



The Bobcat Sig

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Consul's Address

This semester the brothers of Beta Rho have continued striving for excellence in academics as well as in the community. The chapter boasted a 3.13 GPA in the spring semester, which ranked second amongst the fraternities and well above the All Undergraduate average. The chapter has recorded over 300 hours of community service serving Montana State University and organizations in the community this semester, such as Eagle Mount. The brothers also cleaned up a stretch of highway that was adopted in memory of Brother Karston Waarvik, who joined the Chapter Eternal in the fall of 2012. Brother Waarvik has been dearly missed for his sense of humor and overall drive to bring Sigma Chi to new heights. In memory of him, his mother Karen Waarvik, has set up a scholarship fund to continue reminding the Beta Rho chapter of their commitment to striving for excellence and cultivating men of good character. Furthermore, Beta Rho had the great honor of having one of its own members elected as Homecoming King this past October. The chapter is headed in a positive direction and is pleased to welcome 23 new members into the brotherhood.

Beta Rho has faced some hardships over the past semester, and has truly banded together as a brotherhood to bring positive change to the chapter. The brothers have debated over reforms in our risk management policy and we have successfully implemented a new revamped plan for the future. We also held a strategic planning session in late September to discuss the direction of the chapter and what areas needed improving. This was conducted under the guidance of Brother Steve Nash, an alumnus of the Beta Delta chapter, who helped us brainstorm attainable goals for the year. Some of our goals involve maintaining an active chapter GPA of 3.0 or higher, attain 800 hours of community service, and raising at least \$4,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute. These discussions have caused the brotherhood to undertake challenges that the vast majority of undergraduates would never face at this point in their lives. Throughout the duration of the dialogues, the chapter kept the state of mind that we will gain the strength to overcome these obstacles. Regardless of the troubles the brotherhood will face, we have discovered we will always be able to band together for the practice of friendship, justice, and learning.

The brothers continue to stay involved on campus through clubs and organizations. We volunteer with United Blood Services by collecting donors and helping on collection days. Also, three of our brothers were selected as leaders for the MSU Orientation Program and will assist with helping the new students register for classes and transition into college life. Brothers continue to be involved with various other organizations on campus like the Voice Center, Engineers without Borders, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the Office of Admissions, and Bobcat Club. In total, the Beta Rho chapter has at least one brother involved with over 40 clubs and organizations on campus.

I could not be more proud of the chapter and its willingness to soar to new heights. The leadership amongst our young members is truly evident through their enthusiasm to take new positions and wanting to prove to the community that Sigma Chi expects more of its members

than the world expects of other men. These men will lead the house in a great direction as I go into my last semester as Consul and they continue to carry on new traditions like our Waarvik Fest, which is a concert event held in honor of Brother Waarvik. I am excited for this coming semester and the chapter plans to hold a large campus wide event in the near future, so the results will be posted in the next newsletter. Under the supervision of our new Chapter Advisor, Ryan Donahue, Beta Rho continues to do very well at MSU and in the Bozeman community and continues to prove the worth of its members.

Spencer Dahl '15



This year our Consul Spencer Dahl was elected 2013 Homecoming King along with Dani Clark as Homecoming Queen!

Pro Consul

The fall of 2013 has brought changes to the house. The alcohol policy has been changed to make the south side of the house alcohol free and there will no longer be any functions open to the public. J-boards have been effective in keeping the house clean. The post initiation for the 23 new Brothers is starting up and hopefully they will have high goals for their class. Many cold tubs were given throughout their pledge class allowing them to designated and keep each other in check.

I would like to thank the help of Alumni this year, for the many positions and time you have given to the chapter. Never in my time here at Beta Rho have I seen so many Alumni come out of the wood work offering there precious time. Our advisors and HBC have put in many hours of phone calls, emails and simple sit down conversations with the chapter. The guidance of the men who have already gone through undergraduate status shows, it really does. Thank you, Brother Steve Nash, for the strategic planning and helping us plan and carry out plans for improvement to the structure of our chapter.

John Perrodin '15



Pro Consul John Perrodin, racking up community service hours drawing cards for children at the boys and girls club on Service Saturday.

