

SPRING 2019 VOL. II



# BETA ETA DATA



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Fraters Kaleb Young and Cody Nieters pose with our letters to celebrate the end of a semester.

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Oscar Kemp and Frater Justin Williams planned a very successful trivia night raising money for our philanthropy.



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Above you can see many of our fraters helping pour our new patio around the firepit.



Several of our fraters can be seen here accepting the award for first place overall for St Pats! Jared Buese (hiding behind the trophy) was our St. Pats overall committee head. He helped make St. Pats the success that it was.

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## Chapter Advisor's Report

I mentioned in previous columns that I feel that the Beta Eta chapter continues to demonstrate that it is one of the leading fraternities on the S&T campus. I was reminded of this again in March when I saw the fraternity members enter the house as a team holding the First Place trophy from St. Pat's 2019. What a moment!! It brought back many memories of past victories and the pride of brotherhood. I also want to believe that efforts on the part of our alumni association have played a part in this success. Way to go Guys!!

The chapter had one of the strongest spring rushes in recent memory and managed to initiate 10 new actives. You will read more about these new members in this publication, and I encourage you to get to know them better. A strong spring rush is important as we strive to keep the house full to keep member costs low. Housing costs continue to be a big issue for students, as the state forces S&T to pass more of its operating costs along to students. Those of you with kids in college already know this.

That's why your support for alumni events and the university is important in reminding S&T that much of their financial support comes from graduates who were part of the Greek System. I said this last month, but I think it's

worth repeating: Beginning in the fall of 2019, S&T will be the only campus in the University of Missouri system that still allows freshmen to live in Greek housing. Without freshmen in the house, our house could not meet its mortgage.

As we close another school year (the 72<sup>nd</sup> year for the Beta Eta chapter of TKE), I want to thank alumni for their past support for the chapter. I hope to see many of you at the TKE Golf Tournament in June, or at a Rush event this summer.

YitB,

Darryl Brinkmann  
BH 534A



**Darryl Brinkmann BH 534A**

## Spring 2019 Initiation Class



## Prytanis's Report

Another great year at Beta-Eta comes to a close. We've been in the full swing of Rush season due to the fees and deadlines that campus has recently implemented, creating an emphasis on early rushing. We have elected a new set of officers, if you are interested in what they are planning to do, please see their reports.

I'd like to thank Andrew During BH1072, better known as Upgrade, for helping us pour the concrete for the new addition to the patio. Our next project in the works is in-ground sprinklers, to help keep the yard looking green and healthy. We are always looking to improve the house so please get in contact with one of our officers if you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to see.

As always I would like to thank you for your continued support of this chapter. Without the backing of the Alumni we would not be able to offer the amazing experience we do to our members. We always love to see alumni involvement in the house.

YitB,  
Griffin Elliott



**Griffin Elliott**

**BH 1156**

## Spring 2018 Officers

Prytanis	Epiprytanis	V.P. External	V.P. E & S	Crysophylos
Griffin Elliott	Preston Walden	Jared Buese	Seth Spinner	Alexander Gehrin
BH 1156	BH 1141	BH 1168	BH 1113	BH 1153
Fall '17	Spring '17	Spring '18	Fall '15	Fall '17
Hegemon	Hypophetes	Pylortes	Histor	Grammateus
Ethan Harris	Grant Janicki	Ethan Lowrey	Alex Huff	Logan Gallagher
BH 1161	BH 1172	BH 1153	BH 1184	BH 1175
Fall '17	Fall '18	Fall '17	Spring '19	Fall '18
Rush Chairman	House Manager			
Brenden Bratsch	Jake Bartch			
BH 1128	BH 1144			
Fall '16	Fall '17			



## Epiprytanis's Report

This past semesters my committees worked hard to try and improve both the house and chapter. Some examples include House Development, House Maintenance, Computing services, and concessions just to name a few. The house development head, Jacob Lovel, led several projects around the house, the biggest of which was the patio around the fire pit. Our house maintenance head, Ethan Harris, worked with Jacob on several of his projects, as well as helped to get better equipment in the house. On the technical side, our computing services lead, Zach Kraft, got the house a new printer and ensured our computers in the study room were working as they should be. Concessions head Eric Hanson got the house a snack machine, as well as fixed a few of the tracks in the soda machines we have to make sure the house always has snacks and ice cold drinks available. All my other committee heads worked just as hard to make sure that the house had a very successful semester. These committee heads can be seen below.

