

ETA QUARTERLY

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Did You Know?

Nickname:
Beta Sig

Colors:
Cardinal red and white

Founded:
April 5, 1952

Philanthropy:
Lutheran Family & Children's Services

1 ACADEMIC STANDING AGAIN!

Eta Chapter continues to be #1 in academic standing among Fraternities, and this is the 11th semester in a row that they have earned this distinction!

The chapter GPA was 3.28 for the 2008 fall semester, compared to a 3.22 for the 2008 spring semester and 3.20 for the 2007 fall semester.

For the 2008 fall semester, the active members earned a GPA of 3.34 and the pledges earned a GPA of 3.15.

Statistics for the 2008 fall semester:

GPA for the Eta Chapter was 3.28

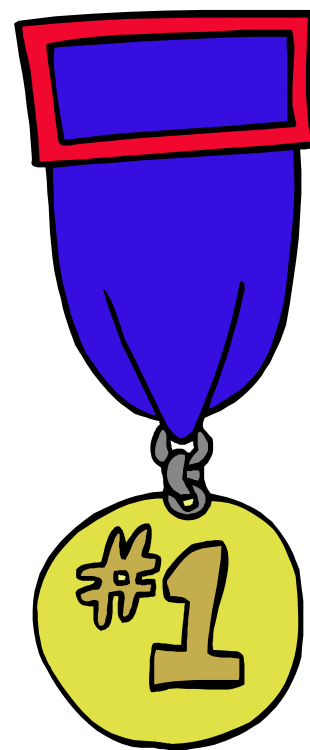
GPA for all 746 Missouri S&T fraternity men was 2.94

GPA for all 3,691 Missouri S&T men was 2.95

GPA for all 955 Greek students was 2.99

GPA for all 4,767 students was 2.99

Congratulations, we are proud of our sons!!!



NEW PLEDGES FOR THIS SEMESTER

The House is proud to announce the new pledges for the Spring 2009 semester:

Kane Parker is from Qulin, MO. He is studying Mechanical Engineering.

Chris Philpy is from McKinney, TX, is studying Architectural Engineering and is on Missouri S&T's football team.



Scott Holcomb is from Murphysboro, IL, is studying Civil Engineering, and is on Missouri S&T's football team.

Welcome from the parents Club.

PRESIDENT OF THE ETA ALUMNI CHAPTER

My name is James Klotz, and I am the president of the Eta Alumni Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi. As you may well know, Beta Sigma Psi is the National Lutheran Fraternity. Eta chapter was founded in 1952 on the campus of University of Missouri at Rolla. I am proud to say that we are one of the most successful chapters of our national fraternity. A lot of that has to do with the University itself. MSM/UMR/MST is an excellent school, consistently turning out successful graduates. As a fraternity on that campus, we strive to create an atmosphere of learning that is very conducive to creating intelligent, socially conscious young men.

Our mission as an alumni organization is to help our active chapter members (your children) live up to the ideals of Beta Sigma Psi. Those ideals are best signified by the 3 S's: Spiritual, Scholastic, and Social.

As young men going off to college, there are many potential obstacles and pitfalls out there. Our fraternity strives to help these men pick a successful path, both personally and professionally. We feel that keeping God in their lives goes a long way toward achieving that goal. As parents, you probably know how easy it is for young men to start heading down the wrong path in life. Some of you may remember how easy it is to forget about God in our lives' during the college years. Beta Sigma Psi is a constant reminder that God is present in our life, and that He loves us so much that he died for our sins.

Scholastically, we try to help in several ways. First and foremost, we work to main-

tain the physical environment, i.e. the fraternity house. Second, we encourage good study habits, and other programs that we feel would benefit our active members. We hope to create an environment that lends itself to successful study habits, although it is up to the individual to make the most of that environment.

To us, being "Social" is more than going to parties. Social success means that we are capable of interacting with others, in both personal and professional settings. One of the most challenging – but also the most fruitful – aspects of living in the fraternity is the constant interaction we have with our fraternity brothers. We live together, we study together, we maintain a house together, and yes, we play together. Many technical people in the world are not socially adept. Our hope is to prevent our young men from falling into that trap.

Over the last 6 years, the Alumni Chapter has been putting time and money in to the fraternity house. We have completed renovations of the rooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors; replaced the floors in the kitchen, dining room and bar areas; built new bunk beds for the 3rd floor bunk room; and converted the 2nd floor bunk room in to a study area. There are other improvements on the list, as well as a long list of work that is still to be done. While our efforts have been focused towards making the physical aspects of the fraternity house more livable, the active members have done a fantastic job of improving the mental aspects of the fraternity house. These young men have created an atmosphere of academic success, as evi-

dent by consistently having the highest grades on campus. Membership at the fraternity is higher than it has been in over 20 years. I find their accomplishments incredible, and I am proud to call these men my fraternity brothers.

