

# BETA-CHI COLUMNS



KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | FALL 2014

## YOUR ANNUAL DUES MAKE BIG IMPACT AT BETA-CHI

### WELL-ATTENDED HOMECOMING EVENT

On the 18th of October we celebrated the 111th anniversary of the Beta-Chi Chapter at MST. Over the last 111 years the school has changed names three times—MSM, UMR, and now MST—but the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma has been a constant. Saturday night of Homecoming, the Dining Room was packed wall to wall with alumni, undergraduates, pledges, and guests. Our new food service company, College Chefs, did an excellent job catering the meal. GM **Jeff Fritzmeyer '10** talked about the tremendous success of the Chapter followed by my House Corporation update. A great time was had by all.

### COMPETITION GROWS AMONG FRATERNITIES

One of the primary focuses of the undergraduate Chapter and the House Corporation is the recruitment and retention of quality young men to join our noble order. The competition for new members remains high. Many fraternities are following our lead and raising money to renovate, or have already renovated, their chapter houses. The new KA house is first class and was unveiled during Homecoming. SigEp and PKA have recently renovated, and SigEp surpassed 100 members for the first time in recent campus history. Delta Sig, our former neighbors on frat row, have renovated an old building in downtown Rolla and have gone from being inactive to one of the five largest fraternities on campus. Phi Kappa Theta demolished their house last summer and are in



*The newly installed plaque recognizes our generous contributors to the Securing the Future campaign.*

the process of rebuilding. TKE, Sig Tau, and Lambda Chi are in the planning stages of renovating or building new chapter houses.

Thanks to the quality of young men representing Kappa Sigma on campus now, and our recently renovated Chapter House, we remain the second largest fraternity on campus with nearly 120 actives and pledges.

### WHERE DO ALUMNI STEP IN?

There are two key elements that have a significant impact on recruitment and are within the control of alumni:

### Scholarships

Many chapters are using scholarships as a recruiting tool. Our House Corporation is coordinating efforts with the Beta-Chi Educational Foundation to grant \$3,000 per year in scholarship money earmarked for freshmen. We continue to explore granting scholarships to upperclassmen who have excelled academically and through leadership in the Chapter House

but currently lack funding to implement such a program. We need the support of alumni to afford these and future scholarships. Donations for this purpose can be made to the Beta-Chi Educational Foundation and are tax exempt.

### Physical Condition of the House

The House Corporation is working hard with the undergraduates to keep the Chapter House in first-class shape and as nice as the day the new

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*Alumni and actives gathered in the Dining Room during Homecoming weekend.*



*Steve '84, Dan, and Maureen Ederle enjoy the festivities.*

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*Undergraduates complete a successful White Columns cleanup.*

## National Recognition Continues for Beta-Chi Success

The fall semester has brought great achievement in all four pillars of scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service.

With the leadership of Recruitment Chairman **Chris Carlton '12**, 26 young men were formally pledged this semester, and we look forward to helping them grow to become brothers of our noble fraternity.

On campus we continue to experience great success. After winning first place in the 106th annual Best Ever St. Pat's last spring, we came out in full force this year for the 52nd annual Greek Week. We proudly earned second place this year, leaving the last four years split with two first place and two second place finishes.

Nationally, Beta-Chi shines as we brought home another slate of awards last summer at the 2014 Leadership Conference. The Chapter received the Founder's Award for Chapter Excellence for the fourth consecutive year. Other noteworthy awards include:

- Outstanding single community service event
- Outstanding pledge education program
- Excellence in scholarship
- Excellence in ritual proficiency

Scholarship continues to be a top priority for the undergraduate brothers. We achieved a 3.05 GPA last semester and remain above the all-men's and all-fraternity averages.

I could not be more pleased with the successful direction the undergraduate Chapter is headed. We thank all of our dedicated alumni for their continued support and look forward to many more years of success.



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### Individual Awards at the 2014 Leadership Conference

Outstanding Grand Master - **Ben Prueter '10**

Outstanding Grand Procurator - **Braxton Hoenes '10**

Outstanding Grand Master of Ceremonies - **Jeff Fritzmeyer '10**

### 4.0 GPAs in Spring 2014

<b>Jared Backues '10</b>	<b>Nicholas Smith '10</b>	<b>Jonathan Wages '12</b>
<b>Jeff Fritzmeyer '10</b>	<b>Kevin Flaker '11</b>	<b>Alexander Ernst '13</b>
<b>Brendan Proske '10</b>	<b>Charles Moore '11</b>	<b>Austin Smith '13</b>
<b>Benjamin Prueter '10</b>	<b>Daykin Schnell '11</b>	<b>Steven Wassilak '13</b>

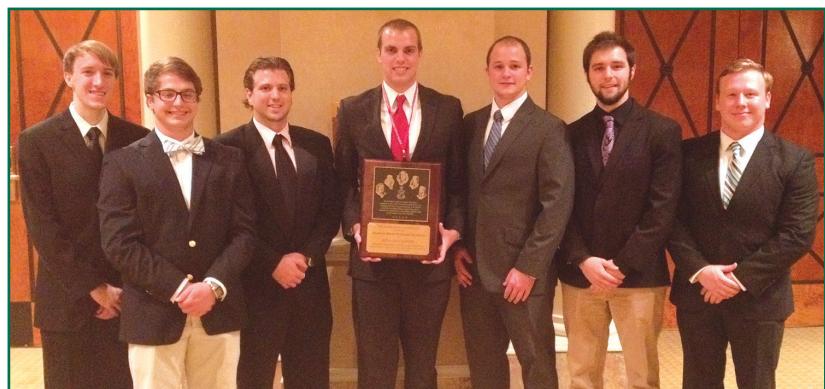
### Notable Campus Leaders

President of IFC - **Chris Carlton '12**

Vice President of St. Pat's - **Josh Bergesch '12**

President of Fraternal Order of Leaders (Theta Tau Omega) -

**Braxton Hoenes '10**



*At the 2014 Leadership Conference, undergraduate brothers received the Founders Award of Chapter Excellence. Kappa Sigma was also recognized by the Interfraternity Council as a Chapter of Academic Excellence.*

*From left: Alex Ernst '13, Reno Reed '13, Kevin Flaker '11, Jeff Fritzmeyer '10, Braxton Hoenes '10, Steven Wassilak '13, and Chris Carlton '12.*

# Generous Alumni, We Thank You

As announced in previous issues of the *Beta-Chi Columns*, we have now begun an annual giving campaign called alumni dues. We have great confidence that this program will be instrumental in maintaining the Chapter House and providing an exceptional environment for our undergraduates.

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual program thus far. Alumni who have contributed in 2014 appeal are listed by initiation year under the appropriate giving levels. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma, Alumni House Fund Association, P.O. Box 31611, St. Louis, MO 63131-1611. Thank you, again, for giving back to the Chapter—it truly does make a difference!

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# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Alex Albeck**  
Eureka, Mo.

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St. Charles, Mo.

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Columbia, Ill.

**Joe Aleman**  
St. Charles, Mo.

**Sam Hausman**  
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**Ryan Ristau\***  
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(Father **James Ristau**,  
**Beta-Gamma '83**)

**Patrick Beasley\***  
Rolla, Mo.  
(Brother **Matt Beasley '10**)

**Ryan Howe**  
O'Fallon, Mo.

**John Summers\***  
St. Louis, Mo.  
(Grandfather  
**James Summers**,  
**Gamma-Phi '55**)

**Dane Christison**  
Hannibal, Mo.

**Thomas Kanevsky**  
Florissant, Mo.

**Reed Davis\***  
St. Charles, Mo.  
(Brother **William "Tommy" Davis '09**)

**Nick LeBlanc**  
O'Fallon, Mo.

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Chesterfield, Mo.

