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This year marks the fifth year in our newly renovated and expanded Fraternity House. Our facility is first class and has allowed us to recruit top prospects for potential new members. Our goal as a house corporation is to keep up with the maintenance and repairs so the facility stays first class.

The student population at the university is at an all-time high, above 8,000. This is good news for Rolla. The local economy is booming, much of it due to MS&T. A lot of the inexpensive housing in town is being purchased by companies, who then convert it into much more expensive housing. Rolla has a shortage of student housing, which should help to make Kappa Sigma an attractive option to incoming students.

However, competition for members in the Greek community continues to grow and is not limited to fraternities. The university is building massive new dorms on University Drive between our location and campus. And several fraternities have performed upgrades since our project of 2011. Two years ago, KA renovated its facility, and last year Phi Kap opened a new replacement facility at their location on State Street. This year, TKE and Lambda Chi will begin new construction projects. TKE will build a new facility on fraternity row. They have leased the old Delta Sig property and plan to raze what has long been known as the "Round House." The new TKE facility will be about half the size of ours, but from what we have seen, it looks like a first-class facility. We welcome the upgrade to the neighborhood, but we are also challenged with

the additional competition for members by other upgraded fraternities as well as the new university dorms.

Our renovation would not have been possible without the financial support of so many of you. We set a goal of \$2.5 million and ended up raising \$2.6 million. (TKE has only been able to raise about half of that amount and they used the same professional fundraiser.) Most of our donations came from 1950s and 1960s brothers who are holding a reunion October 5-9 in Branson, Missouri. See the "Save the Date" section of the website for more information. Some of our alumni gave one-time donations, but many made five-year pledges and we are at the end of collecting on them. Since these contributions are coming to an end, we reinitiated our annual dues program to help offset the cost of alumni programming (website, newsletters, database, and events). We are also using these funds, when available, toward undergraduate scholarships. I want to thank each of you for your support.

I am really proud of our undergraduates. They consistently achieve academic success, lead in campus competitions, and show leadership in campus organizations. Again, I want to thank you for your ongoing support.

A.E.K.A.B.,

Robert Hoffmann '78

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Steve Suellentrop '71 Looks Back on His Time with Kappa Sigma



The summer before his freshman year, **Steve Suellentrop '71** visited MS&T's campus and met the men he would call Brothers. Kappa Sigma introduced Steve to friends, opportunities, and camaraderie. The lessons he learned as an undergraduate stuck with him and helped propel him in his successful career.

Steve is president of Hunt Oil Company in Dallas, Texas. He earned his B.S. and M.S. in petroleum engineering in 1974 and 1975, respectively, and entered the industry soon after. He has held many roles throughout his career, including managing director of Arco British Limited, vice president of Arco Research and Technology, vice president of Hunt Oil, and now president. Hunt Oil commercially structured,

engineered, financed, constructed, and operates the only LNG liquefaction facility in South America.

For young alumni fresh out of school, Steve's advice is to remain open to all opportunities that come your way. "Move out of your comfort zone and take advantage of what may come to you. Kappa Sigma taught me to be flexible, so it's important not to put yourself in a box. Be open-minded to all opportunities."

Steve and his wife, Betty, a former Kappa Sigma Sweetheart, have been married for 42 years and live in Dallas. They have two children, Katie and Greg, and two grandsons, Liam and Connor. In his free time, Steve hits the links to work on his golf game. You can contact Steve at ssuellentrop@huntoil.com.

GENEROUS ALUMNI, WE THANK YOU

\$19,500 Raised in 2015

We wish to thank all those who have supported the annual program. Alumni who contributed to the 2015 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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Alumni Update

CHAPTER CELESTIAL

Albert T. Sindel '39 entered Chapter Celestial on September 12, 2015. He enjoyed woodworking, spending time with his family, and exploring the various places they lived. Al is survived by his wife of 70 years, Lillian; children: Sandra, Sherry, Tim, and Laurie; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Russel E. Frame '41 entered Chapter Celestial on January 3, 2015. He left college and joined the Marine Corps during World War II, landing in Okinawa, Japan, in April 1945. Russel worked for Southern Pacific for 26 years and retired from CSX as vice president of engineering in 1986. He later was a consultant for railroads in New Zealand and Australia.

