



Manhattan Alumni Newsletter



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Beta Sigma Psi - Zeta Chapter - Fall 2024 - Gary Raffety '62 - Editor

Beta Sigma Psi Is Celebrating It's 100th Anniversary In St Louis

By: Gary Raffety - Editor

Our fraternity is just months away from celebrating our **ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY**. Plans are being made to hold the celebration in St Louis, Missouri on the weekend of the 14th -16th of February, 2024. It is our hope that many of our Zeta Alumni will make plans to attend this once in a lifetime event.

The planning committee is still working to confirm the location and the schedule of events, but they expect to have a social hour event the evening of February 14, the main celebration dinner on the evening of February 15, and will look to wrap up on Sunday morning February 16. Additional information will be posted at: Centennial@betasigmapsi.org in the near term.

The keynote address will be delivered by **DEL KARMEIER**, father of Zeta alum **KENT KARMEIER, '79**, who is a long serving Alpha Alumnus, a Past National President and Treasurer, a Lienemann Award Honoree, member of the Housing Foundation Board, and a historian on many things regarding Beta Sigma Psi. **BOB HILLARD** who is a Mu Chapter Alumnus, Past National President, and a Lienemann Award Honoree, will also be a featured speaker, as will **MITCH HOLTHUS** who is a *Zeta Chapter Alumnus, Kansan of the Year* and the current radio *Voice of the world champion Kansas City Chiefs*, who will be honored with the *Tiemann Award*.

There are plans to have historical displays at the celebration that showcase the history of the fraternity. They are looking for potential sponsors for the event – if you, your company or someone you know may be interested in sponsoring the event, please have them contact Rod Thompson at: rod.thompson@charter.net

In order to create a large turnout for this event, the Alumni Chapter and Active Chapter Presidents have been asked to help promote this event and we would ask each of you to consider this opportunity to attend and celebrate what we have accomplished as a fraternity over the last 100 years and contemplate how we carry this forward for the next 100 years.

We hope you will make plans to attend and will encourage your brothers to attend with you.

If you any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to :

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President's Report

By: Laurel Davis - Alumni President



President Laurel Davis '85

We have some important milestones coming up in the life of the fraternity, first and foremost is the celebration of the national fraternity's centennial anniversary. Next Spring will mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the fraternity, followed a year later by the 75th anniversary of the founding of Zeta chapter. The national organization is busy planning for their celebration in St. Louis in February, and I hope to see many of you there. We will also start planning to host a 75th anniversary celebration in Manhattan for Zeta in the next few months.

The Fall semester of 2024 is presenting some new challenges for Zeta chapter. The small recruiting class last year put the active chapter in a budget bind, which required them to defer much of the rent due last year. The alumni chapter had to borrow from the national fraternity for the operating funds to pay all our bills and will begin repaying that loan in January.

The slim recruiting trend continued for Fall 2024 with 5 new members joining Zeta chapter. The national fraternity is working with "Phired Up" to offer additional training for several chapters, including Zeta, to improve our recruiting productivity. They are the company behind the Chapter-Builder software that is used by K-State and other schools for contact

management in the rush process.

The "best practices" we are learning for fraternities is to have two separate entities from the alumni – one for property ownership and management plus one for operational advising of the active chapter. We look for more guidance from the national fraternity on recommendations specific to our fraternity for implementing such an organizational structure. If you would like to volunteer for service with one of those groups, please let me know.

We are happy to welcome William and Tricia Prann as our house parents for this year. They are both energetic and active individuals, making the place better every day.

The financial position and cash flow for the alumni will require some extraordinary measures in order to make ends meet this year. We continue to need your contributions both financially and spiritually to keep Zeta chapter successful. Dues and donations are needed, and we are also looking for alumni to volunteer in chapter advisory roles.

The Manhattan Alumni Chapter continues to award meaningful scholarships to our students and is well-positioned to continue those awards. The first floor conference room is a center of study for the men at the house, using some of the same technology devices as used in the classrooms. Please let the young men in your lives know what Beta Sigma Psi has to offer in support of their scholastic achievement.

I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis!
Per aspera ad astra!

Chapter Report

By: Jack Jantsch - Chapter President



Chapter President Jack Jantsch

Over the past year, Zeta Chapter at Kansas State University has experienced significant growth and strengthened its brotherhood. In the spring, we initiated six new members, and this fall, we welcomed a promising pledge class of five. That brings our total membership to 34, including the 5-person pledge class. Currently we have 17 active members living in the house and the remaining 17 active members living out of the house.

Our chapter has remained active with philanthropic events for Habitat for Humanity plus numerous hours of community service. We are also engaged in group activities with other fraternities and sororities across campus.

