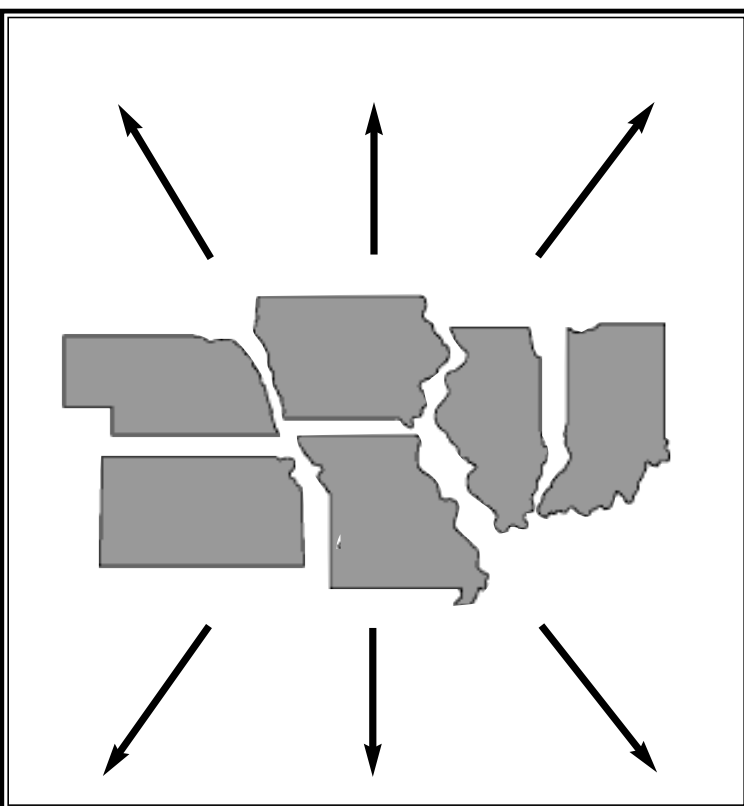


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*of Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity*



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## President's Corner

### Chad Pfister, 27th National President

**"Ever Onward, Ever Forward.  
Beta Sigma Psi."**

Those words have never been more appropriate than they are today as I write this article. I am sure that I am not the first to say, nor the last to say, "Things are going well with Beta Sigma Psi." Yes, we do have a few struggles, but overall things are good given the current state of affairs in the fraternal world. Do we have places to go? Yes! Do we have areas that need improvement? Of course! Can Beta Sigma Psi improve? You had better believe it!

Before I get into ways that the fraternity can grow in the future, let me fill you in on how the fraternity has already grown over the past year. During the Fall Semester 2004, I have had the pleasure to officiate over the Delta Colony Activation Ceremony and the New York Alumni Chapter Chartering Ceremony. In addition, Beta Sigma Psi is seeing efforts in the infant stage to recolonize at Texas A&M (Phi) and Nebraska-Kearny (Xi). Within the next 12 months, we should see groups at these campuses receiving official colony status with the fraternity.

While the National Fraternity has been working hard to expand the Fraternity to new campuses, our current chapters are experiencing growth and success, as well. Epsilon chapter (Iowa State) signed a whopping 23 Associate Members for the Fall Semester, which brought the chapter to almost full house capacity. Three chapters (Beta, Epsilon,

& Eta) finished in the Top 5 of grades on their respective campuses for the Winter Semester 2004. Epsilon and Zeta placed in the Top 3 of their respective homecoming competitions. Last, but not least, our chapters are actively participating in the activities of their local churches and campus ministries.



The National Board of Directors has also been working hard to improve the Fraternity and our chapters. So far this semester, each of our chapters has been visited by at least three different National Officers, with many of our chapters being visited by five or six different National Officers. This

is a great improvement and our National Officers are committed to keeping this level of commitment into the upcoming semester, and during the remainder of their terms of office. It is important that our chapters see the dedication that the Board has to the Fraternity through these visits. Therefore, the next time you see a National Officer, be sure to thank them for the time and hard work that they have put into Beta Sigma Psi during this semester.

