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EPSILON MU CHAPTER

## CAMPAIGN 50 MAKING PROGRESS IN DESIGN AND ENGINEERING PHASE

*More News to Be Announced at 50th Anniversary This Fall*

I have some exciting news to report on the state of *Campaign 50*. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our House Corporation and campaign leaders, we are making progress on our plans. This spring, the House Corporation decided to move forward with the next phase of design in order to obtain hard pricing for all phases of the project. We are currently in the design and engineering phase of the project. The outcome will be phased construction plans ready to be issued for formal bids to general contractors. This process will take a few months. Once pricing is received this summer, the House Corporation will have to make a decision, based on dollars raised, on what portions of the project can be funded.

While our timeline is not as we had initially scheduled, I assure you this project will continue to move forward. To ensure that our construction



*We were very excited to host the Northern Division Conference in Muncie this year.*

plans become reality, we need contributions from more of our brothers. **Many of you might be waiting until ground is broken and**

**construction crews are on site, but in order to make that happen, we need your support today.** Use the enclosed pledge form to make your gift now. Involvement and support from each of our brothers is needed and appreciated, and your gifts will make a difference—no matter the size. I urge you to thoughtfully consider your gift to Epsilon Mu.

We hope to have more news to share at the 50th anniversary of Epsilon Mu at Ball State this fall. This celebration will be an exciting time to reconnect with brothers and lend your support to the future of our great chapter.

Fraternally,

**E. Brad Wagnon '68**

Campaign Chairman

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## Epsilon Mu Prepares for 50th Anniversary

The 50th anniversary of Delta Tau Delta on the campus of Ball State University will be on September 17, 2016, beginning at 9 a.m. and lasting throughout the day.

Activities for the day include:

- Fellowship
- Tours of the Shelter
- Mock ritual
- Football game vs. Eastern Kentucky Colonels
- Dinner catered by Scotty's Brewhouse
- Keynote address from **Mo Bunnell '90**, founder and president of Bunnell Idea Group
- Campaign update
- Awards
- Celebration

Registration will be available online at [bsudelts.org](http://bsudelts.org).

# CAMPAIGN 50 Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.

## Alumni Commit \$834,552 to Campaign 50: Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.

We are deeply grateful to the brothers who have committed \$834,552 to *Campaign 50: Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.* This generosity demonstrates that these alumni and undergraduates recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Epsilon Mu. If an error has been made in recording your gift, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator with corrections at (785) 843-1661.

### John W. Fisher Club

(\$250,000 and up)

John W. Fisher,  
University of Tennessee '38

### Epsilon Mu Club

(\$100,000 to \$249,999)

### Founders Club

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Hunsucker Family  
In memory of  
Terry L. Hunsucker '71  
Ted Christofolis '82  
Steven M. Schoenberg '90

### Leadership Club

(\$30,000 to \$49,999)

Matthew K. Montgomery '83  
Bryan B. Keller '90  
Brian S. Hobbs '99

### Delta Shelter Club

(\$20,000 to \$29,999)

Bryan S. Morrow '90  
Jeff Hern '92

### Crest Club

(\$10,000 to \$19,999)

Anonymous  
Mark A. Burkhart '67  
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In memory of  
Tom "Angie" Borshoff '69  
Edward B. Wagnon '68  
Dr. Robert E. Philbert '69  
Brian C. Moldt '84  
Guy R. Driggers '87  
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T.J. Smithey '88  
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### Good Delt Club

(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Daniel W. Hockney '65  
Dennis W. Hockney '65  
Charles Dragoo '72  
Bill Howell '72  
In memory of  
Joseph Howell  
Chris Pelkin '74  
Thomas L. Andrews '77  
John R. Knox '78  
Matt J. Momper '83  
A. T. Kohout '93  
P. Chris Mickel '95  
Gary L. Watkins '96  
Michael C. Dart '97  
Benson Family Gift  
Sean A. Benson '95  
Brett R. Benson '98  
Michael Ely '13

### Brotherhood Club

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Clifford E. Cochran Jr. '69  
Michael J. Rush '71  
David W. Amick '78  
John T. Savage '80  
Duane W. Wimer '84  
In memory of  
John Fisher  
Mark L. Barkley '86  
Richard T. Adams '87  
Todd S. Burgess '90  
Shawn C. Phillips '91  
Sean M. Bergman '12  
Logan T. Horn '13  
Sean M. Conley '14  
Trey C. DesJardin '14  
Derik Starling '14  
Jacob Wildauer '14  
Jonathan D. Wolfschlag '14

### Gold Club

(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Fredric A. Strantz '67  
Richard E. Goble '68  
Philip H. Rager '68  
Douglas S. Siebert '68  
James Sharp '68  
Thomas Golba '69  
Ovidio Fernandez-Cuervo '71  
Dave Steigerwald '72

Brent Tuttle '72

David F. Snively '76  
David K. Baute '76  
Kelly D. McCray '82  
Alan K. Selking '84  
Jon T. Rondot '85

