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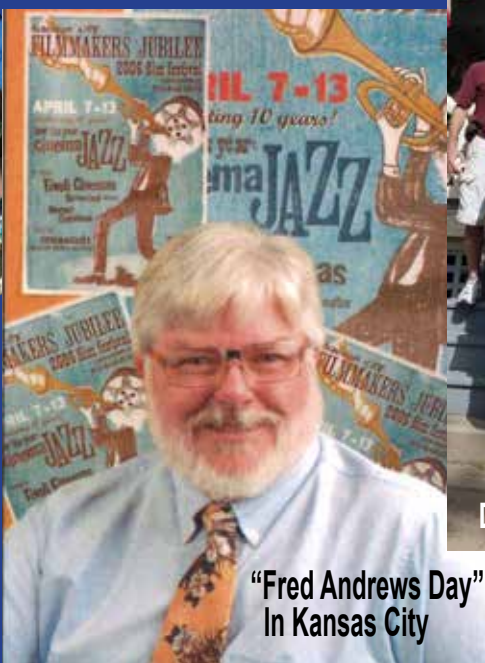
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President's Report

By: Rudy Ristich, National President

At Beta Sigma Psi we believe in facilitating the ideal environment for the college man of faith in Christ to grow spiritually, scholastically and socially. We do that by creating environments that are safe and focused on learning and service to church, campus and community.

Fraternity leaders have doubled down on their efforts to ensure the health and safety of our undergraduate members after a very trying 2017 and an equally frustrating 2018 for the Greek community. What started as a trial program to test the effectiveness of reducing hard alcohol in Greek facilities, was unanimously adopted as policy in September.

While it may be tempting to debate the merits or fairness of such policy, their ability to be enforced or call to question the ubiquitous presence of alcohol throughout our campuses the statistics surrounding the tragedies we've witnessed are impossible to dismiss. Culture trumps everything, including policy, and our task ahead will be one of the most daunting in all of leadership.

Changing group behavior starts first with examining our internal resistance and threats to our egos. Only through transparency and having the courage to acknowledge our vulnerability can we begin the process of change. Please join me in praying regularly for our young active and alumni leaders at our chapters as they are the tip of the spear in this process.

Joining the Greek system in changing the culture of alcohol use in our chapters is just one element of change ahead for Beta Sigma Psi. The three corporations of our Fraternity met this summer with our alumni chapter leaders in St Louis to revise and refocus our strategic priorities.

From our working sessions we collectively decided to focus the next 4 years on the following three priorities: *1.- Encouraging alternative traditions in chapters to eradicate hazing. 2.- Extending leadership programming to our alumni to increase their involvement and 3. - To fundraising to create high quality living spaces for actives to ensure strong recruitment.*



Each of these goals will enable a foundation upon which we can ensure the health and safety of the men of faith who share their collegiate experience at Beta Sigma Psi. The young men today are excelling in many areas of importance and are more than worthy of our continued support.

Greek organizations consistently produce graduates with GPAs above the college average, our men are no exception with a national GPA above a 3.0 average, improving their options for employment and advanced education. Our men's philanthropic and service activity is supporting our campus churches and ministries as well as the local communities. There is much to be grateful for and much work still to done. Per aspera ad astra,

Annual Chapter Dues:

On behalf of all BSP chapters, you should be aware that chapter dues are a secondary source of income for all chapters and it is important that all alumni send in their annual dues.

Annual dues payments help to pay for alumni chapter expenses and also help the alumni with their responsibility to help the active chapters with house maintenance an improvements.

Please pay your dues annually!



2019 MEF Will Be In Louisville, KY

MEF
January 19-20, 2019

Please Note:

MEF will start on Saturday morning the 19th and end Sunday at noon the 20th. The banquet will remain on Saturday night. The Annual Awards Ceremony will follow the dinner.

Programing Sunday Will Be By Offices

Philanthropic
Civic Service
New Associate Education
Risk

All officers for these offices will need to be in attendance.

Those attending the Recruitment Readiness Retreat will begin on Sunday the 20th and end at noon the 21st.

Location for this year's MEF:

Louisville East Marriott
1903 Embassy Square Blvd
Louisville, Kentucky

For room reservations:
go to

mef.betasigmapsi.org

Treasurer's Report on Fraternity Finances

By: Chris Ristich, Treasurer

In the 2017 fiscal year, the National Fraternity collected \$240,647 in income which includes dues and fees from the active chapters as well as reimbursements from the Education Foundation and Alumni chapters. The Fraternity spent \$232,038, with the largest expenses continuing to be Leadership Development services for the active chapters, administration of the National Office, publication of the Gold Rose, and insurance. Expenses decreased by



Chris Ristich - National Treasurer

Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity Profit and Loss

July 2017 - June 2018

	(FYE June 31)		
	2018	2017	Change
Income			
400. Foundation Reimbursements	78,725	77,407	1,318
425 Membership Dues	130,770	144,284	(13,514)
470 National Convention Meeting	32,455	22,353	10,102
Misc	(150)	1,018	(1,168)
Total Income	\$ 241,800	\$ 246,783	\$ (4,984)
Cost of Goods Sold			
500 Cost of Goods Sold	1,153	8,586	(7,433)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 1,153	\$ 8,586	\$ (7,433)
Gross Profit	\$ 240,647	\$ 238,198	\$ 2,449
Expenses			
600 Insurance	55,244	55,567	(323)
620 Membership in Hsg Foundation	1,940	1,920	20
625 Ntl BOD	17,276	18,343	(1,067)
629.5 scholarship	2,000		2,000
649.1 Display Booth Shipping		343	(343)
660 National Convention	1,559	3,938	(2,378)
660 National Office	112,802	124,015	(11,213)
720 Office Expenses	26	28	(2)
750 Publications	30,779	34,922	(4,143)
760 Leadership Conference	4,581	4,038	544
770 Inner Ring Conference	5,455	3,148	2,307
8500 Misc expenses	375	710	(335)
Total Expenses	\$ 232,038	\$ 246,972	\$ (14,934)
Net Operating Income	\$ 8,609	\$ (8,774)	\$ 17,383
Net Income	\$ 8,609	\$ (8,774)	\$ 17,383

\$14,934 versus the previous year, mainly due to efforts by our Leadership Director to combine chapter visits and our Publications Director in saving on printing costs.

The National Fraternity began the 2017 fiscal year with a cash balance of \$28,395 and ended with \$37,504, a net gain of \$8,609. At the end of the fiscal year in June 2018, the Fraternity was owed \$16,375 in accounts receivable from outstanding dues and owed \$30,605 in accounts payable to an interest-free loan covering Membership Education Forum expenses.

Last year the National Fraternity introduced a new dues and fees structure to improve cash flow and better support the operations of the fraternity against an expected rise in insurance and other costs.

This new structure includes a one-time fee of \$100 for associate members and \$200 for activated members (the activation fee increases to \$250 this year).

These fees cover the fixed material cost for associate and activated members and also hedge against the increasingly common practice of members who do not remain on active status for all four years.

They are in addition to the existing recurring dues of \$170 per man per semester. The new dues structure puts us in a strong financial position for this next fiscal year.

List of Chapters and Map Key

1. Alpha - Univ. Illinois
2. Alpha-Alpha - Midland Univ.
3. Beta - Purdue Univ.
4. Delta - Nebraska Univ.
5. Epsilon - Iowa State Univ.
6. Eta - U. Missouri S. & T.
7. Iota - U. Missouri
8. Nu - Univ. Kansas
9. Omega - Indiana Univ.
10. Zeta - Kansas State Univ.
11. Chi Colony - Ohio State Univ.

Map of Chapter Locations in 6 State Area



Scholarship Report – Spring Semester 2018

By: Steve Hick

Iwould guess that not many national fraternities can claim that twenty percent of their chapters hold the number one grade point average on campus. Beta Sigma Psi could make that claim last spring semester.

Congratulations to Omega Chapter at Indiana University for being the top fraternity on campus last spring semester with an amazing 3.710 chapter GPA.

Also, congratulations to our newest chapter, Nu Chapter, number one on the campus of the University of Kansas with a 3.456 grade point average.

And we cannot overlook the effort of the Epsilon Chapter at Iowa State University with their number two ranking on campus.

A goal of Beta Sigma Psi has been to keep



our chapters at or near the top of all fraternities on our respective campuses. Beta Sigma Psi chapters should always place above the all-male grade point average as well as the all-fraternity grade point average on campus. After the Spring 2018 semester almost all our chapters were above the all-male grade point average with only one slipping one

thousandth of a point below the all-male average.

The universities we call home have Greek communities and student populations of varying sizes making apples-to-apples comparisons statistically tricky. Regardless, it is probably time to set some new goals. How about every Beta Sig chapter ranks among the top five fraternities on campus? Half of our chapters are already there and the chapters that “appear” far off are members of large campus Greek systems where it doesn’t take much improvement to quickly move to the top.

Active members reading this; what are you doing to improve your study habits? Are you taking advantage of the many resources on campus to help you achieve your greatest academic performance? Alumni reading this; what are you doing to mentor and help your chapter succeed academically? Can you make time to visit our men, coach them, and share how your academic success has paid itself forward throughout your career?

Chapter	University	Semester	GPA	AMA*	Notes
Alpha	Illinois	Spring 2018	3.183	3.110	
Beta	Purdue	Spring 2018	3.070	2.960	
Delta	Nebraska	Spring 2018	3.457	2.977	
Epsilon	Iowa State	Spring 2018	3.320	3.000	#2 on campus
Zeta	Kansas State	Spring 2018	3.040	2.960	
Eta	Missouri S&T	Spring 2018	3.192	3.068	
Iota	Missouri-Columbia	Spring 2018	3.011	3.012	
Nu	Kansas	Spring 2018	3.456	3.120	#1 on campus
Omega	Indiana	Spring 2018	3.710	3.140	#1 on campus
Alpha-Alpha	Midland	Spring 2018	No report	No report	

*AMA = All Male Average

Expansion Report

Larry Edwards - Past President

Beta Sigma Psi National Fraternity finds itself in a dilemma. Scholastically, all of our Chapters are ranked in the top one third of all fraternities at their schools. Three of our chapters – Epsilon, Nu, and Omega, are currently considered the top ranked fraternities on their respective campus.

However, even with our outstanding rankings, we were just turned down by an IFC on a campus where we once had a chapter for 20 years, because they wanted a new colony from a large national fraternity, with many chapters, more diversity, and one that could bring new dynamics to their Greek community. In other words, they wanted someone who would promise lots of flash and pizzas.

Other universities, where we haven't previously had chapters, have put a hold on Greek expansion because of the recent occurrence of hazing incidents, which in one case lead to death of a fraternity member, and in other cases, led to sexual harassment of coeds.

Title IX infractions are up and enforcements – real or imagined - are being actively pursued with a push from the US Department of Education. Fraternity publicity has never been worse, and interest in joining Greek houses is down at almost all of the schools where we have chapters.

At K-State, the University has decided not to recognize any fraternity or sorority with the thought that it is not their responsibility to be involved with Greeks.

Enrollment at almost all 4-year colleges is declining. Freshmen enrollment at the University of Missouri – Columbia, is down 40%, causing that School to close 7 dorms, and lay off 450 faculty and staff. At the same time, enrollment at Community Colleges around the nation is up. None of this bodes well for fraternities.

For first time in several years, we have an opportunity to establish a new colony. Presently, we have a group of energetic young men working hard to get established at the Ohio State University. We are also currently exploring the possibilities of a new colony at Northern Iowa University.

What must we do to reverse these detrimental national trends at each of our current Active Chapters?

1. We must continue to emphasize the 3 ('S's) plus philanthropies and community service. Some of our chapters really do make a difference at their respective campus.

2. Part of the 3 ('S's) is Scholarship, and we assume most students attend college with a goal of graduation. At least that is what your parents may think. At this time Scholarship achievement should be goal number one!

3. If you have a Chapter House, no matter what the campus rules are, work with your Alumni Chapter in making your chapter house "Dry", be-

cause within 5 years, you will be forced to do so by your university administration. That is what is coming. So, if you decide to have a party at the chapter house, make it dry for everyone.

What are some of the benefits of a "DRY HOUSE"?

- Higher Scholastic Averages,
- better retention of members,
- creating better brotherhood

4. Designate a weekend, to invite High School Seniors, their parents, and pastors to visit your Chapter Home. Be proud to show off your Chapter House.

5. It goes without saying, that Hazing of any form is not tolerated by the National Fraternity. Associate Member projects before initiation is encouraged but not required. But all references to "Hell Week" should be long gone. See the new Policy Book in every chapters' hands.

6. Several Chapters have Mother's clubs, but everyone should have a mother's (parents) club. They take a very real interest in the house, and how it looks.

The point of this article is that we are currently up against it in the court of public opinion and YOU can change this opinion with your personal and group actions and behavior. Beta Sigma Psi is not just "another fraternity". We can make a difference!

Beta Sig Expansion Efforts – 2018-2019

In previous editions of the Gold Rose we have discussed goals for expansion, possible sites, and the need for volunteers. But those efforts have not netted one commitment by National Officers are Alumni for that matter in our target of opportunity – the central states of the US.

So, lets again explore why Expansion is vital to the Fraternity and why it should be a very important priority among our National Programs.

New Chapters bring renewed competition among our Active Chapters. Think of our last two Active Chapters – Omega at Indiana U, and Nu Chapter at University of Kansas. They are among the best of all of our chapters. Last year at MEF we held a workshop – "A tale of two chapters" borrowed from the book by Dickens – A tale of two cities. Why are they the best? Perhaps it is because of the fact that they have young Alumni who help young leadership try different things to obtain excellence. They are not stayed in their thinking by years of hearing "we tried that before and it didn't work".

More chapters provide more competition to existing chapters to succeed, and perhaps provide more ideas how to solve common problems at all chapter sites.

Additional chapters provide more revenues to the National Fraternities to provide new and fresh programing back to the Active Chapters. With some of these benefits in mind and the fact that we have an excellent reputation as a National

Fraternity, here is a list of universities that we have selected as potential sites for new colonies. Sites listed are not in particular order of preference, but the schools have hosted Beta Sig Chapters before and/or have a significant Lutheran student population.

Indiana - Ball State @ Muncie, Indiana; Univ./Purdue @ Ft. Wayne; Valparaiso U @ Valparaiso

Illinois: Augustana University @ Rock Island; Northern Illinois @ DeKalb

Missouri: S.W Missouri State @ Springfield

Kansas: Wichita State University, Wichita

Nebraska: U. of Nebraska @ Kearney

So. Dakota; South Dakota State@Brookings

Wisconsin: U. of Wisconsin @Madison

The problem is that one person or a couple of National Officers can't do it all! With a goal of one new chapter every year, we need volunteers to serve as State Expansion Directors who are closed to the target sites.

