

# BETA CHI COLUMNS



KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | FALL 2023

## Building on Our Profound History

### LET'S MAINTAIN STRONG BONDS

**M**S&T recently completed a study of student success. The study shows that all academic success measurements, including GPA, retention, and graduation rates, are higher among the fraternal population than the general student population. The bonds created by brotherhood and sisterhood are powerful—they motivate students to succeed.

These measures are important, as they are reflected in our national university ranking and have a big impact on university income, with a high number of dorm students leaving the university after the first year. I believe this has opened the university's eyes to the value of the fraternity system.

#### ALUMNI GATHERINGS

This year represents the 120th year of Beta-Chi Chapter. We celebrated the event over Homecoming with 160 Brothers, alumni, and guests. Brothers **Dan Conway '82** and **Scott Stewart '90** were inducted into the Beta-Chi Hall of Fame. **Rich Bradley '84** was the emcee for the event, and Rich's nephew proudly watched his uncle as a new Beta-Chi pledge. We also would like to thank Rich for his donation of the new tabletop podium.

Beta-Chi alumni had six pledge class reunions that I know of this year, with three happening during Homecoming. I have been going to Homecoming for many years and hear some common themes. First, it is so much fun. Second, reuniting with pledge Brothers you haven't seen in years

takes one minute, and it's like you were never apart. Lastly, alumni wish they had taken the time to reach out to others and get them to attend.

If you or your class wants to organize a reunion, we keep a database of our alumni contact info that is available on our website. The password is aekdb. If you have updated contact information to share, please send it to me or update it on the website.

#### SUPPORTING OUR UNDERGRADUATES

We are still trying to raise money to renovate and expand the weight room. It is about a \$40,000 project that includes expansion, weights, bikes, treadmills, and equipment. This is one of the most used rooms in the Chapter House and a selling point for potential new members. Students have free time, and we all know the ways that free time can be spent. This is a healthy and safe option for spending those spare hours.

Beta-Chi Chapter continues to excel and make our alumni proud. Our undergraduates again won the prestigious Founders Award for Chapter Excellence for being one of the top Chapters in the country. We thank our alumni for their support.

Fraternally,  
**Ben Prueter '10**  
ben.prueter@gmail.com



Left: From left: Rich Bradley '84, Scott Stewart '90, and Robert Hoffmann '78 commemorate Scott's hall of fame induction. Center: Thank you to everyone who joined us for Homecoming! Right: Hall of Fame Inductee Dan Conway '82 addressing the banquet.

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF CONNECTIONS

The 1973-74 pledge class had a reunion to celebrate 50 years since our pledging. We managed to locate all 29 members of our pledge class except for two who depledged, one who was blackballed, and one who disappeared with our pledge class treasury. **Barry Harsh '74** and **Cony Metcalf '74** are deceased.

## GATHERING THE BROTHERS

Anyone who knows our pledge class knows us as eclectic and not particularly homogeneous. Those who were actives during our pledging remember us as free thinkers who were somewhat undisciplined and untrainable.

In that spirit, we ignored all advice from other alumni and held our reunion on October 17-19, in the middle of the week away from

Homecoming. That way, we avoided all the 50-year high school reunions.

## ALUMNI ATTENDANCE

The first night, our dinner was held at the Westport Sheraton Chalet in St. Louis. **Steve Blair '74** and Nancy, **Jeff Buck '74**, **Mark Drumm '74** and Marieta, **Jeff Feaster '74** and Becky, **Roger Fleer '74** and Patti, **Bill Franz '74** and Norma, myself and Tonda Haul, **Larry Ott '74**, **Dave Perry '74**, **Gary Roebke '74** and Donna, **Stan Shilling '74**, and **Kent Springer '74** and Patti attended. We had gallons of fun.

The next day, 11 pledge Brothers headed to Rolla to see all the additions to the house. The stalls in the bathrooms were particularly shocking. Meanwhile, our wives went to Old Town St. Charles to empty our wallets.

'73-74  
PLEDGE  
BROTHERS  
REUNITE

We took some time to wander around campus on our way back. That night, we enjoyed dinner at the Westport Train Wreck Saloon—men at one table, wives at the other.

## UNTIL NEXT TIME

As is typical of our class, we all headed our separate ways the next morning. Some went to Missouri Wine Country, some went to Grant's Farm, some headed home, and some went to doctor's appointments. We're old, what do you want?

We did all agree to not wait 50 years to do the next reunion.