On the bylaw side of my office, I have written a new Summer house man policy to try to help with moving people out of the house for the summer, as well as keep the house maintained over break. There were also some small changes to wording and a few added policies regarding food and drinks in the study room. We also voted to approve some new histor requirements for future semesters. The histor is now required to host and support the new professional development program that is being implemented in the fall semester of every year.

The committee heads listed below may not be accurate this upcoming semester as new committee heads will be chosen at the start of the Fall Semester.

YitB,  
Preston Walden



*Preston Walden*

*BH 1141*

## Internal Operations Executive Committees

Academics	Comp. Service	Concessions	Finance
Grant Janicki BH 1172 Fall '18	Zach Kraft BH 1160 Fall '17	Eric Hanson BH 1145 Fall '17	Alexander Gehrin BH 1153 Fall '17
House Dev.	House Main.	Rush	Steward
Jacob Lovel BH 1136 Fall '16	Jake Bartch BH 1144 Fall '17	Tyler Seats BH 1146 Fall '17	Ethan Lowrey BH 1151 Fall '17



## Vice-President External's Report

Over the past year, I have watched Frater Brenden Bratsch exceed at showing TKE what this new office is capable of. Brenden revolutionized our social media accounts and was able to expand our personal relations with the rest of the Greek community on our campus. My strongest goal for this office to expand on what he did and increase our public relations through campus interaction, while maintaining our social media influence. Brenden and I have seen firsthand that our houses participation has been extremely promising, and I know that increasing our presence on campus will not be a problem.

Although my committee heads are strong willed, I plan to be active within every committee to ensure our operations run at full force. Our strong increase in brotherhood this past year has led us to be stronger as a Fraternity and accomplish more as brothers. Our new activities head, Cole Steiger, and I, will be restructuring the activities committee into something more focused on brotherhood, and we'll be kicking off the semester with our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Brotherhood Retreat.

Focusing on these two fundamentals, I will also continue to grow our relations with our Alumni and continue to organize events and workshops our alumni can come to and help show our actives how to be more professional as we graduate.

Personally, I think that our public relations needs to be remembered in everything we do. Any-

time we wear our letters we are representing our house. Although this sounds like a curse, I believe we can use it to our advantage to increase our PR in many places. Our jerseys we wear for athletics games feature a big and bold TKE across the chest, so being at every game with a large crowd of our members shows other houses how tight knit our brotherhood is, while also trying to win of course.

As a closing remark, I am extremely excited and anxious to see where this next semester brings us as a Fraternity. I hope my fundamentals with brotherhood and public relations sticks with every member as we work on building our reputation on campus.

YitB,  
Jared Buese BH1168



Jared Buese

BH 1168

## External Operations Executive Committees

Activities	Alum. Relation	Athletics	Parent's Club
<b>Cole Steiger</b>	<b>Alex Huff</b>	<b>JC Walkenhorst</b>	<b>Alberto Rojo</b>
<b>BH 1173</b>	<b>BH 1184</b>	<b>BH 1150</b>	<b>BH 1124</b>
<b>Fall '18</b>	<b>Spring '19</b>	<b>Fall '17</b>	<b>Spring '16</b>

Public Relation	RCB	Social
<b>Brendan Bratsch</b>	<b>Griffin Elliott</b>	<b>Ethan Harris</b>
<b>BH 1128</b>	<b>BH 1156</b>	<b>BH 1161</b>
<b>Fall '16</b>	<b>Fall '17</b>	<b>Fall '17</b>





## Vice-President Events and Services Report

As everyone should know already, we won the St. Pat's overall competition this year, thanks to the coordination efforts of committee chair Jared Buese, but most importantly, the effort the active chapter put in as a whole. Many times since I've been here, the committee chairs would try their hardest in an event, only to have their work undone by the poor showing of the house. But this year has been different. Not just in St. Pat's but numerous other events our chapter has participated in this year, the effort put forth by the active chapter has been tremendous. The St. Pat's overall victory would not have been possible if it were not for the commitment to win by not just Jared, but the entire house.

