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## CHAPTER ETERNAL

We express our condolences to the families and friends of our beloved brothers, whose passing we learned of since our last publication.

**Brooks McClintock '46**

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# Grizzly Sig

A newsletter from Beta Delta Chapter  
at University of Montana

## SKI SHACK UPDATE

### New Ski Shack Will Be a Welcome Beacon to New Members

By Rich Thompson Beta Delta '70 Montana '73, Beta Delta House Corp. President

This project continues to evolve. As last reported, the board decided to raze the building and replace it with a four-bedroom, two-bathroom structure to accommodate a house director plus three brothers. So, old Ski Shack was removed in July. All bricks were salvaged for reuse on new Ski Shack. Brother **John Bennett '88** has been working with a surveyor and the Missoula Building Department to get permits for a reconstructed sewer line for the building. The goal will be to have the underground utilities in place before next summer.

A preliminary estimate of construction costs for new Ski Shack is \$200,000, so we need



all brothers to step up with a generous donation so that construction can take place Summer 2015. A list of donors to the project can be

*"As a Brother, you are part owner of the Ski Shack—be proud to lend your support."*

found on page 4 and a pledge form is included for your convenience. All donations to the Ski Shack Project are tax deductible. We can accept real estate and stock donations as well. To make a gift contact rich.thompson@sigmachi.com.

Although some of us may be sad to say goodbye to Old Ski Shack, the new building will provide us with a stronger foundation for meeting the challenges of the future. It's a place that the chapter will be proud to call their home. Remember, though, that this is your home! As a Brother, you are part owner of the Ski Shack—be proud to lend your support.

## CHAPTER EVENTS

### Two Successful Events Brought Brothers Together

*Details coming soon for our 2015 events!*

Thank you to all of the participants who came out for the annual Sigma Chi Beta Delta Trap Shoot on March 22, 2014. We had a great time for a great cause—proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

The annual Captain's Cup Golf Tournament was held in June at the Ranch Club in Missoula. If you missed either of these events, please watch our website at [www.betadelta-sigmachi.org](http://www.betadelta-sigmachi.org) for announcements about next year's events. There's always room for more and we'd love to have you join us!



**FOOTBALL, HOMECOMING, and TAILGATES**

Information on this year's homecoming festivities found on page 2!

## SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

### Chapter Receives Nearly \$500,000 for our Scholarship Fund!

**Beta Delta Now Has More Than \$900,000—On Our Way to Our Goal of \$1 Million**

Beta Delta recently learned of a generous gift we received from the estate of **Harold “Hal” Hanson ’59**. Brother Hanson bequeathed approximately \$423,000 to the chapter for a scholarship endowment. The funds are currently being held by the Sigma Chi Foundation of Evanston, Illinois. Although Brother Hanson died in 1997, complications

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with the estate probate prevented the initial distribution of \$207,500, which was deposited to Beta Delta’s scholarship account at the Foundation in 2008. An additional \$215,000 is scheduled to be deposited this month. Beta Delta only learned the details of the gift in April 2014 and we’ve requested a detailed accounting from the Foundation.

“I knew Hal Hanson quite well. He lived in the House when I was in law school (and I lived in the House, too),” wrote Brother **Jim “Owl” Thompson ’58**. “He was a good fraternity member. It doesn’t surprise me that he would do this.” Brother Hanson’s will also provided for an equal amount to be donated to the University of Montana for a scholarship endowment.

More than ten years ago, Beta Delta’s Sigma Chi Building Foundation set a goal of growing a \$1,000,000 scholarship endowment. With Brother Hanson’s donation and another sizable and growing contribution from **Ted Burton ’49**, our endowment is currently well over \$900,000. We would be remiss if we didn’t give other brothers an opportunity to help us meet or exceed our endowment goal.

If you are interested in contributing, please contact our Endowment Chair **Walt Kero ’73** at [waltkero@msn.com](mailto:waltkero@msn.com) or phone 406-880-9146.

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## HOMECOMING 2014

### Get Your Tickets for the Game on September 27

The Montana Grizzlies host Northern Colorado for Homecoming on September 27th at 1:30 pm. We have a block of 40 football tickets at \$65/ ticket reserved for Sigma Chis. If interested, contact Mitch Hockett at [mhockett@bennettlawofficepc.com](mailto:mhockett@bennettlawofficepc.com).

There will be a tailgate party

before the game at the traditional spot, NW across the intersection from the Adams Fieldhouse. Come share a beer and burger with the brothers.

Following the game, there will be a reception at 1110 Gerald for brothers, sweethearts and guests. *See you there!*



## ANNUAL FUND Q&A

### You Asked, We Are Answering!

**Q. What is the difference between the annual fund and Save the Ski Shack Campaign?**

A. The annual fund supports the whole alumni relations program, including the *Grizzly Sig*, our website and other publications, and alumni events, and it also allows us to support the active chapter. Ski Shack Campaign supports efforts to renovate the Ski Shack to accommodate a house director plus three additional brothers. We need to maintain our annual dues while we complete these

vital renovations. In order to do that, we are asking each alumnus to make two contributions – smaller annual dues (which we hope you'll support every year) and a bigger pledge to the campaign for this once in a lifetime opportunity to make an impact to Beta Delta Chapter.

**Q. Why are mailings for Beta Delta communications coming from Albert Lea, MN?**

A. We partner with a professional mail and gift-processing firm that deals with your

annual fund gifts and maintains our database of more than 1,000 living alumni. Note: 100% of your gift goes directly to Beta Delta Chapter! Only exception is gifts made via credit card are subject to a small transactional fee charged by the credit card companies.

**Q. How can I make a gift to the annual fund?**

A. A letter will be mailed to you in the coming weeks, so you can return your gift then!!

## THE BEGINNINGS OF SKI SHACK

### Old Secrets of Ski Shack Revealed!

*Thank you to Marty Ueland '65 for supplying the following story.*

In 1964, **Jack Comporesi '65** was the house manager. **Marty Ueland '65**, **Lafay Hope '65**, **Tom Croci '65** and **Jack Comporesi '65** had lived in Back Shack the year before. Marty came back a few days early and thought maybe this little building called Ski Shack could become a room for us.

Jack and Lafay agreed and found a source for free lumber, flooring, and sheet rock. Marty rented a dump truck and we all shoveled the old coal about four-feet high. On top were old broken skis and junk piled in there through the years. Jack tore out the coal chute, which became the window. Marty and Lafay slept in bunk beds, Marty always on the top one, and Jack across the room.

No, it was not a room for the girlfriends to

come to. Only once when one of the prettiest girls snuck out of her house and woke Marty up in the middle of the night to go into the house and get her boyfriend to come talk to her, as they apparently had a lovers fight. Marty promises that was the only time he remembers a girl being in Ski Shack.

*Do you have a story to share about Ski Shack's beginnings? Tell us at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com).*

## ALUMNI FEEDBACK

### Changes Inspire a Time to Reminisce!

*Even though Beta Delta is going through a number of changes, it's important to remember where we came from. We recently sat down with **Clair Daines '62** and asked him a few questions about his time at Beta Delta and where he is now!*

**Any advice for the new recruits and future Sigma Chi Brothers?**

I think integrity, upright character and the ideals of the Jordan Standard should always be the most important qualification for any pledge, and all future Brothers. If these ideals were "showcased" during rush, it would be an attraction to the kind of young men who would continue the great legacy of Sigma Chi.

**Do you have a favorite memory from your undergrad days?**

My favorite memory was being talked into trying out for the Choir by Brother "Skip" because he was too timid to go alone. I had never sung in a choir before but I made it and

he didn't. The choir turned out to be one on my most valuable campus experiences, besides being able to "razz" **Skip Aleksich '63** for the rest of our time at the U. of M.!

**If you could go back and do one thing over again, what would it be?**

I wish I had worked harder at my studies as I was a mid-grade student. Had a lot of fun but also worked three jobs to help pay my way through college. I have had pretty good success in business which may prove hard work may be just as important as good grades. Fun is also an important part of a successful life and I have had my share of that!

**What's new with you?**

I had the privilege of an invitation to sit with President Engstrom in the President's Box at a Griz game last fall. This is thanks to the fact our son, Steve Daines, is the current U.S. Congressman for the State of Montana. He is currently running for the Senate seat that was

vacated by Max Baccus. Right now the poles indicate things are looking good for him!

**Any advice for the volunteers who are running the Ski Shack campaign?**

I think the best way to raise funds for the Ski Shack is through the newsletter advising plans and also the general activities at Beta Delta. I think many of us old timers would support the House so long as we know what's going on.

**Run into any of your Brothers or have a reunion with a few of them lately?**

Have not seen too much of other Brothers, but I have enjoyed several fishing trips with Brother **Dan Stockton '63** on the Big Horn River. Also, one of my best friends in Bozeman is Phil Olsen who is a very involved Sig and has served on the National Alumni Board. Phil played in the NFL along with his famous Sigma Chi blood brother Merlin Olsen; we "In Hoc" each other on a regular basis."

