

BETA-CHI COLUMNS



KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | SPRING 2015

BETA-CHI RECRUITING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST New Scholarships Keep Kappa Sigma Competitive at MS&T

We are just finishing our fourth year in the newly renovated and expanded Chapter House and the investment is paying off. The suites with private bathrooms, and the private living rooms, weight room, project room, study rooms, soccer field, alumni room, the exquisite foyer are attracting the best and brightest. The weight room is extremely popular and well used. At our last Alumni House Fund meeting we approved new weights and racks that are a substantial upgrade over the previous set.

Competition for members is getting fierce. We are not the only new house on the block. KA, SigEp, Delta Sig, and PKA all have recently renovated their facilities and several others are in the fundraising process. In addition to having nice facilities, they offer scholarships to attract new recruits. We currently offer a \$1,000 scholarship to incoming freshmen who meet certain academic requirements. We typically give away 6-10 of these each year. This scholarship is funded by the Kappa Sigma Endowed Educational Foundation and it is managed by the University. If you are ever donating to the University, you can specify the money be placed into this fund. You will get credit for donating to MS&T and Kappa Sigma.

In order to keep up with the competition, we approved two additional \$1,500 White Columns scholarships. These two scholarships will be given to the best of the best and an interview is required. This scholarship is funded by the Beta-Chi Educational Foundation, our 501(c)(3), tax-exempt entity that is funded by alumni. Brother **Norman Hart '53** and Brother **John Ricketts '58** have also endowed scholarships for Kappa Sigma actives through the University. I want to thank them and encourage others to help us with scholarships. If you are interested in funding a scholarship, let me know and I can direct you to the best place. Details on these scholarships are available on our website, www.beta-chi.com.

Last week I received a call from our former district grand master. He told me we were the rock stars of Kappa Sigma chapters and he wanted some advice on how he can help others. I told him that it was alumni support that makes our Chapter so great. I want to thank all of you for your support; it is the key to our success.

A.E.K.Δ.B.,
Robert Hoffmann '78
Alumni House Fund Association President
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Hall of Fame Nomination

Do you know of a worthy Beta-Chi who should be inducted into our annual Hall of Fame? If so, please send your nomination to **Ed Jantosik '76** at ecjirpeatt@att.net along with why your brother should be inducted.

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AN EASY DECISION TO MAKE Steve Ederle '84 Reflects on His Time at Beta-Chi



For **Steve Ederle '84**, the decision to join Kappa Sigma was an easy one. While he had many choices at Missouri S&T, his two older brothers, **John Ederle '77** and **Dave Ederle '81**, had already joined Kappa Sigma and Steve knew that was where he wanted to be as well. The men of Beta-Chi offered him friendship and a place to call home while in Rolla. They made the transition to college much easier and within just a few weeks he had 80 brothers to hang out with and learn from.

Steve recalls the festivities of St. Pat's being a favorite time for him and his fellow Beta-Chis. It was a tradition they took part in wholeheartedly every year. He also remembers the infamous annual beach party. While an outsider may not understand spreading 20 tons of sand just to have a party, then cleaning it up afterward, it was a party for the books. "It was one of those things where you just had to be there."

His time with Beta-Chi was not just fun and games. Steve really came to appreciate the men in Beta-Chi and friendships he made there. "I learned so much about people during my college years. Living

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Generous Alumni, We Thank You

\$17,455 Raised in 2014

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual program thus far. Alumni who have contributed to the 2014 appeals are listed by initiation year under the appropriate giving levels. (Note: this list does not reflect donations to the capital campaign.) 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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We Need Your Recommendations

Please contact Recruitment Chairman **Austin Lohr '13** at (573) 202-9720 or aglc55@mst.edu with any recommendations of worthy high school seniors. Also, if your company has openings for new graduates, please contact Chapter President **Kevin Flaker '11** at (314) 856-8308 or kmfcfb@mst.edu.

AN EASY DECISION TO MAKE

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with all the different guys in Kappa Sigma helped me learn to get along and work with a lot of different types of people. I think it's a lesson that has carried through my life and in the business world." Steve also learned the importance of asking questions. "The best thing young Kappa Sigs can do, whether they're in college still or starting their career, is to ask questions of more experienced people. Learn from them, ask which classes to take or which professors to look for, which to avoid. In business, asking questions will help you avoid pitfalls and guide you in a direction where you can be more successful."

For 23 years, Steve has been working for Jost Chemical Co. He and his wife, Maureen, whom he met at Missouri S&T, live in Oakville, Missouri. Their daughter, Melissa, is a sophomore at Ursuline Academy. They are not sure if she is going to be an engineer, but they haven't stopped trying to convince her. Their son, **Dan Ederle '14**, is a freshman at Missouri S&T and pledged Beta-Chi. Steve is very proud and excited.

"It had been several years since I had been back at the Beta Chi but when I returned for Homecoming 2014 and Dan's initiation, I really felt welcomed back. I was left with a feeling that Beta-Chi is still doing it right in finding great guys and great leaders."

