

FALL 2011

RENEWED COMMITMENT TO MEMBERSHIP SETS UP CHAPTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

*Open Positions on Alumni Advising Team Offer
Opportunities for Further Involvement*

This past spring has been a challenging, yet productive, semester. As you may already know, a Membership Review was conducted, and many of our 74 members were suspended or expelled. Most suspensions resulted from sub-standard G.P.A.s (below 2.6). Members can return to good standing as soon as they achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.6 or higher. At the end of the spring semester, four G.P.A. suspended members were eligible to return and were reinstated, leaving a very attainable goal of 40 total active members to start the fall semester.

Although we hit this minor bump in the road this past spring, our future is now brighter than ever. The membership review left Epsilon Mu with motivated undergraduate men, committed to having an excellent fall semester. We ended the spring semester ranked 1st in academics. Out of the 11 IFC chapters on campus, our men had a combined overall GPA of 3.21. Congrats to those men who have excelled academically and have put our chapter back on top with academics. Our chapter also continues to lead all of Greek Life in Community Service hours at 18 per man, and Philanthropic dollars donated at \$58 per man.

This past spring also brought some change to the Alumni Advising Team (AAT). **Brett Benson '98** had to step down as our Recruitment Advisor. But we are excited to welcome **Eric "Ike" Eicher '98**, who has agreed to serve as both Membership Education Advisor and Recruitment Advisor.

We also had a change with our Risk Manager Advisor, **Michael Dart '97**. Because his needs were greater on the House Corporation, he will be solely focused on his role as Legal Advisor. We are actively searching for his replacement as Risk Management Advisor. It is a great time to be involved with our young men, and I would always encourage anyone to contact me if interested in joining the team or helping out.



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*More than 50 brothers gathered
at Ironwood Golf Resort for this
year's Delt Summer Golf Classic.*

SECOND ANNUAL DELT SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC REUNITES ALUMNI SPANNING 30 YEARS

**45th Chapter Anniversary Celebration Provides
Opportunity to Reconnect with Brothers**

Our committee continues to work diligently on annual alumni events we began in 2010. I am happy to report these events have been successful in reuniting the brotherhood and reengaging the chapter. Over the summer we held our second annual Delt Summer Golf Classic, with 54 alumni (ranging from 1983 to 2010) participating in the event at Ironwood Golf Resort. A great time was had by all. Mark your calendars now for next year's golf event, to be held the Saturday before the Brickyard 400. Be sure to check out all the photos from this year's outing on our Facebook page.

In the spirit of reuniting brothers, I want to remind you all of our upcoming 45th chapter anniversary celebration on September 24. **John Knox '78** and **Terry Hunsucker '71** have been working to solidify events for the weekend. This year's festivities include a reception and ritual activation Friday night, and Saturday will be full of reunion activities, including a cookout at the Shelter prior to the BSU/Army game, a pre-game reception, and tailgating with the undergraduates at the tailgate field. The evening will conclude with a dinner catered by Scotty's Brewhouse at the Shelter.

It is a good day to be a Delt. If you would like to volunteer with advising or any of the alumni events please contact me. We are always looking for alumni to offer their time, as little as a 30-minute chapter "road" talk to a full mentoring or advising commitment. I look forward to catching up with each of you at the 45th celebration.

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NEW PLANS DEVELOPED TO ENSURE EPSILON MU'S LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

Chapter Takes Advantage of Healthy Greek Community to Solidify Future Success

As you will recall, Epsilon Mu received a generous bequest from **John W. Fisher, University of Tennessee '38**. Every single alumnus of our chapter has been significantly impacted, whether directly or indirectly, by Mr. Fisher. Accordingly, many of you have inquired about the impact of his gift. Therefore, I want to update you on the steps the House Corporation has taken.

