

# BETA-CHI COLUMNS



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

## ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT KEEPS BETA-CHI STRONG AT MS&T

*115th Anniversary on the Horizon—Details to Come!*

Recruitment is the lifeblood of a Fraternity. Getting the best and brightest is critical to our success. Due to privacy laws, the university no longer provides lists of incoming students. They leave it up to each Fraternity to develop their own database from responses to mailings, social media, connections with schoolmates, and alumni referrals. If you know of any potential members heading to MST, contact Recruitment Chairman **Blaine Hrovat '15** at (573) 465-8124 or bthcn6@mst.edu.

The Chapter House is now 6 years old and starting to show some wear. We are beginning to replace sofas and coffee tables along with several washers and dryers. We just had all the rooms in the addition painted, and purchased new chairs for the dining room. Keeping up with the maintenance in a Fraternity house is almost a full-time job.

**Rich Manning '78**, treasurer of the Alumni House Corporation, has handled our accounting, billing, and collections for many years. He is retiring from these responsibilities and we thank him for his service. We will transition to a local Rolla resident,

Errica Hartley; she will handle the billing, collecting, and general administrative work for the House Corporation. If you get something from her in the mail, you will know she is part of the team.

In roughly 18 months, we will celebrate the 115th anniversary of the Beta-Chi Chapter at MST/UMR/MSM. We are going to make it a big event, so plan on attending. Start contacting your pledge brothers. The class of 2013 will celebrate its five-year anniversary; the class of 2008 will celebrate its 10-year anniversary; the class of 1998 will celebrate its 20-year anniversary; and the great pledge class of 1958 will celebrate its 60th anniversary.

I look forward to another great year at the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma. Thank you for your continued support.

A.E.K.Δ.B.

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## Beta-Chi Proudly Demonstrates the Four Pillars of Kappa Sigma

Throughout this semester, the Beta-Chi Chapter 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.

### FELLOWSHIP

We have six spring initiates, all of whom are promising young men. For the fall semester, Recruitment Chairman **Blaine Hrovat '15** has already received seven signed bid cards. Considering how early it is in the recruitment season, next fall's new member class looks very promising. Blaine plans on signing at least 35 men by the fall, and he is confident in his ability to do so.

### SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship is another way Beta-Chi excels on campus. With a 3.003 overall GPA, our Chapter GPA is higher than the all-men and all-student GPAs. This marks the eighth semester we've been above the all-men's GPA. Scholarship remains extremely important to our members.

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Beta-Chi at this spring's White Columns Cleanup. Top row, from left: Sean Fox '16, Brian Kissel '15, Michael Evers '15, Matthew York '16, Alec Wilhelms '13, Jack Feeney '16, Joshua Morris '15, Chris Wilkinson '13, Logan Fulk '16, Chris Roggenburg '16, Branden Cheun '15, Will Annunziata '15, Reed Piezuch '16, Peter Vaughan '15, Will Meyer '16, Samuel Hrovat '16, Brandon Bohanon '16, and Jacob Rein '14. Bottom row: Nathan Thelen '16, Charles Dienstbach '16, TJ Ruediger '13, Nicolas LeBlanc '14, Patrick Beasley '14, and Samuel Remillard '16.



# HAROLD “BUD” BURKE ’50 SHARES A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES

**H**arold “Bud” Burke ’50 first became associated with the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma as a recent high school graduate. During a trip to campus soon after graduation, he noticed the class of 1949 moving out of the house for summer break. Being a Boy Scout, helping others in need is in Bud’s blood, so he pitched in. Later that fall, he returned to campus, this time as a student. His next trip to the Beta-Chi house found active members moving *in*, so true to form, Bud jumped in to assist. His visits and helping hand made an impression on the Chapter and they invited him to join.

The following summer, Bud took some classes at MU. During his stay, he took up residence with the Beta-Gamma Chapter. He later decided to stay at Mizzou for school after the summer semester to complete his education.

At the same time, the Korean War had begun. Bud was a student of ROTC, and learned that he could complete his final two years of school and graduate with a two-year commission of active duty and six years in the reserve. He accepted and was sent to Germany where he served as a finance officer for two years. Upon his return to the States, he decided to go back to school, this time to Rolla studying mechanical engineering. After graduation, he went to work for Boeing before returning to the military and the Vietnam War.

