



# Manhattan Alumni Newsletter



Continuous And Dedicated Alumni Support Ensures A Strong Future

Beta Sigma Psi - Zeta Chapter - Spring 2023 - Gary Raffety '62 - Editor

## Royal Towers Building Condemned Residents Told To Vacate

Article by KSNT - Manhattan

MANHATTAN (KSNT) – Residents of a Manhattan apartment complex will have to look for new places to live after property owners failed to meet code requirements and repairs in time.

A letter send to residents from Ryan Courtright with the Manhattan Fire Department’s Risk Reduction team shows that the property owners of the Royal Towers failed to meet the March 16 deadline for correcting the walkways and stairwells of the building. Residents will now have to begin vacating the building and will have until Monday, May 1 to leave.



Courtright said a structural engineer is evaluating the walkways and determining a safe way to move furniture and other heavy objects out of the building. A plan for this should be released by Friday, March 24 which will allow residents to move heavier objects out of the apartment safely.

Courtright’s letter tells residents to immediately begin looking for a new place to live and to avoid moving heavy items out until a structural engineer has evaluated the building. Students with Kansas State University are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Life at 201 Holton Hall by email at [stulife@ksu.edu](mailto:stulife@ksu.edu) or by phone at 785-532-6432 for help.

KSNT 27 News spoke with city officials and residents of the Royal Towers earlier this week to learn more about the situation. This has been an ongoing issue for several years.

**Editors Note:** It is my belief that Royal Towers should never have been built up on the hill in the first place, especially if a Greek Housing area was planned to be added below the hillside. Now I don't know what the planning process was, perhaps RT was built before our area was contemplated, but I do know that it has been a constant problem for us. We have had lots of windows shot out, bottles and junk thrown in the yard and I for one will be very pleased so see that ugly structure removed once an for all.

Now we must be on or guard to make sure that Royal Towers is not replaced with a similar structure that will bring new problems for us. Lets hope something more compatible to our neighborhood is proposed so that we do not have another monster over shadowing us and blocking out the skyline. Also, I see this as an opportunity to negotiate with the new developers to purchase a strip of land adjacent to our north property line which would allow us to build a much needed retaining wall along our north boundary.

## Current MAC Finances Need Alumni Support

By: Gary Raffety

On July 1, 2014, we started the five year long Capital Campaign. Our goals were to raise \$750,000 for improvements and \$250,000 for the National Education Foundation. We fell short only a few thousand dollars on the first part and exceeded the second part.

Currently we are faced with a shortage of funds necessary to complete much need repairs to the chapter house. We need to replace floor tiles, ceiling tiles, upgrade bathrooms, remove old dark wood paneling in dining room, upgrades in some study rooms, plus much needed yard improvements.

Mike Dove, our current MAC Treasurer, states that the alumni chapter continues to meet current obligations and the active chapter continues to meet their obligations to the alumni chapter, but the problem is

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**Dues** are still \$100 annually :

Make checks payable to:  
**Manhattan Alumni Chapter of BSP**  
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**Gary Raffety - Editor**

# MAC President's Report

**By: Laurel Davis - MAC President**



**President Laurel Davis '85**

The Spring semester of 2023 is progressing well with the active chapter focusing on Rush again. We have 5 seniors graduating this semester, so congratulations are in order to them. We expect to have a normal recruiting class of 15 – 20 men for the Fall semester plus some additional actives returning from a semester studying abroad to get the in-house membership back into the 30's. That helps with budgeting as the fixed costs are shared among a larger base.

The re-integration of student organizations under the K-State umbrella continues. John Hatfield has served as Interim Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life this past year, and K-State is in the process of interviewing and hiring a permanent Director.

The financial position and cash flow for the alumni continues to improve as we've put the Covid impacts behind us. Inflation is a bit of a concern, as other chapters have reported 10% to as much as 40% increase in taxes and insurance. We haven't seen our expenses increase quite that much, but it may just be a matter of timing for us.

We have a long project list that was put on hold, and have been discussing which ones are the highest priority to take off of hold and work on next. We've been working toward a significant outdoor improvement plan, but need to get the finances lined up to support that. Replacement of the floor surfaces on the first floor (hallway and dining room) are high on the list as well. We will need input from the active chapter as well as the alumni to discern the best way forward.

The Manhattan Alumni Chapter continues to award meaningful scholarships to our students and is well-positioned to continue those awards. The Educational Foundation has funding in place to protect us from drops in the market as we all experienced in 2022, so we still have over \$340,000 in our Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation accounts. In addition, we have some scholarships funded through the KSU Educational Foundation. Please let the young men in your lives know what Beta Sigma Psi has to offer in support of their scholastic achievement.

The National Fraternity has some opportunities for you to serve. The Chairman of the Educational Foundation is stepping down, so if you have an interest in contributing in that area please contact our National president Rudy Ristich. In addition, he is looking for volunteers to serve on the "Centennial Committee" that is planning a celebration of our first 100 years as a fraternity.

Please continue to keep the active chapter in your prayers and actively support the Manhattan Alumni Chapter as we work to provide an environment where these young men can continue to grow scholastically, spiritually, and socially during these demanding college years.

Per aspera ad astra

# ZETA'S ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

BY: Gary Raffety - Editor

**Currently** we have 5 scholarship funds, 3 are in the Beta Sig Foundation and the remaining 2 are funded through the KSU Foundation.

## Beta Sig Foundation supports 3 Scholarship funds:

- **The Zeta Sub Fund:** allows the donations to be used for scholarships and other uses that are relate to scholarship.
- **The Phil Krug Memorial Fund:** funds can only be used for scholarships.
- **Zeta Scholarship Fund-** original Zeta scholarship fund - donated funds can only be used for Scholarships.

