



SPRING 2010

EPSILON MU ON SOUND FINANCIAL FOOTING

- Shelter Improvement Projects Increase Competitive Edge over Other Housing Options
- Alumni, Help Strengthen Chapter with Recruitment Recommendations and Visits to House

Greetings, alumni brothers of Epsilon Mu. I am proud to report that EM is still in good shape financially and plans to stay that way. As a financially conservative person, my intention is to keep our chapter in that position. All repairs and projects are paid for with cash and we have only one note that will be paid off in 10 years, as we owe less than \$180,000 (\$2,000/month payment). Too many BSU chapters that were carrying too much debt have had to fold in recent years.

For those that have not been on Riverside lately, Lambda Chi closed and the house has been demolished. They have been back on campus for two years but still do not have a house. Delta Chi, ATΩ and Beta all built new houses and all three chapters are now gone. The University took over the properties and now Theta Chi occupies the Delta Chi house, the BSU police station is in the ATΩ house, and Fiji will take over the Beta house. SigEp has built a new \$3.1 million house next to ours (west) in a partnership with the University. I am not sure what their note is but it has been rumored they are stretched financially. I do not believe this is any way to operate and will make sure Epsilon Mu is never financially unstable.

To remain competitive with residence halls and new apartments, we completed two major projects at the house. First, we set up a brotherhood room that includes two 42-inch and one 65-inch plasma TV's with a surround sound system. All are on one wall so each one can display a different ball game. The room also includes three desktop computers and laser printers networked into the BSU system eliminating the need to go to a computer lab. The second project was building the fitness room. We have two stationary bikes, a free-weight system, bar bells to 120 lbs, and a core strengthening station—all purchased from Bob Block in Indy. I want to give a special thanks to **Al Cross '74** and his team. Al owns

Handyman Matters and, as our property manager, does all of our repairs and projects at a great savings to us.

Some smaller projects that we will be working on this year:

- We have a landscape project that is about 50% complete. We improved our yard with Tru Green and put in 15 trees, as we have lost that many since the late 1990s. We will also be moving the dumpster this spring so it will be screened from view.

- In May we will put a new blacktop surface on the driveway, increasing the number of parking spaces and relieving the on-street parking constraints from the new Muncie residential parking rules.

- We will get new drapes, blinds, end tables, lamps, and a rug to finish the formal room.

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House Corporation and AAT Work to Strengthen Alumni Relations

- *Alumni Form Committee to Plan 44th Anniversary Celebration and Golf Outing*
- *Additional Volunteers Needed*

Happy New Year, brothers of Epsilon Mu! I hope 2010 has been good to you so far. 2009 was another positive year for the Chapter for both alumni and undergraduates. The chapter continues to rise in the fraternity ranks and improve in all aspects.

The alumni team remains active in advising the chapter. Several alumni are involved with new faces coming on board. These alumni guide the undergraduates as they face the challenges of rebuilding our legacy of excellence. My thanks to those who volunteer their time to give back to those who follow. Congratulations are due to Assistant Advisor **David Frye '04**, who will assume

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2009 ANNUAL 500 DELT CLASSIC

Graduates from the mid-1990s to early 2000s enjoyed the 2009 Indy 500 Delt golf outing in July. Join us July 24 for the next alumni golf outing!

EPSILON MU WELCOMES 19 NEW MEMBERS

Two Members Elected to IFC Executive Council Chapter Utilizing Social Networking Sites to Connect with Alumni

The Epsilon Mu Chapter has steadily improved since I joined as a freshman. I can say that it is not the same chapter I knew but a better one that I am proud to be a part of and honored to now lead.

CHAPTER WELCOMES 19 NEW MEMBERS

Our fall recruitment efforts yielded 25 potential members, thanks to the help of fall Recruitment Chairman **Peter Standley '12**. Over the eight-week pledge period they successfully completed over 100 hours of community service and reported a combined G.P.A. of 2.70, the highest among recruits in recent history. Of the 25, we initiated 19 men into our brotherhood.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS ON THE RISE

I want to thank V.P. of Recruitment **Brandon Clymer '11** and V.P. of Internal Affairs **Austin Gerber '10** for their year of Executive IFC service. They have done a great job helping us improve the chapter's leadership and University relations. I am proud to report that two Delt members were elected to the IFC Executive Council: Austin Gerber as president, and **Mark Mosias '12** as V.P. of Community Outreach. Both men are dedicated to strengthening our relationship with the University. Because one of

our members was elected IFC president, we were recognized at the Delta Tau Delta Division Conference, which was held January 29.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SETS GOALS

The Executive Council has big plans for this spring semester. We have put in place a requirement that each member have at least 10 community service hours, which will put our service hours above 500—a huge improvement from last spring.

FOLLOW CHAPTER'S TWITTER AND BECOME A FAN ON FACEBOOK

New technology and social networking have given us two more ways to communicate with and update alumni with the most up-to-date information. We started our own Twitter account (@BallStateDelts) and have created a fan page on Facebook, which can be found by searching for "Ball State—Delta Tau Delta." Become a fan on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and, more importantly, spread the word to fellow alumni!

