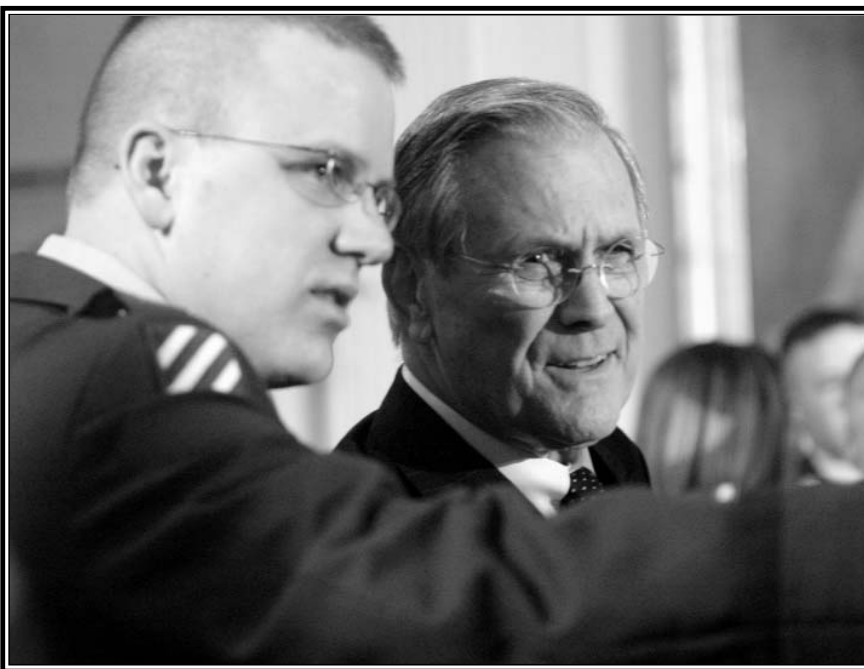


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Courage Under Fire



Chi Alumnus Honored For Valor In Iraq

Captain Brian Borkowski, Chi alumnus, speaks with U.S. Defense Sec. Donald Rumsfeld in an April ceremony at the White House for a fallen soldier in his platoon who was awarded the Medal of Honor. Upon Borkowski's return home from Iraq a year-and-a-half ago, he was decorated for valor under fire in the battle that claimed his comrade's life. p.4

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President's Corner

Chad Pfister, 27th National President

"Where you find success, you find sacrifice"

I recently returned from the North-American Interfraternity Conference Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. This was my fourth NIC Annual Meeting, but was the first time that I was able to take part in all the activities ranging from the meetings to receptions to lobbying to socializing.

At this year's meeting, the NIC House of Delegates had the opportunity to hear a report from Executive Vice President Jon Williamson (AXA) on the NIC Standards. Over the past eight months Jon has traveled to campuses across the United States, meeting with university presidents, deans, Greek-life professionals, and Greek students.

Jon found out some surprising things during these visits. While most Greeks are upholding high academic standards, there are several Greek systems that are consistently falling short.

Second is the increased role of alcohol in the recruitment process and in the day-to-day life of fraternities and sororities. One only needs to look to the number of deaths related to Greeks and alcohol during the 2004 – 2005 school year to see the truth of Jon's observation.

Alcohol usage is becoming a growing concern among those associated with the Greek system. And now, Jon's report has added legitimacy to that concern.

But Jon's report was not all doom and gloom. The NIC is finding great support from campus administrations on its stan-

dards. Several Greek systems across the country have already adopted the NIC standards as their own, and many more are planning to implement them next school year.

As for our fraternity, all year long I have talked about we need to work as a team and move "Ever Onward, Ever Forward." But what I have not talked at length about is how to achieve these high goals. It can be best summed up in one word: sacrifice.

But what is sacrifice? It's something that we begin hearing about from a young age, but I think it is something a little vague to all of us. Even the definition in Webster's is unhelpful. Webster's defines sacrifice as "a forfeiture of something highly valued for the sake of one considered to have a greater claim."

The Bible is somewhat helpful in defining sacrifice, though the definition evolves from the Old Testament to the New Testament. In the Old Testament, sacrifice is commonly associated with burnt offerings to God. While in the New Testament sacrifice is associated with the giving of one's self or one's property to others, especially the needy.