## STEPS FOR MAKING DONATIONS TO BETA SIG FOUNDATION FUNDS:

1. To donate to the **Zeta sub-fund**, make your check payable to: **BSP National Educational Foundation** - and in the lower left hand corner note space, write: **Zeta Sub-Fund**. This note must be included on your check or your funds will go into a general fund that allows any chapter to access them, not just Zeta.
2. To donate to the **Zeta Scholarship Fund** (for scholarships only), write your check payable to: **BSP National Educational Foundation** and note: **Zeta Scholarship Fund**. **Again - this note is important or your donated funds go into the general fund allowing all Beta Sig chapters to access.**
3. To donate to the **Phil Krug Memorial Scholarship Fund**, make your check payable to the **BSP National Educational Foundation** and in the lower left hand corner note space- write in - **Phil Krug Memorial Fund**. **Again - this note is important or your donated funds go into the general fund allowing all Beta Sig chapters to access.**
4. **Last Step** - mail your check or checks to:

**Beta Sigma Psi National Office**  
2408 Lebanon Ave.,  
Belleville, IL 62221

**NOTE: FYI:** The national office will send all tax forms to you at the start of tax season, I do not have anything to do with this.

## KSU Foundation Funds

We have two funds specific for Zeta Chapter at the KSU Foundation:

1. **Mark K. Torluemke Memorial Scholarship** ( N92570 )
2. **Brett Mock Memorial Scholarship** (N11627)

To make a donation to these funds make a check payable to: **KSU foundation** and add a note on your check with other instructions for the **Mark K. Torluemke Memorial Scholarship - N92570**, or the **Brett Mock Memorial Scholarship - N11627**.

### Mail your check to:

Kansas State University Foundation  
1800 Kimball Ave., Suite 200,  
Manhattan, KS 66502-3373.

Donations of \$1,000 or more can be added to the endowed amount if donor requests. If you wish to know more about how these two scholarships are determined and managed, call Brad Brunkow at: 580-716-8187.

Zeta Scholarships are need badly so we can compete for new members and also to help keep members living in the house. Remember, these contributions are 100% tax deductible. This is one way that you can help - everyone needs tax deductions - so please donate to the NEF.

## Chapter Scholarships - Fall 2023

This year the board has granted nine scholarships from the **KSU Foundation Scholarship Funds** totaling **\$6,600**, and five from **Beta Sig Foundation Funds**, totaling **\$2,000**.

Listed below are the names of those members who are receiving grants, the amounts received, their major, year in school, the funding source and scholarship name.

We thank all of you who have so generously donated to the funds which make these grants possible.

### Beta Sig Foundation Fund Grants

1. **\$1000 - Ryan Clark** - Supply Chain management, Junior - Zeta Fund - Phil Krug Memorial Fund - Leadership
2. **\$250 - Ryan Clark** - Supply Chain management, Junior - Zeta Fund - Outstanding Junior
3. **\$250 - Zach Pearce** - General, Sophomore, Zeta Fund, Outstanding Sophomore.
4. **\$250 - John Jantsch** - General, Sophomore, Zeta Fund, Outstanding Sophomore.
5. **\$250 - Seth Thetge** - General, Sophomore, Zeta Fund, Outstanding Sophomore.

### KSU Foundation Fund Grants

6. **\$600 - Ryan Clark** - Supply Chain management, Junior - KSU Foundation, Brett Mock Fund.
7. **\$600 - Zach Pierce** - General, Sophomore, KSU Foundation, Brett Mock Fund.
8. **\$600 - Tommy Cicmanic** - Teaching, KSU Foundation, Brett Mock Fund.
9. **\$600 - Gavin Reeves** - Mech. Engr., KSU Foundation, Brett Mock Fund.
10. **\$600 - Seth Thetge** - Elect. Engr., Sophomore, KSU Foundation, Brett Mock Fund.
11. **\$600 - Keaton Oxandale** - Computer Engr., Freshman, KSU Foundation - Brett Mock Fund.
12. **\$600 - Will Baldwin** - Architect, KSU Foundation, Brett Mock Fund.
13. **\$1,200 - Gavin Reeves** - Mech. Engr., Freshman, KSU Foundation, Tourluemke Fund.
14. **\$1,200 - Colin Batliner** - Elect. Engr., Freshman, KSU Foundation, Tourluemke Fund.

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# Chapter President's Report

BY: Ryan Clark – President

Zeta chapter's Fall semester class of thirteen gave us a jolt of hope for the spring semester. As well as the reimplementation of Formal Rush weekend by Kansas State, these members also gave us a larger bank of names from which we can recruit. Spring 2023, we accepted five more quality men who will activate this semester.

The renovation of our study room has truly been the highlight of the year for our men. We installed four new desks, each of which has a large high-quality monitor and a high-powered computer.

The room is a huge hit, most notably with the engineers who require computers with great processing power. The serenity provided by a place distanced from the usual distractions has shown through in our current GPA of a 3.59 as of April.

In Kansas State's Greek community, we have been wholly involved in all aspects. We had mixers with our neighbor, Kappa Delta, and another with Tri-Delta. Our inter-fraternal involvement is another highlight of the Spring.

After a very successful joint event with Alpha Sigma Phi, we are planning a weekend-long joint philanthropy. Zeta chapter was one of only two chapters on campus who received "Gold" in every criteria of our IFC's community standards report.

Zeta chapter also has three archi-

ects who were accepted to the school's study abroad program in Italy. They will be spending the semester studying Italian architecture in an effort to have a more diverse understanding of foreign structures, and to better their careers.

I am very proud of the hard work being done by the men of Zeta chapter from the Seniors who want nothing more than to be done with their studies, to the Freshmen who are actively representing us in an amazing light on campus.



Our men during the Kappa Delta mixer.



At left, above & below: Three Zeta architecture students studying abroad in Italy for one year.



New Furniture Layout in Study Room fitted with individual computer stations, updated computers / monitors, and study table.



