



FALL 2018 VOL. I

# BETA ETA DATA

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## On the cover...



*Frater Seth Spinner keeps an eye on the runners as he mans first base for the TKE Softball Team.*



*Class paddles have had a long and storied tradition at Beta Eta. Dating back to our inaugural class of spring 1947, pledge classes continue to make paddles as a step toward achieving Order of the Founders within TKE. If an alumni is looking to make or remake his class's paddle, please reach out to our Hegemon, Jordan Collins.*

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*Frater Jacob Lovel standing with his pledge class's newly completed project. The pledge class of Fall '16 built the flag poles over Opening Week.*



*(L-R: Anna Kinder, Marissa Albers, Loya VanOrder) Some TKE Sweethearts and girlfriends getting together for an all girls float trip. Marissa is a former sweetheart of the  $\Delta\Lambda$  Chapter and Loya is a former BH Sweetheart and TKE International Sweetheart 2017.*

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## Chapter Advisor

**W**ith the start of another school year, the Alumni Association sponsored a Back-to-School BBQ that acted as a meet and greet for actives, alumni, freshmen and their parents. I also met with actives and freshmen at the house during Orientation Week to review the scholarship options made possible by the alumni through the Triangle Club. Thanks again for your generous support!

The house is filled to capacity this fall with 22 freshmen and 32 actives. There are 15 actives living out of house. It's great to go to a chapter meeting with almost 70 young men in attendance. It's also exciting to learn that Beta Eta is fielding two softball teams. Way to go Guys!!

I want to commend house officers and big brothers on their efforts to reinforce the importance of good grades. The revised academic policies implemented last spring are still in effect, and the actives are putting the finishing touches on the new study room including the installation of four PC's. The house GPA last year continued to be near the Greek average.

I also met with actives and freshmen at the house during Orientation Week to review risk management best practices outlined by the university last spring. On the subject of Risk Management practices, I am sure that many of you have read in the media about the new rules being recommended at Mizzou to control alcohol and substance abuse, and hazing. The rules, if adopted, would go into effect for the next school year and could restrict freshmen from living in Fraternities and Sororities. There are no indications that these rules may be adopted at Rolla; however, we are all part of the UM system. Continued alumni involvement with both the chapter and the university is critical to help remind Missouri S&T how important Greek organizations are to their fund raising efforts. I know that the generous alumni from TKE will help reinforce that message.

Finally, I would encourage all of you to start thinking about Homecoming 2018. Hope to see all of you at the TKE house in October!

YitB,  
Darryl Brinkmann BH 534A



**Darryl Brinkmann**  
**BH534A**

## Faculty Advisor



**Dr. Mark Fitch**  
**BH999H**

**I**t has been a delight to have so many alumni involved with the house. The new house not only recruited a larger class of freshmen, but the core group of involved alumni expanded even more. That is fortunate because a new house also means many new responsibilities, decisions, and sometimes, headaches, for us alumni as owners.

But for me, it means fewer headaches because we share the load. I was able to mentor a team of Engineers Without Borders students surveying a community in Bolivia during 'Opening week' without having to worry about move-in, house condition, housing contracts, and scrolling for rooms. But it might have been a lot nicer to have been in Rolla than having the Alcalde (essentially county commissioner) tell us that the community we are helping is illegally squatting on agricultural land. The Alcalde did also admit they

are desperately poor and do need water, so I expect our team will design drainage ditches, drill a well, and design a water distribution system in the coming year.

One example of those who have stepped up is Frater Brinkmann, who attends the majority of chapter meetings as well as being involved in the social life of the house and rush. Because I was not a Teke, and the national fraternity requires an alumnus chapter advisor, alumni have stepped into that role. Darryl may now have the longest time in that role while I have been faculty advisor, and has been tremendously involved. One nice aspect for me is not always having to be the "adult" in the room; instead Darryl and I have a routine we call bad cop, bad cop.

YitB,  
Mark Fitch BH 999H



## President's Report



*Colton Gholson*  
*BH 1126*

**I**t was another exciting Summer for the Beta Eta chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon. We received national recognition for our impressive work with philanthropy and community service, the chapter would like to thank the alumni for their active support leading us to receive recognition for alumni relations.

Our previous rush chairman, Justin Williams, was one of three people honored with the Top TKE Recruiter award, which makes it the second year in a row we have had an active win this award.

Coming into this semester we plan on improving our GPA and have made changes to our academic policy that we hope will lead the chapter to a higher GPA.

We also had a record high number of actives working internships and co-ops this summer with eleven members getting real world experience in their respective fields of study. This is an encouraging feat as we continue to improve the professional development of our members. We look forward to the coming semester and improving our chapter, we hope to see you all soon.

YitB,

Colton Gholson BH 1126

## Fall 2018 Officers

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Tyler Seats BH 1146 Fall '17 tjs58d@mst.edu	Ethan Harris BH 1161 Fall '17 eahbgf@mst.edu			



## Scholarship Recipients

The active members of Beta Eta have been fortunate to receive many opportunities to earn scholarships from their involvement in TKE. The opportunities come from Beta Eta's Alumni Association, TKE related scholarships from Missouri S&T, and the TKE Educational Foundation. Below you will see members who received scholarships from the TEF.



*Connor Grzovic BH1147 was the recipient of the Eric D. Dunning Scholarship. Connor is a sophomore studying Nuclear Engineering and has held the office of Gramma-teus (secretary) within TKE.*

*Brady Hughes BH1130 was the recipient of the Michael & Candy Yakimo Scholarship. Brady is a junior studying electrical engineering and is the Community Service Chair for TKE.*



*Justin Williams BH1125 has won the Steven J. Muir Scholarship. Justin is a junior studying mechanical engineering and is Beta Eta's Philanthropy Chair.*



*Eric Hanson BH1145 is the winner of the Thomas H. Dunning, Sr. Scholarship. Eric is a sophomore studying electrical engineering and is the Hypophetes (academics chair) for TKE.*

## Spring 2018 Academic Performances

This past semester TKE earned an average GPA of 2.91. The pledge class of 2013 managed to have the highest class grade point with a 4.0, the classes of 2015 and 2016 were close behind with GPAs of 3.18 and 3.02, respectively. While the chapter was happy to see a higher grade point than the previous fall, we believe there is still room for improvement. That is why we have introduced some changes to the academic guidelines of Beta Eta, including more clearly defined opportunities for academic assistance and a new academic program for incoming candidates. The candidate academic program is a new approach to supporting our new members in their transition from high school to Missouri S&T. Along with study hours and mentorship from big brothers, the candidate academic program outlines certain skills that are needed to navigate one's college career. Some of these skills include time management, being able to accurately calculate class grades and GPA, and utilize campus resources like our Student Success Center, the LEAD Program, professors' office hours, etc. We believe that these changes will help TKE improve to one of the top S&T fraternities academically in the coming years.

**4.0**

**3.99—3.75**

**3.74—3.5**

**3.49—3.25**

**3.24—3.00**

**Michael Taylor  
Brendan Murray  
Matthew Riga**

**Noah Williams  
Justin Williams  
Jeffrey Strahm  
Eric Hanson  
Will Goetz**

**Chris Kiernat  
Seth Spinner  
Jordan Collins  
Brady Hughes  
Connor Grzovic**

**David Scott  
Josh Cash  
Caleb Buffington  
Matthew Jefferson  
Jacob Lovel  
Anthony Wahby  
Tyler Seats  
Alex Gehrin  
Zach Kraft**

**Zach Bible  
Curtis Buxton  
Tristen Nash  
Dalton Adamson  
Will Bump  
Ethan Harris**



***Rush Chairman's Report***

**W**e had a successful summer of rush this year. We ended up with 23 new candidates for the Fall semester and filled the house. I'd like to thank everyone who was involved with rush this summer including actives and alumni. All of the events had good turnouts and it was great to see alumni coming to them also.

We will begin our reach for Spring candidates for the coming semester at the end of September. Our goal will be to get at least 3 new candidates for the Spring. My plan to help rush for years to come is to get more people educated on how to help rush because it is one of the

most important offices in this house. If we are unable to acquire new candidates we run the risk of raising the house bill or losing the house. If we can get more people involved, we will have an easier time tackling call lists and keeping in contact with potential members.

If you have any suggestions or tips for the upcoming Spring semester or just in general, reach me at 636-357-8107 or [tjs58d@mst.edu](mailto:tjs58d@mst.edu).

YitB,  
Tyler Seats  
BH 1145



*Tyler Seats  
BH1145*

***Meet the New Candidates***

*Left to Right: Aaron Roberts, Jacob Probst, Caleb Creelman, Brady Creek, Logan Gallagher, Trevor Stephens, Connor Glisson, Alex Beale, Cole Stieger, Jack Downey, Daniel Bugarin, Colin Hayes, Alex Huff, Connor White, Nathan Wacker, Alex Duffy, Even Smoot, Nathan Mueser, Tyler Nadler, Cade Yantis, Grant Janicki, Nathan Riek, Quentin Stoke*



# Fall '18 Pledge Class

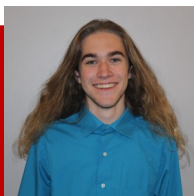
*Alex Beale*

Hometown: Hatfield Heath, UK  
Major: Nuclear Engineering  
Has lived in NM and TX



*Brady Creek*

Hometown: Liberty, MO  
Major: Metallurgical Eng.  
Plays the Oboe



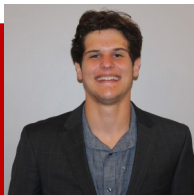
*Jack Downey*

Hometown: St. Peters, MO  
Major: Undeclared Eng.  
Has webbed feet



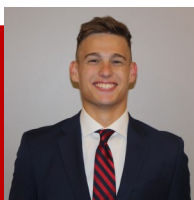
*Logan Gallagher*

Hometown: St. Peters, MO  
Major: Undeclared Eng.  
Plays rugby



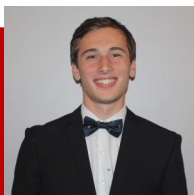
*Colin Hayes*

Hometown: O'Fallon, MO  
Major: Aerospace Eng.  
Likes snowboarding



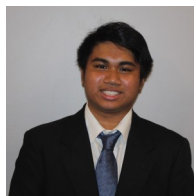
*Grant Janicki*

Hometown: Wildwood, MO  
Major: Computer Eng.  
Can solve a Rubik's Cube



*Daniel Bugarin*

Hometown: Manchester, MO  
Major: Chemical Eng.  
Cheese is his favorite food



*Caleb Creelman*

Hometown: Lake St. Louis, MO  
Major: Aerospace Eng.  
Likes to golf



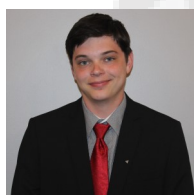
*Alex Duffy*

Hometown: Springfield, MO  
Major: Computer Science  
Enjoys hiking



*Connor Glisson*

Hometown: Festus, MO  
Major: Mechanical Eng.  
Modifies nerf guns



*Alex Huff*

Hometown: Barnhart, MO  
Major: Aerospace Eng.  
Loves Baseball



***Tyler Nadler***

Hometown: O'Fallon, MO  
Major: Mechanical Eng.  
Likes boats



***Aaron Roberts***

Hometown: Alton, MO  
Major: Biological Sciences  
Likes Pineapple Pizza



***Trevor Stephens***

Hometown: Florissant, MO  
Major: Electrical Eng.  
Likes music



***Quentin Stokes***

Hometown: Lebanon, MO  
Major: Mechanical Eng.  
Likes scuba diving



***Connor White***

Hometown: Wentzville, MO  
Major: Undeclared Eng.  
Likes playing sports



***Nathan Meuser***

Hometown: Eureka, MO  
Major: Undeclared Eng.  
Talks like Donald Duck



***Jacob Probst***

Hometown: Liberty, MO  
Major: Mechanical Eng.  
Eagle Scout



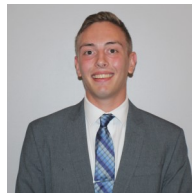
***Evan Smoot***

Hometown: Anna, IL  
Major: Geological Eng.  
Competitive bowler



***Cole Stieger***

Hometown: St. Louis, MO  
Major: Electrical Eng.  
Likes combat sports



***Nathan Wacker***

Hometown: St. Charles, MO  
Major: Computer Eng.  
Son of Bill Wacker BH 875



***Cade Yantis***

Hometown: Springfield, MO  
Major: Computer Science  
Likes playing ping-pong





## Noah Williams

Noah “Squatch” Williams has been an active member of the Beta Eta chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon since the fall of 2015. He is currently a senior in the economics department at Missouri S&T. He will graduate in the spring of 2019.

Noah has held the office of Grammateus in the spring of 2016 and has held numerous committees. Some of the committees he has held have included St. Pat’s Overall, Steward, Concessions and Public Relations. This semester, Noah became a member of the Knights of Classic Lore. He has also been a big brother to other members of TKE: James Strahm BH 1138

and David Snider BH 1165.

Beyond his involvement in TKE, Noah has had his fair share of roles on campus.

As one of the charter members of Young Americans for Liberty, he held the offices of Vice-President of Recruitment and Public outreach.

One of Noah’s fondest memories was living with his big brother Jacob “Pinto” Eastwood BH 1095 when he was a candidate. “Pinto was always a kind, welcoming spirit and was willing to lend a guiding hand to help me through my transition... to college.”



*Noah Williams*  
*BH 1117*

## Griffin Elliott



*Griffin Elliott*  
*BH 1156*

Griffin “Blow” Elliott became an active member of the Beta Eta chapter in the fall 2017. He is currently a sophomore pursuing his B.S. in Information Systems and Technology. He is expected to graduate sometime within the following decade...

Griffin is currently the Grammateus of Beta Eta. He also the webmaster for Public Relations and is the Homecoming Liason for the Alumni Relations Committee.

Griffin was also a representative for the Beta Eta Chapter at TKE’s Provincial Educational Conference and

the Regional Leadership Conference.

Griffin has been instrumental in helping reestablish and modernize our chapter website and helping preserve and digitize our historical documents.

Griffin has many fond memories of his short time in TKE but his fondest memory of Beta Eta is going to Lane Spring for his first brotherhood event and working with his class to throw his rush chairs and Hegemon in the spring.

## Brenden Bratsch



*Brenden Bratsch  
BH 1128*

**B**renden “Strokes” Bratsch became an active member of Tau Kappa Epsilon in the fall of 2016. A junior in mechanical engineering, Brenden is expected to graduate in the spring of 2021.

A member of Order of the Founders, Brenden has had the opportunity to hold a couple offices during his time at Beta Eta. In the spring of 2017 he was one of our Junior Rush Chairmen and he is currently our current vice-president of external affairs and is currently overseeing our external executive committee, which includes the committees of public rela-

tions, alumni relations, IMs, and Social. Brenden has been a big brother to Frater Tyler Finnegan BH 1166 and is currently a big brother to candidate Nathan Mueser.

Outside of the house Brenden has used his “athletic” talents to the field and plays second base for S&T’s club baseball team. He also spent this spring on co-op at Lowe Boats in Lebanon, MO.

Brenden’s fondest memory of TKE is when he threw away bacon when he mistook grease for mold and subsequently received several “Jerry of the Week” accolades for his actions for the following three semesters.

## Justin Williams

**J**ustin “Krabs” Williams became an active member of TKE in the fall of 2016. Currently a junior pursuing a bachelor’s in mechanical engineering, Justin is expected to graduate in the spring of 2021.

The low scroll of his class, Justin has been one of our more involved members in his time at TKE. As rush chairman, Justin recruited our largest pledge class in over 30 years with 32 recruits. These results earned him TKE’s Top Recruiter Award. He is the second Beta Eta Teke to ever earn that distinction. He has also been essential to reinforcing our philanthropy efforts

as our philanthropy chair, overseeing our most successful event in recent memory, our TKE Trivia Night where Beta Eta raised over \$4,000 for St. Jude’s.

Justin has also been extremely active outside of the Fraternity. He was president of Pi Tau Sigma. He is on St. Jude’s National Collegiate Council and is currently on co-op with Ameren.

One of Justin’s favorite memories in Beta Eta was spending a summer recruiting new members for the chapter.



*Justin Williams  
BH 1125*

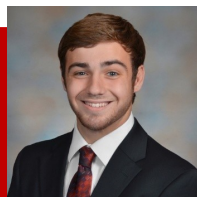


## ***Tekes in the Workplace***

This summer members of the Beta Eta chapter got the opportunity to apply the knowledge they gained at S&T in their respective industries. In total we had 11 actives take internships and co-ops in 2018 or nearly 20% of our active membership.

*Michael Taylor*

B.S. Eng. Mgt.  
ECS—St. Louis, MO  
Engineering Intern



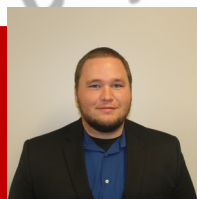
*Tucker Shoup*

B.S. Chemical Eng.  
Brewer Science—Rolla, MO  
Chemist



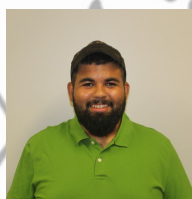
*Seth Spinner*

B.S. Aerospace Eng.  
NAL—Salem, IL  
Equipment Eng. Intern



*Alberto Rojo*

B.S. Arch./Civil Eng.  
Arkansas DOT—Emerson, AR  
Civil Engineer Intern



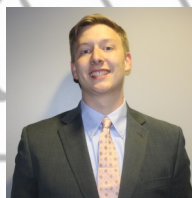
*Justin Williams*

B.S. Mechanical Eng.  
Ameren—West Alton, MO  
Engineering CO-OP



*Colton Gholson*

B.S. Electrical Eng.  
Whitehall Ind.—Paducah, KY  
Electrical Eng. Intern



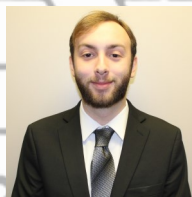
*Brenden Bratsch*

B.S. Mechanical Eng.  
Lowe Boats—Lebanon, MO  
Engineering CO-OP



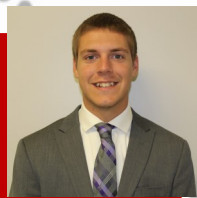
*Matt Jefferson*

B.S. Electrical Eng.  
Kaiser Electric—St. Louis, MO  
Electrical Eng. Intern



*Jacob Lovel*

B.S. Mechanical Eng.  
Arc Vision — St. Louis, MO  
Design Eng. Intern



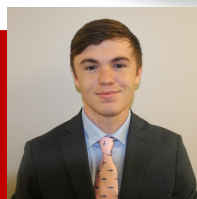
*Anthony Wahby*

B.S. Business and Info. Syst.  
Boxes Inc.—St. Louis, MO  
Marketing Intern



*Tyler Seats*

B.S. Electrical/Computer Eng.  
St. Luke's —St. Louis, MO  
Clinical Works Intern



## Takes on Campus

### Eric Hanson

Currently a sophomore in electrical eng., our Hypophetes, Eric, is extremely involved on campus. He is secretary of STUCO and Tau Beta Pi, and is vice-president of S&T's Mathematical Association of America chapter.



