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Beta-Nu Set to Move Into A New House Thanks To Our Donors

As you know from our recent email, the House Corporation was successful in securing a lease on the former ATO house effective April 1st. The initial lease term is for five years with renewals so long as we remain in good standing with the University. Our lease is a mere \$1 per year but we assume all financial responsibility for the maintenance needs of this house. We are working aggressively to make this a great new home for the chapter.

The house is almost 19 years old and has the original roof, HVAC system and plumbing components. Some of the needs here are immediate and others will need to occur in the very near term. One example is hot water heater replacement and other related plumbing needs. As you would expect, these are some material outlays and we've started the process of getting these repairs in motion with the University. The Chapter House is also in the process of being rewired to align with University requirements for Wi-Fi access. The house needs interior updates for paint, flooring, lighting and window treatments. It also needs a Beta-Nu/Kappa Sigma touch put on it through framed photos, logos, and some additions and/or improvements to some of the furnishings as well. This work will happen this summer as we prepare for a fall move in for our undergraduates and House Director. We received

a donation of a pool table and welcome other similar donations for the house. With the leadership of Russ Tucker '71 and Bob Droste '78 we also have recruited a team of alumni with the needed skills for this work via Brent Bruner '81, Bryan McCrery 'XX, Jim Wade '90 and Ryan Heimke '02.

We have negotiated a dining contract for the brothers living in the house and a lunch option for

those living off campus. We also plan to make dinner a requirement for all brothers on their meeting nights. The house will have a live-in director and we are in the final stages of filing this important role.

Our intention is to make this Chapter House our permanent home as the economics here versus new construction simply make far more sense. The outlays in the first two years for the items noted above will be material and taking the long-term view also requires us to hold reserves for needs in future decades. We will have accurate estimates of the overall capital needs in the coming months and will have a formal plan for future reserve needs. Besides these physical upgrades we are also stepping up the alumni involvement with a growing Alumni Advisor team headed by Michael Cayse '02 and including Roger Baird '72, Bill Erwin '90, Daniel Friedman '07, Bill Rizer '79 and Joe Vonderheide '73. We are looking for at least three more alumni to join this team and need brothers living in or near the Lexington area. Please contact me if interested.

Finally, and importantly, we need for everyone to fulfill their pledges and if feasible consider accelerating the payoff. As mentioned above, in-kind donations are possible and simply require some coordination with the University on logistics. We now have clear naming rights we can point to and are working to finalize the recognition of our current donors and welcome your desire to leave a permanent recognition for your support within the Chapter House. Please contact me at mike.gray@captrustadvisors.com or 919-624-4945 or Matt Noble at 520-990-3250 or matt.noble@fmgtucson.com.

Thanks for helping us get these young men back into a house. Their excitement is both lifting and rewarding, and we see great days ahead.

AEKΔB
Mike Gray '77



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GM Report

Key Chapter Leaders & Active Volunteers

2018-2019

Executive Committee:

Grand Master

Jake Avetisian '16

Grand Procurator

Austin Plunno '17

Grand Master of Ceremonies

Judd McElroy '18

Grand Scribe

Robert Mefford '19

Grand Treasurer

Ty Greenert '16

Alumni Advisory Board:

Alumnus Advisor

Michael Cayse '02

Asst. Alumni Advisors:

Roger Baird '72, Bill Erwin '90,
Daniel Friedman '07, Bill Rizer '79,
Joe Vonderheide '73

Housing Board Corporation:

President

Bob Droste '76

Vice President

Michael Gray '77

Treasurer

Russell F. Tucker '71

Secretary

Jim Malone '80

At Large Directors

Jeremy Bates '90, Kenny Coleman
'03, Travis Frick '95, Jeremy Nalli
'95 & Mike Stacy '92

Brothers,

I am excited and honored to pen this newsletter as the newest Grand Master of the Beta-Nu chapter of Kappa Sigma at the University of Kentucky. To bring you an update on our chapter as a whole, I will say this: the future is brighter than ever before. We currently have 88 young men active as undergrads within the chapter, and have successfully both rushed and pledged 49 young men in the past three semesters. Our Spring 2018 class boasted the highest pledge count on campus, and its members have proven their quality as well as their quantity through rising up to accept positions of leadership. These numbers will only continue to rise, as we are excited to share that we have been selected to move in to the old ATO house on campus. Beta-Nu has a new home! The chapter is also involved with various philanthropy events on campus, from DanceBlue (we raised over \$9k!!!!) and Greek Sing to our own Kappa Dawgs and Wounded Warriors Foundation. We are also planning a Casino Night with Kappa Alpha Theta for our new fall philanthropy event. Finally, our GPA has been in accordance with the University of Kentucky's fraternity standards for the last three semesters, with the numbers from Fall 2018 putting us at the highest we've been in the past five years.