# Scholarships - 2023

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## Chapter Scholarships - Spring of 2023

By: Gary Raffety

The members awarded the nine spring 2023 scholarships are listed below. The grants totaled \$4,400, which is down from last year. There was a reduced amount of freshman scholarships this semester due to late applications.

I think it is important to tell you that scholarships are making a difference at Zeta and we are now beginning to be able to compete with other fraternities for the first time in our history. They can double or triple what we offer in terms of numbers and dollar amounts, but at least we are now in the game.

We are dwarfed by the large national fraternities that have much more money available to their chapters for scholarships than we do. This is because they have had many more decades of existence than Beta Sigma Psi. Therefore, they have hundreds of chapters (we have 10 active now) and hundreds of thousands of alumni, (we have had only around 10,000 members activated since our founding).

That said, we will never have what they have on an equal basis, but we have made giant strides from just 10 years ago. As we continue to grow our scholarship program, grants will help us to attract new members and to maintain our current membership, so this is a very important asset.

With your continued donations to the NEF, our chapter will continue to increase the number and amounts of grants to our chapter membership.

1. **\$1,000 - David Hepting** - Finance/Accounting, Senior, Zeta Fund, Phil Krug Memorial Fund - Leadership.
2. **\$1,000 - Ryan Clark** - Supply Chain management, Junior - Zeta Fund - Phil Krug Memorial Fund - Leadership
3. **\$1,000 - Zane Kaloupek** - Marketing, Senior - Zeta Fund - Phil Krug Memorial Fund - Leadership
4. **\$350 - Gavin Reeves** - Mech. Engr., Freshman, Zeta Fund, First Semester GPA.
5. **\$350 - Colin Batliner** - Elect. Engr., Freshman, Zeta Fund, First Semester GPA.
6. **\$175 - Drew Davisson** - Marketing, Freshman, Zeta Fund, First Semester GPA.
7. **\$175 - Cooper Olam** - Finance, Freshman, Zeta Fund, First Semester GPA.
8. **\$175 - Colin Harrison** - Computer Science - Freshman, Zeta Fund - First Semester GPA.
9. **\$175 - Carter Struckle** - Marketing - Freshman - Zeta Fund - First Semester GPA.

# MEF 2023

By: Laurel Davis

I attended the Member Educational Forum (MEF) in February and the National Council meeting that goes along with it. There were 8 sessions scheduled for active chapters, on topics including Resilience, Living within our limits, Goal Expectancy and a Values workshop. The alumni sessions were separate this year, so I didn't get to attend any of the educational sessions for active members.

The MEF Alumni sessions focused on two topics. The first was the head-

winds facing all fraternities due to declining college attendance and participation in Greek life. The 2025 school year will have a 5% decline in the number of high school graduates compared to 2012 and an expected 15% decline in number of college students. In addition, fewer men are attending college than in the past, such that it is now a 56/44 split women to men and expected to be 60/40 by 2025. We will need to put in more effort to get the same number of students to join our organization. One statistical area of growth is in first generation students.

The second topic was hazing. Hazing is often tied to the campus ecosystem, where questionable practices from some campus organizations might creep into the fraternity system. The national fraternity is encouraging alumni chapters to review the membership programs to ensure that we are on guard against any activity that might constitute hazing becoming a part of our student experience. They also encouraged alumni participation at the new member ceremonies.

The National Council meeting was held in conjunction with the MEF. At the National Council meeting, two resolutions were passed that will affect the active chapter, both based on North American IFC recommendations.

The first is a resolution on transparency that obligates each local chapter to provide, upon request, at least three years of confirmed chapter conduct history upon receiving such a request. Members, associate members, prospective new members and parents of such are specifically entitled to such history. Each chapter must also update their risk management policies to note this requirement formally.

The second is a resolution on Mentor Education that obligates each chapter to provide ongoing education on Big Brother and Mentor Programs, which for us would be in relation to Pledge Dads / Pledge Sons. This comes out of situations where the power dynamics of such mentor/protégé relationships have occasionally resulted in activities that could be classified as hazing. We anticipate that the programming will be provided by the national fraternity and we just need to submit plans for deploying the training to our groups.

# We are losing our membership and need your help to find them

By: Gary Raffety

Over the past twenty years, we have slowly lost an enormous number of our older alums as they age, move around the country and forget to notify us of their whereabouts.

We have also lost contact with most of the recent graduates from the past eight to ten years as they leave school and do not stay in contact with us. Thanks to KSU and their free web site for students, which stops when they leave school, we no longer have a tie to them and they are lost. This is a problem that we need to find a solution to or we will eventually lose the majority of our members.

If you can help us with a phone number, mailing address or an email address, we need it. So, please look over the list and send us what you can. Thanks.