*Beta Eta has taken pride in producing members that not only have a positive impact on the chapter, but the campus as a whole...*

### Aaron Tucker

Aaron is a sophomore in Engineering Management and the head of Public Relations for TKE. He is also PR chair for Out 'til Midnight and is active in the National Society of Black Engineers, Human Powered Vehicle, and Miner Key A Cappella.



### JC Walkenhorst

JC is currently a sophomore in Aerospace Eng. And is also a member of Missouri S&T's Army ROTC program. JC will serve as an officer in the Army upon graduating.



## Takes in Intramurals



*TKE's floor hockey team attempts to score on Kappa Sigma's goalie. This game ended in a hard fought loss but we still have plenty of season left to make the playoffs.*

*TKE Team B after their opening win against Sigma Phi Epsilon. (L-R: Tyler Seats, Ethan Lowery, Chance Jeffries, Seth Spinner, Matt Wilke, Grant Janicki, JC Walkenhorst, Jared Buese, Alex Gehrin)*



*The scoreboard from our opening softball game against Sig Ep. We hope to carry these types of scores into future games.*

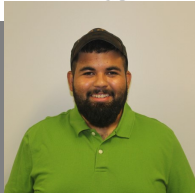




## ***Interfraternity Council***

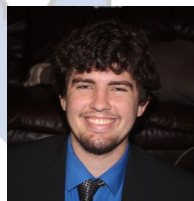
*Alberto Rojo*

**Senior Rep.**  
**Godz Year: 2018**  
**Godz Position: Briareus**



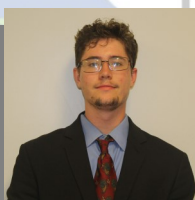
*Joshua Cash*

**Junior Rep.**  
**Godz Year: 2019**  
**Committee: Sales**



*Zach Kraft*

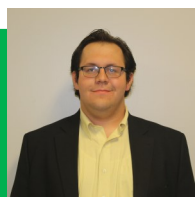
**1st Year Rep.**  
**Godz Year: 2020**



## ***St. Pat's Committee***

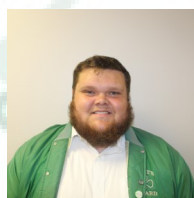
*Ed Mueller*

**Senior Rep.**  
**Office: Secretary**  
**Committee: Float and Parade**



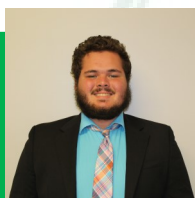
*Brent Bauerschmidt*

**1st Year Rep.**  
**Committee: Local Sales**



*Adam McTigue*

**1st Year Rep.**  
**Committee: Float and Parade**



## Philanthropy

**L**ast year we saw a great

growth in our philanthropy efforts, in part to the phenomenal teamwork that we have had with Missouri S&T's University Police. I want to extend a huge thank you to Lt. Oscar Kemp for all of his help in reaching out to the community of Rolla. We raised over \$7000 for St. Jude Children's Hospital in the F17-SP18 school year. This year, we are introducing a few new programs to help grow that number even more.

To start, we are encouraging a lot more individual fundraising this year. We are introducing several friendly competitions in the house to help encourage this effort. Additionally, we are having our first 5K fun run this fall, cohosted with University Police. We also hope work with UPO to increase our adopt-a-family fundraising efforts. This coming spring, we will have our 2nd Annual Trivia Night, cohosted with UPO. We will also be hosting our

annual TKE Taco Night.

All of these require many service hours from our members and donations from the community. If anyone would like to help in any way, please feel free to contact me anytime at 636-544-4728. For more information on the great cause that this money goes to, follow the link below:

[http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/TKE/TKE?pg=entry&fr\\_id=98764](http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/TKE/TKE?pg=entry&fr_id=98764)

Thank you, and I look forward to a great year of philanthropy.

YitB

Justin Williams BH 1125



*Justin Williams  
BH 1125  
jdwvgf@mst.edu*

## Community Service

**F**or Community Service this semester we have some big goals set up for us. Nationals would like us to have 1250 hours by the end of the semester to meet Key ResultArea requirements, we are working on several events to meet our goals.

We are starting a new on-going service event through the Missouri Department of Conservation. The new event is a Stream Team. The Stream Team is an on-going, waterway restoration project similar to an Adopt-A-Highway section. We've adopted Beaver Creek south of Rolla currently, but plan to move to the waterways in Newburg, Missouri.