First, the House Corporation has engaged professional help with a master plan for the long-term sustainability of the Shelter. The catalysts for this exercise are three-fold:

1. The Shelter, while well-maintained and on sound financial footing, is no longer competitive with some of the newer fraternity facilities and Ball State residence halls, which offer what used to be considered luxuries as standard amenities (semi-private bathrooms, Internet-ready study space, multi-purpose recreational areas, etc).
2. Mr. Fisher's legacy and vision for Epsilon Mu is an important part of the chapter's history—and an important part of the chapter's future. We owe it to him to be ambitious but judicious with his gift.
3. We believe the Shelter is becoming a recruitment hindrance that has already affected the ability of the chapter to sign the best and brightest incoming men at Ball State.

Second, we conducted a financial pro forma exercise, facilitated by **Guy Driggers '87** and **Todd Burgess '90**, to determine the long-term viability of both the chapter and the House Corporation. We are very proud of the current financial position we enjoy and want to make sure that the chapter is on firm financial footing long into the future.

Third, we contacted the University for assurances on the long-term outlook for the Ball State Greek system. President Jo Ann Gora wrote back, "I am pleased to report that the Greek system is alive and well at Ball State—it has been and will continue to be an essential component of our campus." The University has also offered substantial assistance with any projects we pursue.

There will be more information available at our fall event, so in addition to the brotherhood and fellowship, please come for an update on the chapter and Shelter. We are only in the planning stages, but we will keep you informed of our progress in future correspondence.

I look forward to seeing you for dinner on September 24 at the Shelter!

Fraternally,
Jeff Hern '92

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UNDERGRADUATES EMBRACE LEADERSHIP ROLES BEYOND DELTA TAU DELTA

Members of Epsilon Mu demonstrate their leadership skills through roles within the fraternity as well as through their involvement with other campus organizations. Below are brothers who have taken skills developed through membership in Delta Tau Delta and applied them to Ball State organizations.

D.J. Andrews '12, Dean's Student Advisory Board for Miller College of Business

Chase Lenon '12, Order of Omega

Scott Gogolin '13, Treasurer for the BSU Runners Association

Jay Sheets '13, Vice President of Ball State Rugby Team

Jake Walden '13, Director of Risk Management for IFC

Jonathan Wolfschlag '14, Greek Connections Leader





Members of our executive board: Kyle Prust '13, Ken Armour '13, and Christopher Hatfield '14 at Mrs. Benson's house for dinner.



Chapter members serenade our 2010 Sweetheart, Adrienne Wilde.



Austin Gerber '11, Brandon Clymer '12, and Adam Hardin '13 at the annual parent's auction this spring.

Epsilon Mu Back at the Top

• Revamped Membership Program Highlights Chapter Success

• Delts Earn First Place Academically with 3.2 Chapter G.P.A.

The spring semester was challenging but offered the brothers of Epsilon Mu the opportunity to learn from our past mistakes; the chapter has taken a big step in the right direction and began to build for the future of Delta Tau Delta at Ball State. There are many accomplishments we are especially proud of: the chapter ranked first academically, earning a 3.2 G.P.A. among all fraternities; brothers dedicated 625 hours of service to the Muncie community; and we donated more than \$2,200 to various organizations.

New Focus on Academics and Recruitment Builds Stronger Membership

Our membership sits at 41 with a talented team of individuals who are ready to help the chapter grow this fall. To continue this trend of dedicated individuals, the chapter attended a recruitment seminar to enhance our current skills while acquiring new tools to help us recruit in the future. One of the additions to this new recruitment approach includes a revised pledge education program focused on academics, time-management, and life skills. Pledge education will be taught this fall by **Jake Walden '13**. To help draw motivated men to the chapter, we have created the John W. Fisher Scholarship for qualified young men who wish to pledge our fraternity.

Philanthropy Events and Homecoming Promise a Busy Semester

We hosted our first annual Delt Army Games philanthropy on March 19; the event raised more than \$2,000 and benefited the Indianapolis Veteran Affairs Medical Center. After seeing the event's success, we've made plans to host the games again next year. Plans are underway for our 39th annual Watermelon Bust, which we'll host with the women of Alpha Chi Omega. For Homecoming, we've teamed up with the women of Alpha Gamma Delta. Epsilon Mu looks to dominate intramurals this fall yet again, with brothers participating in football, soccer, and volleyball.

