Letter from Alumni Association President

The MSM/UMR/MST homecoming weekend is October 17 & 18. As you may know 2014 marks the 150th Anniversary of Theta Xi National Fraternity AND the 65th Anniversary of our beloved Alpha Psi Chapter. The Active Chapter and Alumni Association have planned a large 65th Anniversary celebration over Homecoming weekend. At the center of the preparations has been the hard work to complete the renovation of the dining room and stage area. I look forward to seeing the changes and hope many of you make the trip back to the house to celebrate with brothers young and old. Homecoming also marks the annual election of the Alumni Association’s five Officers (President, VP of Physical Upkeep, VP of Rush, Treasurer, and Secretary). The path to the strongest possible active chapter starts with the leadership of the alumni association. I believe there should be competition for these positions because competition can only fuel higher levels of achievement. If you have been inspired by the increased amount of Theta Xi Activity and Alumni Engagement and want to get involved, I encourage you to do so. A quick email or call to any of the current Alumni Association officers will suffice to get the ball rolling (or if you prefer Facebook send AlphaPsi ThetaXi a PM).

As with any volunteer position, the time demands are what you make them, but we all know the more you put into something, the more you get out. All officer positions are open for election any alumnus - young or old(er) - is eligible to serve. We encourage your involvement.

Yours forever in the Bonds
Nick Ereckson AY494

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Active Chapter Officers

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Treasurer: AW433 - John Meyer, meyer08@swbell.net
Secretary: AW440 - Drew Davids, 518757@gmail.com

Scholarship: AW602 - David Gilcrest, djgv2c@mst.edu

Much thanks to the six Alumni Brothers (see table) who attended the Fall 2014 Alumni Work Weekend. These great brothers chose to give up most of their weekends in favor of rolling up their sleeves, donning their safety glasses, to work alongside and help guide the Actives in efforts to get the ‘New House’ ready for the big reveal during the Homecoming festivities.

More than that, these six alumni also donated over $600 for the purchase of needed materials - paint supplies, a step ladder, and of course treating a majority of the Actives to lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated Brothers.

We are planning the Spring 2015 Alumni Work Weekend for either 4-5 April or 11-12 April. More details to follow, but pencil us in for those weekends on your calendars!

It’s coming along Brothers!!

Come check us out yourselves!!
Earlier this year hundreds Theta Xi Brothers joined together in celebrations across the country to raise a glass in unison to toast our beloved Theta Xi Fraternity on the 150th Anniversary of our founding. October 8, 2014 will mark the 65th Anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Psi Chapter of Theta Xi at MST (or UMR or MSM). Whatever the school was called when you went here, you are apart of our history and we want you to join us to celebrate this milestone and all we have accomplished this past year. Below is a schedule of events for the weekend. 
Items in **BOLD** are exclusive Theta Xi Anniversary/Homecoming Activities; other items are MST Homecoming Activities. For more details on exclusive Theta Xi Activities, contact Adam Jedlicka (AΨ605) at the Chapter House (573.364.6294) or Drew Davids (AΨ440) at 913.484.6283.

**Happy 65th Anniversary AΨ of ΘΞ – HOMECOMING 2014**

**17 October 2014 - Friday**
Homecoming Activities are going on all weekend beginning at 1000a Friday with registration at Havenner Center Atrium. Registration moves to the alumni tent on Bertelsmeyer Hall lawn 500p-700p.
Alumni Association Miner Legends Luncheon, 1200p-130p, St. Pat’s Ballroom of the Havenner Center. Some of S&T’s most distinguished alumni will receive recognition. Tickets are required.
Regional art collection and artist greetings, 100p-300p, Havenner Center atrium’s second floor.
Department open houses, 300p-400p, various campus departments.
Bertelsmeyer Hall dedication, 430p, Bertelsmeyer Hall front lawn, 11th and State streets. Guided tours of the new hall will be offered following the dedication ceremony.

**Happy Hour at the Grotto - 1105 N. Pine Street.** The owner, Mike Greenway (AΨ441) is offering exclusive drink specials to Theta Xi Brothers from 400p-600p. Friendly games/tournaments of darts and foosball will also be available.

After the ΘΞ Happy Hour ends, we will join the under-21 crowd at the house to continue the revelry. Don’t get too crazy - Saturday is a big day!

**200p-300p: Associate vs. Active/Alumni Football game @ Schuman Park**
**300p-430p: Beer & Wine Social Hour at the house**
**430p: NEW New House Ribbon Cutting in front yard/parking lot**

**430p-530p: Group Pictures (pledge classes, pledge families) and independent viewing of the renovations**

**530p-700p: Sit down dinner in Dining Hall with Key Note Address and Awards/Recognitions**
Student Diversity/Minority Engineering Programs dinner, 530p-1000p, St. Pat’s Ballroom of the Havenner Center. Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Student Diversity/Minority Engineering Programs. Tickets are required. For more information, contact Cecilia Elmore at 573-341-6798 or elmorec@mst.edu.
Miner Alumni Social, 600p-800p, Public House Brewing Co., 600 N. Rolla St.

**700p-730p: Alpha Psi Alumni Association Meeting, Officer Elections, and Awards/Recognition.**

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**Tool Drive:** We are collecting tools for the Active Chapter to use throughout the year. If you have tools you don’t use or are going to have replaced, please consider donating them to the Active Chapter!
Congratulations

Anniversaries/Weddings/
Happy Birthday!

QUICKNOTES

Steve Loethen (AV537)
Neil and Tiffany Hovis (AV534)
17 Sept: John and Stephanie Thien (AV532)
14 Sept: Nick and Renee Ereckson (AV534)
13 Sept: Matthew and Terena Wilson
10 Sept: Dan and Amanda Plank (AV535)
9 Sept: Jim and Wendy Poulsen (AV535)
5 Sept: Nick and Melissa Spooner (AV535)
25 Sept: Adam Goetz (AV536)
23 Sept: Jimmy Riggs (AV536)
19 Sept: Chris and Lindsey Foeller (AV537)
17 Sept: ROTC Rob Scmitt (AV538); Jeff Pease (AV538); Zach Pease (AV537)
19 Sept: Brian Miles (AV539); Chris Foeller (AV534); Adam Paddock (AV530)
23 Sept: Jimmy Riggs (AV543)
26 Sept: Adam Goetz (AV547)
27 Sept: Stephen Reichers (AV537)
28 Sept: Kyle Rodemacher (AV559)
5 Oct: David Gilchrist (AV602)
6 Oct: Sean Scott (AV384)
8 Oct: Greg Osbourn (AV399)
9 Oct: Watson Rasey (AV82)
11 Oct: Steve Loethen (AV327)
20 Oct: Cory Gilliam (AV551)
21 Oct: Josh Buehrer (AV536); Danny Richardson (AV555)
23 Oct: Brian Mahan (AV562)
25 Oct: Jeff Zieger (AV326)

Annyversaries/Weddings/
Engagements
5 Sept: Nick and Melissa Spooner (AV504)
6 Sept: Chris and Lindsey Foeller (AV534)- Just Married in 2014!
9 Sept: Jim and Wendy Poulsen (AV409)- 15 Years!
10 Sept: Dan and Amanda Plank (AV446)
13 Sept: Matthew and Terena Wilson (AV447)- Just Married in 2014!
14 Sept: Nick and Renee Ereckson (AV494)
16 Sept: Ed and Kelly Jaegers (AV420)
24 Sept: John and Stephanie Thien (AV455)
17 Oct: Drew and Jennifer Davids (AV440)
17 Oct: Ike and Annalee Williams (AV146)
29 Oct: Jimmy and Kathy (AV463)

Congratulations
Neil and Tiffany Hovis (AV518) had a baby boy on 16 Sept!
Steve Loethen (AV327) became a proud Grandpa on 20 Sept!

RSVP Instructions for Homecoming 2014

There are many moving parts to the 65th Anniversary Celebration during Homecoming this year. Brother Jeff Zieger (AV326) has agreed to cook the entrées for everyone and will be preparing smoked brisket and pulled pork. The house cook (new this semester) will also be preparing delicious side dishes to complement these entrée selections. Former Executive Director of Theta Xi National Headquarters, Brother Ron Trucks (Π1283), is going to be our keynote speaker. During dinner, he will provide his perspective on ΑΨΘΞ’s many outstanding accomplishments this past year in the context of the National Fraternity and what it means to strive to be an All True Men Chapter.

We are approximating about 30-60 (Alumni with guests) will be joining us. However, we need an accurate headcount to ensure we know things like how much food to prepare, how many chairs and tables to rent, and how we will need to arrange seating in the New House to accommodate everyone coming. To this end, we ask you to please RSVP for this event. Choose one of the ways described below to RSVP.

1) Cut out (or copy) the RSVP form below, fill it out and mail it with payment to Drew Davids, 3022 North 157th Street, Basehor, KS 66007. Note: Write “Homecoming” on the memo line of your check.
2) Go to alphapsialumni.org (ID: alphasi; password: puresole) and make a secure payment for the desired number of tickets. Then send an email to alphasthetatxi@gmail.com letting us know the payment is for Homecoming and either attach the filled out RSVP form below or just included the requested information in the body of the email.

The suggested ticket price is $35/person, to help cover the cost of food, beverages, chair/table rental, and the event memorabilia you will be presented with upon your arrival. Any money received above and beyond the event expenses will be allocated to current Property Upkeep Projects (HVAC, Gutters, Windows/screens, plumbing, kitchen appliances,...........you get the idea).

Please consider coming to join us in the milestone of our Fraternal history in celebrating so many accomplishments these past 12 months. The more, the merrier. Looking forward to seeing you Brothers! YITB- ΑΨΘΞ

RSVP Form for Homecoming 2014

NAME: ___________________________ AV# ___________________________

☐ Yes I will be attending Homecoming Festivities

Which Days should we expect you (check all that apply)
☐ Friday, 17 October ☐ Saturday, 18 October
☐ Other: _______________________

Number of Guests (counting yourself): ___________ x $35 (suggested ticket price)

How your name should appear on your nametag (please print): ________________________________

How guest name should appear on their nametag (please print): ________________________________

What is your choice of entrée? (Saturday Dinner only)
☐ Brisket x ___________ ☐ Pulled Pork x ___________
☐ Any Dietary Restrictions: ________________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________________

The $35 price is merely a suggestion. If you can give more, please do. Any level of donation exceeding the cost of supporting this event, will be allocated to the Property Upkeep Initiative unless noted otherwise: ________________________________
Financial support to the house in the form of donations has been unprecedented since last July. We have accomplished so much, but we have so much more to do. We are crunching numbers on the projects we’ve completed this year and will have a report on what those projects ended up costing at Homecoming, along with projected costs for the projects and reasons for any discrepancies.

We still need your help! We do have a wish list of major projects we seriously need your help on. Help in the form of Alumni stepping up in mass to provide financial support now and in the future. These projects (and their estimated overall costs and desired completion dates) include:

- New HVAC: ~$35k-$50k - Before AUG 2015. The house has been without central heat for about five years and has never had central AC.
- Repair Storm Drainage (including New Gutters): ~$10k-$15k - Before NOV 2014. The current drainage system is causing flooding in the basement and because of our roof size the 4 inch gutters should be replaced with 6 inch gutters.
- Replace all Windows: $25k-$35k - Before AUG 2015. The windows do not provide the seal necessary to efficiently keep the house cool in the summer and warm in the winter. A new HVAC will achieve more value with energy efficient windows.

2014 Donation Summary

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| AUV300s are leading donations in 2014 with 400s close behind! |

Top 5 Financial Supporters (in 2014)

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The next ways are to invest in the educational and professional development of our undergraduate brothers through donations to either the Theta Xi Foundation or the Miner Alumni Association. Donations through both of these means have always been 100% tax deductible and must be designated specifically to our chapter/fraternity when filling out the donation forms (online or hardcopy). Donations to the Theta Xi Foundation can help pay for actives to attend leadership development seminars sponsored by National Headquarter or fund scholarships for undergraduates of our chapter. Go to www.thetaxi.org and click the Foundation drop down menu for more information. Don’t forget to designate your donation for the Alpha Psi Chapter when giving. Donations to the Miner Alumni Association fund a scholarship to an undergraduate member in good standing selected by the Active chapter each semester. The amount is equivalent to 2.5% of the account balance, which currently equates to a $500 scholarship each semester. Click here to be directed to the Miner Alumni Association website. Don’t forget to designate it for Theta Xi Fraternity Scholarship when making your donations. Brother Nick Ereckson (AUV94) is very familiar with giving through this method if you should have any questions or concerns.

Help is always needed and support in any form is appreciated. It’d be great to see any of you at upcoming events. YITB - AUV94

MEET OUR ALUMNI

AW146 - Ike Williams  DOB: 26 March 1941 - Initiated: 7 January 1960

Brother Williams is very active in the United Methodist Church - especially the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church where he holds the highest ranking lay position as the Co-Conference Lay Leader for Indiana.

Ike initially joined Theta Xi for the friendships and stays in touch with many of Brothers he shared the house with as an Active member.

BS Mechanical Engineering-Missouri School of Mines

MBA-Marquette University, St. Louis

Brother Williams is retired from Sensient Technology and enjoys playing Golf and Reading.

Wife - Annalee (Anniversary: 17 October 2009)

Children: Jennifer (41); Robert (36); Sarah (35)

Lives in Fenton, MO

The Active Chapter and the Alumni Association always need Alumni support - support in the form of guidance/mentorship/partnerships; in the form of specific skills and expertise participating in house improvement projects; and of course financial support in the form of donations. If you are willing and able, we invite you to become part of our alumni support structure. Contact your Alumni Association to collaborate on our efforts.

There are different ways to make financial donations in support of the house. The first way is to write a personal check and send it to the Alumni Association Paypal account. Please write your preference for specific designation of the funds if applicable on the memo line (i.e. Rush, Property Upkeep, St. Pats).

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

The second way is to make a secure donation online to the Alumni Association Paypal account.


Username: alphapsi  Password: puresoul

Select the donate button and fill out the information fields to send your secure donation to the Alumni Association today. Currently all donations online default to the PUC account, so if you prefer to designate it for something else please email us (info@alphapsialumni.org or alphapsithetaxi@gmail.com) and let us know what that designation is. For your convenience, you can sign up for automatic withdrawals for monthly donations and provide financial support to the house every month automatically.

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