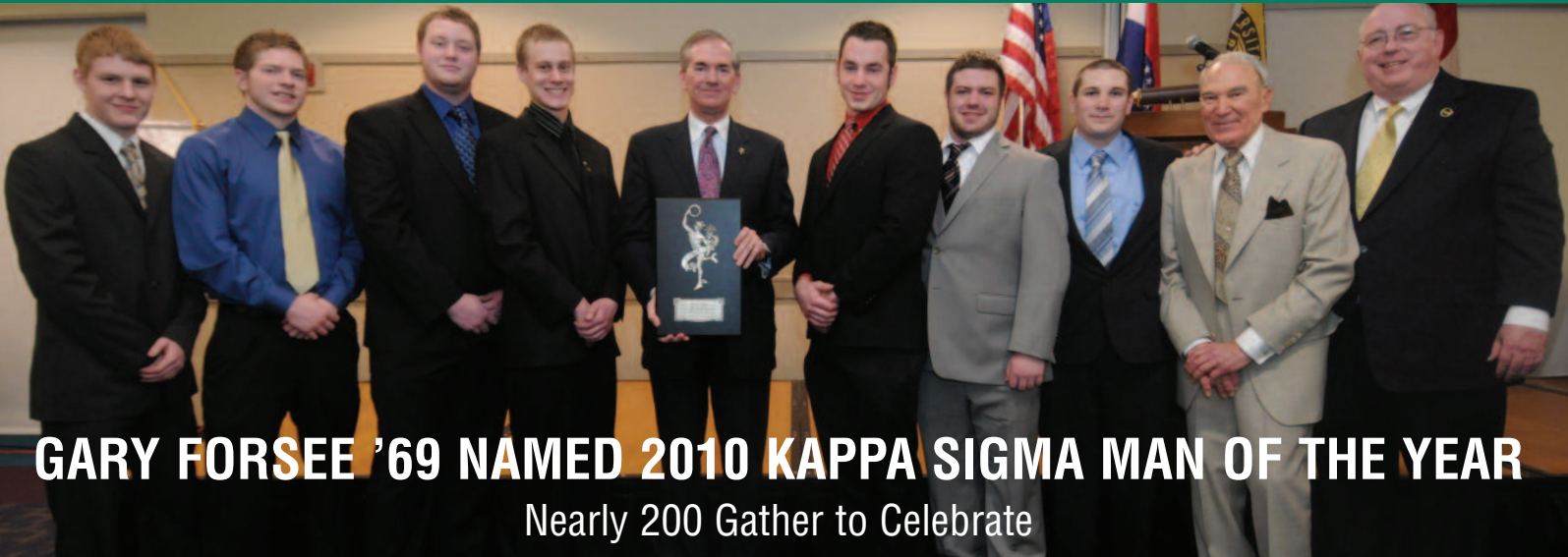
\$1,836,508 Total Contributions

946 Mailable Alumni

93 Early Pledges to Date

## Securing the Future

FOR THE BETA-CHI CHAPTER OF KAPPA SIGMA  
MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



## GARY FORSEE '69 NAMED 2010 KAPPA SIGMA MAN OF THE YEAR

Nearly 200 Gather to Celebrate

Congratulations are in order to Brother **Gary D. Forsee '69**, who was recognized as the Kappa Sigma Man of the Year on February 20 at the Havener Center at Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly UMR) in Rolla. This prestigious award, selected by the Supreme Executive Committee of Kappa Sigma, has been handed out annually since 1937, and those selected are figures who have made significant public contributions in areas including politics, the military, entertainment, and sports.

Approximately 200 people gathered to honor Brother Forsee, including Kappa Sigma Brothers from many chapters, family, Missouri S&T faculty, and friends. Notably in attendance were Gary's wife, Sherry, Chancellor Jack Carney and the Kappa Sigma Supreme Executive Committee: Worthy Grand Master **E.L. "Bill" Betz Jr., Epsilon-Psi, Lambuth '67**, Worthy Grand Procreator **S. Christian Nascimento,**

**Kappa-Eta, Widener University '93**, Worthy Grand Master of Ceremonies **Hugh M. Robert, Epsilon-Mu, University of Tulsa '95**, Worthy Grand Scribe **Gregory S. Hunt, Beta-Upsilon, North Carolina State University '79**, and Executive Director **Mitchell B. Wilson, Beta-Nu, University of Kentucky '78**, who was master of ceremonies for the evening. Several Beta-Chi alumni addressed the audience. **Ted Ruppert '49** gave the history of Beta-Chi, while **Lance Killoran '69** introduced Gary, and **Jerry Kiel '69** performed the Good of the Order. **Grant Mabie '02** concluded the program with the closing prayer. Among the Brothers joining Gary at the event was a large contingent from his pledge class, many of whom traveled great distances to attend the celebration.

