Congratulations!!

The men in the Active Chapter have done something remarkable! Nope...it’s way more remarkable than shooting a potato over Hwy 63 from the back yard! Nope...still more remarkable than getting a 4.5 house GPA. The men of the Alpha Psi active chapter have achieved the milestone of recruiting the largest Spring class of any other Fraternity on campus this semester. Yep...bigger than Pikes, KA’s, and even Kappa Sigs. This is the biggest class at Alpha Psi in three years and the biggest Spring class in over 30 years (if not ever)!

Eight young men made the decision to sign with Theta Xi this semester and received their Associate Member pins at the Pinning Ceremony on 16 February. This class is a very diverse group of young men with lots of potential. We've got Freshman and Sophomores, who have made fast friends with guys in the house. We have Juniors, and Seniors, who have been friends of the house for some time and finally decided to take the formal step towards becoming members. We are excited to have all of them make this decision and are eager to support them in their Associate Membership Education. Three of them moved into the house this semester and the other five are committed to moving into the house in the Fall with the great group of young men we will Rush for that Pledge Class.

This is a huge step in turning the corner for Alpha Xi and the Alumni Association is very proud of the Active Chapter for the hard work they've put in this semester to recruit this great Associate Member class. We hope many of our alumni will come visit for Pat’s and meet this great group of young men in person. The associates won’t have their paddies done yet because their woodworking efforts will have been focused on making their shillelaghs, but they will still be about 6 weeks shy of their initiation. The Actives have continued to do an outstanding job of keeping the Chapter House clean, presentable and even attractive for our alumni and prospective members. We know it has been quite some time for many of you since you’ve set foot on the hallowed grounds of Theta Xi Fraternity and we would very much appreciate the opportunity to be your hosts. Come and join us!!!

QuickNotes

Birthdays
1 FEB: Nate Cannon (ΑΨ545)
5 FEB: Cody Bahr (ΑΨ654)
10 FEB: Tom Weible (ΑΨ378)
12 FEB: Drew Davids (ΑΨ440)
Matt Streumple (ΑΨ553)
14 FEB: Greg Pett (ΑΨ438)
15 FEB: Jeremy Hall (ΑΨ472)
Tyler Baker (ΑΨ538)
16 FEB: Rob Swan (ΑΨ406)
Dan Bellville (ΑΨ517)
17 FEB: Sean Dietz (ΑΨ561)
19 FEB: Noah Adelman (ΑΨ480)
22 FEB: James Ledbetter (ΑΨ597)
25 FEB: Mark Burdick (ΑΨ549)

Congratulations!!
Greg Osbourn (ΑΨ399) and wife celebrate 12 years together on 2/17.
Brian Klenklen (ΑΨ419) broke ground on a new home for him and his family!
Chris Essig (ΑΨ466), and Tom Brueggen (ΑΨ547) welcome new additions to their families!
Neil Hovis (ΑΨ518) is expecting Baby #2 this September
Gabe Olivo (ΑΨ838) graduated Army Basic Training

SAVE THE DATES!!
28 Feb-2 March
Active/Alumni Rush Workshop
1 March
Alumni Workday at Chapter House
13-16 March
106th Annual Best Ever St. Pat’s
22 March
Rush Event (St. Louis & KC) - Details TBD
29 April
150th Anniversary Nationwide Celebration (7 Cities)
17 May
S&T Spring Commencement
17-18 October *UPDATE* Homecoming 2014 / ΑΨ 65th Anniversary

Put them in your phones and/or on your calendars!!

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2. Alumni Work-weekend - 1 March 2014
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5. Alumni Ski trip in CO
6. Meet our Alumni Campaign
7. Where do we want to be in 10 years?

Our Alpha-9 Chairman, ‘Men-Steve’ Banks (ΑΨ608) on the far right, would like to introduce the Spring 2014 Associate Member Class of our Alpha Psi Chapter of Theta Xi. Welcome Anthony Richardson, David Gilbrico, Alfredo Martinez, Adam Jedlicka, Alex ‘Trey’ Anglin, and Seth Fosteracker. Also in the class but not pictured are Justin Connelly, and Marshall Beatty. Good luck this semester gents. Which one of you is going to be ΑΨ600?

