**BALL STATE UNIVERSITY** 



#### EPSILON MU CHAPTER

FALL 2009



Committees Forming to Plan 45th Anniversary Celebration

We are happy to bring you our new and improved newsletter, *The Iris*. We hope the launch of our new alumni relations program will mutually benefit undergraduates and alumni and strengthen Epsilon Mu on all levels.

Coming off a successful spring semester, the undergraduates are making plans to ensure the fall is equally as successful. Even though we missed the Court of Honor at the Delt Division Conference, we walked away with the Most Improved Chapter award and proved we were a contender for the next conference.

The House Corporation is setting goals for the fall semester and beyond. The Shelter is a home away from home for our undergraduate members. We are committed to keeping our rent low. But in order to compete with dorms and apartments, we will continue to add improvements like the high-end washers and dryers, high-speed internet,

and premium cable television services. These amenities will increase the value and appeal of living in the Shelter above other options. Our hope moving forward is that our Shelter will continue to be used as a recruitment tool like many of the other fraternities on campus.

The first step in accomplishing our goals has been reconnecting with you, our dedicated alumni. With your support, we know we can achieve any goal we set. As you may know, Epsilon Mu is getting ready to celebrate its 45th anniversary; we need your help to ensure this event is a success. If you would like to be involved with planning the celebration, please contact me.

Alumni, I encourage you to reconnect with the chapter—now is the time! Please stop by the Shelter the next time you are in Muncie. The undergraduates would love the opportunity to

## Elements of a Successful Alumni Relations Program

- ▲ Mail at least two alumni newsletters per year.
- ▲ Hold at least two alumni-oriented events per year.
- ▲ Maintain a current database on all members and keep consistently updated.
- ▲ Educate the undergraduates on the importance of alumni involvement in the chapter.

meet you and hear stories of your time in the chapter. We hope you see you at our upcoming events this fall.

Fraternally,

Jeff Hern '92

House Corporation President jeffhern@aol.com

# Epsilon Mu Wins Most Improved Chapter at Division Conference

Advising Team Seeks Alumni Involvement

The spring semester was another step toward rebuilding the legacy of Epsilon Mu Chapter. At the Division Conference, we finished 24 out of 105 Delt chapters, receiving 421 of 521 possible points. That's 39 places higher than the previous year! We just missed a Court of Honor (top 20) and are 14 spots away from another Hugh Shields flag (top 10).

However, we did receive the Most Improved Chapter award. Congratulations are due to all the undergraduates for their hard work and the alumni volunteers assisting on the advising team. It was this combined effort and commitment that earned us this distinction this past year.

With this success also comes a rededication to do better. Looking ahead, we know we have much work to do. The 2008 Fraternity Awards and Accreditation Report Evaluation identified these areas as chapter weaknesses where we missed 10 or more points: recruitment, membership education, chapter operations, and campus leadership and University involvement.

There is still much work to be done to once again get the chapter to the summit of the fraternal mountain. Now is the time to renew our efforts, keep this momentum going, and focus on the areas above in the coming semester.

The advising team is actively seeking involvement from alumni like you. Alumni mentorship can make a difference in the lives of our undergraduate men. If you can assist with a phone call, a chapter visit, or more, please contact me. Let's work to make the Delt experience for today's brothers as great as it was for us.

Fraternally,

Brian Hobbs '99

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THE IRIS

## DELT REMAINS A TOP FRATERNITY AT BSU

Collegians Prepare for Busy Semester

The Epsilon Mu Chapter had a great spring semester. We are near the top in almost every area and looking forward to a great fall semester. In the past year, we have doubled our community service hours by volunteering at places like Harvest Food Pantry, and have been involved in new philanthropic events. In the past, we have had tremendous success with our pumpkin carving and Easter egg hunt events, and we will be holding them again this year.

#### **CHAPTER STEADILY IMPROVES**

The chapter has made steady improvements with campus relations and involvement. We have three members on the executive board of IFC and two in SGA. That is up from only two members in these major organizations a year ago. More than 75% of the chapter is in outside organizations, not only as members but as leaders.



