Sigma Tau Gamma was a vital part to the second place team in the Homecoming Week competition. Sig Tau took part in the many activities that make up the competition including things like lip sync and trivia. The sorority that took part in the competition with us was Delta Zeta who played a huge part in Team Sydney’s success this year. Throughout the week we held social events with the Delta Zeta sorority that helped our team grow stronger together so that we could have that great team chemistry. This is the second year in a row that Sig Tau has been in the top 3 for Homecoming Week competitions and we look to continue this trend in the future. The Beta Chapter was also able to welcome back their alumni by hosting the annual Alumni Luncheon and meetings. It is always amazing to meet alumni and share stories and knowledge to help the fraternity.

Members of Team Sydney at Sidewalk Painting Event

Sigma Tau Gamma has had a great Fall 2012 semester and is very much looking forward to our next semester as a chapter. Our philanthropy event “The Walk” is upcoming next semester. Our whole active chapter will then walk approximately 5 miles, in our underwear, to show support and collect the money we have raised. Next semester we also have Greek Week where our fraternity is partnered with a sorority to compete as a team against other fraternities and sororities. The week is filled with festivities and games like lip sync, dodge ball, and even water polo. This week serves the purpose of bringing all the Greek organizations closer together with friendly competition to raise money for the Greek Week choice of charity in the process. We also have many service opportunities coming up next semester including the annual Big Event. At the Big Event we will travel throughout the community to help rake leaves and pick up trash. Lastly, we also have a parents’ weekend next semester. It’s a great chance for our parents to see some of the ways we go about doing things in our lives at Truman. It also gives parents a chance to bond with their sons and their brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma. Parents’ day always has a ton of fun things planned like auctions and t-shirt sales that contribute directly to our chapter. In conclusion we have a lot of exciting events for next semester so we urge you to get involved and ask us if you have any questions or thoughts about any of these upcoming events.
THE HOUSE-by Collin Dunlap

From pranks, to watching TV, to studying in the Dale and Gretchen Atterbury library, the Sig Tau house this year has been anything but dull. With every room in the house full, and four even doubled up, twenty-five brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma Beta Chapter call 1001 South Davis Street home this year and are loving every moment of it. You will even spot brothers who have since moved out of the house back in it, studying in the library or watching TV in the TV room, or down in the game room shooting pool, playing the Sig Tau favorite, Super Smash Bros. It’s never hard to get a full game going as calls of “SMASH!” bring willing players out of their rooms and running to the N64 for the first game. The first year that the Fall 2011 pledge class has lived in the house, they are enjoying every second of it as a chance to live with as many of their brothers as possible rather than being separated by the walk between their dorms their freshman year. Now, with only a short walk down the hall way separating them, Fall 11 can be found in each other’s rooms all of the time, taking full advantage of everything the house has to offer. It’s not all studying and goofing off though; the brothers living in the house have carried on the tradition of pranking each other throughout the year. From stuffing all of someone’s shoes into their mini fridge, moving people’s furniture around, or unplugging all of their electronics when they leave their room—with the justification of going green of course—the brothers know how to break up any monotony that the school year will eventually bring. The greatest part of the year has yet to come though. As the holiday season approaches, the brothers anticipate brotherhood tradition of decorating the house for Christmas. The TV room is the focus of decorating, with brothers gathering after Thanksgiving to put up lights and wreathes while listening to Christmas music. While the 2012-2013 school year is not even halfway over yet, the brotherhood formed this year has been stronger than ever. Older members like to joke whenever they move out that “the house has changed,” but they know that each year the house only gets better. This year, the house has members from almost every pledge class that is here, from Fall 11s, Fall 10s, Fall 09s, a Spring 10 (President Mike Standfuss), and even two Fall 08s.
of Programs, Finance and Membership were held on the following Sunday, October 28. The chapter is pleased to announce that Brother Cody Campbell will assume the position of President while the election for Vice President was won by Brother Sean Reilly. The next Sunday also presented good results with Brothers Matthew Brethorst, Zachary Theisman, and Kevin McKenna being elected to the positions VP of Programs, Finance, and Membership, respectively. The chapter is very pleased with the results of all of these elections. With the new Exec coming into power, we must thank the former members of Exec for their hard work and contribution to Beta Chapter. Their hard work has helped Sigma Tau Gamma move forward and has given the Chapter a positive outlook on the future, one that the new Exec will surely expand upon. We would like to thank all those who were nominated, and to those new members of Exec, congratulations.

