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HOMEcoming 2012

Brothers,

This year marks the 95th anniversary for our chapter and the actives have planned a great homecoming weekend with the help of you, our alumni. Again this year our main event will be a cocktail reception and dinner catered by Famous Dave's at the chapter house Friday. Dress is casual and we will be having one of the sororities over as guests again as we did last year. Below is a complete list of events for the weekend. Please RSVP for the dinner online by going to our website at www.bobcatsigs.org under news & events/homecoming. The cost is \$25 dollars per person and you can pay online either by credit card or your PayPal account. We are expecting a large turn out of family and friends so please register early to ensure we provide enough food.

HERE'S MOST IMPORTANT PART! Football tickets are available though Kerry Hansen at the Alumni Association Office at 800-842-9028(toll free) or 406-994-2401. The Alumni office has reserved 60 tickets in the Sigma Chi Alumni section. DO NOT purchase your tickets through the MSU Athletic Department because you will not be in the Sigma Chi Alumni section if you do so.

Friday 09/21/2012:

- 2:00-3:00pm Annual House Corp. Meeting and officer elections
- 3:00-4:00pm Advisors Meeting
- 5:00-10:00pm Reception and Dinner at the house

Saturday 09/22/2012:

- 10:30am-Noon Parade (we will have a float this year!)
- 12:30-1:35pm Friends of $\Sigma\chi$ tailgate (Alumni tailgate), northwest side of Bobcat Stadium
- 1:35-5:00pm MSU vs. Northern Colorado — Go Cats Go!

CONSUL'S ADDRESS

The spring semester has been great; our fraternity has been more prepared and more efficient in nearly all of our regular proceedings. Our chapter members are nearly all actively involved in multiple clubs or organizations on campus and are often assuming leadership roles within these organizations. We have two brothers serving on the IFC executive board: brother Alex Kaul ('13) is the IFC Recruitment Chairman while brother Stephen Pedersen ('13) is the IFC Sergeant at Arms. With our active participation on campus we will exemplify how important a part our fraternity plays in campus life. In the community, our chapter has made "Service Saturday's" a brotherhood event. This is an opportunity for us to participate as a chapter in community service that has resulted in us finding more community service work than we can handle. We are also serving as members of the South Central Area Neighborhood Council which we anticipate as being very good for our public relations.

Recruitment is proving to be quite strong, as brother Dillon Haskell ('14) will surely inform you, with more than a handful of potentials already anticipating the next opportunity to pledge. We recently revived our Sigma Chi Academic Scholarship which we have offered to incoming freshmen at MSU Friday's and will offer at Catapalooza in the fall. The scholarship is not a contract for pledging but we believe with enough positive interaction it will prove to be a very useful recruitment tool. Especially when paired with our noticeably stronger presence in the campus community.

Our Chapter is in a great position to increase our success, we have increased our GPA to a 2.97 and believe that spring semester will push us over a 3.0. This led to us receiving the award for most improved academics among the fraternities. We are on a first name basis with the Dean of Students, Matt Caires (Sigma Nu alumnus); who has been very helpful in seeking improvement for the Greek system. We have also improved our relationship with the Campus Police Department and are on respectful terms with them, last month we had them over for dinner which was much to their enjoyment. We have had two philanthropy events to profit Eagle Mount and Relay for Life, both of which were well attended by the campus community. We are holding our first Mother's Appreciation Day in a few weeks, it is a tradition that has not been recognized in far too long. We will be sending eight men to BLTW again this summer as we look to continue growth in our leadership within the house.

This summer the House Building Corporation plans to remodel the first and second floor bedroom layout to increase the live-in capacity in a way that will appeal to today's freshmen. We hope that we will also be able to install new carpets throughout the house as the majority of it is worn out. The old orange shag in the mausoleum's at the top of the list. With new carpet in the maus and hopefully furniture we feel it will give the house a much needed boost in appearance. We know that

these improvements will increase house pride within the brotherhood and better represent us to potential members.

I firmly believe our chapter is on the rise and I strongly encourage all brothers to attend homecoming this fall and see for yourself. Thank you to all that came and supported last fall's dinner and we look forward to seeing even more of you this year.

In Hoc, Elijah Inabnit ('12)



Brothers and pledges pose for a picture at province this spring in Missoula with Grand Praetor Duane Ray '00

MAGISTER'S REPORT

We just wrapped up our pledge program for the spring semester. We initiated eight men into the chapter, which makes 17 new members for the academic year. One program we implemented this semester was the Jordan Trail. It allowed for our pledges to gain a deeper understanding of the qualities we look for in men and how they apply to Sigma Chi. We were able to take five of them with us to our province workshop in Missoula which was one of the best brotherhoods of the semester. Our retention improved this semester as only one pledge did not go active. The active men did a great job in preparation for activation as all of our rituals went smoothly. A big thank you to our Kustos Alex Montgomery '13 for all of his work during activation. He coordinated events each night and ensured everything ran on time. There was a big improvement this semester on our time management during activation though his efforts.