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2nd VP: AV472 - Jeremy Hall, jeremy.m.hall@accenture.com
Treasurer: AV433 - John Meyer, meyer08@rsbw.net
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Alumni Work Day - We Need Skills & Expertise!
So far, we have a good group of 7-10 alumni road-tripping to Rolla. The actives have also invited any of their dads who live close to join us and help us out, but it is unknown how many dads are coming. Donations are still needed to fund these projects, but through an arrangement with the Alumni Association the materials have been ordered and will be on site before we arrive. Any and all alumni are encouraged to join us.

Replace interior doors/frames of Annex (however many of 17 are left to do) of annex (in the attic space): This is the final phase of the Annex Doors Project we’ve been focused on since September. This project will already be underway as Lewis Buchanan has already started working on it. Our mission is to make sure it is complete. Lewis has requested belt sanders to prep new doors for stain and repurpose old doors for other uses on the property; and to help with installation of the frames Hammer drills and pneumatic finish nailers will be helpful.

Repair of the “I” (Annex Entrance): A couple of alumni are bringing the necessary tools to repair the tile and Lewis Buchanan is also prepping this job as well. Tools required: Tile cutting saw/tile cutter; trowels, small mortar mixing container, hammers, 1.25” (min) nails, screws, drills, circular saw, joist hanger brackets.

Description: A gap between the gutter and the roof above the door (fixed now) resulted in settling/washout below the frame of the annex door adjacent to the breezeway and thus cracked tile and shifting of the frame. Tile laying/Home building/civil engineering expertise and Masonry tools are a plus. We will also be replacing the rotted wood joists above the door (in the attic space).

Repair of Stone Wall: The rock face across the front of the house needs cosmetic work. There are numerous spots on the Annex side where the bare base wall is showing. There is also evidence of previous failed attempts to try and repair spots. This is a high visibility improvement to the appearance of the house. Tools required: Wheelbarrow/cement mixer; trowels; mortars; and tools to apply mesh - concrete anchors (flat head) and wire. If ANYONE has mortar work experience we’d LOVE for you to make the trip and help us on this project.

Take this opportunity to visit the Active Chapter and meet this semester’s Associate Members. We’ll prep the house to make a great impression on our fellow Alumni and any prospective Associate members who will visit the chapter house two weeks later for St. Pat’s 106th Best Ever! This weekend coincides with the release of the Call List for Fall Rush, so the actives will be working participating in a Rush Workshop facilitated by our Alumni Association officers for most of the day, but they will be available to help with the clean up.

Alumni Ski trip in CO
Meet our Alumni Campaign
Where do we want to be in 10 years?
We are not letting our foot off of the throttle for Rush after the outstanding effort put up by the Active Chapter. There have been significant changes from our Active days when it comes to Rush. The addition of “Pro Days” throughout the Spring semester and increased oversight of the Inter Fraternity Council (IFC), for example. These changes have improved Rush results for the Spring semester (i.e. our current Associate Member class). An average of 3-5 men sign for Spring semesters since 2007. However, our Fall numbers aren’t any higher, which is a primary cause of membership decline.

The trend of the decreased use of the “Call List” greatly increases the chances of signing pro-students. This semester we will leverage this all important resource in our efforts to rush 15-20 young men for Fall 2014.

Alumni Association Officers (and any other Alumni who wants to come) will facilitate a Rush Workshop 28 February-2 March. We will help establish rush goals and review Rush best practices to recruit quality men in large numbers. We will focus on helping the Actives to develop and hone good communication skills through practical exercises and by utilizing the Call List. The New House will be converted into a Rush Call Center on Saturday where Actives will work though the whole call list.

We will also collaborate with the Actives to develop strategies to leverage proven practices in the environments of social media and the web.