All throughout Jesus' ministry he talked about how those who give needlessly on earth will be rewarded in the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus even says that the first will be last and the last will be first. In sum, Jesus is saying that those who make sacrifices in order to do God's work will be guaranteed entry into the Kingdom of Heaven.

In the Letter to the Hebrews we are told to not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased (Hebrews 13:16). You can even go further back and look at Proverbs and see that a generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed (Proverbs 11:25).

So how can we take these biblical commands and apply them to Beta Sigma Psi? It is first important to remember that the reason Beta Sigma Psi has been able to succeed is because of the sacrifices made by our members throughout our entire 80-year existence. When times have been rough we have always had great leaders who have stepped up to the plate. But regardless of how great of a leader someone is, he is only as good as the people he leads. John Donne said it best in *Devotions upon Emergent Occasions* that "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main ..."

You might be asking yourself what do islands and continents have to do with sacrifice. What it shows is that in order to succeed, more than one person must make sacrifices. One person cannot do it alone, he must have the support of others. The National Board of Directors can come up with a great vision for the future of Beta Sigma Psi, but if we don't get the support of alumni and actives in the form of time and money, then our work will be in vain.

H. Jackson Brown says, "The road to success is a tollroad." The toll on the Beta Sig road is time and money. Without time and money we can not progress down the road. This is not to say that we don't have considerable amounts of time and money

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Beta Sig Honored For Combat Duty In Iraq

by Tanner Ehmke

Before April 4, 2003, no one had ever fired a gun at Chi alumnus Captain Brian Borkowski. But the events that transpired that morning in a battle at Saddam Airport – now Baghdad International Airport – led him to be decorated with valor for courage under fire when he returned home.

His story that morning started at 4 a.m. The quietness was eerie, he said, with sporadic gunfire heard in the distance every few minutes. Being at the command of a platoon of combat engineers who search for mines and enemy weapons caches, Borkowski was one of the first five U.S. soldiers to set foot in Iraq for Operation Iraqi

Freedom. That morning, the team of engineers found themselves in a mission manning a roadblock not far from Baghdad's airport. It was still dark, and their arrival at the airport had gone unnoticed.

"When the sun came up the next morning, (the Iraqis) realized we were

there. That's when the fight started," he said.

Borkowski and his men hurried south to flush out soldiers of the Republican Guard through a tunnel, leaving his comrade Sergeant Paul Smith in charge of the encampment on the north side of the airport. On the south side, Borkowski encountered a firefight with Iraqis, and with the aid of an armored vehicle equipped with heavy fire power,

Borkowski and his men managed to take five of the Iraqi soldiers prisoner. Soon after, his platoon on the north side of the airport began outfitting a section of the courtyard of the airport was the perfect holding

area for the prisoners.

"We needed a place to hold them, and that mission came to my platoon on the north side with Smith in charge," he said. "They started working on making an area to hold them. That's when they got attacked."

"It's those values reinforced with the Lutheran fraternity that continue to help me. It gives you something to fall back on in a time of chaos."



Captain Brian Borkowski, Beta Sig alumnus from Chi Chapter, is due to return to Iraq this fall. After his second tour, he and his wife will then be relocated to Germany for three years.

The airport's high walls, though, obscured the battlefield and inhibited the view of the encroaching enemy.

Smith sprung into action and broke a hole through a wall with a bulldozer. Smith later climbed to the turret of a battered armored vehicle and held off as many as 100 Republican Guard soldiers nearly single-handedly. The heroic action cost him his life.

Nearly two years to the day following the battle, Borkowski stood at the White House with the rest of his platoon as President George Bush honored Sergeant Smith with the only Medal of Honor awarded during the war, and only the third since the Vietnam War. A year-and-a-half earlier, Borkowski was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device for his service in the battle.

A New Life At Home

After returning from his six-month tour of duty in Iraq, Borkowski has lived a simpler civilian life. He now not only deals with finals exams at school, but also journalists – so many, in fact, the army issued him a public relations expert to help him field the volume of interviews.

"I did interview after interview. It was pretty tedious," he said.



Borkowski and men from his platoon - the first five soldiers in Iraq - pose for this photo just after crossing the border on March 19, 2003. The air war had started, and unknown to them at the time, the ground war would start late that night. Only three of the five pictured here would make it back to Kuwait. Borkowski is at left, and Smith is far right.

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An appearance on the Fox News program "Fox and Friends" topped the media publicity for his platoon that accompanied the ceremony for his comrade Sergeant Smith. As with many of the interviews since returning home, he talked mostly about the battle that day and who Paul Smith was and about his heroic actions that earned him the the highest recognition the army can bestow on a soldier.