New IFC Executive Council members Brandon Clymer '11 and Austin Gerber '10



Pat Nawracaj '12, Chase Lenon '12, and Drew Tarkington '12 at the Harvest Food Pantry

#### **ACADEMICALLY SPEAKING**

Academic performance is very important and we are proud to report that the chapter G.P.A. has been in the top four among fraternities on campus the last two semesters. Our goal for the fall semester is to move up in the ranks.



Bryce McDonald '10, Phill Keene '10, Chas Burgess '12, Michael Ely '13, Clayton Barns '13, and Pat Mautner '12 enjoy time on the boat during Closed Dance.

#### THE BEST YET TO COME

I am proud of how far we have come and how strong our brotherhood has become. We have strengthened our bond, and others on campus are beginning to take notice. As a chapter, we strive to maintain our tradition of great recruitment and growth—as a chapter and as individuals. We are excited to reap the benefits of the new alumni relations program and hope to see you this fall.

Fraternally,

Phillip M. Keene '10

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## Welcome, New Members

## ALUMNI UPDATE

Thomas R. Murray '68 teaches U.S. and world history at Okeechobee High School in Okeechobee, Fla. He serves as chairman of the Social Studies Department. Tom and his wife, Mary Ann, celebrated their 41st anniversary this year. They have two grown children, Laura and Michael, and two grand-children. E-mail: okeetom@yahoo.com

Roy D. Connor '69 retired in 2009 after 40 years of teaching and 26 years of coaching track. As a coach, he won numerous awards, including the Regional Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1994 and North Central Track Coach of the Year four times. Roy and his wife, Janet, live in Muncie, Ind. They have two daughters, Laura and Christy, and three grand-children. E-mail: royconnor@comcast.net

**Douglas M. Laslie '69** is a teacher at South Side High School in Fort Wayne, Ind., where he lives with his wife, Nancy. E-mail: domala@msn.com

**Douglas E. Koliboski '71** owns a window cleaning company in Cincinnati, Ohio, that has been in business for 10 years. Prior to opening his business, Doug spent 20 years

with the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company. He lives in West Chester with his wife, Anne. E-mail: douglas@dougkoliboski.com

Carl "David" Toth'71 is the principal architect at The Architecture Studio in Indianapolis, Ind. He has been involved in rugby since 1972—playing, coaching, refereeing, and as an administrator. David has two children, Jennifer and Joshua, and one grandchild. E-mail: dtoth@thearchitecturestudio.com

Daniel P. Brown '72 is the author of *The Beautiful Beast*, now in its second publication. He is the dean of Business and Computer Science at Moorpark College in Moorpark, Calif. Dan and his wife, Jeanne, have three children: Erin, Brendan, and Devin. E-mail: dbrown@vcccd.edu

**Steven C. Waggoner** '89 completed a 5,000-mile trip down the Mississippi River. He began his journey in St. Paul, Minn., and finished in Fort Myers, Fla. During his trip, he was periodically joined by two of his pledge brothers. Steven and his wife, Cathy, live in

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# Terry Hunsucker '71 Dedicated to Increasing Alumni Involvement

Encourages Brothers of All Ages to Stay Involved

As a freshman, Terry Hunsucker '71 wanted more from college than the dorms could offer; he made the decision to join Delta Tau Delta with some friends from the dorm. During his undergraduate career,

Terry served the chapter as pledge trainer, vice president, and president.

He now helps on the House Corporation in its effort to reconnect with alumni and start an official alumni association. "I encourage all alumni, young and old, to stay connected to the fraternity on some level because the values and benefits of being a part of it will help throughout your lives—your involvement will help our younger brothers become better people and responsible adults."



Terry's experience in Epsilon Mu helped him set his focus as he entered the workforce. The leadership and life skills he learned in the

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chapter aided him in the corporate world. "I learned a lot from my brothers about focus and direction, and it really helped me once I started working."

His Delt experience definitely allowed Terry to prosper once he left college. After earning his degree in business administration, Terry spent 35 years at Mars Inc. as a senior executive. Now retired, he is an independent investor and has divided his retirement into three areas of focus: volunteering, reviving his hometown (Winchester, Indiana), and establishing the Epsilon Mu Alumni Association. In addition, Terry enjoys spending time with his fiancée, Tammy, and her daughters. He has made his home just outside Dallas, Texas.