**Day 2 - 1 March**
First Contact: Rush Call Center

8:00a: Workshop Objectives
8:15a: Rush Goals
8:30a: Theta Xi Win Themes
9:00a: Key points from practice calls
9:30a-UTC: Rush Calls (entire list) - Lunch provided
Everyone calls each name on list
For potentials in MO, secure commitments for rush interviews within 3 weeks - sooner the better
For potentials outside of MO (select geographic areas), get rushes to commit to at least a phone interview with alumni in their area
Key points from practice calls
Complete Alumni Workday activities.

**Day 3 - 2 March**
Wrap Up

1:00p: Workshop Objectives
1:15p: Accomplishments
1:30p: Key points from Workshop
1:45p: Way Ahead
Rush Interview Teams
Alumni/Rush Engagement
Rush Calendar
- St. Pat's Rush Events
- 6294

**ST. PAT’S FUNDRAISER**
Are you planning to join us for Pat’s this year? Are you celebrating St. Pat’s with local alumni near where you live? Make sure you get your St. Pat’s Green with Ψ Greens on it before you arrive. Our St. Pat’s Committee reps are trying to raise $250 through sweatshirt sales to purchase tools and materials for Theta Xi to participate in St. Pat’s activities. Sweatshirts are $30 (+ $6.00 shipping and handling/sweatshirt) where the house gets $5 from each shirt sale. There may be discounted shipping rates on orders for more than one sweatshirt.

Contact AV of Ψ St. Pat’s Committee representatives Brendan Daly (314.943.1424, bdaly.p@gmail.com) and/or "Mini-Steve" Banks (bankster440@aim.com) if you have specific questions about your order, exact shipping costs, or special instructions. To expedite your order send checks for at least $36.00 (per sweatshirt) made out to ‘Theta Xi Fraternity’ and mail along with shipping address information to Theta Xi Fraternity at Brendan’s or Steve’s attention at 1605 Pine Street, Rolla, MO 65401.

**Founders Day 2014**
150 Years

Venues in the seven select cities are finally starting to come in. All of the regional celebrations are black-tie optional and have independent agendas with synchronized elements.

- New York, NY (tickets $350/ea) - The Union Club • 101 E 69th St • New York, New York 10021
- Pittsburgh, PA (tickets $60/ea) - Sheraton Station Square • 300 W Station Square Dr • Pittsburgh, PA 15219
- Chicago, IL - TBD
- St. Louis, MO (tickets $50/ea) - Charles F. Knight Center • Washington Univ Campus • Throop Drive & Snow Way • St. Louis, MO 63130
- New Orleans, LA (tickets $80/ea) - Le Pavillon Hotel • 833 Poydras St • New Orleans, LA 70112
- Denver, CO (tickets $65/ea) - The Westin Hotel • 10600 Westminster Boulevard • Westminster, CO 80020
- Los Angeles, CA - Alpha Nu Chapter House - USC • 728 28th Street • Los Angeles, CA 90007

Those of you, who are members of hotel loyalty programs with an access of reward points, please consider donating some your points to the active chapter. You will enable the undergraduate members to join the nationwide celebration with all Theta Xi. You can also sponsor an undergraduate’s participation directly. Reach out to the Alumni Association if you are interested.

Get updates on the event nearest you! Details are updated at www.6294.org. Purchase your ticket’s today.

**GET YER GREEN! - ST. PAT’S FUNDRAISER**

- St. Pat’s Missouri Group: A Closed Group for members from any area
- AlphaPsi ThetaXi (www.facebook.com/alphapsi.thetaxi) is a closed group for active and alumni members to share life details and news.
- Theta Xi Missouri Group: A Closed Group for members from any chapter in the great state of Missouri to connect and share details of upcoming events.
- Follow Us on Twitter @AYoFTX_Alumni

**2014 Rush Workshop**

**Day 1 - 28 February**
Rush Workshop Kickoff
5:00p: Dinner
6:30p: Weekend Overview
- Workshop Objectives
- Rush Goals
- Theta Xi Win Themes
7:00p: Make Practice Calls
8:00p: Group discussion
- What went well
- What to improve on
- What to improve on
8:30p: Watch Boiler Room

- Lunch provided
- Workshop Objectives
- Rush Goals
- Theta Xi Win Themes
- Key points from practice calls
- Everyone calls each name on list
- For potentials in MO, secure commitments for rush interviews within 3 weeks - sooner the better
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- Key points from practice calls
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**ALUMNI CONTACT ROSTER STATUS**