In honor of  
"DOT"

Stephen Locke '86  
Mike Newkirk '89  
J. Aaron Morrow '93  
Akil A. Patel, D.D.S. '94  
Scott Swant '94  
Wayne Feltman '95  
Doug Brown '97  
Robert W. Rutherford '08  
Brandon D. Clymer '12  
Clayton A. Barns '12  
Christopher D. Hatfield '13  
Aaron Berry '14  
Eric Levitt '14  
Kyle McEvoy '15  
Kaleb Barajas '15

### Royal Purple Club

(Up to \$999)

Fredrick J. Woodruff '66  
James H. Nelson '67  
Michael L. Cress '68  
Thomas R. Murray '68  
In memory of  
Gary Turner  
Roy D. Connor '69  
In memory of  
Steve Alexander  
Walter D. Modlin '69  
Rick Whittington '69  
Fred Hitz '69  
David Koehler '70  
In memory of  
my wife and '69 Epsilon Mu  
Chapter Sweetheart,  
Betty Opsahl Koehler  
David W. Goodwin '70  
Gary E. Riggle '70  
John M. Scott '70  
In memory of  
Terry L. Hunsucker  
Robert J. Cline '71  
C. David Toth '71  
Daniel P. Brown '72  
John J. Joseph '72  
John R. Yates '73  
Harold T. Parker '74

## CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

AS OF APRIL 29, 2016

GOAL  
\$1.175 MILLION

PLEDGES TO DATE  
\$834,552

NUMBER OF  
CONTRIBUTORS  
127

NUMBER OF  
ACTIVE ALUMNI  
924

Marc A. Galvin '74  
Ross G. Peterson '76  
John D. Parish '78  
Janice and Alan Updike '80  
In memory of our son,  
Timothy Updike  
John T. Koehler '81  
John R. Czapko '82  
Phillip Kowalski '85  
David R. Schmidt '85  
Michael Engledow '88  
Andrew Zwit '88  
Mo Bonnell '90  
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William D. Lasater '93  
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Brian J. Haynes '96  
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campaign50](http://epsilonmu.kintera.org/campaign50)

## SCOTT WISE '95 THANKS DELTA TAU DELTA FOR CAREER SKILLS

More than 20 years after graduating from Ball State University, **Scott Wise '95** still sees Delta Tau Delta as a part of his everyday life, whether he's talking to his best friends from the chapter or leading a team of employees at work.

"Delta Tau Delta has had a part in everything I've done," Scott says. "When I look back on what has made me the father and businessman I am today, I think it comes from my years as a Delt."

During college, Scott served as philanthropy chairman and Interfraternity Council president, and he credits his time as a leader with developing the skills he now uses on a regular basis in his career. Not only did he learn about time management and coordinating events with a large group, but he also learned the importance of living with integrity.

"The letters you wear on your chest become a new last name for you. I wasn't just Scott Wise, I was Scott Wise from Delta Tau Delta. It's one of the things you never want to tarnish, so you wear your letters with pride," Scott says.

The skills Scott learned from his time at ΔTA have allowed him to establish a successful career, and now he is the president and CEO of Scotty's



Brewhouse, Scotty's Brew Club, Scotty's Dawghouse, and Thr3e Wise Men Brewing Co. He started the restaurant in 1996 and has since grown it to 17 locations across Indiana, and in Illinois and Florida (with locations pending currently in Louisville, Ky., Cincinnati, Ohio, Oxford, Ohio, and Columbus, Ohio).

When Scott is not busy with business and his family, he finds time to help the current Delt undergraduates by speaking at recruitment events. As a senior in college, he reached out to alumni for career connections, so as an alumnus, he tries to keep the door open for any younger Delts who need his help or advice.

"I think it's important for me to give back because of everything that I have received from being a Delt. There are so many things you gain from being in a fraternity, and Delta Tau Delta has allowed me to build a foundation in becoming a responsible man. It's pretty incredible to be able to look back on those experiences and know that it shaped the person I have become today. I'm proud to know I will always be connected to Delta Tau Delta wherever I go."

*Scott and his wife, Amy, have four children: Slater, Lincoln, Vaughn, and Ivy. He and his family live in Indianapolis, Indiana. Scott's e-mail is [swise@scottysbrewhouse.com](mailto:swise@scottysbrewhouse.com).*

## CHAPTER ADVISOR PROUD OF EPSILON MU

I am certainly proud of the academic progress the Epsilon Mu members have exhibited over the past four semesters. This success has been the result of the positive position the past two executive committees have taken toward academic improvement and the addition of a faculty academic advisor to the chapter. The present executive committee has prioritized academics in its pledge class selections and in its ongoing review of the active membership. The review includes support for any member who falls below a 2.8 GPA. In addition, the chapter strengthened its Honor Board procedures and reviewed and amended its bylaws. And, of course, the chapter's continued emphasis on community service and philanthropic endeavors is second to none.

