BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2013



EPSILON MU CHAPTER



- Total Raised Tops \$800,000 Mark
- Your Support Today Can Help Us Achieve That Goal

Ball State recently announced another fundraising drive with a goal of \$20 million. The money will be used to fund improvements, including creating a practice facility for basketball and volleyball teams attached to Worthen Arena, renovations to the school's softball and baseball complexes, and an indoor golf practice facility with locker rooms and coaches' offices.

When I saw this in a *Muncie Star* press article a month ago, my immediate thought was, Great, just what we need—another Ball State fund drive to compete with our *Campaign 50* effort. What I do know is I understand why they have a need to expand and improve the athletics facilities.

Like it or not, college athletics are a major contributor to a school's reputation and place in the minds of prospective students, parents, faculty and staff. The University must have a strong athletic program to remain competitive and attract the necessary coaches and athletes to compete on the field and the faculty and students to remain a viable university.

Delta Tau Delta at Ball State is in the same position. The Shelter is a key component in how Epsilon Mu is perceived on campus. We desperately need to expand and upgrade the Shelter

to remain competitive in the Greek community at Ball State. Simply put, our facility no longer meets current student and parent expectations for student housing and is becoming a real problem in our recruiting efforts.

We are just over \$800,000 toward our goal of \$1,175,000. We have had a great start but still have a long way to go.

Thank you, again, to all of you who have made very generous contributions so far. I encourage everyone else to remember what Epsilon Mu has meant, and continues to mean to you, and join us in securing the future of our fraternity at Ball State.

It is my pleasure to serve as chairman of this very important campaign. It has been a real bonus to be able to reconnect with many of you through this project, and I hope you have that opportunity as well.

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



The highest honor an individual can receive from the Fraternity, the Distinguished Service Chapter citation, was given to Duane Wimer '84 for his dedicated service to the Fraternity. He is the first member of our Chapter to ever receive this award. Since it was established in 1930, only 425 Delts have been cited to membership and of those, fewer than 100 of these men are currently living. The citation may only be given to living brothers who have been alumni for 20 years and have given lifetime service and loyalty to the fraternity beyond their own Chapter.





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ver the past few months the gentlemen of Epsilon Mu have engaged in an array of community service and philanthropic events, achieved a cumulative chapter G.P.A. higher than the Ball State average, and have recruited a 13-man spring pledge class, bringing our membership to 72 men. We initiated our new members on April 11, after hosting our third annual spring philanthropy, Army Games, on April 6.

In fall 2012, Epsilon Mu earned a chapter G.P.A. of 2.75, placing us sixth of 12 fraternities on campus. This is slightly lower than that of years past; however, our new academic chairman, **Logan Stevens '15**, is revising our academic curriculum in an effort to help our members achieve higher academic marks and appropriately address brothers who are not meeting or exceeding our minimum requirement of a 2.6 G.P.A. On a positive note, we had 24 of our 59 active members achieve a 3.0 or greater last fall.

Thus far, we have participated in an assortment of Greek organizations' philanthropies and have donated our time to valet park for a Muncie community fundraiser. We also sponsor Army Games to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project. Our fall philanthropy, Watermelon Bust, will take place this October. We have extremely high aspirations this year and hope to increase the gross proceeds from \$18,000 to \$20,000 within the next two years. Currently, we are ranked number one in philanthropy donations and community service hours out of the 12 recognized fraternities on campus.

Chapter activities this spring have included an etiquette dinner, pairing with Kappa Delta for Ball State Greek Week, and we elected to pair with Alpha Phi for the upcoming fall Homecoming. Also, all 10 of our executive board members attended Northern Division Conference, where we were the recipients of our 15th Court of Honor and appointed the 14th best Delt chapter in the nation. This summer a handful of our members will be attending two separate Delt leadership academies: Ignite and Charge.

At minimum, we require that each member be involved in one outside organization. With that being said, we have brothers participating in a group of campus activities, including Student Government Association, Ski Club, Accounting Club, Student Board of Trustees, and as committee heads for numerous IFC-related endeavors. We are also pleased that **Scott Overmyer '14** was elected Greek Week president. In addition, our threeman team won the Red Bull chariot race event, and the Delt cyclist team placed second among fraternities at the McKinnely Mile Bike race.