At the ceremony, Borkowski toured the White House, met congressmen, senators, and all the military's top leadership, and introduced U.S. Defense Sec. Donald Rumsfeld to his platoon.

Now, with the media buzz calming, Borkowski has since settled back into school life. In May, he finished his master's degree in geology/geophysics at the University of Missouri-Rolla, and he's spending time with his wife, Melissa, while he is still at home. He even paid a

visit to the Eta Chapter house at the university. Few there, though, were familiar with the Ohio State University chapter he pledged to in 1996, which was officially closed two years ago. Only a few of the older members of the house could recall the history of Chi's brief existence, Borkowski said.

While Chi Chapter existed for only a few short years on the Ohio State campus, the fraternity still serves a purpose for him today – particularly on the battlefield. The reason he joined the fraternity was because it had a common value system, he said.

"It's those values reinforced with the Lutheran fraternity that continue to help me. It gives you something to fall back on in a time of chaos," he said.

His story with Iraq, though, is unfinished.

This fall, he is scheduled to serve

another year-long tour in Iraq. But this second tour, he said, should go easier than the last. The facilities and communications systems will be better, and he'll be able to talk via telephone with his wife and his family and friends. Last time, there were only one or two satellite phones soldiers could use to keep in contact with their families. Plumbing was also nonexistent then, leaving him to go two months without taking a shower. Now, there will be more amenities and comforts of home that were not there last time.

And while it lacks the media attention, progress is being made for the people in Iraq, too, he said. Schools and hospitals are being constructed, and people's homes are being rebuilt. But much remains to be fixed, and the images of battle and of people begging soldiers for food are still realities. That strife, he said, challenges a person's inner values.

"One guy can't rebuild the world," he said. "But you take some of your Christian values with you, and you try to do what you can where you can."

Special thanks to Steve Lapinski, Chi alumnus, for providing information to the Gold Rose.



Borkowski poses at the Iraqi war memorial in Baghdad April 03, 2003. Borkowski used this car, taken from one of Saddam's palaces, after his vehicle was heavily damaged.

Personal congratulations on Brian Borkowski's decoration with valor can be sent to this address:

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The White House ceremony in honor of Sergeant Paul Smith can be viewed on the internet at www.c-span.org.

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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Cross, Heart and Rose Trophy Heads West

Alpha-Alpha Chapter Claims Victory Over Delta Alumni at Annual National Beta Sig Basketball Tournament

by Rudy Ristich

Brothers of Beta Sigma Psi traveled to Purdue University in West Lafayette Indiana on February 12th this winter to compete in the annual Cross, Heart and Rose National Basketball tournament. Every year active members and alumni alike travel to one of our chapter campuses for a chance to hold the traveling Cross, Heart and Rose Trophy.

Each chapter was well represented in this year's tournament with each active chapter seeding a team. Some chapters submitted as many as three teams and several dozen alumni from Delta, Alpha, and Beta chapters made the trip out to provide a challenge to the active contingent. The growing turn out is a testament to the ever improving brotherhood between the active chapters and to the continued involvement of alumni who enjoy sharing their Beta Sig experiences to bond with the current active members.

The format of the tournament this year was a double elimination bracketed tournament. All the teams welcomed the change from the previous format, which

involved round robin play with-in pools that seeded into a single elimination bracket. The new format combined with a well-balanced talent pool made for some very close and entertaining matches. Seven games went into at least one overtime period and just about double many games were decided by a single basket margin.

Of the twelve teams that participated several teams continued their success but a few teams came out of nowhere to completely surprise their opponents. The past two years have seen youthful and athletic teams of Beta Chapter handle the tournament field with ease and take home the championship. It was not to be for Beta chapter this year as several early round mishaps caused elimination for their teams early in the tournament. This continued the alleged "curse of the host chapter" as no hosting team in recent history has been able to pound out a tournament victory in their own backyards.

Zeta chapter has remained a consistent force recently making it to the final



Beta Sigs analyze the players' bracket at the national basketball tournament held in West Laffayette, Ind., at Purdue University.

four teams in each of the most recent tournaments. One of the tournament surprises was the Beta Alumni team that fought deep into the tournament only to be handed both its losses by the always-remarkable Delta alumni team. The Delta alumni have remained a force in the tournament for decades, making every championship game this century. Most young chapters cannot find an answer to the mature play and sheer teamwork of the men from Delta.

