



May, 2016

A letter from the Prytanis

Esteemed Rho-Beta Alumni,

It is my pleasure to write to you as the Prytanis of what is once again the Rho-Beta Chapter at Michigan State University! Last spring when our group go together we established our goal of receiving our chapter from the Grand Council in 1 year and we did it in 1 year and 5 days. The weekend of April 24th was amazing as we all watched a year of hard work culminate in reaching our first goal. At the time I am writing this, based on Key Result Areas, the Rho-Beta Chapter is ranked #2 out of 13 in the Great Lakes Province and #19 out of the 250 in the nation. We have not only exceeded expectations internally but have excelled national level.



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Our Board of Advisors met for the first time that weekend as well and our meeting went very smoothly. We discussed budgets, set goals, set up channels for communication and spent some time getting to know each other. A special thanks to Brad Hall for setting up the meeting and to the other members of the board, Matt Doyle, Jim Myers, and John Hart who made the trek to East Lansing to meet up and get everything put together. I even had the privilege of meeting Regan Quaal, the first Prytanis of the Rho-Beta Chapter

Looking forward I have high expectations for this chapter. I want to step up our recruitment and I look to add around 40 members in the coming academic year. We also plan to raise thousands for St. Jude while involving many people on this campus next fall. As always service and academics are of high priority and I plan to hold my Fraters to the highest standards in these areas, giving back to the community around us while also maintaining excellent academics. My hope is that we win Top Teke Chapter in the coming year. Thank you to those of you who have contacted us and come to events, I look forward to meeting more of you in the upcoming school year.

Yours in the Bond,

Ashwin Sanzgeri,
Prytanis; Rho-Beta Chapter



CHARTERING WEEKEND

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To celebrate Rho Beta's re-chartering, the chapter organized a weekend consisting of a Friday night ritual/installation, Saturday morning tailgate, and Sunday Chartering Banquet.

The tailgate before the Michigan State Spring game was a success! We had 8 alumni attend the tailgate which is more than any other event that we have coordinated. A big thank you goes out to all alumni who attended the tailgate and shared stories about their days as an active member. We are attempting to plan a larger tailgate for the MSU Homecoming football game Saturday October 15th. If you are interested please do not hesitate to shoot us an email letting us know that you are interested.

On the 24th of April, the Rho-Beta colony received their Charter from the Grand Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Grand Hegemon Tony Clemens was the installing officer who oversaw the ceremony that took place at the Kellogg center. This was a momentous occasion which was heightened due to the fact that the colony chartered in only 370 days, which according to headquarters might be a TKE record.

After the ceremony, all active fraters and their dates headed over to the riverboat on Lake Lansing for a night of drinks and dancing in celebration of receiving the Charter. On the riverboat we also crowned our first sweetheart Madi Beckley!

A special thank you goes out to Board of Advisors President Brad Hall (Scroll 486) for his impromptu speech given at the Chartering Ceremony and his diligence and efficiency in setting up the Board of Advisors.



SERVICE

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Overall it was an incredible semester for the newly formed Rho-Beta Chapter. We have done a phenomenal job this semester with volunteering and giving back to the greater Lansing area. We will end the spring 2016 semester with 935 total volunteer hours and counting. We participated in some major events this semester and had a great time bonding while benefitting our community.

Fraters were very active in all of the service opportunities presented to them this semester. The Haven House of East Lansing was our most popular form of volunteering yet again. Here fraters would help the staff organize the house, entertain the children, serve food, do yardwork, amongst many other tasks. We have made great memories and strengthened our fraternal bond while helping out at Haven House, and we all look forward to volunteering there next fall and many future semesters to come!

We have also participated in some large-scale volunteer projects around campus this semester. In mid-April, 13 Fraters participated in Small Animals Day, a petting zoo event for all greater Lansing area residents to attend. We helped set up venues, monitor parking, act as security, and even hand out food. It was an early morning, but all was well because we had quality frater time and got to play with baby ducks.

On the same day another large group of Fraters volunteered at a local elementary school for Spartan Day of Service, a massive MSU organized and sponsored event. Fraters

spend all day out in the sun doing yardwork and making the elementary school look great!

It's been a very active semester for TKE Rho-Beta and we cannot wait to see what future service opportunities we can get involved with!



Above: Fraters helping at Haven House Pancake Breakfast. Below: Fraters doing yardwork for Spartan Day of Service at Forrest G. Averill Elementary School.





PHILANTHROPY

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Our committee has worked tirelessly to start planning new events and brainstorm ideas for the upcoming 2016/2017 school years. We plan on working closely with both the social and rush committees in having a large philanthropic pig roast cookout during the beginning of school to kick the new school year off! We will also be having our annual, large philanthropy event, "Tau Kappa Epsilon Presents: Kick it For the Kids", a bubble soccer based event that will be marketed towards Greek Life and other clubs throughout Michigan State. As our success grows, our events will become bigger and raise more money each time.

There were, however, positives in regards to our philanthropic activity on campus! We had a lot of success near the end of the year with raising money for St. Jude. We raised around \$990 for the whole year! A large chunk of that money came from selling coozies and t-shirts to alumni, parents, and other brothers, which went straight to St. Jude!

We participated in multiple events that different clubs and sororities put on during the year! We had an extremely large turnout for Kappa Delta's Spring Carnival event, and the guys really enjoyed themselves. Along with that large

turnout, we always represented TKE in the best possible way during Greek Week. We also participated in AOII's Strike Out Arthritis Dodgeball event where we came in fourth place.



Left: Frater Mark Debney playing some cornhole at Kap-pa Delta's Carnival to End Child Abuse in America. Right: The dodgeball team for Alpha Omicron Pi's Strike-out Arthritis event consisting of (from left: Nick Valli, Mark Debney, Niko Guajardo, Richard Ferrara, Ryan Bragg, John Roman, and Joe Smellie

RECRUITMENT

The Rho-Beta chapter has been able to recruit not only a great quantity of men but fraters of exceptional quality. This semester we have initiated 7 members of the Chi class and 11 of the Psi class. These men embodied the values that we believe to be imperative in becoming a brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

While recruitment is not easy being a new organization on campus, our brothers came together and put in time and effort into getting the name of TKE known within the student population. Our recruitment methods were unconventional to most fraternities but our brothers knew that new members are the lifeblood of the group. We also knew adding members also played a key role in qualifying for chartering.

Looking forward, the future of recruitment here at Rho-Beta is very



Pledge class Psi after becoming initiated on Apr. 23

bright. With our unofficial house on Louis street next year we have only more goals to strive for. The addition of the house is great for not only current members but also for appealing to potential members. A fraternity

house is a place where lifelong bonds are built and we think this can act as a symbol of our brotherhood and loyalty to the bond. However, we still are a small, new chapter on campus and we will still need to market ourselves and spread our word.

Next semester we plan on attending Sparticipation and the Greek Fall Welcome Barbecue. These are two events we think will let us tell potential members who we are and what we are about. Being a very large campus, new students attend these events to see where they might fit in. Our plan is to show the right people their way to Tau Kappa Epsilon. We hope that we are able to have a large omega candidate class and invite more quality men into the bond.



BROTHERHOOD

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The brotherhood committee's main goal this semester was planning the colony's first ever brotherhood retreat. The retreat took place on Friday March 25th at Sleepy Hollow State Park. The goal of the retreat was not only to set goals for the future, but also strengthen the bonds and friendships that have been created over the past 12 months.

The event started off with a large baseball game between all of the fraters. And then a round of disc golf was played on a course within the park. After that, we fired up the grills and had a barbecue. After eating all of the committees and the executive board split off into groups to discuss upcoming goals for the future.

The evening ended with an awards ceremony to recognize fraters who brought unique personality to the chapter. Most notably was Prytanis Ashwin Sanzgiri winning the "Best Dad" award, frater Dan Freeman winning the "Most Improved Award", and frater Niko Guajardo winning "Best Dancer". Each Award recipient received a trophy that will be passed on to winners of these awards at next year's retreat.

Aside from the retreat the committee has already begun next years retreat, and a paintball outing for next fall, as well as a disk golf outing for some de-stressing before final exams.



GREEK WEEK



For our first Greek Week back on campus we were paired with Delta Chi, and Kappa Delta. For our charity (Haven House East Lansing) we were able to raise over 4,000 dollars. Along with fundraising, active fraters participated in field day events, which were high lighted by a 3rd place finish in the tug of war competition as well as two different dancing competitions. Fraters Cole Lacey, Konrad Starostka, Richard Ferrara, Tas Blekys and Ryan Naughton participated in Songfest which was an 8 minute routine set to songs from or pertaining to Bonnie and Clyde. Jay Rashid and House Manager Alan Jurcak also participated in "MTV Night". Overall the Tekes came in 7th place out of 15 teams, and according to the women of Kappa Delta, were great greek week partners!

CONTACT US

We are still attempting to update our email list so if you are still in close contact with fraters who have not yet been contacted by us in any way please either have them forward their information to us our send us the information yourself to one of the emails below.

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