I'd like to thank all alumni and parents for their unending support. We welcome all guests to the Shelter and would love to see some new faces. If you have any questions pertaining to the chapter and its operations, I encourage you to call or e-mail me. I look forward to seeing you at the 45th anniversary.



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EPSILON MU EXPERIENCES BUILT SOLID FOUNDATION FOR DELTA TAU DELTA ALUMNUS

Spotlight on Jim Reed '78



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Choosing which fraternity to join is a decision that can shape your entire college experience. For Epsilon Mu alumnus **Jim Reed '78**, the decision to join Delta Tau Delta is one that would make an impact far beyond his time spent at Ball State. "I joined the fraternity as a method to develop lifelong friendships and share common themes with people who I respected as individuals," Jim says. "The fraternity was a means to expand the base of experiences which we draw from when we develop into the person we become later in life. Delta also offered a medium to provide support to the community and our brothers."

The experiences and lessons from Epsilon Mu membership laid the foundation for Jim's business success today. With a solid career as lead financial advisor of Spirit AeroSystems, and experience serving as CFO of two different companies, Jim recognizes the value of hard work and the importance of good leadership skills—both talents he cultivated at Ball State. "Use your time as an undergraduate to build a foundation for your future. Who we are and who we become are not determined by our undergraduate years, but the undergraduate years develop the methods that lead us on the path of who we are to become. But don't forget to enjoy it! These will be remembered as some of the best years of your life."

Some of the standout memories Jim carries with him today are winning the bike-a-thon for Delt, time spent at the Shelter, and the three unpredictable years spent living there, as well as some memories which hold even more meaning now. "As I've grown older some memories, including representing Delt as president of Blue Key and as Charlie Cardinal, mean even more today."

Today Jim and his wife of 31 years, Robin, reside in Wichita, Kansas. Together they have a daughter, Jen, and a son and fellow Delt, **Ryan, University of Michigan '10**. In his free time Jim enjoys spending time with his family, golfing, fishing and boating on their lake, and traveling. To date, Jim has been to 59 different countries and the number continues to grow. To contact Jim, e-mail him at jim.reed97@gmail.com.



DELTA TAU DELTA AFFORDED STEVE SCHOENBERG '90 AVENUE TO GROW AND MATURE

When **Steve Schoenberg '90** first made his decision to attend Ball State, one thing was certain, he wanted to join a fraternity. The decision to make Delta Tau Delta his home away from home was just as certain. "It was an easy decision. I visited the different houses with some friends from the dorms and I liked the chemistry at Delta Tau Delta. You could tell there was a strong bond between the brothers and a lot of friendships," Steve says of his first time at the house.

Steve got to experience this bond for himself upon pledging Epsilon Mu, joining 50 young men to form one of the biggest and most influential pledge classes in the chapter. "Our pledge class made an impact; with 50 guys participating you take notice. We really changed the face of the fraternity," Steve says. "Delt offered a great venue to grow and mature. I was involved from day one, which I thought was important. The easy thing to do is sit back and do nothing, but it's important to step up and be a doer. The habits you develop during your college years set the tone for the rest of your life."

Epsilon Mu Membership Provided Leadership Skills and Lifetime Friendships for Duane W. Wimer '84

Supporters of collegiate Greek life often quote statistics about how being a member of a fraternity or sorority helps students stay in school; Epsilon Mu alumnus **Duane Wimer '84** serves as a clear example. "I went to Ball State on a boxing scholarship, and during my first year was ready to go home and start that professional boxing career," Duane recalls. "Simply put, I was bored. **Brian Moldt '84**, whom I had met during a summer job, invited me over to the shelter. It was pledge night, my first time in the Delt house, or any fraternity house. Brian said, 'I told the guys about you and you are in.' To make a long story short, **I was never bored again.** Brian's phone call kept me in school and altered my career path from pipefitter/professional boxer to an amazingly diverse set of professional business experiences."



and evaluating the skills of others. "A fraternity is a living laboratory of leadership!"