We recently experienced some changes within our house. Our past house mom, Linda Vejvoda, accepted a new position with our neighbors next door, at the Chi Omega House. We will miss her and we sincerely hope that she enjoys her new position with the Chi O's.

We welcome Mom V 's replacements, **William and Tricia Prann**, along with their dog, **Spencer**, as our new house parents. They have quickly become valued members of the house, always making time to connect with us and assist around the house despite their busy schedules. Their commitment has already made a lasting, positive impact on our chapter.

Beyond fostering brotherhood, we've worked hard to enhance our living space. The addition of an above-ground swimming pool has turned our backyard into a favorite hangout spot, creating even more opportunities for bonding. Additionally, we've been actively involved in the Greek community, from attending philanthropic events to participating in intramural games. We're especially looking forward to partnering with Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Gamma Rho for Homecoming.

This year also marked our first full year of re-affiliation with Kansas State University, and we are grateful for their support. Their involvement has helped us host recruitment events on campus and engage with potential new members. Overall, 2024 has been a year of growth, improvements, and strengthened connections. We are excited for the opportunities ahead as we continue building on this momentum.

Zeta Chapter Members & Activities

House Parents

Photos

The photo (at right) is the current Zeta members, including both in-house and out of house members.



The photo (Below) is the Zeta team playing in a mudball tournament. The Zeta team is on the right side of the net.

The photo (in lower rt. corner) is the Zeta team in soccer philanthropy.



Fall 2024 Zeta Pledge Class: (Front row L-R) - Jonathan Davis, Owen Moore, Carl Swalwell; (Back row L-R) Eli Lebar, Patrick Watson.



Fall 2024 Zeta Leadership Team (Front row, L-R) - Rhett Krewson, Nathan McPheeters, Aiden King, Ethan Jones, Alex Dean (Back row, L-R) Zach Pearce, Dakota Smith, Jack Jantsch, Cooper Ohm, Holden Murray, John Siebes



William & Tricia Prann - Our New House Parents

We are so fortunate to have William and Tricia Prann as our house parents for the 2024 school year. William has a background in banking and for the last 20 years has been in full time ministry work. William is currently the Director of Christian Education at St. Luke's Lutheran Church starting this role in early 2024. Their previous location was Phoenix.

Tricia also has a banking background having executive roles. They had a 6 month transition early this year with selling their house and wrapping up Tricia's previous employment. Both William and Tricia are a wonderful positive influence on the young men and have been well received. Given our tight finances, they are willingly fulfilling the role with only room and board as compensation. This year will also give them time to determine longer term living arrangements.

We are excited to be a part of these young men's journey of life. We are grateful for the history and focus of Beta Sigma Psi: Character, Conviction, and Confidence. Tricia and I have both been blessed by family and friends connected to Beta Sigma Psi. We hope we can be a blessing to the Beta Sigma Psi Brotherhood. Our Zeta Chapter is filled with an immense amount of potential and we love our guys!

Work Weekend In Manhattan

On the first Saturday of August, a small group of alumni and active chapter members gathered in Manhattan to make repairs at the chapter house. The main project they addressed was rebuilding the dumpster fencing and adding new gates to the front of the enclosure. (See photo below).

Other projects they completed included the annual removal of weeds and brush that always grows along the west edge of the parking lot during the summer months, and some smaller tasks, like general grass weed-eating and planting bed weeding around the outside of the building and yard, plus disposal of items from within the chapter house.

Both actives and alums were in attendance. The alumni members included Alumni President, Laurel Davis and current board members Brad Brunkow, Brady Hoffman, and Rick Meyer. Active members in attendance included Jack Jantsch, President, Dakota Smith (first. V.P.), Holden Murray, (Second V.P.), and member Keaton Oxandale.



Actives who helped on work weekend - (L-R), Dakota Smith (first VP), Holden Murray (Second VP), Jack Jantsch (President), and Keaton Oxandale.



Completed reconstruction of the Trash Enclosure in parking lot. Royal Towers in background under construction, being converted into Condominiums.

Chapter Sewer Draining Issues Resolved

By: Brad Brunkow

There have been several sewer draining issues during the past few years, in the kitchen, the house parents' apartment, and the first-floor rest room. After some camera scanning, the issue found was some very hard deposit build-up in the sewer lines which a standard roto roter could not remove. The solution was to remove the deposits back to the original inside pipe diameters, all the way to the street. This summer all lines on the first floor were completed, except for the laundry and mechanical rooms. Some clean outs had to be added in the front yard to complete the work. The total cost was \$12,500. The good news was the lines, which are cast iron, were found to be in good condition. We noticed that five feet of line in the kitchen had been replaced with PVC from a past repair. Hopefully now, we will have many more years of problem-free service before something like this needs to be done again.