Terry wants his fellow alumni to realize the importance of reconnecting with Epsilon Mu and Delta Tau Delta. "I want to see more alumni involvement on all levels. We are Delts for life, not just our four years in college. And there are 100,000 Delt alumni across the country and more than 1,000 Epsilon Mu alumni. If each alumnus could spend one or two days a month at Epsilon Mu or a chapter close to where they live, it would have a tremendous impact on the young men that will soon be leaders of this country. Young men need guidance and mentorship to better prepare them for life after college."

If you are interested in helping establish the Epsilon Mu Alumni Association, please contact Terry at tlhunsucker-tx@verizon.net.

## A Legend Remembered

Fraternity Mourns Loss of John W. Fisher II

John W. Fisher II, University of Tennessee '38, passed on to Chapter Eternal 17 days short of celebrating the 94th year of his extraordinary life as a husband, as the patriarch of a large



family, as a highly respected city, state and national business and civic leader, and as a good Delt of the first order.

John was the sole remaining member of the legendary Four Horsemen of the Fraternity. John, Gene

Hibbs, University of Kansas '33, Bud Murphy, Pennsylvania State University '38, and Ken Penfold, University of Colorado '37, came to the fraternity as field secretaries in the late '30s and remained active the rest of their lives. John met his wife of 68 years, Janice Ball, while serving on the field staff. The friendship the Four Horsemen developed as young men continued throughout their personal and professional lives and came to include their families, as well.

John was honored by Delta Tau Delta with its Alumni Achievement Award, cited with membership in the Fraternity's Distinguished Service Chapter, and was recognized in the Badge of Honor shrine in the headquarters courtyard. At the time of his death, John was still serving the fraternity as treasurer of the Delt Educational Foundation, a position he had held since 1987.

The Fishers are longtime benefactors of Ball State University and have provided generous financial support to the university's major capital campaigns. They also generously supported the Epsilon Mu Chapter through the years, most notably the 1991 campaign to renovate and construct the east wing of the Delt Shelter bearing John's name.

## A Few Good Men Needed

Please send recruitment recommendations to: Recruitment Chairman

Peter Standley '12

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Prospect's Name:		
Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	E-Mail:	
High school attended:		
Does prospect have a ΔTΔ relative?		
Reference submitted by:		
Phone:		

## **Upcoming Events**

September 14-18 IFC Recruitment

#### September 17

Alumni Night for Recruitment Week (Alumni encouraged to attend)

#### October 3

Homecoming BSU vs. Toledo Details TBD

November 12

Founder's Day

#### **HOUSE CORPORATION**

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Jeff Hern '92

Treasurer **Todd Burgess '90** 

Members
Terry Hunsucker '71
John Knox '78
Aaron Morrow '93
Brian Hobbs '99
Mike Dart '97
Dave Frye '04
Greg Davis

#### ALUMNI ADVISING TEAM

Chapter Advisor Brian Hobbs '99

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Recruitment Advisor

Brett Benson '98

Financial Advisor **Todd Burgess '90** 

Faculty and Academic Advisor Russ Whalers

Risk Management Advisor

Mike Dart '97

Admin and IT Advisor **Greg Davis** 

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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Ball State University, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

## ALUMNI UPDATE

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Fort Wayne, Ind., and have two sons, Cole and Evan. E-mail: steven.waggoner@ubs.com

Michael D. Jeffries '91 was promoted to global practice leader at GlaxoSmith Kline Pharmaceuticals for clinical studies excellence. He works as the business process owner for electronic data capture in clinical research monitoring. Michael lives in Wildwood, Mo., with his wife, Michele, and their two children, Madigan and Marshall. E-mail: tonglito8@hotmail.com

**Brian S. Hobbs '99** and his wife, Rachel, are expecting their first child, a son, in September. They live in Carmel, Ind. Brian is a telecommunications sector manager for Hoch Associates in Fishers. E-mail: bshobbs@hotmail.com

**Evan T. Sheets '05** opened a commercial auto shop, Speed Shop Motorsports, located just north of Indianapolis, Ind. E-mail: etsheets@gmail.com

**Christopher J. Yates '06** married Laura Kerschke, a 2007 BSU graduate, on April 18. They live in Noblesville, Ind., where Christopher is a deputy at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

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