If you are interested in helping Beta Sig to grow contact Larry Edwards at 303-979-6662 or email at Larryredwards12@gmail.com. We have updated materials to help you in your efforts, plus lots of experience.

Active Chapters Fail When their Alumni Board and National Fraternity (see list below)

By: Brian Clark - Esilon Alumni Treasurer

- **BELIEVE** the current problems in the chapter will fix themselves
- **DO NOT** ask hard questions of the actives about the management of the chapter
- **FAIL** to ask successful alumni boards, the local Greek Affairs office, and other fraternal groups for advice and guidance
- **PERMIT** the chapter rent to drop below agreed upon levels for consecutive years
- **ALLOW** their relationship with the pastoral advisor(s) to wane.
- **DO NOT** mentor the actives through the process of successfully recruiting a new class of leaders each and every year.
- Turn **AWAY** capable help
- **BELIEVE** the chapter can operate successfully without the everyday watchful eyes of alumni –hired employees i.e. a house directors'

• Are not REG-
U L A R L Y -
ENGAGED with
the chapter lead-
ership



• DO NOT en-
gage alumni with
regular written
communication

• Set rent TOO
LOW to save for
proper and time-
ly maintenance
of the chapter house or the purchase of
a future house

• RELY on long servingboard members
to shoulder the burden for decades and
fail to recruit new membership to the
Boa d.

• DO NOT have a short/long term busi-
ness plan

• BELIEVE they cannot ask for help
during a prolonged downturn

• ARE NOT enjoying their experience
on the elected Board

• COME ACROSS as indecisive and
outwardly display signs of in-fighting

• DO NOT have a clear policy concern-
ing alcohol abuse, hazing, date rape,
criminal conduct, drug use, poor acad-
emics, low church attendance, etc.

• FAIL to promote educational pro-
gramming in the areas mentioned above

• DO NOT challenge the chapter to
meet and beat the accomplishment of
the previous 3 years

• KNOWINGLY ALLOW problem
members to reside at the chapter house

With several hundred years of combined
experience, the leaders of Beta Sigma
Psi agree that the cyclical decline of
collegiate chapter membership is due
to complacency shared by the Active
Chapter, Alumni Chapter, the National
Fraternity leadership, and the alumni
membership as a whole.

Time has proven that one will not thrive
without the others. Therefore, it is the
task of the National Fraternity and alu-
mni chapters, working in tandem, to cre-
ate enriching environments, where our
collegiate members can flourish from
God's teaching.

Our mentoring, and their experiences to
become responsible alumni who share a
life-long dedication to the posterity of
the Fraternity.

What is the REAL price fraternities are paying?

Turmoil in today's fraternity world!

What is the impact of all the negative
publicity fraternities are receiving to-
day? Most of the publicity is deserved
because of incidents of Hazing, Alcohol
& Drug Abuse, and Sexual misconduct.

How does this effect Beta Sigma Psi,
and what is our response? Here are
some facts to consider as we begin an-
other school year.

• Membership of NIC fraternities is
significantly down! We don't know the
exact numbers because the National In-
terfraternity Conference will not publish
those statistics. But we know in our own
area of operations, that every campus
has lost some fraternities due to being
kicked off by the administration.

At the University of Kansas for exam-
ple two large fraternities both over 100
years old have been forced to leave for
hazing and alcohol abuse.

• Liability and other Insurance costs
will continue to skyrocket! National is
required by all schools where we have
chapters, and the NIC to provide Liabil-
ity Insurance for our member chapters.

We know that this next school year costs
will continue to escalate for Beta Sig.
Consider Beta Theta Pi, because of the
tragedy at Penn State.

Each Chapter this year will have insur-
ance costs increase by \$180.00/man/
chapter. That is a cost increase of over
\$325,000 for the Fraternity.

• With increased costs of insurance,
and operating costs of a fraternity house,
many alumni chapters will have to de-
fer remodeling, and upgrades. This will
have the effect of putting them farther
behind the dorms with their new ame-
nities.

• Our host universities are not our
friends! Enrollment at almost all public
colleges is down from the previous year.
Consider the case of Missouri Universi-
ty where enrollment has dropped over
25%.

Most of this decline is the high cost of
4 years college and resulting student
debt upon graduation, and the college in
some cases has been hijacked by liberals
who are attempting to change the culture
without public (tax payer) approval.

• Universities are building lavish and
expansive dorms and cafeterias! They
can use bond money to finance these
structures, but they must fill them as
well.

In that regard they restrict the lawful ac-
tivities of the Greek community, and in
some cases do away with organizational
approval (K-State).

They publish false information such as
"you have a better chance of graduation
if you choose to live in a school dorm."

What can Beta Sigma Psi as a united Fraternity do to counter this situation?

Many would respond that our Fraterni-
ty has never had a real serious incident
at a Chapter. But for the Grace of God,
Go I. We have had good National Man-
agement over the years, but that can be
shattered by one serious incident.

That is why we have adopted and
up-dated our Risk Management Policy
to reflect the times we operate in. We
have emphasized to each of our chap-
ters, that we want quality over quantity
in new recruits.

Scholarship is the most important rea-
son why a student should be in a univer-
sity and we emphasize graduation (over
92%) as the reason why parents in most
cases send a student to school.

Philanthropic activities of the chapter
are a required part of learning about how
the real world operates. Participation is
invaluable in the molding of a Christian
Gentlemen!

Finally, we must groom new and prom-
ising leaders to work with and become
a part of the National leadership team.
If we stick to our founding principles
we can earn the reputation among the
University community as an asset to it
operations!

CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS WITH BETA SIGMA PSI

By: Past President, Larry Edwards



Larry Edwards - Past National President

Introduction:

To help you better understand the history of Beta Sigma Psi and its relationship(s) with the Lutheran Bodies in North America, I am sending some pertinent information from the 1950's entitled the Ringstrom Letter, and from Dr. Hahn of the LCMS from that same period of time. Dr. Hahn was the head of the Campus Ministry of the LCMS.

First a little background. Most of the major bodies of the Lutheran Church were the results of immigrants from Northern Europe. They formed churches along the lines of where they came from, i.e. Slovak Lutheran Church, Danish, Finish, Swedish (Augustana). Germans, from Saxony, were the main settlers below St. Louis and formed the roots of the LCMS. The Wisconsin Synod was formed by German Pastors in Wisconsin who were more liberal than the Mo. Synod. That has changed a great deal over the years.

Over the 160 plus years of the Lutheran Church in North America, there have been many changes, and shifts in doctrine within the various bodies. For example, the LCMS imported leadership in the 60's from the American Lutheran Church that developed into real "battles" about theology.

If you want additional information about the major 3 Lutheran Bodies in the US please refer to an excellent article beginning on page 52 of the 12th edition of the Membership Manual. Just to let you know about the complexity of the differences between Lutheran Bodies today, the Valparaiso University Website, (Google Lutheran) list 26 Lutheran Bodies today in North America. All of these groups to the best of my knowledge accept the Book of Concord as a key to the Lutheran Faith.

Beta Sigma Psi History:

From its beginnings Beta Sig has always been a Pan- Lutheran Organization accepting members of all Lutheran Bodies as full and equal members. However, since one of the founders was Rev Gustav Stiegemeyer, he helped draft the constitution to meet the "requirements" of the time.

The LCMS, Wisconsin Synod, Slovak Lutheran Church and a 4th member that does not come to mind, were members of an organization call the Synodical Conference of North America. Among other things, this

group of 4 churches were opposed to members of the church bodies being members of Masonic organizations or other lodges that were secret with religious intent. This usually excluded the "animal lodges" – Moose, Elk, Eagles, etc.

Therefore, the first constitution of Beta Sigma Psi read "The members of this society shall be communicant male members of the Synodical Conference of North America or others in agreement therein, not a member of any secret society with religious intent, or as approved by the Pastoral Advisor of the chapter therein. "

All Pastoral Advisors up until the 50's, were LCMS Pastors, and there was a non- affiliated relationship with the Missouri Synod. In 1954 Zeta Chapter bought a house at 221 N. Delaware, which was a block away from the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, LCMS.

Pastor Ringstrom of First Lutheran Augustana, then a part of the National Lutheran Council, thought that this move meant that Beta Sig would convert young men from his church to the LCMS. The response to his fear speaks for itself, but only in that particular time frame.

The Wisconsin Synod left the Synodical Conference, because the Mo. Synod was too "liberal" whatever that means. This effectively ended the Conference.

Beta Sigma Psi in the early 60's also modified their constitution as it now stands today, dropping the "secret society" provision and in general recognizing that the Fraternity accepts all confirmed Lutherans from any recognized Lutheran Body. Many of our chapters such as Delta and Zeta had at least half of their members from today's ELCA, or LCMS.

We do not nor will we take a head count. All members live together in Brotherhood, and our Lutheran traditions. In recognition of

this the National Fraternity has strongly suggested to each Chapter where applicable that both Pastors from the two major Lutheran Bodies serve as Chapter Pastoral Advisors, not as pastors to the individual member.

Today, Beta Sigma Psi has cultivated excellent relationships with the two major Lutheran Bodies in North America. Campus relationships between the Lutheran Pastors in most cases is excellent.

The LCMS eliminated their Synodical Office for Campus Ministry (the 2nd time in 30 years) however the ELCA continues an office for campus ministry, and seems to financially support its mission better the LCMS. Beta Sigma Psi has had members who are Pastors from both Church bodies, including the President of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis (LCMS) and the Council of the ELCA.

Conclusion and Suggestions for Leaders of Beta Sigma Psi

1. We are leaders of the only National Lutheran Fraternity for members of all Lutheran Bodies. All of our members have equal rights, privileges, and responsibilities.

2. We are neutral as Fraternity leaders to the differences between the Lutheran bodies, and we do not manage a church body. Don't touch theology, it is the 3rd rail.

3. Our only goal is train young men to be leaders, with the skills to help their individual congregations after graduation. Over 80% of our members furnish real leadership.

4. Many of our Alumni members have started out with one Lutheran body, and switched to another. That is a personal, and geographical decision made by that member. Beta Sigma Psi National Fraternity or its Foundations have nothing to do with that decision.

5. Whenever you visit a chapter location on official Fraternity business always make a point to visit all of the campus pastoral advisors plus the faculty advisor as well. You would be surprised at the important information you can gather.

Lutherans have had real arguments about the teachings of the Lutheran Church since the time of Martin Luther. They will continue in that rich and political tradition until Judgment Day. That is what makes being a Lutheran always very interesting.

If you have any questions, or comments, please share it with everyone.

The Lutheran Church and Beta Sigma Psi Fraternity

By: Past President, Larry Edwards

Historical Background

It is not the purpose of this "working paper" to study all of the historical reasons for the existence of Beta Sigma Psi as a National Fraternity.

It is suggested that you read again the Prologue to the History section of the Associate Member Manual, page 3-1 to 2, and the Spiritual introduction 6-1 to 2. We also reaffirm the document Traditional Relationship between Beta Sigma Psi and the Lutheran Church, page 6-8.

What has changed in today's society is the campus community, the Lutheran Church, and its effect on Beta Sigma Psi. Let us examine each segment in greater depth.

The Campus Community: Today only a small percentage of campuses where we have chapters provide religious preference cards from incoming freshmen. If the Lutheran Church is active on campus as a student chapel, very few Lutheran Pastors in the state will provide information on incoming Lutheran Students to the campus pastor.

Also, there are some very active Christian Student Movements on every campus that attract 300 to 500 student per weekend for worship services, dinner, etc. Their evangelical outlook in the community beats anything that the Lutheran Campus Ministry undertakes. In fact, the Campus Community mirrors the general community of community (non-denominational) churches throughout the State and Nation.

The Lutheran Church: In today's USA we have two major Lutheran Bodies – the LCMS, and the ELCA. The LCMS goes in and out of Campus Ministry on almost a 10-year basis. In most areas only, the local District supports financially the mission on campus. In many cases it is a "town-grown" relationship with the Pastor serving both elements of the congregation, most without even the knowledge of how many Lutheran Students are on his respective campus.

If it is a prospective expansion site for the Fraternity, he is usually not aware of our existence! When I attended a meeting of the circuit of Northern Ohio LCMS pastors two years ago, 18 attending had never heard of the Fraternity. All in attendance were over 60 and the ranks were down in that circuit from 25 just a few years ago (closed churches).

The Pastor in charge of the Church's Campus Ministry is a campus pastor in New Mexico. Most Campuses that had an active LCMS Campus pastor have been shut down because of finances- Kansas University to name one of many.

The ELCA Campus Ministry is larger, better funded, and very active from their headquarters in Elk Grove Village, IL. Like the regular ELCA congregations they have open communion for everyone who accepts Jesus Christ as their Lord & Savior. The ELCA has had various distractions such as the recognition of homosexuals as members and pastors in some cases. This seems to be the way many main-line churches are headed.

The ordination of women was a "big deal" 25 years ago, but that issue has not been relevant for many years. In fact, the outstanding campus minister for the ELCA a couple of years ago was Elaine Olsen (a friend of mine) from the University of Illinois. 1.

This is the biggest problem facing the Lutheran Church in particular and main line Protestant Churches in general. That problem is consistent lower membership and attendance each year, resulting in lower available finances to support the campus ministry of the Lutheran Church bodies.

In some states such as Kansas the number of congregations without Pastors has increased throughout the state by 80% in just 50 years. This is caused by demographic changes of the population from rural to urban.

Beta Sigma Psi: If you have read the historical documents previously recommended, you will see the effects on the Fraternity Lets list just a few.

1. Fraternities in general are not recognized now as "a secret society with religious intent" They are not considered as an outreach of Masonic organizations, and in fact the ELCA doesn't ex-communicate members for membership in Lodges, etc.

2. The change in demographics and certainly the area that Beta Sig occupies in the Midwestern States from rural to urban areas has changed the importance of parental control and liberalized the view of parents and children. Church attendance is not "mandatory" as it was 50 years ago.

3. The overall membership in most cases as a percentage of the student body for Fraternities has declined from an average of over 25% to less than 12% on most campuses.

4. With the decline of Religion in general, the importance to the potential rushees has declined with regard to our Lutheran heritage.

5. Most Beta Sig Chapters were smaller than the campus average size for fraternities and there has been greater pressure on these chapters to "open" their membership to non-Lutherans sometimes with the tacit consent of the alumni leadership.

6. Generally, the best relations on most campuses with a Beta Sig Chapter have been

with the ELCA campus minister who many times are better equipped to serve the chapter.

7. The National Fraternity in the past have established Chapters in areas with very few potential Lutheran Students. An example is Oklahoma State

What We Can Do to Retain Our Lutheran Identity:

We must accept that fact that most of our Chapters have a sizable membership that is non-Lutheran. Some of the reasons has been previously explained. This doesn't mean that they are worse or second-class members than our Lutheran brothers. In fact, many of them are furnishing the leadership for our biggest and best chapters.