One of the greatest areas we have grown is our relationship with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The National Fraternity has received financial support for our 2004 – 2005 Fiscal Year and will be receiving other support as well throughout the rest of the school year. This support includes presentations from a Senior Partner and Financial Associate at the upcoming Membership Education Forum at Purdue University in February.

Now that you have a brief synopsis of the current state of the Fraternity, I can take talk about where the Fraternity is going and where I hope it will go in the future. In the Fall 2004 issue of the Gold Rose I talked about how Beta Sigma Psi needs to be more like Scuderia Ferrari. When it comes to looking to the future and examining the present, we defiantly need to be like Scuderia Ferrari.

Coming into the 2004 Formula 1 season, Ferrari had won five consecutive World Constructor Championships. One might think that Ferrari would become lackadaisical in their work and revel in the glory of past seasons. Wrong! Ferrari knew that they could improve from their previous accomplishments and boy did they ever. Thanks to the excellent leadership and driving abilities of Michael Schumacher, Ferrari won the first five races of the season and twelve of the first thirteen of the season. When the 2004 Season was all said and done Ferrari had an 83% win percentage (15 of 18) and scored a whopping 262 out of 324 possible points. (Thanks to www.f1db.com for the data). Even as you read this, Scuderia Ferrari is working hard to improve on their almost perfect 2004 season.

Just like Scuderia Ferrari and just like our Fight Song says "Beta Sigma Psi needs to be moving ever onward and ever forward in order for Beta Sigma Psi to revel in glory and honor." Rest assured your Board of Directors is not sitting idly by. During our November Meeting at Concordia Seminary, the Board along with representatives from the Educational and Housing Foundation Boards meet to discuss the Vision for the Future of Beta

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# Delta Colony Established At UNL Campus; Alumni Recognized For Years of Service

by Lee Anderbery, Delta Alumnus

October 31 marked a new beginning for Beta Sigma Psi on the campus of the University of Nebraska. The Delta Colony has been "Resurrected for a New Beginning."

More than 100 alumni, friends and family gathered as twelve men pledged their loyalty to the new colony. The celebration began with a worship service at the Lutheran Student Center on campus, followed by a catered banquet. Members from the Alpha-Alfa Chapter in Fremont served the meal. The twelve new associate members, listed with their hometown and major, are:

Nick Anderson - Carver, Minn.  
Bret Beermann - Lincoln  
Skyler Cornish - Norfolk  
Robert Gray - Columbus  
Chet Henry - Dakin  
Mike Heidemann - Dakin  
Tyler Jensen - Aurora  
Gavin Koehler - Seward  
Mikah Meyer - Lincoln  
Justin Peterson - Omaha  
Paul Ridder - Battle Creek  
Luke Rief - Seward

A gold rose was presented to each new member. National President Chad Pfister presided over the combined Colonization and Pledging Ceremony.

Other National Officers attending the ceremony were Rudy Ristich, Ben Bahr, Adam Synoground, Chad Winterhof and Travis Yee.

Additionally, a number of Delta Alumni, including Scott Gesell, from Denver, and Jay Holle from Kansas City, made a special effort to be present for the festivities. The undergraduates appreciate the support of all of these people, as well as the members from Alpha-Alfa, Epsilon & Zeta Chapters who attended the ceremony.

Denny Stelzer presented special awards to two Delta Alumni. Del Lienemann received the prestigious award that was originally named in his honor. The Lienemann Award is presented to distinguished alumni. Del was recognized for his lifelong commitment to our fraternity. Rupert Dunklau was presented the

Tiemann Award for his many years of distinguished community service. Chad Pfister spoke about the legacy of Delta Chapter and encouraged the newest asso-

ciate members to continue the tradition. Neal Thomsen added his congratulations. The ceremony concluded with singing

of Cross, Heart and Rose, with a rousing accompaniment on the organ provided by Carol Meyer.

