



Hello from Beta Chapter!

Truman's fall semester of 2013 brings around another well-earned triumph for Sigma Tau Gamma, Beta chapter. As the champions of multiple intramural games, including indoor soccer, both indoor and outdoor 3 v. 3 basketball, and Alpha Sigma Alpha's annual "Ladybug Tug"-our semester ends in pride and satisfaction.

Also Sig Tau's philanthropy was the most successful it's been in years, with a spectacular turnout for "Rocktoberfest," our annual event featuring four live bands in which all proceeds go to benefit Special Olympics. Our chapter even won "Greek Organization of the Month" in November for our philanthropic endeavors. All that tied together with emphatic involvement by Sig Tau's national organization leaves a comfortable seat for our new exec as well as the new pledge class of fall '13 to inherit.

By: Douglas Taul



Members Connor Pratt, Travis Helton, and Jonny Richert competing against members of Pi Kappa Phi in 3v3 outdoor basketball

Regional Conclave

This year for the Fall 2013 Midwest Regional Conclave nine members of Beta Chapter attended. The conclave was held at Lake Doniphan in Excelsior Springs, Kansas City. It was held over the weekend of November 15th-17th. The conclave was led by alumni of different chapters from all over the Midwest. One of the leaders of this conclave was Beta Chapter's own Addison Schopp. The conclave included various activities that allowed brothers of different chapters to assess their own chapter and find things that can be improved upon. Special activities were conducted for recruitment chairs where they learned important recruiting techniques and tips. At the end of the conclave each brother came up with a plan to implement when they returned to resolve the biggest problem that they believe their chapter is facing currently. Overall the Fall 2013 Midwest Regional Conclave was a great opportunity to not only meet brothers from other chapters, but to also acquire various skills that were taught through the activities.

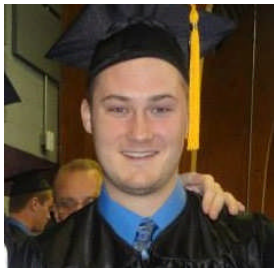
By: Gerard Moranville



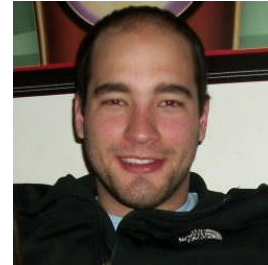
Sean Duggan, Saad Amir, Matt Brethorst, Dan Butz, Kevin McKenna, Dale Race, Connor Pratt, Gerard Moranville, and Matt Bryant at the Regional Conclave

Graduating Sig Tau's**Connor Kellogg**

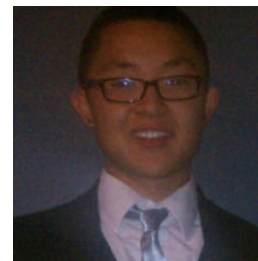
Connor will be graduating with a BS in Biology. While attending Truman State he participated as a Greek Life intern, member of Blue key honors fraternity, and most of all with Sigma Tau Gamma. Once Connor graduates from this fine establishment he will begin work at Cerner in Kansas City, joining recent alumni such as JordanBax, Michael Standfuss and Nick Luerding. Between graduation and starting his new job, he plans on taking a snowboarding trip out to Colorado at the beginning of January to shred it up with family and friends. Connor is a great man and a fine member for Sigma Tau. He will be missed greatly.

Bradley Helton

Bradley will be graduating with a bachelors in Mathematics and a minor in Statistic and Actuarial Science. While Bradley attended Truman State he was VP of Membership for Sig Tau and did a fine job. For future plans, Bradley is currently searching for a job and going to take the first actuarial science test in January of 2014

Brent Wildhaber

While attending Truman State Brent chose to take a path to get his Masters in education while also receiving in undergrad in History. He was a past VP of Sigma Tau, while also working at the rec center for four year as a weight room instructor and building supervisor. He was also a member of the educational honors society and history honors society. Brent has a internship set up with Parkway North High School next semester teaching World History, hopefully to find a high school teaching job after that. Brent would also like to coach high school baseball some time down the road.

Patrick Zhang

Patrick will be graduating with a major in marketing and international business and a minor in political science. While at Truman he played club rugby and was involved in various committees for the chapter. Patrick has a job lined up with Cerner in Kansas City with other recent graduate Connor Kellogg. We're very happy and excited for Mr. Zhang's bright future.

Rocktoberfest

The Sigma Tau Gamma Beta Chapter hosted its annual Rocktoberfest on October 25th 2013 at the Journal Printing Building in Kirksville, MO. Beta Chapter takes great pride in being the only Sigma Tau Chapter to host a rock concert in aid of its philanthropy. Rocktoberfest wristbands were sold prior to and during the event in aid of the Special Olympics. All proceeds made from this evening were transferred directly to the Special Olympics Organization. Four amazing performances were made from the students and bands of Truman State University. The response and turnout from other organizations on campus was phenomenal also. Pi Kappa Phi members were in great voice and attendance this evening to support their band, as they continue to support our philanthropic efforts. The Wobbly Goats, Sigma Tau's own band, played to rousing crowd, as classic favorites of Dixieland Delight and Sweet Caroline were played. Members of other organizations came to support their bands also, including Tau Lambda Sigma and Alpha Sigma Gamma. The Journal Printing Building was packed from 8:00 – 11:30pm that night in support of friends, charity, and a good ole time. Sigma Tau Gamma Chapter plans on continuing this philanthropic tradition in years to come!