By the final round, it was certain that the championship trophy would head west to Nebraska. But it was not certain which team would snag the prize. The Delta Alumni team was met by the true dark horse of the tournament, Alpha-Alpha chapter from Midland Lutheran College. The Alpha-Alpha actives brought a team to Indiana that was as talented as any other team in the field and that played together as well as any veteran team in the tournament. The final match up was not without its anticipated drama. In order for the Delta team to win the championship legitimately out off the loss end of the bracket, it would need to defeat the Alpha-Alpha team twice in a row.

The aging men from Delta seemed to be able to pull it off its first tournament victory in five years as they won a thrilling double over time game to defeat

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The Alpha-Alpha Chapter team from Midland Lutheran College proudly display their newly won trophy after defeating the Delta Alumni team in the final round of the tourney.

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Delta Colony Activates New Members

by Neal Thomsen, Delta Alumnus

Things continue to change with the evolution of Delta Colony at UNL. Like all new things, there have been some growing pains, mistakes and lessons learned. Even so, the positives have far outweighed the negatives and the group continues to progress forward towards their goal of chartering Delta Chapter at UNL.

Turning another page in the history of the colony was the activation of 11 members on April 9. The new actives include Nick Anderson, Skyler Cornish, Robert Gray, Mike Heidemann, Chet Henry, Tyler Jensen, Gavin Koehler, Justin Peterson, Paul Ridder, Luke Rief, and Bryan Tamke. The ceremony was presided over by alumni Lee Anderbery, Steve Janssen, Dave Ludwig and Neal Thomsen.

Meanwhile on campus, Delta Colony has been very active. They have been meeting once a week for a Bible study prior to their business meetings. And this spring, they have had group worships at the Lutheran Student Center (ELCA), Lutheran Chapel (LCMS) on campus and Southwood Lutheran in Lincoln at which they received a warm welcome from Pastor Greg Olson, Delta alumnus.



A Delta Colony member takes a break after a rough game of "broomball" in an intramural match with another fraternity.

To help the group scholastically, the colony members have instituted study hours two nights a week. Last fall, the group had a cumulative GPA of 3.28 on a 4.00 scale and hope improve this spring.

Building community ties, the colony adopted a bike trail in a local park near campus, assisted with clean ups at both UNL Lutheran chapels, and raised money for Relay for Life. Topping their list of accomplishments, they were fifth-place on campus in fund raising for the philanthropy, raising \$952 to support cancer research.

On the social side, the group continues to get more connected with the Greek system. They had a card party with Alpha Delta Pi, and their triad of Phi Delta Theta, Gamma Phi Beta and Beta Theta Pi finished first in the Greek week standings. This is due in no small part to Robert Gray's mastery of the yo-yo in the talent competition and Luke Rief's mastery of the bowling ball leading the way to victory.

Currently, there are 16 members with the original 13 from the fall. They have already signed of three new members in the past few weeks and are already busy making plans for next fall.

Since Delta Colony does not have a house, they will be present at the Lutheran Student Center at 535 North 16th street in June during UNL's New Student Enrollment. This is the time when fraternity houses are open for incoming students to visit with fraternity members and tour facilities.

If you have any questions regarding Delta Colony's rush events or have contact information of potential recruits, Justin Peterson can be reached at (402) 679-0492 or e-mailed at jip@bigred.unl.edu. Bryan Tamke can be reached at (402) 720-1573 or bryantamke@yahoo.com.

Delta Colony Wins 'Greek Week' At UNL

During the Spring semester, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Greek system hosts an event termed Greek Week. The week is dedicated in promoting the Greek system and encouraging Greek fellowship. Throughout the week, triads, consisting of three fraternities or sororities, competed in numerous events. This year, the events included a variety/talent show, a canned food drive, and a social event.

Points were earned based on how well the triad placed in each event as well as attendance. Delta Colony was paired up with Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, and Gamma Phi Beta.

Even though it was the smallest organization in the triad, it did not sit idle in the competition. Delta Colony had one of its own, Robert Grey, participate in the talent show by performing tricks with yoyos and spinning tops, capturing the first place ranking in the category of individual performers.