ATHLETE AND A SIG TAU-by Tyler Sprigg

Joining a fraternity is a big part in a person’s life and can keep you busier than most think. But being able to play a sport and be a part of a fraternity is something that is unique to itself. There are few people here at Truman’s campus that can say they do both. Being able to maintain time to live socially, keep up your academics and play the sport that you love is one tuff task. There are times when you ask yourself “why in the heck did I decide to do this?”, because you are so overloaded with things to get done. You have to put in time for practice each week, which can roughly account for 15 to 20 hours. Then when you look at it from the fraternity side, you need to complete you service hours and get work done for the committee that you are a part of. Once that is all done you still have to maintain your homework and your social life. Just listening to that sounds impossible but it’s not. One thing that every person needs to learn and what I learned when I joined Sigma Tau Gamma is managing you time wisely. If I had not learned this task early on in my college experience I don’t think I could have possibly made it through. It is important that you have some fun in college, you don’t want to be that kid who figures out they don’t have any friends at college because they spend all their time in their dorm. But also you are here for one reason, and that is to get a degree, so time management is essential when trying to maintain a sport and Greek life. One question that I get from people a lot is why did I choose to join a fraternity when I knew I was going to be playing football? This question is very interesting because when I first came to Truman I had no intentions of joining until I had met some of the guys from Sigma Tau Gamma. But one thing that it has done for me is that it has opened up a many more friendships than I would have if I did not join. Most people who play sports just hang out with the people on their team and that is it. But when you have a sport and Greek life friends, your range of people to meet and hang out with is greatly increased. Some of the guys I have met in the fraternity are my best friends at Truman; they are people who know a lot more about me than some of my close friends from high school. Overall, if I was asked why I joined a sport and Greek life when I first stepped foot on campus here at Truman I could have not given you an answer; but through the year and a half that I have spent here, I am proud to say it is because I have made many friendships that may last lifetime.

Brother Tyler Sprigg plays wide receiver for the Truman State Bulldogs
DAD’S DAY—by Brent Wildhaber

“Ka-boom!” The shotgun bellows as the bright orange clay disc disintegrates into dust. I can feel the beginnings of a bruise forming on my shoulder as my father gives me a hearty pat on the back exclaiming, “Nice shot, son!” With a smile on my face, I turn to reload my 12 gauge as the next father-son pair takes their turn at knocking out another flying clay. Even though I was far from home, standing next to my father on that crisp afternoon in Kirksville made me feel as if I had never left home at all. The brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma celebrated Dad’s Day on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Numerous activities dominated the day in which both father and son took part. Before heading to the gun range, a few dads and their Sig Tau sons went to the local diner and café “Rosie’s” for breakfast while a couple others threw some brats and hotdogs on the grill. It was a beautiful day to do some shooting. There was no shortage of weapons or ammo as many dads brought their whole arsenal with them to Kirksville. We formed our own Sig Tau army as we took over the gun range and fired thousands of shots down range. Mr. Wildhaber’s pump action shotgun and Mr. Blum’s 44 Magnum revolver were unquestionably the most favorite weapons on the field. While some shot guns others battled on the greens of La Plata Golf Course in some farther-son golfing action. A group of Sig Taus and their dads enjoyed some cold weather and an empty golf course. While there was no record kept of how many golf balls were lost, how many cuss words were dropped, or what farther-son duo even won, everyone still had a great time. After leaving the gun range and giving up on the golf course, the dinner bell tolled at the Dukum Inn, a downtown bar and grill. Many father-son teams battled each other in games of darts and pool. It was funny to see how the games were instantly put on hold when the appetizer trays were delivered. No one seemed to want to move away from the tables filled with fried onion rings and ravioli dishes. However, bruised shoulders and clogged arteries aside, this year’s dad’s day will be one to be remembered and cherished. Thank you Sig Tau dads for all of your love and support.

Future Senior PGA Tour Members with their sons of Sig Tau
Brother Connor Kellogg and his father Mark Kellogg enjoying some bonding time at the gun range

**ROCKTOBERFEST**-by Eric Vander Weerd

On October 27, Beta Chapter held the third annual Rocktoberfest. Located in the Journal Printing Building, this philanthropy concert featured four rock bands from the Kirksville area: *Two Weeks Notice, Conman Economy, New York New York*, and Sig Tau’s band, *The Wobbly Goats*. Members each sold a number of admission wrist bands, as well as worked shifts selling wristbands at a table on the quad. Through this event alone we were able to raise over $500 on behalf of Special Olympics. Brother and current President-Elect Cody Campbell was in charge of the event and stated “We are very proud of the effort we put in to make this year’s Rocktoberfest a success and next year will be even better.”