ALUMNI RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATIONS WELCOME

We are always looking for alumni recruitment recommendations. If you know of someone



Chapter members are grateful to the House Corporation and alumni who helped with the new brotherhood room! The room features two 42-inch and one 65-inch TV's, three desktop computers, two pub tables, a wraparound couch, and a 7.1 surround sound system.

planning on attending Ball State, please send his name and contact information to **Thomas Thompson '13** at tthompson@bsu.edu or **Bradley Jones '13** at bjones@bsu.edu. Your references are greatly appreciated.

We are excited to be on our way to having one of our best years yet and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming alumni events. I encourage you to stop by the house next time you are in Muncie to see firsthand all the great things happening at Epsilon Mu.



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Welcome, New Members

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EPSILON MU FOUNDING MEMBER REMAINS COMMITTED TO FRATERNITY

BRAD WAGNON '68 ENCOURAGES BROTHERS TO JOIN 45TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Like many young men going through rush, **Brad Wagnon '68** had several fraternities from which to choose. He made the decision to join Pi Delta Gamma, a local chapter that was in the process of becoming a colony of Delta Tau Delta. "I felt comfortable with the guys, and having the opportunity to build a new chapter from scratch appealed to me. I'm proud that I have been a part of Epsilon Mu from the very beginning."

The years spent in the chapter were some of the best of his life, Brad says. "I had a great time. Between the camaraderie, friendships formed, projects we did as a chapter, and everything else, my days in Epsilon Mu were easily some of the best I've ever had." He served as president of his pledge class and as treasurer soon after Pi Delta Gamma became Epsilon Mu. His service to the chapter continued after leaving Ball State when he joined the House Corporation and later served as president for several years.

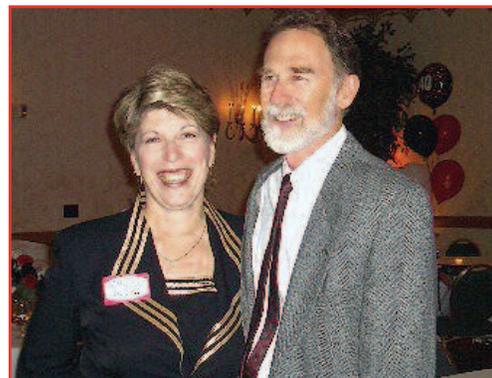
"We all have the opportunity to reconnect with EM and provide a sense of continuity and show the undergraduates that our brotherhood is an ongoing entity, not just four years during college."

Because he has stayed connected to the chapter, Brad can offer advice to both the undergraduates and alumni. "Of course I would advise the undergraduates to go to class and keep their goals in mind. Never expect anything to just be handed to you, and, more importantly, realize that your suc-

cess depends on your efforts—no one is going to do it for you." And to alumni he says, "We can all attest to the fact that our time in the active chapter went by in the blink of an eye. We all have the opportunity to reconnect with Epsilon Mu and provide a sense of continuity and show the undergraduates that our brotherhood is an ongoing entity, not just four years."

Brad is optimistic about the future of Epsilon Mu, especially with the 45th anniversary celebration in 2011. He is on the planning committee and, along with **Terry Hunsucker '71** and **John Knox '78**, is helping reconnect alumni to the chapter. "We are trying to get one or two alumni from each 10-year period on the committee to help call others and get them back for the anniversary. We want this to be a celebration to remember!" Brad encourages alumni interested in helping to contact him, Terry (tlhunsucker-tx@verizon.net), or John (abbsknox@comcast.net).

Brad handles sales and marketing at the 24-hour telephone answering service that he and his wife, Daphne, own. They live in Muncie and show and breed Portuguese Water Dogs. He also enjoys racing sailboats, ice boating, and snow skiing. Brad says, "I hope to see you all at Delt Alumni Day this fall and in 2011 for the big 45th anniversary celebration!" E-mail him at bwagnon@comnetmessage.com.



Brad Wagnon '68 and his wife, Daphne, at the EM 40th anniversary celebration.



Brad racing one of his boats, Sunfish.

Sound Financial Footing

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Many alumni have asked, "What can I do to help?" We need two things: the first is recruitment recommendations. Send us names and contact information for young men who are planning to attend or are already at Ball State. We need **good** men to increase our chapter size. The second thing we need is for more alumni to stop by the house and share stories and history of the house when you lived in it. It helps build morale and a sense of pride in our chapter. **I hope you make plans to join us for the summer golf outing on July 24 and the Delt Alumni Day on September 11.**

Jeff Hern '92
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Alumni Relations

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the role of Chapter Advisor as the AAT continues to develop alumni support.

