

THE

IRIS

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2017



EPSILON MU CHAPTER

THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO GIVE BACK TO ΔΤΔ

Alumni, Your Support Is Critical to the Future of Our Fraternity

As I sit here writing this, it is the middle of February and, despite what Punxsutawney Phil prognosticated recently, spring is just around the corner. In fact, it is a bright, sunny, 60 degree day in Muncie. Hard to believe! Time passes so quickly, and speaking of the passage of time, it's even harder to believe that nearly six years have come and gone since we started working on our *Campaign 50* project.

The results of the feasibility study that our fundraising partner conducted, which indicated a very strong degree of support from our group, were presented to us on May 9, 2011. **Terry Hunsucker '71** came up with the name of the campaign, in part because we expected that we would be able to hold the dedication of the new upgrade and addition at our 50-year anniversary celebration.

While the 50th celebration was a great success attended by a large group of alumni spanning the entire 50 years, we are nowhere near being able to predict when this hoped-for Shelter dedication will occur. I know it will, I just don't know when.

Several brothers, myself included, have spent a fair amount of time, energy, and resources on this project over these last six years. I must confess I am at a loss, and more than a little frustrated, to understand why more of you have yet to step up and fulfill the commitment we all made when we joined Delta Tau Delta in the first place over these past 50 years.

One of the changes you would have seen, had you been able to attend the 50th celebration, was several new and upgraded fraternity houses and campus dorms. Something else you may have noticed is a change in the makeup of the roster of fraternities. Theta Xi, Delta Chi, Lambda Chi, Sig Tau, Sigma Pi, Sigma Nu, and Beta are all gone. I am sure there are various reasons why these groups are gone. I am just as sure that a lack of alumni support was a major contributing factor in the loss of all of them.

While many have struggled to survive, Epsilon Mu continues to be one of the finest Greek organizations at Ball State University and we want that to continue for another 50 years.

We all have good memories of what our Shelter meant to us, and for over nearly five decades it has played a fundamental role in the lives

of hundreds of young men. However, it is now badly in need of major updating and is quickly becoming an obstacle to recruiting the best and brightest new members.

Whether we like it or not, times have changed. Young men now coming to the university have housing options that many of us would never have dreamed of. Impressive sleeping and study rooms, including semi-private suites, along with updated dining facilities, social areas, and workout rooms, are the norm and expected. Frankly, we are way behind the times and have a lot of catching up to do. If not, the future for Epsilon Mu could be in doubt.

I know there are more than just a few of you who could comfortably make a contribution toward this much needed project in the \$25,000-\$50,000 range or more, and several have. We still have tax deductibility available for more gifts in this range.

I am also confident that nearly everyone else could comfortably make a contribution of \$100 a month, as many have, which would be \$6,000 spread out over five years. A \$6,000 contribution is not insignificant.

A very heartfelt thank-you to all of you who have already contributed.

All of this brings me back to the unbelievably swift passage of time. Please don't let any more time slip away without becoming a part of this project like over 100 of our brothers already have. The longer this project is delayed, the more it will cost regardless of the final size. We are already nearly \$1 million over the original projections of five years ago.

I know there are lots of good causes, any number of places to spend our money and reasons to put this off, but we have reached the point where we truly need your help to make this happen. Be a part of it now by going to emdtd.org and click on the Donate Now button, or by visiting <http://epsilonmu.kintera.org/campaign50>.

Fraternally,
E. Brad Wagnon '68
Campaign Chairman
b.wagnon46@gmail.com | (765) 749-8556

FIND US ON THE WEB



BSU Deltas Alumni



@bsudelts



www.emdtd.org

JOHN KNOX '78 GRATEFUL FOR LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO EPSILON MU

When **John Knox '78** came to Ball State University, he always knew he was destined to become part of the Greek community. However, he didn't particularly know which fraternity he would join until he started looking at different chapters on campus. "It seemed to me that Delta Tau Delta didn't fit the typical fraternity stereotype, which is ultimately why I became part of the brotherhood," John says. "Nearly 43 years later, I still consider joining Epsilon Mu as one of the best decisions I've made and it has been an important part of my life ever since."

John knows a fraternity is only as strong as its membership, and Epsilon Mu is no exception. From pledgeship through today, the invaluable bonds John forged with brothers, including **Dennis May '75, Jack Koontz '75, Dan Hockney '65, Ivan Rader '75, Terry Hunsucker '71, Tom Borshoff '69, Marc Galvin '75, Brad Wagnon '68, Jeff Hern '92, Dan Guio '68,** and **Dennis Sturdevant '73,** helped pave the way for his Delt experience, and he is happy to say the influence these brothers, and many more he's met along the road, continue to influence him today. His lifelong friendships are founded in the fraternity and remain ever present.

The Delt tradition didn't just stop with John, however. His son, **Jordan Knox '09,** followed in his footsteps by joining the fraternity at Ball State. Similar to John, Jordan has stayed connected with Epsilon Mu and serves as the ritual advisor for the chapter's alumni advising team. "Being able to share this special bond with my son means a great deal to me," John says.