Chapter Scholarships and News

Scholarships 2024 Spring of 2024

There was a total of thirteen scholarship grants awarded in 2024, five for the spring semester and eight for the fall semester. The Spring grants total \$3,250 and the eight fall scholarship grants total \$6,150 for a combined total of \$9,400. All grants are also listed below.

1. **\$500 - Connor Flynn** - Media, Freshman, Zeta Fund, First Semester GPA.
2. **\$500 - Dominic Reeser** - Bus. Finance, Freshman, Zeta Fund - First Semester GPA.
3. **\$750 - John Jantsch** - Political Science, Senior, Zeta, Fund - Phil Krug Memorial Fund - Leadership
4. **\$750 - Seth Thetge** - Electrical Eng., Junior, Zeta Fund, Phil Krug Memorial Fund - Leadership
5. **\$750 - Zach Pearce** - Marketing, Sophomore, Zeta Fund, Outstanding Sophomore.

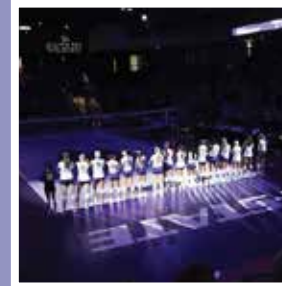
Fall of 2024

(KSU Foundation Fund)

1. **\$600 - Zach Pearce** - General, Junior, Brett Mock Scholarship.
 2. **\$600 - John Jantsch** - Political Science, Senior, Brett Mock Scholarship.
 3. **\$1,200 - Zach Pearce**, Marketing, Senior, Torluemke Memorial Scholarship
- (Phil Krug Memorial Fund)
4. **\$750 - John Jantsch** - Political Science, Senior.
 5. **\$750 - Seth Thetge** - Electrical Eng., Junior,
 6. **\$500 - Keaton Oxandale** - Computer Eng, Junior
 7. **\$750 - Zach Pearce** - Marketing, Junior.
 8. **\$750 - Colin Batliner** - Electrical Eng. Junior

Zeta Scholarships are needed 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.

KSU Homecoming



Volleyball - K-State vs Utah

Thursday, October 24, 2024

6:30 PM

Morgan Family Arena



Football Fridays

Friday, October 25, 2024

4:00 PM

Manhattan Brewing Company



Homecoming Parade

Friday, October 25, 2024

5:00 PM

Aggieville



Homecoming Pep Rally

Friday, October 25, 2024

6:30 PM

Larry Norvell Band Shell

City Park



K-State Soccer vs. K.U.

Friday, October 25, 2024

7:00 PM

Buser Family Park

Homecoming in Manhattan

If you are in Manhattan the week of Homecoming, there are many events that you may want to attend. I have listed what I think will interest you the most.

The fun begins on Thursday, Oct. 24, with a **Volleyball Game between the Cats and Utah**, beginning at 6:30 pm at the Morgan Family Arena. Tickets are available on line through the Athletic ticket office.

Friday is loaded with activities, with a **Gathering at the Manhattan Brewing Company at 4:00 PM.** If socializing at the brewery is not for you, then there is the **Homecoming Parade in Aggieville**, beginning at 5:00 PM, followed with the **Homecoming Pep Rally** in the City Park by the Larry Norvell Band Stand at 6:30 PM.

Saturday, Oct. 26, is **Game Day** and the **Cats will host the KU Jayhawks.** Game Time will be announced by the TV Networks a week before the game.



K-State Football vs. K.U.

Saturday, October 25, 2024

Time To Be Announced by TV

Bill Synder Family Stadium

Zerener, Roger '69

The 70's

Carlson, Rick '70
Matia, Art '70+
Meng, Jerry '70
Dove, Mike '71+
Millsap, Tim '71+
Maskus, Bill '72
Mein, Steven '72
Reese, Mark '72
Schultz, Steven '72+
Brunkow, Brad '78+
Jorns, Mark '78+

The 80's

Montgomery, Todd '82+
Meng, Ray '83
Haake, Dave '84+
Davis, Laurel '85+
Frieling, Kent '86

The 90's

Laurie, Reece '92
Reith, Dan '92
Wolters, Joshua '93+

The 2000's

Pierson, Jeff '00
Synoground, Adam '02+
Bowman, Andrew '08
Barraza, Alan '09

2020 Dues - \$18,200

The 50's

Meyer, Dale '51+
Wilms, Norman '51+
Karstensen, Elmer '52
Edwards, Larry '55+
Luedders, Leroy '55
Erickson, Howard '56+
Meitler, Neal '57
Callebresi, Melvin '58+
Dorssom, Harold '58
Erickson, Larry '58
Brauer, Betsy for Bruce '59+
Reynolds, John '59+
Rolander, Haven '59+
Wolgast, Larry '59

The 60's

Henrichs, Thomas '60
Nelson, Larry '60
Ahrens, Hobie '61
Nueschafer, Gary '61
Folkerts, Jim '62
Haller, Rich '62+
Raffety, Gary '62
Schultz, Steve '62+
Schoenbeck, Jim '63+
Pullman, Raymond '64

The 70's

Carlson, Rick '70
Matia, Art '70
Meng, Jerry '70
Dove, Mike '71+
Millsap, Tim '71+
Barefield Trust, Russell '72
Maskus, Bill '72
McDaniel, Billy '72+
Mein, Steve '72
Reese, Mark '72
Johnson, Scott '76
Brunkow, Brad '78+
Niemeyer, Ellerd '78
Wilms, Ron '78+

The 80's

Davis, Laurel '85+
Skarda, John '86+

Doud, Galen '88

The 90's

Laurie, Reece '92
Wolters, Matt '99+

The 2000's

Pierson, Jeff '00
Stohs, Jeremy '00
Synaground, Adam '02+
Bowman, Andrew '08

2021 Dues - \$18,090

The 50's

Meyer, Dale '51+
Wilms, Norman '51+
Karstensen, Elmer '52
Edwards, Larry '55+
Luedders, Leroy '55
Erickson, Howard '56+
Meitler, Neal '57
Callebresi, Melvin '58+
Dorssom, Harold '58
Erickson, Larry '58
Brauer, Betsy for Bruce '59+
Reynolds, John '59+
Rolander, Haven '59+
Wolgast, Larry '59

The 60's

Henrichs, Thomas '60
Nelson, Larry '60
Ahrens, Hobie '61
Nueschafer, Gary '61
Folkerts, Jim '62
Haller, Rich '62+
Raffety, Gary '62
Schultz, Steve '62+
Schoenbeck, Jim '63+
Pullman, Raymond '64

The 70's

Carlson, Rick '70
Matia, Art '70
Meng, Jerry '70
Dove, Mike '71+
Millsap, Tim '71+
Barefield Trust, Russell '72
Maskus, Bill '72
McDaniel, Billy '72+
Mein, Steve '72
Reese, Mark '72
Johnson, Scott '76
Brunkow, Brad '78+
Niemeyer, Ellerd '78
Wilms, Ron '78+

The 80's

Davis, Laurel '85+
Skarda, John '86+
Doud, Galen '88

The 90's

Laurie, Reece '92
Wolters, Matt '99+

The 2000's

Pierson, Jeff '00
Stohs, Jeremy '00
Synaground, Adam '02+
Bowman, Andrew '08

2022 Dues - \$16,000

The 50's

Hatesohl, Delmar '51+
Meyer, Dale '51+
Wilms, Norm '51+
Karstensen, Elmer '52+
Edwards, Larry '55+
Kranz, Art '55+
Meitler, Neil '57

Dorssom, Harold '58+
Erickson, Larry '58+
Brauer, Betsy for Bruce '59
Wolgast, Larry '59

The 60's

Bay, Darrell '61+
Folkerts, Jim '62
Haller, Richard '62
Raffety, Gary '62
Schultz, Steve '62+
Zibell, Bob '62
Pullman, Ray '64+
Jackson, Michael E. '65+
Wiechman, Steve '65
Dietrich, George '67
Scheele, Marvin '67+
Sessler, Marvin '68

The 70's

Carlson, Ricky '70
Matia, Art '70+
Millsap, Tim '71+
Barefield Trust, Russell '72
Mein, John '72+
Mein, Steve '72
Reese, Mark '72+
Brunkow, Brad '78+
Niemeyer, Ellerd '78+
Wilms, Ron '78+

The 80's

Bullinger, Phillip '84+
Davis, Laurel '85+
Freiling, Kent '86+

The 90's

Reith, Daniel '92+

The 2000's

Pierson, Jeff '00
Synoground, Adam '02+

2023 Dues - \$16,200

The 50's

Hatesohl, Delmar '51+
Wilms, Norman '51
Karstensen, Elmer '52
Kranz, Art '55
Erickson, Howard '56+
Erickson, Larry '58+

The 60's

Nelson, Larry '60+
Quade, Ken '60
Nueschafer, Gary '61
Folkerts, Jim '62
Miller, Laurence '62
Raffety, Gary '62
Schultz, Steven '62+
Pullman, Ray '64
Jackson, Dave 'Hort' '65+
Jackson, Michael E. '65+
Schott, Donald '65
Harrod, Ron '67

The 70's

Carlson, Ricky '70
Meng, Jerry '70
Millsap, Tim '71+
Lust, Keith '72+
Maskus, Bill '72+
Mein, John '72+
Mein, Steven '72
Brunkow, Brad '78+
Niemeyer, Ellerd '78

