

BETA-CHI COLUMNS



KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | FALL 2017

CAMPUS ADDS UNIVERSITY DRIVE, BRINGING INCREASED VISIBILITY FOR BETA-CHI

The school year has just begun, and we completed the most successful recruitment of any fraternity at MS&T with 37 new members. The house is full and several of the new members are in the dorms waiting for spots. Congratulations to Recruitment Chairman **Blaine Hrovat '15**, the recruitment committee, and the Chapter officers led by GM **Tyler Howe '14**.

TKE completed the construction of a new house on fraternity row where the old round house of Delta Sig was located. It is a completely new structure and is a great complement to fraternity row. Beta Sig is planning a renovation and addition. Sig Tau is also planning renovations. Kappa Alpha completed renovations two years ago. With all of these updates, fraternity row is looking great. Despite the competition for members from the new dorms and other new fraternity houses, the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma stands strong.

For those who have not been to campus in a while, the university purchased all the property along Highway E and renamed it University Drive. The highway department put a roundabout at the intersection of Highway E and White Columns Drive. Every visitor to the university now has a great view of our house and fraternity row. All the chapters on fraternity row have recognized this and improved the aesthetics of their houses. The

front of our house and the rear of the houses on fraternity row are viewed by hundreds daily, enhancing our visibility on campus. Thirty years ago we may have been considered off campus, but now we are located at the entrance to the university. Great move by the 1960 House Corporation!

This past year, we repainted rooms in the west addition of the Chapter House, painted the dining room, repaired all the ceiling fans, replaced some furniture, and purchased the last group of new mattresses. We replaced the retaining wall at the rear service driveway and installed a new basketball goal on the patio. We are also developing plans to expand our weight room. The weight room is an extremely popular feature in the house and is used daily by many members. It promotes health and fitness. We are excited about the possibilities.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support and brotherhood. Kappa Sigma continues to thrive in Rolla.

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Past House Fund President Bill Sullivan '57 on His Beta-Chi Experience

Bill Sullivan '57 has been project-oriented for as long as he can remember. Growing up, he helped his father with projects around the house and a few years later, through Kappa Sigma, he was able to utilize this character trait by working alongside brothers on remodeling projects that kept Beta-Chi a top Chapter on campus.

As an alumnus, he continued his dedication to the Chapter and served as president of the House Fund until 1985. "In those days, the Chapter took care of the house," Bill said. "At the time, at the Missouri School of Mines, fraternities were the Cadillac of housing because there were no dorms. There were fraternities, then eating clubs, then athletic clubs, but fraternities were the primary housing."

Similar to his father, **William Sullivan Jr. '33**, Bill found himself at home in Beta-Chi. He appreciated the reputation the Chapter held on campus and spent his undergraduate career building lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories. "It was a good experience. We had a cross section of people and military guys were coming back from Korea," he said. "I still get together with a group from my era every year or two, and we have an ongoing relationship."

William also served on the House Fund before Bill and shared stories of his time with the Chapter during the Great Depression. As treasurer, William was doing the business of the Chapter "out of his blue jeans" and would pay the Chapter's bills in cash, something unheard of today. However, the desire to serve the Chapter and work on building projects wasn't the only thing Bill and his father had in common—when it came to school, both took their time earning their degrees. "My favorite memory was that I finally got out," Bill joked. "I was a dumb college kid, but I do have about half a dozen or so lifetime friends, and I've been able to broaden my range of acquaintances quite a bit thanks to Kappa Sigma."

Bill earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1962 and began working for Monsanto Company in 1967. He spent 30 years with Monsanto managing maintenance and engineering services in chemical manufacturing facilities. Bill has since retired and spends his time golfing, working on do-it-yourself projects, and traveling. Bill and his wife, Anne, live in St. Louis, Mo., and have three children and three grandchildren. Bill can be reached at wlsullivan@sbcglobal.net.

GENEROUS ALUMNI, WE THANK YOU \$11,056 Raised So Far in 2017

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual program. Alumni who have contributed thus far to the 2017 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, University of Missouri Science & Technology, P.O. Box 442100, Lawrence, KS 66044-2100. Thank you, again, for giving back to the Chapter—it truly does make a difference!

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BETA-CHI RECRUITS RECORD-BREAKING PLEDGE CLASS

The future of Beta-Chi is looking brighter than ever. The 2017 fall pledge class is shaping up to be the largest in our history, with 37 men committed by the end of opening week. A hearty congratulations and job well done to our recruitment chairman and his committee.

Not satisfied with our second place finish in 2016, the Chapter took home a Greek Week victory at the beginning of the fall semester for the first time since 2013. The school year also marked a new high for our Chapter's philanthropy and service. Our first Oktoberfest event raised nearly \$2,000 for the Kappa Sigma Military Heroes campaign, while the spring semester's Fish Fry with Zeta Tau Alpha brought in an additional \$4,000.

In addition to the monetary contributions, our Brothers amassed more than 4,000 hours of service work to help organizations both on and off campus. A new and improved electronic system for storing and organizing study materials was implemented, which better serves our members and strengthens our academic reputation.

Looking forward, the annual Oktoberfest and Fish Fry events will be complimented with several smaller events such as mother's and father's days. The goal of these outings is to raise additional funds to assist our veterans through the Military Heroes campaign.

Additionally, the president and other Chapter officers developed an action plan with input from all Brothers. We will use this plan to guide the Chapter forward and set a new standard for what a Fraternity can accomplish. Small changes to our scholarship and tutoring systems will help push us toward the top of fraternities on campus for grades.

There is a lot to be excited for this coming year, and we hope to make it the best Beta-Chi has ever seen.

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Alumni Update



Initiation night on Jan. 24, 1976.



Brothers and friends gather to celebrate the life of Paul Conant '76 on Aug. 31.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Paul C. Conant '76, of St. Louis, Mo., passed away peacefully on Aug. 19 after a courageous battle with prostate cancer. He graduated from Rolla with a degree in electrical engineering in 1979 and played on the club water polo team. Paul retired as an electrical engineer from Anheuser-Busch. He was an avid fisherman and Hargrovia, gardener, cyclist, outdoorsman, and sailor. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lois Conant (nee Hartwig); uncle, Warren Hartwig; and brother-in-law, Kevin Kennedy. He was the loving father of Christopher, Bridget, and Leah. He is also survived by his fiancé, Nancy Glynn; friend and former wife, Dorothy Conant; siblings, Dave Conant, Susan Kennedy, and Allison Conant; faithful canine companion, Stella; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. As part of his caring spirit, Paul made a donation of his body to education to the Washington University School of Medicine.

ALUMNI NEWS

David L. Harbaugh '53 jokes that his most important activity is to sit in his recliner to keep it from levitating. "I've been very successful so far," David said. He lives in La Mirada, Calif.

Roger T. Martin '58 retired at home in Ohio. He is keeping busy volunteering at Akron General Hospital and at his church. He and his wife, Judy, celebrated the births of two of their four granddaughters. Roger and Judy are both in good health. E-mail: rmartin@miner.mst.edu

Jason L. Hudson '91 and his family relocated to northern Michigan four years ago to support his professional growth at a startup company, which manufactures the GoGo squeeZ product. In between travels, Jason and his wife, Dana, try to enjoy time on the water fishing or on the slopes skiing. "If anyone makes it up to the area, please reach out as there are plenty of things to do in the summer or winter months," Jason said. E-mail: hudpup@yahoo.com