We estimate that non-Lutherans in the active chapters today are about 60% of our total membership. All of our chapters maintain a strong identity with Lutheran Campus ministry especially the ELCA Campus Ministry. 2.

We need to reintroduce a program directed by the National Fraternity to help each chapter to attract incoming Lutheran Students. This means annual contact from the National of the top 100 Congregations in each State,

Congregations with Youth Ministers (Possibly the same as top 100), attendance at State Youth gatherings, letters promoting scholarship and personal contact at Lutheran High Schools, and publicity in church publications.

We need to renew our efforts that we had 10 or more years ago with our Pastoral Advisors, and ask them for their ideas and suggestions. We need to recognize that many of our Lutheran Brothers are no longer Lutheran due to marriage, or the fact that membership in the Lutheran faith is not important to them.

What Does the Future Hold – The Positive Aspects:

We first must realize that Beta Sigma Psi has no chance of changing society in the US in general, or the decline of the Lutheran Church in particular.

We must continue to develop programs with our Advisors on each campus that will continue to build the Christian ideas of character, so important to the Lutheran Church

We must encourage these ideas and incorporate them into a written Code of Conduct "that will emphasize why philanthropic projects and ideas are important to Lutheran as well as other Christians.

We have to continually educate our chapters to our history, and what we are doing to make the future better for membership, and society in general. That is the CHALLENGE.

President's Report

By: Dylan Young - President

Greetings from Alpha Chapter! This previous year has been eventful and full of accomplishments! To begin, our membership is about the same as it was last year, as we currently have 20 active members and 4 associate members. We currently have 14 members living in the house (2 associates), with 10 members out of house (2 associates). While we had only recruited 5 new members in the 2017-18 academic year, we graduated just as many in that time. These numbers aren't ideal, but moving forward, the Alpha Chapter is motivated to grow in numbers and recruit larger classes.



Scholastically, Alpha Chapter has continued to excel. In the fall of 2017, we ranked 3rd out of 41 IFC fraternities in GPA with an average of 3.3119, just above the all fraternity and sorority GPA of 3.2939. In the Spring of 2018, we ranked 14th of 41 IFC fraternities in GPA with an average of 3.1834. Slightly lower than we would have liked, but we still placed well above the IFC GPA of 3.1387, as we continue to make efforts to improve scholastically.

Along with the typical activities, Alpha Chapter has accomplished a great amount in the past year. We've continued to participate in intramural sports, such as flag football, basketball, soccer, broomball, and dodgeball. In the fall of 2017 we even won an intramural championship in dodgeball, and we hope to repeat that this fall semester. We were blessed to receive a few other rewards



We attended the Habitat for Humanity "Spikin' for Homes" volleyball fundraiser, and we won 2nd place in the tournament!

throughout the year. Senior Tilo Lamken was awarded the Kettler Award at MEF this past January, along with our chapter receiving the Hillard and Baehr Awards. At Greek Oscars at the University of Illinois, we were awarded "Chapter of the Year" amongst all other small fraternities on campus. We are very thankful to have earned these awards, and hopefully can continue to be recognized in the future for the hard work we have been doing.

Within the community, we have improved our service efforts by increased opportunities and philanthropic events our chapter has hosted. In the fall of 2017, we hosted a bake sale and a s'mores event for Habitat for Humanity, along with having the house attend a build day for Habitat. We attended numerous service events throughout the semester and averaged 8.5 service hours per member. In the spring of 2018, we hosted a Founder's Day philanthropy event at the University Lutheran Church, a more central location on campus. We raised just over \$600 at this event, and we hope to make this an annual event. Throughout the semester we also hosted a bake sale, an NCAA March Madness tournament, and attended

many other Greek houses' service events, averaging 13.6 service hours per member. We ended up donating just over \$1500 to Habitat for Humanity, and we are grateful to be able to give back to the community in the ways we do.

Overall, it has been a great year at Alpha Chapter! We hope for continued success in the future, and we give all the glory to God! Here's to another great year in the books! Per aspera ad astra!



Our flag football team started off the season on fire at 5-0, but we were outmatched by Alpha Gamma Rho in the first round of the playoffs.



We attended Delta Zeta's "Deezyworld" philanthropy event in support of the Starkey Hearing Foundation. Out of many teams in the obstacle course competition, Beta Sigs placed first! Winning a \$150 reward towards our national philanthropy of Habitat for Humanity.



Alpha Executive Board Members: (l-r), Social Chairman - Michael Schwingbeck, Treasurer - Chris May, Vice President - Johnny Wheeler, President - Dylan Young, 2nd Vice President - Phil Hietter, Senior Recruitment Chair - Clayton Vought, Community Service Chair - Avery Clark

Alpha Fall 2018 Associate Member Class:

(l-r), Mitch McCullar, Jonathan Kothe, Nicolas Cagle, Mark Toledano.



President's Report

By: Micah Reynolds '15

The members of Beta Sigma Psi are ready to tackle another semester here at Purdue. A couple of our members are planning on graduating in December, Austin Franz ('15) and Nik Kiess ('15). Due to the significant number of members graduating last spring, we're placing a high priority on recruitment. We are happy to have seven new members (six of which are living in Beta Sigma Psi as freshmen), and five guys that said they will be rushing in the spring. We are doing everything we can to spread the word about the community we have here at Purdue, so we hope to see those efforts come to fruition over the next several years to bring up our active membership.

Academics Update

Beta Sigma Psi continues with its trend of being above average for all IFC fraternities on campus. Our spring semester grades showed an improvement over fall by 0.05, with our term GPA coming out to a 3.10, with cumulative remaining about a 3.15. This trend should keep continuing positively, as our members are taking steps to improve their grades. Thirteen of our members made Semester Honors, and eight made the Dean's List!

Campus Involvement

Intramural sports remain a prominent focus for us, and we look forward to another semester of competing. Several of our members remain heavily involved with University Lutheran Church. We are also trying to become more involved with Pastor Mike Vinson and Our Savior Lutheran Church. You are always welcome to come join us on any Sunday for church, especially if you have yet to see the new sanctuary!

Beta Sig Boiler Dash

This year we are trying something drastically different for our philanthropy. We are putting together a 5K race that goes right through campus on September 29th. We are hoping for over 100 people to be involved which will raise money for our National philanthropy, Habitat for Humanity.

I would like to thank you all for supporting us. Without the support of alumni like all of you, we would not be able to carry on with this Lutheran community here at Purdue University. We welcome any and all visitors, so please don't hesitate to let us know if you would like to attend events, meetings, church services, football or basketball games, or even just stopping by the house for a little while for a trip down memory lane.

Recruitment

Beta Chapter is gearing up for a record-breaking spring pledge class. We already have around eight potential new members that we hope to bring in, which is extremely rare. We are still hoping for a few more. Spring rushing is not very common at Purdue University, and the most Beta Chapter has ever gotten (for a spring pledge class) in recent years is four, which was this past spring.

We also have our annual Scholarship Weekend coming up in March, and we hope to have 15-20 seniors in high school to come visit and interview for a scholarship. This is typically a huge recruiting tool for us, and this past year we had six Scholarship Weekend attendees become new members this past fall. We are always hoping to bring in more, and we hope to continue to expand our reach to include more high school seniors for this Scholarship Weekend.



Beta Sigs posing for a photo after church for Beta Sig Sunday



PHOTO LEFT:

Beta Sigs with our Football Buddies, the ladies from Shoemaker Cooperative.



Photo At Right:

Our newest members at Associate Member Breakfast from left to right: Eli Ernst, Carson Deal, Matt Geller, Peter Miller, and Noah Smith. Not pictured: Cameron Rasmus or Joshua Reprogle



Photo at left:

Brothers Micah Reynolds and Alex Werling spent a weekend on Mt. Evans in Colorado for the National Leadership Summit.

President's Report

By: Cody McCain - President

Members of Delta Chapter started the year by attending the annual Membership Education Forum (MEF). Delta Chapter was awarded the Hingst Award for our outstanding scholarship program, and Cody McCain was awarded the Kettler Christian Leadership Award for his involvement at The UNL Lutheran Center and in Delta Chapter. Additionally, at the beginning of the spring semester, the chapter activated seven new members.



The chapter hosted several events during the spring semester including our Mom's Day event, social events with sororities, participation in Greek Weekend, intramural basketball, and hosting Beta Sig Sunday at The Lutheran Center. The chapter started a new Barn Dance Semi-Formal event with Sigma Alpha. The formal was held in a barn and featured a live country band. The Chapter also hosted the 1978 pledge class who reunited for their 40th year anniversary!

In the Spring, the chapter started a new philanthropy event with Pi Alpha Chi. The Family Feud event engaged the UNL Greek Community by inviting other chapters to form teams and compete in a Family Feud event.

The chapter also hosted its annual Orphan Grain Train philanthropy where we raised funds and conducted a clothing drive for Orphan Grain Train, a Christian organization that supports low-income families around the world. The proceeds from the Family Feud event also went to help the Orphan Grain Train.

At the beginning of the fall semester, the chapter hit fall recruitment hard picking up a total of seven new members to add to our one recruit from the spring semester for a total of eight new members for our 2018 fall associate class. The chapter engaged members by playing intramural football games, Dad's Day, our annual Alumni Golf Tournament, and other social events.

Delta Chapter continued its traditional Reformation Football Game with Phi Kappa Theta; the chapter was led by its star quarterback, Pastor Adam White of The Lutheran Center. During the fall semester, the chapter hosted its annual Wings for Wings philanthropy benefitting Wing of Hope, a home for disabled children in Haiti. Delta chapter also had its annual Golden Rose Formal towards the end of the spring semester.

Overall, the membership of our chapter remains strong despite graduating a large portion of its members in this next year. Thankfully, the chapter has had numerous young, motivated members step up in significant leadership positions to lead this chapter into the future.

Recruitment Report

During the 2018 year, the chapter had recruited eight new members. The chapter will continue to work on improving its recruitment efforts in the future. Ideally, the chapter has the goal to eventually get its recruitment classes to 10+ members. The chapter will continue to recruit new members year round.

Delta 2018 basketball team after a win.



Fall 2018 Epsilon chapter membership Photo (left).

(Below) - Summer 2018 - Delta members at the annual chapter golf tournament. See Delta annual golf tourney article on page 33.



(Above:) Fall 2018 Dela Associate class class.

(l-r) : Mathias Schulte, Ray Nierman, David Liescheski, Chad Rohan, Peyton Knutzen-Young, Caleb Marcoux, Reza Rahmani, Brandon Unverferth

(Below:) Fall 2018 Delta Executuve Team:

(l-r): Connor Sears (Recruitment Chair), Brady Mailand (Secretary), Gage Parsons (2nd Vice President), Cody McCain (President), Anthony Quandt (Treasurer), Tom Geremel (1st Vice President)



President's Report

By: Ethan Laughery

The semester is winding down here at Epsilon Chapter! The chapter has 67 men on the roster with 25 of those being associate members. However, new members aren't the only new faces seen around Epsilon.



After Mom B, Epsilon's veteran house mom retired, Jeanette La Grange, or Mom Jet, was selected to be the next house mother. Also joining the chapter this fall as our Community Advisor is Bob Anderson. Bob has the distinction of being made an honorary member of Beta Chapter when he was an advisor at Purdue many years ago.

Over the past year, the chapter has seen great success. Beta Sigma Psi was ranked the #2 fraternity with a G.P.A. of 3.32 in the spring, an increase of .03 from Fall! Epsilon was also awarded the President's Cup, given to the top chapter (sorority or fraternity) in the Iowa State University Sonority and Fraternity Community.

On the philanthropic side of things, the men hosted a successful Beta Sig Brunch benefitting Habitat for Humanity. Epsilon also supports Habitat by volunteering at the Ames Re-Store biweekly. Additionally, a group of Beta Sigs and

Alpha Gamma Delta's volunteered in Perry, Iowa for Habitat's community-wide cleanup in September. Spiritually, the chapter is heavily involved with Memorial Lutheran Church. Members frequently attend, read, usher, play handbells, and more during the service. Also, the church hosts Friday International Student Hospitality Dinners with the Beta Sigs prepping and cleaning after the meals.

Beta Sig has had a record number of members compete in intramurals, having 4 broomball teams for example. It seems we are comfortable on the ice, as our curling team won intramurals! Socially, the men have competed in ISU Homecoming with Alpha Gamma Delta and Sigma Pi, hosted a drive-in movie night with Alpha Delta Pi, and organized a "Road Trip" themed date party.

All things considered, the future looks bright here at Epsilon chapter. However, adversity has appeared with changing recruitment policies, overreaching regulations that threaten self-governance, and rising tuition costs that have limited ISU's attractiveness to incoming students. Unfortunately, while Epsilon has taken measures in light of these adversities to ensure our long-term success, recent actions by university administrations show how fragile the national fraternal system is currently. That's why I believe the phrase "Brothers for all time" has a more profound relevance now than ever before. It comes down to actives, alumni, family, and friends to show the nation what our fraternity has to offer.

P.S. Next fall will mark the 70th anniversary of Epsilon Chapter. To celebrate this feat, the Ames alumni will be holding a banquet in Ames. We would love to see anyone

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

with ties to Epsilon make an appearance next fall for the celebration

Recruitment Report

This past summer we had 25 prospects become associates with 18 of these new members living in house. We changed our recruitment terms, so recruitment chairs serve from August to August instead of one in January and one in August, meaning this fall we have three recruitment chairs!

Looking towards next spring and summer we are faced with a new challenge this year. The university is changing the housing contract rules. Previously, incoming freshman had until July 1st to cancel housing contracts without penalty. Now, the date has been moved up to May 1st. To overcome this challenge, we are recruiting a bigger spring class that will move in next fall. So far, we have 3 signed for the spring, 5 outstanding bids, and more guys to meet with before spring. Our goal for the spring class is 10 guys.

Next fall we are looking to try and recruit at least 15 guys to live in the house, if the spring class associates choose to move in the house for next fall. Ultimately, we would like to have 2019 fall class of at least 23 to 25 again, with most of the class living in the house.

If you know of anyone that is coming to Iowa State University don't hesitate to send us his name. We can reach out to him or he can stop by the house anytime he is in Ames.



Epsilon members posing for a picture at MLC with pastoral advisor Pastor David Beagley, house mother Jeanette La Grange, and cook John "Cookie" Anderson



Fall 2018 Executive Board. Names (From L to R): Stephen Sabharwal (Scholarship), Andrew Wilmes (Outgoing Recruitment Chair), George Youngwirth (Recruitment Chair), Justin Jones (Recruitment), Ethan Laughery (President), Spencer Chinske (Social), Alex Retallick (Recruitment); Not pictured: Spencer Betts (1st Vice President), Jesse Martinson (2nd Vice President), Michael Flanscha (Recording Secretary), Tyler Gerst (Treasurer), Mike Malek (Philanthropy).