For John, Delta Tau Delta is a lifetime commitment, which is why he continues to demonstrate remarkable involvement and leadership in the fraternity. Over the years, John has served as a Chapter Advisor, house



corporation board member, and Alumni Advising Team member, and helped organize the 40-, 45-, and 50-year anniversary celebrations for the fraternity. Today, he helps lead Epsilon Mu's fundraising efforts for *Campaign 50: Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.* by recently being named to the campaign board. "Remembering my obligation to those who are to follow is the biggest reason behind my support of Epsilon Mu's campaign. The Shelter is a metaphor for all of the principles captured by our Delt creed, and the protection of that historic asset is fundamental to Epsilon Mu and Delt-ism."

John encourages alumni to remember their Epsilon Mu roots and be active participants in the continuing excellence of the fraternity, whether it is through time, talent, or treasure. "The fraternity was fundamental in all of our experiences at Ball State and our undertaking, while grand, is worthwhile of the legacy we wish to leave behind. Our support will ensure Delt's continued growth and leadership on campus for years to come."

A loyal Cardinal, Ball State continues to play a pivotal role in John's life as he is now a student employee coordinator for the university. John has been afforded many rewarding jobs in the professional world, and he attributes this to the experiences he gained at the university and in Epsilon Mu. "From serving on boards for symphonies and community centers, to being a dance dad, to coaching baseball, soccer, and hockey, I have enjoyed it all," John says. He and his wife of 37 years, Jan, who is an Alpha Omicron Pi alumna at BSU, enjoy spending time with Jordan and their daughter, Jessica, who is also an Alpha Omicron Pi alumna, in Muncie, Indiana. You can contact John at jrknox@bsu.edu.

“Our support will ensure Delt's continued growth and leadership on campus for years to come.”

BSU CLEARS LAND TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF SORORITY VILLAGE

(Article adapted from *The Star Press*)

Ball State University has been buying and demolishing 1950s-era residences near campus to make way for a sorority village. The university, which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2018, is lacking in sorority houses.

Between 2009 and December 2016, the school bought more than a dozen single-family houses in the 1200 to 1400 blocks of West Riverside and Beechwood avenues. Public records indicate the cost exceeded \$1 million.

The properties, not all of which have been cleared, lie east of the Campus Christian House and across the street from First Presbyterian Church and St. Francis of Assisi, a campus ministry. We will keep you updated on this exciting endeavor as more details become available.

CAMPAIGN 50

Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.

Brothers and Friends Pledge \$804,747 Toward Campaign

We are deeply grateful to the donors listed below who have committed \$804,747 to *Campaign 50: Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.* This generosity demonstrates that these alumni, undergraduates, and friends 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
Steven M. Schoenberg '90

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

Ted Christofolis '82
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
Joseph O. Erne '68
Dan W. Guio '68
In memory of
Tom "Angie" Borshoff '69
Edward B. Wagnon '68
Dr. Robert E. Philbert '69
Brian C. Moldt '84
Guy R. Driggers '87
R. Shane Faucett '87
T.J. Smithey '88
Jarred Bunch Consulting
Eric DeRolf '99
Scott Jarred '01

Good Delt Club (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Daniel W. Hockney '65
Dennis W. Hockney '65
Thomas G. Seffrin '66
Clifford E. Cochran Jr. '69
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
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)

Fred A. Strantz '67
Richard E. Goble '68
Philip H. Rager '68
James Sharp '68
Douglas S. Siebert '68
Thomas Golba '69
Robert E. Mohlke '69
Ovidio Fernandez-Cuervo '71
Douglas E. Koliboski '71
Daniel P. Brown '72
Dave Steigerwald '72
Brent Tuttle '72
Mark Whalen '73

David K. Baute '76
David F. Snively '76
Kelly D. McCray '82
Alan K. Selking '84
Jon T. Rondot '85
In honor of
"DOT"
Stephen Locke '86
Mike Newkirk '89
Jeffrey D. Crouch '93
J. Aaron Morrow '93
Akil A. Patel '94
Scott Swant '94
Wayne Feltman '95
Doug Brown '97
Robert W. Rutherford '08
Clayton A. Barns '12
Brandon D. Clymer '12
Christopher D. Hatfield '13
Aaron Berry '14
Eric Levitt '14
Kaleb Barajas '15
Kyle McEvoy '15

Royal Purple Club (Up to \$999)

Epsilon Mu Chapter
Founding Fathers
Fredrick J. Woodruff '66
James H. Nelson '67
William Bussell '68
Michael L. Cress '68
Thomas R. Murray '68
In memory of
Gary Turner '66
Roy D. Connor '69
In memory of
Steve Alexander
Fred Hitz '69
Claire W. Jones '69
Walter D. Modlin '69
Rick Whittington '69
David W. Goodwin '70
David Koehler '70
In memory of
my wife and '69 Epsilon Mu
Chapter Sweetheart,
Betty Opsahl Koehler
John E. Merrill Jr. '70
Gary E. Riddle '70
John M. Scott '70
In memory of
Terry L. Hunsucker
Maryellen and
Michael Szentesy '70
Robert J. Cline '71
C. David Toth '71
John J. Joseph '72
John R. Yates '73
Marc A. Galvin '74

