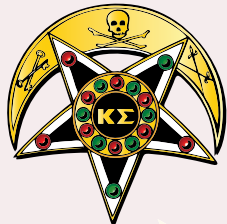


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THE BETA-CHI CHAPTER OF KAPPA SIGMA
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Spring 2008

THE BEST EVER

The 100th St. Pat's celebration at UMR, I mean MU S & T, was the best ever! Many alumni came back and the undergrads did not disappoint with their hospitality. Since every St. Pat's before this was the best ever, the easiest way to improve was to bring back the good old days. Friday night a contingent of alumni met at Alex's Pizza for dinner and green beer. Although the décor was slightly updated, the pizza still tasted the same: great.

Following dinner, everyone went over to the house to party. Demonstrating their excellent taste in music, the undergrads hired the band Pierce. They played music by The Who, The Doors, Allman Bros., Eric Clapton, etc. The alumni showed their appreciation by helping drink seven kegs of beer that night.



Saturday morning began with an awesome party hosted by Tom '76 and Carla Gredell in Tom's office overlooking Pine St. They provided an amazing breakfast with biscuits and gravy to match Geneva in her prime. There was plenty of beer, but what Tom was most proud of was his faithful re-creation of many of the "teas" that we were fond of in our younger days. Okay, maybe we weren't so fond of them the next morning. Visitors also got to view a piece of classic '70s film making, "The Cruise." There were several people at the party who resembled the actors, only a little bit older and a few pounds heavier.

Even though Tom's office provided a great view of the parade, most people were too busy catching up on old times to notice the parade. However, a few green-tinged alumni reps showed up to confirm that the streets had indeed been painted green.

Speaking of board reps, a lot of old reps showed up to celebrate: Frank Jost '74, Bruce Bowermaster '75, Glen Pariani '79, Burkemper '90 and Botts '92, Lenny Efthim '93, Andy Allen '96, Josh Goosey '01, Marshall Littrell '02, Matt '76 and Nick Christian '02 (father and son), and Aaron Bradley. Most were able to fit in their old jackets. Surprisingly, the jackets looked as if they had received little wear since leaving Rolla.

After Tom's party, some of the alumni took the opportunity to catch up with alumni from other organizations at the university sponsored party at Castleman Hall. Afterwards, there was a party at the house with music provided by One Man Band. Again, music selection was mostly from the '70s and the '80s. Much to the relief of the alumni, the bat races never materialized. The alumni were also treated to the showing of Kappa Sigma's first place cudgel!

The evening started with the alumni banquet at the Comfort Suites. Food was surprisingly good for a buffet, maybe even a waste on the likes of us. Hall of Fame inductees were Ira "Dick" Phillips '58, Mike Woldman '61, Pat Owen '73, Tom Smith '77, Jim Von Behren '80, and Jim Telthorst '81. Ted Ruppert '49 provided everyone with an update on the plans to do a makeover of the house. Please consider this article a shameless plug for donations. :-) Afterwards, it was back to the house for more socializing. The alumni taught the undergrads how to play foosball and the undergrads taught the alumni how to play beer pong. Both groups proved to be better teachers than students. A quick glance at the floors before retiring for the evening made every alumnus thankful he wasn't a freshman again.

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GM REPORT

Hello and greetings from the Grand Master of the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma! I hope everyone who came to the 100th Annual St. Pat's Celebration had as much fun as I did. It was amazing to see so many Beta-Chi's from across the years. Being able to see old friends, catching up, making new friends, and hearing stories from the past were the most exciting parts for me.

As a chapter, we have been doing very well among all the fraternities on campus. We are currently the third largest fraternity with a total of 57 members in house, and 65 members total. We are doing well academically as our house's average GPA was nearly a 3.00 last semester. We also held our largest philanthropy event this semester: our 4th Annual Fish Fry where we raised over \$750.

Beta-Chi's rush is off to a good start this semester with two men already signed for the fall semester. We have rush events planned throughout the spring with rush parties in both St. Louis and Kansas City. We also had a successful rush event at a Cardinals game in Busch Stadium. We have more rush events planned throughout the summer including additional Cardinals games, Royals games, float trips, and a trip to Lake Jacomo. We are always happy to receive rush recommendations, so please feel free to contact our rush chair, Brandon Schweitzer '07, at bmsmc9@mst.edu.