We are also participating in many smaller, one-off events throughout the semester. As in

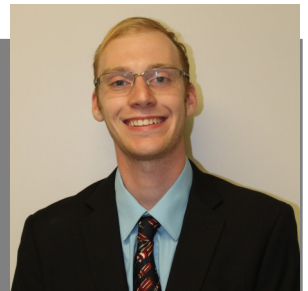
the past, we have a strong presence at the blood drives on campus and earned the max points for the Greek Week one hosted in late August. There is a Boy Scout camp event where we will go chop firewood and help restore the cabins that Jake Bartch is leading. Anthony Wahby has an annual church picnic which we help heavily in.

Looking forward we will not have an issue meeting the Nationals requirements for service and are happy to donate our time to help those who need it.

YitB,

Brady Hughes

BH1130



*Brady Hughes  
BH 1130*



## Teke Week is Underway

**A**t the time of this publication, Missouri S&T is in the middle of its Greek Week, or as we at Beta Eta refer to it: Teke Week. TKE along with all of the other fraternities and sororities on campus participate in friendly competition as well as community service to promote Greek Life on campus and in the community. So far, TKE has placed 4th in the 4x200 relay race and has had full participation in all the service events like the Greek Week Blood Drive and Greek Service. But with Greek Week still underway, TKE will have many more opportunities to leave its mark on the field and in the community.



*Frater Alberto Rojo is TKE's GOD for the 2018 Greek Week. Alberto earned the GODZ position of Briareus as result of his service in the Greek community as a member of the Interfraternity Council*



*Some fraters and sweethearts are enjoying the festivities happening in the Beer Garden at opening games. TKE's cook, Bessie, and her husband Frater Larry Windle helped quench the thirsts of the Greek Community by serving up the cold beverages in the Garden (L-R: Brenden Bratsch, Anthony Wahby, Marissa Albers, Anna Kinder)*

*A few of our actives are playing volleyball against Phi Kappa Theta at opening games. The men gave a good effort but ultimately fell short losing 14-16 to the Phi Kaps (L-R: Ethan Lowrey, JC Walkenhorst, Jacob Lovel)*



**M**y name is Alberto Rojo and I will oversee the new and improved "Parent's Club" for the year. Parent's in the club and members of the house within the Parent's Club committee will be working with me and our new Vice President External, Brenden Bratsch, to plan events.

We now will be having a Dad's Day in the fall while also having a Mom's Day and a Parent's Day in the Spring. If you would like to be apart of this club to help decide dates and to give ideas as to what we will be doing at the events stated above, just email me your phone number and I will add you to our Group-Me. If you have any question or concerns feel free to email, call or text me.

Dad's Day will be Saturday October 20th. We will provide some food and refreshments. Feel free to bring a side. If the weather cooperates we will use our brand new fire pit and enjoy the beautiful evening playing yard games around the fire. If you are interested in coming to Dad's Day let me know.

My email is [arch8@mst.edu](mailto:arch8@mst.edu). My phone number is (314) 764-9312. We hope to see all the fathers in attendance!

Regards,

Alberto Rojo

BH 1124



*Alberto Rojo*  
*BH 1124*

## *Important Dates*

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Event</b></i>	<i><b>Contact</b></i>
Oct 6th	Alumni Work Day	Greg Hicks <a href="mailto:gregoryhick@prodigy.net">gregoryhick@prodigy.net</a>
Oct 12-13	Homecoming	Griffin Elliott <a href="mailto:gef2f@mst.edu">gef2f@mst.edu</a>
Oct 20th	Dad's Day	Alberto Rojo <a href="mailto:arch8@mst.edu">arch8@mst.edu</a>
Nov 3rd	St. Jude 5k Event	Aaron Tucker <a href="mailto:altr25@mst.edu">altr25@mst.edu</a>



## President's Report

**I**t is an exciting time to be a BH TKE alumni. As everyone knows we have a brand-new house at 3 Fraternity Drive, and it is our job as alumni to make sure we fill it with the legacy of 1107 we all remember. To do this, we have created the Triangle Club endowment program. As we grow this fund, we will be able to provide perpetual support to help the active chapter build a winning culture through yearly scholarships. All donations are appreciated in this effort. For inquiries about donating, please reach out to Ray Buehler at [1oldbaer@gmail.com](mailto:1oldbaer@gmail.com). If you aren't in a place to give however, you should feel no obligation to do so and we would still like to see you at our upcoming events. We will be having an alumni workday at the new house in Rolla on Saturday, October 6. We will celebrate homecoming the following weekend of October 13. Ray Buehler will be hosting a social event for fraters and their spouses in his backyard at 324 W Madison Kirkwood MO 63122 at a time to be announced.

The final big event we have planned for 2018 will be what has become our largest monthly alumni "meeting" on Wednesday, November 21 on Thanksgiving-eve at a location to be determined. Feel free to come out to any of these to visit even if you haven't been back in a few years we would enjoy the opportunity to reconnect. All of you are also always invited to attend our more business and planning oriented monthly alumni meeting which is held on the first Thursday of the month in the St. Louis area. So come out, let's share a beer, and remind the new house how we raise up that ol grey goblet.