Another event this semester that took place between now and the time of the last BH Data is Greek Sing. I don't have much to report due to the fact that we did not participate. The event was cancelled during its original date due to inclement weather, and we did not participate in the make up date due to scheduling the house's spring initiation on that second weekend.

Next semester, I look forward to working closely with Jacob Bartch and the rest of the Pump Factory (a nickname we gave to those fraters who

work out with Jake) to carry our St. Pat's success over to Greek Week. With Greek Week happening in early September, the event will be here before we know it. As well as Greek Week,

Homecoming is the other big event being held in the Fall. Griffin Elliott and Adam McTigue have been left in charge to be the liaisons with the alumni planners for this event. I have the utmost confidence that these two, along with the alumni association, will plan a Homecoming event to rival that of Homecoming 2017.

YitB,  
Seth Spinner BH1113



*Seth Spinner*

**BH 1113**

## Events and Services Executive Committees

Philanthropy	Comm. Service	Greek Week
Justin Williams	Cameron Brown	Jake Bartch
BH 1125	BH 1188	BH 1144
Fall '16	Spring '19	Fall '17





## Philanthropy Report

We had a great year for philanthropy this year. This year, the Beta-Eta chapter teamed up with the Missouri S&T police department and raised nearly \$8,000 for worthwhile causes including St. Louis Children's Hospital and the local Adopt-a-Family Programs. Our partnership with Missouri S&T law enforcement has allowed us to continually grow our philanthropy programs in the past few years. I would like to give a special thanks to Lt. Oscar Kemp for dedicating his time and talents to helping make events a success. I look forward to a continued growth in our programs in the coming years, and truly appreciate the support we receive from all of our alumni. I look forward to seeing everyone at next year's trivia night!

YitB,

Justin Williams BH1125



*Justin Williams*

*BH1125*

## St. Pats Overall Winners



## Community Service Report

For this semester we had a total of 2142 community service hours for our active members. As with all semesters, we had some members go above and beyond to get many hours and we saw some members fall short. This semester we were very proud of the participation of our chapter with the trivia night fundraiser as well as many fraters who traveled over spring break to get hours. We had several people volunteer at the Ronald McDonald house in South Carolina to cook breakfast for families who need it. I am always impressed and excited to hear about the amazing work our members do both locally and across the country. I look forward to what's in store this next semester as we try to expand our opportunities and increase our reported hours. Also thank you to the alumni for providing opportunities both past and in the future.

YitB,

Cameron Brown



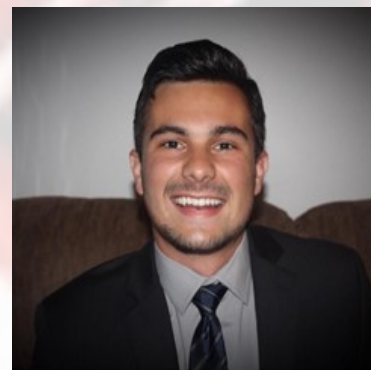
Cameron Brown

BH1188

## Rush Report

Hello! I'm Brenden Bratsch and I am the new Rush Chairmen. For starters, I wanted to update everyone on our new rush system which is comprised of a bid committee and rush committee. The bid committee is designed to ensure the recruitment of quality members and currently consists of 5 members selected by the Rush Chairmen. In order for a potential new member to be bid, a majority vote in favor determined by the bid committee must occur. So far, the bid committee has voted to bid 10 total new members and 8 of them have signed!

The rush committee is geared more toward training anyone in the fraternity once a week on how to talk to PNM's properly. We have had a great turnout to these weekly meetings and are already getting new members cleared to give house tours and work our PRO Day Booth!



Brenden Bratsch

BH1128

For any questions, contact me at 314-805-1049 or [bbgx6@mst.edu](mailto:bbgx6@mst.edu)

YitB,

Brenden Bratsch



## We Welcome 10 New Men Into the Bond

### Alex Huff

BH 1184

The oldest freshman in the house



### Cody Nieters

BH 1185

A Thinking Man who can't speak



### Alex Rozycki

BH 1186

Already has a real bike



### Aaron Roberts

BH 1187

2nd time is the charm.



