IT IS HAPPENING!! Construction for the Capital Campaign Project to build our New Chapter House has begun! We need to do A LOT of stuff to make sure we are ready for the Fall 2018 semester. The largest pledge class since our founding will be moving in and our priority is to ensure the young men we present a bid cards to exhibit the character, leadership, and personality traits which will strengthen the Chapter as they work to earn their degrees at Missouri S&T. The only way to do that is to effectively engage with potentials early, reach out to them often, and get to know them before we make the decision to issue them a bid card.

It takes a village to build a Chapter and our Alumni are the most valuable resource to help our Active Chapter recruit the best quality potentials.

Now is the time for you to get involved—in any way you are able. We need 37 more donors to commit to our Capital Campaign. We need Alumni volunteers to support Recruitment efforts during PRO Day weekends in Rolla this semester.

We need Alumni volunteers to open their homes for Recruitment events in KC, St. Louis, Springfield, Jefferson City, and Columbia this Spring and Summer.

We need Alumni volunteers to get involved on the Alumni Association leadership team to mentor our Active Chapter officers.

We need Alumni volunteers who live within 120 miles of Rolla, MO to commit to visit the Chapter House 1-2 times a month to interact with the Actives. Do you have ideas to improve the Chapter in ANY way? Please reach out to us! (thetaximst@outlook.com)

Visit our website, thetaximst.com for the latest news and photos.
Update on Brother Joel House, AΨ524

On November 30th, Brother Joel House (AΨ524) fell down the basement stairs of his home and fractured his skull causing damage to his brain. He was admitted into the ICU at Olathe Medical Center and his immediate medical treatment included putting him into a medically induced coma for four days to help treat the injuries to his skull and brain. Thankfully, Joel’s parents were able to come up from their home in Clinton, MO and Katie’s mother, who lives in Costa Rica, happened to be in KC visiting at the time of the accident and was able to help Katie out with Gwen as much as she and Joel needed. When he regained consciousness, Brother Joel was transferred out of ICU and his family had to decide on how best to approach his rehabilitation.

After weighing their options Joel and his family decided to complete his rehabilitation at a rehab facility in Nebraska. The future was unknown—a long road was ahead of him physically, intellectually, emotionally, and financially—but Joel and Katie and the rest of their family remained confident he would eventually make a full recovery.

For six weeks, the family figured out how to support Joel’s rehabilitation in Nebraska while keeping things going on the home front in Lenexa. We are thrilled to report that Joel has made a full recovery, has returned home and is back to work at his job at Garmin!

Those of us who experienced the genius that is Joel - his "enjoelneering" - know how wonderful it is that he is back to being himself! Much thanks to all of who supported Joel, Katie, and Gwen throughout this ordeal. We are thankful for the family support available to them when they needed it. We are thankful for the skilled medical professionals at Olathe Medical Center and the Nebraska Rehab facility who helped make his recovery possible. We are thankful for the well wishes, prayers and support provided by all of Joel and Katie’s friends to help them get through the trying time of Joel’s recovery.

Above: Chapter President (and St. Pat’s Board President), Brady Kluesner, AΨ620, gives a presentation on the history of St. Pat’s Merchandise. Inset: Brother Mike Greenway celebrating St. Pat’s Annual Best Ever in 2016, when he was named an Honorary Knight of St. Pat. Right: The only 1963 St. Pat’s Sweatshirt known to exist. (photo credit MO S&T Magazine)

Nobody has their Green like our Greenway!

Brother Mike Greenway (AΨ441) has become an icon within the Missouri S&T and City of Rolla communities. Brother Greenway runs The Grotto and The University Bookstore which are co-located in the building on the SW corner of Pine Street and 12th Street in downtown Rolla, MO. At Homecoming 2017, the St. Pat’s Board conducted their traditional reveal ceremony for the 2018 Annual St. Pat’s Sweatshirt design. During the ceremony, Brother Greenway’s Father-in-Law, Larry Stratman, presented the latest two additions of St. Pat’s Sweatshirts to the sweatshirt collection on display in The University Bookstore, making it the only collection anywhere to include a sweatshirt from every year since the St. Pat’s Board started making them!* This is quite a feat since St. Pat’s Sweatshirts were only made for members of the St. Pat’s Board from 1963-1965! There are only 60 total sweatshirts from that timeframe. Come to The University Bookstore to check out the complete collection for yourself, and hear cool stories of how they were acquired!

*Missouri S&T Officials also claim to have a complete collection of St. Pat’s Sweatshirts but to date have been unable or unwilling to produce this collection and prove this claim.
We have 113 Brothers on our Donor List. We need 37 more Brothers to donate at least $100 to make our goal of 150 Donors (Note: To be listed on the Donor Wall featured in the New Chapter House the minimum gift is $1000).

Construction has started on the New Chapter House, but we still need more donors. Members of the Capital Campaign team are reaching out to Brothers in their respective Pledge Classes. Take the calls and respond to the emails. We need at least 150 donors to be successful.