The Beta-Chi Chapter, under the leadership of Grand Master **Max Boeh '11**, is to be commended for their efforts in hosting the events surrounding the award ceremony. The functions at the fraternity

house and the Havener Center were well organized and well orchestrated. A great time was had by all. Gary has been an inspirational role model for not only the Beta-Chi Chapter but for Kappa Sigma as a whole. We are very proud of his many accomplishments in the business world and in his current role in academia, as president of the four-campus University of Missouri system.

Gary is only the 74th individual in the history of Kappa Sigma to receive this prestigious award and the first Beta-Chi alumnus. He has set the bar by which all others will be judged. We are proud to say that he is one of our own.

A.E.K.Δ.B.,  
**Michael Meyer '71**

*For more of Brother Forsee's accomplishments, see the yellow box on page 3.*





## GARY D. FORSEE '69

Brother Forsee is a February 2, 1969, initiate of the Beta-Chi Chapter at the University of Missouri-Rolla, which is now known as Missouri University of Science and Technology. He received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and an honorary doctorate in engineering.

Appointed on February 18, 2008, as the 22nd president of the University of Missouri system, Gary is the chief executive officer of its four campuses in Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla, and St. Louis. The University of Missouri system has an operating budget of approximately \$959 million with total revenues of \$2.5 billion and an endowment of \$1 billion. In his first year as president, Gary established a comprehensive set of performance objectives, surveyed Missourians on their attitudes of public higher education, and focused on conveying the University's distinctive value to the state.

Prior to his appointment as university president, Brother Forsee spent more than 36 years in the telecommunications industry, most recently serving as chairman and CEO of Sprint Nextel in Kansas City. He also served as CEO of Global One (a joint venture of Sprint, Deutsche Telekom, and France Telecom) and in various leadership positions at AT&T and Southwestern Bell.

Gary has received numerous honors, including the Henry Bloch Humanitarian Award, the American Red Cross Circle of Humanitarian Award, and *Business-Week's* Best Manager Award in 2004 and 2005. He was also appointed chair of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee by President George W. Bush in 2006. He was the first chairman of the Governor's Summit for Missouri-Kansas, which focused on economic development and key regional issues.

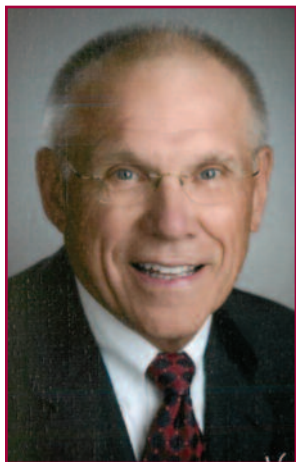


Brother Forsee serves on the boards of Great Plains Energy Incorporated and Ingersoll Rand Corporation and is a trustee of the Midwest Research Institute and the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art. He is a former member of the board for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and served as national chairman for the March of Dimes.

Born in Kansas City, Gary has lived and worked in towns across Missouri, including St. Louis, Springfield, Cape Girardeau, Hannibal, Charleston, St. Joseph, Joplin, Moberly, and now Columbia. He and Sherry have two daughters, Melanie and Kara, both of whom are graduates of the University of Missouri-Columbia.

## THE REACH OF KAPPA SIGMA BROTHERHOOD

### Spotlight on Don Beuerlein '58



*“My Brothers are some of the most important people in my life, and I want today’s young men to have the same experience we had. By contributing financially to the Chapter, we can ensure that the bonds of brotherhood remain intact for generations.”*

The reach of Kappa Sigma brotherhood extends into nearly every part of life for **Don Beuerlein '58**. “The brotherhood I experienced at Kappa Sigma was like nothing else I have ever known. As college students in the 1950s we were inseparable. If one person went to the movies, all of us went, walking down the sidewalk and singing songs. We learned from each other, reflected the qualities we saw in one another, learned how to give and take, and shared a strong and unique bond.”

After graduation, Don served as a second lieutenant for the U.S. Army in Verdun, France. Beta-Chi Brother, **Tom Grsham '59**, working there in the oil industry recommended a jazz club where Don ventured one evening and met his future wife, Turid. The two arranged to meet for their first real date at the Arc de Triomphe and later married in Turid’s native Norway, with **Tony Pezza '58** (a Chapter and Army roommate) as best man.

Upon returning to the United States, Don entered the highway construction industry with Koss Construction. Having worked summers at Koss as a timekeeper, Don ascended the ranks, eventually earning the title of CEO, a position he held for 17 years.

