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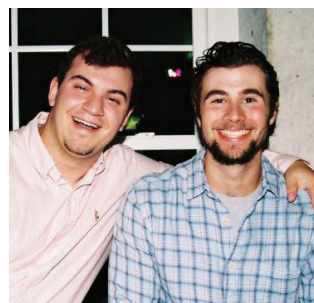
Maureen and Steve Ederle '84.



Maureen and Dan Ederle '14.



Ron Acker '75 being recognized at Homecoming. Reed Davis '14 is also pictured.



Adam Kleaving '15 and Jared Proctor '13.

ATTENTION:

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This year at Homecoming, we celebrated 113 years of the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma on the MS&T campus. The event was attended by over 100 alumni, undergraduates, and guests. In addition to the Chapter report presented by **Reno Reed '13** and my house corporation report, **Ron Acker '75** was recognized by the undergraduates for his dedication and commitment to the Chapter. Ron spends several days each month at the house making repairs and improvements. We appreciate all he does to keep the facility in great shape.

Every year at Homecoming, the Alumni House Fund holds the annual meeting and election of officers. I am honored to be elected president, **Ed Jantosik '76** is vice president, **Rich Manning '78** is the treasurer, and **Jeff Fritzmeier '10** is the secretary. We also recognized **Bill Kirchoff '60** for donating the flagpole. The flagpole flies the U.S. and Kappa Sigma flags—a very classy touch to an already first-class facility. The U.S. flag was donated by **Tom Gredell '76**. A plaque will be placed in the foyer to recognize Bill's donation.

Several weeks ago, I was fortunate to have been invited to the '50s reunion in Branson. It was so cool to see the fellowship and brotherhood shared over 50 years after graduation. See the article on page 4 from **Bill Ricketts '58** describing the event.

Over the past five years, Kappa Sigma has been dominating recruitment. However, this year our Chapter, along with most of the larger fraternities, felt the impact of the new dorms. We are quick to bounce back with a strong spring recruitment. We are also laying the groundwork for a successful fall 2017 recruitment. To that end, we ask all alumni that know of quality

young men attending Rolla next school year to pass along their names and contact information to the recruitment chairman, **Blaine Hrovat '15**, at bthcn5@mst.edu or (573) 465-8124 so that the Chapter can continue to grow our brotherhood.

We all love our Brothers and the Fraternity. It is hard to put a value on what the Fraternity has done for each of us: a lifetime of friends and Brothers, social skills, leadership skills, and for some of us, we met our wives as a result of Kappa Sigma. Alumni support is critical to the success of any chapter and I want to thank each of you for your continued support.

A.E.K.Δ.B.,

Robert Hoffmann '78

Alumni House Fund Association President
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P.S. Don't forget about Founder's Day on Wednesday, December 14 at Maggie O'Briens and the Christmas happy hour on December 27 at Llywelyn's in Webster Groves, Missouri.

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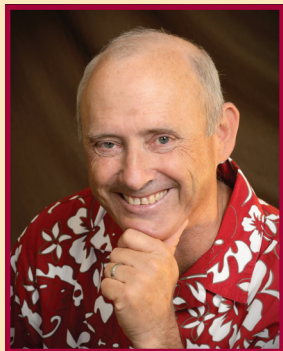
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ALUMNUS THANKFUL FOR KAPPA SIGMA LIFE LESSONS

J.C. GRIESE '72 STAYS CONNECTED TO BETA-CHI



When **J.C. Griese '72** joined Kappa Sigma, the Chapter House was brand new. While the exterior of the Chapter may have enticed him, the men who lived there was what truly attracted his attention. "I have to say it was the character and personality of Beta-Chi," J.C. says. "There you had an organization that embraced a diverse set of personalities, was an unpretentious environment, and a place that encouraged you to be yourself."

As an undergraduate, he and his Brothers learned the value of tolerance. "My pledge class was a bizarre assortment of personalities and we had no choice but to work together," J.C. says. "This tolerance quickly grew into teamwork, then mutual respect, and ultimately, brotherly love and lifelong friendships." He is thankful to stay connected to his Kappa Sigma Brothers over the past 40 years. Every five years or so, their pledge class gets together "for a beer or 12." Most recently, they traveled to Tulum, Mexico, for a week, and when he's in St. Louis during Christmas season, he enjoys the evening get-together at Llywelyn's Pub.