The 80's

Mines, Joe '80
Davis, Laurel '85+
Frielin, Kent '86
Doud, Galen '88+

The 90's

No Donors

The 2000's

Pierson, Jeff '00 +
Synoground, Adam '02+
Barazza, Alan '10+

2024 Dues - \$2,900

The 50's

Karstenson, Elmer '52
Erickson, Larry '58
Brauer, Betsy for Bruce '59

The 60's

Folkerts, Jim '62
Schultz, Steven '62
Pullman, Raymond '64
Raffety, Gary '62

The 70's

Millsap, Tim '71
Brunkow, Brad '78

The 80's

Haak, David '84

The 90's

No Donors

The 2000's

No Donors

(End Of 2024 Donations As of Sept. 30, 2024).

Names in Bold Green are Deceased.
(+) - after name means donor paid \$100 dues plus additional gift.

75th Anniversary 17+ Months Away

March 4th, 2026, Zeta chapter will celebrate its 75th birthday. The chapter and alumni are planning to have a special 75th Anniversary celebration event in Manhattan.

Planning is just now beginning and we will keep you informed of the plans as they develop. We hope many of you will plan to return to Manhattan for the celebration. Stay tuned for future updates.



2024 Dues & Gifts

I don't know why, but donations for 2024 are way down for this time of the year. As of September 30, there are only ten (10) donors and we only have three months left, so I hope those of you who still have not donated will do so before the year ends.

The donors for 2024 through September 30th are listed below. Names in bold red means that they paid their \$100 dues plus some extra.

- Brauer, Betsy for Bruce
- Erickson, Larry
- Folkerts Jim
- Haake, David
- Karstensen, Elmer
- Millsap, Tim
- Pullman, Raymond
- Raffety, Gary
- Schultz, Steven

To donate, make checks payable to: **Manhattan Alumni Chapter.** In the lower left note section of your check, put **Annual Dues.** Annual dues are still \$100.00.

Send your checks to me at:

Gary Raffety
9228 W. 73rd Street, #106

Digital Payments Soon?

With the lack of donations from our younger alums, I think the time has come for the MAC Board of Directors to consider adding digital methods of payment. It is doubtful that our younger alums even possess a checkbook, since they handle all of their transactions with their phones, even when buying a cup of coffee.

We tried to go digital about 10 - 15 years ago with no success, but now we have so many more digital age alumni that it clearly makes sense to add this means of payment to the mix. I will keep you informed of any developments in regard to this matter.

Archived History of Zeta Chapter



1953 Group Photo of Chapter Members



1623 Fairchild - First Zeta Chapter Fraternity House



Pre-Zeta Chapter - Syconia Sweatshirt



1954 -1964 Chapter House - 221 N. Delaware



Zeta members view new house under construction



Dec. 1956 - Homecoming Decorations - 221 N. Delaware



1961 Chapter Beach Party at 221 N Delaware



1994 Chapter Renovation Design Committee



2016 - Guys relaxing in the living room.



1964 Zeta Volleyball Champions



Christmas at 1200 Centennial Drive



2011 - The 60th Reunion at the chapter house

Total MAC Donations From 2007 to 2023 by Alumni

(The dollar amounts in chart due not include donations to the NEF or the Capital Campaign of 2014)

Dues & Gifts - Years 1951 to 1980

Class Year	Original Class Size	Deaths	Disasso- ciated	Lost	Current Class Size	Class Mbrs Donating	% of Class Donating	Dues	Gifts	Total
1948	0	1			0	0	0%	\$100.00	\$700.00	\$800.00
1949	0	1			0	0	0%	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
1950	0	0			0	0	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1951	59	41			18	22	37%	\$2,200.00	\$18,125.00	\$20,325.00
1952	7	5			2	3	43%	\$300.00	\$1,880.00	\$2,180.00
1953	9	4			5	3	33%	\$300.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00
1954	7	4	1		2	2	29%	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$700.00
1955	13	8			5	5	39%	\$500.00	\$6,200.00	\$6,700.00
1956	13	10			3	2	15%	\$200.00	\$6,467.80	\$6,657.80
1957	16	4			12	8	50%	\$800.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,700.00
1958	13	6			7	7	54%	\$700.00	\$6,055.00	\$6,755.00
1959	17	7	2		10	9	53%	\$800.00	\$6,445.00	\$7,245.00
1960	10	4	1		6	5	50%	\$500.00	\$4,800.00	\$5,300.00
1961	10	1	1		8	8	80%	\$800.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,500.00
1962	19	5	1		13	11	58%	\$1,100.00	\$18,155.00	\$19,255.00
1963	14	4	1		9	4	29%	\$400.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,550.00
1964	19	4	1	1	12	3	16%	\$300.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,400.00
1965	21	5	1		15	11	52%	\$1,100.00	\$4,825.00	\$5,925.00
1966	22	3	7		12	5	23%	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,750.00
1967	17	2	3		14	7	41%	\$700.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,800.00
1968	22	4	6	1	9	7	32%	\$700.00	\$3,065.00	\$3,765.00
1969	16	0	5	2	12	2	13%	\$200.00	\$450.00	\$650.00
1970	18	1		1	15	7	39%	\$700.00	\$11,244.00	\$11,944.00
1971	20	4			16	8	40%	\$800.00	\$5,280.00	\$6,080.00
1972	35	5	2	1	29	10	29%	\$1,000.00	\$13,423.00	\$14,423.00
1973	None				0	0		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1974	11	2		1	10	2	18%	\$200.00	\$900.00	\$1,100.00
1975	17	1			16	3	18%	\$300.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00
1976	20	3	4	1	15	4	20%	\$400.00	\$1,525.00	\$1,925.00
1977	14	1			13	1	7%	\$100.00	\$450.00	\$550.00
1978	25	2			23	8	32%	\$800.00	\$14,136.00	\$14,936.00
1979	15	2			13	1	7%	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
1980	18				18	2	11%	\$200.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,550.00

1948-59	1960-69	1970-79
\$800.00		
\$100.00		
\$0.00	\$5,300.00	\$11,944.00
\$20,325.00	\$3,500.00	\$6,080.00
\$2,180.00	\$19,255.00	\$14,423.00
\$1,500.00	\$2,550.00	\$0.00
\$700.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,100.00
\$6,700.00	\$5,925.00	\$1,000.00
\$6,657.80	\$1,750.00	\$1,925.00
\$2,700.00	\$2,800.00	\$550.00
\$6,755.00	\$3,765.00	\$14,936.00
\$7,245.00	\$650.00	\$400.00
\$55,662.80	\$47,895.00	\$52,358.00

1980-89	1990-99	2000-09
\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$895.00	\$950.00	\$0.00
\$1,720.00	\$3,400.00	\$1,845.00
\$1,450.00	\$200.00	\$225.00
\$8,200.00	\$1,100.00	\$250.00
\$10,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$12,600.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
\$150.00	\$600.00	\$250.00
\$1,000.00	\$2,025.00	\$400.00
\$0.00	\$3,100.00	\$0.00
\$39,215.00	\$11,375.00	\$3,270.00

2010-19
\$600.00
\$0.00
\$100.00
\$0.00
\$0.00
\$0.00
\$0.00
\$0.00
\$0.00
\$0.00
\$700.00

The three charts to the right show the total dues and gift donations for each decade.

Total MAC Donations From 2007 to 2023 by Alumni

Dues & Gifts - Years 1980 to 2020

Class Year	Original Class Size	Deaths	Disasso- ciated	Lost	Current Class Size	Class Mbrs Donating	% of Class Donating	Dues	Gifts	Total
1980	18				18	2	11%	\$200.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,550.00
1981	16	1		1	16	3	19%	\$300.00	\$595.00	\$895.00
1982	18		1		17	4	22%	\$400.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,720.00
1983	12				11	3	25%	\$300.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,450.00
1984	7				7	3	43%	\$300.00	\$7,900.00	\$8,200.00
1985	16				16	4	25%	\$400.00	\$10,250.00	\$10,650.00
1986	13	1		1	13	4	31%	\$400.00	\$12,200.00	\$12,600.00
1987	12			1	11	2	17%	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
1988	22			1	23	4	18%	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$1,000.00
1989	10				10	0	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1990	14				14	0	0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1991	9				9	2	22%	\$200.00	\$750.00	\$950.00
1992	16	1		1	15	5	31%	\$500.00	\$2,900.00	\$3,400.00
1993	11			1	10	1	9%	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
1994	10	1		1	8	1	10%	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
1995	8		1		7		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1996	7				7		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1997	16			1	16	3	19%	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
1998	14		1	1	13	4	29%	\$400.00	\$1,625.00	\$2,025.00
1999	16			1	16	4	25%	\$400.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,100.00
2000	16				16	8	50%	\$800.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,950.00
2001	28		1		11	2	7%	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
2002	10				10	3	30%	\$300.00	\$6,275.00	\$6,575.00
2003	11				11	3	27%	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
2004	10				10	1	10%	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
2005	3				3		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2006	7				7	1	14%	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
2007	13			1	13	1	8%	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
2008	3		2		1	1	33%	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
2009	None						0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2010	3				1		0%	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
2011	5		1		5		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2012	10			5	9	1	10%	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
2013	21	1	1	19	19		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2014	5			4	5		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2015	24			24	24		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2016	5			5	5		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2017	19			19	19		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018	8			8	8		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2019	30			10	30		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2020	18			5	13		0%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1013		149	44	118	801	238		\$23,875.00	\$195,690.80	\$219,555.80
		14.70%	4.30%	12%	(-212)	23.40%				

Editor's Note:

You will no doubt notice the large class size in '72, followed by zero members in the class of '73. I have not been able to find anyone who can explain this, so I will just have to go with the data in the file. As far as I know the data base information is correct. It matches what the national data base has. The dollar amounts shown in the chart are accurate, I can verify their accuracy since I have kept the records for the last 17 years. I have double checked my work and feel confident that there are no mistakes in the numbers. I think this chart clearly shows an alarming trend that doesn't look good for the chapter in the near future. I hope that our younger brothers will have a change of heart at some point and decide to start donating to the chapter. Our future depends on it to a large extent.

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

By: Gary Raffety

Over the past twenty years, we have slowly lost a small percentage of our older alums as they age, move around the country, and forget or choose not to notify us of their whereabouts. This is not a new problem; it has been with us for years. But today we face an entirely new kind of problem with our more recent graduates.

The problem of losing touch with the older members of our alumni has remained the same over the years, with the loss evenly distributed among the classes and the percentages remaining low. That has changed drastically over the past ten to fifteen years.

During the eleven years from 2010 to 2020, we graduated a total of one hundred and forty-eight men (148). Of that total, ninety-two (92), which is 60%, are now lost. One died, two chose to disassociate themselves from us, and the remaining ninety-eight (98) graduated, moved away and never looked back, either forgetting or choosing not to provide us with any contact information.

Not too many years ago, there would have been copies of the documents they all signed when they first joined us, filed away in the filing cabinet in the President's room. On those documents were the names of their parents, the home address, phone numbers and in most cases, the email addresses of their parents. Unfortunately, times change and so do the practices of those that manage our chapter.

Now, in the digital world of zeros and ones, the digital way has destroyed the age-old practice of keeping hard paper copies of all important records. Today's generation have been taught to go paperless, so they dispose of all paper records and have no use for the filing cabinet. All chapters are supposed to send digital copies of these records to national, but few do and then it is only a matter of time until the digital copies become a storage problem and are deleted. When this happens, we no longer have records needed to locate our graduates.

When students are in school, they have access to free internet with KSU and thus free emails. When they leave school, this free internet ends and they must get a new email address. This is another link that is broken and if they do not re-establish it with us, we lose another way of reaching them.

I have been the keeper of the MAC database for the last 25 years or so and it has never been harder to keep the file up to date than right now. I think you can attribute most of the difficulty to culture change. Drastic technology change and its effect on our daily lives, social attitude changes and their effect on the way people live and interact with one another, loss of respect for tradition and the lack of the need to join or belong to anything as opposed to a few decades ago.

I have no idea what is going to happen to Zeta chapter if this trend continues unabated, but it could lead to our demise. They say the pendulum always swings back and forth and so maybe societal changes will change in a positive way, eliminating the current trend. In any case, until something like that happens, we need to try to find a way to counter our current problem. If anyone out there has a suggestion, feel free to contact any of the current board members. Their contact information is on the back page of the newsletter.

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.	12/23/20
Collom, Jarred	4/1/20
Cronenwett, Derek	12/23/20
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
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
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
Williams, Brayton	1/23/2021
Williams, Jacob P.	12/23/2019
Wolters, Ryan	9/1/2017

There are sixty three (63) names in this column, all recent grads. NOT one grad since 2014 has given us contact information. They are all Lost.

Board Of Directors Election

Each fall it is time to elect two members to the Manhattan Alumni Board to fill the 2 expiring positions, which are currently held by MAC President Laurel Davis and Director Brady Hoffman.

The general requirements of our bylaws are for the alumni to elect two of a total of six board members to the Board each year, for 3 year terms. This means that each pair of elected board members are rotated off the board every three years. At the pleasure of the President, he can appoint additional members to the board for one year terms.

You, the alumni, elect the members to the board and the board then elect their own officers, (President, Secretary, and Treasurer, plus 3 directors.) The election will be open until December 15, 2024, at which time no more votes will be received.


To vote: email the Secretary at:

Gary Raffety @ theraffis@kc.rr.com

and cast your votes. You can cast your two votes for write in candidates as well. But be sure to vote for two candidates.


Laurel Davis '85 -

Laurel is 1987 graduate in Electrical and Computer Engineering and has been serving on the board for 12 years. He currently lives in Andover, Kansas and works in Wichita for NetApp. He has been married to his college sweetheart Angela for 37 years and is the father of three children, a son and two daughters.



Brady Hoffman '12

Brady graduated in Civil Engineering and received a master's degree from the U. of Kansas. He will be completing his third consecutive term and has served on the MAC Board since 2015. He is married and lives in Overland Park, KS.



WRITE IN CANDIDATES below

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Is Our Future At Risk

BY: Gary Raffety, Editor

It has been my privilege for the past 17 years, from 2007 to 2023, to serve as the collector of all annual alumni donations, (dues and gifts) for the Manhattan Alumni Chapter. I have kept accurate files annually and because of that, I was able to create the annual donation list on pages 8, 9 and 10. It took many long hours to compile, but I thought it was important to find out who has been donating, how much has been donated, (by age groups and classes, not individuals), and take a look at the unfolding trend for Zeta donations from our alumni. The picture that was created, quite frankly, does not look good.

Time keeps moving onward, and as a result, we have lost many of our best donors from the fifties and sixties. A high percentage of alums that donated on a regular basis and often with substantial gifts are gone and I do not think their level of giving will be matched by our more recent graduates. We still have good donors, who are also very generous, but in far fewer numbers than in past years.

What is of great concern to me is the lack of interest from our more recent graduates, from the 1990's on. The vast majority of the 1990 - 99 classes and the 2000 - '09 classes - have not been donating, and after the 2012 class, donations do not exist. If you look at the chart, it is easy to see the drop off in donations and they are drastic.

We are facing some major cultural changes that were not present in our chapter's early years, and they are having a major impact on our chapter. It was explained to me by a younger board member at a board meeting several years ago, that today's students, and those from his era a decade earlier, do not share the same passion for the fraternity that the older generations did. He said that they view their stay in the House as just another phase or chapter in their life, something to be enjoyed at the time, but then it is over and time to move on with no looking back. In other words, as the saying goes - **"been there - done that - time to move on."**

Looking at the donation chart on pages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), the numbers substantiate his statement. If you look at the lost numbers, you will see that in the twenty years from 1951 to 1970, there are five (5) lost members, then in the twenty years from 1970 to 1989, there are eight (8) lost members. During the two decades from 1990 to 2009, there are six (6) lost members, but then in just ten (11) years, from 2010 to 2020, there are ninety-nine (99) lost members. This clearly indicates a major change of some kind.

If you look at the small charts shown near the bottom of page 12, that list the donations by decade, you will see the steady decline in donations from the decade of the fifties through the decade of 2010 to 2019. The fifties decade gave over \$55,000 in dues and gifts to the chapter. The decades of the sixties and seventies were about the same, but then the decline starts with the decade of the eighties.

The decade of the eighties gave just under \$40,000. The decade of the nineties dropped down to around \$11,500, followed by another substantial drop during the decade of 2000 to 2009 of less than \$3,300. Then there is the complete drop off of the last decade, 2010 to 2019 which has a combined donation total of \$700. It has been suggested this is because we do not have a digital payment plan in place. That could be part of it, but a very minor part of it. This is an attitude change in my opinion. That being said, I do think we need to provide a digital payment process as most people now are using their phones and computers to pay for just about everything.

Fortunately, our chapter house is paid for, but the costs are high to maintain a large facility like our chapter house. Taxes and insurance continue to escalate every year and the costs to make repairs increase as well. If we had full occupancy every year, it is quite possible that the financial needs would be met on an annual basis. But then we have not had full occupancy for years and of course there are those big-ticket items that must be dealt with when they come along.

Thanks to the Capital Campaign of 2014 to 2019, we completed most of the major items needed for the near future, like a new roof, new windows, major upgrades in the kitchen and housemothers quarters. With all those upgrades behind us, we should not have any major repairs in the near future, with the exception of the air conditioning condensers.

Currently we are facing the eventual need to replace all of our air conditioning condenser units that are way past their normal life expectancy. Thanks to our annual service contract, we have extended the life of our units by almost ten years, but we are on borrowed time now. Ten years ago, it was estimated that it would cost over \$100,000 to replace all of our units, so we know that by now they will be substantially more costly.

We have come a long way in our almost 75 years of existence. We have overcome problems before and hopefully we will overcome those we are facing now, but our current situation is not going to be an easy one to overcome. With the decline in church membership, our recruiting becomes more challenging, and with the continued desire of our members to move out after their sophomore year, filling and keeping a fully occupied chapter house will be a nearly impossible task to achieve.

In closing, our current situation looks hopeless, but God always helps those who seek his help. I am suggesting that now is a suitable time for us to seek guidance from above, because we mere mortals may not be up for this task without his help. We have a great organization, and we need to do all we can to make sure that we see our 75th anniversary and many more after. We have graduated hundreds of good Christian members; we must do all we can to keep it going for future generations.

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Attention:

We Need your help finding our lost brothers. Please read over the list of names on pages 14 and 15 and provide us with addresses, phone numbers and email addresses if you have them. You are our best source for finding our lost brothers, please help us.