William A. Schirmer '44 entered Chapter Celestial on July 23, 2014. He was a loving husband, wonderful father/grandfather, member of St. Juliana's parish and choir, danced with Ichabod Square Dancing Club for many years, and loved to play golf. Bill is survived by his wife, Evelyn; four children: Aileen, Stephen, Marybeth, and Gregory; and five grandchildren.

Robert D. Newcomer '79 entered Chapter Celestial on October 20, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Donna, sons Ryan and Brett, and countless family and friends. Robert was a resident of St. Louis, Mo., and was an active member of Sokol St. Louis and CSA Missouri Lodge.

ALUMNI NEWS

John M. Killoran Jr. '62 retired at 55 "because he could" and has absolutely no regrets. Now at 72, John enjoys good health and good family relations. He still weighs the same as when he graduated in 1965, but has more skin than hair showing on his head. He remains active and busy with a wide variety of activities and thinks of 1201 State Street often with very fond memories. John lives in Hazelwood, Mo. E-mail: johnk4443@sbcglobal.net

Joseph M. Kountzman III '63 joined Trane after graduating and spent 16 years in Chicago and the next 15 years in Pasadena. In 2000, Joseph was

appointed business leader for Trane in Southern California, and in 2004, he was appointed the business leader for both Trane and Ingersoll Rand in Florida. He retired in 2011 and lives in Pasadena with his wife, Marge. They have two daughters: Libby, an architect in New York City, and Kate, an attorney in Palo Alto. E-mail: kountzman@gmail.com

Mark A. Martin Sr. '63 reports that his youngest daughter, Jennifer, was selected by the U.S. government to be its best authority on seals and sea lions. She was sent to Indonesia with the top department heads and experts from six other countries to conference on sea mammals. Jenny started Ph.D. studies last fall (she was awarded the Fullbright and National scholarships). She also spent two weeks in Fiji and Bali following her trip to Indonesia. Mark and his wife, Janna, live in Springfield, Ill., and have five children: Kelly, Mark, Michael, Katie, and Jenny. E-mail: jmmamartin@msn.com

C. Pat Godwin '69 was inducted into the Academy of Minor Athletes on October 23, 2015. He and his wife, Nancy, continue to travel globally and have taken several African safaris over the years. They spend a lot of time at their lake house on Bull Shoals Lake where they're restoring their 450 acres to natural Missouri habitat. E-mail: godwincp@hotmail.com

Donald E. Neely Jr. '69 and his wife, Judy, thoroughly enjoy their new titles as Opa and Oma to three grandchildren. "Grandparenting is definitely the reward of surviving parenthood!" Over the last 25 years, Donald and Judy have enjoyed spectacular hiking in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, California, Oregon, Canada, and Switzerland. They're now exploring the Appalachian Trails out east. Donald and Judy live in Austin, Texas, and have three children: Nathan, Sarah, and Carol Ina. E-mail: neely2175@sbcglobal.net

William L. Kovacich '82 was appointed to represent the U.S. on the International Organization for Standardization subcommittee to write quality standards used globally in industry. Bill and his wife, Laura, live in Columbia, S.C.



BETA-CHI SETS GOAL TO BECOME LARGEST FRATERNITY AT MS&T

Membership Grows and Spring Events Raise Awareness for Local Organizations

Last fall and this spring have been incredibly successful for our Chapter. With a large pledge class of 22 in the fall and nine in the spring (two mid-semester), we continue to make strides toward becoming the largest Fraternity on campus.