This semester has been a great one and I, along with the rest of the house, look forward to a great rush and kicking off the fall semester of 2008 in full swing!

A.E.K.Δ.B.,

Ryan DuPatz '04

Grand Master

Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma

BEST EVER CONTINUED...

The 100th Anniversary of St. Pat's in 2008 truly was the best ever...until next year.

(*Editor's footnote:* As most of you are aware, Tom Hoffmann '80, Mary Hoffmann, and Brian Hall '80 were involved in an auto accident on the way down to Rolla on Saturday morning. Tom was banged up, but is slowly recovering. Mary suffered a couple of broken ribs and a concussion and is recovering. Brian had surgery to repair a crushed eye socket and cheek and will have a long slow recovery. Thank you to everyone for their prayers.)

Mike Wrob '78



2008 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE BIOGRAPHIES



Ira R. (Dick) Phillips '58

Brother Phillips was initiated to the Beta-Chi Chapter in 1958. As an undergraduate, "Round" was tremendously involved in the fraternity as well as the university. He held the position of house steward and was involved in intramural sports. On campus, Brother Phillips was associated with the American Ceramic Society, Blue Key, Ceramic Engineering Honorary, and the St. Patrick's Day Board. In addition, he served in the ROTC as a distinguished military student.

Brother Phillips graduated from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 1961 with a B.S. in ceramic engineering.

Immediately following graduation, Ira served in the U.S. Army until 1963. He then worked as the plant manager of AB Chance Company from 1963 to 1974. During that time, he earned his MBA from Ohio University in 1970. In 1974, Ira became the executive vice president of AMES/True Temper Company until 2001 where he was responsible for all domestic and international business operations including the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and the U.K.

Throughout his career, Brother Phillips has been an outstanding citizen to his community. Beginning in 1965, Ira served as the YMCA director until 2001. In that time, he served as the United Way campaign chairman in 1977, as well as the YMCA Board chairman from 1983 to 1985. Ira was also named the YMCA Director of the Year in 1985. Additionally, Brother Phillips is a former chairman of the board for the Blennerhassett Historical Foundation along with serving on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross.

Brother Phillips was named the F.O.E. Citizen of the Year in 1989 as well as being awarded the Bernard McDonough Citizenship Award in 1990. In 1995, Brother Phillips organized the Board of Directors to plan and fund the Erickson All-Sports Facility for a local high school. Ira was honored for his community service in 2001 by the Wood County Commission.

Presently, Brother Phillips is a member of the Parkersburg, West Virginia Rotary Club. Additionally, he is a member of West Virginia Independent Colleges and Universities (WVICU) where he serves as the secretary of the board and is also on the Executive Committee.

"Beta-Chi and Kappa Sigma will forever hold that special place in my heart. During my college years and still today, my brothers – especially my pledge brothers – are a special part of my life and I love them very much."

Brother Phillips and his wife, Barbara, have one daughter, Stephanie.



The Class of 2008

Michael (Mike) L. Woldman '61

Brother Woldman was born January 28, 1939 in St. Louis, Missouri. Following high school, Mike attended two years of junior college before enrolling at Missouri-Rolla in 1959. Initiated in 1961, Brother Woldman credits his three years at Beta-Chi as life changing and an excellent preparation for his future career.

After graduating in 1962 with a B.S. in civil engineering, Brother Woldman went to work for Dow Chemical. He began in field sales and later worked in technical service groups where he was involved in the field testing and technical service on various environmental products.

After leaving Dow in 1965, Brother Woldman attended graduate school at Oklahoma State University where he received a master's degree in bio-environmental engineering. Following graduation, Brother Woldman went to work for the environmental consulting firm of Roy F. Weston, Inc. in West Chester, Pennsylvania. During his 15 years with the firm, Brother Woldman was promoted from engineer, to project engineer, then to project manager, and finally to project director, while successfully solving wastewater treatment problems for numerous industrial clients. Brother Woldman tested for and received his professional engineer license and also became a diplomat in the American Academy of Environmental Engineers.

In 1982, Brother Woldman began his own consulting firm, Environmental Engineering & Operations, where he continued solving industrial wastewater and landfill leachate problems. During his professional career, Brother Woldman was also active on the local township planning commission and as a township supervisor.

In 1998, Brother Woldman accomplished a dream of designing and building his own custom home. Upon its completion, Brother Woldman took early retirement to spend more time with his wife, two children, and four grandchildren, and to pursue his hobbies of hunting, fishing, and gardening.

“My three years at Beta-Chi were a major turning point in my life and helped prepare me to face all of life's adventures.”

Patrick (Pat) Owen '73

Born March 30, 1954, Brother Patrick Owen attended UMR in 1973 where he joined Kappa Sigma as a Beta-Chi. Initiated that year, Brother Owen became very involved with the fraternity as well as the university. Within Beta-Chi, Patrick served as house manager, Inner Guard, and lastly, Grand Master. He also remained active on campus as a student member of the American Society of Civil Engineering as well as chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Float Committee.

Brother Owen graduated from UMR with a B.S. in civil engineering in 1977. As an engineer, Patrick's career has included work with Generic Dynamics where he served as the senior facilities engineer. Additionally, Patrick worked as the senior project engineer for Brown & Root, Inc.

Throughout that time, Brother Owen became a registered civil engineer in both Texas and California. He also joined the American Society of Civil Engineers as well as the American Association of Cost Engineers.

Currently, Brother Owen is the vice president of design and engineering at Sea World Adventure Park in San Diego, CA where he remains highly involved with the UMR Alumni Association.

While having a prestigious career, Brother Owen finds time to assist throughout his community. He is a member of Santa Sophia Catholic Church where he has headed committees to raise and install new playground equipment. Also, Patrick serves as the chairman of the Golf Tournament Committee for Our Lady of Peace High School to

raise money for the school's athletic program.

“My involvement in Kappa Sigma gave me the leadership and social skills that have helped me excel in my professional and personal life.”

Brother Owen and his wife, Rosa, are parents to Jessica, 23, and Amanda, 22.

Thomas (Tom) A. Smith '77

Tom Smith, also known as “Smut,” was initiated into the Beta-Chi Chapter in 1977. He was welcomed into the brotherhood by his brother, David, and three cousins, George, Bill, and Peter Johnson.

Tom graduated with a B.S. in civil engineering in 1980. Tom and his wife, Jane, are parents to three daughters, Lauren and Katie, ages 19, and Emily, age 14.

In December of 1984, at the age of 27, Tom began and incorporated Osage Bridge Company, later to be renamed OCCI, Inc. in Fulton, Missouri. As a young business owner with only a handful of employees, Tom's vision for the future began with two contracts for construction of small county bridges. Now, 24 years later, the organization has evolved into a fifty million dollar company with a staff in excess of 150 people.

Currently, Tom serves as the president of OCCI, Inc. and Missouri Fabricators (a division of OCCI). With projects in over eight states, he remains active in the day-to-day operations of the business. With continuous expansion and growth, Tom focuses on new company leadership through mentoring and incentive programs within the organization.

Additionally, Tom is heavily involved in Carrera Soccer, a competitive girl's soccer team. He serves as head coach and president of the Central Missouri Soccer League.

“It is an honor to be associated with Beta-Chi and Kappa Sigma. The knowledge, strength, and relationship we have led me on my path to success.”

James (Jim) Karl Von Behren '80

Brother Von Behren was initiated into the brotherhood in January of 1980. As an undergraduate, Jim was heavily involved with the fraternity. Beginning in the spring of 1981, he served as the Assistant Grand Treasurer in order to learn the job from his predecessor. Jim held the responsibility as Beta-Chi's Grand Treasurer in the following fall. Furthermore, Jim served as Grand Master of Beta -Chi in the spring semester of 1983.

Following his term as chapter president, Brother Von Behren graduated from UMR with a B.S. in metallurgical engineering. He then earned his MBA from Missouri State University in 1999.

Currently, Jim is the president of Greenway Recycling, Inc. He also serves on the board for the Development Center of the Ozarks. Additionally, he is a member of the City of Springfield Citizen Solid Waste Committee.

Jim and his wife, Becky, live in Springfield, Missouri where they raise their three children; Joshua, 11, Sydney, 9, and Jackson, 8.

