



Grizzly Sig

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A NEWSLETTER FROM BETA DELTA CHAPTER AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA



Homecoming 2011

This year, Montana Grizzlies take on Northern Colorado on October 1st at 1:05 pm. If you are interested in getting tickets, email John Bennett bennett@bennettlawofficepc.com

Sigma Chi will host a pregame tailgate at its traditional location northwest across the intersection from Harry Adams Fieldhouse starting at 11:30 am. Please stop by for food, beverage and brotherhood.

Following the game, all are invited to 1110 Gerald Avenue for a post-game reception. Brothers, friends and sweethearts are all welcome.

News from the Brothers



GREG JOHNSON '95 & ADAM CASSIE '95

Adam Cassie '95 opened Burnside Brewing Company, a brew pub at 701 E. Burnside St, Portland Oregon on December 31, 2010. The website is www.burnsidebrewco.com. He custom brews six thirst quenching varieties of beer and features an exotic menu of gourmet dishes (try the antelope). He also hosts Sigma Chi events.

Randy Harrison '75 continues his biennial European ski trip hosting. Past trips include France, Switzerland and Italy. Recent guests include **Warren Wilcox '63**, **Mike Duffield '70** and **Chase Harrison '11**. If you are interested in joining a future trip, contact Randy at mzlamont@aol.com



(IN RED) RANDY HARRISON '75 & WARREN WILCOX '63

Walt Kero '73 was honored by Sigma Chi with both the William T. Bringham Outstanding House Corporation Officer Award and the Order of Constantine, the highest award available for brothers that demonstrate long and dedicated service to The Fraternity. Walt joined the Beta Delta house corporation shortly after graduation and serves to this day.

Walt was instrumental in getting the house corporation approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation which allows Beta Delta to receive tax deductible donations. Beta Delta was the first Sigma Chi chapter to achieve this status. Walt now assists other chapters to do the same.



RJ BREWER '74 & WALT KERO '73

Craig K. Anderson '76 was recognized as one of Montana's top financial advisors in 2010 by Barron's "America's Top 1000 Advisors. He works for Merrill Lynch in Billings.

Do you have Beta Delta news to report? Email details to **Rich Thompson '73** rich.thompson@sigmachi.com



LANCE CARL-WASHINGTON '11, FRED CARL MONTANA '54, FRED CARL III-OREGON '78

Beta Delta Memories

Lance Carl Washington '11 is Fred Carl's grandson. Lance attended Big Sky High School in Missoula and was recruited by a number of colleges for the decathlon. He chose the University of Washington where he was on the track team. But football was always his first love, so he transferred to the University of Montana in January 2010 and walked on as a running back during spring practice. Lance made the team. Unfortunately, in his first Griz game last fall, he dislocated his knee. The consensus was that he wouldn't be able to play again but he had set a goal and is determined to play again.

So what led up to these three generations of Sigs and a present day Griz football player? During the summer of 1951, Fred and his brother Dick drove through Montana on their way to California to visit their mother. At the time, both were attending Purdue University in Indiana where they had been recruited for football. Fred fell in love with Western Montana and told his brother, "I'm staying here". He got a summer job at Inter-Mountain Lumber pulling green chain and when fall came, he registered at University of Montana.

He attended fall rush and checked out all the fraternities but chose Sigma Chi because of **Ben Wuerthner '53** (Chapter Eternal) who pointed out why Sigma Chi offered so much more. Ben became Fred's Big Brother. When Ben left school, Carl was fortunate to have **Jim Tidyman '54** become his Big Brother.

In the early 1950s, 1110 Gerald was called the "Chink House" because of the oriental look of the roof. There were 60 brothers living in The House. To say that it was crowded is an understatement. There was constant activity and The House was full of laughter, excitement and fun.

Back then the pledges cleaned the house every day and Grace was said before dinner. Fred was one of the dish washers and each dish, glass and piece of silverware washed by hand. There were no dish washing machines. When Fred got married, the first thing that he told his wife was "I do not do dishes".

The life experience gained from Sigma Chi and living at The House will never be forgotten. Brothers learned respect for each other. The House received regular cleaning, maintenance and repair. Another benefit was the strong feeling of belonging by working together for Sigma Chi, the University, the community and each other.

Sigma Chis are a creative bunch as evidenced by the 1953 pledge sneak. A "sneak" is one way that pledges turn the tables on the actives and the '53 sneak could be considered the crown jewel of sneaks. It took preplanning: The first night was devoted to picking up stray dogs and cats which were then stored in a farm barn arranged by **Doug Delaney '55**. The second night was spent driving around West Missoula, an area full of small farms back then, to "borrow" one chicken from each chicken coop we could find. The chickens were also taken to the barn for safe keeping. Late the third night, we executed our plan: We put a loud speaker in The House laundry chute and blared music so loud that it was probably heard in the Alpha Phi house. We then released the chickens on the second floor and opened the doors to the bedrooms. We then released the cats followed by the dogs. The cats

chased the chickens and the dogs chased both the cats and chickens!

Pandemonium! Chickens squawking, dogs barking and loud – very loud – music. **Dick Shadoan '53** woke up to see a chicken sitting on his chest. Another brother woke up and exclaimed "Chickens and chicken shit all over the place!" There was not much sleep that night for anyone at 1110 Gerald. Eventually, the animals were all rounded up returned to where they were found, more or less.

This was all good clean fun, but back then, actives did not clean, pledges did. So we pledges had our work cut out for us and the fun ended when cleaning up the chicken shit began.

Memories by Fred Carl '54

Chapter Eternal

TED L. NAUGLE '58 (2010)

JAMES P. ZARO '72 (2011)

CHARLES KIRK BULS '63 (2011)

ARTHUR F. SMITH '50 (2011)

ALBERT J. GALEN '50 (2011)

EARL DEWEY SANDVIG '52 (2011)

DUANE E. COLLISON '49 (2011)

JAY OTTMAN '46 (2011)

DANIEL H. SWEENEY '43 (2011)

PERRY M. STENSON '49 (1987)

FLETCHER E. NEWBY '50 (2002)

ROBERT J. ENGLE '69 (2006)

BEECHER P. CUSHMAN '54 (2000)

All Honor to Their Names

Save Ski Shack

Beta Delta Chapter is steeped in tradition. Both the chapter and our beloved 1110 Gerald were created about 1906. The chapter moved into The House in 1933 which translates into 78 years of occupancy.

Many of you have help financially over the years with the ongoing renovation of The House. In the last ten years alone, \$658,737 plus many in-kind contributions and volunteer sweat has been contributed. This effort is all well invested since The House is conservatively valued at over \$5,000,000.

The Beta Delta house corporation's goal has always been to maintain or improve the historical character of the buildings and grounds while making the accommodations competitive with University and other private rental options. Renovating an irreplaceable landmark is neither easy or cheap but your house corp board has worked tirelessly to do just that. Because of it, Beta Delta continues to hold its own and be a shining example for other University of Montana fraternities and sororities about the effectiveness of supportive alums.

One piece of the renovation puzzle that has been put on the back burner for years is Ski Shack. Some of you may have roomed in this converted coal storage building when you were in school.

In the early 70s, the clay tile roof was borrowed to repair the main house roof. The asphalt shingle roof on Ski Shack today is the same one installed by a group of undergrads almost 40 years ago. (I was one of them.) But that roof is in sad shape. This deterioration has lead to dryrot in the roof framing. The roof is long overdue for replacement.

Ski Shack is clad in the same bricks used on the main house and garage. Over the years, the brick and mortar has deteriorated and is pulling away from the wood framing in many places.

The house corp has considered a number of Ski Shack repair options including razing and replacing it. Sometimes, it's just easier to start over. But starting over would not be in keeping with the mandate to preserve the historical nature of The House.

So, we researched the cost of renovating the existing structure by reinstalling a clay tile roof, repairing the brick and mortar, adding several new fire egress windows and renovating the interior to accommodate two brothers or, possibly, a house mother, brother or father. The renovation would also include adding Ski Shack to the fire sprinkler system that was added several ago.

So, this is where we need your help.

To accomplish the renovation work and to continue building the \$1,000,000 Beta

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