At Right: Fall associate class (L to R): 1st Row: Tim Handlos, Dominic Guerrieri, Derek Van Roekel, Simon Shepard, Zach Walberg, JD Vander Weide, Blake Sievers. (2nd Row): Caleb Groff, Brayden Jacobs, AJ Gambill, Grayson Leaders, Jason Slagle. 3rd Row: Kyle Kretzschmar, Jared Jones Eli Zeleny, Tyler Kumsher, Matt Rivett, Adam Klinkner, Brady Green, Oliver Dies, Eric Cahill (Dropped), Austin Kock. 4th Row Back Left: Joseph McMahon, Morgan Smith (Dropped). Not Pictured: Jon Meyer



Fall 2018 Homecoming Decorators

President's Report

By: Jake Jones, President

In the three and a half years that I have been a part of Zeta Chapter, I have seen a great deal of struggle. We've experienced semesters where the house barely reached half capacity, without enough members to cover rent and costs of living. We've been criticized by other chapters that questioned our drive, focus, organization, and leadership. Even the university whose campus we patronize did not want any part of helping us to succeed. Behind the scenes, however, we've been rebuilding. We've set new standards for the men we want coming through our doors and what we expect from each of them. We've established mature, experienced leadership that sets the example for our younger members. Our executive board has done an exceptional job this semester in guiding our chapter toward success.

First and foremost, our Treasurer, Kevin Hernandez, has created a thoroughly organized system for ensuring our financial stability, and has set Zeta Chapter up for prosperity now and for years to come. Time and time again, I have looked to Kevin to take on crucial responsibilities, and he never lets me down. Our scholastic Chair, Jeffrey Reed, has restructured how we facilitate our chapter's academic success. He has been a fantastic student thus far, and has set a phenomenal example for the entire house to follow.

As Head of Recruitment, Braydn Monhollon brought in one of the biggest classes we've had since I've been a part of this chapter. Not only have the numbers exceeded expectations, the quality of man that Braydn has been able sign has been impressive as well. Carson Tjelmeland has been the most reliable Second Vice President that I have seen in my time in the house. He's another leader that I can look to when I need something done, even when it's not his responsibility.

Ben Kohl and Kyle Tollefson have done a great job with setting up our social events this semester, as we have experienced a lot of success in that realm. Kyle is another jack-of-all-trades around the house. He's someone that I can rely on in any situation, and he's always ready to take care of whatever I need him to.

Corey Johns has done a solid job with our associate class as First Vice. He's come to me with new ideas and is willing to do the work necessary to implement them. James Sheehan has been the most active Chaplain that we've had in a very long time. He's very involved in campus ministry activities, and is always available to talk our associate members through any tough times. As for our Secretary, Cameron Smith, he takes care of business behind the scenes for me and is always willing to help me out with whatever I need.

Though my term will be finished in just a few short weeks, I can't thank my current executive board, as well as my exec team last semester enough for the work that they've put in to return Beta Sig to where we belong. We're a house that values high character and strong brotherhood over all else, and that's what we've chosen to build upon. We have a very unique set of strengths that bring with them an equally unique set of challenges.

The chapter is in very capable hands, and I trust that the young leaders within the house that we are mentoring are well-suited for the challenges they'll face when they're called up to take over. I have no doubt that the young men that this chapter has helped build will go on to do great things, and that they will represent Beta Sig to the utmost, now and well into the future.



2018 Zeta Chapter Associate Class

Back Row: Lane Martin; Connor Hicks; Izzy Hook; Andrew Stueve; Charlie Flott; Austin McKeithan; Tyler White; Jack Rottinghaus; Mark Rowland
Front Row: Chastleton Malone; Sam Macaluso; Michael Englander; Trenton Stevenson; Holden Rohlfing; Kaleb Maezler; Corey Kneisley Not Pictured: Talon Flynn; Myles Shafer



Homecoming Float in Parade.



2018 Zeta Chapter Leaders

Back Row (l-r): Cameron Smith (Secretary); James Sheehan (Chaplain); Benjamin Kohl (Co-Social); Jeffrey Reed (Scholastic); Carson Tjelmeland (Second Vice)

Front Row (l-r): Braydn Monhollon (Recruitment); Kyle Tollefson (Co-Social); Jake Jones (President); Corey Johns (First Vice); Kevin Hernandez (Treasurer)

Zeta has largest pledge class in many many years. (right)



Fall 2018 Pledge Ceremony at Zeta (above)



Fall 2018 - Zeta intramural football team. (right)



Rush Comments

By: Braydn Monhollon
Recruitment Chair

This past summer during rush I decided to implement a Rush Team rather than Head Rush and assistants. Since reorganizing our recruitment strategy, Zeta chapter was able to reach more young men than previous years.

We signed 18 new members in the fall, all but one live in. Currently for the spring we have two signed and pursuing five at the moment, the goal for next semester is eight. I highly suggest the team approach for rush, it helps us compete with bigger houses nationally.

President's Report

By: Jonathan McKinley '16

The past year has been one of much change for Eta Chapter. This is due to construction beginning on our chapter house. Our alumni have been working tirelessly to provide a better future for our fraternity. Because of many generous donations from our chapter's alumni, in the near future, Eta's chapter house will include a new addition and the current house will be fully renovated, as well. Our chapter house is over 50 years at this point, so an update is very welcome. Our members are extremely excited to see the finished project over the next year.

We are very proud of our chapter GPA of 3.192 for the Spring 2018 semester which is a slight improvement from the 3.155 from Fall 2017, and is also better than the All Student GPA (3.107) and All IFC GPA (3.138). As Missouri S&T is an engineering school, 100% of our members are either Engineering or Computer Science majors. I am very proud of all of our guys for being able to excel in such difficult areas of study. We're looking to continue that momentum and achieve even higher marks in the coming semesters.

Community Service and Philanthropy have remained a focus for our chapter over the past year. We continue to attend our annual service trip to Heit's Point Lutheran Camp where our members help with many projects throughout the camp. This year, we cleared trees at their lake front, cleaned out a storage building, and built a deck for one of their

cabins. We also continue our philanthropy events, "Rajun' Cajun" in the Spring and "Infinite Tacos" in the Fall where we serve food to students and members of the community to raise money for our local Lutheran church. Lastly, for the first time in a number of years, we've partnered with Habitat for Humanity in helping with the construction of a new home in the City of Rolla.

This semester we welcomed 12 New Members into the fraternity. We are very proud of our ability over the past few semesters at making sure we recruit quality men into our organization. We make sure each individual understands the values which we hold dear before they enter the organization. We

Missouri Univ. of Science & Tech., Rolla, MO

believe this is essential to establishing the culture that we want to see at Beta Sigma Psi, and I believe that these 12 young men are great examples of this. We believe that moving forward, our recruitment team will be very successful. We will no longer see the hurdles we used to face with an older facility given the renovation, but we still plan to keep the same value-based recruitment that we have employed in recent years. Because of these, I have full confidence in the leaders we have elected, that they will do a phenomenal job in welcoming a new wave of men into our house who are good fits for Beta Sig Spiritually, Scholastically, and Socially.



Fall 2018 Eta chapter members attend Sunday church services on Beta Sig Sunday.



From (l-r) - Cameron Ziegler, Truman Craig, Elijah Cunningham, Matthew Zeuschel, Noah Aschemann, Jonathan McKinley, Dylan Falter, Sean Kyle, Nicholas Asbury



From (l-r) - Back Row: Neil Bruhn, Justin Peper, Jacob Larson, Vincent Vitale, Corey Smith. Next Row: Michael Wagner, Kendrick Payne, Michael Maue, Paul Schambach, Very Front: Jonathan Dizon (Not pictured:) Robert Hudson

President's Report

By: Michael Van Schoik

Greetings! Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi is excited and enthusiastic for another busy year at Mizzou. Members are pleased with the standing of the house, recent achievements, and recent summer house improvements. Per usual, we are very thrilled to see what great things lie ahead for the men of Beta Sigma Psi at Mizzou this year.



To start off the 2018-2019 school year, we are proud to announce that we have welcomed 19 associate members to a future brotherhood at Beta Sigma Psi. This is the highest number of members in a pledge class we have had in the past two years. Each of these 19 associate members are unique in character and back-ground. New members have a diverse geography with guys from New York, Missouri, Wisconsin and even Greece! All 19 of these associate members show promise for their future within our brotherhood. There is no doubt that they will do great things within our fraternity.

Total fraternity membership currently stands steady at 68 members, including around 29 living in the chapter house. Although in house membership numbers are slightly lower, we feel very confident that with the continued strong rush class membership will increase at a steady pace.

On the weekend of September 22 Mizzou had its ParentsWeekend with several Beta Sig parents came into town, and on November 10th we had our annual Dad's weekend. This year, instead of an annual golf tournament, we went to a shooting range with all of our dads, giving participants an opportunity to enjoy the Beta Sig culture and brotherhood.

Fall 2018 Associate Class:

Back Row (L-R): Sam Nusinow, Zach Doster, Ethan Berryman, Canon Lampkin, Tom Forde, Jake Holman, Cullen Smith.

Front Row (L=R): Jacob Boucher, Tyler Bradley, Will Reiher, Nathan Wooderson, Patrick Loree, Jordan Bolton, Cooper Hain.

Not Pictured: Lucas Pylipow, Sotiris Korakis, Aiden Sampson, Zach Berman, Jacob Baucher, Tyler Bradley, Sam Nusinow, Zach Doster, Will Reiher, Ethan Berryman, Nathan Wooderson, Canon Lampkin, Patrick Loree, Tom Forde, Jake Holman.



Iota Executive Board at right:

(L-R): Treasurer- Will Fink, Second Vice: Danny McCarthy, Senior Rush Chairman: Kyle Meyer, President: Michael Van Schoik, First Vice President: Jacob Sconce, Public Relations: Luis Chessani, Junior Rush Chairman: Ian Lever



for the Columbia Boys and Girls Club. Now, our chapter is getting ready for our upcoming philanthropy in the spring. This year will mark our third annual Hat Tricks for Humanity, a philanthropy for Habitat for Humanity Columbia.



Iota Brotherhood Event - above:

KC Chiefs vs Bengals 2018 - (Back Row): Will Fink, Mike Bassett, Jack Allen, Michael Huston, Max Luttenbacher, Will DeVries, Jake Nusinow, Michael Van Schoik, (Front Row): Will Reiher, Champ Smith, Sam Nusinow, Zach Doster

And of course we cannot forget Homecoming, one of the biggest traditions at the University of Missouri! We were proudly hosting many of the homecoming activities and preparations at our house. Although it increased the hectic environment at the house, it served as a great opportunity to get to know our pairing featuring the women of Zeta Tau Alpha, and the men from Sigma Tau Gamma and Beta Upsilon Chi.



Above: Iota Chapter Brotherhood event at Odeza concert in St. Louis

It has been an exciting start to the semester for our chapter, and we look forward to what the rest of the year holds. Our election season is upon us, and both underclassman and upperclassman alike show great interest in serving our house as future leaders.

I have no doubt that the individuals elected to serve our house will truly be great leaders and will do exceptional things for the future of the Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi.

Rush—This past summer Iota Chapter had its most successful season of rushing we have had in the past two years. After Mizzou IFC's annual summer formal recruitment, we happily signed five associate members. Although we were happy to have five new members, we were concerned that this number was a low start. After hosting several rush events in Kansas City, Chicago and St. Louis, we steadily saw increases in rush progress. Iota Chapter proudly completed it's fall rush season with 19 new members. This is the highest pledge class our chapter has seen since 2016's decrease in enrollment

All 19 of these members have successfully completed their 10 weeks of pledgship and will soon be formally initiated into Iota chapter's brotherhood. In the meantime, all three rush chairs and their committees are hard at work planning events at the university as well as the three major cities. We aim to welcome 10 to 15 new members to the spring class of 2019!

Presidents Report

By: Brandan Murray

As I conclude my term as president at the University of Kansas, I have witnessed the results from the hard work and dedication from our previous members. They laid the framework needed to achieve our most successful year to date.



We currently have 29 quality members for the 2018-2019 academic year. Throughout my term we pushed the boundaries to unimaginable levels. In the Spring of 2017 our men achieved a chapter GPA of 3.71. We set the all-time high Greek GPA at the University of Kansas, a record we previously set in 2016. In addition to our academic excellence, we were named the 2018 KU IFC Chapter of the Year.

Our chapter was recognized for the programs and initiatives we put in place to help our members succeed. Additionally, two of our associates received the only "Most Outstanding New Member" awards given at the KU Greek Awards. Not only have we been successful within our

chapter, we have also been heavily involved in the KU community. Thanks to another successful "Pizza and Puppies" Philanthropy, we have been able to raise over \$800 to donate to the Lawrence Humane Society.

In only our 3rd year participating in Homecoming, we took home 1st place in the Greek Life contest. It is clear the KU Greek community not only recognizes Beta Sig's presence, but they appreciate our impact on the community.

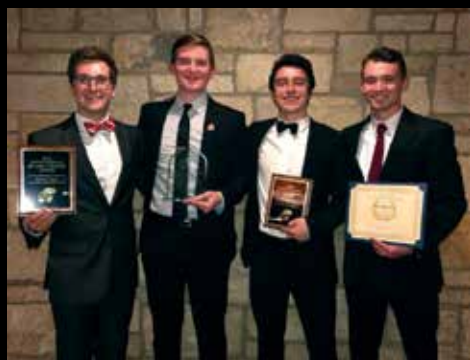
I am proud to say that through the commitment, passion, and diversity of our members we were able to achieve our founding fathers' goal in 2014 – to create the best fraternity experience on campus. Every member and associate, past and present, helped us achieve our goals this year. Thanks to another strong recruiting effort getting our largest associate class of 13 new members, I am certain our legacy of excellence will continue. I look forward to the work our men will achieve, Rock Chalk! I want to personally thank our advisors, alumni, and my executive team for helping make Beta Sigma Psi so special.

Recruitment Update –

By: Harrison Heeb: Recruitment Chair

During the past fall semester, events like dinner at local restaurants, bowling nights, and visiting Top Golf in Overland Park worked as great recruitment events. They provided a fun and competitive way for active members to get to know potential new members. We signed 13 associate members over the fall, almost doubling our size. This was our largest pledge class to date.

For the upcoming spring semester, I plan to utilize Centennial Park for rounds of disc golf and the KU Ambler Recreation Center to set-up basketball and soccer tournaments. We are currently pursuing five potential new members, with the goal of signing eight in the spring.



KU Greek Chapter of the Year Award & other awards taken home by Nu Chapter.



Fall 2018 Associate Class

NU 2018 Associate Class Back (L-R): Frank Luse, Isacc Lee, C.J. Reeves, Luke McCool, Hunter Millin, Jay Haverty, Jack Borel Front (L-R): Adrian Blanco, Grant Daily, Harrison Heeb, Robert Cajas, Braden Wituk, Bennett Vavak



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Fall 2018 Homecoming

President's Report

By: by Mason Shaffer

The Omega Chapter has finished up yet another successful year. 2018 saw us achieve many feats, including one year in our first fraternity house. While this transition has resulted in many ups and downs and continuous growing pains, we are finally starting to settle in. To accommodate for this larger house and growing active chapter, we added three more executive positions in risk chair, philanthropy chair, and house manager. This has significantly lessened the president's work load and has led to an efficiently run chapter.

After spending spring 2018 cooking our own meals, we added a chef in "Chef Tim" this fall who cooks for the 65 brothers living in the house. To put it simply, this has significantly increased house morale! In September, we received an anonymous, very gracious donation in the form of leather couches and two large HD televisions for our informal and formal lounges. This has allowed brothers to come together in a more relaxed setting, and we are all very thankful for this gracious act of kindness.

Academics are still strong at Omega. We achieved top GPA last spring among all IFC fraternities with a 3.46 which has made it four se-

mesters in a row with the top mark. We are looking to hold the top spot this fall as we are seeing this semester come to an end. On top of that, we retained the Hoosier Grail intramural sports trophy. In this, all fraternities compete against each other throughout the school year in every sport imaginable, and whoever has the most points in the end wins a trophy and \$500 that we donate to a charity of our choice. This is our second year winning the Grail, and we are looking to win it for a third time! Lastly, in April our Little 500 bike team had their best finish ever in the race, finishing 27th out of 33 teams. Since then, they have been practicing tirelessly and are looking for a top 15 finish in April 2019.

Something that also came into fruition last spring was the most successful philanthropy in Omega chapter history. In April, we hosted our first annual Dodging Addiction tournament in support of the Amethyst House, a local drug addiction recovery facility located in Bloomington, IN. It was a dodgeball tournament held at our house which helped raise over \$8,000! We are already looking for ways to make it even bigger and better next spring. In addition to that philanthropic effort, we had the biggest turn out amongst actives and associate members participate in IU Dance Marathon this past October. As a chapter, we had 10 members dance for 12 hours straight and raised over \$9000 which benefited Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Our service efforts have also significantly increased this school year. In one semester, we have already surpassed the total service hours from the 2017-2018 school year. Some of the events we have participated in have been the Hoosiers Outrun Cancer 5k, cooking breakfast for the homeless at the Shalom Center, activities benefitting Amethyst House, anti-hazing prevention talks, Safe Halloween, and a Habitat for Humanity build on December 1st.

Overall, Omega Chapter has had a great year, highlighted by many accomplishments. We look forward to growing as brothers and continuing our previous successes.

- Recruitment update and your outline or plan/goal for next class.

The Omega Chapter had another successful Fall rush. This resulted in 21 associate members who will be activated in January 2019. It is a very diverse pledge class that includes men from California, Connecticut, New Jersey, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and of course Indiana. There are plenty of leaders amongst them, so we are looking forward to the roles they will be taking within the Chapter in the future! We are planning yet another large associate class in the Spring as well. We are looking to take between 20 and 25 men to ensure the house is full for next school year.

Right:

Jacob Moore, Mason Shaffer, & Ben Wilkerson attended the Leadership Summit in Colorado in July 2018.



Below: Our 2018 Little 500 bike team from left: Levi Copas, Johnny Hodson, Nate Hopf-Nelson, and Jack Stewart



Above: Our brothers who participated in the 2018 IU Dance Marathon

Below: Fall 2018 Assoc. Class - Members include: Luke Montgomery, Bryse Colwell, Jonathan Burns, Nicholas Stevens, Alex Belyayev, Tony Zinno, Ethan Eldridge, Floyd Athaide, Nic Frasco, Alex Royal, Harrison McNeely, Joseph Sweet, Elliot Biagini, Duncan Henderson, Jonah Auslander, Drew Thompson, Justin Copas, Will Barton, Paul Roesler, Morgan Cortens, and Max Haynie



Spring 2018 Exec from left: Jackson Nagel-Chaplain, Collin Evans-Secretary, Patrick Meiring-Treasurer, Mason Shaffer-President, Johnny Hodson-Social Chair, Patrick Carver-Vice President, Zach Gray-Academic Chair/Risk Chair, and Jordan Crabtree-Membership Development/House Manager

Presidents Report

By: Jesse Christensen

This year has been a very good and eventful year for us here at Alpha-Alpha Chapter. We are currently sitting at sixteen active members with five new recruits, currently in education and hope to be activated before the end of the year. Our grades are also at a very steady increase in our chapter thanks to our newly implemented scholastic plan that is showing amazing results.

With our former president, Alex Vasa still the Midland's Greek advisor we continue to have a dramatic hold on both Greek Counsel and IFC. We also would like to congratulate Taylor Johnson, Michael Wilson, and Shane Heyen for graduating Midland this past spring. We will miss them and wish them the best in their future careers. We also want to acknowledge Sean Graves, Frank Perrone, Keaton Kreikemeier on advancing in the Beta Sigma Psi life as becoming Alumni

this past fall. We want to also congratulate active brother Cutty Castillo, alumni Keaton Kreikemeier, alumni Ryan Dusso on becoming engaged and we can't wait to be with them on their wedding day in the near future. We would also like to congratulate a past president Evan Christensen on his marriage this summer.

Here at Alpha-Alpha Chapter we have a very strong faith and we really keep that fire alive during the summer months while not in school. This past summer we had eight actives and alumni of Alpha-Alpha chapter had the opportunity to work Carol Joy Holling a Lutheran camp held during the warm summer months near our Fremont location in the town of Ashland, NE. Every one of those members still seem to keep connections with both the students and other counselors through the school year through various meetings and hanging out sessions and they all say it is a rewarding experience and we hope that many more of us will work there in the future.

This fall we are looking forward to holding a T-Shirt fundraiser with The Hope Center for Kids here in Fremont, NE. The Hope Center for Kids strives to faithfully inspire hope in the lives of youth and children through education, employability, collaboration, and faith. We are very excited about the quote that we chose to really inspire the public in the same message that the Hope Center for Kids uses to inspire their kids and the quote is "Beta Sigma Psi Stands for Hope". We at Alpha-Alpha Chapter are very excited to host this fundraiser and hopefully look forward to more connections with them in the future.

This past spring our Chapter participated in yet another Greek Week here at Midland with all of Greek life at Midland University. We look forward to participating in the newly added Greek events that our Greek Counsel is creating to bring the houses together as well as a Fall Ball in early December.

The three recruits who were able to make it to bid night. (l-r): Tariq & Chris holding Brett. Not pictured: Mitchell Johnson and Cole Vander Tuig.



Above: Beta Sig at Keaton Kreikemeier's Wedding: During the Fall 2018 semester alumnus Keaton Kreikemeier married his wife Faye. This picture has many alumni and current actives who were present.



Left - The group picture is from midlands annual Greek games: From (l-r) standing: Michael Franklin, Jesse Christensen, Roger Bunnell, Andrew Storms, Cutty Castillo, Seth Strudthoff, Jayden Rannels, Brian Hoffman, Noah loux, Dick Powers. (lying down: Aidan Cummins, Zacheus Stewart, Jordan Williams.



Beta Sig bid night: This is Alpha-Alpha after our bid night with three of our new associates. Pictured left to right: Cutty Castillo, Zacheus Stewart, Michael Franklin, Tariq Darby, Brian Hoffman, Noah Loux, Jayden Rannels, Chris Lopez, Seth Strudthoff, Richard Powers, Cody Cozad, Jesse Christensen, Andrew Storms, Rob Tramp.

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It is common today for most fraternities to offer scholarships to all new associate members. We need to compete in this process for new members, so your donations to the NEF are critical if we are going to compete. Remember, these are tax deductible donations, so please donate and help our guys compete with the big boys.

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2017 MEF Awards Held in Kansas City, MO.

by Rod Thompson, Awards Committee Chairman

One of the highlights at the Membership Education Forum (MEF) is the awards banquet. This year we had a very competitive awards process which is indicative of a very strong year for our chapters and our alumni groups. We hope next year the chapters that did not compete will enter several of the categories.

Wesley Smith, National Board member and alumnus from Omega Chapter, used his camera to photograph the awards presentation and the banquet event again this year. Recognition was provided to those who assisted in running this year's Membership Education Forum. Educational Seminars were presented by Pastor Michael Vinson, Rudy Ristich, Jake Vanderslice, Steve Hick, John Hatfield and Wesley Smith. Registration was coordinated by Avery Clark and the men of Alpha Chapter. Andrew Rusch assisted Wesley Smith with photography for the event.

This year our keynote speaker and Tiemann Award recipient was Lynn Anderson, a distinguished alumnus from Epsilon Chapter, who delivered a very emotional message about his lifetime experiences with Beta Sig. The Tiemann Award is presented to alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession over a lifetime of accomplishment.

Lynn was born in Ames, Iowa, graduated from Story City High School and became a member of Beta Sigma Psi's Epsilon Chapter at Iowa State University in 1965. He graduated from ISU in 1969 with a degree in Industrial Administration, with minors in Marketing and Economics.

Lynn spent over thirty seven years in the railroad industry, joining the Chicago and North Western Railroad in Chicago in 1971. There he spent fifteen years. In 1986, he became one of the founders of the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad, a regional railroad serving the upper Midwest. The DM&E grew to become one of the largest and most successful regional railroads in the US. The company was sold in 2007 and Lynn, its Senior Vice President of Marketing, retired.

He participated in and led several professional and civic organizations during his career. He has received numerous awards, including the Citation of Achievement from the Iowa State University College of Business, presented to an Alumnus who has Demonstrated Outstanding Achievement in Life beyond the Campus.

He is a member of the State of South Dakota's Railroad Hall of Fame. Lynn served as Chairman of Epsilon Chapter's successful Capital Campaign effort to raise funds to allow the fraternity to acquire its new Chapter House on Sunset Drive in Ames, IA, seven years ago. He currently serves on the Iowa State University Foundation Board of Govern-

nors and on its Finance Committee.

Lynn is married to Diane, a 1971 graduate of Iowa State University. The Andersons had two children, including son Tyler and daughter-in-law Lisa, who are also Iowa State grads, and now four awesome, adorable granddaughters. They split their time between Naples, FL and Chicago, IL. Lynn has certainly enjoyed a distinguished record in his professional career and in service and accomplishment for the Fraternity.

We chose to honor **Adam Rusch** with the **Karmeier Award** this year. Adam has been a faithful member of the Educational Foundation for many years, and currently serves as the Grant Chairman. Adam is also the President of the Lafayette Alumni Chapter and is involved in supporting the Alpha Chapter while he is completing his studies for a Ph.D. We are very blessed to have the sustained volunteer efforts that Adam provides to the Fraternity.

The **Karmeier Award** was awarded to **Chad Winterhof**, Epsilon Alumnus and Past National President. Chad Winterhof, along with Mark Anderson and Michael Cooper, provided advice and leadership to Epsilon Chapter. The chapter has earned a great reputation and the respect from the Iowa State administration. They were instrumental in the move from 223 Lynn Avenue to their current location on Sorority Circle, a prestigious location in a historic fraternity house and the chapter home will be without a bank mortgage for the first time in over 30 years.

The alumni from Epsilon have been blessed with their leadership and providing a stable anchor of a strong chapter for the National Board to leverage in their recruiting and expansion efforts.

A special **Director plaque** was presented to **Nathan Leezer** from Eta Chapter to acknowledge and express our appreciations for over five years of service on the National Board from 2013 to 2018. Nathan is transitioning to a leadership role for the Rolla Alumni to support their capital fund raising campaign for renovations and an addition to the chapter home.

The Awards Committee members this year included Rod Thompson (Epsilon), Adam Rusch (Beta), Chris Ristich (Beta), Lynn Anderson (Epsilon), John Anderson (Epsilon), Andrew Rusch (Omega), and Pastor Mike Vinson, our National Pastoral Advisor. Many thanks for these alumni who attended the weekend festivities and who graciously volunteered their time to deliberate on the awards selections.

Here is the list of the awards presented:

- The **Erck Award** to the outstanding un-

dergraduate in the Fraternity was presented by Rudy Ristich, National President, to **Alex Trimpe** from Omega Chapter. The other nominee was Joe Baldwin, nominated by Alpha Chapter for this honor.

- The **Kettler Award** for outstanding undergraduate management in the Fraternity was presented by Lynn Anderson, a distinguished alumnus from Epsilon Chapter, to **Cody McCain** from Delta Chapter and **Tilo Lamken** from Alpha Chapter. This year we honored both of these exceptional young leaders of the Fraternity.

- The **Edwards Award** for chapter management was presented by Larry Edwards, Past National President and Lienemann Honoree and for whom the award was named, to **Epsilon Chapter**.

- The **Welge Award** for recruitment was presented by John Anderson, an honorary member from Epsilon, to Omega Chapter.

- The **Edie and Jim Jorns Award** for chapter philanthropy was presented by **Pastor Mike Vinson**, National Pastoral Advisor, to Nu Chapter.

- The **Baehr Award** for best historical record was presented by Adam Rusch, distinguished alumnus from Beta Chapter and Grants Chairman for the Educational Foundation, to **Alpha Chapter**.

- The **Hingst Award** for chapter scholarship was presented by Steven Hick, National Board Scholarship Chairman, to **Delta Chapter**.

- The **Founders' Cup** for best membership education was presented by John Hatfield, consultant to the National Fraternity, to **Epsilon Chapter**.

- The **Hillard Award** for exceptional chapter achievement was presented to **Epsilon and Alpha Chapters**. Assisting in the presentation were Chris Ristich, Beta Alumnus and National Board Treasurer and Andrew Rusch, National Board Member and Omega Alumnus.

- The **Glee Club Award** was presented by Rod Thompson, Epsilon Alumnus, Treasurer of the Educational Foundation, Chairman of the Awards Committee and Lienemann Honoree, to **Epsilon Chapter**. Rod stated that Lynn and Diane Anderson brought music back to Epsilon Chapter with the gift of a grand piano several years ago. Epsilon Chapter, under the direction of John Anderson, Epsilon Honorary member, provided a bell choir rendition of Cross, Heart and Rose for the banquet finale.

- We awarded the **Alumni Volunteer Service Award** to **Brian Bunte** for his support of Alpha Chapter. We also honored **Dillon Shaffer** and **Austin Rader** with Alumni Volunteer Service Awards for their support of Omega Chapter.