## Recent Grads Lost

- Ashley, Byron 9/1/2015
- Bareddy, Hanush R. 1/23/2021
- Barkoviak, Zachary 4/1/2016
- Beck, Kaden C. 8/23/2021
- Berry, Ryan 4/1/2018
- Bourne, Adam 9/1/2017
- Brennecke, Tyler 9/1/2015
- Burrow, Jacob 9/1/2016
- Carney, Ethan 9/1/2016
- Clark, Ryan D. 1/23/2021
- Collins, Cade M. 12/23/2019
- Collom, Jarred 4/1/2016
- Cronenwett, Derek J. 12/23/2019
- Crowder, Austin 9/1/2015
- Devoe, Mike 9/1/2015
- Doebbeling, Jordan 4/1/2016
- English, John R. 8/23/2021
- Frankenfield, Trevor 9/1/2015
- Fritz, Samuel 9/1/2016
- Gordon, Paxton 4/1/2018
- Hernandez, Kevin 9/1/2016
- Jennings, Seth 9/1/2016
- Johns, Corey 9/1/2016
- Jones, Bennet W. 1/23/2021
- Jones, Harrison 4/1/2018
- Jones, Jake 9/1/2015
- Kaloupek, Zane J. 12/23/2019
- Kassin, Brian 4/1/2016
- Kilgore, Patrick 4/1/2018
- Kohl, Benjamin 9/1/2016
- Kohl, Josh 9/1/2015
- Leadley, Ryan T. 12/23/2019
- Lucito, Dominick 9/1/2016
- Monhollon, Braydn 4/1/2017
- Murphy, Alexander E. 8/23/2021
- O'Toole, Colin P. 1/23/2021
- Patterson, Brendan 4/1/2018
- Pearce, Zach R. 1/12/2022
- Pirner, Nathaniel 9/1/2017
- Pirner, Trenton 4/1/2016
- Pruitt, Parker 4/1/2018
- Reed, Jeffrey 9/1/2017
- Rodvelt, Rylee 9/1/2018
- Rogers, Bryce A. 12/23/2019
- Rohlfing, Griffin 9/1/2015
- Rottinghaus, Abe M. 12/23/2019
- Rowcroft, Adam 8/7/2022
- Rowland, Daniel 4/1/2016
- Shamburg, Ryan 4/1/2017
- Sheehan, James 9/1/2018
- Smith, Cameron 9/1/2017
- Smothers, Joshua 4/1/2016
- Stressler, Colin S. 8/23/2021
- Thetge, Seth 8/7/2022
- Thomann, Michael J. 1/12/2022
- Tjelmeland, Carson 9/1/2017
- Tollefson, Kyle 9/1/2017
- Walker, Ruiz A. 12/23/2019
- West, Jayson K. 12/23/2019
- Westemajer, Gehrig R. 7/28/2020
- .Williams, Brayton 1/23/2021
- Williams, Jacob P. 12/23/2019
- Wolters, Ryan 9/1/2017

## Alums and Friends of the Fraternity in current data base with no USPO address or email address

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Asendorf, Wallace L.  | 40. McClain, Steve A.     |
| 2. Ashley, Byron         | 41. McKay, Robb W.        |
| 3. Bareddy, Hanush R.    | 42. Meng, Brycen A.       |
| 4. Barkoviak, Zachary    | 43. Meyer, Jeremy D.      |
| 5. Beck, Kaden C.        | 44. Miller, Randy         |
| 6. Berry, Ryan           | 45. Monhollon, Braydn     |
| 7. Bitter, Roger         | 46. Murphy, Alexander E.  |
| 8. Bourne, Adam          | 47. Newman, Richard C.    |
| 9. Brennecke, Tyler      | 48. Nilbarger, Jace       |
| 10. Burrow, Jacob        | 49. O'Toole, Colin P.     |
| 11. Carney, Ethan        | 50. Patterson, Brendan    |
| 12. Clark, Ryan D.       | 51. Pearce, Zach R.       |
| 13. Collins, Cade M.     | 52. Pirner, Nathaniel     |
| 14. Collom, Jarred       | 53. Pirner, Trenton       |
| 15. Cronenwett, Derek J. | 54. Pruitt, Parker        |
| 16. Crowder, Austin      | 55. Reed, Jeffrey         |
| 17. Devoe, Mike          | 56. Rodvelt, Rylee        |
| 18. Doebbeling, Jordan   | 57. Rogers, Bryce A.      |
| 19. Edwards, Philip M.   | 58. Rohlfing, Griffin     |
| 20. English, John R.     | 59. Rottinghaus, Abe M.   |
| 21. Fairchild, Ric D.    | 60. Rowcroft, Adam        |
| 22. Frankenfield, Trevor | 61. Rowland, Daniel       |
| 23. Fritz, Samuel        | 62. Shamburg, Ryan        |
| 24. Gordon, Paxton       | 63. Sheehan, James        |
| 25. Hernandez, Kevin     | 64. Smith, Cameron        |
| 26. Jennings, Seth       | 65. Smothers, Joshua      |
| 27. Johns, Corey         | 66. Stressler, Colin S.   |
| 28. Johnson, David       | 67. Thetge, Seth          |
| 29. Jones, Bennet W.     | 68. Thomann, Michael J.   |
| 30. Jones, Harrison      | 69. Tjelmeland, Carson    |
| 31. Jones, Jake          | 70. Tollefson, Kyle       |
| 32. Kaloupek, Zane J.    | 71. Walker, Ruiz A.       |
| 33. Kassin, Brian        | 72. West, Jayson K.       |
| 34. Kilgore, Patrick     | 73. Westemajer, Gehrig R. |
| 35. Kohl, Benjamin       | 74. Williams, Brayton     |
| 36. Kohl, Josh           | 75. Williams, Jacob P.    |
| 37. Leadley, Ryan T.     | 76. Wolters, Ryan         |
| 38. Lucito, Dominick     | 77. Wurderman, Glen       |
| 39. Markham, John W.     |                           |

## Members with Bad Emails?

By: Gary Raffety

The list of names below belong to members who had their emails bounce back from a recent mailing I did. This most likely means that they are no longer valid emails, but it could be their mailbox was full, their security settings were too high, or perhaps something else. In any case, please look over the list and if your name or someone else's name that you know is listed, please let me know if your email is still valid or send me your new email, the same for any others on the list you may know. Thanks.