Delta Colony also contributed to the can food drive placing second. Almost 90% of its members attended the social event, which earned our triad enough points to claim the Grand Champion prize. As you can imagine, Delta Colony have experienced some difficulty in gaining publicity for the colony on campus. Nick Anderson said, "I guess we just saw this opportunity as our chance to make a name for ourselves. I believe we accomplished our goals, and already have gained the attention of the other Greek organizations."

Congratulations go out from Beta Sigma Psi National Fraternity to the men of Delta Colony for their great accomplishment.



2005 Leadership Academy Scheduled for Aug. 12-14 In Overland Park, Kan.

Registration is currently open for the 2005 Beta Sigma Psi Leadership Academy scheduled for August 12 – 14, 2005 at Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park, KS.

The cost for this year's Leadership Academy will be \$75 for Collegiate and Alumni Members. For Collegiate Members, this fee includes all supplies for the weekend, three nights hotel accommodations, and breakfast, lunch, and dinner on both Friday and Saturday. For Alumni members, this fee will include supplies, and lunch & dinner on Friday and Saturday.

The Leadership Academy will start at 10:00 am on Friday, August 12. That night, a barbeque and softball game will be

held in conjunction with the Kansas City Alumni Group and Kansas/Missouri Region of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The Leadership Academy will continue throughout the day on Saturday, followed by the annual awards banquet with a featured speaker.

The 2005 Leadership Academy will be different than in years past. In addition to changed programming for collegiate members, there will be specific classes designed for alumni officers on Saturday.

Applications are available online at this internet address: http://publications.betasigmapsi.org/5-8_files/laregform.html.

Zeta Chapter Hosts Second Annual Alumni Casino Night

by Adam Synoground

The Zeta Chapter hosted an alumni fundraiser on March 5, 2005 at the chapter house. The event was well attended with 54 alumni making the trip back to help raise money as well as relive some of the great times that were had during their time in the house.

From a member of the charter class to an alumnus that graduated last December, a good time was had by all.

The day started at 9 a.m. with an alumni board meeting that served provide ideas on the rush process and the house management as a whole.

After the meeting adjourned, many traveled to watch the Wildcats win a basketball game. Social hour commenced around 5 p.m. with a steak dinner with all of the fixings.

The second annual Casino Night followed promptly with craps, blackjack, and poker. The night concluded for some with the prize auction featuring mainly KSU paraphernalia.

The night was a great success as \$2,500 was raised for general house repairs, and many old friendships were rekindled and new friendships forged.

National Board of Directors Seeking Applications For Full-Time Employee

The National Board of Directors is pleased to announce that is accepting applications for a full-time paid staff employee of the National Fraternity.

The employee will work directly with the Board of Directors, with active and alumni chapters, developing programming, and serving on the National Board of Directors. Interested persons should be well versed in the inter-workings of chapters, have excellent communication skills, be willing to travel, and be self-motivated.

Interested members should submit a cover letter and resume to National President Chad Pfister no later than May 30, 2005. Materials can be submitted by e-mail to president@betasigmapsi.org, or by mail at 1133 Ashland Road, #1602, Columbia, MO 65201. Electronic submissions are preferred. Applicants should be available for interviews by phone or in-person in early June.

The National Board of Directors reserves the right to rescind this application request, as well as to not hire any applicants. Any questions concerning this position should be directed to Chad Pfister.

Zeta Active Elected to Kansas State IFC Board

Dan Kuhlman, member of Zeta chapter, was elected to the year-long position of Director of Judicial Affairs for the InterFraternity Council at Kansas State University on March 28, 2005.

Roughly 20 men applied for the seven positions available this year, and were interviewed with the slating committee afterwards.

The Director of Judicial Affairs is responsible for dealing with any judicial affair that may occur either interfraternally or between a non-Greek person and a member of a Greek organization. The Director researches the accusation and, if

a compromise between the two parties cannot be reached, organizes the judicial hearing and makes sure to contact all individuals involved and facilitate the hearing. He does not actually decide the verdicts and punishment, that is done by the Judicial Board, which consists of the rest of the InterFraternity Council along with four alumni from various chapters and the Director of Greek Affairs.

This is the first time in many years that a Beta Sig has been elected to serve on a university InterFraternity Council Executive Board. Congratulations go out to Dan Kuhlman and the men of Zeta Chapter.

Chapter Updates

Across the national fraternity, our active chapters continue to evolve and are experiencing new growth and greater successes. Here's a glance at a few of the chapters, in their own words.