For the first time in many years, we are having an extremely strong showing in campus intramurals. We placed third in basketball and anticipate a strong showing in soccer and football. Our sports chairman, Will Stephens '14, said, "I feel confident in saying that we will likely place top three in sports this spring."

Overall, Epsilon Mu has had an exceptional 2013, and we are well on our way to accomplishing further successes over the remainder of this semester and into the fall. We are also proud to announce that our Ball State accreditation plan exceeded expectations in a handful of categories and, at minimum, met expectations in all categories. Although we were dissatisfied with our overall academic ranking last fall, we are taking the necessary measures to achieve higher academic standing by the conclusion of next fall.

Lastly, I would like to extend a special thanks to all of our active alumni, specifically **Dan Hockney '65**, **David Frye '04**, **John Knox '78**, **Jordan Knox '09**, **Terry Hunsucker '71**, and **Jeff Hern '92**. The men have made my transition into the presidency exceptionally smooth. Without their ongoing contributions to Epsilon Mu our chapter would not be in the extraordinary position that it is today. Thanks again, brothers.



Fraternally, **Ryan Williams '14**President
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Thank You, Generous Alumni, for Committing \$800,281

We are deeply grateful to the brothers who have committed \$800,281 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) 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

Joseph O. Erne '68

Edward B. Wagnon '68

Dr. Robert E. Philbert '69

Kelly D. McCray '82

Brian C. Moldt '84

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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

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Dan W. Guio '68

In memory of

Tom "Angie" Borshoff '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

David W. Amick '78

John T. Savage '80

Duane W. Wimer '84

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John Fisher

Mark L. Barkley '86

Richard T. Adams '87

Todd S. Burgess '90

Shawn C. Phillips '91

Sean M. Bergman '12

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Sean M. Conley '14 Trey C. DesJardin '14

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Gold Club

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Richard E. Goble '68

James Sharp '68

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Philip H. Rager '68

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Alan K. Selking '84

Mike Newkirk '89

J. Aaron Morrow '93

Akil A. Patel '94

Scott Swant '94

Wayne Feltman '95

Doug Brown '97

Doug Blowii 97

Clayton A. Barns '12

Brandon D. Clymer '12

Christopher D. Hatfield '13

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Kaleb Barajas '15

Royal Purple Club

(Up to \$999)

Fredric A. Strantz '67

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Thomas Golba '69

CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

AS OF JUNE 15, 2013

GOAL \$1.175 MILLION

PLEDGES TO DATE \$800,281

NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS

NUMBER OF ACTIVE ALUMNI 899

Fred Hitz '69

Rick Whittington '69

David W. Goodwin '70

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C. David Toth '71

John J. Joseph '72

John D. Parish '78

Michael Engledow '88

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Brian J. Haynes '96

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Dylan Whitten '14

Thomas Reese '15 Taylor Mohr '15

Want a Quick and Simple Way to Give Back to Epsilon Mu?

Make an Immediate Impact through Our Online Giving Program

Prothers, have you visited Delt's website? The site, **www.emdtd.org**, features alumni news, photos, and alumnus spotlights. You can view past versions of *The Iris*, get contact information for alumni leadership, and find links to other Delt social connections.

The site also offers up-to-date campaign information and a link allowing you to support *Campaign 50: Brotherhood. Shelter. Future*. with an easy online form. As with mailed contributions, you are welcome to enter a one-time gift or a recurring gift. Just visit **www.emdtd.org** and click on the "contribute" button. Thank you for your support!

CHRIS BAKER '87 SHARES HIS SUPPORT FOR CAMPAIGN 50

As a freshman living in the dorm, Chris Baker '87, along with his roommate and two others next door, decided to find out what fraternities were all about during fall rush. "I really liked the guys at the Delt house because they seemed to be a genuine, friendly, involved group that made me feel welcome."

"My class, and the other brothers that I got to know during my years at BSU, were a really great group of guys. Combined, we were very involved not only with the house, but many aspects of the campus and community as well." Chris feels this involvement contributed to the success of the fraternity. "We were a diverse group of guys that worked well together with strong leadership, making the whole experience very enjoyable." He also adds, "I view many of the guys as mentors, and enjoy getting together occasionally to reflect."

While earning his degree in small business management/entrepreneurship, Chris served the fraternity as the house manager for three years. "I enjoyed getting to know the guys, and developed many great friendships along the way." He adds, "The house manager position was at times not the most enjoyable, but necessary, and contributed to my college fund."

"There are so many unforgettable memories; house functions, road trips, vacations, ski trips, and the good times spent just hanging out at the Delt house. I would not have had those experiences and so many great friendships, without my involvement with the fraternity." As an alumnus, Chris was involved with the House Corporation, and served as president for one term. "It has been interesting to see how we have matured and become successful in our own lives today."

His advice to the undergraduates is to get involved. "Try to step out of your comfort zone, be proactive, and make things happen; don't wait for it to come to you. I was pretty quiet coming into college, and being a part of the fraternity forced me to become more socially active and involved, which has helped me tremendously."

Chris looks forward to seeing the positive impact that the capital campaign will bring to the chapter. "The reason for the campaign is to make the chapter more competitive with the other renovated Greek houses, apartments, and dorms on campus, which are really nice nowadays. $\Delta T\Delta$ is one of the few fraternities on campus that owns its property, and has survived at BSU while other fraternities have



come and gone. Being in the fraternity has changed my life with the many friendships I made, the networking, and all the experiences. We all got to benefit from it, so now it's time to give that opportunity back to the future undergrads, and help the fraternity continue to be a leader on campus."

Chris visited Muncie a few years ago, and he was amazed at how the whole area has changed since he left. "The town has really developed, and the campus has greatly improved its image through extensive landscaping, renovating, and new buildings filling in all the voids everywhere."

Chris resides in Indianapolis where he owns Baker Built Inc., a business specializing in interior remodeling, property management, and commercial build-outs. "I was working for a company as a production manager, and decided to give it a shot on my own. I have worked for myself for 13 years, and have been fortunate to stay busy by word-of-mouth and repeat customers. It is very gratifying to see a project come together, and a customer excited about the finished product."

In his free time he enjoys spending time with his two children, Isabel (13) and Nicolas (11). He is a fan of the motorsports and road raced motorcycles for eight years after he graduated.

Chris also participates occasionally with the Porsche Club of America track events as a driver and an instructor. He enjoys mountain biking, and was part of a group that set two world speed records at the Bonneville Salt Flats on a motorcycle. E-mail: bakerbuiltinc@gmail.com

Campaign Leadership

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Scott A. Jarred '01 Indianapolis, Ind.

Conrad H. Jacobs '09 Indianapolis, Ind.

Michael Ely '12 Muncie, Ind.

Chapter Advisor **David Frye '04** *Muncie, Ind.*

House Corporation President **Jeff Hern '92** *Indianapolis, Ind.*

ALUMNI UPDATE

Daniel W. Hockney '65 serves as the AAT alumni relations advisor for Epsilon Mu. He and his wife, Sherri, reside in Kokomo, Ind. E-mail: dhockney02@gmail.com "Jesus received my wife, Sherri, after 47 years of marriage. I, along with Sherri's children and grandchildren, celebrate her journey to be with her Lord and Savior."

James L. Johnson '67 and his wife, Mary, both retired from public education in 2008. They spend most of their time in N.C. but maintain a home in Fort Myers, Fla. They enjoy traveling to Europe, as well as in their motor home.

Thomas R. Murray '68 retired from teaching in 2011. He and his wife, Mary Ann, live in Okeechobee, Fla. E-mail: okeetom@yahoo.com

Phil H. Rager '68 retired in 2009 and lives with his wife, Susan, in Portland, Ind. They have two children.

Richard A. Wells '68 retired in 2010. He and his wife, Janet, live in High Point, N.C. E-mail: rwells1029@aol.com

Dr. Gregory M. Walsko '70 is the chairman of department of educational studies at the University of Wisconsin La Crosse. He also coaches both the men's and women's soccer teams. Greg and his wife, Karen, live in Onalaska, Wis., and have four children: Gregory, Michael, Jessica, and Michelle. E-mail: gwalsko@uwlax.edu

John J. Joseph '72 retired in 2003 and splits his time between Rocky River, Ohio, and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. E-mail: fourjay22481@yahoo.com

Frank P. Miller '75 was elected to the Columbus, Ind., City Council in January. He and his wife, Jenny, have three daughters: Megan, Emily, and Rachel. E-mail: mrpresto1@sbcglobal.net

Patrick E. Partridge '80 is the vice president of sales and marketing at Dow Chemical. He resides in Westchester, Ill., with his wife, Sandra.

Bruce A. Heimbach '81 is the vice president of Project Management Advisors Inc. He and his wife, Marie, live in San Diego, Calif. E-mail: bruheim@san.rr.com

Michael Mayette '83 resides in Manchester, Maine. He is a senior insurance rate analyst for the State of Maine Bureau of Insurance. E-mail: mfmayette@yahoo.com

Michael Burd '84 resides in Fairfield, Ohio, with his wife, Nancy. He is the director of business development for Valley Services. E-mail: mburd_0825@fuse.net

John R. Suelzer '85 is a district sales manager for Kowa Pharmaceuticals America. He and his wife, Teresa, have three children and reside in Fishers, Ind. E-mail: jsuelzer@gmail.com

Andrew Zwit '88 is a market development manager for ILSCO Corporation in Cincinnati, Ohio. E-mail: azwit66@yahoo.com

Russell Hire '88 and his wife, Maureen, reside in Fort Wayne, Ind. He is the senior real estate manager for Dollar Tree Stores Inc.

Jeffrey Lomont '88 is a regional vice president of sales for Hogan Transportation. He resides in Rockwall, Texas, with his wife, Kathy. E-mail: jeff_lomont@msn.com

Don Rife '90 resides in Wadsworth, Ohio, with his wife, Dana. They have a son, Benjamin. E-mail: ddonddana@aol.com

Michael J. Vollinger '91 is the history department chairman for Air Force Academy High School. He and his wife, Jenna, have one child and reside in Chicago, Ill.

Jeff Routt '94 is a director of intermodal and brokerage at Langham Logistics, a global freight management organization in Indianapolis.

Douglas A. Brown '97 is a hospital account manager for Optimer Pharmaceuticals. He and his wife, Wendy, have two children and reside in Indianapolis, Ind. E-mail: dougbrownindy@gmail.com

Brian S. Hobbs '99 and his wife, Rachel, live in Carmel, Ind., and have a son Zach (4) and daughter Haley (1). Brian serves as DVP for the Fraternity and is on the campaign and house corporation boards. He works at Hoch Associates as the operations and telecommunications sector manager. E-mail: bshobbs@hotmail.com

Jason R. Delk '00 and his wife, Melissa, have a daughter, Lauren. They reside in Muncie, Ind., where he is a founding partner of Delk McNally LLP. E-mail: jrdelk@hotmail.com

Cory M. Dunbar '09 is the owner of Mitchell's Mexican Grill. He resides in Delphi, Ind. E-mail: corydunbar@gmail.com

Welcome, New Initiates

Brian Barnas '15 *Portage, Ind.*

Dakota Bowser '16 Indianapolis, Ind.

Tyler Brown '15 *Chandler, Ind.*

Jacob Davis '15
McCordsville, Ind.

Joe Hejl '15 St. John, Ind.

Alex Isaacs '16 Indianapolis, Ind.

Erik Kingery '16 Pittsboro, Ind.

Alexander Knight '16 Fishers, Ind.

Patrick Kuhn '16 Indianapolis, Ind.

Landon Slone '16Warsaw, Ind.

Daniel Ulrich '16 Indianapolis, Ind.

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SAVE THE DATE

Fourth Annual EM Delt Golf Classic

Saturday, July 27, 2013
11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.—Lunch & Long Drive
Competition & Driving Range
1 p.m.—Shotgun Start

Ironwood Golf Club 10955 Fall Road Fishers, IN 46037 www.ironwoodge.com

\$70 per person early registration by July 1
\$260 per team early registration by July 1
\$80 per person day of
\$280 per team day of
Price includes green fee, cart,
lunch, and driving range.

To register send the names of your foursome and a check made out to:

Delta Tau Delta Association of Muncie
PO Box 6261
Fishers, IN 46038-6261
Or pay using PayPal by e-mailing
bshobbs@hotmail.com.

Prizes awarded for Team 1, 2, 3, Long Drive, Long Putt, Closest to the Pin, and 50/50 raffle prizes.

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