"It's important to take advantage of these opportunities. Find something you like to do and get busy." Duane advises, "Leadership is more than having an opinion; it's about accomplishing tasks with a large group of people. The fraternity gives you an opportunity to practice this so when you get out into the real world you have the skills you need to succeed. Serving with others to complete meaningful work also develops lifetime friendships— a nice plus!"

Duane also advises, "It's important to remember that others will follow. The organization is something bigger than yourself; get busy, have fun, and leave it better than you found it."

Epsilon Mu provided Duane with an active undergraduate experience and the opportunity to practice leadership skills that would serve him well for a lifetime. "I was always busy. I served as pledge trainer, treasurer, on various committees, and intramurals, along with getting my accounting degree and boxing. My senior year, I also served on the Homecoming steering committee, in charge of the annual fun run. Of course Delt Brother **Kent Smith '86** came up with the name, the Elephant Trot, and designed the t-shirts.

"I was having a blast," remembers Duane. "It wasn't until well after graduation that I realized the depth of meaningful skills I had developed." Duane sited several skills: time management, how to run an efficient meeting, reaching consensus, holding people accountable, finishing projects,

An accounting major and CPA, Duane is a registered investment advisor for StanCorp Investment Advisers Inc. and is a fee-only investment advisor for 100+ individual clients. He brings a diverse set

of professional experience, including a stint as executive director for the Delta Tau Delta Central Office. Duane resides in Carmel, Indiana, with his wife of 25 years, Maria, and their three children: Erica, Michael, and Nicole. In his free time, Duane enjoys a variety of sports and spending time outdoors (particularly a fishing trip to Canada every August). A highlight of the 2011 trip was putting up bear stands with **Vance Bell '82** and **Brian Moldt '84**, as well as his kids seeing the Northern Lights for the first time!

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In addition to his own drive for success, the strong personalities and leadership skills Epsilon Mu members possessed established the perfect environment for Steve to succeed at Ball State and later in the business world. As an undergraduate Steve served as sergeant at arms for Epsilon Mu, as well as a member of various fundraising committees. Steve went on to earn a business degree in restaurant management. Following graduation, he began a career in the restaurant industry. After three years in restaurant management and food sales, Steve's entrepreneurial nature took him in a new direction. In 1994, he purchased his first currency exchange in Illinois. Today, Steve is a principal owner of Community Financial Service Centers with locations in 15 states. He also owns and operates a variety of businesses in related industries, including an insurance company, a multi-media company and real estate.

Steve resides in Chicago, Illinois, with his wife, Bonnie, and their two daughters, Sabrina and Danielle. In his free time Steve enjoys watching sports, exercising, traveling, and staying involved with his children's hobbies. To contact Steve, e-mail him at smschoenberg@aol.com.



Alumni and undergraduates spanned across 30 years attended the golf event, held July 30.

Save the Date for Our 45th Anniversary Celebration

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23,
AT 6:30 P.M.
Reception and Ritual Activation
Ball State University
Ball State Art Museum-
Fine Arts Building, Room 216
Muncie, IN 47306

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Welcome to the Shelter –
Meet and Greet fellow Alumni,
Shelter Tours

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Cook Out at the Shelter

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Delt Tailgate at BSU Stadium

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Ball State Cardinals vs. Army

6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Banquet Reception and Group
Picture – Tent at the Shelter

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
45th Reunion Banquet –
Catered by Scottys Brewhouse

Cost for event is \$40 per person
(includes all events excluding
BSU football game ticket) Make
checks payable to: Delta Tau Delta
Association of Muncie

To register: e-mail jrknox@bsu.edu
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2011 Ball State Cardinals Football

Sept. 10	at South Florida
Sept. 17	vs. Buffalo*
Sept. 24	vs. Army (Family Weekend)
Oct. 1	at Oklahoma
Oct. 8	vs. Temple* (Homecoming)
Oct. 15	at Ohio*
Oct. 22	vs. Central Michigan*
Oct. 29	at Western Michigan*
Nov. 5	at Eastern Michigan*
Nov. 15	at Northern Illinois*
Nov. 25	vs. Toledo* (Senior Day)

* Conference Game

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