### Cameron Brown

BH 1188

Just kidding, he's the oldest



### Anthony Buffa

BH 1189

Brought all his friends with him to college



### Kaleb Young

BH 1190

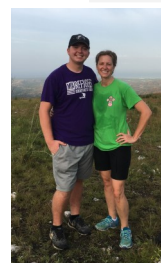
A speaking man who can't think. Still best friends.



### Carter Pitts

BH 1191

He's fairly local, he's been around.



### Jack Gutting

BH 1192

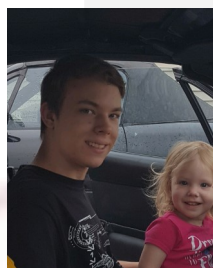
Someday he will get a real bike



### Nick Kucharski

BH 1193

Don't ask him for a ride, he doesn't have room.





## Jacob Lovel

Jacob "Cup" Lovel BH 1136 became an active member of Tau Kappa Epsilon in the fall semester of 2016. He just completed his junior year and is pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Jacob Lovel has not held any officer positions within the house but has been very active within a large number of our committees. He has headed house development as well as Greek week and athletics.

Jacob has had three little brothers, all of which have become initiated members of the fraternity. His little brothers include Joey Waelterman BH 1158, Evan Smoot BH 1182, and Alex Huff BH1184. His big brother was frater Tristan Nash BH1114.

In addition to the work Jacob does within the house, he is active in other organizations as well. He participates in all of our intramural sports and is a member of the club baseball team. Because of his involve-

ment with this team, Jacob was awarded athlete of the year in 2018.

Jacob most enjoys outdoor activities including hunting and fishing as well as sports and music. One of the biggest projects he has helped with is our new backyard patio around our firepit. We are very grateful to Jacob and everyone else who helped out with the project.



## Ethan Harris

Ethan "Kyle" Harris BH1161 has been a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon since the fall semester of 2017. He just completed his sophomore year and is pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Ethan was elected House Manager for the first time in spring of 2018. He was re-elected to the position in the fall of 2018 and held the office until the end of this past semester. He is also the newly elected Hegemon of the Beta Eta chapter. In addition to these offices, he has been the head of the house maintenance committee and just recently became the head of our social committee.

Ethan has had two little brothers in the fraternity. Grant Janicki BH1172 was his first and Carter Pitts BH1191 was his second. His big brother was frater Anthony Wahby BH1140.

Ethan is very active in the fraternity outside of the offices or committees that he heads. Recently he represented our fraternity at the Regional Leadership Conference this last semester. He was also awarded new member of the year.

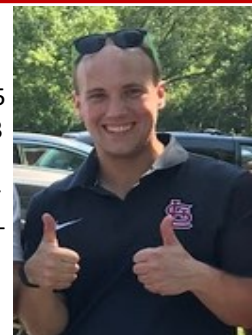
Much like Jacob, Ethan was a leader in the project to pour a backyard patio around our firepit. We are extremely grateful for his hard work in making sure this project is completed professionally.



## President's Report

Greetings from the Alumni Association. The days are getting longer, and the weather is getting warmer. Summer will be here before we know it. Nicer weather means it's time to dust off those clubs and sharpen those scoring pencils for our annual Alumni Association Golf Outing. The scramble is scheduled for Saturday June 15. We have a 10 am tee time at Paradise Valley in Fenton, MO. Fraters are encouraged to show up at 8 am to register and get a rundown of the rules from this year's commissioner Kevin Lahay. Before we tee off, we will have items up for bid in a silent auction, and at the end of the day, a catered lunch will be provided. As we did last year, the event is BYOB. If you haven't already, please RSVP by contacting Ray Buehler at [1oldbaer@gmail.com](mailto:1oldbaer@gmail.com). Also, please reach out if you have anything available (baseball tickets, etc.) to donate for the auction. If you're looking for a more family friendly occasion where you can spend an afternoon with fraters and not have to leave the kids at home, then please join us for our 2019 TKE family picnic. This event will happen on Saturday July 7 from 11-4 at Blanchette park. Attendees will be treated to lunch, be able to test their skills in a corn hole tournament for ages 12+, younger children will be invited to make some crafts, and each family attending is welcome to submit a dessert with the best being awarded a prize and bragging rights. This event will be BYOB (no glass or hard alcohol). To register, please visit [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PRWXF63)