Many hours were spent to make this recolonization a reality, and several people are deserving of special recognition and thanks for their efforts. The Associate Member Educators are Dave Loewe and Rob Maise. Bruce Fischer and Don Beermann serve as Faculty Advisors, Larry Meyer as the Pastoral Advisor and the Alumni Advisors are Lee Anderbery and Neal Thomsen.

The undergraduates have spent many hours together throughout the fall, in a *story contiued on following page*

**More than 100 alumni, friends and family gathered as twelve men pledged their loyalty to the new colony.**



The new Delta Colony members pose for a pre-ceremony photo at the Lutheran Student Center at UNL on Oct 31. Back row left to right: Paul Ridder, Nick Anderson, Skyler Cornish, Bret Beermann, Luke Rief, Tyler Jensen. Front row: Mikah Meyer, Robert Gray, Chet Henry, Mike Heidemann, Gavin Koehler, Justin Peterson.

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variety of activities. They attended worship services together. Athletic teams were formed to participate in intra-mural sports, including flag football and softball. Philanthropy events included cutting down 24 poplar trees for Campus Pastor Larry Meyer and adopting a bike trail. They attended the Nebraska-Kansas State and Nebraska-Iowa State football games and would like to thank Zeta and Epsilon chapters respectively for their

generosity in hosting Delta those weekends.

For Homecoming, they teamed up with the Sigma Phi Epsilon and Theta Xi fraternities and the Delta Gamma sorority to build a float that finished third in the campus competition.

Plans for the spring semester include the formation of a weekly Bible study group, study hours, continuing Tuesday and Thursday night meals, migration to

other campuses and participation in the National Beta Sig Basketball tournament in February. With the assistance from the alumni and National officers, the group will develop a risk management plan and constitution over the next several weeks. They continue to recruit new members and have a goal of 20 total members by the end of this school year. They are also pursuing several housing options for the fall semester.



Delta colony members display their newly "acquired" sorority composites. In following with a UNL tradition, the sorority must perform a serenade in order to retrieve them back. From left to right: Robert Gray, Skyler Cornish, Nick Anderson and Chet Henry.



Posing at ISU Jack Trice Stadium. Back row from left to right: Luke Rief, Nick Anderson, Tyler Jensen, Justin Peterson. Front row: Skyler Cornish, Chet Henry and Robert Gray.

## New Structure Planned For This Year's MEF

The annual Membership Education Forum/National Basketball Tournament is scheduled for February 11th - 13th at Beta Chapter at Purdue University this year, but this year's MEF will be quite different than in past years.

The forum will feature a leadership presentation from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a recruitment seminar for current and future rush chairmen, and a much wider array of small group discussions. The weekend will feature a fellowship at the Beta Chapter house Friday night. Saturday will see the Membership Education

Forum take place at University Lutheran. Thrivent is also providing some more goodies for our members.

The 26th National Basketball Tournament will start Saturday afternoon and last through the evening at Lambert Fieldhouse on the Purdue University campus. The weekend will conclude on Sunday morning with church at University Lutheran.

Also during the weekend, the National Council will meet Sunday at 3 p.m. The purpose of the February National Council meeting will be to approve the appointment of Adam Synoground

as Southern Region Vice President, as well as the approval of several Constitutional and By-Law amendments that deal with the National Fraternity's handling of colonies and finances.

The 2005 edition of the Membership Education Forum and National Basketball Tournament will surely be a learning experience for all involved. Don't miss it!



# Expansion – Now is the time!

by Rod Thompson, Epsilon Alumnus

When one views the history of our Fraternity in contemporary times from an arms-length distance, a clear observation is that **we are now, today, in a position for Expansion!** We have returned to our strength as a Lutheran Fraternity in purpose and in action and are now positioned for expansion to additional campuses and universities.