Specifically, the membership has steadily increased its GPA and rank compared to Ball State fraternities the past four semesters: spring 2014, 2.642 GPA, 13/14 ranking; fall 2014, 2.653 GPA, 11/14 ranking; spring 2015, 2.905 GPA, 7/14 ranking; and fall 2015, 2.947 GPA, 5/12 ranking. The membership is focused on continuing its positive academic progress.

Finally, the executive committee set numerous goals at its January overnight retreat in Kokomo, which included, among many, the final amendment review of the chapter's bylaws to become compatible with the Arch Chapter Constitution and Bylaws. This is a major achievement for the leadership, and members spent untold hours of research, writing and rewriting, and finalizing the document in late February. Any alumni wishing a PDF copy of the revised Epsilon Mu bylaws may request one from Alumni Relations Advisor **Dan Hockney '65** at [dhockney02@gmail.com](mailto:dhockney02@gmail.com).

Looking forward to seeing you at the 50th on September 17.



Fraternally,  
**David Frye '04**  
Epsilon Mu Chapter Advisor

## Alumni News

**Thomas Golba '69** volunteers once a week at St. Vincent Thrift Store, has been a football referee for middle school J-A games since 1998, and is a season ticket holder for Notre Dame women's basketball and hockey. He lives in South Bend, Ind. E-mail: [baath5@aol.com](mailto:baath5@aol.com)

# Delta Tau Delta Continues Legacy of Success at Ball State

The men of Epsilon Mu have engaged in a wide variety of philanthropic and community service events, recruited a 15-man pledge class (which brings the chapter to 82 men), and achieved a GPA above the Ball State average, putting the chapter in fifth place among the IFC community this past year.



*Epsilon Mu members in their  
"Wise Men Rush Delts" shirts.*

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Epsilon Mu has continuously increased its GPA over the past few semesters, with a current GPA of a 2.95. This is the highest it has been in the past several years. The chapter has also established a new incentive program to guarantee that members meet their academic potential and continue striving toward excellence.

## PHILANTHROPY EVENTS

On April 9, Epsilon Mu hosted its sixth annual Army Games. This year, the chapter donated all proceeds to the Fisher House Foundation. Participation from the Greek community, as well as the non-Greek community, was outstanding. As has become an Epsilon Mu tradition, the chapter is the BSU Greek leader in successful philanthropy whether in the fall, winter, or spring.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A couple semesters ago, the chapter implemented a recruitment program, "5-Star Recruitment." We have experienced great success with this process, and the program has fostered Epsilon Mu growth. As a result of this success, our pledges became active brothers on April 7 at the Delt headquarters in Fishers. I see many great things coming from this group of ambitious men.

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES, CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT, AND INTRAMURALS

Chapter activities for this semester included an etiquette dinner, an array of different social events (Delt Wedding and Deltona 500), and electing Alpha Omicron Pi as our partner for Homecoming. The chapter's spring formal at Lake Geneva was on April 2. Additionally, five members of our executive committee attended the Northern Division Conference.

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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.

Every member of Epsilon Mu is required to be involved in at least two outside organizations. Examples of this involvement include Finance Society, Accounting Club, Econ Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Cardinal Communications, and IFC. Members are also encouraged to seek leadership roles within their respective organizations.

The Delt men continue to hold a strong presence in the intramural league. Once again, Epsilon Mu was crowned basketball and football intramural champions, and soccer, softball, and dodgeball placed high in the program.

## ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

This fall, the chapter hosted a gathering of alumni who came to the Shelter for a luncheon and tour. On September 17, the chapter will host the 50th anniversary celebration at the Shelter to honor its historic past 50 years and to foresee a positive and productive next 50. We look forward to your attendance.

The actives continue to benefit from alumni advisors' participation. They often attend executive committee meetings, weekly chapters, rituals, and many other fraternity-related events. As an alumnus, please know you are welcome to attend our meetings and events. Or, stop by the Shelter for an informal visit. Delt alumni are the reason this fraternity continues to grow and strives for excellence.

Overall, Epsilon Mu had a very successful 2015; however, there is always room for improvement, and that is exactly what the Delts plan—continued growth in all aspects of Greek life.



Fraternally,  
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Chapter President  
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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

**Nic Alatzas '18** / Westfield, Ind.  
**Carl Basile '19** / Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Jonathan Burd '18** / Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Maurice Dantzler '18** / Columbus, Ind.  
**Chase Deal '19** / Mishawaka, Ind.  
**Tyler Decker '19** / Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Justin Drudge '19** / Plymouth, Ind.  
**Cole Fazekas '18** / Indianapolis, Ind.

**Kaleb Ferguson '19** / Fortville, Ind.  
**Ethan Gomez '19** / St. John, Ind.  
**Chris Hillard '19** / Carmel, Ind.  
**Cole Jarrad '19** / Lafayette, Ind.  
**Collin Skiles '19** / Carmel, Ind.  
**Joey Stegmann '18** / Fishers, Ind.  
**Jacob Timberlake '19** / Indianapolis, Ind.