The spring semester has been incredibly successful for Chapter events, including St. Pats, philanthropy, service, and intramurals. While we were not able to win St. Pats, we will learn from our shortcoming and do much better in the future. Even so, we bonded as a Chapter to make a great cudgel, a beautiful float, and placed third.

Our main spring philanthropy event, Fish Fry, was incredibly successful. There was a great turnout, and due to this we were able to raise nearly \$3,700 for charity. While this is our main event for the spring, we continue as a group to raise money for a campus-based activity, Out 'Til Midnight, by going to local businesses. Service this semester has gone well. A large group trip to Great Circle, an organization that helps children and teens in need, during our day of service was incredibly helpful to the organization. This, along with a few other small service events, such as helping a local

food pantry, had large turnouts and very high participation among the Chapter.

Intramurals this spring have been going great. With an average amount of participation, we've had a lot of success in our competitions. These sports have not only helped us bring honor back to the Fraternity, but have bonded our members by going as a group to the events and cheering on our Brothers.

The spring semester has gone very well as we continue the achievements of our Chapter and look to set new goals to hold ourselves to the high standards that we attempt to maintain.

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Nick Swanson '15, Josh Morris '15, Conor Buckley '15, Blaine Hrovat '15, Paul Meyer '15, Brian Kissel '15, and Brandon Whyte '16 during MS&T's St. Pat's parade.



Ryan Howe '14, Collin Hanneke '14, and Andrew Petschel '15 with Beta-Chi's St. Pat's parade float.



Kappa Sigma members enjoy our annual fish fry with members of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.



Kappa Sigma hosted another successful fish fry philanthropy event this spring.

Welcome, New Members

Nathan Durfee
St. Louis, Mo.

Gabriel Holtmeyer
Warrenton, Mo.

Devin McCord
Frisco, Texas

Matthew Russell
Warrenton, Mo.

Brandon Whyte
O'Fallon, Ill.

Ben Fassler
Chesterfield, Mo.

Andrew Jehle
Wentzville, Mo.



Jack Tuckwell
Chesterfield, Mo.

Matthew York
Ozark, Mo.

KAPPA SIG HOMECOMING 2015

The Beta-Chi Chapter would like to thank all alumni, active members, spouses, and friends for joining us for Homecoming last fall. Many were in attendance for an evening of reconnecting and reminiscing. And special congratulations to brothers **Ken Staab '74** and **Steve Ederle '84** on their induction into Beta-Chi's Hall of Fame! We hope you're already planning your trip to Rolla this fall for Beta-Chi Reunion Weekend, October 5-9, and Homecoming Weekend, October 14-16. Keep an eye out for more details soon!



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CONGRATULATIONS, SENIORS

Beta-Chi wants to congratulate the following members who graduated last fall. We're proud to call you alumni and are confident in all your future endeavors.

John Demartino '10
Engineering Management

David Reinwald '12
Mechanical Engineering

Alex Ennis '11
Geological Engineering

Nick Trampe '11
Computer Science

Kevin Flaker '11
Electrical Engineering

Kevin Wilson '11
Chemical Engineering

Matt Gake '11
Computer Science

Clayton Yingling '11
Geological Engineering

Steve Ludwig '11
Mechanical Engineering

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Beta-Chi Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 4

Paradise Valley Golf Club

Shotgun Start at 12 p.m.

Alumni - \$85

Undergraduates - \$65

RSVP to **Matt Foresman '91** at
matthew.r.foresman@monsanto.com or
Steve Walden at
swalden@myprovidencebank.com.

Please make checks payable to the St. Louis Kappa Sigma Alumni Association and send them to Steve Walden at 912 Shady Path Dr., St. Peters, MO 63376. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Walden at (636) 485-2710.

Beta-Chi Reunion

October 5-9

Branson, Missouri

The Clarion Hotel

Contact **Bill Ricketts '58** at
billricketts1@aol.com for more information.

MS&T Homecoming

Saturday, October 15



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