Trevor Abel	Dr. Layle Lawrence
Dean Bader D.V.M	Nathan Lee
Adam Bandy	Richard Lietz
Terry Bargmann	David Linder
Joshua Beal	Wesley Lindquist
Brian Beier	Tyler Lovseth
Vernon Bluhm	Doug Lupher
David Bodenschatz	Devin Magee
Darin Borgstadter	Andrew Mahoney
Noel Boye	Alan Manke
Brett Bruning	Scott Mann
Galen Burkman	Caleb Marvin
Christopher Burns	Todd McCracken
James Calvert	Jerred McKee
Taran Carlisle	Joseph Meier
Scott Chaput	Daniel Melgren
Robert Christie	Paul Mellring
Donald Clobes	Vaughn Mignot
Jeffrey Cook	Timothy Miller
Jared Cooper	Andrew Moore
Bruce Deschner	Eric Moots
Kevin Dorton	Jace Nilbarger
Marin Dowlin	Patrick O'Connor
Jordan Duff	Bruce Peters
Robert Edwardson	Rex Peterson
Layton Ehmke	Kyle Plaice
Tyler Emrick	Andrew Plumer
Daniel Froberg	Stuart Puls
Philip Gehrt	Gordon Rames
Robert Germer	Blake Ramsey
Rev. David Gieschen	Charles Renner
Russell Godfrey	Chris Ringwald
Clinton Grame	Fred Saenger
Travis Grunewald	Melvin Scheller
Craig Hansen	Alan Schmidt
David Hanson	Terry Schoenthaler
Matt Hanson	William Scott
Clay Hardenberger III	Matt Shandy
Dr. Mark Harrison	Glen Shank
Donald Hutchinson	Nathan Sherwood
Thomas Jackson	Drew Silvius
David H. Jackson	Robert Stuewe
Nathan Jacobs	Todd Teuscher
Keith Janne	John Thorson
Dalton Jones	Tyler Tryon
Gavin Jorns	Travis Turnquist
Mark Jorns	Joseph Valenti III
Howard Kanitz	Aaron Watkins
Brandon Keller	Troy Weber
William Kobylinski	Nick Weber
Daniel Kolterman	David White
Donald Kozisek	Verlyn White
Jeff Kuhn	Jeffrey Wilms
Robert Kuhn	Tim Wilson

## Current MAC Finances Need Alumni Support

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that our rent income from the active chapter is based on occupancy and our numbers have been down considerably the past couple of years.

The current substandard membership levels are partly due to the recent Covid 19 ordeal and partly due to a change in the general climate with regard to fraternities. It is harder to find men willing to join fraternities now than in the past.

It is of utmost importance that the active chapter grow the membership. Current membership live-in numbers are about half of what they need to be to have a full house and this cannot continue.

The actives are working hard to try to get the numbers up and hopefully over the next few years, they will be able to reach our goal of 45 to 50 in the house. A full house will allow us to have additional funds for completing much needed repairs and additions to the House. Until that time, we will need additional funds from our alumni in order for us to continue to make repairs to the House.

As of now, we are just "Treading Water" with regard to income and expenses. Currently, our major fixed yearly expenses are:

**Property Taxes** - \$23,356.00.

**Property Insurance** - \$15,500.00.

**Payroll** - **\$24,000.00** – Housemother.

As I have stated in the past, we also have some major repairs that frankly are now past due. I am referring to the replacement of our AC condensers. These units are way beyond their normal life expectancy. Thanks to our annual inspections, which were begun by our former MAC President Phil Krug, we have been able to extend the life of our units. But we are living on borrowed time and soon we will have a very large expense on our hands replacing them.

With the current improvements that are needed plus the yet unknown problems that are sure to popup, I believe we are faced with the decision of having another chapter fund raiser in the near future.

While discussions for a future fund raiser have not yet officially been a part of the Board's Agenda, It is my feeling that we need to seriously consider one to help us along until we can get our membership numbers up once again. Stay tuned for more on this soon.

# Mom V Report

## Greetings from Mom V.

Halftime and our Cats just moved ahead of Kentucky!! I'm looking forward to the guys returning from Spring Break, hither and yon... Mexico, Vegas, beaches. Nice!!



March Madness means the rest of the semester will fly by. What a coach we are blessed with!

I am going to really miss our graduating seniors. Great leaders and role models

I am looking forward to meeting all the moms I have not met as yet at our Moms weekend coming up.

Our new chef (Richard) has made our days fun and delicious. As I've said before, the Beta Sig house is not short on enthusiasm. And Richard is so repeatable.

The guys love him. He came in today (Sunday) to paint the kitchen and stir up bread dough for tomorrow. He believes in "homemade" and "fresh". Also, he enjoys "teaching" when the guys have a little time to hang out.

We have discussed the long term plans for big ticket items at our Board Meetings this year, invariably followed with "we can't afford it!"

We do have eye sores that we might plan for short term. These guys have proven to be very industrious and efficient! EVERYTHING is recruitment!!

I feel honored to be here at Beta Sig as your House Mom. Thank you for this opportunity!

## Alan C. Hagerman, '71 Dead at 70 Years of Age

Alan C. Hagerman, 70, Larned, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital in Larned, Kansas.

Alan was born on October 4, 1952, in Larned, Kansas. He was the son of Elmer and Hilda (Hemken) Hagerman. He was a life-long resident of Pawnee County, Kansas.



A 1970 graduate of Pawnee Heights High School, Rozel, Kansas, he graduated from Kansas State University in 1974. Described as a big guy with a big heart, he made life-long friends as a member of the Beta Sigma Psi fraternity at K-State where he majored in Ag Economics. Better than the friends he made, he met the love of his life and on August 16, 1974, he married Sindra Davis in Red Oak, Iowa. She survives.

Al was a farmer/rancher and he shared his love of farming, hunting, and outdoors with his wife and twin boys. He lived on the family farmstead near Rozel, Kansas, until his retirement. He and Sindy moved into Larned, Kansas, in November of 2017.

Al spent his retirement from farming being the unofficial parts fetcher or the midday taxi service. He always had a knack for stopping by to check on how harvest was going just as the evening meal showed up at the field. He loved driving out and checking his cattle on pasture.

Family and friends meant everything to Al. He enjoyed watching his grandkids play sports, at their shooting competitions, and dance recitals. He was always telling stories and accom-

plishments of his sons and their families.