Fraternally,  
**Bob Haul '74**

## Why They Joined

*"The dorms seemed terrible, so I looked to a Fraternity. The one that seemed the best was Kappa Sigma; I haven't regretted my decision once."*

—**Christian Bissel '23**

*"I really bonded with the guys during a recruitment event at Topgolf. This led to me wanting to join this house over every other."*

—**Isaac Jones '23**

*"Kappa Sigma was the house that looked the coolest and had the guys that I meshed with the best."*

—**Jack Parker '23**

## CHAPTER OFFICERS



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Grand Master of Ceremonies  
**Nathaniel Dalton '22**

Grand Master  
**Tim Guccione '21**

# Committed to Fraternal Success



Tim Guccione '21 (left) and Cal Greiner '21 participate in Greek Week kickball.

## Beta-Chi's Recent Events

The gentlemen of Beta-Chi have been busy competing in Greek Week, Greek Sing, Zeta Tau Alpha's Crown Prince, and other Fraternities' philanthropic events.

### Chapter Accomplishments

We placed second overall in Greek Week. This was disappointing, though we're looking forward to competing and winning next year.

Greek Sing was a big success. We had a band comprised of three members: **Nick Kelsch '19**, **Sam Nix '22**, and **Quint Gholson '23**. Their favorite song to perform is "Free Bird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd. Quint also entered Zeta's Crown Prince competition, taking home first place.

### Family Time

We had a great time celebrating our annual Dad's Weekend, which included a day at the Oak Meadows Golf Course, followed by hanging out on the patio of Tater Patch. As always, it concluded with some basement festivities.

It's always fun for the undergraduates to see their dads relive their college days. We look forward to having Mom's Weekend in the spring as well as possibly implementing a Family Weekend to include all family members.

### Looking Ahead

Beta-Chi continues to be on the incline for grades, having reached a GPA of 3.1 for the spring and summer. We continue to recognize that scholarship is a pillar—it should be at the forefront of our priorities.

The house is looking forward to completing a cedulal this spring for the first time since 2018. We need help with the process of hollowing out and carving the tree. If you are willing to help the undergraduates at all, please contact me at (636) 385-0893.

This past fall included one of the best Homecoming celebrations in recent years. It was my third Homecoming, and we hosted the most alumni I've seen yet as well as the Chapter House having the most members it has seen in recent years. It was amazing to see pledge classes gather and share stories about what Kappa Sigma means to them and how the house was "back in my day."

We hope even more alumni can come down in fall 2024.

Fraternally,  
**Tim Guccione '21**  
 Grand Master



## CHAPTER GOALS

- Win FACE again.
- Achieve a Chapter GPA above all-men's average.
- Have a successful Mom's and Family Weekend.

# Welcome, New Brothers

The newest brothers on the night they were initiated.



New Brothers initiated on November 12, 2023.

**Landon Alexander**  
**Thomas Barnes**  
**Christian Bissel**  
**Jake Buchanon**  
**Joe Daniel**  
**Camden Evans**  
**Blake Fink**  
**Colin Freeman**  
**Vincent Gramolino**  
**Roger Hausmann**  
**Daden House**  
**Isaac Jones**  
**David Lamping**  
**Sam Lee**  
**Harold Lutz**  
**Tyler Miller**  
**David Neufeld**  
**Jack Parker**  
**Sam Patel**  
**Brock Riddle**  
**Ethan Schrader**  
**Carson Skaggs**  
**Alex Tracy**  
**Connor Van Matre**  
**John Woods**

# 2024

## KAPPA SIGMA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Be sure to save the date on  
**Saturday, June 1, at 1 p.m.** for the  
annual Beta-Chi Golf Tournament!

Event details and RSVP information  
will be shared in the near future.

Start getting excited for this  
incredible brotherhood tradition!

SAVE  
THE  
DATE!

### Chapter Celestial

**Harold Meisenheimer '56**  
July 12, 2023

**Clinton "Beau" Clark '60**  
March 25, 2023

**Dennis G. Dreyer '60**  
January 10, 2023

**Tom Netzer '60**  
August 5, 2023

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*Help Us  
Grow the  
Brotherhood*

#### SUBMIT A RECRUITMENT REFERRAL TODAY

 Do you know a young man attending Missouri University of Science and Technology who would be a great fit for Beta-Chi? Be sure to submit a recruitment referral.

Please send the young man's information to Recruitment Chairman **Tyler Trueman '22** at (314) 332-5070. Be sure to include their full name, hometown, major, and any applicable legacy connections.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

 *\$81,165 Donated Since Spring 2023*

<b>Nicole Robles</b>	<b>Donald L. Cordes '66</b>	<b>Mark R. White '75</b>
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