For the future, we are looking to help the active members of the fraternity manage the fraternity house more efficiently. As the membership has increased, so has the difficulty of managing offices, budgets, and people. We are working to establish a system that can be easily passed along as new members join and current members graduate. Additionally, we are still working on physical improvements to the house. For example, we are looking to replace the roof and replace the back patio.

Finally, I want to thank all of you. First, thank you for allowing your sons to join our fraternity. "Fraternity" is a bad word in many parent's opinion, but I think that you will find that becoming a member of Beta Sigma Psi will be a positive experience for him. Second, I want to thank you for becoming a member of the Parent's Club. Whether we want to admit it or not, we all still need our parents while we're away at college. Your involvement in the fraternity is greatly appreciated.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

God's Blessings,

James Klotz
President, Eta Alumni Chapter

The National Fraternity of Beta Sigma Psi is a distinctive fraternity in one important respect. It is founded upon the bedrock of true Christian faith.

FACULTY ADVISOR

I have the honor of being the faculty advisor for Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi. That means that if the Chapter does anything that gets cross-wise with the University, I'd be in the middle of dealing with it -- something that has NEVER happened!

During the Chapter meetings, Pastor Kamprath and I sit and observe. The Chapter runs itself, generally, very smoothly. On the rare occasions when something has gone awry, the members have faced up to the issue and discussed it thoughtfully, then taken appropriate actions. From my viewpoint, they run the Chapter well!

At elections, we have the opportunity to hear all the speeches and then listen to the discussions about the candidates. You'd be impressed to hear the many mature and thoughtful comments that are made about the candidates and observe the careful choices that are made.

I want to thank each of you parents for the support you

give your sons and for the great set of values you've instilled in them. Keep encouraging them -- and, since I'm especially interested in scholarship, keep encouraging them to retain high grades.

We also owe a great debt to the Beta Sig Alumni, who spend countless hours helping out and provide large amounts of financial help, too. I started as faculty advisor a few years ago, when the Chapter was extremely small and in danger of ceasing op-

erations -- the alumni support is one reason that Eta Chapter of Beta Sig is not only surviving, but is now a model Chapter for Beta Sig nationally!

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To Promote an organization of communicant Lutheran men who recognize that life rooted with Christ in God is the only true goal of human experience, and who therefore foster, encourage, and inspire activities and relationships which promote this end

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7, 2009
Mid-semester

March 22 to 29, 2009
Spring Break

May 26, 2009
Final Grades available

March 12-15, 2009
St. Pat's Spring Recess

May 8, 2009
Last class day

March 16, 2009
Advising week for Summer and Fall 2009 semesters

May 11-15, 2009
Final Exams

May 16, 2009
Commencement



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Eric Roth

2nd Vice President:

Austin Crisafulli

Fall Rush:

Joe Strathman

Spring Rush:

Zach Weber

Treasurer:

Bobby Givens

Secretary:

Nathan Decker

Steward:

David Clemenson

Scholarship:

Aaron Attebery

THE THREE S'S

Beta Sigma Psi emphasizes three key values, which we believe to be equally important to the development of our members. These values are Spiritual, Scholastic, and Social. They are our "Three S's", and they are a big focus of our Associate Membership program.

Spiritual

One thing that sets Beta Sigma Psi apart from other fraternities, is that most of our members are connected through the Lutheran faith. While this is a common bond between most of our members, being officially part of the Lutheran faith is not required to become a member of Beta Sigma Psi. There are several Christian denominations represented within our members, and even a few who do not take claim to any particular faith.

Scholastic

Beta Sigma Psi has had the top GPA among the male fraternities for the past twelve semesters - that's right, for six straight years we have held the top spot for grades among men in the fraternity system. We even have a nice trophy from IFC in our Chapter Room, officially recognizing our excellence in academic achievement. You can also view each semester's grade breakdown on the Student Life Academic Records page.

Social

As human beings, we are social creatures. We strive for friendship and acceptance among our peers and classmates. Beta Sigma Psi encourages its members to introduce themselves to people they haven't met yet. This helps build connections with sororities and other fraternities on campus, as well as with group members in classes.

Beta Sig Parents Club Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Your E-Mail: _____

Your Sons Name: _____



Mail this form and a \$25.00 check payable to:

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