Delta Colony is well on the way to regain their traditions and legacy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A group is

***The Expansion Manual is a how-to guide on starting a new colony and the steps required to become a chapter. It is the first thing to be sent out to start-up groups interested in the fraternity.***

forming at Texas A&M University that will re-establish Phi Chapter. Interest continues at the University of Nebraska-Kearney that will bring back Xi Chapter. There are other chapters we

should bring back, and soon! There are locations with the potential of forming colonies that will result in new chapters!

**Why now?** When you speak with today's young college student, you observe a yearning for the chance to belong to a group that will make a difference in their lives, in their church and in society. Look at the results of the elections this past year – regardless of which side you favor, the participation at the polls was the highest in recent years. The balance of spiritual, scholastic and social endeavors we strive for meets this interest.

**Tell us you will guide a group to chapter status!** Call the

National Office at 618-235-0014 or email at [office@betasigmapi.org](mailto:office@betasigmapi.org) and let the National Board of Directors start you on your way. Assistance will be in generous abundance from the Board and others who are interested in building our Fraternity for the future. Provide your contact information, where you believe a colony will succeed, and the name and contact information for the Lutheran Pastoral Advisor.

**How can we help you?** We have updated the **Expansion Manual** to provide a “how to” guide or a “play-by-play” for the young men forming the interest group. The Expansion Manual also includes an Expansion Guidelines section for the Beta Sig alumni who assist in the formation of the colony. The Expansion Guidelines is sort of an “insiders” guide in helping the interest group succeed by sharing what works and what doesn't work. We have recruitment brochures and a list of alumni who will provide an inspirational dinner speech about Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity for your collegiate interest group.

When you visit churches from around the country, somewhere prominently displayed is a plaque that lists their founding members. These members had a vision to create a place of worship for future generations. So it is with a group of young men who form a colony that becomes a chapter of Beta Sig. When you speak with members of Beta Sig founding groups at their 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversaries, you observe a sense of pride and accomplishment their dreams for Beta Sig at their university

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## Educational Foundation Funds Fraternity Growth

by Keith Dierberg, Educational Foundation Chairman

The Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation (“BSPEF”) is a 501(c)(3) organization that has been in existence since 1983. Funds are raised and managed in order to provide for educational instruction.

Historically, the greatest use of funds has been in the area of partial academic and needs-based scholarships to students at colleges and universities where Beta Sigma Psi has a chapter, a colony, or desires to have a campus presence.

As annual donations have grown and the endowment fund has grown (in excess of \$400,000), other worthy programs are being funded beyond the original primary emphasis on scholarships.

The BSPEF sponsors both a leadership academy and education forum, typi-

cally on an annual basis. Chapter membership manuals, officer manuals, advisor manuals, and recruitment seminars all regularly receive funding.

The BSPEF supervises a rather sizable endowment for the purpose of maintaining designated funds in perpetuity, so that earnings from those funds may be used to support programs. Those individuals making large donations (\$100 or more) to the BSPEF often designate the gift, in whole or in part, to the endowment. Smaller donations and funds not so designated at the time the gift is made are deposited to

**To view an example of a formal request for a grant from the Educational Foundation, please see page 7.**

the BSPEF general fund.

Several sub-funds have been created within the endowment for larger contributions, including the following:: 1) Your Chapter 2) National Programs and 3) Scholarships.

If you are considering a donation, do consider the BSPEF giving groups. Donors are listed in the Gold Rose by giving group.