He and Sindy would often be found proudly cheering in the stands, reading in the bleachers at grandparent's day at school, or losing an intense game of go-fish. He hardly knew a stranger and was never in too big of a hurry to stop for a conversation.

He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Rush Center, Kansas. Al was active in his community. He served on the Mid-State Coop board as well as the Pawnee Heights School Board. He served as secretary for the church council.

Al spent 25 years as a coordinator and instructor for the Pawnee County Shooting Sports program. He also spent time as an instructor of Hunter's Safety courses in Rozel, Kansas.

Other survivors include his sons Brian, Larned, Kansas, and Kent, Timken, Kansas; 5 grandchildren Kale, Kole, Mason, Gabe, and Maddy; two sisters, Carol (Larry) Bartlett and Becky (Steve) Wondra; and 8 nieces and nephews.

## Attention!

**It is with much regret that I have to tell you that one of our great chapter leaders Larry Edwards '56, is in the hospital recovering from two successive operations to remove cancer from his intestines. He went into the hospital the first week of February and is still there. I have not heard from him in over a week, but he said that he expected to be in the hospital for another 2 to 3 weeks. I am not able to contact him, so I have nothing more recent to report.**

**If you wish to send him a get well message, card or letter, his address is:**

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## Chapter Founder Walter "Buz" Lietz, JR '51, Dead at Age of 91

Walter "Bus" Lietz, Jr., passed into the arms of Jesus on Friday morning, February 17th, 2023, in Mesquite, Texas, where he was living over the past year. He is preceded in death by his parents: Walter and Christina Lietz, his sisters Mildred Hauer and Nyla Gehrt; his wife Helen survives.



Walter was born March 4th, 1932, in the Snokomo Community to Walter Carl Lietz, Sr., and Christina (Steck) Lietz. Walter grew up on the family farm in Snokomo and graduated primary school from District 32, Paxico Rural High School and Kansas State University. He served in the Air Force from 1954 to 1956 at Wichita Falls, Texas, having earned the rank of Captain.

He married Helen Lucille (Miller) Lietz on April 24th, 1955, at Trinity Lutheran Church, McFarland, Kansas. Walter was active in the community serving as 4-H community leader for eight years, and USD School Board for six years. He was active in the dairy business serving as director and an executive board member for the Mid-America Dairymen Association for many years.

After 29 years of farming, Walter and Helen left the farm and moved to Wichita, Kansas where he worked for Boeing for eight years as a systems analyst in the IT Department, and later moved to Oklahoma City, where he retired after working for Hertz Corp in 2002.

Walter and Helen have three children: Richard (Miriam Hicklin), Richmond, CA, Diane Baxter (Palmore), Kerrville, TX, and Leslie Kramer (James) Nashville, TN, and seven grandchildren: August Lietz, Dr. Madeleine Horn (Wolfgang), Adler Lietz (Morgan Konechne), Laura Baxter, Sarah Baxter, Evan Kramer (Zarni de Wet), Dr. Andrew Kramer (Alicia Halberg) and one great grandson, Colton James Kramer.

A graveside memorial service will be held at Bethlehem Cemetery (Snokomo) on Sunday, May 28th at 2:00PM. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Helen Lietz, in Care of Sophyas Assisted Living: 2621 Beeman Drive, Mesquite, Texas 75181. Memorials may be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, McFarland, Kansas.



## Union Station Shines in Purple To Support Cats in Sweet 16 Run

By: Gary Raffety

**For those** of you who do not live in or near Kansas City and who do not spend a lot of time on the Internet, I thought you might like to see how the folks here in Kansas City showed their support for our Cats after their win against Kentucky in Greensboro, North Carolina on the road to a national championship.

Union Station is where the local fans go to celebrate after their home teams win the Super Bowl or the World Series. This weekend, our City showed their support for our Kansas State Wildcats and I was both surprised and pleased by that because, for those of you who do not know, this city generally shows it's support for the team that lives down the river from Manhattan and you all know who that is. At least that is true during basketball season, however, it is quite different during football season. Oh yes, that is a different animal all together.

It will be interesting to see if the local support changes as K-State changes it's stripes in future basketball seasons and continue to challenge KU for the annual basketball bragging rights here in the State of Kansas and neighboring Kansas City, Missouri.