Now retired, Don reflects on life’s experiences and lessons with the firm understanding that much credit for his success is due to the brotherhood of Kappa Sigma.

“As an undergraduate, we were given incredible amounts of freedom to analyze situations, step up as leaders, and make decisions. Kappa Sigma was instrumental in my development, and I owe something to the place that prepared me for my career. I chose to support the capital campaign because Kappa Sigma played such a huge role in my life, and the house now stands in desperate need of renovations, particularly in the competitive environment created by other fraternities and even the dorms.”

After 50 years, Don and his Kappa Sigma Brothers still sign their e-mails A.E.K.Δ.B. “My Brothers are some of the most important people in my life, and I want today’s young men to have the same experience we had. By contributing financially to the Chapter, we can ensure that the bonds of brotherhood remain intact for generations.”

Don and Turid have three children: Maria, Matthew, and Luke, and five grandchildren. They make their home in Parkville, Missouri, but travel to their house in Norway each year. E-mail: m1concrete@aol.com

## LIVING A DREAM: Lance Killoran '69

A student of aerospace and mechanical engineering, **Lance Killoran '69** was focused and driven as he entered college in the late 1960s. Having heard positive comments about Beta-Chi from friends and family, Lance joined the Fraternity and found a brotherhood that would last long past his college days.



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“The men of Kappa Sigma taught me how to live and interact with others in a way I hadn’t experienced before. I grew up an only child, so these were the brothers who shared in my growth and built my understanding of what true friendship meant.”

As a co-op student with the University, Lance reluctantly interviewed for a position with the CIA. He was hired for the semester and retired 40 years later. Working for the CIA during the Cold War, Lance saw the direct impact of his work. He was a part of writing the President’s daily briefs and travelled the world, interacting with cultures that had never laid eyes on an American. “I was truly able to live my dream working for the CIA. As a child I was enamored with space, and as an adult I was able to combine my work and hobby in an incredibly rewarding manner, building America’s network of intelligence-gathering satellites at the National Reconnaissance Office.”

Looking back at the path his life has taken, Lance is struck by the ways that Kappa Sigma influenced his journey. “We are thrust into new situations where

we are expected to interact and perform immediately. We honed these skills at Kappa Sigma as we learned to relate with people from various backgrounds and experiences.”

With these thoughts in mind, Lance chose to give back to Beta-Chi as the Fraternity enters into its capital campaign. “As we reflect on our success in life, there is a debt that must be repaid to our Fraternity. Kappa Sigma made us the men we are, and there are younger Brothers who deserve that same opportunity. What is unique about Kappa Sigma’s campaign, and encourages me to give, is the fact that every dollar is going to the house. Our board members are volunteers working to make sure that we get the biggest bang for our buck. The money we contribute is having a direct effect on our undergraduate Brothers.”

Lance fills his time with consulting work and enjoys the leisure of boating, skiing, and traveling with his wife, Elaine. The couple makes their home in Reston, Virginia. E-mail: lancemilo@aol.com

# ALUMNI CONTRIBUTIONS SET FOUNDATION TO SECURE BETA-CHI'S FUTURE

**W**e are deeply grateful to the following Beta-Chi Brothers for committing over \$1,836,000 to *Securing the Future for the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma* Campaign. These Brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Kappa Sig and 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 Jerry Cooper, campaign coordinator, at cooper@penningtonco.com or (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

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Brian Houghton

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Community Foundation

Lance M. Killoran '69

Tom Smith '77

David Smith '80

## **Ritual Society**

**(\$10,000 to \$24,999)**

Clinton A. Clark '60

William S. Kirchoff Sr. '60

In memory of

Charles P. Becker '60

Ed Kopaskie '60

Teodore M. Fiedler '62

Mike Meyer '71

J. Barry Sheldon '78

Mike Wrob '78

Paul T. Demzik '80

John M. Remmers '81

Gratia and James Telthorst '81

In memory of

Harold M. Telthorst '43 and

Edgar J. Telthorst '47

## **My Brother's Keeper Society**

**(\$5,000 to \$9,999)**

Terry L. Mills '58

William "Andy" Anderson '59

Patrick Owen '73

Frank J. Jost '74

Ronald K. Acker '75

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Fred W. Niemeier '92

Jason Holschen '94

## **White Columns Society**

**(\$2,500 to \$4,999)**

Thomas L. Scott '58

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In memory of

Charles P. Becker '60

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Peter A. Joyce '92

## **Brotherhood Society**

**(\$1,000 to \$2,499)**

Antonio D. Pezza '58

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## GARY FORSEE '69 — February 20, 2010

