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FALL 2016



EPSILON MU CHAPTER

House Corporation Thankful for Campaign 50 Support, Looks Forward to Next 50 Years

Secure Your Place on Our Donor List by Sending in Your Gift Today

This fall, we celebrated 50 tremendous years of Epsilon Mu. Thank you to all the brothers who joined us—it was quite the celebration. As we reflect on the first 50 years of Delta Tau Delta at Ball State, it's time to turn our eyes toward the future and the next 50 years of Epsilon Mu. How can we make sure our fraternity grows and prospers for another 50 years and beyond? Cemented by the rich history, traditions, and values of Epsilon Mu, but acutely focused on making an impact on our young men for years to come, *Campaign 50* strives to strengthen our future at Ball State.

Existing House Mortgage Paid in Full

The House Corporation and *Campaign 50* board have been hard at work preparing for the next 50 years of Epsilon Mu, and we have made great progress. We are happy to announce that the existing house mortgage is paid in full and the House Corporation now owns approximately \$3.5 million of appraised property free and clear.

Progress continues to be made on renovation plans for the Shelter. The West Wing land survey, geotechnical, engineering, and construction documents have been completed. The proposed project was sent out to bidders in early September



ber and the House Corporation received many bids to review. We are working through the bids and will have a final decision soon. Additionally, schematic design documents have been completed for a renovation of the 1991 wing as an alternate project or future phase.

Despite all of our planning and progress, this project is not yet funded.

Over \$300,000 Needed to Make Project a Reality

The House Corporation and *Campaign 50* board continue to raise funds toward our \$1.175 million goal. We have received \$828,777 in signed pledges, and of that amount, \$642,292, or 78%, has been collected. With 30%, or \$346,223, left to raise, we must increase the percentage of alumni participation. We've heard from 13%

of our brothers that this project is important to them. That leaves over 800 brothers who have yet to join us. We need to have participation from at least 25% of our alumni to make this project a reality.

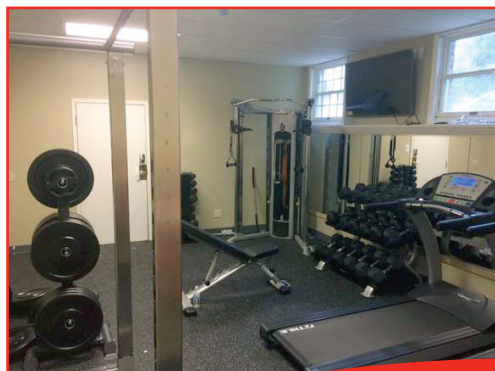
Please consider your role in the campaign and the future of Epsilon Mu. Have you given? Can you give again? Or is it time for you to secure your place on our donor list and help us make this project a reality? Donate TODAY by using the enclosed pledge card or by visiting www.epsilonmu.kintera.org/campaign50. We are relying on you to show your support.

Fraternally,

E. Brad Wagnon '68

Campaign Chairman

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Your donations are making a difference!

Epsilon Mu alumni gather outside the Shelter at the 50th anniversary celebration.

BROTHERS OF ALL GENERATIONS GATHER FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Saturday, September 17, approximately 200 alumni and guests, including 18 from the original class, attended Epsilon Mu's 50th anniversary celebration. Tours of the Shelter were given by undergraduate brothers, featuring renovations of the 1860 original structure and the new weight room. Brothers also enjoyed a cookout and pre-tailgate gathering, provided by an unsuspecting parent of a new member. Numerous alumni tailgated with the undergraduates before BSU's decisive victory over Eastern Kentucky.

The evening festivities began with a moment of silence honoring our brothers lodging in the Chapter Eternal. A mock ritual was also presented by the undergraduate ritual team. Alumni enjoyed a dinner served by Epsilon Mu's own **Scott Wise '95** on behalf of Scotty's Brewhouse. A proclamation was presented by Executive Vice President of Delta Tau Delta **Jim Russell, Purdue University '75** to Chapter President **Matt Nardini '17**. Matt then delivered a state of the chapter brief.