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

AS OF FEBRUARY 16, 2017

GOAL
\$1.175 MILLION

PLEDGES TO DATE
\$804,747

NUMBER OF
CONTRIBUTORS
139

NUMBER OF
ACTIVE ALUMNI
970

Harold T. Parker '74
Ross G. Peterson '76
John D. Parish '78
Alan L. Heckendorn '79
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
Joseph Williams '88
Andrew Zwit '88
Mo Bonnell '90
Eric H. Ottinger '92
Gary L. Johnson '93
William D. Lasater '93
Jason J. Leffler '94
Ryun Guthrie '96
Brian J. Haynes '96
Jeff K. Hirsch '99
John Boydell Scott '99
Nicholas D. Wilkerson '00
Duston Barton '02
Matt L. Screeton '02
Graig G. Davis '04
Evan T. Sheets '05
Evan R. Hardin '07
Will Stephens '14
Dylan Whitten '14
Taylor Mohr '15
Thomas Reese '15

Achieving our
campaign goal
requires the support
of every alumnus.
Add your name to our
donor list by making
a donation at <http://epsilonmu.kintera.org/campaign50!>

EPSILON MU SETS PLANS IN MOTION FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER

The Epsilon Mu Chapter accomplished a great deal, and remained a leader not only on campus but also in our community during the fall 2016 semester. We grew as a chapter and as men. Moving forward, we look to continue our philanthropic efforts, community engagement, and growth shown throughout 2016.



Epsilon Mu's executive committee at their retreat. Front row, from left: Cole Jarrard '19, Ian Jones '18, Jaleel Pryuer '20, and Ross Petraska '18. Back row: Nick Beaty '18, Spencer Proffer '19, Aman Chera '18, Kyle Boyd '18, Josh Wilkinson '17, Shad Conrad '18, and Brian Allgood '18.

Community Service

On January 27, our men participated in a community service event at the Boys and Girls Club of Muncie. We also paired with Delta Zeta in a camp adventure community service event. In the coming months, we plan to continue making an impact in and around the Muncie community, as well as partnering with Ball State's Office of Community Engagement for an event later in the semester.

Academics

The chapter has a new academic plan and committee this semester that is dedicated to being a prominent figure in the academic community on Ball State's campus. Some of the provisions in the new plan include tailored success plans for all members, organized and proctored study tables, and utilization of campus resources. We are confident these changes will help propel Epsilon Mu into the top tier of fraternities academically.

Philanthropic Efforts

On April 8, Epsilon Mu will host its seventh annual Army Games in the front yard. Several new implementations have been made that we think will make this our most successful event yet! The Army Games committee has worked tirelessly, reaching out to sponsors and vendors to create impressive anticipation for this event. Our goal is to raise over \$10,000 for the Fisher House Foundation, an organization that provides military families housing close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury.

THE



IRIS

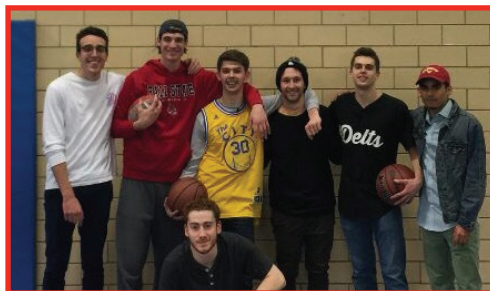
Delta Tau Delta
Association of Muncie
P.O. Box 6261
Fishers, IN 46038-6261

Address Service Requested

NON-PROFIT ORG.
PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LAWRENCE, KS
66044
PERMIT #570

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.



Our brothers participated in a community service project at Boys and Girls Clubs of Muncie.

Your Support Helps Us Remain Competitive

The executive committee met the weekend of January 20-21 for its retreat at the home of Epsilon Mu charter member **Dan Hockney '65**. It was an enlightening weekend that was filled with positive ideas and bonding that have allowed us to face the spring semester together. We are very pleased to have such tremendous alumni support. In addition to Dan, we also thank **John Knox '78** and **David Frye '04** for all the wisdom and guidance they provide the chapter.



We had a blast at our camp adventure community service event with the women of Delta Zeta!

As we look ahead, Epsilon Mu is set to succeed in all its endeavors. We are very excited about the opportunities that await, and look forward to being able to share all our achievements and successes with you.



Fraternally,
Kyle Boyd '18
Chapter President
(765) 716-8775
kyleboyd04@gmail.com

Welcome, New Members

Tyler Ewing '20
Bristol, Ind.

Bradley Grimes '19
Sellersburg, Ind.

Carlos Matovina '20
South Bend, Ind.

Luis Rutiaga '20
Indianapolis, Ind.

Ryan Gause '20
Leo, Ind.

Daniel Martinez '20
Lake in the Hills, Ill.

Mario Rodriguez '19
Maywood, Ill.