-Karston Waarvik '14



House Fundraiser

To fund the replacement of the drapes and carpets at the house we need to raise approximately \$30,000. Rick Dissly has agreed to put in \$1,000 toward this project and would like other alumni to match his contribution. Smaller amounts are ok. We cannot proceed with this project until the total amount has been raised.

Also, please pay your alumni membership dues to continue to fund the "Bobcat Sig" and other alumni activities. To pay your annual alumni dues, press control + click on the following link: [paying your dues](#). Your internet browser (Internet Explorer) needs to be open for the link to work properly. Or you can go to the Beta Rho web site at www.bobcatsigs.org/betarho/dues/alumni.php. 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.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Designated For: _____

Make check payable to: "Beta Rho Sigma Chi HBC"

c/o Bro. Rick Dissly

6651 Leyland Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95120



RECRUITMENT REPORT

This semester our informal approach to recruiting went well. We accomplished our goal of building a base of 15 men of which we bid nine and eventually initiated eight. For the fall we will be looking to increase the organization of our formal rush week by having all of our dates and events laid out this semester. We have set a lofty goal of 25 men for the fall, which we feel is attainable. We are offering a scholarship to incoming freshmen which we believe will ultimately lead to an increase in quality recruits as it opens us up to men particularly concerned with the learning aspect of our great aims. It will be an academic and leadership based scholarship that will be given to any man regardless of whether he affiliates with the chapter. This also works as a great tool for public relations as it sets a standard for the care we have in seeing all men succeed here at MSU. Lastly I am planning another 365 recruitment workshop for the weekend before the fall semester. It will serve as a great motivator for all of our brothers as we hope to bring in a large pledge class of quality men for the fall of 2012.

-Dillon Haskell '14



The active chapter out front of the house following our spring initiation.

SPURS AND FANGS

It's still here just different! Members of campus have been working to revive the traditions and ideals of the original club. The club assuming the responsibilities is now known as the Student Alumni Association (SAA). We have one brother on the board of directors and the club has seen great growth this year. One tradition the club has started is the Undie Run which was held before the Cat-Griz football game this past fall. A campus favorite that has grown greatly in participation over the last three years of its existence.

HOUSE MANAGER REPORT

Working with Pro Consul Zack Coffill '13, we have used community service to help ensure duties in the house are getting completed, but I still keep cold tubs hanging over the heads of our less motivated cleaners. With the assistance of brother Paul Connelly we have been able to make some improvements to our timeworn plumbing system this semester. We also have various small projects lined up to aid in the function of the house. One that we have already completed was fixing the brick work on one of our planters out front. We picked up a new chainsaw this semester for ease in gathering fire wood, it has also worked very well in motivating those brothers whom try to skip out on duties. Other items I have found that make for good motivators include bullwhips and torches. In all seriousness though the men continue to make good efforts to support a healthy living environment. Our handyman repaired a problem leak in the first floor showers and did tile repair for that shower. Our newly installed water heaters have paid for themselves of the course of the winter. Our handyman also completed a master-key project for the house as some locks were without keys or not in working order. Next fall we are tentatively looking at 24 live-ins which will be the largest the house has been in recent memory.

-John Perrodin '14

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Treasurer-Rick Dissly

Meet your recruitment chairman

Dillon Haskell is a Montana native from Laurel and a current sophomore here at MSU. Dillon graduated from Park City, Montana highschool in 2010 and has been heavily involved in student life since the moment he enrolled here. Brother Haskell became recruitment chairman this semester, a testament to the faith the chapter puts in his abilities. His position as vice president of ASMSU senate as well as an orientation leader has encouraged many brothers to follow his footsteps by applying for several of these roles. Dillon also sits on the University's Athletic Committee and fittingly is our current Public Relations Chairmen. In his free time he enjoys snowboarding and going to the gym. He is currently working his way towards a degree in business finance. He looks forward to attending BLTW this coming summer to revise our recruitment strategies and to learn valuable recruitment tactics that can be brought back and taught to the active chapter.



Al and Dillon at the campus inaugural Blue & Gold Ball this March

Meet the Brotherhood Chairman (aka Mr. Beta Rho)

Alexander Kaul comes from Minneapolis, Minnesota. He moved to Bozeman to attend MSU after he graduated from high school in 2008. Kaul's first office he ever took was house manager his first semester living in and has been heavily involved since. After a semester of house manager he was elected Quaestor, and then followed that by holding the office of Consul. Currently he holds the offices of Tribune and Brotherhood Chairman. Kaul also works outside the house as he holds the office of IFC recruitment chairmen and is employed by the Dean of Students office assisting with various Fraternity and Sorority projects including strategic planning to improve the Greek system at MSU. Brother Kaul's mantra while active has truly been to lead by example. Al is earning his degree Sustainable Food Systems and will be working on starting a small farm in Miles City this summer to fulfill his internship requirements. Al also works as commercial fisherman during the summers fishing for sockeye salmon in Bristol Bay, Alaska. He enjoys the outdoors, sports, cooking and meeting new people.