Dan Hockney '65 gave a brief history of our beginnings and brought up those original charter members attending. An update on our capital campaign was addressed, as well as construction plans for our beloved Shelter. Three alumni brothers, Dan, **Guy Driggers '87**, and **Brian Hobbs '99**, were recognized for their dedication to Epsilon Mu and received the Distinguished Service Award. Afterward, a



United States Supreme Court Justice and President of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity Thomas C. Clark presented the Epsilon Mu charter to Chapter President Jim Nelson '67 on November 12, 1966.

large number of alumni retired for a nostalgic romp to the Village.

We cannot thank everyone enough for coming out and celebrating Epsilon Mu's milestone achievement. This was certainly a night to remember, and we look forward to the next 50 years of Delta Tau Delta at BSU!



Dan Hockney '65 received the Distinguished Service Award that was presented during the celebration. The shirt he is wearing is a 52-year-old Pi Delta Gamma athletic uniform, which he used as a history prop when giving a short historic presentation at the event.



Eighteen ΔΤΔ charter members attended the celebration.

DELTA TAU DELTA EPSILON MU CHARTER MEMBER REFLECTIONS

Jim Nelson '67

"Of the many recollections as president of Pi Delta Gamma, receiving the Delta Tau Delta Epsilon Mu charter on behalf of the fraternity from Supreme Court Justice Thomas C. Clark on November 12, 1966, is among the most cherished memories. Thus, I became not only the final Pi Delta Gamma president but also the inaugural Epsilon Mu president."

Dennis Hockney '65

"Fall of 1963 was the beginning of serious discussion of formalizing the Goovna organization into a fraternity. The catalyst for the discussion was a meeting place in the storage closet under the slanted roof on the fourth floor of Elliott Hall, which provided a meeting place for the somewhat loosely organized Goovnas. What began as a social gathering place, decorated with empty cigarette packages stapled to the slanted wall, became a place where serious discussion began. Because the group was known to travel to Miami, Ohio, the national fraternity initially sought was Pi Delta Theta, one of the Miami Triad, and the other two being Sigma Chi and Beta Theta Pi, both already on the BSU campus. Hence the name Pi Delta Gamma. At some point, the group decided to investigate the possibilities of organizing into a fraternity. As the year evolved, the group became solely interested in becoming a colony of Delta Tau Delta. A relationship was formed and we became a colony. As a result, I was invited to attend the 1964 Karnea in Cincinnati."

Dan Hockney '65

"Three freshmen—naïve Elliott Hall residents—fall of 1961. Who could have imagined that five years hence, these three men along with 33 others would have their names scribed on a Delta Tau Delta Epsilon Mu charter signed by the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity president and United States Supreme Court justice, Tom Clark. Those three men? Me, **Tom Seffrin '66**, and **Bill Pfenninger '65**. What followed after the 1961-62 school year at Ball State Teachers College I relate to a 'perfect storm.' From guys participating in intramurals, hall government, and generally doing what college guys did in the early 1960s, a more restricted dorm and college environment evolved into a congealed group of men who organized as a campus club (Goovna, 1962), a local fraternity (Pi Delta Gamma, 1963-64), national fraternity colonization (ΔΤΔ, 1965), and chartered chapter (Epsilon Mu, 1966). I am humbled and extremely proud to be one of 36."

An updated 36-page "Early History" can be found on the Delta Tau Delta website, www.emdtd.org, under the history tab, then bottom left of the page. If you wish to see a PDF copy of the "Early History," request a copy from dhockney02@gmail.com.

Tom Seffrin '65

"The whole time we were organized as an intramural team and in the early days of forming a local fraternity, I never took too much attention to the group as having any real purpose and had very little bonding with the group. Once we selected affiliation with ΔΤΔ, I realized that this affiliation is for real. I started going to the library (no Internet) to obtain information about the history of ΔΤΔ. I had read just enough to carry on a conversation with Darryl Moore from the national office. He had been assigned to visit with us undergraduates and get to know us. At my first meeting with him, I quickly realized that this was a long-term, well-established, and professional organization."

I chatted with Mr. Moore about the fact that I would graduate prior to our official charter. He assured me that current seniors would be extended the invitation to come back and activate. This was a big motivator for me and I remained active with the group. I remember the Hockneys coming to my wife's parent's house, as they too were graduated prior, as we dressed in our tux for the big day."

Carl St. Myer '67

"Just some memories of Pi Delta Gamma: I remember the all-weekend bridge games, usually in Murray's room. Also, just the hanging out together on snowy days because we had nothing better, including studying, to do...how many paper napkins did we stuff into chicken wire for Homecoming floats? The rewards were wonderful; Homecoming parades and seeing all the students along the route. I also remember some of the pledge parties like the funeral party. It was in a park out on South Madison, but my memory can't recall the name of the park. I remember the nights we were waiting to see who was going to show up as new pledges, as well as the night we were brought in as Delts. Out of all of this is just remembering all the good friends I made. I was so backward when I went to college; had it not been for Pi Delta Gamma, I would have never had so many of the experiences I had throughout my life. Even though I am no longer able to get back to Ball State, I still feel I have many of those friends and think of them often. I can no longer travel. I lost my right leg a year ago to MRSA. I will remember all of my brothers as they gather for the reunion."

Louis Robin Russell '67

"What got to me most was that we were willing to shake up the status quo by not going through recruitment and joining an established fraternity. We undertook the daunting task of doing it on our own until we found a national organization that fit what we wanted. I'm not quite sure we really understood the amount of work that was ahead of us, but nonetheless, we plowed onward until we reached our goal."

Along the way, there were so many memorable times and events that brought us so much closer: the summer outing at Louie Abraham's in Seymour, the party at Lyle Thompson's and driving his 'vette, all of the intramural activities, the late-night walks to the donut shop, which required uphill both ways through three feet of snow, and just hanging in somebody's room talking. I could go on and on because it was these kind of things that brought us to that goal, and they are things that I will remember forever! Not because of the event, but because of who we shared them with!"

Dan Guio '68

"Because of Pi Delta Gamma, I have been forever thankful I depleted Beta Theta Pi. It was very difficult to give it up as the Betas had a great reputation on campus. But I couldn't agree with some of the actions that were doled out by my future 'brothers.' I could handle it physically and mentally, but somehow I knew there must be something better; something with a truer and deeper meaning of brotherhood. As Pi Delta Gamma grew and strengthened and eventually became the Epsilon Mu Chapter of Delta Tau Delta, I realized that decision was one of the most important of my life."

A very special recollection for me was standing on the sidewalk in front of the Muncie Holiday Inn. I couldn't take my eyes away from a brightly lighted neon sign way up in the air. The big black letters across the white background spelled out 'Welcome Supreme Court Justice Thomas C. Clark.' Back then, especially in a town the size of Muncie, this was a BIG deal. And this magical night came about because a bunch of dedicated men had the guts and perseverance to make it happen."

Doug Siebert '68

"As time passes, memories of earlier years tend to become fuzzy and blend together, but the emotions and feelings created through those experiences tend to strengthen those experiences, make them memorable, and serve a purpose in life."

A group of education majors from Williams Hall gambled not to pledge an established fraternity but rather pledged the only local fraternity, Pi Delta Gamma. We then were determined to let the campus know we were a group to be DELT with by winning the Spring Sing with 'Mira' and 'Hello Dolly.'

Being a charter member inducted into ΔΤΔ with Justice Tom Clark present not only impressed me, but also my dad and other parents present. Imagine, Tom Clark!

My pledge class was part of the brotherhood to move into the Riverside Shelter, where cherubs or angels were painted on the upstairs walls. Then,
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CAMPAIGN 50 Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.

Commitments Total \$828,777 for Campaign 50: Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.

We are deeply grateful to the brothers who have committed \$828,777 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)*

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

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Thomas G. Seffrin '65
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
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Michael J. Rush '71
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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
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Derik Starling '14
Jacob Wildauer '14
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Thomas Golba '69
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Douglas E. Koliboski '71
Daniel P. Brown '72
Dave Steigerwald '72
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David K. Baute '76
David F. Snively '76
Kelly D. McCray '82
Alan K. Selking '84

Jon T. Rondot '85
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"DOT"
Stephen Locke '86
Mike Newkirk '89
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Aaron Berry '14
Eric Levitt '14
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Royal Purple Club *(Up to \$999)*

Epsilon Mu Chapter
Founding Fathers
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James H. Nelson '67
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Gary M. Turner '66
Roy D. Connor '69
In memory of
Steve Alexander
Fred Hitz '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
Gary E. Riggle '70
John M. Scott '70
In memory of
Terrt L. Hunsucker
Robert J. Cline '71
C. David Toth '71
John J. Joseph '72
John R. Yates '73
Marc A. Galvin '74
Harold T. Parker '74
Ross G. Peterson '76
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CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

GOAL
\$1.175 MILLION

PLEDGES TO DATE
\$828,777

NUMBER OF
CONTRIBUTORS
136

NUMBER OF
ACTIVE ALUMNI
973

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 P. Williams '88
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Mo Bunnell '90
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Donate online at <http://epsilonmu.kintera.org/campaign50>.

EPSILON MU EXCELS ON CAMPUS AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY

The men of Epsilon Mu have engaged in a wide variety of philanthropic and community service events, recruited a 32-member pledge class, bringing the chapter to 90 men, and achieved a GPA above the all-male Ball State average. The chapter is very proud of recruiting so many young men, as it is the second-largest pledge class among all the campus fraternities.

CHAPTER STRIVES FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Unfortunately, Epsilon Mu's GPA decreased this semester to a 2.833. The chapter has set in place several new incentive programs to guarantee that members meet their academic potential and achieve academic excellence this semester.

WATERMELON BUST YIELDS SUCCESS

On September 24, Epsilon Mu was excited to co-host our 44th annual Watermelon Bust philanthropic event with the women of Alpha Chi Omega. The event continues to be the largest and most successful philanthropic event across the entire Greek community. This year, the chapter elected to donate all the proceeds to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Participation throughout the Greek community, as well as the non-Greek community, continues to be outstanding. As has become an Epsilon Mu tradition, the chapter is the BSU Greek leader in successful philanthropy, whether it is in the fall, winter, or spring.

CHAPTER RECRUITS SECOND-LARGEST PLEDGE CLASS

A few semesters ago, the chapter implemented a recruitment program, 5-Star Recruitment. Great success was experienced with this process and the program has continued to foster Epsilon Mu growth. As a result, we recruited the second-largest pledge class among all 13 BSU fraternities. I see great potential with this group of young gentlemen through community outreach, academic prowess, leadership in outside organizations and within Epsilon Mu, intramurals, and many other areas important to this chapter.

MEMBERS GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS

Every member of Epsilon Mu is required to become involved in at least two outside organizations. Examples of these outside organizations 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.

Chapter activities for this semester included an etiquette dinner; an array of different social events, such as Delt Recon and a three-day event where we paired with two other fraternities; and Homecoming, where we were paired with Alpha Omicron Pi. **Craig Weinberger '18** and **Spencer Proffer '19** attended Karnea this year in Orlando. They brought back many great ideas to utilize within our chapter. The chapter's fall formal will be on November 4 and we expect a great turnout.

DELT HOSTS 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The chapter hosted the 50th anniversary of our ΔΤΔ induction (November



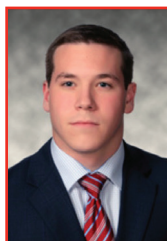
17, 1966) on September 17 at the Shelter, honoring its historic past 50 years and foreseeing a positive and productive next 50 years. It was an exciting day, with the event starting at 9 a.m. and wrapping up at 11 p.m.

BROTHERS TAKE THE COURT BY STORM

The Delt men continue to hold a strong presence in the intramural league. Last spring, Epsilon Mu was crowned basketball and football intramural champions. We expect to keep our titles this fall and take first place in several other leagues.

ALUMNI, WE VALUE YOUR SUPPORT

Overall, Epsilon Mu had a very successful spring; however, there is always room for improvement, and that is exactly what the Deltas plan: continued growth in all aspects of Greek life. 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 chapter meetings, Delt events, or stop by the Shelter for an informal visit. The fraternity continues to grow and strives for excellence through and with your support.



Fraternally,
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CHARTER MEMBER REFLECTIONS

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those walks from the Shelter to class became memorable as a time to reflect on the wise decision made on pledge night."

Doug Laslie '69

"One of the most special recollections I have centers on the Shelter. We were so thrilled to finally take possession of the Parson property that nothing could dampen our spirits. Shortly after taking possession, we needed a sign. This is especially meaningful to me because my dad designed, built, and paid for the first sign. It was his way of letting me know that he recognized and appreciated how important this fraternity was to me. Our pride couldn't have been matched as we stood around our newly erected sign, singing 'Delta Shelter' among the people who were so important in our lives. Then, sometime during the first night after it was installed, someone decided that our pride needed to be dampened and a culprit doused the sign with gray paint. We discovered the damage shortly after it happened and naturally we were enraged! We dismantled the sign and took it to the basement where we cleaned and repainted it. We had the sign reinstalled before dawn the next morning amidst much cheering and back-slapping. We definitely took the wind out of the vandals' sails. The sign has undergone numerous evolutions over the last 50 years, but that first sign will always have a special spot in 'the old guard's' collective memories!"

Cliff Cochran '69

The big lighter, the pledge book, the Pi Delt cap, the really huge lighter! Respect, line-ups, Beaver Patrol sweatshirts, and making Guio start losing his hair. Thanks for the quarter system (I know if we were not for the fraternity, I most likely would have left school and gone back to work in Detroit); special Pi Delt ritual in the fall; and the Delt ritual in November; pledge trainer; Guio's whole wall stereo system and his Lincolns with their suicide doors; Zeke's washing machine key that we all seemed to use; TC's piranhas; Wagon's Chevy; our first big trophy because of Ricky Hawthorne banging on us for Spring Sing; the donut shop; green jalapeños at JJ's and Witt's; recruitment parties; Delt winter coats; walk-outs; the Shelter, finally, the Shelter! Rozelle, Cain, Richards, Cochran, all in Jim's Opal, riding around on a rainy Saturday morning listening to 'Buffalo Springfield'; Dave Koehler's innate ability to make bodily function sounds on call; McGuire's great movies; a bunch of us at the pig farm in 1969 watching Namath shock the crap out of the NFL; all of us in the original dining room glued to the TV watching The Lottery; the University Ave. apartment with Beck and McGuire, where we shot at rats in the basement and killed 'old' green and amber Ball jars instead; getting pissed because I couldn't go with Cain and Whittington to Woodstock; and so much more."

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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.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Riley Akers '19
Crown Point, Ind.

Nathan Beeler '20
Lafayette, Ind.

Carson Brooks '20
Indianapolis, Ind.

Nick Butts '19
Carmel, Ind.

Derek Davidson '20
Indianapolis, Ind.

Jack Franklin '20
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Justin Gilmack '19
Crown Point, Ind.

Andreas Hji-Avgoustis '20
Carmel, Ind.

John Hogland '20
St. Louis, Mo.

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Westfield, Ind.

Luke Lammers '20
Westfield, Ind.

Kyle Lewis '20
Fisher, Ind.

Mark Leyden '20
Indianapolis, Ind.

Banistre Lienhart '18
Willowbrook, Ill.

Chad Meek '20
Indianapolis, Ind.

Danny Nestorovski '20
Valparaiso, Ind.

Jake Newbold '20
Granger, Ind.

Jaleel Pryuer '20
Indianapolis, Ind.

Donavon Puetz '20
West Lafayette, Ind.

Nate Pullin '20
South Bend, Ind.

Jacob Rhoad '20
Fishers, Ind.

Arturo Ruiz '20
Indianapolis, Ind.

Sam Starnes '20
Indianapolis, Ind.

Zach Steele '20
Carmel, Ind.

Matthew Stevens '20
Goshen, Ind.

Curtis Stokes '20
Markham, Ill.

Dominic Trapp '20
West Lafayette, Ind.

Sean Wilson '19
Noblesville, Ind.