Living Alumni Brothers Confirmed: 291
Alumni Brothers not Confirmed: 176
# of Alumni Brothers ‘Lost’: 69
Oldest Unconfirmed Brother: Thomas Walsh, AV515
Youngest Unconfirmed Brother: Dean Spaay, AV567
Contact Drew Davids (AV440) with any updates!
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**Find us on Social Media!**

- We have an AV Group on LinkedIn where alumni and actives can post and look for job opportunities - Full-time, Co-Ops, or Internships - or their need to find work.
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**150 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE**
Men of Theta Xi hit the Slopes of Colorado

Earlier this month, eight alumni and one VERY brave spouse (thanks Renee!) traveled to Winter Park, CO for the 9th annual Alpha Psi of Theta Xi Alumni Ski/Snowboard Trip. Three days of skiing/riding in the best snow conditions we’ve had in decades - 10+ inches of fresh powder. Everyone enjoyed the ultra nice slope side condominium, which was suited for entertaining with a large bi-level living and kitchen area.

We used numerous cameras to document some of our runs down the mountain and even filmed a ski jump competition on the second day where Nick Lueking got some monster midwestern air and Pete Russell laid down a humiliating and embarrassing fall (flight before fall pictured above). Too many drinking games dashed any hopes of the keg going the distance, so we ended up going on a beer run for another thee cases. One the plus side, everyone did became very skilled at quarters. This year, the alumni hailed from active tenures spanning almost 15 years. Scott Brit (Ψ436) was the old man of the bunch. Scott pledged the house in Fall 1992 and was initiated January 30, 1993. The youngest alumnus was Mike Durbin (Ψ527), who was initiated January 17, 2004. The rest of the group was Chris Rewczuk (Ψ464), Jeremy Hall (Ψ472), Chris Therrien (Ψ481), Nick Ereckson (Ψ494) - with his lovely and very brave wife Renee, Pete Russell (Ψ505), Nick Lueking (Ψ527) and Michael Durbin (531). A special thanks to Renee for her preparation of meals and helping clean up after us dirty, filthy men. Also much thanks go out to Pete and Ereckson for organizing another safe and successful annual ski/snowboard trip.

Awesome Ski Conditions! -Scott Brit (Ψ436)

Brothers Russell and Britt enjoying the beautiful conditions.

Ménage à Trout with Brothers Russell and Therrien.

Good snow and fun times! -Nick Lueking, Ψ527

L to R: Scott Brit (Ψ436), Chris Rewczuk (Ψ464), Renee Ereckson (Mrs. Ψ494), Mike Durbin (Ψ531), and Jeremy Hall (Ψ472).

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We may change things up for next year and go to a different resort, but we will have the 10th Annual Alpha Psi of Theta Xi Alumni Ski/Snowboard Trip in February 2015. Let Nick Ereckson or Pete Russell know if you are interested in attending.

Check out some Video!

Sweet Jumps Compilation  Thanks Peter Russell (Ψ505)!
Ski the mountain with us! (GoPro Video) - Thanks Nick Lueking (Ψ527)

The snowboarders proved to be far more exciting and less whiny than the skiers. -Chris Rewczuk, Ψ464

10th Annual Alpha Psi of Theta Xi Ski/Snowboard Trip coming in February 2015!

The Active Chapter and the Alumni Association always need Alumni support - support in the form of guidance/mentorship/partnership; in the form of expertise and skills regarding house improvement projects to keep the walls of the chapter house upright; and of course financial support to fund needed improvements and fundraising efforts to invest in the construction of a new chapter house. If you are willing and able, we invite you to become part of our Alumni Support Mechanism. Contact your Alumni Association to collaborate on our efforts. Make checks out to THETA XI FRATERNITY and mail them to:

Alpha Psi Alumni Association
1605 Pine Street
Rolla, MO 65401

OR

Alpha Psi Alumni Association
1751 Chestnut Farms Court
Fenton, MO 63026

Alumni can also make secure donations online.