Boise State Colony Installation

Several brothers from the chapter were asked if they would like to volunteer in the installation of the Lambda Xi chapter of Sigma Chi at Boise State University. Our Grand Praetor Duane Ray BP '00 asked our brothers if they were interested in this amazing opportunity and we are pleased to announce we will have three active brothers from Beta Rho assisting in the ceremonies of initiation. The brothers from Beta Rho assisting in the installation will be Alex Kaul '13, Karston Waarvik '14, and Dillon Haskell '14. This is an incredible occasion for the Big Sky Province and the Beta Rho chapter because we don't install a chapter in our area very often as you know. The last chapters to be installed in the Big Sky were Kappa Lambda at the College of Idaho in 1994 and before that Gamma Eta at University of Idaho in 1924. As you can see this truly will be a spectacular day in the history of Sigma Chi and we are very thrilled to be a part of it. The Lambda Xi chapter of Sigma Chi will be installed on April 27th, 2012 in Boise, Idaho. We will be adding 40 men to our order there, all of whom already represent Sigma Chi in the most positive manner. We were able to meet some of their members at province this year and they anxiously await their initiation. Those brothers participating in the ceremonies also have the opportunity to participate in our large ceremony at BLTW this summer. BLTW will be at Purdue University August 1st-5th.



Numerous brothers participated in a service Saturday project in which we painted the interior of the Hearts for Homes non-profit here in Bozeman. They provide supervised visitation for families without custody of their children in a welcoming environment.

Current Active Chapter Roster

Darfler, Matt *	Helena, MT	Accounting
Holm, Will	Moroga, CA	Mech. Eng.
Inabnit, Elijah	Missoula, MT	English Lit.
Kaul, Alex	Minnetonka, MN	Bio Science
Sherlock, Sean	San Diego, CA	Mech. Eng.
Rice, Jordan	San Francisco, CA	Rangeland Mgmt.
Newell, John	Snabe Island, AR	Political Sci.
Nickelson, Derek	Bozeman, MT	Econ/Finance
Coffill, Zachary	Pine Bush, NY	Political Sci.
Smith, Zach *	Medina, WA	Business
McCombs, Thomas	Washington D.C.	Political Sci.
Pederson, Steven	Clayton, CA	Bio Eng.
Montgomery, Alex	Bellevue, WA	Music Tech.
Waarvik, Karston	Glasgow, MT	Bus. Marketing
Lilleveldt, Jake	Havre, MT	Pre-Med
Perrodin, John	Havre, MT	Civil Eng.
O'Connor, Rory*	Sugar Land, TX	Mech. Eng.
Elkins, Brendan	Anchorage, AK	Civil Eng.
Feldt, Alex	Detroit Lakes, MI	Civil Eng.
Aid, Jordan	Portland OR	Bus. Marketing
Luke Woods	Billings MT	Chem. Eng.
Haskell, Dillon	Laurel, MT	Bus, Finance
Spencer, Bryan *	Great Falls, MT	Cell bio/Neuroscience
Thingvold, Calder	Forysth, MT	History
Dahl, Spencer*	Great Falls, MT	Chem. & Bio Eng.
Lee, Daniel	Welch, MN	Econ/Finance
Hanchett, Peter	Billings, MT	Bus. Mgmt.
Ricci, David	Numa, AZ	Nursing
VanEaton, Jon	Bothell, WA	Pre-Med
West, Sean *	Fairfield, MT	Civil Eng.
Lavell, Justin*	Goshen, NY	Geohydrology
Stanislao, Mario	Bozeman, MT	History
Quinn, Casey	Kent, WA	Cell Bio/Neuroscience
Brooks, Jay	Stillwater, MN	Bus. Finance
Steele, William	Glenwood , CO	University Studies
Connelly, Paul	Normal, IL	Ag. Bus./arch.
Brailer, Nick	Augusta, GA	Geology

Spring 2012 Initiates

Mazzoni, Josh	Baltimore, MD	Philosophy; Film
Rohrich, Dillon*	Forysth, MT	Bus. Mgmt.
Becker, Sean	Billings, MT	Mech. Eng.
McCullough, Sterling	Big Timber, MT	Mech. Eng.
Bramblett, Tim*	Helena, MT	Kinesiology
Neuman, Cole	Great Falls, MT	University Studies
Richter, Jayden	Billings, MT	Electrical Eng.
Reid, Alex	Billings, MT	Pre-Med

* Denotes legacy

2011-12 Greek Awards

- ♦ I.F.C. Intramural Champions
- ♦ I.F.C. Most Improved Academics

CHAPTER ETERNAL

David W. Shively	Beta Rho 1950
Hon. Joseph B. Gary	Beta Rho 1944
Richard N. Roskie	Beta Rho 1965

