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Additional Funds Needed to Pay Beta Mu's Debt

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The undergraduate brothers have returned to campus to pursue excellence and develop men of principled lives. As we work with their leadership, we see their progress in a positive light and support what they are doing. That being said, we need to focus a majority of our attention on a delicate but important discussion: fundraising.

Simply stated, we did not achieve our financial goals in our most recent capital campaign. We have a balloon mortgage that matures in July 2020. Based on our current cash flow, we expect to be short by about \$600,000 and will need to refinance if we don't obtain funds to cover that gap. In addition, we have \$450,000 in miscellaneous construction costs that need to be repaid.

Our Need

The bottom line is that we have \$1.05 million in debts that need to be addressed. As a house corporation, we can cover \$350,000 in long-term debt. Therefore, we are looking for the additional \$700,000 to be raised by

alumni donations. For those of you who have participated previously, we are extremely grateful and look forward to your continued support. For those who haven't, I am appealing to your sense of brotherhood. I believe we all have a shared responsibility to help maintain the Chapter House, support the needs of the house corporation, and provide opportunities for the active Chapter, just like those who came before us did. It's our house, so please think of it that way and support it accordingly.

What You Can Do

The donation process is easy. You can go to www.purduebeta.com and donate online, either as a one-time donation or a multiyear pledge. If you would prefer a written form to mail in, please contact me and one will be sent to you. We also have a team (primarily of board members) available to speak to if you have additional questions.

Homecoming this year was a big success. Turnout was great and the event continues to grow. House tours were held in the morning

and for some it was the first time back since the large renovation was completed in 2015. In the afternoon for the second straight year we had a large tailgate just outside the football stadium. Alumni and the undergraduate members enjoyed the camaraderie together, not to mention great food and drinks. Thanks to **John Laurie '86** for his hard work and dedication to these events.

As a house corporation, we are extremely grateful for everyone who has volunteered their time in support of the Chapter. I would like to specifically highlight and thank outgoing President **Cary Wood '89** and outgoing Treasurer **Kevin Comer '71** for their long and distinguished service to Beta Mu. Cary and Kevin have completed their roles as officers, but their legacies will endure forever.

Yours in _kai_,

Tom Hoover '82

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Bill Elmore '75 meeting undergraduates Cooper Feeney '21, Jake Hughes '21, and Jonathan Dean '20 at the tailgate.



Dave Lazor '82, Dave Todd '82, and their wives.



Grant Martin '67 and US Congressman David McKinley '69 getting reacquainted.



Homecoming Chairman John Laurie '86 and friends at the tailgate.



Randy Ellspermann '68 and Terri Earnest '66 touring the chapter house.



Jeff Joslin '79, Tom Heed '80, Jim Zuzzolo '79, Rick Bond '79, and Tom Lupfer '79.

A LIFE BUILT BY BETA MU

Steve Poe '77 Shares Importance of Developing Bonds and Supporting the Brotherhood

With every generation of brothers who pass through the halls of the Beta Mu Chapter House, one aspect remains a constant: the Chapter House is the heart of the brotherhood—the core keeping everyone connected. The Chapter House is an enormous deciding factor for freshmen contemplating where they see themselves for the next four years. For **Steve Poe '77**, the house itself was huge in helping him make his decision to join Beta Theta Pi at Purdue.

“When I moved in, it was a beautiful house and facility, and it was part of my decision to join,” Steve shared.

To Steve, the Chapter House was home to fine young men who would become Steve's best friends, a place to study and focus on academics, and a place to have fun and bond with his Beta Mu brothers. It was an integral part of his Beta Theta Pi experience at Purdue.

“Being a member of Beta Mu helped me get through school and, most importantly, it allowed me to establish relationships during my time there,” he stated. “I wouldn't have the life I have today without Beta Mu.”

Gratitude for his life and the key part Beta Mu Chapter played in shaping him into the person he is today inspired Steve to pay it forward and support the *Return to Dominance* campaign.

“When I moved into the house, alumni before me had paid it forward,” Steve said. “It's time for our generation to pay it forward for the next generation.”

When the last capital campaign launched, the Chapter House was in dire need of a renovation. A renovation was necessary in helping Beta Mu Chapter make a strong, competitive comeback at Purdue.

“It needed to be a place to move us into this time, where young men want to live,” he stated. “A place for camaraderie, fun, and academics.”



