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More than 30 members of Sigma Tau Gamma at Kirksville gathered at the entrance of the Kirksville City Hall at noon on Monday to receive a proclamation from Mayor Robert Funk declaring Kirksville as the "Sig Tau Capital of the World."

The proclamation cites the claim that there are "more members of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity per capita resident in Kirksville, Missouri than in any other city in the world."

Mayor Funk presented the proclamation to Chad Moore, chapter president who is from O'Tallain, and to Al Holzmeter of Kirkville, who has served as alumni president for more than 12 years.

"The chapter has served the community and the campus continuously for the past 75 years and has earned a reputation as one of the most outstanding Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity chapters in North America," according to the proclamation.

Mayor Funk cited the residency of more than 100 of the nearly 2,600 initiates of the chapter now in Kirksville and at least 100 more former residents who are now deceased. "They have contributed much to the community for nearly three-quarters of a century," according to Mayor Funk.

The Mayor welcomed the hundreds of members of the chapter now residing throughout the world who are returning to Kirksville this weekend to celebrate the history and accomplishments of the chapter.

Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma was chartered on the last weekend of July in 1921 when two founders and another member of the four-loving chapter at Central Missouri State in Warrensburg travelled by train to Kirksville to install the chapter.

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Sigma Tau Gamma members of all ages hear Mayor declare Kirksville "Sig Tau Capital of the World"

The National Alumni Association welcomes all Sigma Tau Gamma alumni back to Kirksville for the 75th Anniversary Celebration

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Charter of Beta Chapter

To Whom These Presents Come, Greetings: This is to certify to all who see the Grand Officers of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, that the Beta Chapter of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, which shall consist of:

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has been organized in accordance with the objects of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity and that it is hereby authorized and incorporated.

This charter has been countersigned by the following officers:

President:
Vice-President:
Secretary:
Treasurer:

All being of the age of legal responsibility in the state of Missouri, and being members of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our names and 
signatures the day and date of this instrument, the 30th day of July, 1990, in the City of Kirksville, Missouri.

[Signature]
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Charter given to Beta Chapter by the Founders from Warrensburg.

Official Proclamation

Kirksville, Missouri

WHEREAS, the Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity was chartered on July 30, 1921 as the first college fraternity on the campus of Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in Kirksville, now known as Truman State University, and

WHEREAS, the chapter has served the community and the campus continuously for the past 72 years and has earned a reputation as one of the most outstanding Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity chapters in North America, and

WHEREAS, more than 100 of the nearly 2,000 members of the chapter are residents of Kirksville and have contributed much to the community for nearly three-quarters of a century, and

WHEREAS, there are more members of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity per capita resident in Kirksville, Missouri than in any other city in the world, and

WHEREAS, hundreds of members of the chapter now residing throughout the world will return to Kirksville on the weekend of July 20-28, 1990 to celebrate the history of Sigma Tau Gamma in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, I hereby declare on the 28th day of July, 1990, that Kirksville be proclaimed as the

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Proclamation by Mayor Robert Funk recognizing service of Sigma Tau Gamma

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Sigma Tau Gamma Chartered in 1921

By Keith C. Dinmore

On the last day of July, in the summer of 1921, three college students from Warrensburg rode the train to Kirksville to install the second chapter of their fledgling college fraternity on the campus of Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. Because it was the first chapter to be installed by the Founders of Sigma Tau Gamma, they composed the ceremony on the train.

Two of the Warrensburg brothers who made the trip would recall some 50 years later that their new brothers showed them a great weekend. "We had a most pleasant time and put on an impressive ceremony for a fine group of men," wrote Walter Williams. He especially remembered the attractive sorority girls who joined them that evening of July 30, 1921, for a dance to celebrate the establishment of the first national college fraternity on the campus.

Our chapter's roots had been planted on December 12, 1898, when Phi Lambda Epislon was chartered on what was then known as the First District Normal School. Phi Lambda Epislon had been founded two years before at the Clinton (Mo.) Military Academy and was primarily located in secondary and military schools.

Although it was forced to operate sub rosa at the turn of the century during the administration of President Thomas, the chapter attracted many of the most outstanding students to the campus until it became dormant in 1917 at the outbreak of World War I. When the students returned to the campus from the battlefields of France in the spring of 1919, our chapter was reorganized with a flourish. The Normal School had become a Teachers College in 1919 and the chapters were reinstated with the national organization of their secondary school fraternity. They wanted a purely college fraternity. On June 29 a committee was appointed "to get in touch with some such fraternity and to get information regarding it." A letter did the men know that, on the previous morning, Ernest Collins had placed a list of names on the college bulletin board at Central Missouri State Teachers' College in Warrensburg inviting them to a meeting for the purpose of organizing some such fraternity—Sigma Tau Gamma. With the help of Professor Eugene Fair, the Kirksville branch began to seek and affiliation with a national college fraternity. By the spring of 1921, they were in touch with founding members of Sigma Tau Gamma at Warrensburg.

Two representatives of the mother chapter came to Kirksville on the weekend of July 15 and were guests of our chapter at a house dance. They left with plans to return two weeks later for the installation of what would become Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma.

Beta Chapter soon became a leading force in the national organization. In 1927, I was elected to the national executive board in order to position myself to promote the establishment of a "central office" for the national organization. I was the third member of the national executive council in 1927. This office was established in 1929.

Throughout its first 75 years, Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma has built an enviable reputation as a Brotherhood of Honor which has influenced the lives of hundreds of men in far greater measure than that which is usually associated with a campus organization. The influence of one brother upon another to strive, to compete, and to achieve has been passed along to succeeding generations of students who have taken pride in their rich heritage. Many brothers have chosen to remain in the Kirksville community and have contributed greatly to its development. The continuity offered by devoted advisers—E. M. Violette, P. O. Selby, Barrett Stout, John Goette and Walter B. Hyle—has kept the chapter focused upon sustaining a tradition of excellence.

The national headquarters of Sigma Tau Gamma was located in Kirksville from 1927 to 1938. A permanent fraternity headquarters was built on the original foundings site in Warrensburg in 1978. There are now more than 40,000 members of the fraternity initiated at more than 110 college campuses.

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Rep. Jim Sears To Present ‘Sigma Tau Gamma Day’ State Proclamation

Rep. Jim Sears, a legislator who represents five northeast Missouri counties in the legislature, will present a proclamation on Saturday from the Governor of Missouri which declares Saturday, July 27, 1996, as “Sigma Tau Gamma Day” in the state as a tribute to the 75th anniversary of Beta Chapter at Truman State University.

Sears, who is also operations manager at KMEM-FM in Memphis, said that Gov. Mel Carnahan, was pleased to recognize Sigma Tau Gamma for its record of “caring for others in the community,” according to the proclamation. He added that Carnahan noted the chapter’s emphasis upon philanthropy, having been recognized consistently by the national fraternity for its service through the Robert Nagel Jones Charitable Projects Award competition.

“Facing difficulties requires individuals of great fortitude who are willing to take the problems of others as their own concern,” the proclamation states. “The Office of the Governor believes it to be appropriate to recognize outstanding organizations that are making contributions to the community.”
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Dr. Atterberry Inspires Beta 75 Fund Drive

Dr. K. Dale Atterberry, ’33, has served as Honorary Chairman of the Beta 75 Committee, which began a year ago planning the Diamond Anniversary Celebration of Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma. A long-time leader and benefactor of the chapter, Brother Atterberry inspired hundreds of brothers and friends to become actively involved in the Beta 75 celebration when he and his wife, Nova, made a challenge gift of $125,000 last summer to help fund a 4,800 square foot addition to the chapter house. Their gift is believed to be the largest ever made by an individual to a chapter of a college fraternity or sorority in North America.

Since that time, more than 600 members and friends have contributed nearly $120,000 toward a goal which has been increased twice from $75,000 to $150,000 to pay for the new addition and improvements to the present chapter house. The Beta Alumni Association hopes to reach the $150,000 goal with participation of at least 750 donors by October 19 when we gather to dedicate the Atterberry Brotherhood Center.

Brother Atterberry grew up in the small communities of South Gifford and LePlata before his parents moved to Kirkville in 1927, just a block from the first chapter house owned by Beta Chapter at Kirkville High School. His leadership skills were recognized when he was elected president of the Senior Class and to many other offices.

Upon his enrollment at the Teachers College (as our school was known in 1929), Dale was elected president of the freshmen class and became a pledge of Sigma Tau Gamma. The outgoing president of Beta Chapter at the time was Robert Nagel Jones, ’29, who would become Dale’s brother-in-law and, in 1954, the first alumnus of Beta Chapter to be elected President of the national fraternity.

After just two years as an undergraduate member of the chapter, Dale enrolled at the school now known as the Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine to become a physician. Soon after his graduation in 1935, he was married to Gretchen Hull of Lancaster, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, whose father, Harry D. Hall, was an early member of the Lambda Chapter of Phi Lambda Epsilon, our predecessor organization to Sigma Tau Gamma at Kirkville.

They moved to Cincinnati where Dr. Atterberry enjoyed a successful medical practice and served three terms as Mayor. Upon becoming a Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists in 1961, they moved to Jefferson City where he was named Director of Medical Education at the Charles F. Still Osteopathic Hospital.