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For Kappa Sigma Day of Service, Beta-Chi volunteered at the new Veterans Memorial Park in Rolla.



The spring class of 2015 stands on the front steps after being initiated.



Kappa Sigs and Zetas the raffle table at the 11th annual fish fry.

BETA-CHI SPRING SEMESTER PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Chapter Focused on Scholarship, Leadership, and Service

As the spring semester quickly escapes into summer, our Chapter looks back and reflects on our successful semester. Beta-Chi has continued to exemplify the four pillars by which we stand: scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service. Every year we make it our mission to set the bar higher and we continue to thrive on campus and within our brotherhood.

Focus on Recruitment

We started off the semester by welcoming back 21 newly initiated brothers from the fall semester. Through the diligence of our current recruitment chairman, **Austin Lohr '13**, we formally pledged 13 young men, making this spring class the largest our chapter has seen in recent history. We are confident that Austin and his recruitment committee will once again exceed expectations as they plan for fall recruitment.

Exemplifying Leadership

The brothers of Beta-Chi continue to emerge as leaders on campus. We currently boast four presidents and two vice presidents of prestigious campus organizations. For the second year in a row, Beta-Chi is home to the interfraternity council president, **Chris Carlton '12**. Leading St. Patrick's board as vice president, **Josh Bergesch '12** was elected St. Pat. This marks the second year in a row that St. Pat has been a brother of Beta-Chi.

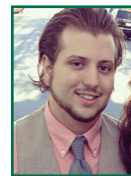
Scholarship Remains Strong

Scholarship is yet another way Beta-Chi excels on campus. Our Chapter earned a GPA of 3.039 for the fall semester. This puts us above the all-male and all-Greek GPAs and also marks the sixth consecutive semester we've been above the all-men's GPA. Our new members received a GPA of 3.135, which ranks among the top.

Spotlight on Philanthropy

This semester we hosted the 11th annual Kappa Sigma and Zeta Tau Alpha Fish Fry, which was a huge success. We raised \$5,000, which went to help support Military Heroes Campaign and Breast Cancer Awareness.

I am extremely pleased with the direction this Chapter continues to travel. Year after year we foster an environment of diligence and brotherhood. The Beta-Chi Chapter would not grow and become the pride of the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus without the support and donations from our dedicated alumni. Thank you and we look forward to many more years of success.



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St. Pat's Court stopped by for a visit during our annual fish fry.



We made baked goods for the fish fry during a social with the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha.

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

William H. Bassett '41 passed away May 14, 2014. He was a resident of Baton Rouge, La., at the time of his death.

ALUMNI NEWS

William J. Trejbal '63 reports that he is enjoying retirement and doing a good deal of volunteer work. He sings with the Phoenix Symphony Chorus and plays golf in his free time. Bill retired from Betz Dearborn in 2012 as the manager of environment, health, and safety. He and his wife, Mary, have two sons, Jeff and Brian, and live in Goodyear, Ariz. E-mail: bmtrejbal@msn.com

Donald W. Bourne '67 retired this year and moved from San Francisco to Paso Robles, Calif. He is looking forward to traveling and playing golf. Donald would love to connect with any of his brothers passing through Paso Robles. E-mail: bournedon@sbcglobal.net

Richard J. Lacavich '69 works as the chief engineer for Ben Hur Steel Worx in St. Louis, Mo. He and his wife, Janet, have two children, Jeff and Cindy, and live in Manchester, Mo. E-mail: richandjanetL@sbcglobal.net

Greg A. Weeks '77 works for West Monroe Partners doing process and management improvement consulting. He is based out of the company's Chicago office but lives in St. Louis. He has two children, Bryan and Brendan. E-mail: gregweeks25@gmail.com

Thomas Hoffmann '80 started a new business, Engineered Solutions Heating and Air Conditioning, providing heating and air conditioning service and replacement for the residential and commercial market. They also provide consulting services for energy auditing, thermal scans of homes and businesses, indoor air quality, and mold investigation and remediation. He and his wife, Julie, live in St. Louis, Mo., and have three children: TJ, Katie, and Nick. E-mail: thoffmann1@charter.net

David W. Shaw '81 and his wife, Grace, live in Fenton, Mo., and have three sons: Michael, Andrew, and Thomas. David is a senior actuary for Ekon Benefits. E-mail: shawdgmatt@att.net

David R. Bushey '87 is the resident engineer for the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. He has two children, Logan and Tyler, and lives in Bella Vista, Ark. E-mail: david.bushey@arkansashighways.com

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SAVE THE DATE

**Annual Beta-Chi
Golf Tournament
Saturday, June 6
Paradise Valley Golf Club
Shotgun Start at 12 p.m.
Alumni - \$85
Undergraduates - \$65**

RSVP to Matt Foresman at
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**Homecoming
Saturday, October 24**