



# Bobcat Sig

Fall, Winter—2012,2013



**Consul**-In my four years at the Beta Rho chapter of Sigma Chi it seems that I have witnessed a complete transformation of the brotherhood's character. The values of the house have undergone a serious change; I cannot call it a revolution of character because the current values are what I believe Sigma Chi called for at the founding. Our brotherhood has strived to recapitulate the founder's ideals in our own chapter. Yet, I should not make it sound like our brotherhood is the ideal since all brothers know that life is only a search for the ideal. Our brotherhood then is taking the search for the ideal with the utmost earnestness and, as a result, seems to be finding so many good things that come from a brotherhood rooted in our seven virtues.

However, as should be expected, not everything that has transpired was good. We lost one of our dearly beloved brothers, our last Magister, two weeks before the beginning of this semester. After Karston Waarvik transferred from Beta Delta and made a home and name for himself here at Beta Rho, his death was shocking and disconcerting. He is truly missed every day in this house. Our brothers were unsure how to proceed from such a rocky and emotional beginning to what promised to be a great semester. Brother Waarvik had been planning a back-to-school concert that he and the house were very much invested in as well as eager to see come together. After some confusion and uncertainties we decided that it was best to go through with the concert at least for Karston's sake and the whole chapter united to host a very popular back-to-school concert that we hope will become an annual tradition for the Beta Rho chapter.

After the concert we saw a large increase in the number of young men anxious to pledge Sigma Chi. Thanks to the very dedicated Recruitment Chairman, Dillon Haskell, we were able to weed out the potentials who were interested in the house for the wrong reasons. Brother Haskell interviewed around 35 young men and pried them to find out why it was that they desired to become Sigma Chi's. What he found was encouraging. Most said that Sigma Chi was the best-looking fraternity house (many thanks again to Brother Waarvik for his dedication to ensuring that the mausoleum was refurbished before the semester start) and the cleanest. Then Brother Haskell reported that many of the potentials saw the brotherhood at Beta Rho as sincere, strong and on the rise; a rise that many of them wanted take part in. After a long semester it is our sincere pleasure to have 14 new brothers. 14 brothers who all desire to live in the house and to take up leadership positions therein and in whom I am very confident in leaving the house to. These new members all have the best of Sigma Chi at the forefront of their aspirations and I have the utmost faith in their capable and worthy hands.

We held another successful Derby Days that proved to be a great example for our younger brothers to consider for future fundraisers. We hosted another exceptional Alumni Homecoming Dinner that we hope will only continue to get better by appealing to more alumni to stop by. We held a 95th Anniversary Dinner in honor of the longstanding legacy Beta Rho has become and which we hope will only grow as we approach our 100-year anniversary. We held another very popular and entertaining Parents Appreciation Day that we know will only become more and more anticipated each semester.

All this goes to show that the brothers of Beta Rho have realized what they can make Sigma Chi while the rest of the Greek system here at MSU can only recognize how far it has come. I am proud to say that I am a Sigma Chi, I am proud to say that I was a part of the house at this time, and I am proud to say that Sigma Chi is prominent on our campus. The top 5 officers, who I have had the honor of sharing leadership with, all have the best possible values at their core and are sure to continue searching after the ideal we recognize in our badge.

I have the utmost respect for Beta Rho and can only be thankful for what Sigma Chi has done for me. If there is any complaint I can make of our house it is that Sigma Chi truly makes it difficult for anyone to actually want to leave college, it really is just too much fun. I will miss the undergraduate side of Sigma Chi and thank everyone for the honor of serving her as the Consul of 2012.

In Hoc,  
Elijah Inabnit (2012)

**Recruitment-** By creating new and more professional chapter brochures, business cards, banners and questionnaires, and by planning out our recruitment calendar months in advance, our chapter was able to head into the new school year well prepared for one of the best recruitment seasons we have seen in recent years. During the summer, myself, outgoing consul, Elijah Inabnit (2012) and brother Cole Neuman (2016) served as orientation leaders for incoming students— something that gave us a massive advantage for recruitment. As well, we began using technology more to assist with recruitment in order to track potential members' contact info and interest levels and to help us stay organized. We began advertising more on campus and even reinstated a scholarship to encourage more quality men to join our chapter.

To kick off the semester, we hosted a back-to-school concert which was only made possible by the efforts of brother Karston Waarvik before his passing. All our events went extremely well and it made me very excited to hear from multiple potentials that Sigma Chi was the only house worth joining in their eyes. As we found that many men were interested in our house, we began thoroughly examining them by monitoring their grades, by interviewing them individually and by discussing them as a full chapter before extending them a bid. We didn't have a single bid turned down and ended up having the largest pledge class the chapter has seen in many, many years. After initiation, we were proud to welcome 14 well-qualified and ambitious men into our order. I look forward to serving the chapter as Recruitment Chairman for my 4th semester this Spring, and I believe it will be one of our most successful semesters yet. Our chapter is growing and becoming stronger every day; now more than ever, I am proud and honored to be a Sigma Chi.

**Dillon Haskell (2015)**

**House Manager** -This summer the house was fortunate to have new carpeting installed and all new furniture in the Maus due to generous alumni donations. We are currently putting plans together in order to install a new security system in order to prevent damages to our house and brothers cars. Also, some of the active's Mothers are pooling their funds together in order to renovate the Women's bathroom. Other house projects being considered are as follows: New carpet in the living quarters, key control system, and gun safe renovations. To those Alumni who attended this year's homecoming celebration, we thank you for your attendance and hope you invite fellow alumni for next year's Alumni dinner.

**Paul Connelly (2015)**

**Magister** - This was an immensely successful semester in the Beta Rho chapter and we have welcomed fourteen new members into our brotherhood. Throughout the semester, we had weekly meetings and weekly events that would help them gain a greater understanding of the ideals of Sigma Chi.

These new brothers show leadership and their genuine character in every task they complete and will truly be a great addition to our house. They completed initiation recently and cannot wait to move into the house and take on positions to continue our forward progress toward a stronger brotherhood. It was an honor to mentor and educate these men and I am looking forward to watching them succeed in the coming years and take on the leadership positions of this chapter.

**Spencer Dahl**

**(2014)**

**Pro-Consul** - This semester the officers have been doing a great job at fulfilling their duties here at Beta Rho. This past summer we sent eight men to BLTW from our chapter and I truly believe the leadership program benefits the officers as they make their plans for the coming year. When I was at the conference one of the men in my small group talked to me about a point system they have operating within their chapter, which works to hold brothers accountable for completing their duties as Sigma Chi's. I thought this system would be very beneficial for our chapter, because this is an area we continue to struggle with at Beta Rho. When I returned to the chapter in the fall I presented the point system that I created for approval by the active chapter and the brothers agreed to install the system as a way to hold each other responsible. It works as an incentive system; any brother wishing to attend the spring sweetheart formal must have a certain number of points. Brothers lose points for not attending chapter meetings, required brotherhoods, mandatory pledge events and completing their house/ officer duties. Brothers are awarded points if they volunteer for risk duties, attend Greek houses philanthropy, complete 5 hours of community service and assist the magister with grading the final pledge exams. As of today the point system is not perfect and is a work in progress but I believe if we continue to use it into the future it will adapt and be an essential part of our chapter operations and brotherhood. Brother Curtis Biller '87 came to our chapter this fall along with his partner Phil Olsen to conduct a brotherhood retreat, where we focused on improving the brotherhood at Beta Rho, and reviewed our strategic plan from BLTW. Brother Dillon Haskell '15 has been working very hard at revising our by laws,—a long overdue process and one of our goals of our strategic plan. As we wrap up the semester, the chapter elected a new Consul, Brother Spencer Dahl '15, who we place our whole hearted confidence in for the coming semester. At the end of the spring semester, we will hold elections again to get on track with our by-law change to elect the top officers in the spring to go through the following spring. This change allows the officers to attend BLTW before they start their term and should be very beneficial to their success. We hope to see many of you at our Alumni Homecoming event next fall to be held at the chapter house the Friday of Homecoming weekend, starting at 5:00 PM. Guard well, Brothers.

**Alexander Kaul (2013)**

**Intramurals** - The year's intramural sports have been a success for the chapter. Our football powerhouse rolled to the top of the inter-fraternity league. There are too many players that stood out to name. SAE suffered another hard year of losing to us again. Staying

alive the team won a second victory against Alpha Gamma Rho with a last second game winning touchdown made by Cody Johnson. Other offensive all stars were big armed QB Cole Neuman, center Jake Lilletvedt, receivers Jadyen Richter, Red bottoms Al Kaul and “sticky hands” Tommy McCombs. Defensive Honors go to “swat man” safety Dereck Nickelson, sway linebacker Chad Dokken, spicy meatball corner Mario Stanislao, and pardcore linemen; Paul Connelly, Dillion Haskell, and John Perrodin. The playoff went well with an initial win against Pike, two games later the team lost in the quarter finals. Our team has also participated in coed softball and volleyball. Future plans may include softball and retaining our intramural’s championship title.

**Casey Quinn (2015)**

**Other Stories-** We have a great joy in wishing Brother Alexander Fedlt (2014) a happy engagement to his fiancé sweetheart Allison Cruz. Best wishes to the newly-weds brother Brendan Elkins (2014) and Kelsey Elkins.

**Tribune John Perrodin**



### PHOTOS

Upper Left: Several Brothers with Fousing Brother Isaac M. Jordan’s great-great granddaughter. Upper Right: Shooting with Chi Omega. Above: Thank you to Elijah for supplying us with this photo as a summation of how our Derby Days went where we raised over 1200 dollars for a local Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Following page, left: Jayden Richter borrowing Chi Omega’s new composite. Following page, right: Several brothers with Santa sporting chubby shorts.



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