By: Murray McFarlane

Expanding Service

Sigma Tau Gamma provided service around campus through move-in day and working blood drives. We also provided off campus service in project homeless connect and the humane society. But somewhere the chapter is focusing its attention is supporting other organization's philanthropy. Not only does this provide great service for charities but it also improves public relations with these organizations. Members of Sig Tau participated in events such as: Sigma Sigma Sigma's Rock for Robbie, Alpha Kappa Lambda's Haunted House, Phi Kappa Tau's 5k,

Alpha Sigma Alpha's Ladybug Tug, and Alpha Sigma Gamma's Holiday Market.



Brothers gathered wearing their Project Homeless Connect t-shirts

Homecoming '13

Homecoming was a huge success this year! A great time was had with 27 brothers participating in the golf outing Friday afternoon at the Kirksville Country Club. Friday night was the usual socializing at the Dukum Inn. A wonderful lunch was served on Saturday for about 100 active and alumni brothers and their wives in the ABC room of the Beta house. In addition to the great meal a local musician added musical entertainment during the event. Saturday afternoon the Bulldogs football team beat McKendree 28-21.

Be sure to mark your calendar for next year. Homecoming will be October 10-12. We plan to have the same activities as this year and possibly add a wine tasting hour to Saturday night. Please plan to attend! Questions regarding Homecoming or any alumni activities, please contact Richard Holmes at 970-301-4154.

By: Richard Holmes, President of the Beta Alumni Association



Alumni enjoying a meal after the golf outing



Actives and Alumni gathered in the ABC for lunch on Saturday

New Leadership

In the recent weeks we, the members of Sigma Tau Gamma at Beta Chapter, have gone through the process of electing a new executive board. This upcoming cycle there are six new faces in each position, but two of them are already executive board veterans. Brother Kevin McKenna, a member of the Fall '11 pledge class, was elected as our new president and he will take on this role with previous executive board experience as the Vice President of Membership. Next, Brother Dan Butz, a member of the Fall '11 pledge class, was elected to the role of Vice President. Following the election of the president and the vice president, the active chapter went on to elect the remaining four positions on exec. Brother Matt Brethorst, a member of the Fall '11 pledge class, was elected to the role of Vice President of Finance and he also has previous experience on the executive board as the Vice President of Programs. Next,

Brother Saad Amir, also a member of the Fall '11 pledge class, was elected the role of Vice President of Membership. Lastly the final two members of the executive board represent the Fall '12 pledge class. Brother Connor Pratt was elected to the role of Vice President of Programs and Brother Alex Kehm will take over as the new Secretary for Sigma Tau Gamma: Beta Chapter

By: Jordan Verbanez

Mothers Club

Julie Rolfes and Janet Pratt, mothers of Ron Rolfes and Connor Pratt, decided upon themselves to start a Mothers Club for the fraternity. This semester they sent two care packages to members of the fraternity: one with candy for Halloween and the other with cookies, popcorn, and coffee for Christmas. It was a very nice gesture and the members were extremely thankful. They hope to get as many mothers involved as possible and are looking to do more for the fraternity in the spring semester including an event during parents weekend. If you have any questions regarding the Mothers Club contact Julie Rolfes (jrolfes@varsityspirit.com) or Jan Pratt (janpratt@sbcglobal.net).

Fall 13

This rush was one of the most influential rushes in Sig Tau history. Along with a smaller number for the Fall 12 and Spring 13 pledge class as well as a large number of seniors graduating the chapter was in need of a large pledge class that would be dedicated to the fraternity's six principles. Prior to rush, Nationals visited to help the chapter implement a new rush system. This system helped us bring in a large number of guys and then narrow it down to the best quality members. The men of Sigma Tau Gamma are

proud to announce the recruitment and signing of thirteen new Members. We have very high expectations for them and are excited to see what they can do. The new members are: Gunnar Halverson, Brendan Nebel, Dylan Heiney, Chris Davies, Nate Kardesch, Daniel Robison, Rex Michitsch, Caleb Scarborough, Dakota Kiper, Nolan Walsh, Nic Duggan, Matt Phillips, and Jason Kremer.



Happy Holidays

Seeing that Christmas time is so joyous and enjoyable it passes extremely quick and we start classes abruptly on January 13th. We have a few things planned for next semester so far and would love to share these ideas with you parents before they take place. We will be doing our yearly philanthropic event, The Walk, in which we raise money by doing a freezing cold walk through Kirksville in only our underwear. Last year we sold shirts to you parents and many students on campus. We plan to do this again this year and would love your support in raising money! Our chapter raised a fair share of money last year and would love to have similar results. I would like to inform you that we also have our White Rose Formal event in which all our brothers bring dates and we have a feast and enjoy each other's company. So make sure to ask your son about our philanthropy event and

help us out if you are able to. We will also be having a parents weekend in April. This is a great time for parents to visit their son and meet other Sig Tau parents. I hope you all have a great Christmas and enjoy the time with your loved ones, and transition well into the New Year. We appreciate all the support you guys give us.

By: Justin Wittrock

