

THE BETA BEAT

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON • UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Campaign for
MONTANA BETA
Preserving a Lifetime of
Brotherhood

SPRING 2011

LET'S RISE TO THE OCCASION AND ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL RESTORATION OF OUR HOME AT 1120 GERALD

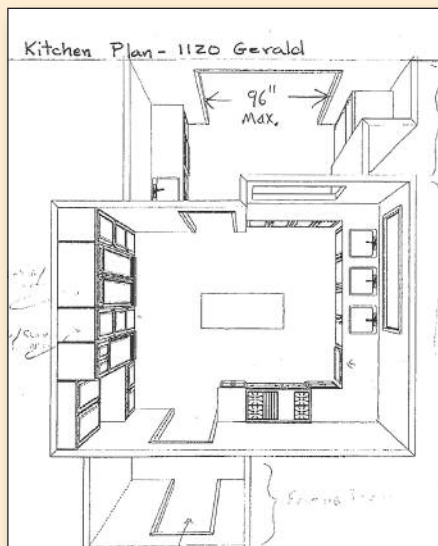
Join Brothers Who Have Contributed More Than \$575,000

One of the things we recall most about our days at 1120 Gerald were the meals we shared together. It was always an event, whether it was lunch or a formal dinner. The camaraderie, joking, laughter, stimulating conversation, and table manners were all a big part of the experience. It was one of the best times to really get to know your brothers and develop that bond.

From our 2004 house renovations, one of the projects we didn't complete was the renovation to the kitchen. To complete more pressing updates, we pushed the kitchen remodel to Phase II.

Our collegians have made due with a less than desirable kitchen and no formal meal plan. We are now instituting a partial meal plan with one of the active brothers who cooks professionally. However, the facilities are limited and it won't be anywhere near our memory of chapter dinners until we can finish the kitchen project.

A proposed kitchen floor plan is in the



A rough sketch of the renovation plans for the kitchen. Your support today can help make this dream a reality.

works; please see the layout above. We are exploring costs and would like to move ahead with the project, but we cannot do this

without your support. Funds collected thus far have been designated for paying down our debt and servicing the loan incurred during initial renovations. This is where you can help. If you have not contributed to the campaign, make a pledge today and join the 100 brothers who have pledged to Montana Beta.

Many of our brothers have stepped up and given generously. If you have contributed, please consider making an additional gift or extending your pledge. Gifts of \$1,000, \$2,500, and \$5,000 are achievable with a five-year pledge schedule. The need is great and the time is now.

Let's rise to occasion and offer our support to help restore our home at 1120 Gerald.

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ALUMNI REUNIONS RECONNECT MONTANA BETA BROTHERS

Over the last 20 years, a large number of Montana Beta alumni from the '60s have met in the Flathead area for a reunion every five years, now closing that gap to every three years.

Numbers have varied from 50 to 100 attendees that include wives, partners, and friends. Most have been held on a weekend in August at the Marina Cay in Big Fork. It



Brothers from the '60s gathered for a 1998 reunion.

was originally initiated by **Gordie Smith '64** and **John Bailey '65**. The gatherings have been an enjoyable time for all. The next reunion is scheduled for summer 2012. Date and time have yet to be determined.

The first night, brothers usually gather at a local bar, most recently meeting at the Garden Bar in Big Fork. The following day we gather for lunch and a short program.

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CAMPAIGN FOR MONTANA BETA: PRESERVING A LIFETIME OF BROTHERHOOD

THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR COMMITTING \$578,941

We are deeply grateful to the following brothers for committing \$578,941 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)

Jim 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

Phi Alpha Society (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

W. Stan Halverson '41
George D. Caras '46
John W. Northey '62
Thomas P. Ross '62
In memory of
Louise Johnson Ross,
Little Sister of Minerva
Col. Kenneth R.
Lawrence '63, USAF/RET
David K. Voight '63
Dennis L. Stevens '64
James A. Willits '64
In honor of
Dick Ford '64
Robert B. Clark '66

Robert S. Jackson '68
John D. Streich '83
Thomas B. Wenz '98

Alumni Circle (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Richard J. Barney '58
Rex K. Lincoln '60
Kenneth C. Mlekush '60
Ronald A. Long '62
William J. Beecher '63
William L. Bouchee '63
Wyley P. Good '63
James Tecca '65
Ronald D. Cole '81
Scott D. Johnson '81
Scott Thompson '83
David A. Bell '96
Peter Barovich '00

Active Member Circle (\$1,000 to \$4,999)

Warren Wilcox
James H. LaRue '42
In memory of
Donald E. LaRue
Zane G. Murfitt '50
George Fox '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
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
Robert T. Haynam Jr. '65
Don A. Labar '65
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

True Gentlemen Society (Up to \$999)

Georgia D. Makeever
In memory of
Lt. Col. Derald D. Dokter

M. Volkman '45
W. Wyman Andrus '50
Oliver D. Burgan '51
Jack Leclair '52
Park Densmore '53
Donald Gerlinger '53
Joe Root, CDR '53, USNR-R
Thomas W. Durant '54
Donald O. Enebo '54
Ron Faust '54
Skulason Moe '54
Robert McGuire '55
Charles W. Bloom '57
Bill Bradford '57
In memory of
Tom Fraser '57
Jerry R. Hayes '57
In memory of
Tom Fraser '57,
Bob Engle '57, and
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
Conrad Colby '61
Larry C. Eichhorn '61
Stephen L. Johnson '63
Col. Michael C. Baker '64,
USAF/RET
Kenneth A. Osher '64
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CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of
March 31, 2011

\$1 Million Goal

757 Mailable Alumni

100 Contributors

\$578,941 Total
Contributions

Gregory L. Ulmer '66
Walter E. Presser '68
Rodger D. Young '68
Damon L. Gannett '69
Dennis J. LaBonty '71
Tom Barnett '79
In memory of
Tom Bird
Edward Fisher '82

Former Eminent Archon Dennis Stevens '64 Donates to Guarantee Same Great Experience for Future Brothers

Dr. Dennis Stevens '64 is chief of Infectious Diseases Section at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. In addition, he has held faculty positions at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Idaho State University, and University of Idaho. Dennis has authored or co-authored nearly 200 articles for various medical journals and medical texts and has received numerous professional honors, including the University of Montana's 1991 Distinguished Alumni Award. He has lectured all over the world about infectious diseases. In a nutshell, Dennis is at the top of his game.

While an undergraduate member at Montana Beta, Dennis served in various offices, including Eminent



Archon. He credits his college and fraternity experiences with helping him achieve his success. He feels it was a great training ground for leadership positions. It was the diversity of members that drew him to ΣAE and he felt the associations broadened his education.

Believing strongly in the great experience of belonging to a fraternity, Dennis supports the capital campaign so that future brothers are given the same opportunity he was given. "There is a place for extracurricular learning in young men's education that a fraternity can provide."

Dennis identifies the many serenades at the sorority houses as a favorite memory of his fraternity experience. "Any time one of the brothers got pinned or engaged, a

Montana Beta Launches Dining Plan, Active Members Benefit from Daily Chapter Dinners



Brothers cleaned up after the Hospice Ball.

The brothers at Montana Beta are working to improve our fraternity experience by dining together at the chapter house five nights a week. In preparation for fall semester, **Tom Ross '62** and **Max Boese, Oregon Gamma '65**, presented the actives with a new dinner service and silverware to set the tone for more formal dining. With the addition of eight new members and live-out attendance at chapter dinners, the dining program began.

NIC LAVANCE '13 CONTRIBUTES CULINARY SKILLS TO BENEFIT CHAPTER DINNERS

The dining program undoubtedly satisfies the brothers' appetites. We are fortunate to have Brother **Nic LaVance '13** as one of the fall pledges and new active members as of December. Nic is putting himself through college by various jobs and applying his skills as an assistant manager and lead cook at a Missoula restaurant. With encouragement from Nic and several alumni, the active chapter has adopted a dining plan which requires all resident actives, as well as all pledges, to eat at the house Sunday through Thursday, and we are joined by live-outs Sunday and one other night a week. Nic started making meals in the "little kitchen" with its minimum space and equipment but, with help from the Sigma Alpha Building Corporation, he now has additional tools in the "Big Kitchen," such as a freezer, refrigerator, and a second oven and range to make his job more efficient.

serenade was called for and led by our song leaders, **Louis Garcia '62**, **Jerry Colness '62**, **John Olson '62**, or **John Bailey '65**.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in microbiology from the University of Montana in 1964, Dennis went on to Montana State where he received his Ph.D. in microbiology in 1967. From there Dennis continued to the University of Utah School of Medicine, where he received his M.D. in 1971. After his internship and residency at the University of Utah, he completed an infectious disease fellowship at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, and became assistant chief of infectious diseases there for two additional years. He has been associated with the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise since 1979 and is particularly proud of a new 18,000-square-foot biomedical research building currently under construction at the medical center.

Dennis resides in Meridian, Idaho.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE STEVE KRONENBERG, NORTH GEORGIA '07, VISITS MONTANA BETA

Although the program is new, we are experiencing the benefits of communal dining and conversation. We now have a forum for discussing the day's events and planning upcoming activities. The dining hour also provides an opportunity to invite guests and recruiting prospects to the house to meet the gentlemen of Montana Beta. National Representative **Steve Kronenberg, North Georgia '07**, joined us for a meal while visiting the chapter recently and offered words of encouragement. "I'm happy to be here at Montana Beta for one of many meals to be shared by you young men. What you guys are doing is vital and of significant importance for the future of this chapter."

FORMAL DINNERS ADVANCE BROTHERS' ETIQUETTE, FOSTERS RELATIONSHIPS AMONG UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

The dining program also allows the brothers to develop and sharpen our dining etiquette. Little Sister Kay Baldwin has volunteered to join the brothers for dinner and offer suggestions on proper behavior for formal dining occasions. Sunday evening meals are perhaps the most formal of the week and provide the brothers with a chance to invite professors, advisors, and university administrators to the house, therefore cultivating those relationships, and demonstrating the fraternity life of the True Gentlemen of Montana Beta.



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ALUMNI REUNIONS

(Continued from front page)

We've kept it simple so that everyone can visit, tell lies (they get better every year), and catch up on each other's lives. The evening is left open for whatever strikes your fancy.

This is a great way to keep in touch, relive some of our youth, and have a reason for those that don't live in Montana to return. For those brothers from the '60s who haven't kept in touch, please send me your e-

mail address, and I'll keep you up to date with notices of our next gathering. For brothers of different eras, we highly recommend starting this tradition. If you want help getting a reunion started, please contact me.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Albert L. McArthur '36 entered Chapter Eternal on October 10, 2010, at the age of 96. He was a resident of Alamogordo, N.M., at the time of his passing.

Lloyd Crippen '39 entered Chapter Eternal February 14 in a hospital in Butte, Mont. He is survived by his son, **Bob '65**, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Lt. Col. Derald D. Dokter '42 entered Chapter Eternal at his home on December 4, 2010. Derald retired as an Air Force lieutenant colonel after 23 years of service. He was predeceased by his wife, Betty, in 1990. He is survived by son, Gary, daughter, Georgie, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

James Wedin '49 entered Chapter Eternal November 10, 2010. He was a resident of Butte, Mont., at the time of his passing.

Michael Sassano '50 entered Chapter Eternal on April 1, 2010, after a short bout with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Armelda, and five children.

James Haslip '54 entered Chapter Eternal August 8, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Delores, brothers, Bill and Jerry, his son, Bill, and his daughters, Karen and Kathy.

Tom Fraser '57 entered Chapter Eternal March 20, 2010. He was a resident of Billings, Mont., at the time of his passing.

Holt Corette '65 passed on to Chapter Eternal from cancer in St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, Mont., on April 7, 2010. Holt is survived by his wife, Jodi, daughters, Lee, Bailey, and Marty, and son, Rob.

ALUMNI NEWS

Thomas W. Durant '54 retired as a captain in the U.S. Navy. He has been married to his wife, Janet, for 32 years. They have three children and four grandchildren all in California.

Donald O. Enebo '54 retired for the third time and moved to Bakersfield, Calif., after years in Kernville. He and his wife, Joyce, have four grown children. E-mail: doenebo@yahoo.com

John O. Ferro '58 retired as a partner in a CPA firm in 2000 and has been busy playing golf, bridge, and attending Griz football games. John lives in Billings, Mont. E-mail: ferrojrsr@yahoo.com

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Larry C. Eichhorn '61 has continued invertebrate fossil collecting that was started in the early 1950s. He has provided fossils for schools, universities, and museums. Larry has recently had a large invertebrate fossil collection in the new dinosaur museum in Malta, Mont. He says if you are in the area, stop at the museum and see some of his collection. When not collecting Larry enjoys hunting, fishing, and gardening.

John L. Olson '62 lives in Sidney, Mont., with his wife, Marilyn. They have two children, Karen and J. Randall. John is the president and CEO of Blue Rock Products Company. He says he is still healthy and too busy to retire. E-mail: griz1962@gmail.com

Col. Michael C. Baker '64 has been substitute teaching for the Santa Barbara School District (grades 7 through 12). In his spare time he and his wife, Patty, enjoy visiting their grandchildren in Virginia. Mike plays golf with a group of 25 three times a week, weather and teaching permitted. He also plays golf once a year at Myrtle Beach in the Retired Military Golf Classic. E-mail: catnbak@yahoo.com

Jerry Sepich '69 has been the park and recreation director in Pocatello, Idaho, for the past five years. Prior to this he was the park and

recreation director in Great Falls, Mont., for 12 years. His son, Dustin (U of M graduate), graduated from the University of Washington Medical School last June and started orthopedic residency at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Tucson. E-mail: jsepich@pocatello.us

Brian R. Bechtold '76 teaches courses in British literature and Shakespeare at FVCC in Kalispell, Mont. He's a member of the Board of Trustees for the Shakespeare Oxford Society. Brian resides in Kalispell.

J.P. Huguenin '01 lives and works in Sandpoint, Idaho, as a carpenter. J.P. says, "I love Montana Beta and created some of my best memories and friendships serving at ΣAE. Thanks to all the brothers who are carrying the torch." E-mail: jphuguenin37@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE: HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

September 30 Golf
October 1 Homecoming festivities

Watch for more information at
www.umsae.net.