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Positive Momentum at the Active Chapter Continues

I am pleased to report that the actives continue to provide strong leadership and the chapter is aggressively on the upswing. For the fall 2016 semester, the chapter house is once again full with 55 men living in. See the list of 25 new members for the fall 2016 semester on page 3. The men are taking the academic side of their college experience seriously, the house is in good physical condition and the chapter budget is in solid shape. Please read the chapter update by **Daniel Vasquez '16** on page 2.

We were pleased to host more than 200 parents and alumni on Family Day at the chapter house on Saturday, September 24, 2016. It was a great opportunity to welcome new members to Kansas Beta and celebrate our recent success.

At Leadership School this summer, Kansas Beta was awarded:

- ◆ Chapter Achievement Award – (the second highest attainable award)
- ◆ **Daniel Vasquez '16**, our chapter president, won the Outstanding Eminent Archon Award,
- ◆ **Ryan Stricklan '18**, our chapter treasurer, won the Outstanding Eminent Treasurer Award

We are all very proud of the men, their accomplishments and this national recognition.

Recruitment continues to be the critical lifeblood of the chapter. If you are aware of any potential new members, please contact me or recruitment chairmen **Dane Stewart '18** at danes@ksu.edu or **Matt Worley '18** at mattworley00@gmail.com.

Over the last several years, we have worked aggressively to fill the chapter house with quality men, significantly improve the physical structure, and carefully manage our finances. With these activities well in hand, I think it's time to move the chapter experience to the next level.

Our Annual Giving Campaign is now in its third year. I am pleased with alumni response to date—as we have raised more than \$50,000 in the first two years.

Our Annual Giving Campaign goal is to raise at least \$30,000 by December 31, 2016. We have raised \$19,051 in 2016 to date. Please be generous in the next mailing that you will receive in early to mid-November.



Kansas Beta brothers display the Chapter Achievement Award received at Leadership School.

In addition, we have begun design and cost analyses to remodel the chapter house kitchen, which is basically the same as it was in the 1970s when I lived in the house and Bessie Inman was our cook! More to come on that in the next 60 days.

Thanks for your continued support. I promise you the money is carefully managed and invested in the future of Kansas Beta—which is bright.

Yours in the bonds,
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Kansas Beta Active Chapter Update



ΣΑΕ welcomed 25 new members into our brotherhood following recruitment.



Eminent Archon Daniel Vasquez '16 accepts the Director's Award from Ben Hopper, director of fraternity & sorority life, at the K-State Fraternity & Sorority Life awards ceremony.



ΣΑΕ brothers perform community service at the K-State recycling center.



Alumni and undergraduates celebrate the College of Business Building Dedication. This photo includes Interim President General Richard B. Myers.

ΣΑΕ on the Upswing

Our diligent work ethic and perseverance over the past few semesters has moved the Kansas Beta Chapter to the pinnacle of fraternity life at Kansas State. While here, we enjoy all the benefits of being a top chapter: influence within our university and community, a significant social presence, and a respected recruitment process. Kansas Beta has inspired many generations of men in the past and will continue to do so as we look to the future.

Accomplishments

The men of Kansas Beta have been recognized numerous times over the past semester. At the ground level, our house is filled with a competitive atmosphere, which led us to obtaining, once again, **a GPA in the top five out of 27 fraternities on campus**. Out of all the ΣΑΕ chapters nationwide, only a few are nominated for the Zeal Award, our chapter was among them this past semester.

At the ΣΑΕ National level, our chapter was awarded, on the annual leadership cruise, three notable awards. Our chapter won the Chapter Achievement Award, which is the second-highest attainable award through ΣΑΕ nationally. Our treasurer, **Ryan Stricklan '18**, won the Outstanding Treasurer Award. As President, I won the Outstanding Eminent Archon Award.

At the University level, I also was awarded with the Director's Award for outstanding leadership on campus. Our chapter took home the Dean's Award, the second highest honor that is given to a fraternity by Kansas State University. Our accomplishments are reflective of the culture we promote in our home.

While our past accomplishments are exciting, the future potential of our chapter is even more exciting. In staying consistent with our goals last semester, we have greatly broadened our on-campus leadership presence. We have members who are currently pursuing positions on the Interfraternity Council, we have those who are taking initiative and overseeing the planning of joint fraternity philanthropy events, and even members seeking leadership positions in organizations outside of the Greek system.

We also set the goal of increasing our presence in the community. To achieve this, we have partnered with our neighbor, FarmHouse fraternity, and are holding a charity concert in our yard, where we expect more than 2,000 people to attend. In addition, we have revived Paddy Murphy week! We see this as an opportunity

to bring a great tradition back and share it with the community in a positive manner. In short, we have followed through on our goals and are continuing to build on them.

Recruitment

Each man in our house is a reflection of the chapter. Necessarily then, our recruitment is very selective. We extend offers of membership only to those who we believe have the utmost potential to become True Gentlemen. This fall semester, we were fortunate to find 25 men (see page 3) who met all the qualifications. Already, the influence of living in the house has positively impacted their lives.

Our recruitment process truly distinguishes Kansas Beta from the rest of the Greek system at Kansas State. Each man is evaluated according to a comprehensive grid system. This system ensures only the men of highest quality are welcomed into our home each semester. The benefits of this system are easily visible. The new member class is made up of a diverse group of young men that exemplify the characteristics we value. Through the leadership of the upperclassmen, this new member class will learn how to be successful in college and how to embrace the True Gentleman.

Academics

Our goal each semester is to obtain at least a 3.3 GPA. Once again, we achieved our goal, earning a 3.318 and maintaining our place in the top five GPAs among all fraternities. Our GPA is above the all-Greek, all-university, and all-men's GPAs. Beyond academics, our chapter has initiated a professional development program. Older members who have internship experience are mentoring younger members, assisting them in resume building, career fairs, and interview practice.

The Most Important Piece

In my last semester as eminent archon, I hope to continue the legacy of ΣΑΕ. I am very proud of what our chapter has accomplished these past few years. 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 the gracious alumni who have supported us through the years and continue to support us today.



Phi Alpha brothers,
Daniel A. Vasquez '16
Eminent Archon
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ALUMNI UPDATES

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Robert Mason Reed '50 entered Chapter Eternal on December 7, 2015, at the age of 88. After graduating from high school in 1944, Bob enlisted in the Navy. Upon his discharge in 1946, he returned to attend Kansas State University. Bob married Thelma Jo Stedham in 1948 after she graduated. His Navy training allowed Bob to graduate early and he was offered a job with Shell Oil Company. He started in Tulsa, Okla. Bob had a successful career with Shell, progressing to increasingly responsible positions. When he retired in 1986, he was general manager of Shell's Information and Computer Center, which operated out of Houston. In 1960, when Bob and Thelma Jo were living in Oklahoma City, Okla., their only child, Molly, was born.

Throughout his successful career with Shell, Bob made sure he dedicated quality time to Thelma Jo and Molly. They went on numerous long summer vacations exploring the U.S. on family road trips. When Molly became involved in showing Arabian horses, he spent many weekends and the majority of his vacation time so they could participate in horse shows as a family. Bob's innate love and way with animals showed the kind heart and humble spirit he had in all areas of his life. A love he shared with Molly and a large part of their shared time together throughout his life.

ALUMNI NEWS

William J. Nicholas '48 reports that he is still kicking. He hasn't retired yet but plans to in the next year. He lives in Lander, Wyo.

Ernie D. Barrett '51 is proud to be a ΣAE and could tell a lot of stories about his times in the chapter. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Manhattan, Kan.

Donald H. Flowers '61 and his wife, Sue (KKG) celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in September. They live in The Villages, Fla., and enjoy golfing on many different golf courses. E-mail: donsuegolfen@embarqmail.com

Gaylen R. Sullivan '61 is retired and living in Lake Arrowhead, Calif., where the pine trees are tall and the winds are calm, unlike the plains of Kansas. He does miss a good Kansas thunderstorm. Gaylen's career in landscape architecture spanned from 1962 to 2010, mainly in California, where he designed parks and recreation facilities for public and governmental agencies. He is thankful for his ΣAE brothers for helping groom him for a successful and rewarding life. E-mail: dballplayer1@aol.com

James R. Breneman '64 retired from W.H. Loehner/BWR last July. He now works in private practice, serving as owner's representative on a large construction project. Jim also serves as a member of the Prairie Village planning commission, where he and his wife, Pegge, live. E-mail: jrbreneman@sbcglobal.net

Arnold D. Sondergard '65 traveled for a couple years after retiring in 1999, and went back to work as a consultant for three years after that. He then went to a different company for two years, working part time. Arnold moved from southern California to Lincoln, Calif., to be closer to his

daughter and her family around the Lake Tahoe area. He stays busy with various volunteer organizations in the retirement complex. He also attends many NASCAR races throughout the U.S. and does some foreign travel. Both he and his wife of 50 years, Judy, are in excellent health. E-mail: asondergard@att.net

David H. Mickey '66 is retired and keeps busy. He is an active volunteer at Hove Rotary Club doing back office work. David is also a trustee of Kenya Children Centres, where he funds and operates an orphanage for girls in Thika, Kenya. He and his wife, Nicole, have three outreach programs in the area where they assist the disadvantaged. David and Nicole travel to the States once a year and spend the summer months in their holiday home in Story, Wyo. The rest of the year they reside in East Sussex, England. E-mail: davidmickey35@yahoo.com

Thomas E. Miller '79 traveled to Manhattan in December to see the Wildcats take on West Virginia in football. Thomas stopped by the chapter house and was given a nice welcome and tour. It was a nice trip and made him proud. He says to keep up the good work! He and his wife, Barbara, live in St. Joseph, Mo. E-mail: millers1@stjoelive.com

James D. Stephenson '79 reports that both of his sons, George and Harry, graduated from Washington and Lee in Virginia. George lives in Richmond, and Harry is in Los Angeles. Jim and his wife, Julie, live in St. Louis, Mo.

Welcome, New Members

Jonathan Ator
Mission Hills, Kan.

Ben Clayton
Anchorage, Alaska

Kevin Lomas
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Shawnee, Kan.

Jake Bulleigh
Salina, Kan.

Josh Kavanagh
Salina, Kan.

Miles McLenan
Merriam, Kan.

Grey Rogers
Lee's Summit, Mo.

Devin Thibedeaux
Fort Worth, Texas

Ryan Caragher
Lenexa, Kan.

Trevor Kuiper
Omaha, Neb.

Evan Mills
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Lawrence, Kan.

Christopher Towry
Wichita, Kan.

Thank You, Loyal Alumni, for Committing \$19,000

Your Support Is Needed to Reach Our \$30,000 Goal

We are truly grateful to the following alumni who donated \$19,051 in 2016. Your gifts help complete necessary projects and ensure the Kansas Beta legacy lives on. Thank you!

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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 recruitment chairmen **Dane Stewart '18** and **Matt Worley '18** at ksu.sae.recruitment@gmail.com. Or, simply fill out the form below and mail it to 1015 Denison Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.

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