

GAMMA XI GAB

Gamma Xi Chapter of Sigma Nu



Brothers, just as the Spring 2016 semester at Missouri S&T is in full stride, so are the men of the Gamma Xi Chapter. We are all working diligently in a variety of areas, and are excited to see what successes the semester holds.

The Gamma Xi Chapter has many highlights from last fall. Members earned a 3.022 semester average GPA, which placed us among the top 10 fraternities on campus. With recent improvements to our scholarship program, we aim to breach the top 5 in the upcoming semester. From successful Fall recruitment, the Gamma Xi Chapter was proud to initiate 20 new members to our brotherhood. These young men are prepared to step into leadership positions to advance the growth of the chapter. With 4 members on co-op this semester we currently have 48 active members in house, 10 members living in the annexes, 3 candidates and 6 members that live out of house. This brings our chapter's current total to 67 active members.

Our chapter is currently in second place overall in intramurals with first place finishes among Greek chapters in Ultimate Frisbee, Floor Hockey and Bowling. It is our goal to uphold the athletic tradition that Sigma Nu has held in previous years. We intend to continue to push towards first place utilizing the athletic abilities of both old and new members.

The chapter's campus involvement is as strong as it's ever been, with almost 100 percent of chapter members involved in at least one other campus organization. The brothers of the Gamma Xi represent the chapter in a positive manner, and continuously demonstrate that we can and will impact the Missouri S&T campus. Notably, the current student body president is our very own Adam McMikle $\Gamma\Xi$ 1470. Also, Jacob Boehm $\Gamma\Xi$ 1501 is serving as the president of Order of Omega. We are especially proud of our chapter's IFC representatives Brandon Queri $\Gamma\Xi$ 1504 and Joe Dooley $\Gamma\Xi$ 1525. Overall, we are very proud of all of our members and their contributions to their respective organizations.

This year's 108th St. Pat's celebration will ignite long standing traditions that have been a part of this campus for over 100 years. The celebration begins on Thursday, March

17th and ends Sunday, March 20th. The St. Pat's parade will be held on Saturday, March 19th, which will feature a float

we have been diligently working on. We are also working to enter a cudgel in competition, fitting the theme "St. Pat's Goes to the Movies." We hope that many of you will come by the chapter home during the festivities!

Our chapter has an exciting upcoming semester, with events centered around service, family and outreach. We are working towards hosting a philanthropy event in the St. Louis area to benefit our National Philanthropy – St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We are also planning an event with other organizations on campus, as well as our annual Mother's Weekend.

On behalf of the chapter, I would like to thank all alumni, family and friends who have supported the chapter in previous semesters. Without your support, both knowledge-based and financial, we would not be able to operate in the successful capacity that we do. As we move forwards towards excellence, we would love involvement in any way possible. With love, honor and truth at our core, we will continue to operate in an effective, efficient way, with the goal of making the Gamma Xi a Rock Chapter within the next two years.

If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact me by email at cmmnpb@mst.edu or by phone at (217) 299-8186. I hope to see some of you over the St. Patrick's Day celebration, or any time you visit the chapter home.

Fraternally,
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The Creed

To Believe in the Life of Love,
To Walk in the Way of Honor,
To Serve in the Light of Truth,
This is the Life, the Way,
And the Light of Sigma Nu -
This is the Creed of our
Fraternity

The Principles

To govern each act by a high
sense of Honor.
To bind together all members
by ties of true and lasting
friendship.
To protect, assist, advance, and
encourage each other by every
honorable means.
To have plans for guidance and
unity in action.
To propose, discuss, and agree
upon these plans at meetings.

Major Officers:

Eminent Commander

Christopher Moore '1500'

Lieutenant Commander

Jason Reed '1476'

Treasurer

Austin Czerniewski '1523'

Recorder

Zephrem Conrad '1519'

Marshal

Eli Hlinak '1526'

Alumni Chairman

Ben Prothman '1553'

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LIEUTENANT COMMANDER'S REPORT

I am so excited to have the honor to serve as Lt. Commander for this Spring semester. This is the position I have wanted to hold for a long time. This semester is especially meaningful because it's also the last St. Pat's I will see before my intended graduation date.

As I write this, I remember something that the late Gary Broyles, ΓΞ615, said to me and other brothers just before the 110th Homecoming a little over 2 years ago. He said, "You guys have some chemistry here." It was an odd thing to hear at the time but the more I think about it I know he was right. We've got an amazing group of men in the active chapter. Men that want to leave this chapter better than they found it. The majority consensus is that we want to strive for Rock Chapter again in the near future and I believe we are making steps in the right direction to do that. Some of these steps are met with resistance because change is difficult. But we're stepping up to the plate to get it done. This semester I want the active chapter to focus on our values and what that really means. I plan on working on articulating our vision for Gamma Xi and then coming up with goals that are going to get us there.

Recently we had a facilitated LEAD session by the Fraternity Life Director for Missouri S&T, Brett Watson. At the end of the session he wished us well and said, "Sigma Nu is the chapter to watch. This is the chapter that's going somewhere." Wow! Can there be a better review for a college fraternal organization than that? With our strong alumni support and a lot of hard work we hope we can prove Brett right. On behalf of the active chapter I thank any alumnus that is reading this newsletter and is showing support for our chapter. Please come visit for St. Pat's if you can make it, mark your calendars for Rolla-fest the first weekend in August, or drop in if you're traveling through Rolla. As always, please feel free to email jason.reed@mst.edu to reach me.

Jason Francis Reed, ΓΞ 1476
Senior, Computer & Electrical Engineering



ALUMNI CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Homecoming 2015 marked the first time in decades that the Alumni Chapter Executive Committee formally assembled to conduct official business. Many thanks to those 19 alums in attendance and to those who sent in their proxy ballots. The meeting was extremely productive as we brainstormed new initiatives and programs to promote alumni involvement as well as opportunities to further support the active chapter.

In addition, the members present agreed to expand the current four (4)-member governance structure to include "Decade" Directors. The concept behind this "director" configuration is to specifically include Gamma Xi alumni from all generations by incorporating a standing representative from each decade. This diverse composition of experience and energy was proposed, not just to bridge generation gaps within the Alumni Chapter but, to ensure that we are effectively communicating with all of our Gamma Xi brothers on a consistent basis. In addition to their advisory role with the Alumni Chapter, the Directors have been tasked with identifying pledge class champions of their respective decade to further expand the Gamma Xi Alumni communication network. I encourage those of you so inclined to volunteer, please do so. For those that receive the call to assist, I hope you seriously consider answering the call.

Over the next several months, you will likely see (and hopefully read) emails from me asking for volunteers, updating you on current initiatives or reminding you of upcoming events. Speaking of upcoming events, GET FIRED UP for THE BEST EVER St. Pat's 2016, March 17-20. The 67th Grand Chapter is in San Diego this summer at the Manchester Grand Hyatt from June 29th through July 3rd. For more information, please go to <http://www.sigmanu.org/events/grand-chapter>. If you are an attending Gamma Xi alum, please contact me at your earliest convenience at trastorfer@yahoo.com. As always, if you have any thoughts or suggestions to make your Alumni Chapter better, please feel free to contact me anytime.

***** Save the date for the 3rd Edition of RollaFest, scheduled for August 4-7, 2016 in Rolla, MO. *****

Congratulations and THANK YOU to all of our officers and directors!

2015-2017 Executive Committee:

Worthy Eminent Commander – Todd Rastorfer, GX 1168

Worthy Lieutenant Commander – Tyler Herrell, GX 1464

Worthy Treasurer – Derek Rowland, GX 1400

Worthy Recorder – John Hooper, GX 1121

Directors:

1950/60's Director – Larry Brewer, GX 694

1970's Director – Jim Grelle, GX, 818

1980's Director – Erik Hauser, GX,1028

1990's Director – Brian Tenholder, GX 1189

2000's Director – Tim Robert, GX 1303

2010's Director – Kyle Moellering, GX 1459

Fraternally,

Todd S. Rastorfer, P.E., ΓΞ 1168,

Civil Engineering '98

CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

AAVG (Advanced Aero Vehicle Group)

Nick Pashos, ΓΞ 1517
Austin Foutch, ΓΞ 1518

AEI (Architectural Engineering Institute)

Jake Danielson,
Candidate – Vice President
Jacob Palazzolo, ΓΞ 1494

AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics)

Austin Foutch, ΓΞ 1518

Air Force ROTC

Cameron Maupin, ΓΞ 1535 – Cadet 4th Class,
MAS Trainee

Archery Club

Jason Reed, ΓΞ 1476 –
President/Founder

Army ROTC

Justin Habiger, ΓΞ 1490 –
S2, Color Guard OIC

ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers)

Brandon Queri, ΓΞ 1504
Jason Barth, ΓΞ 1508
Drew Lewis, ΓΞ 1521
Eli Hlinak, ΓΞ 1526

Baja SAE Design Team

Al Bialczak, ΓΞ 1533

Band

Chris Moore, ΓΞ 1500 –
Wind Symphony
Jacob Nall, ΓΞ 1502 -
Percussion

Blue Key Honor Society

Jason Reed, ΓΞ 1476 –
OGS Chairman

Greenburg Scholar

Chris Moore, ΓΞ 1500

Honor Academy

Chris Moore, ΓΞ 1500
Zeph Conrad, ΓΞ 1519

IEEE

Jason Reed, ΓΞ 1476 –
Fundraising

Ian Pittwood, ΓΞ 1532

IFC (Interfraternity Council)

Brandon Queri, ΓΞ 1504
– Assistant Recruitment,
Junior Rep

Joe Dooley, ΓΞ 1525– 1st
Year Rep

Jazz Band

Jake Danielson,
Candidate – Trombone
Sam Moore, Candidate –
Trombone

Matt Gunn, Candidate –
Alto Saxophone

Kappa Kappa Psi

Jacob Nall, ΓΞ 1502 –
President

Jake Danielson,
Candidate

KMNR Radio

Joel Thorne, ΓΞ 1477 –
Roadshow Director

Lacrosse

Chris Moore, ΓΞ 1500-
Treasurer

Rob Wymore, ΓΞ 1527

Marching Band

Jacob Nall, ΓΞ 1502 –
Section Leader

Miner Choir Guild

Adam McMikle, ΓΞ 1470
- President

Orchestra

Joe Ponticello, ΓΞ 1524 -
Bass

Order of Omega

Caleb Day, ΓΞ 1469

OURE (Opportunities for Undergraduate Research Experiences)

Ian Pittwood, ΓΞ 1532

Pi Epsilon Tau

Jordan Quante, ΓΞ 1506

Sigma Alpha Pi

Jacob Palazzolo, ΓΞ 1494
Chris Moore, ΓΞ 1500

SPE (Society of Petroleum Engineers)

Jordan Quante, ΓΞ 1506
John Barron, ΓΞ 1507
Tommy Tabacchi, ΓΞ 1509

Student Council

Adam McMikle, ΓΞ 1470
- President

Drew Lewis, ΓΞ 1521

Student Diversity Program

Drew Lewis, ΓΞ 1521

TIES (Technical Innovators and Entrepreneurs Society)

Connor Wolk, ΓΞ 1487

Volleyball

John Barron, ΓΞ 1507

Water Polo Club

Joe Pace, ΓΞ 1487 –
President

Joe Dooley, ΓΞ 1525

Wrestling

Joe Ponticello, ΓΞ 1524

MARSHAL'S REPORT

The Spring Semester of 2016 has brought forth a great awakening to Sigma Nu Fraternity. Currently we have no spring candidates, but I do have the honor to lead the 19 newly initiated members into their second semester here at Missouri S&T. These newly initiated members make up a large percentage of our house, so it important to make sure they understand that they are of great importance to the chapter. It is also important for the already active members to lead by example and to explain the principles of love, honor, and truth to the new members. These are all things I look forward to instilling in the mind, heart, and character of these young men.

If any questions, comments or concerns arise, please feel free to contact me at 636-395-7762 or by email at echwc3@mst.edu. The quality of our candidate class will continue to be my top priority to ensure great additions to the Gamma Xi Chapter and the Legion of Honor.

Eli Hlinak, ΓΞ 1526
Sophomore, Mechanical Engineering

ALUMNI CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am the new Alumni Chairman for the Gamma Xi chapter of Sigma Nu. I am a New Initiate from the Fall 2015 candidate class. The Alumni Chapter has started having quarterly meetings since their reinstatement last year. If you would like to join them contact [Todd Rastorfer](mailto:Todd.Rastorfer). Also don't forget to come out to Rolla this Summer for Rolla Fest III.

Something I would like to do in every Gab article like Jason Reed had started to do is to add good news to the report from alumni. So if you've added a member to your family, earned a promotion, started a new business, or gotten married, or any other great news, let us know so we can publish the news in the next edition of the Gab.

To get involved with the alumni chapter please contact Todd Rastorfer or myself. Please see the agenda for the Alumni Chapter meeting attached with this newsletter.

If you are interested in Rolla Fest III and want to get more information, please contact Jack Phillips ΓΞ 770 at jack.engi770@gmail.com. Rolla Fest is a summer reunion for Gamma Xi chapter alumni and family. We spend time on the river floating and a day at Lane Springs playing cornhole, horseshoes, and reminiscing about the great times at Rolla. Please plan on attending the weekend of August 4th – 7th.

Benjamin W. Prothman, ΓΞ 1553
Freshman, Mechanical Engineering & Engineering Management

Events

Snake Pits – March 7-9
Coronation Ceremony – March 18
St. Pat's Parade & Concert – March 19
Rolla Fest III – August 4-7

Varsity Athletics

Football:
#51 Brett Curtis, ΓΞ 1516 AE/ME
#32 Dillon Bowman, ΓΞ1537 Business

Spring Graduates

Angelo Tuano, ΓΞ1463	MechE
Caleb Day, ΓΞ1469	ChemE
Adam McMikle, ΓΞ1470	History
Jonathan Daniels, ΓΞ1471	CompE & EE
Chance Walker, ΓΞ1486	Biology



Patio of Honor

Greetings Brothers of Gamma Xi. As the chapter continues to grow, so does its history. We would like to give you the opportunity to not only leave a piece of your time here with the house, but to also help provide for the future of the house. The Patio of Honor continues to expand and it would be our pleasure to have you as our next honoree! Each commemorative brick is engraved with your name and initiation number and is placed alongside of those of your brothers.

For a minimum donation of \$75 you can have a brick created with your name and initiation number engraved on the front. The money will go towards the cost of the brick materials, as well as improvements to the house. We greatly appreciate your help to continually making Sigma Nu the best house on campus. You can contact me by email at jason.reed@mst.edu. Thank you for all your support throughout the years.

Fraternally,
Benjamin Prothman, ΓΞ 1553

Please make checks payable to Sigma Nu and mail to:

Sigma Nu
C/o Alumni Chairman
205 East 12th Street
Rolla, MO 65401

Full Name of Honoree: _____ Initiation Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Home Mobile (circle one)

Name to appear on
brick*:
(Please print)

* 16 character standard limit per line including spaces and punctuation. Up to 18 characters may be used if necessary. Up to two lines of editable text. Last line will contain Honoree's badge number.

CHAPLAIN

This semester we combined Brotherhood and Chaplain into one position. As Chaplain, I am pleased to say we are looking forward to many events this year, including a brotherhood retreat. We are finally pursuing our brotherhood retreat which will be taking place at the end of February. During the retreat we are looking forward to brotherhood bonding, camping, service, and of course shenanigans. After hearing back from nationals about Pursuit of Excellence, we are looking to include LEAD sessions within the retreat as well to help build our chapter even more. We also plan on hosting a couple Alumni and chapter brotherhood events throughout this semester. We currently stand in 2nd place overall in intramurals and look forward to continuing our winning streak especially with basketball and soccer coming up. We are looking forward to what this semester will contribute and cannot wait to see all our alumni at homecoming next fall. Feel free to contact me at jtqdm@mst.edu about any ideas for our retreat or other brotherhood events that we could start implementing this semester.

Jordan Quante, ΓΞ 1506
Junior, Petroleum Engineering

RECRUITMENT

Recruitment at the Gamma Xi Chapter of Sigma Nu has continued to flourish as many organizational improvements are made. One of the most valuable tools in increasing the quality and quantity of men we recruit is Chapter Builder, an online platform for tracking potential new members. Through the implementation of this tool for the first time last year, we were able to fill the house to capacity. We will utilize Chapter Builder again this year in alignment with Values Based Recruitment, emphasizing the importance of finding men that share our values.

Another improvement we have made to recruitment is the restructuring of our committee. Through the enactment of subcommittees, more people can be involved, therefore allowing more members of the house to learn the responsibilities and duties of recruitment. This sets us up for future success, as giving more members hands-on experience makes transitions between recruitment chairmen each year more fluid.

If you know any quality young men who will be attending Missouri S&T in the fall semester of 2016, or for more information on our recruitment initiatives, please don't hesitate to contact me at connor.wolk@mst.edu or (636) 233-8083.

Connor Wolk, ΓΞ 1487
Senior, Engineering Management

SCHOLARSHIP

While the house has been making great strides in several areas, academics was unfortunately not one of those areas last semester. While the house barely made grades with a GPA of 3.02, we had 12 members make a 2.0 GPA or lower. Overall performance last semester was far below satisfactory, and I approached this semester as a turning point. The chapter has already approved a stricter study hour program that places an emphasis on giving our members the tools that they need to succeed. The other big change that we are making this semester, is that we are moving to a digital file system. When a member makes a file for a class, it will be scanned in, and uploaded to a house network, so multiple members can view a file at the same time. The Scholarship committee has aimed for a house GPA of 3.25, and we are implementing new incentives to motivate our members. For example, any member who earns a semester GPA above his cumulative GPA, will receive a ten dollar fast-food gift card – because what college kid doesn't love McDonalds and Taco Bell at night.

Nicholas Pashos, ΓΞ1517
Sophomore, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering