

# THE BETA BEAT

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON • UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Campaign for  
MONTANA BETA  
Preserving a Lifetime of  
Brotherhood

FALL 2011

## CONTRIBUTE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MONTANA BETA'S FUTURE

*Over \$590,000 Raised for the Future of SAE*

### Greek Community Undergoes Positive Changes

Over the last several years, the Greek community has experienced major changes. These changes are a result of a major effort by University of Montana's administration, undergraduates, and dedicated alumni. I am happy to report that the Greek community is thriving because of these implementations. Various national fraternities are showing a renewed interest in chartering chapters on campus. One of the most significant developments this fall is a strong movement to make all of the houses dry or alcohol free. Montana Beta has passed the following rule:

"No alcoholic beverages are to be stored or consumed at any time in the fraternity house at 1120 Gerald Avenue or on the grounds of the fraternity house, by any resident, ΣAE active or pledge, ΣAE alumni, or guest."

The chapter feels this is a big step in future recruitment efforts to help attract the caliber of men we expect at Montana Beta. With the exception of one fraternity, all other fraternities at U of M have pledged to follow an alcohol-free policy. This Greek-wide policy should help all the chapters improve and thrive.

### ΣAE Forms Alumni Advisory Board

The next step to success we took several years ago was forming an alumni advisory board with the blessing of the undergraduates and ΣAE National. The purpose of this board is to help govern the chapter and give guidance when needed. This advisory board has had a very positive effect on the chapter and provides the ways and means for the undergraduate chapter to succeed.

### Join Brothers Who Have Already Contributed

The remaining component was our capital campaign. The condi-

tions at 1120 Gerald had worsened to the point that without major renovations the house would deteriorate beyond the point of repair. These conditions were adversely affecting recruitment and the chapter as a whole. The capital campaign will help pay off the loan we obtained for the renovation, provide a scholarship fund to attract quality members, and allow us to finish the kitchen so members can have meals at the chapter house.

We are enjoying success with the campaign. **However, our success cannot continue without more pledges and participation. I encourage you to consider making a sizable pledge using our five-year pledge program or extending your pledge.** We have enclosed a pledge form and reply envelope for your convenience. It is imperative that we reach our fundraising goal to ensure an inhabitable chapter house and the future of ΣAE at U of M. With your help, Montana Beta will emerge as a leader in the new, success-oriented Greek community at U of M.

If you are in the Missoula area, please stop by the chapter house to see your contribution at work. If you haven't contributed to the campaign, please consider stopping by the chapter house to see how your donation can make a difference.

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*The renovations make the chapter house an excellent recruiting tool for undergraduates. ΣAE hosted barbecues throughout summer orientation and met many prospective members.*

# CAMPAIGN FOR MONTANA BETA: PRESERVING A LIFETIME OF BROTHERHOOD

## THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR COMMITTING \$590,806

We are deeply grateful to the following brothers for committing \$590,806 to the *Campaign for Montana Beta: Preserving a Lifetime of Brotherhood*. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Montana Beta and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal of \$1 million to complete renovations.

All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500 to the campaign, over a five-year period, will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to **Dick Ford '64** at Montana Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, P.O. Box 3343, Missoula, MT 59806.

**Archon Society**  
(\$100,000 and more)  
James R. Mountain '81

**Minerva Society**  
(\$50,000 to \$99,999)  
Lawrence A. Wertz '65  
Donald C. Cowles III '66

**Phoenix Society**  
(\$25,000 to \$49,999)  
Lyle M. Glascock '62  
John L. Olson '62  
In memory of  
Earl Bouse '64 and  
John Hughes  
In honor of  
Dick Ford '64  
Dick Ford '64  
Brent D. Beckley '03

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George D. Caras '46  
John W. Northey '62  
Thomas P. Ross '62  
In memory of  
Louise Johnson Ross,  
Little Sister of Minerva  
Col. USAF/RET  
Kenneth R. Lawrence '63  
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Dick Ford '64  
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Richard J. Barney '58  
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Robert T. Haynam Jr. '65  
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Ronald D. Cole '81  
Scott D. Johnson '81  
Scott Thompson '83  
David A. Bell '96  
Peter Barovich '00

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(\$1,000 to \$4,999)  
Warren Wilcox  
James H. LaRue '42  
In memory of  
Donald E. LaRue  
Zane G. Murfitt '50  
In memory of  
Walter S. "Howdy" Murfitt  
George Fox '51  
Skulason Moe '54  
In memory of  
Peder Moe '27 and  
Peder Moe Jr. '51  
Gregory H. Wallander '56  
John O. Ferro '58  
David H. Nelson '58  
Donald W. Nelson Jr. '58  
In memory of  
Donald W. Nelson '29  
Gerry Livesey '59  
Leonard H. Sargent '60  
Robert P. Carlberg '62

Louis J. Garcia '62  
Wayne A. Hinrichs '62  
David G. Shultz '62  
Ed Hale '63  
David A. Graham '64  
Donald M. Krumm '64  
H. Thomas Lehrkind '64  
John D. Bailey '65  
Don A. Labar '65  
Gary H. McKinley '65  
In memory of  
Dan Larson '64  
Bob Anderson '67  
In memory of  
Jim Anderson  
Bill Thompson '68  
In memory of  
Merry Ann Thompson  
John R. Greener '79  
In honor of  
Gail D. Greener '79  
Bill Griffiths '80  
In memory of  
Kevin Larson  
Timothy Borchers '84  
In honor of  
George Borchers '29  
Jacob Byrne '10  
MacKennon Klink '10  
Cody Knowlten '10  
Alex Segal '10  
Alex Anderson '11  
Benjamin Jensen '11  
Nicholas Tarter '12  
David Doney Jr. '13

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(Up to \$999)  
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In memory of  
Sandy McCullough '59  
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Tom Fraser '57,  
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Monte Brammer '56  
Earl R. Lory '57  
Howard B. Ness '57  
Rae Young '57  
In memory of  
Jim Young  
Gerald Ashmore '58  
In memory of  
Paul Nordstrom '60  
Dwayne Brigham '58  
Lawrence P. Mooney '58  
Howard E. Hansen '60

**CAMPAIGN  
STATUS  
AT-A-GLANCE**

*As of  
October 11, 2011*

\$1 Million Goal

746 Mailable Alumni

111 Contributors

\$590,806 Total  
Contributions

Conrad Colby '61  
Larry C. Eichhorn '61  
Stephen L. Johnson '63  
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Gordon H. Smith '64  
James R. Griffith '66  
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James R. Beery '67  
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Rodger D. Young '68  
Damon L. Gannett '69  
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John H. Grant '72  
Tom Barnett '79  
In memory of  
Tom Bird  
Thomas E. Lee '79  
Edward Fisher '82

## MONTANA BETA RECRUITMENT A HUGE SUCCESS *Chapter Earns Highest Fraternity G.P.A.*

Greetings from Montana Beta Chapter! For the past few months, the chapter has been working incredibly hard on all fronts to make this semester one for the record books. In light of the challenges our chapter has faced in the last few years, we are making progress in leaps and bounds in all areas, but most significantly in recruitment and academics.

### Undergraduates Achieve Academic Excellence

I am proud to report that the chapter G.P.A. for the spring semester was a healthy 3.06. This places us firmly in first place over every fraternity and second overall in the Greek community at U of M. Montana Beta's

scholarship chairman, **Colin Roberts '12**, really took the initiative and led study nights and continues his role as a big motivator for everyone.

### Recruitment Barbecues Successful

Over the summer, the chapter held three Greek Life barbecues on the front lawn. These were held throughout orientation and we found them to be a huge success. These events led straight into recruitment and the men have done an absolutely amazing job this year. They are responsible for increasing our chapter numbers and building the strength of each new member class. So far this semester, we have extended 15 bids, which surpassed

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# Montana Beta Friendship and Brotherhood Last Throughout the Years

## Tom Ross '62 Gives Back Because of His Experience

**Tom Ross '62** came to the University of Montana from Livingston, Montana. He joined Sigma Alpha Epsilon because of a mutual friend and found brothers that he is still friends with today.

Tom's undergraduate experience meant a lot to him. "It established the importance of brotherhood and lifelong friends. All of my friends are ΣAEs and my wife, Louise, was a Little Sister." Some of his favorite memories as an undergraduate center around the kitchen. "I worked on the kitchen crew for three years and we had a lot of good times—especially serving meals in the evening and learning table manners." Tom graduated with a bachelor of arts in physical science and went on to a long career in the U.S. Army.

His time in the Army meant many moves and lots of friends, although along the way Tom did have the chance to meet other ΣAEs. "One was from California, and while commanding at a remote firebase in the boonies in Vietnam was challenging, he kept me well supplied. The second worked

at the Pentagon and, coincidentally, he was my final Army commander." Tom also gives advice to undergraduates and young alumni just starting out. "Keep those contacts established with your fraternity brothers and what you'll learn in your early years and careers. It'll be those contacts that will see you through."

Montana Beta Chapter and the brotherhood established there mean a lot to Tom, so he decided to give to the capital campaign. "I wanted to give to the campaign because the fraternity did so much for me, and I want other young men to have the same great experiences."

Tom is now retired, lives in Missoula, and serves on the house corporation as treasurer. Last spring Louise passed away after a tough battle with cancer. Tom says, "Louise was the consummate Army wife, loved and respected by all, deeply and tirelessly involved." They have two children, Eric and MaryAnn. You can contact Tom at [montanagrizzfan@msn.com](mailto:montanagrizzfan@msn.com).

## RENOVATIONS UNEARTH MEMORIES *Baby Grand Piano and Rendering Restored*

**D**uring the recent renovations, we were reminded of the thread that runs through the Sigma Alpha Epsilon experience. As we connect with brothers from the early 1930s to the current undergraduates, we find we have more in common than is apparent on the surface.

Prior to the actual construction, the house underwent a thorough cleaning and the question of what to do with the baby grand piano in the living room came up. It has provided many hours of joy for brothers and guests since the 1930s. The piano was in bad shape, out of tune, and in need of major repair. **Dave Hafer '64** thought it would be sacrilege to throw the piano away so he proceeded to look for ways to restore the piano. He found Lucien Hutt, a retired music professor at U of M, who agreed to buy and restore the piano. The chapter, with the help of two alumni, bought the piano back and so the tradition of music can continue at Montana Beta.

During construction, a leather sheepskin with a rendering of the coat of arms was discovered. The rendering was donated to the chapter by **John Mallory '67**, who had received it from **Waldron Boger '33**. **Walt Marten '65**, who is an artist in his own right, offered to donate his time and services to mat and frame the sheepskin. He completed the project this summer and it is on display in the chapter house for everyone to enjoy.

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*(Right) The rendering, donated by John Mallory '67, is almost 80 years old.*



*(Below) The piano was restored to its original grandeur thanks to the generosity of alumnus Dave Hafer '64.*



# SAVE THE DATE

## 1960s Alumni Reunion August 17-18, 2012

All Montana Beta alumni from the 1960s are invited to join us at Big Fork, Montana, for a reunion.

### Friday August 17

7 p.m.: Dinner at the Garden Bar

### Saturday, August 18

TBD: Brunch at the Marina Cay

If you haven't received our invitation, please send your current address via e-mail to richard\_ford@sbcglobal.net or post to:

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records for the past four years of recruitment. We are looking forward to more recruiting and we have set a goal to pledge 20-30 men.

### Members Attend Retreat Hosted by Tony Wertz '65

Thanks to the generosity of **Tony Wertz '65**, the undergraduates attended a retreat before the start of school. Tony held the retreat at his home in Lincoln, Montana. It was a great time and atmosphere to help prepare for the coming year. We enjoyed and appreciated our time at the retreat.

I would also like to extend a hearty thank-you to our supportive alumni. Men like **Dick Ford '64**, **John Greener '79**, **Jim Mountain '81**, **Max Boese**, *Oregon Gamma '65*, and chapter Advisor **Scott Johnson '81** are always involved and guide us to reach our potential both individually and as a chapter. We are looking forward to an amazing recruitment year and building the brotherhood. If you are ever in Missoula, please stop by the chapter house and visit with the undergraduates. Phi Alpha!



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*Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Montana, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.*

## Help Complete Chronicle of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Brothers

### Submit Names of Military Members Who Served

We are compiling a list of brothers who have served in the armed forces. Our goal is to have information on every brother that served during peacetime or wartime. Please include any military honors that those individuals received, photos, or experiences. All of this information will be placed in a book that will be on display at 1120 Gerald. This history is important and worth documenting. We hope all of our brothers who served in the military will help with this project.

Please use the following questions as a guide but feel free to elaborate on a separate sheet and submit to: Montana Beta, P.O. Box 3343, Missoula, MT 59806

Name and Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Where and When You Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Duties: \_\_\_\_\_

Anything Else to Add? \_\_\_\_\_