With all of these factors pushing us in the right direction, and an enthusiastic new Executive Council stepping in to keep us on track, the Beta-Nu chapter of Kappa Sigma is moving forward at a pace unmatched by other fraternities on our campus. A-B!

Best,

AEKΔB,

Jackson Skeeters '16

Grand Master

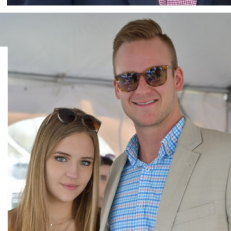
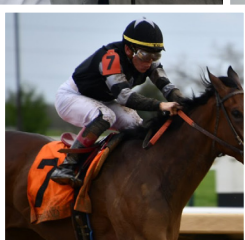
Thank You to our Donors

All those names below are alumni, parents and friends of the chapter that have made a contribution to support us securing a new Chapter House. In the coming months we will finalize details on the Lifetime Giving Wall as well as all Named Gifts.

Louis and Michelle Danner	Kirby Smith '62	Steven Shockey '74	Mark Senninger '82	Alton Webb '94
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Gigi Tomich	Steve Winfrey '67	John Augspurger '77	Daniel Heck '88	Steven Prince '02
Jay Westbrook	Craig Folsbee '67	Scot Gilb '77	Matthew Owens '88	Bryan Thomas '02
Edsel Rawlings '51	Bill Richardson '67	Hank Robinson '77	Dean Sheets '88	Mike Bash '03
Ellis Easterly '53	Tom McCarty '68	Mike Gray '77	Ted Fist '88	Kendrick Coleman '03
Albert Hall '53	Billy Forbess '68	Eddie Hodgin '77	Patrick Garrison '88	Alex Toennis '03
Kenneth Lucas '53	Tony Walker '68	Randy Parker '77	Shon Libby '88	Brandon Cramer '03
Art Curtis '54	Ron Owen '69	Paul Beargie '78	Michael Shepherd '88	Derrick Augspurger '04
Charlie English '54	Larry Blair '70	Dave Bergmann '78	John Tucker '88	Samuel Mattson '05
Roger Ladenburger '54	Michael Foley '70	Rob Bowling '78	Dale Reid '89	Wesley Adams '07
Gerry Nichols '55	Joe Traxel '70	Mic Wilson '78	Jeremy Bates '90	Adam Binford '07
Earle Williams '55	Chris McCleary '71	Benjamin Schmidt '78	Joseph Bowling '90	Timothy Burnett '07
Frank Martin '56	Joel Seidelman '71	Thomas Caywood '79	Matthew Bowling '90	Tyler Clarke '07
Jack Liddle '56	Thomas Guglielmo '71	Jim Malone '80	Bill Erwin '90	Daniel Friedman '07
Paul Patton '56	Bradford Marston '71	John Ransler '80	Brian Masters '90	Stephen Hill '07
David Ravencraft '56	Russell Tucker '71	Gregory Cinnamon '80	Jim Wade '90	Zachary Lathram '07
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Cyrus Dicken '56	Roger Baird '72	Jeffery Bergmann '81	Jay Stevens '90	Brad Rose '07
Kenneth Towery '56	Bruce Dye '72	Brent Bruner '81	Brian Heck '91	Aaron Adams '08
Mickey Conner '57	Bill Leavell '72	Todd Burk '81	Gregory Lombardo '92	Jordan Adams '08
Robert Lewis '57	Scott Neumayer '73	Kent Mills '81	Jim Scott '92	Eli Lathram '08
Whayne Priest '57	Choya Oliver '73	Todd Sander '81	Michael Stacy '92	Eric Shockey '08
Al Sullivan '57	Johnny Skaggs '73	Oliver Spencer '81	David Wolfford '92	Jacob Sims '08
Kurt Fromme '58	John Ballerstedt '73	David Thomas '81	Troy Coulter '92	Robert Cleveland '09
David Pattison '58	Joe Bryant '74	Mark Stach '81	Matt Mauller '93	Nolan Jackson '09
Raymond Ruehl '59	Jay Jones '74	Robert Magrish '81	Ray Dickison '93	Cole Heimbrock '10
John Fitzwater '59	Mark Joyce '74	Robert Hickman '81	Jeffrey Craft '94	Alex Malone '15
William Kaufman '59	Patrick Richardson '74	Mark Jordan '81	Eric Fulcher '94	Joshua Maier '16
Bill Cox '61	David Dye '74	Robert Waters '81	Jonathan Nalli '94	
	James Roush '74	Carl Bisig '82	Jon Helton '94	



Our annual Alumni & Parent Keeneland Weekend was a success again!



Brother Nick Wilson '11 Wins the Title of Sole Survivor



Brother Nick Wilson, a 2011 initiate and former Grand Scribe of the Beta-Nu Chapter at the University of Kentucky walked away one million dollars richer on December 19th, being named the “Sole Survivor” at the Season 37 finale of Survivor: David vs Goliath!

A first-generation college student at the University of Kentucky and the first in his family to earn a bachelor’s degree, Nick, a native “Kentuckian” was very open about his humble beginnings in Williamsburg, Kentucky growing up in a trailer and losing his mother at an early age from a drug overdose. Which inspired him to become a self-described “Redneck Lawyer” serving as a Public Defender in his hometown.

Nick labeled himself as a super fan and had auditioned multiple times before being cast in the 37th season of the long-running reality show. This season of Survivor featured 20 contestants divided into two tribes embodied by two biblical figures, David and

Goliath. The “David” team composed of ten “underdogs,” who constantly have to overcome obstacles, and the “Goliath” team, composed of ten “overachievers” who have used their advantages in life to excel in their fields. Wilson’s Survivor appearance was very close to being a short-lived one, after losing the first challenge he was sure to be voted off, but because of an injury a contestant was forced to leave, and no vote was cast the opening week. Not wanting himself to be in that position again, Wilson began “playing his game,” which led host Jeff Probst to describe him as an “extremely shrewd and a very clever and calculated player.”

Never receiving an elimination vote combined with winning the final three “immunity challenges” led him to the finale pinned against fellow contestants Mike White and Angelina Keeley to appear before the Tribal Council pleading their case for why they should be named the winner. Wilson saying “I was a David the entire game and I had to find whatever slingshot I could, whether it be the social game, the strategy game, the immunity wins, an advantage, an idol, new relationships, old relationships. Whatever it took, I had to find my slingshot and I had to find as many stones as I could find because I think I was the underdog most of this game.”

This plea ultimately getting him the votes to win the one-million-dollar grand prize, and the title of Sole Survivor.

Nick made it clear that money wasn’t his number one motivation for playing Survivor but did admit that having the one million dollars would really help with his student loans and helping his career take off. Wilson told the Times-Tribune “I hope that there’s somebody out there that will be inspired by me either being on the show or not even that, just you know, studying my butt off for 10 years to become a lawyer, even that right there is hopefully inspirational to people.”



UNDERGRAD PROFILES



Tyler Greenert '16

Tyler Greenert, Fall 16. "I just finished my Junior year as a Finance major at the University of Kentucky. I'm from Oldham County, Kentucky. I was the Grand Treasurer for 2018 and was re-elected to be the Grand Treasurer again for 2019. Besides being a Beta-Nu, I work at the Veterans Resource Center on Campus helping Veterans adapt to life in higher education, as well as being a member of the Student-Veteran association to help improve life for Veterans on campus. My favorite memory being a Beta-Nu is attending the Hall of Fame Banquet where it was announced that all our hard work has finally paid off and that we will finally be receiving a new Chapter House. Being a Beta-Nu to me isn't just about being in a Fraternity. For me, it is about the bonds that you

create with your brothers where you know that no matter what happens in life, they will always have your back when you need it. When I was deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, I had a countless number of Brothers checking up on me constantly to make sure I was alright. That's the most important thing about being a Beta-Nu to me."



Jake Avetisian '16

President of CFP Real Estate

Jake Avetisian, Fall 16. "I've just finished my Junior year at the University of Kentucky. I'm from Louisville, Kentucky. I have served Beta-Nu as Pledge Class President, Public Relations Chair, Grand Scribe, Grand Procurator, Rush Chair, as well as my current position—Grand Master of the chapter. My favorite memory with the chapter came last January when we got the news that we were selected for the lease for one of the fraternity houses on campus. I had alumni reaching out to me all week about how proud they were, and it was very cool to see the special way that our alums care about this chapter. Kappa Sigma, and Beta-Nu specifically, mean a great deal to me. I credit many of my

positively developed personality traits to my involvement with Kappa Sigma. This chapter has provided me with a family of brothers that I know will have my back forever."



Gabe Rivera '17

"My name is Gabe Rivera and I just finished my sophomore year at the University of Kentucky. I am in the College of Engineering majoring in Computer Science, as I plan to focus my degree in software engineering and/or data science.

Being born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago, coming to Lexington was a big deal for me: I didn't have a lot of friends, school was tough, and I didn't necessarily feel fulfilled or that I belonged. Luckily, all that changed during Spring rush. I met the brothers of the Beta-Nu chapter here at UK and I knew Kappa Sigma was the chapter for me. That spring, me and my 15 pledge brothers initiated as the biggest Spring rush class on campus, showing not only the popularity of the chapter, but the desire to be a brother of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. This chapter has brought me sense of belongingness, superiority in scholarship, and the best friends I could have asked for.

I just finished my second semester as Social Chair for the chapter. I get the luxury of communicating with sororities and other fraternities to plan safe and respectful social events, ensuring Kappa Sigma continues to shine bright and pave the way for other fraternities and young men everywhere."

2018-2019

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 5 brothers received scholarships from Kappa Sigma (4 from chapter fund, 1 National Leadership Award)
- Raised over \$1.7 million to help us secure a new house
- Continuation of philanthropy events Kappa Dawgs / Wounded Warriors Luncheon
- Big Hug Event w/ Kappa Delta
- Champions of "Bring it On!" Philanthropy event
- Champions of Ultimate Frisbee and Dodgeball philanthropy events
- Two brothers who have served our country overseas
- Participate in the Big Brother/Sister program
- Over 50 hours of community service logged by undergrads
- Reached our goal of \$4,000 raised for DanceBlue with \$9,400 total raised
- Chapter GPA of 3.12 (Highest in 5 years); In Good Standing with the University
- Good Financial Position
- In the last 18 years, 16 awards from the Kappa Sigma International Fraternity, 9 awards for academic excellence



Stay involved with Beta-Nu

Kappa-Sigma University of Kentucky



Beta-Nu To Start New Career Network

Beta-Nu is developing a new career network for alumni and undergraduates to participate in. Here is how you can help:

- 1 Join Beta Nu of Kappa Sigma on LinkedIn where we can provide career opportunities and advice.
- 2 Let us know if you are willing to take a call from another alumnus or undergraduate regarding your career field.
- 3 Tell us if you are willing to sit on a career panel at the Chapter House in the fall or spring semester.

Contact Matt Noble at matt.noble@fmgtucson.com or 520-990-3250 if you are interested.

Beta-Nu Volunteering

Volunteers are the key to Beta-Nu's success. We are looking for alumni willing to join our team in these areas:

Advisory Team: help provide advice to undergraduate officers & chairs in the running of the chapter.

Alumni Association: help in coordinating the fall Beta-Nu Hall of Fame & Football Game Weekend and the spring Keeneland Alumni & Parent Weekend.

House Corporation: help in serving on one of our committees (Finances, Fundraising, Legal, Property Management & University Relations).

Contact Michael Stacy at michael.stacy@ml.com or 859-409-0748.

Beta-Nu Annual & Legacy Giving

Now that the campaign is slowly coming to a close we would like to remind everyone how important it is to make an annual gift to the chapter. Gifts can be made through the Beta Nu of Kappa Sigma House Corporation to support our Alumni Association for communications & events as well as house maintenance & upgrades; the Kappa Sigma Endowment Fund for scholarships; or University of Kentucky for leadership programs, scholarships and major house improvements. Additionally, please consider supporting our chapter in your estate planning.

Contact Mike Gray at mike.gray@captrustadvisors.com or 919-624-4945.

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