*Reconnect with Clair at [cwdaines@aol.com](mailto:cwdaines@aol.com).*

## SKI SHACK HONOR ROLL

Thank you to the following brothers who supported our Ski Shack fundraising efforts. As you read on page 1, the Ski Shack is being completed rebuilt, with construction already underway. If you would like to add your name to this list, or if you'd like to increase your support of the Ski Shack, please use the enclosed pledge form.

### White Cross (\$3,500+)

\*Hal McVey 1951  
John Rood 1962  
A. Warren Wilcox, III 1963  
Richard Thompson 1973  
Brian P. Kurth 1982

### Constantine (\$2,500-\$3,499)

Byron Murphey 1939

### Prof Scheuch (\$1,500-\$2,499)

William G. Papesh 1965  
Travis J. Tidyman 1995

### 1110 Club (\$500-\$1,499)

Albert C. Angstman 1941  
Sam A. Roberts 1941  
Fred C. Cunningham 1949  
Wilmer Mitchell Jr. 1950  
James L. Murphy 1951  
Roderick M. Duncan 1957  
James Thompson 1958  
Richard W. Beighle 1959  
Brian T. Grattan 1960  
Robert T. Baxter 1962  
Clair Daines 1962  
James R. Bartell, Jr. 1963  
Thomas S. Hines, Jr. 1963  
Gordon M. Jackson 1964

Martin E. Ueland 1966  
John D. Agnew 1971  
William DeGroot 1973  
Marc Kouzmanoff 1974  
Patrick Sheehan 1974  
John Gallagher 1978  
Mark Peres 1981  
Gregory N. Hardy 1982  
Timothy Thayer 1984  
Russell T. Lund, III 1985  
Steven R. Simon 1990  
Timothy W. Wolff 1991  
Anonymous Montana Community Foundation  
Balsam Legacy  
Muralt Family Foundation

### Jordan Standard (\$250-\$499)

William Miles Jr. 1946  
Howard C. A. Hunter 1949  
John G. Lepley 1950  
Donald G. Archibald 1956  
Dr. Walker Ashcraft 1959  
John C. Bohlinger 1959  
Franklin W. Gibson 1960  
Stanley W. Tiffany 1960  
Robert L. Tirrell 1961  
Byron J. Matson 1963  
Paul T. Hagen 1965  
Herbert Pierce III 1967

Roger Beeter 1970  
Stephen Jerhoff 1972  
Lawrence Shore 1975  
Mark E. Nelson 1977  
John A. Rimel 1979  
Mark A. Thomas 1980  
Weldon J. Birdwell 1982  
Todd L. Denison 1986  
Jay D. Broudy 1995  
Cory J. Miller 2003  
Alpha Nu Education Foundation  
Craig Brewerton  
Deborah McWhinney

### Norman Shield (Up to \$249)

Gordon D. Stewart, Jr. 1951  
Bruce D. Crippen 1956  
Donald W. Wall 1956  
Edward J. Nash 1958  
Arnold P. Hageman 1959  
Jerry M. Johnson 1959  
Lawrence K. Pettit 1959  
Kenneth E. Hornung 1962  
James Bryngelson 1963  
Dale F. Evans 1963  
George M. Gratzler 1963  
John Hauck Jr. 1963  
Lloyd D. Sinclair 1964  
Kent A. Webster 1964  
Thomas (Croach) Croci 1965

Edward F. Bartlett 1967  
Richard DeGroot 1967  
Douglas Moher 1968  
Gerald B. Murphy 1968  
Duane N. Moe 1969  
\*John Santo 1970  
C.B. Kim Kelsey 1973  
Roger M. ter Kuile 1973  
Michael L. Halligan 1975  
Frank Harrison 1975  
Ross A. Haddow 1977  
Charles Sampsel 1978  
Scott A. MacDonald 1979  
Robert P. McCue 1979  
Jeffrey R. Peete 1979  
Jeffrey A. Spring 1980  
David B. Offermann 1989  
Thomas Barker 1990  
William A. Duncan 1990  
Michael J. Spencer 1993  
Eric R. Ueland 1994  
Matthew Sonnichsen 2004

*Reflects gifts received as of August 8, 2014*

*\*Denotes brothers who have entered into the Chapter Eternal*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



### What's better than a quick trip down memory lane?

Our web site, [www.betadelta-sigmachi.org](http://www.betadelta-sigmachi.org), features a lot of great pictures from past generations that highlight the best moments in Beta Delta history captured on film.

Like this composite from 1987-88. Remember these fashions? We sure were a sharp looking group of guys, weren't we? If you have a composite or other photos from your era, e-mail them to our alumni relations firm at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) or visit our website at [www.betadelta-sigmachi.org](http://www.betadelta-sigmachi.org) to upload your own photos.