Brothers Jorden Bax and Cody Campbell being interviewed by Truman’s News 36 KTRM

Sig Tau’s very own “Wobbly Goat’s” rocking at Rocktoberfest. Lead vocals and rhythm guitar Brother Murray McFarlane. Lead guitar-Brother Jacob Motes. Slapping the bass-Brother Dan Butz. On the drums-Brother Jorden Bax

Brothers Sean Duggan (camera shy), Jonny Richert, and Greg Gargas showing support for participating band New York New York at Rocktoberfest
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT-PATRICK LINHARES

Four years ago in the fall of 2009 I made one of the most important decisions of my college career: I signed the bid to Sigma Tau Gamma. I haven't regretted this choice once. I received a bid from another fraternity but to me, the choice was clear. From the moment I met the Sig Taus, I felt welcome and at home. This place has meant the world to me and I'm not sure I would still be at Truman if I didn't have my brothers, any of whom I could honestly call my best friend. The brotherhood I've been apart of here has been truly incredible. Through the good times and bad, we all support and care for one another. It's an amazing feeling to know that I have 54 brothers who I know will always have my back. Leaving in the spring will be a bittersweet moment. On one hand, I am ready and excited to start the next chapter of my life. Sig Tau has prepared me to do so because of the six principles: Value, Learning, Leadership, Excellence, Benefit and Integrity. Everyone is taught to live by these principles, and I know if I do so I will be successful in life. Saying goodbye is going to be real hard for me and all of the seniors. I can't imagine life not laughing with my best friends every day. Despite this, I know the relationships I've built here will last a lifetime.

(From left to right) Brothers Dave Stevens, Collin Dunlap, Patrick Linhares, and Mike Standfuss enjoying the festivities of White Rose Formal.

Fall 2012-by Jorden Bax

Here at Sigma Tau Gamma Beta Chapter we are very proud of our new brothers and the progress they have made. It has been such a great experience to see these young men grow through their involvement with our chapter. It is also amazing to see how much we older actives can learn from these new young guys. We can all agree that the future of Sig Tau is in good hands and we have high hopes for all of them. Here are some of the testimonies of some of the Fall 2012 pledge class and why they joined:

“I joined Sig Tau because I wanted to challenge myself to get involved on campus and Sig Tau had what I was looking for in a college experience.”
Matthew Bryant

“When I first arrived at college I had no intention of becoming a part of any Greek organization. That all changed when I was introduced to Sigma Tau Gamma. I knew immediately that there was something different about this organization compared to all of the other organizations on campus. After actually learning more about the fraternity it became clear to me that the one thing that stood out the most was brotherhood. I hope to make this fraternity better than it already is and improve it any way that I can.”
Patrick Moranville

“Before coming to Truman I knew a few guys from high school who are in Sig Tau. When it came down to my decision I thought about where I saw myself in the future. I also reflected back on how much more the guys from Sig Tau seemed to care about me than all the other fraternities. In the future here I would like to aid the fraternity in improving its campus relations. I know that myself and my pledge class can make a large impact on this place.”
Connor Pratt

“The work ethic of the entire fraternity was great and I felt personally that every guy that I talked to really cared about my well-being. Everyone was genuine and nice. When it comes down to it, I chose Sigma Tau Gamma because I felt like I could make a difference on the bigger picture of things and that I had a brotherhood behind me to back up every decision I decide to make.”
Tripp Rolles

“I joined Sigma Tau Gamma because I recognized that Sig Tau was the best fraternity on campus. The reputation of Beta Chapter truly held up its standards. I had known some of the actives from going to high school with them, but it was all the other guys that I had met that really made me want to join. This fraternity is a great group of guys who can accomplish anything, and without a doubt form the best fraternity on the Truman campus.”
Alex Kehm
“I joined Sigma Tau Gamma because I saw it was a place of brotherhood and support from the very beginning. I had looked at 4 other fraternities before looking at Sig Tau, and when I did I instantly knew that this was the place for me. I know that I will grow mentally, physically, and spiritually through being a Sig Tau, and I know my brothers will always support me regardless of the circumstances.”

Brendan Sullivan
Brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma enjoying their time during spring break 2012 on the Carnival Cruise Ship

WHITE ROSE 2012

The Brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma attempting to serenade the 2012 White Rose Queen Denyse Schrenker by singing the “Rose of Sigma Tau”
Letter from new Executive Committee

With the new semester about to start, Sigma Tau Gamma has also selected its new Executive Committee. My name is Cody Campbell and I am the President for the next year. I am from Wentzville, MO and am currently a Junior here at Truman. Here are the other members of the new executive committee...

Sean Reilly, Junior, Vice President
Zach Theisman, Sophomore, Vice President of Finance
Matt Brethorst, Sophomore, Vice President of Programs
Kevin McKenna, Sophomore, Vice President of Membership

We have a lot of new and great ideas that we look forward to getting underway. Our main goals are to increase university relations by getting members involved in more service opportunities as well as increasing campus involvement by getting members involved with other student organizations. We are also looking to improve are annual philanthropies by working on advertising to hopefully raise more money. We are looking forward to working with the chapter over the next year. Any input from the alumni is always greatly appreciated and we hope you can all make it out to Kirksville soon.

Sincerely,

Cody Campbell
Sigma Tau Gamma Beta Chapter President

From Left to Right: Cody Campbell, Sean Reilly, Kevin McKenna, Matthew Brethorst, Zach Theismann

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to our faculty advisor Joseph Visker and his family. Without their guidance, enthusiasm, and support the Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma would not be where it is at today!

THANKS JOE!

Never too early to sing up for rush—
Silas James Visker