Recruitment Chairman

Beta Rho’s recruitment was spectacular for the fall of 2013. We delivered 31 bids and 29 of which accepted. My attendance at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop gave me a better idea of what to look for in guys wanting to join our chapter here at Montana State University. After attending orientation sessions, recruiting at Catapalooza, and hosting fun events I had compiled a list of over 100 men that were interested in Greek life, and Sigma Chi. I began going through GPA’s and looking at the character of each individual. Some of our recruitment events included: Floating the Madison River, shooting up in Hyalite, concert performed by Good Husbands, and many other activities. While thinking of recruitment events, I wanted to offer events that gave brothers and potentials the opportunity to get to know each other more. I am proud to say that we initiated one of the biggest classes in the history of the Beta Rho chapter. We are excited to see the future of Beta Rho in these upcoming years, and it starts with our new brothers.

Chris Eddlemon ‘16



Recruitment Chairman, Chris Eddlemon, demonstrating his target shooting abilities along with Andrew Eggert demonstrating his perfected power-point up at Hyalite Canyon on one of our pledge outings.



Magister

This fall's recruitment, we took a very close approach and who we wanted in our brotherhood. We gave bids carefully, and chose pledges cautiously. Using this method, we were able to recruit the best men on campus. The Beta Rho chapter is proud to announce 23 new worthy brothers have been initiated into our brotherhood. With this being our largest initiation in quite some time, we are looking forward to enhancing our presence on campus. Brotherhood is at an all-time high following initiation, and we look forward to next semester's recruitment and the all the possibilities for new brothers.

Samuel McCue ‘15

Fall 2013 Initiates:

Dakota Creed	Blake Bowman	Nathan Dexter	Jachike Madabuko
Dominic Freidlin	Brandon Huntley	Kyle Workman	Colton Coffee
Sam Allen	Adam Sawyer	William Younkes	Ryan Becker
Shane Connors	Daniel Quackenbush	Christian Intorcia	Jacob Casados
Chapman Hewett	William Charlton	Reilly Parisot	Jack Burley
Nick Ramberg	Daniel Holt	Alec Hunter	



The active chapter in front of the chapter house following fall activation.

Chapter Eternal

- *Don M. Langohr, Jr.*
Class of 1949
- *Dennis Seibel*
Class of 1968
- *Bruce Putnam*
Class of 1968
- *Frank Morgan*
Class of 1968

House Manager

As house manager, over the summer and into the fall I have initiated and completed many house improvement projects throughout the house. Over the summer with the help of brothers living-in, the fence was stained, the deck was repainted, the exterior of the house was power-washed, the carpets in the halls were replaced, bathroom ceilings were repainted and new curtains were purchased for the dining room and mausoleum.

Some other projects I am currently planning to complete in the next year are renovating the kitchen and bathrooms as well as the chapter room floor. In addition we are planning on repainting the laundry room and working to create more storage space around the house.

The chapter house as a whole is in great shape and the renovations we have made have made a drastic improvement. With many of the brothers having made changes to their own rooms in the last year, such as new paint, fixing damage, etc. the overall quality of the living quarters in the house is excellent. I can say we are all truly proud to live in this house and hope to make more renovations so that future Sigs will be proud to call it home as well.

-In Hoc

Kevin Fike '16



Pictures

- Top/Bottom Left: The Brothers and Pledges enjoying a hot summers day at the river.
- Top Right: Several Pledges and Brothers arrive at Rat Lake after a long hike.
- Bottom Right: Pledges line up to shoot clays on our shooting trip to Hyalite Canyon.

House Fundraiser

We would like to thank the alumni who contributed to replacement of the carpet in the halls and new curtains. We still need funds to replacement of the flooring in the North side of the house as well as renovations to the kitchen and bathrooms.

Also, please pay your alumni membership dues to continue to fund the “Bobcat Sig” and other alumni activities. You can go to the Beta Rho web site at www.bobcatsigs.org/betarho/dues/alumni.php to pay your alumni dues or contribute to the drape and carpet fund.

For those of you who choose to pay via check, cut out the Beta Rho Contribution Form below and mail it. Dues are \$50.00 biannually and \$500.00 lifetime. You can use the form for both dues and contributions to the drape and carpet fund.

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Make check payable to: “Beta Rho Sigma Chi HBC”
c/o Bro. Rick Dissly
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