Alpha Chapter, University of Illinois

The spring 2005 semester is almost over. Over the past couple of weeks, some of the guys at Alpha have participated in our Gold Rose Formal, which took place in Indianapolis with Beta Chapter. The active chapter would also like to express their gratitude towards all the alumni that have shown their support this semester. Many have helped with rush by making house visits, and others have given donations in order to maintain the upkeep of the house.

Rush has been a struggle for the past few years, but the house has been working hard this semester to call and visit those interested. For the fall 2005 semester, we already signed two, and four more are close to signing. Scholarship interviews are also underway. All actives are involved in showing the house to the interviewees and their parents in hopes of getting a few to sign. Scheduled summer rush events are paintball, baseball game at Kane County Cougars, and boating at Lake Shelbyville; June 25, July 16, July 30 respectively.

-Brent Gieseke, president

Beta Chapter, Purdue University

Beta Chapter has seen many successes during the Spring 2005 semester. All five new members completed the associate member program this semester. Two of the freshman associates have already taken leadership positions within the house, and the others are devoted to improving the chapter.

Beta continues to have a strong relationship with the LCMS church, and we have recently been attempting to establish relations with the ELCA church at Purdue as well. This will give us the opportunity to extend our fellowship and service as well as increase our avenues for recruitment.

The chapter has continued to excel in academics. Last semester we ranked second among 41 fraternities in grades. Our associates have consistently ranked at the top as well, and their performance thus far indicates that this spring semester will be no exception.

-Chris Ristich, president

Eta Chapter, University of Missouri-Rolla

Summer is almost here. As of April 28, 2005, we have 11 new associate members who will join us this coming fall. We still will be working throughout the summer and even the start of Fall to finish filling our house for the year.

We are also in the process of renovating/remodeling the third floor of our house. We look forward to having newer rooms which will have Ethernet/phone connections, a fresh coat of paint, and several other improvements. This recent construction signals the near end to a long re-haul of our beloved chapter house, but only the beginning of Eta's rebirth.

We also won the award for the highest house GPA for the fall semester. And our philanthropy event, Rajun' Cajun, was successful. We made around \$790.00 that will be donated to the Lutheran Family & Children Services of Missouri.

-Tavis Bryant, immediate past president

Epsilon Chapter, Iowa State University

Times at Epsilon Chapter could not be better. With over 40 members returning next year and an expected recruitment class of 15 to 20 new members, the Ames Alumni Chapter has decided to rent two apartments near the chapter house for additional members to reside.

Thanks a successful alumni call-a-thon that has raised nearly \$5,500 to date, we are remodeling our kitchen, putting new furniture and carpeting in our lounge, building a trophy case, and putting a new coat of stain on our deck.

We earned a 3.03 cumulative GPA, good for 6th among 29 fraternities on campus. We activated 19 members of our fraternity - our largest activation class in over a decade. And our chapter was awarded a Certificate of Merit for Iowa State Fraternal Excellence Awards for our overall programming over the 2004 calendar year.

-Kevin Stinn, president

Iota Chapter, University of Missouri

Iota Chapter is coming off to the end of a successful semester focused on Rush. With the help of the alumni, the chapter has rewritten the entire rush program and refocused the roles of the rush chairs. The entire house has been involved in a campaign to reconnect with the Lutheran community in Missouri.

Scholarship chair Steven Johnson has done an excellent job designing and implementing a new scholarship program, which calls for entire house quiet hours from 7-10pm Sunday through Thursday. During this time, the entire house is a study environment, where no one is allowed to watch TV, play games, talk on the phone, or use their computer for non study purposes. All members are required to turn check their grades and turn them in once per month. This semester could be one of the best semesters for grades the chapter has had in recent years.

The alumni board met at the house on April 16. Plans for the long term capital improvement of the house were made, as well as short term suggestions for house management.

-Dan Meyers, president

Zeta Chapter, Kansas State University

Recruitment and Scholarship efforts have paid off this year for Zeta chapter. We placed ninth out of 24 fraternities in grades and are expecting to sign between 12 and 15 new members for our Fall 2006 class. Currently, our members are gearing up for Gold Rose Formal, which will take place Saturday, April 29 in Lincoln, Neb., with Delta Colony.

Pastor David Biese, the Pastoral Advisor for the past eight years, has taken a call to become a minister at Marquette, KS. We thank him for his dedicated service and his donations of a new couch and entertainment center for our second floor lobby, which we have renamed "The Biese Lobby." And Daniel Kuhlman, currently a junior, sought after and won the election for Chairman of Judicial Affairs for the Interfraternity Council.

-Ben Walter, president

Xi Alumni Seek to Reestablish at Kearney

by Matt Wolters, Exec. Director

For nearly 20 years students at the University Nebraska-Kearney (UNK), formerly Kearney State College, have been void of the Beta Sig Experience. This will soon change. The stage has been set to recolonize Xi Chapter at UNK during the 2005-2006 school year.

A group of Xi Alumni beginning in November, 2004 began the planning phase to recolonize Xi Chapter. With the assistance of Pastor Tom Wilson, pastor at the UNK Lutheran Chapel, and Pastor Mark Price of 1st Lutheran Church Kearney, the alumni have gathered twice to chart a course for the next generation of Beta Sig's at UNK.

The alumni group is also currently working to form an official Beta Sig Alumni Chapter. In addition, they are planning a reunion event to be held in early Fall 2005. This event will serve as the kick off event for recruitment of new members during the Fall Semester 2005.

Xi Chapter Alumni who are interested in assisting with the recolonization effort or wish play a role in the creation of a Kearny Alumni Chapter contact Kim Dickmeyer at kdickmeyer@yahoo.com or Tim Obermier at obermiert@unk.edu.



2005 MEF a Success

The 2005 Membership Education Forum, hosted this year by Beta Chapter at Purdue University and held in conjunction with the basketball tournament, saw its biggest turnout ever this past February with more than 160 in attendance.

Beta actives Robert Brackmann and Tim Flesch organized MEF and the national basketball tournament this year. This year's forum included officer workshops where officers from different chapters exchanged ideas on everything from house management to recruitment.

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members working on behalf of Beta Sigma Psi.

However, I firmly believe that we can do better. If I didn't think, that I would be lying to myself and to the members of Beta Sigma Psi. As we enter the 80th year of Beta Sigma Psi, there are a multitude of opportunities both at the national and local levels for alumni to take part in. At the national level, we are always looking for help when it comes to education, recruitment, expansion, publications, fundraising, etc. And many of these same needs appear at the local level as well. Our active chapters always need help when it comes to recruitment, whether it is making phone calls, sending letters, making house visits, talking with parents, students, pastors, etc. You name it, and our local chapters probably need it.

Imagine what Beta Sigma Psi could be if every member donated one hour a month to the fraternity. It would roughly equate to 70,000 hours – and that's not including the work done by national officers, alumni officers, and active members. Even more surprisingly, this work would be roughly

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the young men of Midland. Youth would be served however as the Alpha-Alpha team regained their composure and defeated the Delta Alumni (sans oxygen tanks) in another hard fought overtime victory and take home the traveling trophy.

The exciting play and exemplary sportsman ship exhibited by the Beta Sig men makes the National Basketball

National officers also partook in the small-group discussions.

Highlighting the day of discussions and learning was an after-dinner appearance of Alpha alumnus John Hingst, the namesake of the national Hingst Award, who enlightened the active body about history of the fraternity and his own experiences.

Joe Franklin, senior managing partner of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, also took out time to educate the attendees with his professional experience with marketing and salesmanship.

the equivalent of 33 full time employees working for Beta Sigma Psi.

We are a huge family, and we all must carry our weight if the family is to stay strong. We must eliminate the mentality that if I don't give, then someone else will pick up my slack. While this may be true for the short term, it can't last forever. I strongly encourage you to give either one hour a month to Beta Sigma Psi or to donate the monetary equivalent to either active chapters, alumni chapters, the Educational Foundation, or the National Fraternity. Let us make the 80th year of Beta Sigma Psi the best year ever, and even more importantly lets make sure that Beta Sigma Psi is around for another 80 years.

Contact information for Alumni and Active Chapters can be found on the back of the Gold Rose. If you are interested in working for the National Fraternity, please feel free to contact me either by phone or e-mail. Remember that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. The Future of Beta Sigma Psi is bright, but in order to ensure our success we must all sacrifice for the betterment of Beta Sigma Psi.

Tournament one of the most anticipated and engaging events on the annual social calendar. With the ever increasing participation from the active chapters in the accompanying Membership Education Forum, the enthusiastic participation of alumni groups, and the expansion of the fraternity to other campuses future national social events should prove to be a fulfilling experience for everyone who chooses to participate.

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