Username: alphapsi  Password: pureSoul

Select the donate button and fill out the information fields to send your secure donation to the Alumni Association today. For convenience, you can sign up for automatic monthly withdrawals for your regular donations to commit to provide financial support to the house every month without thinking about it.

We have transitioned to raising $25K to upgrade the HVAC system (heating and AC) for the Chapter House. Help is always needed and support in any form is appreciated. It’d be great to see any of you at upcoming events. Until then. Yours in the Bonds - ΨΘΞ
MEET OUR ALUMNI CAMPAIGN - 2014

Since October 1949, Alpha Psi of Theta Xi has produced almost 600 members. Our alumni outreach efforts have established contact with many alumni for the first time in many, many, many years - but that is only the first step of our alumni engagement efforts. Many brothers appreciate the newfound updates in the Newsletters on how the Chapter is doing. Others really appreciate the opportunities to reconnect with long lost Brothers through the updates to the Alumni Contact Roster. Still others appreciate the ability to find Theta Xi Alumni.

To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Theta Xi, the Grand Lodge is publishing a membership directory and has been collecting biographical information from Theta Xi Alumni nationwide. We want to build our own alumni biography database and do features on them in the Monthly Newsletter. The National Membership Directory will seed our initial efforts, but we know that many of you will not be included in that publication.

We are interested in each alumnus and want to know about you. In May, we will do a special in Memorial Day issue of the Newsletter to recognize all of our Alumni Brothers who have past away. The names and ΔΨ# of each one of them will be listed twice (once in order of ΔΨ# and once in Alphabetical order) for us to take a moment to recognize their contribution to the Chapter and to Theta Xi.

We will roll out the Meet Our Alumni Campaign this summer. Alumni will be featured each month in the Meet Our Alumni Section and the chapter can learn about them one Alumni at a time. We need your help to do it though. We need you to tell us about yourself and provide the basic biographical information for the section. We will send out standardized surveys to be filled out and returned to us in the coming months. If you visit the house, the Actives will ask you to provide the information while you are there. Thanks in advance for your help.

Alpha Psi Chapter of Theta Xi 10 Year Strategic Plan

The officers of the Alumni Association have collaborated with a number of alumni to develop a draft Strategic Plan for the Chapter over the course of 10 years. Throughout this collaboration we are figuring out the best ways to set the Chapter up for long-term success within the organizational culture we have developed for the last 65 years.

There are many reasons young men have decided to join Theta Xi at the Missouri School of Mines/University of Missouri-Rolla/Missouri University of Science & Technology/whatever they are going to call it next. Most of the time it is the unique culture and character we foster as Active Members, which attracts potential members. We are smart and hardworking; inclusive and diverse; and fun and rowdy. A group of Alumni have developed this draft Strategic Plan with an eye on the ultimate goal - we want to celebrate 75 years of Theta Xi in Rolla in a New House - not the New House - a Brand New Chapter House.

Right now there are four major focus areas or lines of effort - though they are distinct and separate they are inter-related to each other. These four areas are (1) Alumni Relations and Engagement; (2) Rush & Retention; (3) Chapter House Maintenance & Upkeep; and (4) New Construction Fundraising. Each one of these areas has it’s own sequence of milestones to be accomplished over the course of the decade and they impact our ability to accomplish those in the other areas - so there is little room for slack.

We acknowledge there is a lot of work involved, which is the main reason it is a 10 year plan and not a 2, 3 or 5 year plan. We want you to weigh in on it. This summer we will send out the draft of the current plan to all confirmed alumni and collect any feedback you have. The intent is to analyze and incorporate the feedback into the final plan and kick it off this coming Fall at the 65th Anniversary Celebration for Homecoming 2014. We hope you will be involved in this effort, as we really can’t do it without you. All of us - Actives and Alumni - are going to need to work very hard to accomplish what we want to accomplish over the next 10 years and beyond.

Share your thoughts, be involved, and celebrate our accomplishments with us along the way. This is going to be a very exciting decade for the Alpha Psi Chapter of Theta Xi - you don’t want to miss it. YITB - ΔΨΞ