YITB,

Drew "Tugboat" Hall  
BH1042



*Drew Hall  
BH 1042*

## Treasurer's Report



*Unfortunately, we did not have a good photo of Rob to use... Instead, here is a picture of Frater Michael Taylor at Greek Week*

**T**he Beta Eta Alumni Association continues to receive great support from our generous alumni. And we apply this support to programs that are contributing to the development of the active chapter. We continue to focus on Academics, Leadership, Rush, and our Big Brother Program.

As recently communicated by Ray Buehler, we have some unfinished business. The 1107 Club will be able to fund our current undergrad Scholarship Program through this school year. But continuing this key program beyond this year will require additional contributions and establishment of a large Triangle Club endowment. So this is our challenge in the upcoming years.

We hope that Beta Eta alumni will respond again as they have before. Especially those that have missed prior opportunities or have waited to see real results (which have already been achieved, and then some). As your Alumni Association treasurer, I stay busy with collections and disbursements that greatly exceed what we had years ago. But I look forward to more of the same!

As always, I welcome your questions or suggestions - [rob.telker@gmail.com](mailto:rob.telker@gmail.com).

YITB,  
Rob Telker  
BH 612

## Chairman's Report

**T**he BOA has been active during the summer

and first part of the year. Frater Dave Bernhard and I did a walk through with the house manager at the end of spring to see what shape the rooms and provided furniture were in after a year of use. We had the rooms repainted but left the floors alone. We will have to address the floors in the bedrooms in the future, we are thinking about carpet squares. If any of you have a good source for them please let us know. We also did a 1-year walk through of the house with EM Harris. A list of issues to be fixed was created and is mostly taken care of. There are still a few items on the punch list being worked through. We had the patio surface sealed to correct the problem we had with water leaking through it.

Jeff Steinhart has been working with the chapter's treasurer and watching its finances. With a full house we are right on track and everyone in the house is staying current on their house bills.

We are currently a very young house. More than two thirds of the in house members are freshmen and sophomores. That said, the current officers in the house are doing a

good job and have it moving in the right direction. With such a young house we need to make sure that the members and officers know that they can reach out to us when they have questions.

In summary we have a beautiful new house that we are working hard to keep in top shape. Thanks to those of you who donated to allow it to be built. Those who didn't donate it's never too late. The chapter is strong with good leadership and will be around for many years to come. or those of you who haven't been back in a while please stop by at Homecoming or St. Pats to see for yourselves.

YITB

Steve "Fozzy" Bahr BH 818



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BH 818*

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# Alumni in Action

## Golf Outing



*Pictured are actives Joshua Cash and Noah Williams living up to generational stereotypes as they volunteer at the golf outing.*



*Here we have alumni Ivan Matthews, Steven Sumpter, Drew Hall, and Parker Kessler (L-R) demonstrating that being past your prime is more than an old man's game.*



*Frater Andrew During attempts to drive the golf ball to the hole.*

**T**his past June the Beta Eta Alumni Association hosted its 5th Annual TKE Golf Outing. We had 58 people participate and raised over \$2,000 for scholarships for the chapter. This year's winning team was Travis Arand, Jim Chapman, Andrew Potthast, and Bart Stoessel.

## Family Picnic

**L**ast July the Alumni Association hosted their 2nd Annual Family Picnic. We had about 30 alumni, actives, and wives attend along with 15 tykes of Tekes. The picnic had a cornhole tournament for the adults and the kids got to make concrete stepping stones to take home. The chapter would like to thank Tim Quinn for coordinating the event!



*Fraters Kevin Lahay and Ryan Elam are participating in the cornhole tournament. Ryan's family travelled all the way from Kansas City for the event, which was held in St. Charles, MO.*



*Here we see fraters, their wives and kids eating some of the dessert that was a part of the dessert competition. The winner, who was determined by the three oldest alumni, was Ryan Elam's wife, Abbie, who made cookie covered brownies.*



## Alumni Workday

**T**his semester the Alumni Association will be hosting its first Alumni Work Day at our new home on 3 Fraternity Drive. The date for the work day is set for Saturday, October 6th.

Currently, the projects that the Alumni Association plans to tackle are putting in some raised flower beds in front of the electrical equipment by our kitchen as well as paint and seal the exterior concrete.

The association is currently looking for about 10 alumni to help

with projects so if you have any expertise in these kinds of projects or would just like to lend a helping hand, please get in contact with Frater Greg Hicks at [gregory.hicks@prodigy.net](mailto:gregory.hicks@prodigy.net)



*The Alumni Association would like to raise these flower beds (Left) and paint and seal the exterior concrete (Top)*



## Rush

**E**very summer, alumni from the Beta Eta Chapter play an integral role in the recruitment process. They host rush events and after parties, they attend dinners with recruits and their parents, they even help financially subsidize the Rush Chairmen as they work to fill the chapter house each summer. Pictured are a couple of the many instances that alumni have been active in this year's recruitment. The chapter would like to thank all the alumni that continue to give back to the chapter and its recruiting process.



*The Eash Family and Dan Kissel enjoying themselves as they host our annual pool party rush event.*



*Frater Greg Hicks is telling our treasurer Preston Walden and several recruits unsolicited anecdotes about how great retirement is during our river cabin rush event.*

## Preserving Our Future

**A**s Beta Eta moves forward, we need to look beyond the horizon and prepare for the hurdles we will have to overcome to maintain our success and preserve the chapters existence.

With always growing competitive landscape of Greek Life at Missouri S&T, TKE must remain strong and adaptive to remain relevant and impactful to campus life at S&T.

One of Beta Eta's biggest hurdles is our newly acquired mortgage that has come with our new home. Although we have received generous pledges from countless alumni, we still have a long way to go before we can reach a true comfort with our financial security.

With these concerns, the active chapter, Alumni Association, and the Board of Advisors would like to reach out to any alumni, parent or friend of the fraternity that would be interested in donating towards the chapter. There are a couple of ways that donations can benefit the chapter.

One way is to donate to our Triangle Club to help endow scholarships for the chapter. To do this please contact Ray Buehler for information.

Another way is to donate to our Board of Advisors to help pay down the chapter's mortgage. To do this, please contact Jeff Steinhart.

Ray Buehler

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Jeff Steinhart

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TBA	Alumni Social	Ray Buehler 1oldbaer@gmail.com
Nov 28th	Alumni Meeting	Drew Hall tugboat1042@gmail.com

***Final Remarks***

I would like to thank everyone who made this edition of the Beta Eta Data possible. This is our first attempt at sending a printed copy and the first time we have sent it to parents and faculty. As I usually say: any and all feedback is welcomed and appreciated.

In my final semester at Missouri S&T and as an active member in Beta Eta, I have had the opportunity to witness one of the chapter's most dramatic improvements over the past five years.

When I rushed Tau Kappa Epsilon in 2013, TKE was one of S&T's least involved fraternities. Our house GPA was regularly among the bottom of Missouri S&T's Fraternities and we had very few people actively engaged on campus and involved in improving the chapter's functionality. Recruitment and retention of members was also at a low point as I witnessed the active chapter dip below 20 members multiple times in the first couple years I was active. Beta Eta was on the brink of death.

Fortunately, there were several actives that decided to leave their mark on the chapter and bring it back from the brink. I was lucky enough to learn from these men and witness them in action. Fraters like Joshua "Sunshine" Nixon and Trevor Voss first showed actives like myself what it meant to go above and beyond the status quo in a role for the chapter. Members like Jacob "Pinto" Eastwood and Matthew "Wink" Riga showed me what it means to step up and take charge when the chapter truly needed it. Men like Cory Davis and Matthew "Bender" Gibson exemplified the values of brotherhood and friendship. And alumni like Ryan "Chief" Elam and John Eash taught me that TKE truly is the Fraternity for Life.

These men, along with many more, helped elevate the standard of Beta Eta and helped reinforce the ideals of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Each one helped build the foundation that our chapter's current successes are built on. Without them there would be no new house for Beta Eta to call home and more importantly there is possibly no chapter to continue

building Better Men for a Better World at S&T.

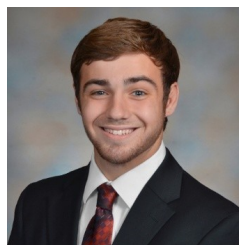
These men in one way or another, helped me during my time in TKE. Whether it was inspire me to step in and fill the role of rush chair when the house was struggling to build numbers, encourage me to chase that elusive Top TKE award that we finally earned in 2017, or find ways I can give back to the chapter and help the younger actives become better leaders than I was. Much of the chapter's recent successes as well as my own are because of the influence and inspiration these fraters have had.

As TKE moves forward as a chapter and we look for new ways to build and improve the chapter, we often forget the impact this chapter has already had on some of its members and the hurdles we have already had to overcome. Beta Eta is the place where anyone has the opportunity to become a leader because at TKE it is not wealth, rank, or honor, but personal worth and character that define a true frater. It's a unique quality that I have seldom seen in other organizations and it is a quality that I believe we should always fight to preserve.

As we look to see what is beyond the horizon for Beta Eta I hope each of you, our alumni, help find a way to contribute to the organization that has helped so many. Whether it is donating time or money the Alumni Association as well as the active chapter appreciate any and all involvement. If you are looking for a way to contribute, please contact myself or Alumni President Drew Hall ( contact info. on page 19) and we will assist you. We appreciate the alumni and parents and all that they do for Beta Eta.

Humbly Yours,

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