**Dan Ederle\***  
St. Louis, Mo.  
(Father **Steve Ederle '84**, Uncles **John Ederle '77** and **Dave Ederle '81**)

**Mike May**  
St. Louis, Mo.

**Jordan Thomas**  
Ballwin, Mo.

**Lucas Parker**  
Herculaneum, Mo.

**Henry Wavering**  
O'Fallon, Ill.

**Tyler Recker**  
St. Charles, Mo.

\*Legacy

## We Need Your Recommendations

As we look to recruit men of the highest caliber to Kappa Sigma, we need your assistance. Please send the names of high-achieving, MST-bound high school seniors to:

Grand Master  
**Jeff Fritzmeyer '10**  
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**Founders' Day 2014**  
**December 3, 2014**  
**Maggie O'Brien's**

**Cash bar begins at 6 p.m.  
with dinner at 7:30 p.m.**

Cost is \$30 for alumni in advance and \$35 at the door. \$25 for undergraduates.

RSVP by December 1 to  
Matt Foresman '91 at  
matthew.r.foresman@monsanto.com

**Beta-Chi Christmas  
Happy Hour  
Friday, December 26  
Llywelyn's Pub  
5:30 p.m.**

## **CHAPTER CELESTIAL**

**Bill Bassett '41** entered Chapter Celestial on May 14, 2014. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, having served in the Army's Corps of Engineers as captain. In 1952 he moved to Baton Rouge, La., to handle administrative duties and to coordinate construction of a pipe manufacturing facility for Stupp Corp. Bill went on to serve as executive vice president for Stupp Corp for 44 years. He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Bobbie Jean, and is survived by his daughters, Pamela and Kimberly.

**John Evans '49** entered Chapter Celestial on July 6, 2014, in Mountain View, Calif. He studied petroleum engineering and worked with Union Oil of California for 10 years, followed by an international career with Global Marine Inc. as a drilling engineer. He is predeceased by his wife and 1950 Kappa Sigma sweetheart, Jackie, and is survived by his children: Debbie, Patti, and Jim, as well as seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. John loved attending Missouri School of Mines and was an enthusiastic member of Kappa Sigma.

**Bob Glaser '58** entered Chapter Celestial on August 7, 2014. He served in the Army for two years after college and began working for Southwestern Bell in 1964 as a staff assistant. He retired as an executive vice president in 1993. Bob was a committed lifetime member of Kappa Sigma, having served on the House Fund and as the MC at the Chapter's 90th anniversary event. He is survived by his wife, Alice; their children: Kathy, Erin, and Kari; and eight grandchildren.

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house was unveiled. So far we are succeeding in this goal, and the new house takes the breath away of anyone seeing it for the first time. For those of you who have not seen it, please stop by for a tour the next time you are traveling to or through Rolla.

One recent project we were able to accomplish was improvement of the road behind our rear parking lot, which previously was full of potholes and partially gravel. We coordinated efforts with the City of Rolla and the University and, by making a small investment relative to the scope of the project, we were able to get a paved two-lane street with curbs and parking on both sides installed. This will provide additional parking for our guests and members during large events when the capacity of our front and rear parking lots is exceeded.

Finally, thanks to your help, we have installed a permanent mail box pad, updated flooring in the exercise room, added a separation wall between the exercise and project rooms, and in the addition basement,

poured a 16 inch concrete slab to raise the two brotherhood booths.

### **NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED**

At the annual meeting of the House Corporation, officer and board member elections were held. I was honored that the House Corporation elected me to another term as president, and I sincerely appreciate the vote of confidence. Please join me in congratulating brothers **Ed Jantosik '76**, elected vice president; **Rich Manning '78**, elected treasurer; and **Stephen Hoffmann '02**, elected secretary. Additionally, Brother **Tom Gredell '76** was elected as a board member for the first time. We look forward to his leadership.

If you have an interest in getting involved in the House Corporation, please contact me. Thank you for your continued support of Beta-Chi.

**A.E.K.Δ.B.,**

**Robert Hoffmann '78**

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