[PRWXF63](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PRWXF63). If you can't make either of these events, please try to clear your calendar for the weekend of October 4-5 for the THIRD ever homecoming at No. 3 Fraternity Drive. As always, everyone is always welcome to join us at our regular monthly alumni meetings the first Thursday of every month at 6PM at the Geyer Inn in Kirkwood, MO. Between now and then, if you're in the position, we would really appreciate any and all donations to our current scholarship endeavor the Triangle Club. For further questions about what this endowment is or how to contribute, please contact Ray Buehler at [1oldbaer@gmail.com](mailto:1oldbaer@gmail.com). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or any of the Alumni Association officers with any questions or concerns about what we do, or how you can help.



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### Andrew During

Frater Andrew During BH1072 graduated in 2013 with a degree in Civil Engineering. His big brother was Stu Schneider BH1061. While a member of TKE, he had one little brother, Joe Reynolds BH1083. He definitely put in his time with the fraternity holding the offices of Hypophetes and Epipyrtanis as an active member.

During his time with the fraternity he says that he had many amazing memories. The ones that stand out the most are always those he was able to spend with his brother. His favorite though, happened during St. Pats of 2012. TKE was celebrating its 65th anniversary on campus and Andrew had the privilege of competing in the crazy beard contest where he dressed up like Jesus.

After graduating from Missouri S&T, he went on to work for Millestone Weber and has been working there since. We just recently voted to give An-

drew the alumni of the year award for his hard work helping us with the patio project. He set a day aside to come help make sure the project was completed professionally and safely. We are very thankful for Andrew's hard work and dedication toward bettering our house.



### Saying Farewell

Anthony has been a member of the Beta Eta chapter since the fall of 2016 where he transferred from a community college. During his time with the fraternity, he held the office of junior rush chairman and was a part of the rush, social, and Red Carnation Ball committees. Anthony is graduating with a degree in Business and Management Systems. He does not currently have a job lined up, but he is very hopeful and has many interviews lined up. Anthony says that his time with TKE has been one of the best experiences he has ever had. He does not have a specific favorite memory because every moment he spent with his brothers was unique and interesting in its own way. We thank Anthony for the work he has done in the fraternity and we wish him the best in the future. He will be remembered as the second best Wahby to come through TKE. We will miss him greatly.



*Anthony Wahby*

*BH 1140*

*Business and Management Systems*





## *Closing Remarks*

Hello everyone, my name is Alex Huff BH1184 and I am the newly elected Histor of the Beta Eta chapter. If I have not already met or interacted with you, I look forward to doing so. I would first like to thank Cole Steiger for his work to improve our Beta Eta Data over the past semester and I hope to continue in his footsteps in improving the newsletter.

If you have not already heard, our chapter is starting to implement a professional development program this upcoming semester. I will be working very closely with Michael Taylor to organize these events and make sure they are helpful and informative. I hope that this program will help to better our fraternity and prepare our members for the professional world.

In addition to the professional development program, I will be continuing to update the family tree that was began last semester. If anyone finds relevant information on past big brothers or little brothers in their interview books, please feel free to send me photo copies of the information at [ach638@umsystem.edu](mailto:ach638@umsystem.edu).

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the fraternity. Alumni help is one of the reasons we can be so successful on campus. Our alumni network continues to be active in our house by showing up to our events such as homecoming and St. Pats. Most recently we had an alumni come down and help with the patio project. Just as a reminder, we will have homecoming coming up before we know it next semester. In the next Beta Eta Data I will have a more concrete update on the details, but until then just know it is coming up. I look forward to hearing from and interacting with more of you in the future. Thank you again.

YitB,  
Alex Huff  
BH1184



*Alex Huff*

**BH 1184**



# THE END