“The Beta-Chi Chapter brought me together with a group of young men who all had the same desire for success and achievement in their future. It instilled in me a great desire for something better than the status quo.”



100TH ST. PAT'S CELEBRATION



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We'd like to thank those alumni, parents, and friends listed below who have contributed to the 2007 - 2008 Annual Fund. Your support does make a difference in funding scholarships and enabling Beta-Chi to offer you continued alumni programming such as event invitations and newsletters. If you have not contributed to this year's annual fund, but would like to add your name to our donor list, please contact Craig Lowden '96 (Gamma-Rho, Arizona) at Craig.Lowden@FMGTucson.com or 800.228.7326 – or return the envelope inserted in this newsletter.

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ALUMNI UPDATES

Bill Gartland '52

Bill spends his days as a mechanical inspector for the town of Cary, North Carolina, but the real light of his life is his wife Maria. Be sure to call or send a letter.

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Mike Burns '58

Mike is enjoying his retirement “deep in the heart of Texas,” as the song goes. He earned it, too, having worked in the plastics industry since 1963. He and his wife, Nancy, have three children. Give him a call!

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Wayne B. Ruck '58

Wayne owns Interchange LLC & P.S.I. Group in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He and his wife Joan have been married since 1971 and have had three children together. If you want to reminisce with him about your time at Beta-Chi, feel free to call him up.

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Mike Meyer '70

Mike is a group director of brewing engineering and technology at Anheuser-Busch (lucky guy). He and his wife, Mary, have three children, ages 30, 26, and 23. He spends much of his free time volunteering at his church. He'd love to catch up, so drop him a line!

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Paul M. Kuehn '76

Still single, Paul lives in Maryland Heights, Missouri. He enjoys sharing good times, so contact him today!

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James Galaske '76

James has spent his whole life as an engineer, and is currently working for MetalTek International. He also has his hands full raising three children with the assistance of his wife Claudia.

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Donald Huether '81

Donald is currently a senior technology associate with Dow Chemical, and lives in Texas with his wife Marianne and two teenage children.

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Brian Spencer '90

Brian is a civil engineer with Miller/Lindsay Incorporated.

Oh, and did we mention he's also married? Don't let him lose those memories of his carefree college days; give him a call!

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Jason E. Holschen '94

Brother Holschen is married to Valerie, a fellow Missouri S & T graduate. Only a year ago, they celebrated the birth of their first child, Catrina. He works as a strategic planning and business development manager at Emerson Electric.

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Clay McNail '94

Clay and his wife, Samantha, are busy keeping an eye on their three-year-old son Caden Allen, but somehow he finds the time to function as the general mine supervisor for the Doe Run Company. He could use a breather, so call as soon as possible.

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Matt Willer '95

Matt is employed by the Selee Corporation as a process engineer. He still lives in Tucson, so feel free to just drop in!

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Jason Abbott '97

Jason is working as a project engineer for Kohler and living in TX. Laura and Jason have done some celebrating recently, both their 7th wedding anniversary and the birth of their daughter, Emma Christine on March 4th. They also have a son, Joshua, who will be turning four in July.

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Emma Christine Abbott

Timothy Laird '00

Tim has relocated to Texas, where he is an automation engineer for Mustang Engineering.

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Ketan Patel '00

Ketan works as a process coordinator for a United States Steel Coke plant, and remains a bachelor.

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M. Todd Mills '01

Todd works as a project manager for the grocery giant Kroger. Tough job, but he's got two beautiful women to come home to: his wife Melissa, and their 10-month old daughter, Caroline. If you haven't called to congratulate this new father, do it now!

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Daniel Anderson '02

Only a few years after graduation, Daniel is already married and is heading up the career ladder. He works as a systems engineer at Cerner Corporation, and is married to Beth Anderson.

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Jeremy Bexten '02

Jeremy's enjoying the single life in Columbia, Missouri, where he also works as a project engineer for APAC Missouri. Don't let him get lonely: get in touch!

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Scotty Black '02

Scotty is serving his country as a 1st lieutenant in the

United States Marine Corps. If you want to thank him for his selflessness, his contact information is below.

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Dave Vorhies '02

Still single, Dave works as a software engineer for Stauder Technologies. He can't wait to hear from his old brothers, so be sure to call or write.

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