J.C. recently retired from Michelin North America where he had a 37-year career. The first half of his career was spent in various engineering, technical, and management roles. In the second half, he transitioned into

marketing and sales, where he held three different director-level positions. Simultaneously, he pursued a 31-year military career in the Army National Guard, retiring in 2008 at the rank of colonel.

Throughout his career, his most enjoyable job was as director of Michelin's mining tires business unit. This was immediately followed by what became his most rewarding one: serving as a field artillery brigade commander in Iraq when his unit was activated and assigned to Baghdad in 2006-2007 during the surge. "What made it so rewarding was simply the privilege of serving with these splendid young American soldiers as they went about the serious business of combat operations," J.C. says. "After that experience, any professional activities or responsibilities pale in comparison."

Some may say that Kappa Sigma was the best years of their life—he respectfully disagrees. "I really enjoyed my college years, but so much good has happened in my life since graduation," J.C. says. "I've been blessed. I would say that my early association with Kappa Sigma enabled the best years of my life. Many life lessons about tolerance, teamwork, and leadership have made all the difference for me, both professionally and personally."

J.C. and his wife of 36 years, Nancy, live in Anderson, S.C. They enjoy traveling and boating. He also spends time trying to improve his golf game. The couple has two children, Bill (32) and David (28). You can contact J.C. at jim.griese@charter.net.

GENEROUS ALUMNI, WE THANK YOU

\$36,701 RAISED SO FAR IN 2016

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual program. Alumni who have contributed thus far to the 2016 appeals 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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RECRUITMENT AND ACADEMICS ON THE RISE

Undergraduates Set Goals for Upcoming Semesters

The hard work and dedication of the members of the Beta-Chi Chapter continue to surprise and impress me. Our St. Pat's involvement, led by **Ryan Howe '14**, was an amazing attempt, and while our work fell short and we got third, the effort given by everyone in the chapter shows their drive to succeed.

21 NEW MEMBERS

The spring recruitment class was larger than average with seven new members, leading into the fall recruitment of 21 possible new members. While it is a much smaller class than usual, the members are reliable and promising. With our new recruitment chairman, **Blaine Hrovat '15**, the upcoming recruitments seem very promising with his sociable demeanor and outgoing personality.

ACADEMIC GOALS SET

With a chapter average GPA of 3.115, we are very close to reaching our goal. Hopefully, with continued study hours and the academic resources that the house provides, each member can easily achieve a GPA of at least 3.2 this semester.

PHILANTHROPIC INVOLVEMENT

Philanthropy went well for the 2016 spring semester. Under **Brad Stetson '15**, we had an incredibly successful annual Fish Fry. Along with this, donations have continued to be made by caring companies in the Rolla area. Service has also continued to show the involvement of each member. This includes our recent trip to help the women's shelter, and also each member's individual service in the community and in their hometowns.

Finally, the participation of all members in campus intramural sports is a great show of our brotherhood. **Ben Fassler '15** led our annual Mother's Weekend and Oktoberfest to round out the semester. Everyone continues to show their passion and support for what they do and love. I am very optimistic about the direction and members of this Chapter. I believe everyone will continue striving for success and the betterment of Beta-Chi.

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(1) Beta-Chi undergraduates. (2) Alexander Albeck '14, Ryan Howe '14, Tyler Howe '14, Lucas Wyland '14, Jake Rein '14, Reed Davis '14, Dillion Klobe '12, Brian Kissel '15, and Matthew York '16 earned a 4.0 GPA last semester. (3) Ed Landreth '12, Dan Ederle '14, Matthew Labarge '15, Brad Stetson '15, Nick Leblanc '14, and Matthew York '16 playing volleyball during Greek Week. (4) Blaine Hrovat '15, Nick LeBlanc '14, Alex Ernst '13, Jeff Smith '15, Tyler Howe '14, Reno Reed '13, Dan Ederle '14, and Ryan Howe '14 accepting the chapter's sixth consecutive FACE award and first ever Founder's Circle award.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Nick Baczewski
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Wildwood, Mo.