Founder's Society (\$500 +)  
Concordia Club (\$250-\$499)  
Wittenberg Club (\$100-\$249)  
Patron (\$60-\$99)  
Member (\$30-\$59)  
Donor (\$1-\$29)

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## Grant Application Form

A. Name of organization <b>Lincoln Alumni Chapter Beta Sigma Psi</b>			
B. Purpose of grant <b>Under- Graduate Scholarships</b>		C. Amount requested <sup>1</sup> <b>\$12000.00</b>	D. Total amount needed <sup>2</sup> <b>\$24000.00</b>
E. Address <b>6000 S. 48 Street</b>		F. City <b>Lincoln</b>	G. State <b>NE</b>
		H. Zip Code <b>68516</b>	
I. Primary person to contact regarding this application <b>Steve Janssen, Secretary-Treasurer</b>		J. Home phone number <b>(402)421-3534</b>	K. E-mail address/FAX # <b>skjanssen@aol.com</b>
L. Alternate person to contact regarding this application <b>Lee Anderbery, President</b>		M. Home phone number <b>(402)421-1460</b>	N. E-mail address/FAX <b>studebankr@aol.com</b>
O. Describe in detail how the funds will be used, attaching additional pages if necessary <sup>3</sup> <b>These funds will be used to provide up to 24 \$1000 scholarships to undergraduate Lutheran Men at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.</b>			
P. Describe in detail the educational benefits to be derived from this project, attaching additional pages if necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Development <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Education <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>To provide financial aid in the form of Scholarships.</b>			
Q. Describe in detail the proposed timeline for the receipt of funds and the implementation of the educational program <sup>4</sup> <b>The Scholarships will be awarded by July 15, 2004, and be awarded for the 2004-2005 Academic Year.</b>			

1. Amount of funds requested from the Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation, not including any funding to be obtained from other sources

2. Total amount of funds needed for the implementation of the program during the time period covered by this grant request, including all sources of funding

3. Specify several options for the educational project, comparing the costs and benefits of each option

4. If this grant is to cover a particular time period, specify that time period

# Beta Sig Elected To Illinois Supreme Court

By Tanner Ehmke, editor

Judge Lloyd Karmeeier, Beta Sig from Alpha chapter, made history in November when he was elected to the Illinois Supreme Court in what was widely regarded as one of the most contentious judicial races in history.

As the first Republican to be elected to the seat in 30 years, Lloyd defeated the Democratic opponent, Fifth Appellate Court Justice Gordon Maag, in a hotly contested and very exhaustive race that was a flashpoint in the battle over medical malpractice reform. Madison County, which is one of the 37 counties included in Illinois' Fifth Judicial District, has been the national topic of discussion for tort reform. Many of Lloyd's supporters argue that his election is a victory in retaining and restoring access to quality health care for Illinois, and that doctors have fled the area due to lawsuit abuse in the past.

After taking the oath to become the newest member of the seven-member court, Lloyd said that judges, the legal profession and the Illinois Legislature might be spurred to change the judicial election system because of the intense heat of the campaign, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

The election was also featured in the Sept. 27, 2004 edition of Business Week magazine. In the cover story, titled 'The Battle Over The Courts,' Business Week called the race "a surrogate for the furious national debate over tort reform."

And in a Jan. 5 speech in Madison County, President George W. Bush said tort reform is a key part of his second term agenda. Bush also made reference to Lloyd's victory, saying, "I believe the voters made their position clear on Election Day on medical liability reform."

## Lloyd's Perspective

For 40 years, the judges in the Fifth District came from one of two counties - Madison and St. Clair, which was one of many challenges Lloyd had to confront.

"Some of the verdicts that came out of there, the publicity wasn't good," Lloyd said. "People wanted to get someone from another county."

Lloyd is from neither Madison nor St. Clair county - he hails from

Washington County, Ill. And at the same time, the region has long been a Democratic stronghold - Lloyd is a Republican. "I lost 20 years during the race," he joked.

The campaign was grueling, and many are calling it one of the biggest, most expensive judicial races in history.

And now with the election over and with Lloyd now officially sworn in, he said he is looking forward to the new challenge as being as judge on the Illinois Supreme Court.

Lloyd has a long history of service to the church, community and the fraternity. He's been a member of the Jaycees, the Lions Club, and the Washington County chapter for Red Cross, and he is an elder for his church.

As an active at Alpha Chapter at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Lloyd served as secretary, president, and rush chairman. As an alumnus, he served as the alumni association's legal advisor and was instrumental in creating the Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation and earning it tax exempt status. He also served on the board of directors of the scholarship fund for 10 years. In 1982, the Alpha Alumni chapter named him as the distinguished alumnus of the year.

Incidentally, it was through two fraternity brothers he met in his early college years after pledging in 1959 that Lloyd was introduced to the legal profession. He started as an engineering major, but his path later changed after living in the fraternity.

"My first roommates were in pre-law.



Fraternity brothers (left to right) Dale Wachtel, Judge Lloyd Karmeeier, and Merle Aukamp pose for a photo at an Open House held in honor of Justice and Mrs. Lloyd Karmeeier Dec. 12, 2004 in Nashville, Ill. In the background stands Lloyd's wife, Mary. Special thanks to Merle Aukamp for sending this photo to the Gold Rose.

That was obviously influential," he said.

After graduating from law school in 1964, Lloyd was appointed as a law clerk in the Illinois Supreme Court. He later joined a private law firm in Nashville, Ill., where he and his wife, Mary, have lived since their marriage in 1965. They are the parents of two children, and have four grandchildren.

Prior to winning the election to the Illinois Supreme Court, Lloyd served one term as State's Attorney of Washington County, Ill., from 1968 to 1972, and was elected Resident Circuit Judge of Washington County in 1986.

Looking back at his life with the Beta Sigma Psi, Lloyd said the fraternity taught him patience, tolerance, serving God and community, and "making sure you have the right perspective on what's important in your life."

## In The News...

Brian Bosma, Beta, was reelected to the Indiana House of Representatives and will serve as Speaker of the House. Brian has served as a representative since 1986 and had previously served as House Republican Floor Leader since 1994.



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## New York Beta Sigs Establish Alumni Chapter

by Ben Bahr, Senior Vice President

On November 20, 2004, in a camp nestled in the Adirondack mountains of upstate New York, on the shore of beautiful Schroon Lake, the brothers and guests of Psi Chapter gathered together to witness the final step in the formation of a new alumni chapter.

With a bang of the gavel by National President Chad Pfister and a call for order, the chartering ceremony was underway, and soon the seven Psi alumni who were able to be present stepped forward and signed the charter, officially creating the New York Alumni Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi.

The ceremony was one of the high points of Psi's Brotherhood Retreat, an annual weekend-long event held each fall since 1998. The Retreat is intended to provide a time of rest from the pressures of campus life, temporarily setting aside the Scholastic "S" to focus on Spiritual and Social. During the weekend, associate, active, and alumni brothers work together to accomplish challenges, whether the challenge of a service project or of a Group Initiative Course activity.



**Above:** Chris Chang, newly activated member of Psi Chapter at Concordia College in Bronxville, New York, reaches for a block of wood while trying not to touch the ground in a team-building effort at the chapter's annual retreat.



Some Founders of the NYAC proudly display their new alumni charter following the activation ceremony at a cabin in the Adirondack mountains in upstate New York. Left to right are Josh Rieker, Woody Holbert, Senior Vice President Ben Bahr, Scholarship & Membership Education Director Travis Yee, Steve Falotico and Adam Connor.

Each challenge is structured to be nearly impossible to complete alone; instead, the brothers must work as a unified team. The Retreat also features devotions led by alumni and actives, reminding us that we can only have brotherhood because we are one in the Spirit, and that unity in Christ lasts forever and cannot be shattered.

Finally, the Retreat includes plenty of time for socialization, games, and relaxing, so that we can return to college (or jobs) refreshed and ready to do the work God puts in front of us.

Immediately preceding the chartering ceremony was another exciting event: the activation ceremony for one of the largest Associate classes in Psi's history. Six

men were welcomed into the Beta Sigma Psi brotherhood – which is about 10% of the freshmen men at Concordia.

Five national officers were present for the evening's activities, including Pfister, Regional Vice President Rudy Ristich, Publications Editor Tanner Ehmke, Senior Vice President Ben Bahr (NYAC President) and Membership/Scholarship Chairman Travis Yee (NYAC Vice President).

If you would like more information about the New York Alumni Chapter or would like to get involved, please contact Ben Bahr, [ben@sonriseministries.com](mailto:ben@sonriseministries.com). Beta Sigma Psi alumni from any chapter are welcome to participate in or join the NYAC.

**Right:** Actives and alumni of Psi Chapter in New York pose for a group photo at their annual Brotherhood Retreat at a camp in the Adirondack mountains in upstate New York. The weekend included games requiring problem-solving and teamwork skills, followed by the activation ceremonies of the new pledge class and the newly formed alumni chapter.



# Lou Hencken Named Tiemann Award Recipient

by Rod Thompson, *Epsilon Alumnus*

Louis V. Hencken, a Mu Chapter alumnus and graduate of Eastern Illinois University, was presented the Tiemann Award after his keynote address at the 2004 National Convention Lienemann and Tiemann Award Luncheon. Lou is the President of Eastern Illinois University, serving in that capacity since November 2001.

Prior to being named as President of EIU, Lou served as Vice President for Student Affairs since 1992. Lou was an Education and Guidance & Counseling graduate of EIU and began his career in student affairs at Eastern as a graduate assistant and advanced through the housing ranks as a counselor and assistant and associate director, becoming the Director in 1975. In 1989, Lou was named Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, assuming responsibility for three new student affairs areas besides housing.

His duties continued to expand in 1992 when he was named Vice President for Student Affairs with responsibility for 19 student affairs areas employing 550 civil service and administrative employees and more than 1,500 student employees and a combined operating budget of \$50 million.

Lou is widely recognized by his colleagues in student affairs and has been honored for his work in the field. He has also been involved in university committee work dealing with affirmative action, undergraduate education, minority student recruitment and new administrative appointments. He has been President of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Center Board of Directors for the past four years and has also served on the Credit Union Board of Directors. In 2000, he was named Southwestern Illinois College's Outstanding Alumni.

Lou and his wife, Mary Kay, who is a retired Charleston High School business and education director, reside in Charleston. Cards and letters of congratulations should be sent to the following address: 538 Fox Lake Road, Charleston, IL 61920.

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now more than ever. Our alumni are either Lutheran pastors or church workers, or they provide leadership in their congregations.

Our founding was inspired to provide a cadre of college educated leaders for the work in the fields of ministry.

### **We are at a crossroads of an opportunity for expansion.**

Please consider this unique way to support the Fraternity by providing the Beta Sig experience for college men nearby your home!

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The BSPEF board ultimately determines uses of the endowment proceeds. Grant request forms must be completed and submitted to the BSPEF in order for funding to be considered.

Each and every scholarship and educational program is well received and delivers a clear benefit to our fraternity and its individual members.

*You deserve the credit for making these grants possible for over 20 years.* Your donations have and continue to deliver an immediate and lasting impact to Beta Sigma Psi fraternity.

In conclusion, thanks for your support since 1983 and into the future. The future is indeed bright for the Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation.

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was to look at the 5-year plan created by the 2002 Steering Committee. Several great ideas came out of the meeting and I look forward to working with the Vision Committee to draft a plan that is achievable by not only the National Fraternity but our chapters as well.

It is vital to Beta Sigma Psi, as a Fraternity, to not sit idly by. In St. Matthew the 24th chapter, Jesus says we should "Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming and therefore you must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." St. Paul builds upon this in his letter to the Romans says, "[Besides this,] you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near." (Romans 13).

We are now at the moment of awakening for Beta Sigma Psi. Now is the time for us to move forward and be ready for whatever comes our way. Our Founding Fathers had a desire for Beta Sigma Psi to be the best Fraternity, i.e. the Ferrari of the Fraternal System, and to set the example for other fraternities. We must tread on water that we have never treaded on before, skate on thin ice and take leaps of faith if we are to ever achieve our full potential.

The road ahead will not be easy, but nothing ever is. It will be a fun road as we work to grow Beta Sig to both to new campuses and on our current campuses. If we all work together and are on the same page, than we can achieve anything that we want.

### **Help us see the face of Beta Sigma Psi.**

Do you know of a Beta Sig active or alumnus with an interesting story or accomplishment that fellow Beta Sigs around the nation want to read about? Do you have an intriguing story yourself? Send your information and/or photographs to The Gold Rose at the address below.

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## Beta Sigs From Eta Chapter Doing Fine After Car Crash

Five members of Eta Chapter were in a serious car accident Nov. 5 near Jefferson City, Mo., after the van they were driving blew a tire and crashed into a rock bluff. Brother Chip Bilbry was trapped in the wreckage and was eventually freed by rescue workers and was in intensive care after being flown from Jefferson City to Columbia, Missouri.

Chip's left hand was eventually amputated after several surgical attempts failed to restore blood flow to damaged tissue. Travis Bryant and Paul Gohson both had minor injuries, Cory Demieville suffered a concussion, and Andy Ricke suffered fractured vertebrae, but all four were released from the hospital.

Everyone is fine now, said Travis, president of Eta Chapter. Amazingly, Chip returned to school after staying about three weeks in the hospital and was able to finish the last couple of weeks of the semester. All of the others involved in the accident who suffered lesser injuries returned to school soon after the crash.

In a great showing of support, Beta Sigs from different chapters sent e-mails, get-well cards and words of encouragement to Chip while he was in the hospital.

### Update yourself!

Use the Gold Rose as your opportunity to tell your fellow Beta Sigs about what is new in your life, family or career. Fill out the postcard attached in this issue and drop it in the mail today!



## Brotherhood Updates

**Jeff Verosky**, Phi '89, was recently named new Assistant Principal at Waller Junior High School in Waller, Texas.

**Ken Luedtke**, Beta, married Sandra Doherty in March 2004 and currently works as a senior investment representative for JPMorgan/Chase in Joliet, Ill.

**Michael Roth**, Eta '88, has a new baby boy, Timothy Michael, born on March 19, 2004. Timothy was named for Michael's friend and fraternity brother, Timothy Kettler, Eta '89, who died in 1990.

**Todd McCracken**, Zeta, was recently promoted to associate director of corporate accounts for Fort Dodge Animal Health in Olathe, Kan.

**Gary Sims**, Zeta '66, recently retired in Berryton, Kan.. His wife, Jan, passes away after a gallant battle with cancer.

**Keith Dierberg**, Iowa '77, completed his degree requirements from Webster University in St. Louis for the degree Doctor of Management.

**Richard Hercamp**, Beta '54, received the "Dr. Julius Perr Award" for technical innovation from Cummins, Inc., in Columbus, Ind., and continues to consult on a part-time basis.

**Travis Knight**, Iota '98, was married and now works as a financial advisor for BKD Wealth Advisors, LLC, in Kansas City.

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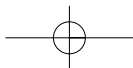
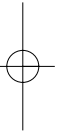
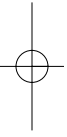
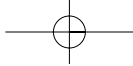
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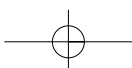
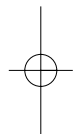
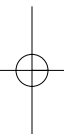
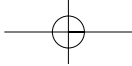
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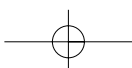
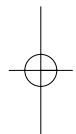
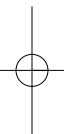
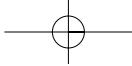


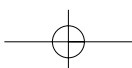
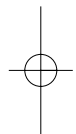
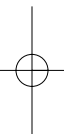
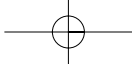
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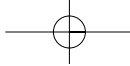












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