To say Bud has had a lot of life experience is an understatement. His advice for undergraduates is simple: “Graduate! Without that ticket, you’re not

getting on the bus. Also, as an alumnus, make sure you attend any event you can. You will maintain your relationships and always have a good time.”

Bud’s Kappa Sigma days are special because he shares membership with two chapters. His friendships span many years of brotherhood and camaraderie. “I grew so much in Kappa Sigma, literally—my freshman year I grew five to six inches! But aside from that, I gained many friends and learned the positives of Fraternity life. There were always people around when you needed help, and as an Eagle Scout, that was already my way of thinking.”

During Harold’s time at Mizzou he was a cheerleader and an avid supporter of the sports teams. Later in life, Harold continued his cheerleading at Mizzou football games and was known by the fans as “Spider.” Spider had the ability to get the crowds going. During the Beta-Chi 100 year celebration, while watching a Cardinals playoff game, we all got to witness Spider in action inspiring everyone in the room to cheer the Cardinals on.

Bud and his wife, Libby, live in Republic, Missouri. They have three children: Teresa, Katie, and David, two cheerleaders and one All-American. Bud obtained three degrees, a B.A. in economics, a B.S. in mechanical engineering, and a master’s degree in civil engineering, provided by the U.S. military. Bud enjoys genealogy, or as he prefers to call it, family history. “It’s fun to learn the depth of what these people did.”

## Generous Alumni, We Thank You

*\$41,036 Raised in 2016*

**W**e wish to thank all those who have supported the annual program. Alumni who contributed 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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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

**William Keene**  
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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**Clayton Ohmes**  
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**Kevin Woody**  
Ballwin, Mo.

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### LEADERSHIP

Nationally, Beta-Chi continues to rank among the top chapters in the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Last summer at the 2016 Leadership Conference, Beta-Chi received the prestigious Founders' Circle award. This marks the first time in our history that we have received this award. The Founder's Circle award is the top award given out by the National Fraternity and solidifies Beta-Chi's place as one of the top Kappa Sigma chapters in the world. Beta-Chi continues to grow the leaders on the Missouri S&T campus. Of the 105 Brothers in the Chapter, more than 20% hold positions on the executive boards of campus organizations.

### SERVICE

On March 3, we hosted our annual fish fry, our largest philanthropic event of the year, in conjunction with the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Nearly \$2,000 was raised for Kappa Sigma's national charity, the Military Heroes Campaign, which aids thousands of military veterans and their families throughout the U.S.

I am extremely pleased with the direction this Chapter continues to travel. Year after year, we continue to foster an environment of diligence and brotherhood.

A.E.K.Δ.B.,

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Beta-Chi's recruitment team. Top row: Shane O'Brennan '16. Middle row, from left: Reed Piezuch '16 and Jack Feeney '16. Bottom row: Foster Walrath '15, Blaine Hrovat '15, and Nick Swanson '15.

## ALUMNI NEWS



Brothers Bill Demzik '55 and Bill Sullivan '57 visited Brother Walter Knecht '45 and presented him with a photo in appreciation of his support of Beta-Chi. At 88 years old, Walter is in great shape. Sadly, his wife died last year. We all wish Walter the best, and thank him for his friendship and support for the fraternity.

**Harry J. Kruger '52** and his wife, June, celebrated their 60th anniversary on January 21, 2016. Their three boys gave them nine grandchildren. He still loves Long Beach, Calif., and the Pacific Ocean.

**Donald W. Bourne '67** retired two years ago and moved to Paso Robles, Calif., from San Francisco. He's traveled a lot and found SFO and LAX airports were a three-hour drive, so in August he and his wife, Maureen, moved back to the Bay Area. They have two children, Scott and Christine. E-mail: bournedon@sbcglobal.net

**William H. Kroeger '72** reports his pledge class continues to stay in touch with each other and gets together when they can. He's still working, but planning to retire within two years. Bill and his wife, Susan, have been married for 40 years, and have two children, Chris and Ann. "Everyone is doing well!" E-mail: bkroeger@agcmo.org

**Mark R. White '75** lives at a lake house in North Carolina and is remodeling his beach house in St. Augustine, Fla. He is planning to consult, teach, and encourage moving forward in semi-retirement. E-mail: mwhitenc@gmail.com

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