Alumni involved in the AAT and House Corporation have started expanding the active rebuilding of our alumni relations program. The biannual newsletters, summer biographical update, and Web site updates on www.bsudelts.org will continue to play an important role in reconnecting with the more than 1,000 Epsilon Mu chapter alumni. We are also now focused on reengaging alumni with annual organized alumni activities. Through our recent reconnections, we found that there are several unofficial alumni events happening already. It is our goal to start a tradition of annual alumni events to reconnect alumni to the chapter and their brothers.

A committee is being formed to steer the efforts for the upcoming Epsilon Mu 45th anniversary celebration in 2011 and plans are

being finalized for the Delt Alumni Day, which will serve as our 44th anniversary celebration. (see the back page for details) A golf outing is tentatively scheduled for Brickyard weekend, July 24-25. More details to follow on these and other events.

If you would like to volunteer with advising or any of the alumni events, please e-mail or contact me. We are always in need of alumni who want to give back and help out no matter how small or large the offer. We would also like to spread the news to all alumni about the good things that are happening in the Epsilon Mu brotherhood. If you host or know of an alumni event please send me the details or any photos from the event for inclusion on the Web site and future issues of the newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you, and hope 2010 is a great year for all of you and your families.

Fraternally,
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Mark Your Calendars and Join Us for These Upcoming Events!

*Summer Alumni Golf Outing
on July 24
Final details TBD*

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*Reconnect with Epsilon Mu
on September 10-11*

The new Epsilon Mu Alumni Group would like to invite all Epsilon Mu alumni to the Delt Alumni Day this fall at Ball State University. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2010, with activities taking place at the Shelter and venues around campus. Alumni Day was scheduled so as to not conflict with the traditional Homecoming. Our hope is to reconnect with brothers and get updated on the exciting things happening with the chapter.

Announcement cards with event details will be mailed this summer. The tentative agenda for Alumni Day is as follows:

- **Friday Evening**
Reception for brothers and guests
- **Saturday**
Shelter Welcome and Tour
Buffet Lunch
Football Game
Alumni Reconnection Dinner and Cocktails
Program:
National Fraternity Update
Epsilon Mu Alumni Group Update
Housing Corporation Update
Local Chapter Update
Plans for the 45th Delt Reunion in 2011

We are now in a new year, so everyone mark your calendars for the September 11 Delt Alumni Day! Make 2010 the year you reconnect with brothers you've lost touch with and see firsthand the exciting changes going on with Epsilon Mu.

Fraternally,

Terry Hunsucker '71 and **John Knox '78**

EM Receives Endowment Gift from John W. Fisher

The late **John W. Fisher, University of Tennessee '38**, named the Epsilon Mu Chapter a beneficiary in his will. A committee is being appointed to administer this generous gift. A formal announcement with full details will follow in months to come.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

Louis R. Russell '67 retired in 2006 after a long career in teaching and coaching for Bartholomew County schools in Columbus, Ind. He spends his time golfing and taking care of his home in Columbus, Ind., as well as a lake home in Wawasee. Louis and his wife, Karen, enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren and are looking forward to the arrival of a sixth. E-mail: popsjeep@gmail.com

Dr. Robert E. Philbert '69 has traveled extensively since retiring in 2003. He and his wife, Cheryl, have visited 49 states and 15 foreign countries. Bob, also known as Sarge, enjoys scrapbooking and photography.

John J. Joseph '72 splits his time between homes in Rocky River, Ohio, and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He has been working out for 32 years and is a competitive body-builder. John also works part time as a personal trainer and for a health fair company. He also volunteers for many organizations. E-mail: fourjay2000@yahoo.com

Brent Tuttle '72 started a sales agency, Brent Tuttle Associates, in 2002 and represents manufacturers of material handling products. Clients span the southeastern states. See his Web site, www.brenttuttleassociates.com. Brent and his wife, Evelyn, have two children, Lauren and Derek, and live in Marietta, Ga. E-mail: btassociates@juno.com

James P. Brennan '77 reports that he is a "happy husband and father of two boys, Riley and Ben." He works for a group of radio stations and owns an advertising and marketing company, Room 6 Productions. He and his family live in Warsaw, Ind. E-mail: jbrennan@lakecityradio.com

Kerry Harding '82 is president and chief recruiting officer for The Talent Bank Inc, in Bethesda, Md. He and his wife, Dawn, have four sons: David, John, Andrew, and Michael. E-mail: kbharding@aol.com

Matthew Momper '83 was appointed by the governor to serve on the Ball State University Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and have three children: Luke, Libby, and Mary.

Shawn C. Phillips '91 lives in Muncie and owns Engineered Solutions Group. He and his wife, Lori, have two sons, Jake and Zack.

James A. Stearns '93 is a special agent in the FBI and lives in Arlington, Va.

P. Christopher Mickel '95 is a financial advisor at Valeo Financial Advisors and lives in Carmel, Ind., with his wife, Jacque, and their two children, Evan (7) and Hayden (3). E-mail: pcmickel@hotmail.com

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