

THE LION'S LORE



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KANSAS BETA CELEBRATES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ΣΑΕ on the Upswing

The challenges and opportunities of the last few years have paid off. As many of you know, we have been on an upward path. This fall, I am proud to say that we have broken through the barrier and really taken the University and entire Greek community by storm. Our leadership throughout the chapter has given the new members a positive outlook, and I am very optimistic they will be the next leaders on the Kansas State campus.

Accomplishments

For the fall semester, we have 54 men living in the chapter house. Our capacity is 55. We have not been this full for at least 10 years. This is an amazing accomplishment and ties directly to the leadership of our recruitment team as they continually bring in the best talent. In other news, our GPA last spring was 3.1, a significant improvement over the previous year. With a 3.1 average, we surpassed the university all-men's GPA and were 11th out of the 25 fraternities. Both of these are great strides, and we continue to stress the need to get better. Recently, the ΣΑΕ house hosted a philanthropy event consisting of an all-you-can-eat chicken wing bar with a series of raffle prizes. The proceeds for Children's Miracle Network were in excess of \$2,400.

Recruitment

We had the best summer recruitment in many years. The new member class consists of 33 men and is the largest

class of any fraternity at K-State. The class is composed of Putnam and Wabash scholars, as well as all-state athletes from Kansas and Missouri. We are proud they joined ΣΑΕ, and we will watch them carefully as they grow into True Gentlemen.



Kansas Beta won Zeta Tau Alpha's Think Pink Week.

Academics

After achieving a 3.1 GPA in the spring, our new goal is to obtain a 3.2 for the fall semester and win the Province Zeta award for best GPA. Over time, we have won this award more often than any Province Zeta chapter. We are looking to regain the leadership position through brotherly competition. Winning the Province award would put us in the top five for grades among all fraternities.

The Most Important Piece

ΣΑΕ accomplished a great deal last semester and is hungry for more. However, none of this would happen without the alumni support we receive day in and day out. I say with confidence that the best times are ahead for Kansas Beta. So again, I thank all of our gracious alumni who have supported us through the years and continue to support us today.



Phi Alpha,
Zachary Keller '15
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Brothers participate in an intramural football game.



Brothers participate in a recycling charity event with Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Sigma Phi.



ΣΑΕ hosted a dinner swap with the women of Sigma Kappa.



Positive Momentum Continues at the Active Chapter *Alumni Involvement Needed for Sustainability*

I am pleased to report that the actives are providing strong leadership and the chapter continues on the upswing. For the fall 2014 semester, ΣΑΕ has the largest pledge class on the KSU campus. See the list of new members on page 3. The men are taking the academic side of their college experience seriously and grades continue to improve. The house is in good physical condition, and we completed a series of needed repairs and upgrades during the summer of 2014. The chapter budget is in solid shape as well, with a modest surplus available to help fund the summer repairs.

Recruitment is the lifeblood of the chapter. If you are aware of any potential new members, please fill out and return the document on page 4 or contact me or Zach Keller.

As I have become more involved with Kansas Beta and the Greek system at KSU over the past couple of years, it is clear to me that the most successful fraternities on campus have the strongest alumni involvement and support.

While we have a small but active core group supporting the chapter at present, we need to expand alumni involvement at Kansas Beta. Our alumni involvement needs are in the following areas:

- Recruitment
- New member education
- Fundraising
- Summer internships for chapter members

If you can help in any way with the areas noted above, please contact me.

We initiated an annual giving campaign in the spring of 2014 for the ongoing chapter needs. I was pleased with the response to our initial outreach—more than \$15,000. **Our goal is to raise at least \$25,000 by December 31.** Please be generous in the next mailing that you will receive in mid-November. I promise you the money is carefully managed and invested in the future of Kansas Beta, which is bright.

Yours in the bonds,
Steve Lacy '76, '77
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THANK YOU, LOYAL ALUMNI, FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are truly grateful to the following alumni who have donated more than \$15,000 to our annual campaign during 2014. Your donations help complete necessary projects and ensure our legacy lives on. Thank you!

Phoenix Club (*\$1,000 and above*)

Bruce E. Hughes '50
Pelham E. Adams '55
Thomas Mistler '65
Stephen M. Lacy '76, '77
Brian E. Calovich '82
Patrick J. Kellerman '89

Phi Alpha Club (*\$500 to \$999*)

Chester C. Wilcox '61
Jerry D. Prather '66
C. Jerome Chandler II '78
Shad P. Metcalf '96

Purple & Gold Club (*\$250 to \$499*)

Frederick C. Kramer '47
James R. Breneman '64
Dixon Landers '69
John R. Hatfield II '77
Thomas Banta '79
Paul J. Lacy '81
John Lowe '88
Mark Lacy '89

Violet

(*\$100 to \$249*)
L. Bruce Johnson '43
Robert M. Allingham '50
John A. Logan '51
Peter A. Martin '54
John R. Stack '55
M. Mal Skinner Jr. '57
Robert M. Kissick Jr. '58

Richard Long '58
Mike L. Stout '58
Frank C. Chrisbens '59
David Chelesnik '61
Scott Cochran '62
Joseph H. Stout '67
George T. Miserendino '69
T. Mark Anwander '72
Frederick Sackbauer III '72
Michael Vandenberg '72

Donors

(*Up to \$99*)
Richard L. Mettle '51
Kenneth Underwood II '67
Darryl W. Graves '71
Michael E. Debold '72
Terrance J. Garvert '77
Joshua R. VanHecke '02

FRATERNITY EXPERIENCE HELPED ALUMNUS CREATE VALUABLE RELATIONSHIPS

Strong Connections Inspire Tom Mistler '63, '65 to Give Back to ΣΑΕ

When he arrived on the Kansas State campus, **Tom Mistler '63, '65** knew he wanted to benefit from the experience of living and working with a group of men. He soon found fraternity life, specifically Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was the best choice for him.



*Tom Mistler '65 and his wife,
Joan Watts Mistler.*

Some of his favorite memories as a Kansas Beta include growing the size of the chapter through aggressive recruiting, developing strong standards for chapter activities, and developing friendships that helped him grow in knowledge of people.

"The fraternity experience is quite broadening and does help create some valuable relationships," Tom said. "It forces awareness and accommodations that expands those that come from living in the dorm or alone. It forces us to learn more about people, what drives them, and how to support them. I found that it also adds to the focus of achievement and helps everyone learn how people are truly different but have a lot of similarities as well."

"I have wonderful memories of many of my fraternity brothers, which seem to come up more in the last few years as I watch my children and grandchildren grow in life," Tom said.

Although he moved away from Kansas, Tom still values the connections he developed through ΣΑΕ. These friendships are what inspired him

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Province Zeta Leadership School Hosted at Kansas State

Kansas Beta hosted the annual Province Zeta Leadership School on September 12-14. Eminent Supreme Archon **Brad Cohan, Arizona '85**, was the honored speaker on Friday and Saturday. He also met with the presidents and education directors to answer questions concerning the new True Gentleman experience. The program continues all four years of a member's college experience and includes recruits being initiated 96 hours after they have signed a formal bid card. It was the largest province event in recent history, with 175 attending.

Many were impressed with the Kansas State Alumni Center and Leadership Studies Building—K-State proud! After the last session on Friday, there was a brotherhood event at the chapter house showcasing all of the renovations and updates. On Sunday, a food packaging philanthropic experience occurred where \$1,000 was raised from all the chapters packaging food for Liberia to aid in the Ebola epidemic.

Fraternally,
John Hatfield '77
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Brothers packaged food with other chapters at the Province Zeta Leadership School in September.



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Chapter Eternal

William Harrington '49 entered Chapter Eternal on March 30. He was a former Graybar employee and a retired salesman for Sunflower Electric Company. William and his wife, Lois, have three sons, 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Edwin Wingate '51 entered Chapter Eternal on July 6 from pancreatic cancer. While at Kansas State, he led the debate team, was a member of ROTC, and, after service as a captain in the United States Air Force, graduated in 1959 from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Business. He worked for a decade specializing in labor negotiations for Southern California Gas Company and Continental Airlines and moved to the Twin Cities in 1971 as a human resources vice president at Toro. He also worked at Pillsbury in Minneapolis and at Shaklee in Emeryville, Calif., and was Dayton-Hudson's senior VP of human resources from 1980 until his retirement in 1997. He served as an elder at Faith Presbyterian Church in Minnetonka.

Paul Jones '54 entered Chapter Eternal on September 12, 2013. He was the long-time publisher and editor of the *Lyons Daily News* and former four-term mayor of Lyons, Kan. Paul was awarded the annual Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award in 1989. He was chairman of the Christmas Bell and Star committee for more than 30 years and founded the Bell and Star Foundation, which now provides financial support for many of the yearly expenses of the famous Christmas decorations. He and his wife, Judith, were avid travelers, having been to all 50 states. His travels took him to five continents and 39 foreign countries.

James R. McConnell '62 entered Chapter Eternal on June 16, 2013. He was a highly sought-after high school athlete and was offered a professional baseball contract but opted to attend Kansas State University and play basketball under head coach Tex Winter. At Kansas State, he met his wife, Nancy Becraft, and they were married for 46 years. After graduating, Bob and Nancy moved to Overland Park, where he began work as a chemical engineer for Bendix Corporation. He continued to play handball, tennis, racquetball, table tennis, and golf, and would gladly accept any invitation to compete, sometimes playing left-handed so that his opponent would have a fair chance. He later switched careers and worked for the United States Department of Agriculture as a computer programmer.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Scott Barnow
Mission Hills, Kan.

Ryan Deters
Manhattan, Kan.

Sawyer Like
Leawood, Kan.

Arturo Sanchez
Great Bend, Kan.

Nick Baron
Springfield, Mo.

John Dillard
Wichita, Kan.

Sean Maxwell
Fairway, Kan.

Garrett Sanders
Lexington, Mo.

Jacob Belfield
Lake Quivira, Kan.

Matthew Gayton
Kingman, Kan.

Liam McGuire
Leawood, Kan.

Mason Shreve
Wamego, Kan.

Connor Bivins
Shawnee, Kan.

Chris Graves
Shawnee, Kan.

Cameron Neimtschk
Andover, Kan.

Ryan Strickland
Blue Springs, Mo.

Gabe Caldas
Manhattan, Kan.

Jack Hutchings
Omaha, Neb.

Jacobe Nguyen
Olathe, Kan.

Tanner Tavis
Bonner Springs, Kan.

Eli Camp
Winfield, Kan.

Zachariah Jalilpoor
Leawood, Kan.

Johnny Nguyen
Omaha, Neb.

Matt Worley
Leawood, Kan.

Kent Chrest
Wamego, Kan.

Colton Jenkins
Overland Park, Kan.

Garrison Olds
Manhattan, Kan.

Nick Crippen
Owasso, Okla.

Eric Kley
Sewickley, Pa.

Jake Putnam
Spring Hill, Kan.

Chase Cunningham
Shawnee, Kan.

Avery Kostelac
Shawnee, Kan.

Drew Rash
Springfield, Mo.



Tom Mistler '65

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to give back to the chapter by supporting its annual campaign.

"Kansas Beta needed help to regain its superior role for members, and the house upgrade seemed essential," Tom said. "The key is if the members are up to the task, but having visited at reunion, I am optimistic."

Following his time in Manhattan, Tom had a long career with Westinghouse becoming President of their commercial nuclear business, and when it sold, he moved into small manufacturing businesses in Philadelphia. He also enjoyed working with Brother's Brother Foundation, which is based in Pittsburgh, Pa., and is one of highest rated charities in the U.S.

Tom resides in Cary, N.C., with his wife, Joan, an alumna of Southern Methodist University. They have three children and six grandchildren. He can be reached at tmistler@msn.com.



ΣAE's letters were painted in support of ZTA's Think Pink Week.

STAY IN TOUCH

In an effort to update our alumni records so we can better serve our members, the Kansas Beta Chapter is asking you to provide an updated e-mail address. Send you e-mail to House Corporation President **Steve Lacy '76, '77** at steve.lacy@meredith.com.

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SEND US YOUR RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Alumni, we value your input in membership selection. Please send your recruitment recommendations to House Corporation President **Steve Lacy '76, '77** at steve.lacy@meredith.com or Eminent Archon **Zachary Keller '15** at zkeller12@ksu.edu. Or, simply fill out the form below and mail it to 1015 Denison Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.

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Does prospect have an ΣAE relative? _____

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