

BETA-CHI COLUMNS



KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY AT MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY | SUMMER 2010

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE FAST-TRACKED

ALMOST \$200,000 PLEDGED SINCE MARCH

The action is just starting at 1701 White Columns Drive. Storage units are holding our historical items and furniture, while construction crews begin the demolition, renovation, and expansion of our historic home. We were able to accelerate our initial construction timeline due to several alumni front-loading their pledges and our ability to secure a \$2.5 million loan through a local bank. However, the completion of the project and financial viability of Beta-Chi hinge on reaching our \$2.5 million fundraising goal. To date we have raised \$2,011,684 and still need \$488,000.

The fraternal bond extends beyond our time in Rolla, and the effort to raise the remaining \$488,000 will truly be a Beta-Chi effort. We have 58 class leaders from 40 classes helping us to inspire their classmates to be a part of this special time in our history. You can see the names of the class leaders on page four. If your class does not have a leader, we hope you will contact us and take on this role.

The Beta-Chi bond is strong because of our legacy and commitment to Kappa Sig. We see this bond at St. Pat's, Alumni Hall of Fame/Homecoming, and Founder's Day, but also through the relationships many of us continue to this day. On behalf of *Securing the Future for the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Campaign*, I would like to thank the 150 alumni and undergraduates who have already committed to the future of our Fraternity, and I invite those who have not to join us on our contributors list, which grows each day.

Consider your own Beta-Chi experience—the lifelong friendships, the leadership and social skills you gained, and the values upon which we were founded. As several alumni have mentioned, Kappa Sig helped them academically—and for many,

Your Gift to the Campaign Can Be Completely Tax Deductible!

We are excited to announce that, through the Beta-Chi Educational Foundation, all gifts to the campaign will be fully tax deductible.

Fill out the enclosed pledge card and send in your gift today!



Jerry Kiel '69 stands behind the Kappa Sigma wall he built nearly 40 years ago.

financially—survive the rigor of Rolla while gaining key skills that helped them later in life. By investing in Kappa Sig's outstanding young men, we are investing in the leaders of the 21st century. For this to continue, we need your pledge today.

In appreciation, all donors who pledge \$2,500 or more to the campaign will have their name listed on a prominently displayed plaque in the Chapter House. Please fill out the enclosed pledge card to ensure you are included on the donor list. If you would like more information about the campaign, please contact me at (314) 537-3193 or roberth@hoffmannbros.com. We are all part of a very special bond, and on behalf of all Beta-Chi men—past, present, and future—I thank you for your interest in and support of Kappa Sigma!

A.E.K.A.B.,
Robert Hoffmann '78
Campaign Chairman



Construction crews have begun demolition in order to renovate and expand 1701 White Columns Drive.



CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of July 12, 2010

\$4 Million Project
\$2,011,684 Total Contributions
980 Mailable Alumni
150 Pledges to Date

Undergraduates Appreciative of Strong Alumni Base

The Brothers of Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma took part in an exciting year. Our activities included the recruitment of another strong fall class, a Man of the Year banquet with the National Fraternity, a successful sixth annual philanthropy fish fry, a third place cudgel during the St. Pat's celebration, a trip to Kappa Sigma International Headquarters, and a full-scale Chapter House cleanout in preparation for the house renovation and expansion project.

Man of the Year Celebration

In February, we were honored to be a part of the 2009 Kappa Sigma Man of the Year event, honoring Brother **Gary D. Forsee '69**. The event brought a great deal of national attention to the Chapter. The number of alumni and national representatives attending the event gave us an extra push to make the house look better than it has in years.

Trip to National Headquarters

During the February event, Kappa Sigma's executive director noted the superb artwork of the 2004 cudgel placed in our foyer. At the time, Beta-Chi was looking for homes for our cudgels and the National Fraternity suggested that we donate one to them.

Eleven Beta-Chi representatives traveled to Charlottesville, Virginia, on May 18-20, where



Beta-Chi initiated 21 brothers last fall and three brothers in the spring. The undergraduates will live in downtown Rolla, one half-mile from campus during renovations.

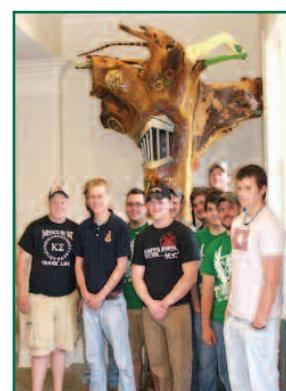
we donated the 96th best-ever St. Pat's first place cudgel. A commendation to Brother **Jason Williams '03** is in order for his hard work as cudgel chairman that year. The cudgel now resides in the second floor entrance, where it can be admired by Kappa Sigmas from across the country.

Future Living Arrangements

For the next two semesters, Beta-Chi members will live at 207 W. 9th Street in the Buehler building. This building is newly renovated and located in downtown Rolla, one-half mile from campus.

The future of Beta-Chi looks bright with a new Chapter House in the works, a strong alumni support base, and a young executive committee to lead the way. Please contact me with any questions regarding our Fraternity.

A.E.K.A.B.,
Max R. Boeh '07
 Grand Master
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The Chapter took third place with their cudgel in the St. Patrick's Day parade. The 96th annual cudgel was placed in its final resting position at Kappa Sigma International Headquarters.

Upcoming Chapter Events

July 24

Alumni Cudgel Burning Ceremony

August 15

Opening Week Begins

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ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Paul N. Albrecht '59 entered Chapter Eternal on January 12, 2010. He was a beloved husband and friend to Joy for 29 years, beloved father of Laurie Keppel and Dawn Patterson, dearest stepfather of Kirk Buchholz and Joseph, William, and Michael Wallweber.

William K. Hackel '43 entered Chapter Eternal on February 18, 2010. He was a member of the 106th Infantry during WWII, serving in the Battle of the Bulge. After his Army service, William was an engineer with Union Electric until he retired. He is survived by his children, William Hackel and Elizabeth Ninneman.

Philip T. Olson '57 entered Chapter Eternal on May 3, 2010. He received a master of science degree in management science from the University of Southern California in 1974. Over the years, Philip was employed by Texaco, Mobil Oil, and Asbestos Abatement Services and retired in 2005 from the U.S. Department of Transportation in the department of hazardous materials. Philip lived in Calabash, N.C., and was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He served on the vestry for three years and as a member of the Episcopal Men's Club and served on the church finance committee. Philip is survived by his wife of 21 years, Constance, and their children: Matthew, Hans, Raymond, and Angela Brown.

ALUMNI NEWS

Anthony G. Bommarito '70 and his wife, Sherrie, live in Shawnee, Kan., and have two sons, Matthew and Michael. E-mail: tonybomm@gmail.com

Craig L. Payken '70 is a senior engineer for Chevron. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, live in Midland, Texas. E-mail: payken@aol.com

George D. Stegner '70 and his wife, Joy, live in Coffeyville, Kan., and have two children, Jeff and Steven. George is the manager of maintenance and reliability for Coffeyville Resources Refining and Marketing. E-mail: jstegner1@cox.net

Gregory Young '79 and his wife, Nancy, live in Des Peres, Mo., and have two children, Jessica and Jay. Gregory is the marketing manager for Emerson Motors. E-mail: gregg.young@emerson.com

RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Alumni, we value your referrals. Please submit prospect recommendations to Recruitment Chairman **Scott Hacker '08** at (314) 610-9560 or sthkc3@mst.edu.

Thank You, Loyal Alumni, for Securing Beta-Chi's Future

We are deeply grateful to the following Beta-Chi Brothers for committing more than \$2 million to *Securing the Future for the Beta-Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Campaign*. These Brothers have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our \$2.5 million goal and complete this major project. All donors contributing a minimum of

\$2,500, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the renovated Chapter House. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 so that we may make a correction. Thank you to our loyal alumni!

Beta-Chi Founders Society (\$1,000,000 and above)

Theodore A. Ruppert '49

Miner Society (\$500,000 to \$999,999)

Hartzell Society (\$250,000 to \$499,999)

Star and Crescent Society (\$100,000 to \$249,999)

Gary Forsee '69
Hoffmann Family Gift
Robert Hoffmann '78
Tom Hoffmann '80
Stephen Hoffmann '02
Brian N. Hall '80

46 East Lawn Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Donald E. Beuerlein '58
Bill Ricketts '58
Wayne Ruck '58

Five Friends and Brothers Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Andrew J. Baum
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Houghton '63
Brian Houghton Foundation
Fund of the Greater Saint Louis Community Foundation
Lance M. Killoran '69
Tom Smith '77
David Smith '80

Ritual Society (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Carolyn Becker
In memory of Charles P. Becker Jr. '60
Robert Glaser '58
Terry L. Mills '58
Tom Gresham '59
Clinton A. Clark '60
William S. Kirchoff Sr. '60
In memory of Charles P. Becker Jr. '60
Ed Kopaskie '60
Theodore M. Fiedler '62
Mike Meyer '71
Tom Gredell '76
Brian J. Grant '78
J. Barry Sheldon '78
Mike Wrob '78
Paul T. Demizk '80
John Remmers '81
Gratia and James Telthorst '81
In memory of Harold M. Telthorst '42 and Edgar J. Telthorst '47

My Brother's Keeper Society (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

John Evans '48
William "Andy" Anderson '59
Thomas Barber '61
Gary Leemann '71
Patrick Owen '73
Paul Vetter '73
Frank J. Jost '74
Gary E. Roebke '74
Ronald K. Acker '75
Mark R. White '75
Glenn J. Mabie '76
Paul Fleischut '82

Fred W. Niemeier '92

Jason Holschen '94
Seth M. Hanebutt '96
William L. Sullivan III '57
In memory of William L. Sullivan Jr. '33
Thomas L. Scott '58
Dennis G. Dreyer '60
In memory of Charles P. Becker Jr. '60
J. J. Gianquinto '60
David A. Wayne '62
June C. Thomason Jr. '64
In memory of Charles P. Becker Jr. '60
Robert J. Riley '65
In memory of Doug Lauck '66
Donald W. Bourne '67
Jerry W. Kiel '69
Ted Bestor '75
Stephen Ernst '75
Jan and Paul Reed '76
David B. Wilhite '78
Edward J. Bradley Jr. '81
Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Bradley '84
Steven R. Sieckhaus '84
Peter A. Joyce '92

Brotherhood Society (\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Walter Knecht '45
John "Jerry" Borman '56
Richard K. Oberlander '56
In memory of O.R. Nichols '56

Roger T. Martin '58

In honor of
The pledge class of '58
Antonio D. Pezza '58
Robert H. Gardner '60
In memory of Paul Shy '58
Gene Roeder '60
Don Bacich '61
Mike Woldman '61
Gene Foshage '63
Leonard J. Bornemann '65
Dave Krueger '68
V. Michael Alverson '70
Anthony G. Bommario '70
Michael O. Chase '71
William P. Alt '75
Mark E. Gredell '75
Mark D. Suellentrop '75
James Harrison "Howboy" Howe '76
Edward C. Jantosik Jr. '76
Joe Feldmann '78
Richard F. Manning '78
VanDorf Family Gift
Michael R. VanDorf Sr. '58
Michael R. VanDorf Jr. '83
Timothy D. Litsch '86
Bob Fischer '87
Grant J. Mabie '02
Aaron J. Prewitt '02
Ryan M. DuPatz '04
Gregory C. Moore '04
Zachery Anderson Boland '05
Chad Brenton '05
Mark Bunch '05
Dustin Fox '05
Adam Hilgedick '05
Matthew Lyons '05
Jake Walker '05

Caleb Bredlow '06

John Clay '06
Nicholas Cochran '06
Patrick Lancey '06
Max Boeh '07
Brian Garber '07
Michael D. Lyons '07
Zach O'Hanlan '07
Nolan Rasmussen '07
Matt Shell '07
Clint Stricker '07
Patrick Versteeg '07
Elias Borton '08
Zachary Branham '08
David Cashier '08
Nicholas Faria '08
Chris Ferguson '08
Tyler Gach '08
Chris Garner '08
Andrew Glover '08
Scott Hacker '08
Michael Jurgensmeyer '08
Brandon Luebbering '08
Austin Mehner '08
Jeremy Schoor '08
Jake Shults '08
Otha Stone '08
Travis Winkelmann '08
Michael Worms '08
Dylan Chorice '09
William T. Davis Jr. '09
Robert Foote '09
Chris Healy '09
John Kraus '09
Drew Krump '09
Neal Mahoney '09
Samuel Rothove '09
Travis Stewart '09
Blake Harrison '10

Class Leaders Committed to Serve

The following men have generously volunteered their time as class leaders and will be reaching out to their peers to make sure the campaign reaches its goal. Is your class represented?

1949	Theodore Ruppert	1969	Gerald Kiel	1977	Andy Tayon	1988	John E. Wulf	1998	John Lovitt
1953	Gilbert Starkweather	1969	Lance Killoran	1978	Robert Hoffmann	1989	John W. Borgerding	2000	Stephen Parle
1956	John Borman	1970	Kenneth Arnsmeyer	1978	Michael Wrob Jr.	1990	Todd S. Oppeau	2001	Daniel Anderson
1957	Bill Sullivan	1971	Gary D. Leeman	1979	Glen Pariani	1991	Matthew R. Foresman	2001	Aaron Prewitt
1958	Terry Mills	1971	Stew Scott	1980	Brian Hall	1992	Fred Niemeier	2002	Stephen Hoffmann
1959	Thomas Gresham	1972	William H. Kroeger	1981	John M. Remmers	1994	Jason Holschen	2002	Grant Mabie
1960	Bill Kirchoff	1973	Patrick Owen	1981	Jim Telthorst	1994	Clay McNil	2003	Ryan Carson
1961	Bill Turner	1974	Mark Drumm	1982	Paul Fleischut	1996	Andrew Allen	2003	Michael Lancey
1962	Theodore Fiedler	1975	Mark White	1984	Rich Russell	1996	Seth Hanebutt	2004	Ryan Dupatz
1963	Tim Houghton	1976	Glenn Mabie	1984	Steven Sieckhaus	1997	Brian A. Lowry	2005	Jeremy Bexten
1963	Bill Bischoff	1976	Ed Jantosik	1987	Robert J. Fischer	1997	Andrew T. Szaflarski		
1965	Donald Bourne	1976	Thomas R. Gredell	1987	Chris G. Silies	1997	John A. Yannuzzi		