# KSU REVERSES POSITION ON RELATIONSHIP WITH CAMPUS GREEKS

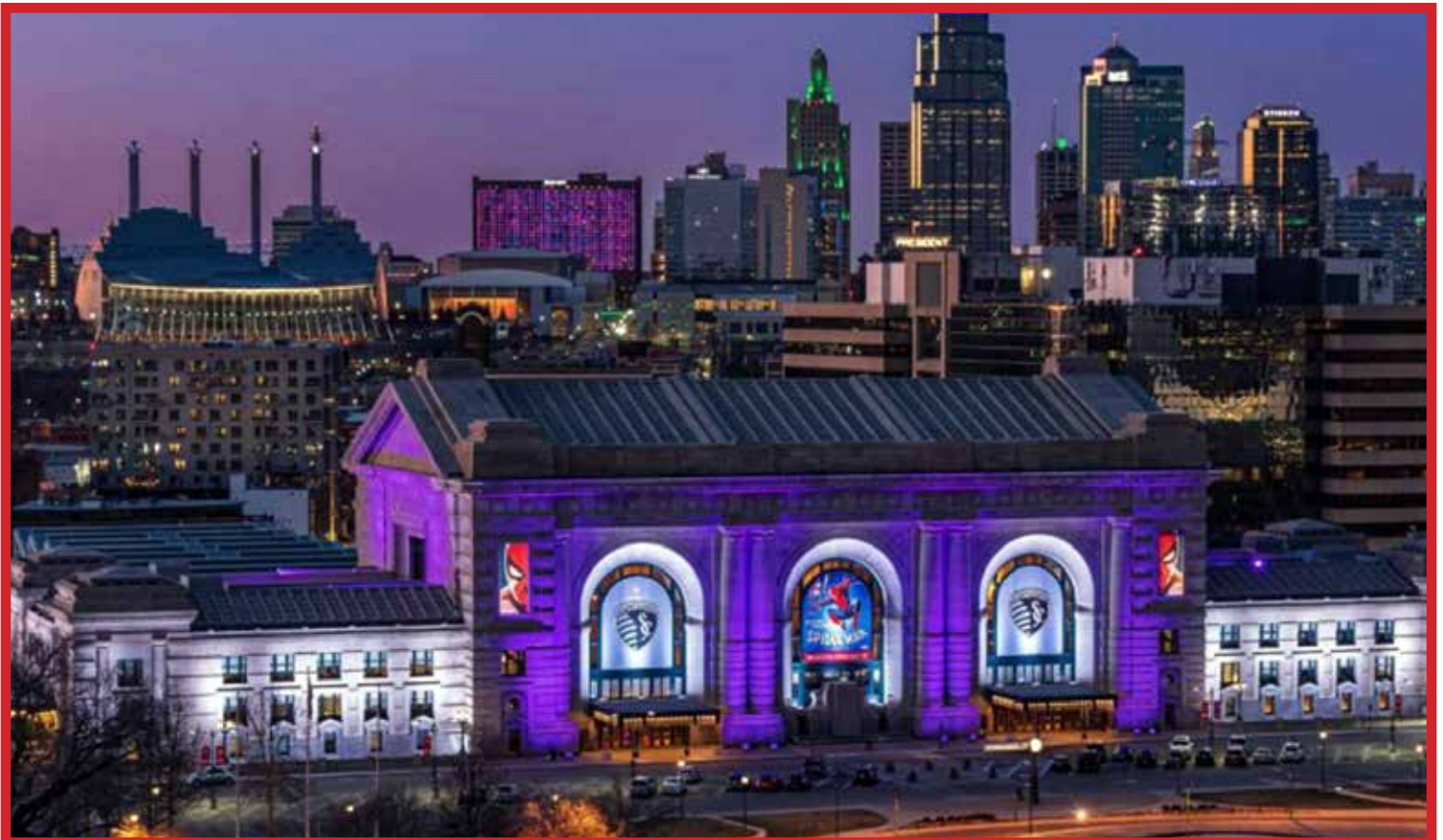
BY: Brad Brunkow

**A national** search is in progress for a campus wide Fraternity and Sorority Director. John Hatfield is on the search and selection committee. The goal is to have a person selected around the end of the semester.

Recall several years back KSU removed all ties with campus related organizations. This was not just fraternities but all clubs and organizations not funded by KSU. This was around 300 organizations. The driver for the change appeared to be driven by concerns of liability. Other universities did not follow what KSU did and it appears this action has resulted in negative consequences on KSU recruitment and student life.

It certainly was a negative impact on the Greek system. The new KSU leadership is more open to the way it used to be and more open to a strong Greek system. A complex process in underway to bring all the clubs and organizations back under the KSU umbrella so to speak.

The current target to have this process in place is the fall of 2023. When complete there will be more rigor around risk management as part of this process. The requirement for freshman students to live in dormitories, fraternities, or sororities will continue in the fall 2023. I will have a follow up story in the next newsletter.



## '58 Beta Sigs New Fraternity Intramural Softball Champs

Beta Sigma Psi defeated Alpha Gamma Rho, winner of the softball tournament for the past two years, in the semi-finals, 5-1, and went on to win the fraternity softball championship. The Beta Sigs defeated Pi Kappa Alpha, 4-3, in the finals to win the crown.

## 1952 Royal Purple Coverage in K-State Royal Purple

**FOUNDED** at K-State in March, 1951. Beta Sigma Psi has already made a good impression on campus with members in Who's Who, Blue Key, Alpha Zeta, Junior AVMA, Arnold Air Society, Scabbard and Blade, Steel Ring, Plow and Pen, Pershing Rifles, Block and Bridle, Poultry Club, ASME, K-Fraternity, Sigma Gamma Epsilon, Amateur Radio Club, Student Industrial Arts Association, Gamma Delta, Lutheran Students Association, Ag Education Club, and Collegiate 4-H. The Beta Sigs helped with flood clean-up work this year.



**'58 Beta Sigma Psi Softball Team:** Back Row: Warren Brown, Merle Hanson, DeLoyd Larson, Gearld Manchester, Robert Schumann, Virgil Walter. Front Row: Larry Edwards, Leroy Bieber, Rawleigh Meyer, Art Kranz, Richard Frohberg. Photo: 1958 K-State Royal Purple

of LIFT Week; Bernie Klover was attendant to FMOC; and Jim Jorns is a member of K-Club and on the College track team.

Other Beta Sigs are active in Scabbard and Blade, Arnold Air society, Ag Econ club, and are on the Ag Mag staff. Social activities for the year included hour dances, exchange dinners, Christmas party, spring formal, and Parents' day.

## 1955 Royal Purple Coverage in K-State Royal Purple

**Beta Sigma Psi** moved up the hill this year into the former Sigma Phi Epsilon house at 221 N. Delaware. The fraternity was founded nationally in 1926, locally in 1951.



Campus activities of the members include Alpha Zeta, Arnold Air Society, Collegiate 4-H, Junior AVMA, Ag Ed Club, Wampus Cats, Sigma Tau, Gamma Delta and the Lutheran Student Assoc.

Beta Sig member's positions in campus affairs were president of the Horticulture club, treasurer of the Wampus Cats and staff member of the Collegian.

Intramural sports included football, basketball, horseshoes, hand ball, tennis, volleyball and badminton.