MEF 2018 - Photos of the Weekend's Event



Educational Foundation Financial Statement Summary for year ending 6/30/2018

Rod Thompson, Treasurer, Educational Foundation

We have a generous group of alumni who donate on an annual basis to provide funding for the Educational Foundation, National Board support, scholarships, and monetary grants to chapters and colonies. I have been the Treasurer for the Educational Foundation for many years and witness this generosity every day I balance the checking account, write checks and prepare the end of year financial statements for review by our accounting firm. I would like to recognize those who serve on the Educational Foundation Board of Directors:

Kirk Meyer (Alpha) – Chairman, Dave Jackson (Zeta) – Vice Chairman, Adam Rusch (Beta) – Grants Chairman, Mike Nolte (Alpha) – Scholarship Chairman, Bill Braun (Beta) – Secretary, Scott Gesell (Delta) – Spiritual, Stevin Dahl (Epsilon) – Proposal Writer and Steve Hollrah (Pi) – Past Chairman.

Here is the overall summary of the financial status of the Foundation. We provide the chapters/colonies with their sub-fund balances when that is available after the financial statements have been reviewed.

Assets

\$1,435,417.00	Investment Portfolio amount as of 6/30/2018
51,652.09	Checking account balance on 6/30/2018
\$1,487,069.09	Total Assets as of 6/30/2018
1,413,131.85	Total Assets as of 6/30/2017
\$ 73,937.24	Change in net value from 6/30/2016 to 6/30/2018

Revenues

61,440.00	Investment income for year ending 6/30/2018
0.00	Direct contribution to the investment portfolio-some alumni do this with large amounts
34,694.58	“unrestricted” donations from phonathon, other donations (i.e. interest, Thrivent \$\$)
82,680.00	“restricted” donations from phonathon (generally chapter and “special” sub-funds)

\$178,814.58 Total Revenues

Disbursements

\$54,584.63	Educational Programs Includes \$34,384.63 for Chapter Grants, \$15,000 Scholarships, \$5,000 for annual awards (Kettler, Erck & Hingst Awards)
11,381.06	Fund Raising costs for phonathon
38,911.65	Administrative Costs (includes Ed Foundation fair share for National Consultant)
\$104,877.34	Total Disbursements
\$73,937.24	Change in net value from 6/30/2017 to 6/30/2018

Our alumni who donate \$200 or more can designate their donation to a specific sub-fund, such as a chapter, National Programs, expansion, scholarships, MEF awards and trophies, or the John Judge Campaign for Excellence (which is an unrestricted account that supports all of the Fraternity). For those who designate their gift to “unrestricted” purposes or their donation is less than \$200 and not associated with a specific campaign or gift (i.e. a memorial gift to a chapter sub-fund, etc.), their donation supports the following expenses which amounted to \$70,992.71 this past year:

\$0.31:	Our National Consultant salary and benefits
\$0.16:	Our National Consultant travel and other expenses
\$0.04:	Salary for the National Office Administrator performing Educational Foundation tasks
\$0.03:	The cost of our annual audit for the Educational Foundation
\$0.01:	NIC Foundation annual dues
\$0.21:	The annual scholarships
\$0.03:	The Erck Award for the Outstanding Collegiate Member
\$0.05:	Grant to the National Board to support MEF expenses
\$0.16:	Annual phonathon fund raising expenses (2 cents for chapters who make the calls)

For each and every alumnus who contributes to the Educational Foundation, I say a prayer of thanksgiving and petition for blessings in abundance for these generous gifts that sustain and support our Fraternity. Without this outpouring of generosity we would not be able to continue in our mission of developing Christian leaders for the Lutheran churches and in the world at large that our Founders intended for our Fraternity.

Fred Andrews, A Beta Sig Who Brought People Together

By: Del Karmier - Alpha '55

February 24, 2016 was a special day in the life of Fred Gerald Andrews, who joined Pi Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi at Central Missouri University in Warrensburg over forty-five years ago. For it was on Feb. 24, 2016 that the Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, proclaimed it to be "Fred Andrews Day" and the same day that Fred, as his obituary stated, at the age of 62, continued his life's journey at his home in Prairie Village, Kansas.

Three of Fred's fraternity brothers had prominent roles in the "Celebration of The Resurrection" service three nights later at Atonement Lutheran Church in Overland Park. Ken Becker recalled a meeting with prospective pledges in 1971 where "Fred immediately stood out" and "really showed character during his pledgship." He described some of his fraternity activities but said that "Fred's real talent was being the social chairman of many, many events" both as a student and an active alumnus in the Kansas City area.



Fred sitting next to KC Mayor, Sylvester "Sly" James, Jr.

Alan and Kathy Fischer described themselves as being "best friends with Fred from college to the end" and remembered him as such a thoughtful person who treated their children as his own. After Fred and Jane Andrews married, the couples made trips together and went to baseball games and the new restaurants and movies that Fred always loved. "We really loved him" said Kathy. Jerry Jackson, a former National Publications Editor, and another Pi Chapter friend, was the Lector at the Resurrection Service and presented readings from Exodus, Colossians, and Second Timothy. Carolyn Wilson, Associate-in-Ministry, and a friend and colleague with Jane Andrews, spoke the homily based on John 14, 1-3 with numerous references to Fred's fraternity relationships.

Fred received degrees from Central Missouri and UMKC and worked for companies and not-for-profit agencies in Kansas City. It was the love of movies that brought Fred special recognition in the Kansas City area. In 1996, Fred had an idea for a film festival and made it happen on a shoestring budget. The Mayor's Proclamation said "Fred Andrews, never having been to a film festival in his life, organized the Kansas City Filmmaker's Jubilee film festival with no budget, one screen projecting ten short films and through word of mouth drew 500 participants." The KC Filmmakers Jubilee expanded each year with Fred as its Executive Director and in 2008 merged with FilmFest KC to become the Kansas City Film Fest. In 2014, Fred was honored by **KC Magazine** as *"one of the 100 people who have changed life in Kansas City Forever."*

The Resurrection Service was attended by many of Fred's film friends who heard multiple references to Beta Sigma Psi Fraternity and Fred's strong friendships with his college brothers and their families. His wife, Dr. Jane E. Andrews, was Minister of Music at Atonement Lutheran Church for a number of years and then Professor of Church Music at Wartburg College in Iowa. When she conducted a performance of a Jazz Liturgy written especially for the Wartburg Choir at a church in Kansas City in 2012, Fred sent messages to fraternity and Facebook friends publicizing the event. Speaking after the service about Fred's devotion to the fraternity, she said "It was a wonderful thing, and the long-term relationships were really important to him."

Fred's fraternity activities after college included recent service on the Board of Directors of the Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation. He lived with esophageal cancer for eight years and finished his first film on the subject of Kansas City jazz and bar-b-que shortly before his death. As his obituary said, "With a free spirit, Fred embraced life with tremendous energy and power."

Beta Sig - Fred Andrews, Pi Chapter, '71, dies in Kansas City after a Special Life

Fred Andrews, 62, continued his life journey on February 24, 2016 at his home in Prairie Village.

Fred worked at numerous non-profit agencies, especially in grant writing. He founded the Kansas City Filmmakers Jubilee and served as the Executive Director for fifteen years. During that time, he received Proclamations from Kansas City, Jackson County, and the state of Missouri for his dedication and service to the film and media industry.



Mayor Sylvester "Sly" James, Jr., posthumously presented a proclamation from Kansas City for "Fred Andrews Day" on February 24, when his short documentary, "KC Crossroads-A Tale of BBQ & The Blues" was screened for the cast and crew.

In 2014 Fred was honored by KC Magazine as one of the 100 People Who Have Changed Life in KC Forever. Other civic affiliations included serving on the Advisory Board of Cinema KC, the Kansas City Film Commission, KC Consensus, and the African American Film Society.

A member of Beta Sigma Psi national fraternity, Fred maintained strong friendships with his college brothers and their families. He helped to establish a scholarship at Central Missouri State University supported by the fraternity. With a free spirit, Fred embraced life with tremendous energy and power. He truly loved everything "Kansas City."

Fred is survived by his wife, Dr. Jane E. Andrews; stepson Shawn R. Murphy (Amy) Greeley, Colorado; parents, Wells and Jean Andrews, Olathe; brothers, Neil (Sandy), Wichita, Dennis (Connie), Dallas, and Brian, Denver; nieces Jamie, Wichita, Amy Van Otterloo (Brad) Dubuque; nephews, Jarrod (Kathleen) San Diego, Joel, Wichita, Tony Welter (Litz), Olathe; great nieces and nephews Katherine, Anna, Evelyn, Graham, and Joshua; and his tremendous cadre of friends.

Chi Colony at Ohio State is Making Giant Strides To Become Chapter A Second Time

By: Gary Raffety - editor

Chi Is back at Ohio State University!

Thanks to a generous Chi alum whose Beta Sig experience was life changing and also Beta Chapter Alumnus, Brent Seifert '89, who has been a big factor in reestablishing our colony efforts in Columbus.

A four-week leadership series recruitment strategy was implemented where students from churches were invited to attend a weekly leadership talk and free meal at Buffalo wild wings. Those who attended all four weeks were given a \$500 scholarship and a bid to join Beta Sig!

In year one, a total of seven men joined Chi Colony. In year two, their recruitment efforts doubled to fourteen! Currently, the men of Chi Colony are in their recruitment season and the current goal is to more than double their numbers once again to around thirty new associates!

After they complete Beta Sig colony requirements they will be welcomed again to the status of a Beta Sig Chapter! These are outstanding men who represent Beta Sig values and ideals!

Larry Edwards, our current national Past President, stated that we had a chapter at Ohio State in the early 90's that lasted about 5 years, but it never really got off to a

good start and finally failed. they had a rental house that he said was a dump which didn't help them in establishing a strong chapter.

It is apparent that the current members are really enthusiastic about growing their chapter and are anxious to become a chapter of Beta Sigma Psi. John Hatfield, our national consultant, says that we have an outstanding group in Chi Colony and thinks they will continue to grow and excel. Lets all pray for their continued success.

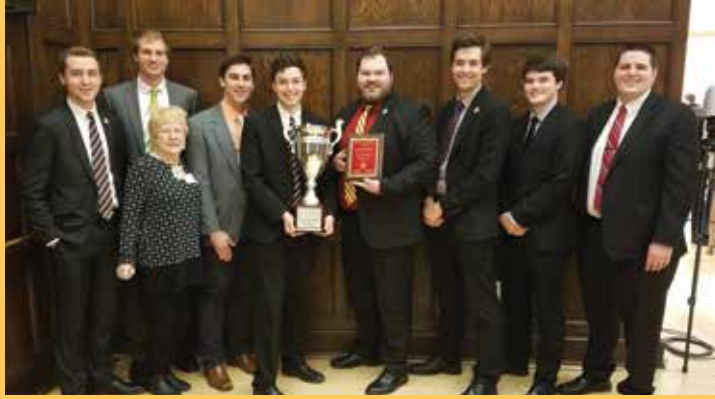
For you readers that are not familiar with Ohio State, it is a land grant university and has over 1,765 acres in it's Columbus campus.

Enrollment at the Columbus campus is about 60,000 total, with about 45,000 undergraduates. It has an endowment of approximately 4.25 billion dollars and one of the most elite football programs in America.



John Hatfield, third in from the left in the front row, led 13 current members of Chi Colony to what John said, was a very successful and enjoyable retreat this past summer.

Epsilon Chapter - Wins President's Cup Award For Being Iowa State U. #1 Chapter On Campus



Beta Sigma Psi was awarded the President's Cup by the ISU Office of Sorority and Fraternity Engagement in the spring of 2018. The award is given to the sorority or fraternity that earns the highest amount of points on the Fraternal Awards of Excellence submission, an annual award application that measures a chapter's success and leadership in the categories of friendship, leadership, civic engagement, social justice; and academics. Beta Sigma Psi is the first IFC Chapter to ever win the award, which is only made possible by the dedication of our alumni, active members, and leaders.

Epsilon's Dan Jacobi Selected One of Seven Outstanding Iowa State University Seniors

Congratulations to Dan Jacobi from Epsilon Chapter, being named as one of seven outstanding Iowa State seniors and being selected to receive the 2018 Wallace E. Barron All-University Senior Award.

As a freshman, Dan Jacobi jumped right in as recruitment chair for Beta Sigma Psi Fraternity and he's never looked back.



By the following year, Dan had become one of the youngest presidents in the fraternity's history. Under his leadership, Iowa State's Beta Sigma Psi chapter earned the Iowa State Greek Community's President's Award for Fraternal Excellence.

He was also awarded the Iowa State's Student Activities Centers' Outstanding Commitment to Service Award, and the Beta Sigma Psi National Fraternity's Edwards Award, awarded for Best Chapter Management.

Dan has remained extremely active in Iowa State U.'s Greek Community, serving as vice president of council operations for the Interfraternity Council this past year.

But it isn't only Beta Sigma Psi and the ISU Greek Community that have benefited from Dan's dedication, leadership, and commitment to excellence. He has been active with Student Government's ISU Legislative Ambassadors and ISU Business Council,

He has been a peer mentor, helping fellow students within the Ivy College of Business, and has volunteered with a number of organizations, in and around Ames - including Habitat for Humanity, Memorial Lutheran Church, and Relay for Life, to name just a few.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Dan was a 2016 ISU Homecoming Cardinal Court honoree. He has worked as an event management and game operations intern for the ISU athletics department since 2015 and has also held student positions with Caterpillar Inc.'s study abroad program and Lyndhurst Capital.

He is a life member of the ISU Alumni Association.

Digital Gold Rose List Needs to Grow

By: Gary Raffety - Editor

Gold Rose Publication Costs

If you look at the Profit and Loss statement on page 4, you will notice that Beta Sig publications is the third largest item on the list at about \$30,000 per year. The majority of that amount is for the publication and delivery of the Gold Rose. During the past year, the budget was reduced by about \$4,100 from the previous year by reducing the number of pages in the magazine and removing names from the mailing list. Adding more names to the Digital E-Mail List would be good for reducing costs, but reducing the size of the magazine by another four or eight more pages is not desirable.

Incidentally, It costs about \$3.50 to print and mail out each copy of the Gold Rose in its present format, which is substantial. So, to justify this cost, we need to make our magazine newsworthy and informative for our alumni, but at the same time, create a document which produces a positive image of our fraternity and its membership to fellow Lutherans and non-Lutherans who are not familiar with our organization.

Lutheran Data Bases

About 8 years ago, I created a data base which lists all of the Lutheran churches (by attendance size of congregation) and Lutheran High Schools that are found in each of the 6 state area where we have chapters. My primary reason for doing this was to assist the chapters with rush.

Once the data base was created, it was followed up with a letter mailing campaign to the high schools and to the top 100 congregations in each state, requesting the names of all high school grads heading off to universities where we have chapters. All names received as a result of our mailing were then forwarded to the appropriate chapter rush Chairman for them to contact.

Years later, when I accepted the offer to become the editor of the Gold Rose, I looked for ways to improve the effectiveness of our national magazine. I decided that one way to do this was to expand our readership to include people currently unfamiliar with our fraternity. Sending copies to the largest congregations and to all of the high schools was the logical place to start. I have learned during my years working at the chapter level and more recently at the

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Leadership Summit

Our National leadership institute is every July at Mount Evans, Colorado.

Men from every chapter attend where we discuss current leadership issues in the chapter and fraternity trends nationwide.

Discussion groups, workshops, and individual time, as well as using the beauty of nature comprise our learning styles! Topics such as, fear and courage, leading, brotherhood, and a three-hour bible study on the Life of Joseph challenged the men!

Additionally, we went white water rafting, hiked, climbed Mount Evans and did a service project for the city of Denver and Denver University Research Station.

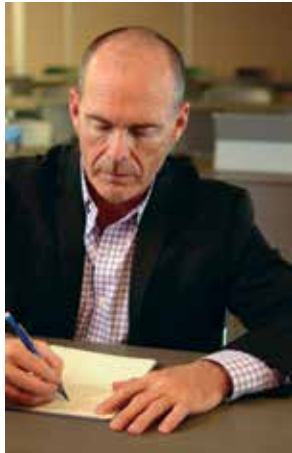
John R. Hatfield

Recruitment Readiness Retreat 2018

Around 50 actives attended our Recruitment Readiness Retreat last January the day after MEF.

This recruitment retreat focuses on our BRAND and how to recruit to it and why we believe in it.

In this day of dysfunctional fraternities, we have something better to invite men into and there are men looking for a fraternity like us. Of course, we must embrace and live out our purpose and values.



The retreat is filled with lots of workshops and messages from, how to close the deal, gathering potential new members, identifying 50 recruitment ideas, to how to recruit Lutherans from the churches and Lutheran High schools!

All advisors and house corps members are invited to attend, just let us know for food and accommodations.

John R. Hatfield
National Leadership Consultant

Inner Ring Institute 2018

Every January we gather our outgoing presidents and our new incoming presidents and allow our outgoing presidents to share the lessons they learned and what they wish they would have known before taking office.

These presidents lead the majority of the workshops and the vulnerability and discussions are impactful!

WE also have every incoming president take the Strengths Finder test and we discuss their 5 top strengths.

My desire is to better equip our incoming presidents, so they can lead and manage our chapters with success.

John R. Hatfield

Digital Mail List Needs To Grow (Continued from page 28)

national level that most Lutheran pastors and church members are unfamiliar with Beta Sig. In fact, most say that they have never heard of us.

New Format

As the editor of the Gold Rose, it has been my intention to increase the quality and size of the Gold Rose by upgrading the paper we print it on, by switching from black and white to color, and by producing one large issue per year, versus 2 or more smaller issues, which reduces our cost by reduced postal charges and some printing costs.

As far as content, I made a conscious effort to keep what I felt were the best parts of past issues, but then decided to add new features, like a full page spread for each chapter with reports and photos, which inform and create a permanent annual record of the happenings at each chapter. Providing Coverage of the MEF Awards Banquet, with photos and complete listing of the award winners. Coverage of, the varouis workshops, reports from our top officers, special articles on our outstanding alumni and chapter members, plus the latest happenings nationally with regard to Greek activities and policies.

What I hope to achieve is full coverage of Beta Sig happenings each year for our members to absorb, plus creating and presenting

a positive image of Beta Sig to all of those outsiders who I hope to educate with lots of positive images of fraternity life within Beta Sigma Psi.

If we increase our exposure and at the same time reverse the negative image most people have of fraternities, then we can certainly justify the cost of an expanded Gold Rose which should help to sustain and grow the national fraternity.

I have previously stated that many of the large national fraternities have entirely shifted to digital publications and eliminated printed newsletters and other publications. We have discussed this and after considerable discussion, decided that it was not in our best interest to do this, at least not at this time.

We are however, encouraging our alumni to accept digital copies to help us reduce our print and mailing costs. For each 1,000 members that are willing to switch to digital copies, we save approximately \$3,500.

Ultimate Goal

Currently I produce 2 newsletters for the Manhattan Alumni Chapter each year and we plan to move away from printed newsletters to posted copies on our website. Links will be sent to the members so they can access the publications at their leisure. This would save our alumni chapter about \$6,000 per year just in printing and postage costs. We still have resistance from most of our older alumni who wish to continue to receive printed copies, however, in time we will have to do away with the printed format to save the costs. That day is coming.

Currently we only have 185 alums signed up for digital copies of the Gold Rose. Our mailing list for 2017 was just under 5,100 for alums, plus another 1,000 for Lutheran congregations, Lutheran high schools, friends of the fraternity, and 50 copies to each chapter to use for rush.

If we could reduce the printed copies by 75%, we could save about \$16,000 annually. So, I am asking you to sign up if you haven't already done so. To sign up, email me at:

GoldRoseEditor@kc.rr.com and include

the following information:

Name, Chapter, Activation Date

BETA SIGMA PSI MEMBERSHIP EDUCATIONAL FORUM

JANUARY 13, 2018 - OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS

Key Note Speech by: Tiemann Award recipient - Lynn Anderson - Epsilon '65

What an honor to be invited to speak tonight at Beta Sigma Psi's Membership Educational Forum. It gives me great pleasure to see so many students and adult leaders from around the country and to know that Beta Sigma Psi is thriving - thanks, in great part, to those of you who are attending this forum this weekend.

When I was asked to share some thoughts with you tonight, I jotted down some key points that have guided my life and I hope they will give you something to ponder as you navigate your own lives going forward.

Let me first begin by saying, I grew up in a small town, Story City, Iowa, where I did what you typically did in small towns in the 50s and 60s...I played several sports, was in choir, band and church activities and in my spare time, I held a variety of jobs, from working in my dad's hardware store to, in my early years, delivering newspapers, shoveling snow and mowing lawns.

We had telephones with rotary dials and a chord that attached to the wall, and we had a TV... one TV....and it was in black and white. What we didn't have were cell phones, Facebook, or computer games, some of the things you use on a daily basis. We certainly didn't know what texting was..... If I wanted to find my friends, I climbed on my bike and rode around town until I found them...usually playing ball somewhere.

After graduating from high school in 1965, I moved ten miles away to enroll at Iowa State University in Ames. It was just far enough away from home that my parents gave me the green light to live on campus. Thanks to an older hometown friend, I was introduced to Beta Sigma Psi and this is really where I blossomed. Like many of you, college life was full of new experiences, new freedoms, new people, big classes....., and probably like many of you, it took me awhile to find a balance between navigating classes and having a decent social life. So in other words, I'm not going to share my early GPA with you.

This brings me to Key Point #1 of my remarks tonight and that is

HARD WORK! I BELIEVE HARD WORK IS THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING IN LIFE!

As a member of Beta Sigma Psi in the mid 60's, there were no strict study hours...we were just expected to adopt good study habits, plus assume all housekeeping responsibilities around the fraternity, and at the same time, participate in campus and social activities, and so on. So there was a huge learning curve and juggling of time especially

that first year at Iowa State...in other words, a lot of hard work.... but it was an excellent foundation for all my future endeavors.

I held a number of offices in the House and then became President my junior year which not only gave me the opportunity to interact with presidents from other fraternities on campus, but gave me a unique experience that I didn't anticipate and would like to share with you.

In 1968, Harrah's Casino in Lake Tahoe, NV contacted house presidents at our campus looking for summer help. Not to pass up an opportunity, I saw this as just another step in my personal growth. So I caught a ride from an Iowa State student going home to CA and off I went to Lake Tahoe and became a craps dealer. Not a bad gig for a kid from Iowa.

Though the idea of becoming a full time craps dealer momentarily crossed my mind, and the lure of rubbing shoulders with high rollers and famous people had its advantages, I returned to Iowa State at the end of summer and finished my degree in Industrial Administration, which is now known as the College of Business.

KEY POINT #2 - HUMILITY! HUMILITY LEADS TO LEADERSHIP ROLES AND WITH HUMILITY COMES MANY BLESSINGS.

My real career began in the summer of '71, following my marriage to Diane, my life partner for nearly 47 years now. We moved to Chicago with a van load of wedding gifts and not much more, and I began my career working for the Chicago and North Western Railroad. There I traded things like rush activities, serenades, and Iowa State football games for long commuter train rides to downtown Chicago, twelve hour work days, a mortgage, and the real world. I had a degree and I thought I had the world by the tail!!

At the age of 24, my new career in the Marketing department of a major railroad found me working alongside guys that were OLD... twenty, thirty and even forty years older than me... and, incidentally, all younger than I am NOW. This is where humility comes in.... because despite my hard earned degree, I learned so much more from them. I was like a sponge soaking up everything I could about the railroad industry from these veterans, much like you have probably done interacting with older members of your fraternity.

At the same time, I was honing my skills in the corporate world... developing personal relationships with coworkers and customers, learning how to listen to others and of-



2018 MEF Keynote Speaker - Lynn Anderson with his wife of 47 years, Diane.

fering input when it seemed appropriate.

I found that treating others with respect and dignity, providing good customer service, and above all, being fair, were, in my humble opinion, keys to success in the corporate world. I developed a reputation in the industry as a man of honesty and integrity and it served me well as I moved up the..., to coin a phrase...'career ladder'.

After fifteen years with the Chicago and North Western and with a family that now included two children... out of the blue, I was presented a new opportunity...to become a founder and senior manager of a new company....a regional railroad, located primarily in South Dakota and Minnesota. Uprooting my family of four from Chicago to small town Brookings, SD, was not an easy decision.

Diane really liked living AND shopping in Chicago, in fact her favorite mall was and still is right across the street from this hotel... the Oakbrook Mall. But, after some soul searching, we both decided this was an opportunity of a lifetime for me, career wise.

Although I knew I had a secure career in Chicago with lots of potential upside....I took a leap of faith. I'll admit I was somewhat naïve but was full of confidence that I could make this new railroad a success. And remember? I had fifteen years of experience in the corporate world honing my leadership and professional skills. As with any new venture, it was risky, but I was ready for a new and bigger challenge. Thus the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern

Railroad was born and off our family went, moving to South Dakota, this time with a large moving van filled with furniture and fifteen year's worth of 'stuff' !!

KEY POINT #3 - ADVERSITY. THEY SAY THERE IS NO GREATER EDUCATION THAN ADVERSITY... AND I'M ABOUT TO GET SCHOOLED IN IT!!

As you know, sometimes things don't go as planned. For you, maybe it's a 'team' member who isn't all that team oriented, the one in the group class project who doesn't contribute much....or anything. I'm sure many of you agree....That happens in the business world too ...but as we began this startup railroad company, there came many, more serious issues. Yes, we had to set up an office, hire employees from all over the country, buy railroad equipment - like locomotives and freight cars, repair our track, and build our customer base. But we had some unexpected surprises, too. And this is where dealing with the adversity part, comes in.

Less than a month into operation as a new railroad, torrential rainstorms rendered some of our track impossible to use, which meant we couldn't move our products from one location to another, which also meant we weren't generating revenue for our new company. Then the company's largest customer shut down for an extended period of time due to a major explosion at their plant.

This was very significant and very grim. If that wasn't enough of a challenge, we subsequently faced expensive derailments and major snow storms that shut down the railroad for periods of time. All of these events happened to a new company with VERY limited resources. It forced us to get very creative.

They say when bad things happen you have three choices. You can either let it define you, let it destroy you, or let it strengthen you. To make a long story short, this company, which opened its doors in 1986 with 20 million dollars in revenue, not only survived, but went on to reach nearly 300 million in revenue and expanded its service territory to include rail service in eight states.

And in 2007 the Dakota, Minnesota, and Eastern Railroad was sold to the Canadian Pacific Railroad for..... Well, let's just say, enough for me to retire on. Hard work and humility mixed in with some adversity. That could be where this story ends, but in all honesty, there are two more pieces to this puzzle, two more key points that I would like to briefly share with you.

KEY POINT #4 - FAITH

According to Phillipians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

When I joined Beta Sigma Psi, it was a Lutheran Fraternity. I understand that has changed somewhat over the years, but I

suspect most in this room value their Christian upbringing. It brings me great joy to return to my fraternity in Ames and join current members on a Sunday morning as they fill several pews at the campus Lutheran church. As you move on to your careers and family, I challenge you to keep faith as a central focus in your life. Being grounded in faith will carry you through all the ups and downs of life.

Our family's faith was put to the ultimate test almost thirteen years ago when we received the phone call no parent wants to receive. Our smart, beautiful, articulate, perfect 26 year old daughter, our oldest child, had died suddenly and totally unexpectedly from a cardiac arrhythmia. We were devastated. Athletes collapse on the basketball floor from cardiac arrhythmias..... football players collapse during practice and die of cardiac arrhythmias....but not your precious daughter whose life has only just begun.

We were never people who wore our religion on our sleeves, but this horrific life experience showed us just how strong our bond with the Lord was and still is. Our faith in God has never wavered and we know that he walks with us daily.

KEY POINT #5 - SERVING OTHERS.

It was Winston Churchill who once said, 'We make a living by what we get: we make a life by what we give'.

While building a career and raising a family, it was important for both Diane and me to give back to organizations in the communities we lived in, to our church, and to Iowa State University and Beta Sigma Psi. We have done so both financially and with the gift of our time and talents.

I want to emphasize how very important this piece of the puzzle is as you embark on life after college. Just as you have served Beta Sigma Psi and your own universities as students, it is important that you continue 'serving' others as you develop your careers.

Volunteering on various committees and boards not only allows you to interact with others, but enriches your life in ways that cannot be put into words. It broadens your horizon, gets you out of your comfort zone and adds a satisfying dimension to your life.

In closing, Booker T. Washington once said, "Success is not so much measured by the position one has reached in life, as the obstacles he has overcome."

For me, I found that hard work, humility, faith, serving others and yes, even adversity was the formula that allowed for success in my life. And so I challenge each and every one of you here tonight to find the formula that brings YOU success and ultimately happiness to your life.

Thank you.

LYNN A. ANDERSON

Epsilon '65

Lynn was born in Ames, Iowa, graduated from Story City High School and became a member of Beta Sigma Psi's Epsilon Chapter at Iowa State University in 1965. He graduated from ISU in 1969 with a degree in Industrial Administration, with minors in Marketing and Economics.



Lynn spent over thirty seven years in the railroad industry, joining the Chicago and North Western Railroad in Chicago in 1971. There he spent fifteen years. I

n 1986, he became one of the founders of the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad, a regional railroad serving the upper Midwest. The DM&E grew to become one of the largest and most successful regional railroads in the US. The company was sold in 2007 and Lynn, its Senior Vice President of Marketing, retired.

He participated in and led several professional and civic organizations during his career. He has received numerous awards, including the Citation of Achievement from the Iowa State University College of Business, presented to an Alumnus who has Demonstrated Outstanding Achievement in Life beyond the Campus. He is a member of the State of South Dakota's Railroad Hall of Fame.

Lynn served as Chairman of Epsilon Chapter's successful Capital Campaign effort to raise funds to allow the fraternity to acquire its new Chapter House on Sunset Drive in Ames, IA, seven years ago. He currently serves on the Iowa State University Foundation Board of Governors and on its Finance Committee.

Lynn is married to Diane, a 1971 graduate of Iowa State University. The Andersons had two children, including son Tyler and daughter-in-law Lisa, who are also Iowa State grads, and now four awesome, adorable granddaughters. They split their time between Naples, FL and Chicago, IL.

Lenora Letcher - 43 Years Delta Chapter Cook and Lincoln Nebraska Legend, is Remembered By All as a Great Lady

Lenora Letcher baked the communion bread at her church, the black congregation of Mount Zion Baptist.

She fed members of Beta Sigma Psi at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, nearly all of them young white men.

She prayed for a Nazi when he sent her death threats and terrorized the city's African-American community.

From the time Letcher arrived in Lincoln in 1944, she knocked on doors and registered voters. She led the NAACP and served the Malone Community Center, counseled mayors and governors, served the Human Rights Commission and Lincoln Action Program, nurtured her grandchildren and an extended family, who called her Mom Letcher, a sign of their abiding respect

“Her goal was always to make life better for people across the board,” her son Paul Letcher said. “And for people to see more than just color.”

His mother had lived in Kansas City until her first husband died, leaving her alone with two young daughters. Her sister lived in Lincoln, so Lenora packed up her girls and moved. She married Robert Letcher and they had Paul.

She found work as a cook, and for 43 years fed fraternity brothers who would name a scholarship in her honor at her retirement.

Paul Letcher remembers the Beta Sigma Psi men he met at the university — college students whose fathers and grandfathers had also been fed by his mother. They called her another name: Lenora Legend.

“Prejudice is nothing more than ignorance,” the cook told a newspaper reporter in 1989, on the eve of her retirement.

“Letcher said she is the first black person that many if not most of the fraternity members have ever seen,” the story said. “Some have written her letters after graduation, saying how glad they were to have that experience.”

Rod Krogh is one of those men. Letcher was more than a great cook, said the 1989 UNL graduate. “She was appreciated beyond words by everyone there. It was a tremendous blessing to know her.”

She changed people with love, her daughter, Wilene Miller, said in 2002. “She wanted everybody to understand that it’s about love. That if you love and respect yourself, you’ll do that for others, too.”

Laws are necessary, Letcher told a reporter in 1993. “But love is necessary, too, and you can’t legislate love.”

So she loved.

The 2012 book “Not by the Sword” recounted her role in the transformation of a Lincoln man and Ku Klux Klan grand wizard:

Lenore Letcher, an African-American woman who had been on the receiving end of Larry Trapp’s hatred, prayed, *‘Dear God, let him find you in his heart.’* And that night, the skin on Trapp’s fingers burned and itched and stung so badly he had to take his Nazi rings off.

Trapp was eventually taken in by a local Jewish couple, Cantor Michael and Julie Weisser.

“She was part of the process of his change,” Paul Letcher said. “She had a chance to meet him and talk to him about her faith.”

A faith that was central to her life.

A photo of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. hung on her living room wall, always. And like King, she spoke truth.

When the police officers who beat Rodney King in Los Angeles were found not guilty in 1992, she had something to say: “It just proves that there is still a lot of racism in this country. When a (minority person) gets in trouble with the law, there’s an overreaction from the authorities ... because of biased discrimination. It happens here, too, in Lincoln, Nebraska.”

She made peace.

She was an old woman when she stood in



Lenora Letcher

the Capitol Rotunda in 1993 to honor MLK on his birthday, taking the hand of the white woman standing to her left and the white man standing to her right to sing “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” the black national anthem, her voice clear and sweet. She died a few years later, at the age of 83, a grandmother and great-grandmother.

A woman with a beautiful voice who traveled the state entertaining congregations with classical and gospel music. A soprano with a favorite hymn: “How Great Thou Art.” A crooner who backed up jazz groups when she lived in Kansas City.

An actress who stood on the Lincoln Community Playhouse stage, a lone black face in a sea of white.

A civil-rights leader honored by the NAACP with the Lenora Letcher Community Service Award.

A woman of faith, her son said, who considered her work to improve the lives of others her civil and godly duty.

“She instilled in me a deep sense of pride as a black woman,” said granddaughter Roslen Ross. “A love of people, fairness and to see past the color of skin.”

Paul Letcher’s daughters — Kiara Bullerman and Kaleah Latenser — were little girls when their grandmother died. Many of their memories spring from family stories.

But their grandmother’s gift to the larger world is apparent when they say their family name — Letcher — in Lincoln. “People talked about her with such wonder,” Bullerman said. “Her mark and her legacy have left such an impact on my life.”

Her younger sister feels the ripples, too. “I plan to raise my daughter the same way my grandmother raised my father,” Latenser said. “And the same way my father raised my sister and me.”



Lenora hugging House Mom B

2018 Delta Chapter Alumni - Undergraduate Golf Tournament

By Jay Holle/Ross Nelson

On a warm first day of September, a record number of Beta Sigs from Delta chapter gathered at Hidden Valley Golf Course in Lincoln for the annual Delta Golf Tournament. 81 men, including fifteen active members, participated in the four-man scramble. This year's numbers were the largest group to play in the event.

Those participating included Pastor Adam White, Delta Pastoral Advisor, and two Lienemann Award winners, Scott Gessell and Dennis Stelzer (Denny was the only "elder statesman" to play this year and allowed to play from the Gold tees). Before play began, we had introductions and Pastor Adam led the group in an uplifting prayer – with some players needing a whole lot of prayer with every hole.

After the event, the group met at the Delta house for awards and flag prizes. The winning team was Mitch Goedeken, Brett Mahnke, and Gary Stevens (Mitch's dad, Frank was unable to attend which probably helped with their winning score!). There was a three-way tie for second place, so the second place award was decided by lowest pin number. While some were unable to remember theirs, the lowest pin ended up being Larry Hutsell – because he activated as a member of Xi Chapter (University of Nebraska – Kearney) before joining Delta chapter.

The active members grilled "Delta burgers" and hotdogs with chips and fixings for everyone to enjoy before the group departed with many ready to watch the first Husker game under new coach, Scott Frost. Unfortunately, the warm, sunny weather brought in severe thunderstorms and the football game was cancelled for the first time since WW2.

Thanks to the event coordinators, Ross Nelson and Boyd Stuhr, for their work in organizing this outing. Proceeds from the event and a free-will food offering covered expenses and a contribution was made to the House General Fund. The event was great fun for all attending and we invite all past and present members of Delta chapter to join us for next year's event (always held on the morning of the first home football game).



2018 Annual Delta Chapter Weekend Golf Tournament



A Record 81 men gathered at Hidden Valley Golf Course in Lincoln for the 2018 Annual Delta Chapter Golf Tournament

Editors Note:

A retired Air Force general and good friend of mine sent me this story and I just had to include it in this issue of the Gold Rose.

This story is about a heroic Army Ranger and Special Forces soldier serving in Viet Nam on his second tour in 1968. It is a story of bravery and valor like none I have ever heard before. Our Lord and Savior was definitely looking out for this American hero that fateful day when this event took place.

American Viet Nam War Hero and Medal OF Honor Winner

Raul "Roy" Benavidez was born in 1935 near Cuero, TX to impoverished sharecroppers of Mexican and Yaqui Indian ancestry. Both parents died of tuberculosis before his eighth birthday. He and his younger brother, Roger, along with 8 cousins, were raised by their grandfather, an aunt and uncle, in El Campo.

As a young man growing up in humble surroundings, Benavidez shined shoes at the local bus station, labored on farms in Texas and Colorado, and worked in a tire shop. Regularly insulted as 'a dumb Mexican', he dropped out of school in the seventh grade.

Benavidez enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard in 1952 before entering the regular Army in 1955. Hilaria "Lala" Coy became his wife in 1959, the same year he completed airborne training and joined the 82nd Airborne Division.



Benavidez stepped on a land mine while serving his first tour in Vietnam as an advisor in 1965 and was evacuated to the United States. The doctors at Ft Sam Houston's, Brooke Army Medical Center, claimed he would never walk again. Despite spinal injuries, Benavidez walked out of the hospital in July, 1966. His courage and faith served him well. It would not be the last time.

He returned to active service and trained at Fort Bragg, NC for the elite Studies and Observations Group. Still suffering from unrelenting back pain, Benavidez returned for a second tour in Vietnam in January, 1968. He was assigned to Detachment B56, 5th Spe-

cial Forces Group Airborne, First Special Forces at Loc Ninh.

A devout Catholic, Benavidez was attending prayer services on May 22, 1968 when he heard a desperate radio plea, "Get us out of here! For God's sake, get us out!" The cry for assistance came from a twelve-man Special Forces Recon Team that was pinned down in thick jungle and surrounded by a North Vietnamese Army (NVA) regiment west of Loc Ninh.



Three choppers had already attempted a rescue but were driven back by small arms and anti-aircraft fire. Benavidez did not have orders to go, but with a medical bag in one hand and a knife in the other, he jumped into the bay of a Huey revving up for another rescue attempt.

THE MAKING OF A LEGEND

Intense enemy fire in the area kept the chopper from landing. Hovering 10 feet off the ground, Benavidez made the sign of the cross across his chest and leaped off the chopper. The long-suffering recon unit was 75 yards away.

Benavidez began the deadly gauntlet, fell when an AK-47 round pierced his right leg, sprang back to his feet but was immediately knocked off his feet again by a hand grenade that ripped his back and neck. Those initial wounds were the first of thirty seven separate bullet, shrapnel, and bayonet injuries he would receive during the next 6 hours of violent combat.

Praying aloud to his Creator, Benavidez mustered the valor to rise again and run under fire to the crippled 12-man squad. He found 4 dead and 8 others badly wounded. He began passing out ammo to the soldiers still able to fight; he injected morphine into the wounded; he called in air strikes, then was hit again.

Bleeding and in pain, Benavidez dragged dead and injured men to the hovering chopper while providing cover fire with an assault rifle he found on the ground. The chopper moved to recover even more bodies. The enemy fire increased.

Benavidez made another mad dash to retrieve classified documents of radio codes and call signals still secreted on the body

of the dead team leader. As he seized the documents, Benavidez took another round in the stomach and additional shrapnel fragments in his back. Coughing up blood, he attempted to return to the chopper only to see the pilot receive a mortal wound. The Huey crashed to the ground.

Undaunted, Benavidez pulled wounded from the overturned chopper, called in more airstrikes, and directed the fire from helicopter gunships. Blood trickled into his eyes, temporarily blinding his vision. In the midst of deadly fire, Benavidez sat up a defensive perimeter and continued to rally injured soldiers to fight on. He later recollected, "I made the sign of the cross across my chest so often my arms looked like an airplane propeller."

Before the second chopper came in Benavidez was wounded several more times. Urging the injured to fight on and keep praying, he slung a wounded soldier over his shoulder and scurried for the chopper.

En route to the Huey, an enemy soldier jumped up and clubbed Benavidez from behind with the butt of a rifle; Benavidez and the wounded soldier fell to the earth. Bayoneted in both arms, Benavidez managed to grasp the bayonet which gouged his hand but gave him enough time to pull out a knife and kill the enemy soldier. Now with a shattered jaw, both arms lacerated, a slashed



hand, bullet holes and shrapnel in his body, Benavidez assisted the last remaining injured man onto the Huey – their Vietnamese interpreter.

The rescued soldiers inside the Huey pulled Benavidez's battered body aboard the chopper. Blood pooled, then flowed out the bay door. The flight back to Loc Ninh was a 20-minute ordeal with Benavidez holding his intestines in his hands during the entire trip.

At Loc Ninh, Benavidez was triaged and pronounced dead. As the doctor attempted to zip up the body bag, Benavidez could only marshal enough strength to do one thing to prove he was still alive: he spit in the doctor's face.

The 6 hour heroic achievement of 32 year

My confession

By: Ben Stein



Ben Stein: American writer, lawyer, actor, and commentator

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians.

I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period.

I have no idea where the concept came from, that America is an explicitly atheist country.

I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat...

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him?

I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too.

But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different:

This is not intended to be a joke; it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.

In light of recent events... terrorists attacks, school shootings, etc.

I think it started when **Madeleine Murray O'Hare** (*she was murdered, her body found a few years ago*) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK.

Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school. The Bible says: thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal, and Love your neighbor as yourself.

And we said OK.

old Roy Benavidez was one of the most astonishing feats of the Vietnam War. He was hospitalized for over a year yet refused to accept any praise, proclaiming, "No, that was my duty."

Benavidez's commander thought this courageous wounded warrior would not live long enough to accept the Medal of Honor due to an extensive processing procedure, thus he only recommended the Distinguished Service Cross. It would take years for the wrong to be corrected.

On February 24, 1981, President Ronald Reagan presented Raul "Roy" Perez Benavidez the Medal of Honor. He accepted our nation's highest military award with 2 pieces of shrapnel still logged in his heart and a punctured lung.

Benavidez's suggestion to young people: "An education is the key to success. Bad habits and bad company will ruin you."

His fatherly guidance to his son, Noel: "Never bring shame on our family name." All 3 of his children are college graduates. In an unprecedented honor by the US Navy, the Bob Hope-class roll on roll off vehicle cargo ship the USNS Benavidez is named for an Army sergeant.

Scuttlebutt has it that when Special Forces men are in a tough scrap going badly or courage needs to be summoned, they use the radio call sign Tango Mike Mike; Roy Benavidez's call sign.

Medal of Honor recipient Roy Benavidez died on November 29, 1998 at the age of 63 from respiratory failure and complications of diabetes. He was buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Sgt. Benavidez's Medal of Honor is on display at the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, CA.



Editor's Post Script:

I was an army medical specialist stationed at Ft Sam Houston undergoing 4 months of medical training in 1965. One day we toured the Brook Medical Center, meeting and talking with soldiers that had been wounded in Viet Nam, so it is quite probable that I met Sgt. Benavidez. I was still at Ft Sam the weekend when Viet Nam officially became a war, with the **Battle of Ia Drang** on **November 14, 1965**. The Mel Gibson movie - We Were Soldiers - is about that battle and an excellent movie.

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave, because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide).

We said an expert should know what he's talking about. And we said okay.

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with, **'WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.'**

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell.

Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how you can send 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire,

But when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Are you laughing yet?

Funny how, if you emailed this message, you would not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it.

Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

Pass this message on to others, if you think it has merit.

If not, then just ignore it... no one will know you did. But, if you discard this thought process, don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in.

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