

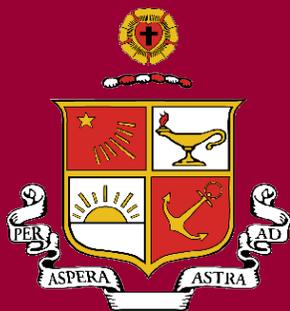
**BETA SIGMA PSI  
EPSILON CHAPTER  
AT IOWA STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

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**1st Quarter**

**Fall 2015**



**Message from the President**

It has been a great 2015 for Epsilon Chapter so far, and we look forward to continuing that as we welcome 21 new members this fall to help build off of last semester's successes.

Academics are on the upswing, as we posted a 3.10 GPA last semester, good for eighth in the community out of 30 fraternities. In addition, our new member class had the third highest GPA among new member classes in the community last fall.

We started a new philanthropy this past semester called Sunset Cookout. It was a joint effort with Phi Beta Chi, our sister sorority, and we were able to raise \$2,000 for Wounded Warrior Project and Bethesda Lutheran Commu-

nities. The current plan is to continue this philanthropy in addition to our annual Beta Sig Brunch, which was on September 27th and raised an additional \$2,025.

In addition to our philanthropic efforts, we have also worked towards continuing to serve the Ames and Iowa State communities. Epsilon Chapter was awarded the Outstanding Commitment to Service Award this past year by the Student Activities Center for having the best service program among the over 800 student organizations on campus. Members participated in Habitat for Humanity build days, volunteered at the Northcrest Retirement Community in Ames, and continued to stay heavily in-

involved at Memorial Lutheran Church.

Epsilon Chapter has also continued its push towards getting members involved on campus, and currently has members involved on the Interfraternity Council, the Emerging Greek Leadership Council, Freshman Leaders in Engineering, Business Council, and several other organizations on campus.

It's been a very busy and successful year so far. Thanks again to all of the parents and alumni for their continued support of the chapter. We really do appreciate it. Feel free to stop by the house during Homecoming or anytime you're in the area!  
Dan Jacobi  
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## Chair Spotlight: Athletic Chair

The men of Beta Sigma Psi have been exceptionally involved in intramurals and athletics, and we are only in our third week of classes! Out of 8 intramurals, we have at least one team in 6 of them. Almost all of the fraternity has gotten involved, with 40 individuals on at least one team, and I expect that number to grow as the year continues and more intramurals present themselves. The most popular sports are Ultimate Frisbee and Flag Football, with 21 and 22 men involved, respectfully. Not only that, but the teams we have fielded bring successful runs, with one of the more surprising successes being a team in curling that is currently in the semi-finals of the tournament. Beta Sigma Psi has a definite presence in intramural sports, and we will continue this trend of involvement throughout the academic year. –Ben Halley, Athletic Chair E-888



Ben Halley is serving as our current Athletic Chair as well as one of our Homecoming Chairs.



**Above:** Mom B patiently listening waiting to provide her best "girl advice" for Harry.

**Below:** Watch out!! The men of Epsilon Chapter are rubbing and bumping and having an absolute blast at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, MO.



**Academic Achievements**

Last semester Epsilon chapter had an average GPA of 3.10



The population of Ames has grown in just a few weeks with 36,001 students arriving on campus. The hustle and bustle of summer being over and the fall semester starting is bringing new faces and ideas to Beta Sigma Psi Fraternity. Twenty-one new freshmen have arrived and settled in. They have become a part of the daily routine of meetings, kitchen and house duties. We have a total of fifty three men in the house this fall. All of the men have gotten back into using their time well with priorities on classes and assignments.

**House Mom**

Parents visited the house on Parent's Day which was on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Plans are being made for Dad's Day on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Our annual philanthropy, Beta Sig Brunch, was held on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. John and the men were ready for the hungry crowd to arrive. John's (Cookie) famous cinnamon rolls were a hit this year yet again. Campus activities offer opportunities to get involved. Yell Like Hell has started with Homecoming to follow. Yard displays need to be made, serenading, band activities, singing

in choruses, various clubs on campus and interest groups leaves little time for video games!!!! These are amazing men, ready for EVERYTHING!!!! They are men learning the roles of leaders. They have character and values, also, the abilities and desires to learn. Beta Sig Men have the energy and passion with God's inspiration to accomplish worthwhile goals. 2132 Sunset Drive is a wonderful place to be. Come and see us. You will be inspired. Blessings, Mom B

**Public Relations**

Greetings everyone! I am looking forward to serving as Epsilon Chapter's Public Relations Chair. Firstly, I'll recap what events have happened thus far already as well as what events are coming up in the future.

- 8/14: Active Move In
- 8/20: New Member Move In
- 8/22: Sorority Serenades
- 8/24: Classes Started
- 9/7: Labor Day Break

- Upcoming Events:
- 10/25: Yell Like Hell 1st Cuts
  - 10/30: Yell Like Hell Finals
  - 10/31: Homecoming

Apart from these events I am happy to inform you that many of our members are finding themselves in many leadership roles across cam-

pus with numerous clubs and organizations.

My role as Public Relations Chair entails many things; mostly striving to maintain our positive social image and continually work to promote all of the great things that Beta Sigs are doing around Campus. However, I at this time ask that all of our Alumni would try and take the time to let me know what type of job I am doing!! Your feedback is very important to me and I greatly appreciate your constructive criticism and advice.

Lastly, for all of our alumni whom are receiving this newsletter electronically, if you have moved within the last few years I would like

you to let us know and submit your new address to us for our Formal Public Relations Newsletter this fall. Also, I would really appreciate it if you could tell other alumni about our newsletter and make sure they are getting it that would be great! Otherwise if you have any further questions, comments, or if there is anything that needs to be clarified feel free to email myself at [reburres@iastate.edu](mailto:reburres@iastate.edu) ! Thank you everyone and I look forward to hearing your feedback! Also, I just want to thank each and every one of our Alumni for their contributions, hard work and dedication towards bettering Epsilon Chapter. Reed Burres E-895

## Treasurer's Report

Thanks to our summer recruitment chairs for the past couple of years, our house is at full capacity this semester for the first time in several years. This means that we have access to a larger pool of revenue to work with when it comes to house functions and events. We are always looking for ways to cut costs and, thanks to Brian Clark's (E-603) efforts to increase the energy efficiency of the chapter house, we will start to reap some of those benefits this year when it comes to our heating and cooling costs. Although being at capacity has provided us with some financial leeway, we are still striving to operate on financially responsible ideals as we attempt to forecast future house improvement needs, explore possibilities of scholarship expansion, and consider ways to become more financially involved in our philanthropy and community service activities. After the first month of classes, we are operating at or below budget in all areas, and we regularly attempt to implement smarter business practices in order to setup positive organization structures for future generations of Beta Sigs.

Dellan Llewellyn E-898  
Treasurer



**Left:** Members of Epsilon Chapter having a blast during Sorority Serenades.

**Right:** Members Dan Jacobi (front right) and Jake Vanderslice (Back row middle) enjoying the view from the top of a mountain during the Beta Sigma Psi National Leadership Summit in Colorado.



## Recruitment Updates

Recruitment had a successful last summer bringing in 21 new members. 15 of these members have taken up residence in the house and 6 members will be living out of house. This new recruitment class is built around a mixture of different personalities that can hopefully continue to improve the fraternity. One thing the fraternity tried to recruit hard on this summer was service in an effort to try to promote more service participation by the members of the fraternity. Hopefully these 21 will prove to us that they have what it takes to become members of Beta Sigma Psi and become active members of the chapter. Recruitment also had an exciting start to the school year picking up several contacts at Iowa State's Fall Fraternity

Recruitment (FFR) event. We are excited to get the guys from FFR over to the house to try to continue to build



**Above:**

Perspective New Members and Actives Traveled to Minneapolis and watch the Twins prevail at Target Field!!!

upon the foundation that we already have here at the chapter. I look forward to being able to continue to recruit during the school year and to possibly add a spring pledge class. We are still trying to

decide as a chapter whether a spring pledge class is in our best interests but even if it doesn't end up happening I hope we can continue to add great men to the fraternity in the upcoming year. This upcoming summer holds a lot of excitement for me as I will get to select the guys of next year's pledge class and try to continue to improve the image of Beta Sigma Psi at Iowa State. I'm hoping to continue to pursue good Christian gentlemen that will be able to take Beta Sigma Psi to new heights both on campus and within the fraternity.

Nathan Hollander  
E-894



## Scholarship Report:

Beta Sigma Psi has once again proven itself within the Greek community, which is now home to over 60 different Greek letter organizations. Last spring the men of Epsilon chapter achieved a cumulative chapter GPA of a 3.10, placing 8th within the IFC community! This was well above the IFC fraternity average of a 3.01 and the "all men's undergrad average" of a 2.94. We are also proud to announce that 14 members achieved a GPA above a 3.50 and were recognized on the Dean's List! We would also like to congratulate the members who graduated in May and have found jobs in locations all over Iowa and anywhere from New Orleans to Minneapolis! Many of the undergraduate members also had a successful summer with internships all over the Midwest! And finally, there will be four seniors graduating in December! Epsilon chapter has also seen some recent updates to the facility to better serve scholastic achievement. Some recent additions to the chapter house include updated printers for the library, second and third floor. Another scholastic improvement has been the addition of a 10 foot white board within the library. Looking ahead, we are very optimistic about the fall semester and have set a chapter goal to be first place within the IFC community!

Jake Vanderslice, E-847



**Left:** Beta Sigs got down and dirty to help clean up a portion of Highway 30 during the Annual Highway Clean Up day.

**Right:** Members Cody Olsen (left) and Michael Nelson (right) showed their true "rhino pride" as they volunteered their time to help out with the National Rhino Day celebration!



### Beta Sig Alumni,

**The Ames Alumni Board will be renting out a tent in the Jack Trice Tailgate lot again this year for Homecoming! Cookie will also be serving some of his tailgate food during this time. So, feel free to stop by the tent or chapter house at 2132 Sunset Drive!**

**In addition, the Greek community is excited to announce a new event that will be held the Friday of Homecoming 2015 that is specific to our Greek community. The Greek Alumni Alliance will be hosting a Greek Alumni Reception at the Alumni Center. The primary focus is to serve as a reunion and mixer for ISU Greek alumni. Hickory Park will be catering the event and a cash bar will be available.**

**Also, members of the Greek Alumni Alliance have requested that we submit some photographs from previous years. So, if you have any old photos please email them to reburres@iastate.edu! Please send in your photos to me by October 21st! Also the link below is to register for this event.**

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**Fraternally,  
The Men of Epsilon Chapter**