Upon his retirement in 1978, Dale was named Director of Education Emeritus at the hospital, now known as the Capital Regional Medical Center—Still Campus. The medical library at the hospital is named in his honor.

After attending Beta Chapter’s 60th anniversary celebration in 1981, Dale became involved again in Sigma Tau Gamma, serving in a leadership role in the Diamond Jubilee Fund Drive and as a Trustee of the Goetz Educational Foundation. He was subsequently elected as a Trustee of the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation, serving as the Beta President of the William C. Morris Fellowship, which was founded in 1982.

Sen. Ashcroft Sends Greetings To Fraternity Brothers

Sen. John D. Ashcroft, an honorary member who was initiated in 1983 when he was Attorney General, has extended his greetings to his Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity brothers at Kirkville in a personal letter.

“This event marks a monumental milestone in our chapter’s history,” wrote Ashcroft. “Seventy-five years ago, college men not unlike those comprising Beta today gathered to found this exemplary Chapter. Little did they know that their efforts would imprint the lives of so many.”

Sen. Ashcroft noted that from the “fellowship fostered by Beta brotherhood has come life-long friendships and unsullied campus and civic leadership.” He quoted Proverbs 27:17 in reference to the fraternity experience: “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” He wrote, “My association with Beta men truly has been a sharpening experience — one I look forward to enjoying for years to come.”

Speaking to the recent change in the school’s name from Northeast Missouri State University, he predicted that the chapter can look toward the next 75 years with confidence. “While the University’s name may have changed, Beta’s destiny will endure,” he write. Truman State University will continue to look to us for leaders and leadership as we begin the 21st century,” he concluded.

Sen. Ashcroft noted that he enjoys a continuing friendship with five members of Sigma Tau Gamma who graduated from this school who served as interns for him — Rob Shults, Carl McEiller, Jay Hemway, Greg Brown and Robert Fowler.
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This unique volume, titled *Brotherhood of Honor* has been edited by Keith Dinsmore. It features hundreds of photographs which portray the history of one of the most accomplished fraternity chapters in North America and highlight the achievements of the nearly 2,000 men who have been part of its history. In composite and group photographs, the pictures of most members will be included.

The 75th anniversary history of Beta Chapter will be a welcome addition to the personal library of anyone who has been associated with Sigma Tau Gamma at Kirkville throughout its history.

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New Scholarship
To Honor Service
Of Al Holzmeier

A new scholarship to be awarded annually by the Beta Alumni Association to a member of the chapter who helps most to improve the Sigma Tau Gamma house will honor the service of Al R. Holzmeier, ’66. Al has served as president of the Beta Alumni Association longer than anyone else in the history of the organization.

Brother Holzmeier first served as president in the first year that voluntary annual dues were established to provide for the funding of the Beta Alumni Newsletter and add to the housing fund. He served for three years during that stint then was asked to lead the alumni organization again in 1989.

Upon the phase two of the building program in 1987, he took a 2-year break as president, then was asked to assume the reins again in 1989. He is currently completing his 12th year as our alumni president, assuming much responsibility for overseeing the new addition to the chapter house.

Contributions to the Holzmeier Scholarship Fund may be made either to the Beta Alumni Association or in his name to the Goetz Foundation, which will first award the annual scholarship in 1997.

Thank You, Friends and Brothers!

Inspired by the dream and generosity of Dr. K. Dale Atterberry, hundreds of members and friends of Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma are joining together to match his challenge gift of $125,000 for a new educational wing to the chapter house at 1001 S. Davis Street.

More than $115,000 has been committed to date by more than 600 donors. We invite you to become part of this exciting program and be recognized on a permanent plaque which will be placed in the new wing when it is completed this fall. Many brothers and friends of Sigma Tau Gamma have made gifts in memory of a brother, father, son or loved one. We invite you to honor someone special to you. Thanks to everyone who is making this one of the most successful fund drives ever conducted on behalf of a campus organization.

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On the last weekend of July in 1921, Walter C. Beard joined with more than 40 of his close friends as Charter Members of the second chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma and the first national college fraternity on the campus of Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. Nearly a quarter-century later, his son, Walter C. Beard, Jr., helped to sustain the chapter in the early days of World War II before he left for the armed service. Twenty-five years later, his sons, Ben and Brad Beard, became the first third generation members of the more than 40,000 who encompass Sigma Tau Gamma nationally. Our family is proud of its association with and support of the University and of one of its oldest student organizations.

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We welcome the hundreds of NMSU alumni who have returned to Kirksville and to Truman State University this weekend for the 75th anniversary reunion of Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma!