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EPSILON MU CHAPTER

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN EPSILON MU'S FUTURE Lend Your Support to Secure the Delt Legacy at Ball State

It has been three years since we began *Campaign 50* and we have heard from some alumni that they think the project is too large and ambitious. While it is a good-sized project for a group our size to tackle, it's very modest in comparison to what the university and private developers have built on campus. Student and parent expectations for student housing rise every year. We have to compete for new recruits on several fronts and providing modern housing is essential.

Let me give you a little history of how and why the *Campaign 50* project all got started. After **John Fisher, University of Tennessee '38**, passed away, we learned of his incredible gift of \$500,000 to Epsilon Mu; \$250,000 of which was to be used as matching funds for a capital campaign to expand the Shelter. After several meetings and a presentation from a fundraising firm, the House Corporation conducted a feasibility study to test if our chapter could support a capital renovation project. It produced a **very** favorable indication of support from our alumni base, and *Campaign 50* began.

Remember? We all pledged to "be mindful of those who follow." One of the things I have most enjoyed about being chairman of this campaign has been the chance to make and renew connections with great Delts from a wide span of years. I ran across a quote on the company website of **Kerry Harding '82**, The Talent Bank, from Daniel Burnham, who was a prominent architect from Chicago in the late 1800s and early 1900s; it

says "Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die... Think Big!" We have taken that sentiment to heart with *Campaign 50*. I bet none of you made small plans for your lives. I know I didn't.

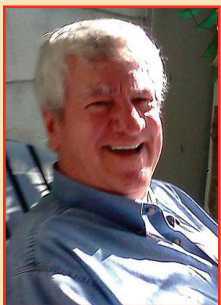
We've had some questions whether this project will ever actually be completed, and I can assure you it will. We may not quite meet our original goal of holding the dedication ceremony in the fall of 2016, the 50th anniversary of Epsilon Mu at Ball State, but it will be done. In the big picture, given the last 50 years, another year or two is pretty insignificant.

If you have any contact with **Brian Moldt '84** you know he always ends his e-mails with a quote attributed to Winston Churchill: "You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give." There are plenty of great organizations and causes that deserve our support. I simply hope you will include *Campaign 50* and the role it will play in securing the future of Epsilon Mu at Ball State among them.

Faternally,  
**E. Brad Wagnon '68**  
Campaign Chairman  
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## Cliff Cochran '69 Recommends All Alumni to Support *Campaign 50* Every Dollar Is Appreciated

The fraternity is a business of brotherhood. It teaches undergraduates about the organizational process and how to think and behave like men, not like teenagers," shared **Cliff Cochran '69**. All Epsilon Mu alumni can agree that they gained something out of their membership in Delta Tau Delta—whether it was professionalism, great friends, or just a safe place to call home while they were in school. It is important to find some way to give back to the Chapter so that other young guys



can have the same opportunities that have been given to all the generations that have come before them.

"With all that the fraternity has meant to me over the years, I had to start to give back—even if it was just a two-brick legacy. I live in South Carolina with two major schools: South Carolina and Clemson. Clemson has a campaign called IPTDAY (I Pay Ten Dollars A Year). It's important

the heavy-hitters, but also brothers like me," said Cliff.

Some of us may feel that our contributions won't make a difference to the campaign because the campaign only needs large, one-time gifts. This just is not the case. One-time gifts of \$100 or gifts with payments spread out over the next five years are as deeply appreciated and will impact the campaign in a positive way.

"The last time I visited the Shelter was for the '45th', and I realized that, as much as the actives  
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# CAMPAIGN 50

Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.

## Alumni Commit \$828,927 to Campaign 50: Brotherhood. Shelter. Future.

We are deeply grateful to the brothers who have committed \$828,927 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  
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

Richard E. Goble '68  
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*)  
Fredric A. Strantz '67  
Philip H. Rager '68  
Douglas S. Siebert '68  
James Sharp '68  
Clifford E. Cochran Jr. '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  
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In honor of  
"DOT"  
Stephen Locke '86  
Mike Newkirk '89  
J. Aaron Morrow '93  
Akil A. Patel, DDS '94  
Scott Swant '94  
Wayne Feltman '95  
Doug Brown '97  
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*)  
James H. Nelson '67  
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Roy D. Connor '69  
In memory of  
Steve Alexander  
Walter D. Modlin '69  
Rick Whittington '69  
Thomas Golba '69  
Fred Hitz '69  
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  
Harold T. Parker '74  
Gary R. Turner '74  
Ross G. Peterson '76  
John D. Parish '78

### CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

AS OF APRIL 6, 2015

GOAL  
\$1.175 MILLION

PLEDGES TO DATE  
\$828,927

NUMBER OF  
CONTRIBUTORS  
119

NUMBER OF  
ACTIVE ALUMNI  
937

Janice and Alan Updike '80  
In memory of their son,  
Timothy Updike  
John T. Koehler '81  
John R. Czapko '82  
Nancy Hoyer Myers '83  
Michael Engledow '88  
Mo Bonnell '90  
Eric H. Ottinger '92  
William D. Lasater '93  
Gary L. Johnson '93  
Brian J. Haynes '96  
Ryun Guthrie '96  
Jeff K. Hirsch '99  
John B. Scott '99  
Nicholas D. Wilkerson '00  
Dustin J. Barton '02  
Graig G. Davis '04  
Evan T. Sheets '05  
Evan R. Hardin '07  
Taylor Mohr '15  
Will Stephens '14  
Dylan Whitten '14  
Thomas Reese '15



# EPSILON MU CREATES STRATEGIC PLAN TO BECOME HUGH SHIELDS CHAPTER

## Chapter Leadership Ready to Excel

After receiving our 19th Court of Honor (third in the past four years) and being ranked 17th of the 118 national chapters, the Delts at Epsilon Mu are hitting the ground running.

In the beginning of the semester, the executive committee held an annual retreat at the home of **Dan Hockney '65** which was facilitated by Delta Tau Delta's Director of Growth **Kyle Yarawsky, Morehead University '10**. After assessing the state of the chapter, the executive team developed its vision of how we can regain our standing as a Hugh Shields chapter. Success is not measured by what an organization does best, but by what an organization does least well. The executive team's strategic plan is to direct our efforts in our deficient areas of academics and relationships that were reported in the most recent chapter consultant summary.

Less than halfway into the semester we have made progress toward improving our relationships on campus. A notable accomplishment is the establishment of our first Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year award. The recipient of this honor will be nominated and voted upon in the coming semester. **Sterling Zweigel '16** serves as vice president of risk reduction, and, three of the six members on the IFC Judicial board are Delts: **Daniel Ullrich '16**, **Scott Crilly '16**, and **Logan Wolfschlag '16**.

Prior to spring recruitment, the executive team created an evaluation system called 5-Star

recruitment, a screening process for new members that measures honorable conduct, involvement, referrals, finances, and, most importantly, academic excellence. As a way to enrich chapter culture to reflect academic excellence, our new members are now required to have a minimum 2.7 GPA prior to receiving a bid. We were pleased to receive 11 new members with 10 having a GPA above 3.0.

One of the most important aspects of fraternity life is learning to balance work and socials. We recently held a Valentine's Day dinner with the lovely ladies of Chi Omega. The women enjoyed the singing, dancing, and speed dating. We also invited the Ball State hockey team to the Shelter for a spaghetti dinner before their conference tournament the next day.

**I'm excited to announce that there will be an upcoming alumni luncheon tentatively set for September 26.** More information will be posted to social media outlets and the website as the event draws near; I hope this makes you all as excited as I am. We are most definitely in an upswing and I can promise that the Shelter is in good hands. Thank you all for your support and even more for a strong foundation.



Fraternally,  
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*Delts and Code Red Dance Team with our Riley kid, Hannah, at Ball State's Dance Marathon.*



*The executive board at an officer training retreat led by Delta Tau Delta's Director of Growth Kyle Yarawsky, Morehead University '10.*



*Members of the new spring pledge class.*

## 2015 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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# Cliff Cochran '69 Challenges All Alumni to Support Campaign 50

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cleaned it up, the house still looked a little tired. I've seen a lot of other fraternities' capital construction, and even the dorms have been improving for the same reason: they need students to live there. Delta Tau Delta is great and always will be, but we still need to compete for new brothers. Our good looks and great reputation won't do it alone. We need new digs, we need to upgrade...significantly."

Cliff hopes that each alumnus knows that every contribution is appreciated; and the time to give is now. "During the teleforum last December, **Brad Wagnon '68** mentioned that we still needed more than \$100,000 in pledges before real construction could begin. He also said that the average percentage of participation for all fraternity capital campaigns is about 25% of total alumni. Epsilon Mu's is only 11%-- but is growing. We only need 129 additional brothers to give to reach 25% participation. **Dan Guio '68** signed up for monthly payments online and also enjoys earning the credit card points."

Cliff lives in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, with his wife, Jane (Bogie). He likes keeping in touch with brothers on Facebook and is looking forward to the '50th.' Cliff wrote more about his thoughts on giving to the campaign and posted it in the Delta Tau Delta-Epsilon Mu Chapter Facebook page.

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## Welcome, Spring 2015 New Members

**Nick Beaty**  
*Champaign, Ill.*

**Shad Conrad**  
*Crawfordsville, Ind.*

**John Lara**  
*Kissimmee, Fla.*

**Chris Shetler**  
*McCordsville, Ind.*

**Zach Booher**  
*Indianapolis, Ind.*

**Brandt Cookston**  
*Indianapolis, Ind.*

**Ryan McMonogal**  
*South Bend, Ind.*

**Craig Weinberger**  
*Portage, Ind.*

**Aman Chera**  
*Fort Wayne, Ind.*

**Joe Kaminski**  
*Fishers, Ind.*

**Matt Picinich**  
*St. Charles, Ill.*

## Recruitment Recommendations

Do you know of a quality young man for membership within Delta Tau Delta? Send us his information by contacting **Conner Haupt '18** at (219) 789-1609 or via e-mail at [cjskinnyhurt@gmail.com](mailto:cjskinnyhurt@gmail.com).

### Man you are recommending:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Your information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONGRATULATIONS, BRYAN HELVIE '90

**Bryan Helvie '90** was presented with the Indiana High School Athletic Association Executive Committee 2014-15 Distinguished Media Service Award for contributions to education-based athletics. For more than 23 years, Brian was a highly respected journalist for the Batesville, Indiana, *Herald-Tribune*. He is a licensed physical education teacher and has coached girls tennis, boys golf, and boys basketball in the Batesville system for more than 20 years. Last summer, Brian transitioned from the newsroom into a new role as athletic director for grades 7-12 for the Batesville Community School Corporation.