## 1958 Royal Purple Coverage in K-State Royal Purple

**Beta Sigma Psi** members took part in all phases of extracurricular activities, besides striving for high scholastic standards. Beta Sigs participated in religious activities, in athletics, in committee work, and were members campus honorariums and professional activities. Gearld Man-



chester was president during 1957-58. Outstanding members were president of Sigma Tau on Engineering Council, Nuclear Engineering Chairman for Open House, Chairman of the Y-Orpheum Program Committee, president of the Lutheran Students Association, vice president of Gamma Delta, Vice president of ISA, and on the varsity baseball team.

Other Beta Sigs were in Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Zeta, Sigma Tau, Eta Kappa Nu, Pi Tau Sigma, Alpha Epsilon Rho, Tau Sigma Delta, AIA, ASCE, AIEE, IRE, ALChE, Jr. AVMA and ASAE. Members participated in Union committee work, in Young Republicans, Young Democrats, and on Engineering Open House Committees.

The 47 members of the fraternity found time from studies to entertain dates at four annual social events. Highlight of the year was the Gold Rose Formal. Other major events were a Hobo Party, a Snowman's Hop and a Bermuda Shorts Party. Beta Sig intramural teams participated in all sports, with the softball team winning the fraternity championship and touch football and volleyball teams second in their division.

## 1954 Royal Purple Coverage in K-State Royal Purple

**THIS NATIONAL FRATERNITY** for Communicant Lutheran students is one of the most recent on the K-State campus. Next year they hope to be in their new house.

Three Beta Sigs, Bill Herberg, Carl Karst. and Ken Gnadt, are members of Alpha Zeta; Carl Karst is also on Student Council and a co-chairman



# Looking for New MAC Board Members Are You Interested In Serving?

**This is** the annual *Spring MAC Newsletter* and so it is time to announce the candidates for the Board Elections to be held this fall in the month of November. The two current board members that will be finishing their current terms are **Brad Brunkow ('78)** and **Alan Barazza ('09)**. Brad has decided to run for re-election but Alan is not, so one board position will be open for next year. Currently there are no other candidates seeking office.



**Brad Brunkow '78**

Brad is a retired Sr. Executive from the oil industry and currently lives in Manhattan. He attends nearly all of the Active Chapter weekly Wednesday night meetings and reports back to the other board members by email. He has volunteered himself for several maintenance projects at the chapter house, two examples are: Repairs to the brick wall along the front terrace area and removal of one of our larger shade trees that needed to be cut down and disposed of. Brad will be completing his first full term on the board.

If any of you out there are interested in running for the open board seat, you need to contact me or one of the other board members and let us know that you are interested in being a candidate. Contact information for all current board members is always listed on the back of the last page of the newsletter. You should let us know no later than August or September so that we can get your bio and name on the ballot for the November election.

Each Board Member serves for a total of 3 years. Terms begin on January 1 and end on December 31, of each year. Unlike our leaders in Washington, DC, you will not be able to retire from this position a multi-millionaire, that I can promise you, but you might retire knowing that you did something to help manage and maintain our beloved fraternity.

Even if you are not sure but think you might want to, please call one of the board members with your questions, if you have any. They will be happy to advise you about the job and then if you decide it is not for you, no harm done.

# 2022 ANNUAL MAC Dues Donor List

By: Gary Raffety

**Alumni** Chapter Members who paid their annual \$100 dues to the Manhattan Alumni Chapter for 2022, are listed below.

All names listed in bold red are individuals who paid their \$100 annual dues plus additional amounts as gifts to the chapter treasury.

Over the past 5 years (2018-2022) dues declined from \$6,700 in '18 to \$3,700 in '22, a \$3,000 drop. Gifts on the other hand, have increased from \$3,322 in '18 to \$12,300 in '22 and in both '20 and '22, gifts were near \$13,500, so they have been a welcome source of additional income.

We need to have more of our brothers sending in dues and or gifts, better still both. Please, if you are reading this and have not been paying dues, consider starting in 2023 and help us get back on track.

## Donors in 2022

Ahrens, Hobert; Barraza, Alan; **Bay, Darrell**; Becker, Curtis; Bruce, Terry; **Brunkow, Brad**; **Bullinger, Phillip**; Carlson, Rick; **Davis, Laurel**; Dietrich, George; **Dorssom, Harold**; **Edwards, Larry**; **Erickson, Howard**; **Erickson, Larry**; Doud, Galen; Folkerts, Jim; Freiling, Kent; Haake, David; Haller, Richard; **Hatesohl, Delmar**; Henrichs, Tom; Karstensen, Elmer; **Kranz, Art**; Laurie, Reece; Lietz, Walter; **Mattia, Art**; **Mein, John**; **Meitler, Neal**; Meng, Jerry; **Millsap DVM, Tim**; Pierson, Jeff; **Raffety, Gary**; **Reed, Richard**; Schoenbeck, Jim; **Schultz, Steve**; **Synoground, Adam**; **Wilms, Norman**; **Wilms, Ron**.

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**Brunkow, Brad**; Doud, Galen; Folkerts, Jim; Pierson, Jeff.

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## UPDATE PERSONAL DATA NOW ON THE MAC WEBSITE.

Recently we hired a consultant to help us update our website so we could join the rest of the world with an informative and up to date looking web site.

Part of the important remodeling we set out to accomplish was to set up a personal data page that will allow you to update your personal information for the master date base. To Update, go to the Alumni Tab, click on the tab and go to "Update Information". A form will appear that will allow you to type in your data.

You can update your address, city, state, zip code, phone, and email by simply filling in the form. It only takes a few minutes and it will help us keep the master data base current, which is the life blood of any organization.

Please go to the website and submit your current information even if you have not moved. You may not have a current phone number or email in the data base, even though you are receiving mail from us. This would be a very big help to us.