COMMITMENT TO CHAPTER LEADS BILL SULLIVAN '57 TO GIVE

When Bill Sullivan '57 was an undergraduate, Beta-Chi stood as the predominate chapter on campus. His father, **William Sullivan Jr. '33**, was a member of the Fraternity, and Bill found a good fit among the men of Kappa Sigma, as well.

"While I was living in the Chapter House, I worked alongside several Brothers to take on remodeling projects at 1201 State Street. Most significant was remodeling the bar and lounge area in the basement. Other minor projects were also completed, improving the old house. I have always been a very project-oriented person, so these extracurricular activities and friendships kept me going throughout my time in college."

Bill's commitment to the Chapter continued as an alumnus. As president of the House Fund he, **Bill Kirchoff '60**, **Charlie Becker '60**, and a few others assumed responsibility for the sale of the State Street property to the University and building the original house in Fraternity Park in 1969. Bill continued as president of the House Fund until 1978 when he was followed by Brother Kirchoff and, later, **Robert Hoffman '78**.

"While I may not understand every detail of the campaign, I do trust the men who are leading the project. If they believe that these renovations are required, then they must be required. A group of good people have committed a great deal of their time and energy to Beta-Chi and I support their work."

"The environment and the costs of attending the University have changed significantly since I was in school, and I have become convinced of the necessity of alumni financial assistance to sustain a Chapter House. Based on this appraisal and my confidence in the leadership of the House Fund committee, I elected to make a contribution to the capital campaign. Beta-Chi has an enviable record with its continuous presence since 1903. It will be with this facility that Beta-Chi can attract new Brothers and maintain its standing at MUS&T for the next 40 years."

After 30 years in maintenance and engineering with Monsanto, Bill retired and spends his time playing golf, taking on do-it-yourself projects, and traveling. He and his wife of 47 years, Anne, make their home near St. Louis but spend several months in California. They have three children and three grandchildren. E-mail: wlsullivan@sbcglobal.net



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ENRICHED BY BETA CHI

Why I Gave—Fred Niemeier '92

It wasn't just the races during Greek Week in a rickety chariot that drew **Fred Niemeier '92** into Kappa Sigma. The men of Beta-Chi were strong leaders who worked hard and played hard, which allowed Fred to grow as an individual and a leader himself.

"During my time at Beta-Chi, I picked up invaluable experiences and lessons of leadership that formed the base for launching my business career. I made friends and shared interests among my Brothers, leaving me with priceless memories."

Fred graduated with a degree in metallurgical engineering and landed a job as production supervisor with General Motors. After completing his MBA at Harvard Business School, Fred worked in management consulting, a Fortune 500 conglomerate, and private equity. He now has a rewarding position within a business unit of IDEX Corporation as the vice president of global supply chain management and general manager of the Asia/Pacific business. The international challenges and opportunities bring great enjoyment to Fred's work. At home, Fred spends his time with his wife, Jessica, and their son, Logan. The family enjoys the outdoors and hiking in the U.S. national parks.

Knowing the importance and impact that Beta-Chi had on his life, Fred understands the importance of giving to the capital campaign.

"Kappa Sigma was a fundamental part of my college experience and remains an important part of my life today. I believe this project will equip the Fraternity with the capital and resources it needs to remain competitive on campus. If we are to continue as the number one chapter at Missouri S&T, we must leverage the strong alumni base that has grown over the years."

"We have all been enriched by our experience and we must all try to give back to the Chapter."

"I have yet to meet a man that regrets his decision to join Kappa Sigma. We have all been enriched by our experience and we must all try to give back to the Chapter. If you run the calculations, since our founding in 1903, more than 1,400 men have benefited from Beta-Chi. So far, about 150 Brothers have generously pledged more than \$2 million toward the campaign. If the remaining 820 or so alumni each pledge \$500 per year for the next five years, we would exceed our \$4 million project cost."

Fred can be contacted at fniemeier@idexcorp.com.



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SAVE THE DATE!

HOECOMING • OCTOBER 1-2, 2010
MINERS VS. NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY



Web Sites

Beta-Chi
www.beta-chi.com

Kappa Sigma National
www.kappasigma.org

Make sure to visit the recently updated Web site! Not only does it have a new look and feel, but it has improved alumni, undergraduate, and parent capabilities. Create a login and password today to check it out!