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St. Charles, Mo.

Nathan Thelen
Chesterfield, Mo.

Nick Weber
Camdenton, Mo.



ALUMNI UPDATE

ALUMNI NEWS

Jim N. Brentz '52 is writing a textbook on vehicle design. Previously, he retired from Komatsu America in 1998, then taught math at Salt Lake Community College until he encountered health problems. Jim lives in Sandy, Utah. E-mail: jimbrentz@outlook.com

Richard J. Lacavich '69 retired on September 30 after working in the structural steel fabrication industry for 45 years. He and his wife, Janet, live in Manchester, Mo. E-mail: rich.lacavich@att.net

Thomas R. Gredell '76 reports three of his four kids are married with children. He and his wife, Carla, have seven grandchildren. None live of them in Jefferson City, Mo., so they travel to see them. His youngest is in graduate school at Colorado State. E-mail: tomg@ger-inc.biz

Louis P. Steinhauser '77 was honored with one of five professional distinction awards during winter commencement ceremonies held Saturday, December 19, 2015. The awards recognize the outstanding Missouri S&T graduates for professional achievement. He serves as vice president of new product development and chief technology officer for Watlow Manufacturing Co., and holds over 30 issued U.S. patents, with many others pending. He initiated and now oversees Watlow's George Desloge Memorial Scholarship Program, which awards annual scholarships to Missouri S&T students pursuing manufacturing engineering degrees. Louis and his wife, Judy, live in St. Louis. —Original article published here: <http://news.mst.edu/2015/12/missouri-st-honors-alumni-for-professional-distinction/>

Martin Berutti '81 was featured in the summer edition of the Missouri S&T magazine for being inducted into the Academy of Chemical Engineers. "Academy membership recognizes careers of distinction and invites members to share their wisdom, influences, and resources with faculty and students." Martin and his wife, Karin, live in Ellisville, Mo. E-mail: mberutti@charter.net



of close friendships, the telling and re-telling of favorite stories about each other (good and bad!) with much, much laughter. Of the 15 wives, 10 had been either dates or spouses during the Rolla years, so they

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'50s GROUP REUNION IN BRANSON A SUCCESS

"You can take the brothers out of the fraternity, but you can't take the brotherhood out of the brothers!" —Unknown

Truer words could not have been said about the recent Beta-Chi '50s group reunion, held October 5-10 in Branson, Missouri. No one could remember exactly how many reunions we have had since graduation, but many said, "This was the best one ever!"

The reunion committee reached out to over 100 Brothers from the '50s and was able to reach more than in the past. We actually ended up with our biggest turnout so far—39 in attendance (21 brothers, 15 wives, and three guests), coming from 12 states, including both the west and east coasts. There were four other couples committed to attend, but they had to cancel in the last week before the reunion due to health or family emergencies—we look forward to seeing them next time. Brothers represented initiation dates from 1950 to 1961, and two special invitees from 1978.

Although some of the folks had not seen one another for many years, there was not a skipped beat in the renewing

also had lots of stories to tell! And yes, the enthusiastic singing of the old Fraternity songs was included, thanks to **Wayne "Rocky" Ruck '58**, who has not lost his touch on the piano and never disappoints in knowing and playing any request.

The reunion was held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Branson, which is centrally located and was easy access to scheduled events, including the White River Fish House, Buffalo Ridge Golf Course, The Branson Belle (a great show), and the ladies luncheon at the Landing. However, the best attraction was the "BX Hospitality Room" at the Clarion. It was open all day to pop in and resume conversations—especially in the evenings, when the spouses also renewed their friendships, which have grown close through the years.

The Beta Chi '50s group is already starting to figure out the next one—it is impossible to take the brotherhood out of the Brothers! Special thanks to the '50s group reunion committee: **Jim Murray '57**, **Tom Netzer '60**, **Bill Ricketts '58**, **Bill Turner '61**, **Cary White '60**, and **Bob Wright '56**.

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