We want you all to be a part of this significant milestone in our Chapter’s history. We are in the process of setting up a camera to stream construction live on the web. Check out the progress yourself!

On Schedule

29 Dec

Ground Prep continues through 2017. Found some surprises—like a Time Capsule from 1997 buried in the foundation of the shed.

23 Dec

Earth movin’
Earth movin’
Earth movin’ we be earth movin’.

Under Budget

23 Dec

Demo started on 11 December: Buh Bye 1601 and 1603 buildings!...and Magnolia tree *sniff*

To Be Complete: August 2018

QUICKNOTES

Birthdays

January

3: Steve Pouliot (AΨ489); 5: Alex Edmonds (AΨ635); 6: Adam Jedlicka (AΨ805); 9: Chuck Petrick (AΨ431), Erick Alis (AAΨ485); Gabe Olivo (AΨ853); 10: Jerry Lebo (AΨ187); 11: Eric Oppeau (AΨ519); 12: Joe White (AΨ551); 13: Brian Klenklen (AΨ419); 14: Joshua Sales (AΨ615); 15: William Heine (AQΨ460); 20: Kurt Schaffarueltz (AΨ528), Tommy Brown (AΨ628); 21: Eugene Porter (AΨ359), Tim Muckowitch (AΨ177); 23: Jack Toller (AΨ888), Joel Cumby (AΨ483); 26: Daniel Cannon (AΨ586); 30: Dylan Crowder (AΨ854).

February

1: Nathan Cannon (AΨ545); 2: Richardson (AΨ077); 3: Bryan Holdmeyer (AΨ563), Cody Bahr (AΨ564); 10: Tom Weible (AΨ378); 12: Drew Davis (AΨ440), Matthew Strumphi (AΨ553); 13: Greg Pitt (AΨ438); 16: David Lewis (AΨ260), Bob Cesair (AΨ468), Jeremy Hall (AΨ472), Tyler Baker (AΨ538); 20: Chris Shephard (AΨ401), Rob Isaac (AΨ406), Dan Bierville (AΨ517), Brendan Daily (AΨ593); 18: Trent Weaver (AΨ450); 19: Noah Adelman (AΨ480), Justin Carroll (AΨ408); 22: James Ledbetter (AΨ587); 23: Mark Burdick (AΨ549); 27: Tyrone (AΨ516); 28: Ed Heckman (AΨ291), Josh Mahan (AΨ572).

March

4: Tom Brueggen (AΨ547); 5: Zach Ryal (AΨ546), Bryan Holdmeyer (AΨ563); 7: Landon Goldstein (AΨ581); 8: Wade Sharp (AΨ500); 9: Evan Zelkov (AΨ466), Aaron Trenshaw (AΨ558); 10: Kevin Reis (AΨ27); 11: Dr. Earl Richards (AΨ170), Frank Canastar (AΨ181); 12: Mike Zwick (AΨ454), Ryan Fisher (AΨ459); 16: Damin Saya (AΨ567); 17: Jack Reeves (AΨ474), Dan Turner (AΨ542); 18: Sam Golden (AΨ589); 19: Mike Dunn (AΨ229); 20: Aaron Barklage (AΨ470), Bill Herman (AΨ245); 21: Nick Fracko (AΨ434); 22: Chris Anderson (AΨ411), Jacob Finn (AΨ490), Robert Kenmore (AΨ484), Ike Williams (AΨ146), Matt Ward (AΨ408), Darrell Hose (AΨ413); 30: Vince ’Bud’ Baum (AΨ558); 31: Doug Joo (AΨ319), KC Green (AΨ473).

Anniversaries

January

5: 11th, Julie and Joe Skeeters (AΨ193); 6: 9th, Katherine and Kevin Moll (AΨ449); 10: 41st, Maureen McGaha and Michael Sullawser (AΨ274); 12: 17th, Diane and Steve Loethen (AΨ327); 18: 8th, Kathryn and Chuck Reeves (AΨ550); 19: 8th, Angela and Mike Khuyn (AΨ513); 26: 27th, Terry and Maurice Singleton (AΨ356);

February

1: 15th, Lori and Chris Rewczuk (AΨ444); 7: 9th, Delene and Nat Broeckling (AΨ386); 12: Lisa and Gary Farwig (AΨ458); 16: 16th, Joan and Greg Osdoub (AΨ399); 28: 33rd, Ann and Mike Fahn (AΨ250); 27: 30th, Denise and Dan Novak (AΨ366)

March

2: 16th, Marcela and Scott Ford (AΨ457); 11: 1st, Lisa and Volkan Becker (AΨ429); 15: 58th, Carol and Joseph Consolletti (AΨ172); 18: 20th, Carrie and Lucia Simon (AΨ476); 21: 48th, Sylvia and Bill Flatt (AΨ227); 23: 28th, Joy and Dan Rembold (AΨ286); 25: 18th, Andrea and James Ledbetter (AΨ587); 27: 14th, Rachel and Ken Gioke (AΨ503); 30: 6th, Jaymie and Brian Klenklen (AΨ419)

Congratulations!!

Mark Burdick (AΨ549) and Aaron Trenshaw (AΨ558) both passed their respective PE exams and received their licenses. Jack Reeves (AΨ549) and Stephanie Michelle got engaged last September! The big day was May 23, 2018! Brietta and Chris Hutson (AΨ529) welcomed Maran Mae Hutson to their family on 11 Sept 2017. Taylor Biggs and Glennon Watts (AΨ582) tied the knot with a beautiful ceremony in Sainte Genevieve, MO on 11 September 2017. Mr. and Mrs. Trent Weaver (AΨ450) welcomed their first child in September. Jessica Krosnick and Daniel Cannon (AΨ586) tied the knot on October 7, 2017. Sarah Diehl and Rich ‘Pancake’ Pankau (AΨ532) tied the knot on 22 October 2017. (picture) Steve Loethen’s (AΨ327) family welcomed his 2nd Grandchild, Conner Phillip Donavan on 23 October! Carrie and Lucia Simon (AΨ476) celebrate their son Patrick, who was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in October! Heather and Josh Buchner (AΨ356) welcomed Olivia Grace Buchner into their family on 17 November 2017. 78bs 6 oz and 19 inches long. Kate and Joel House’s family celebrate his full recovery from a fall at his home 30 November. See article in this issue for more details.

Mary and Patrick VanderWiele (AΨ444) announced they are expecting another child in 2018! Jennifer Elser and Bryan Holdmeyer got engaged on Christmas Day 2017. Big day to be announced.

In Memoriam

Brothers Don Canady (AΨ546) and Andrew Lapinski (AΨ116) have entered into the Chapter Eternal on 25 September 2016 and 10 November 2016 respectively.

Are we missing anything? Did you celebrate a birthday or an anniversary not listed above? Do you have news to share with the Brotherhood (new home, new baby, completed your Graduate studies, whatever!) LET US KNOW! Fill out the Alumni Biographical Form (enclosed for those of you receiving this via USPS) or just shoot us an email at alphapapitheta@gmail.com with any news you want to share!

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Recruitment & Retention Strategy

“What is the Lifeblood of the Fraternity?”
Do you recall hearing that question during paddle signing? Do you remember what it is?
Rush is an internal term we have used for years at the Chapter. Rush means all efforts of engaging with potentials in an effort to determine if they are a good candidate for recruitment. Ideally, the end result of these efforts is to have them accept our invitation for membership and sign a bid card. However, Rush is a confusing term for potentials - “What’s the hurry?” The decision to join a fraternity shouldn’t be taken lightly - nor should the decision to extend a potential candidate an invitation to join.
In order to properly qualify young men for membership, we must engage with them early and often BEFORE we give them a bid. Alumni Leadership are convinced the Call List is a useful tool, but the MO S&T Greek Life Leadership disagrees. They have been pushing to change the recruitment landscape to focus on current students for many years. This really helps the larger (and newer/nicer) houses, but hurts houses like Theta Xi which tout the “Smaller Fraternity Experience”. We cannot expect “On-Campus Recruitment” to keep Theta Xi at MST full. So what are we going to do?
Alumni and Actives have to work together and independently to maximize our reach to incoming Freshmen. We ARE going to use the Call List as a tool, however, it will no longer be the first opportunity for potential members to hear about Theta Xi. See graphic representation below.

June-September

Off Campus
- Summer PRO Days
- Hit the Ground Running
- O-Week
- Miner-Rama
- Finalize Fall Associate
- Member Class
- Fall Recruitment Ends
- AM Pinning Ceremony

Get Names and contact information for young men who defer decision

On Campus
- Rush Events
- Study Groups
- Socials
- Spring O’Rama
- Close or drop deferred decisions from Summer
- Finalize Spring AM Class
- Spring Recruitment Ends
- AM Pinning Ceremony
- Get Names and contact information for young men who defer decision

October-January

Small Information Sharing Meetings
- Sell the University, sell Greek Life, then sell Theta Xi
- Find out PRO Day
- Do they know anyone planning to attend S&T

October-January

Alumni Focus on their local area and personal network
- Call Potentials
- Rush Interviews
- Find out PRO Day
- Rush Events

February-May

Active Chapter focus efforts on their respective High Schools and On-Campus Rush
- Spring O’Rama
- Finalize Spring AM Class
- Spring Recruitment Ends
- AM Pinning Ceremony
- Get Names and contact information for young men who defer decision

Yellow boxes denote New Activities

Do you know a worthy young man planning to attend Missouri S&T in the future? Go to thetaximst.com and submit them for recruitment under “Join Theta XI”!