From left: Jerry Sichtung '79, Bruce White '75, Mike Steele '76, and Steve Poe '77 bird hunting at Brush Creek Ranch in Wyoming.

On a personal level, Steve still enjoys the camaraderie that started during his time at Beta Mu Chapter. He is especially close with five of his brothers, and they make time to see each other as often as possible. Professionally, Beta Mu helped Steve make many contacts, some of which turned into business partnerships.

Today, Steve is a real estate developer and he sometimes partners with **Bruce White '75** and **Mike Wells '75** in various real estate projects. “It's great to have those kinds of relationships where there's all that trust and goodwill built up over the years,” he said. “It makes business enjoyable.”

Steve and his wife, Merry-Kay, have four children, all of whom had the benefit of growing up and developing relationships with the children of Steve's Beta Mu brothers. In his spare time, Steve enjoys hiking, spending time with family, and traveling. Some of the favorite places Steve and Merry-Kay have traveled to are New Zealand, Australia, Alaska, Tuscany, and Brush Creek Ranch in Saratoga, Wyoming. You can connect with Steve at spoe@poecompanies.com.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING 2019 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

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Grant H. Martin '67	Grant T. Hoover '14
R. Scott Hayes '68	



Left: The pledge class of '83 got together for a couple days in March to play golf, tell old stories, laugh, eat, drink, etc. The event was held in Atlanta, Ga. Sixteen of the 27 members attended. Right: Brothers Jim Dechert '78, George Cooper '78, Bill Moss '81, and Jay Merrell '82 attended the Stag event in April. Here they are sitting on the patio for a cookout after enjoying a round of golf.



LEADERS ON CAMPUS

Brothers Hard at Work on Fall Social, Philanthropic Events

The fall semester is off to a strong start at Beta Mu. We had impressive potential new members, and over the two-week period we saw 39 new members inducted into the fall '19 class. Brother **Jacob Hughes '21** is serving as our vice president of education for these new members and is doing an incredible job showing these men what it takes to be Men of Principle.

On September 21, one of our most popular social events, Camp Beta, was held at Turkey Run State Park. Brothers canoed for three miles on Sugar Creek with a date; Beta Mu takes special pride in this event. For the second straight year, we are cohosting the Theta Beta Grill-Off with Kappa Alpha Theta. This event is a grill-off competition in which fraternities and sororities compete for the best dish. Brothers **Leo Wroblewski '21** and **Jake Irvin '20** have made great efforts to ensure this event is successful this fall. The money raised will go to local programs offered by CASA to support abused and neglected children in the court system, helping place them with foster families. This cause is something anyone can get behind, and we're happy to be a part of it again this year.

New this year was a joint community service project with Phi Mu. We joined them to serve at the Lafayette Transitional Housing Center for a day devoted to community service on September 29. This opportunity couldn't be passed up, and we were thrilled to join the sisters of Phi Mu for this community event.

To conclude, the brothers of Beta Mu are active on campus and looking for any opportunity to impact the local and Greek communities. While each semester brings new challenges, the brothers look forward to maintaining a top GPA on campus and building a strong and united brotherhood.



Yours in _kai_,
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Newly inducted pledge class standing in front of the John Wooden Statue.

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Connect with Beta Mu on LinkedIn!

Recently, alumni have asked the active members how they can best reach individuals looking for jobs. Thanks to the Chapter's new LinkedIn page, this is easier than ever! Visit us at [linkedin.com/groups/13743243](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13743243) to request access and instantly network with your undergraduate and alumni brothers, share job listings and information, and more.

ALUMNI UPDATE

MEMORY AND OUR MYSTIC SHRINE

Davis M. "Dave" Shryer '47 entered Memory and Our Mystic Shrine on January 26. An only child, Dave remembered fondly his days growing up in Chicago, Ill., and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. He returned as a teenager to Indianapolis where he graduated from Shortridge High School in 1940. Dave attended Purdue University where he served in the ROTC program and was a sports editor for the university's daily newspaper; he graduated after serving in WWII. He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret, of 50 years; his daughters, Molly (Tom) Boast, Alice (Greg) Southwick, and Betsy Shryer (Tom) Boyle; his son, Davis Shryer III; his stepdaughters, Phyllis (Chris) Dozier, Jennifer Kramer, and Jean Ellen (Loren) Kramer-Johnson; stepdaughter-in-law Cathy Young; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. His daughter Betsy writes: "Dave Shryer was a gentleman of a bygone era, proud of his efforts and of those around him. He was truly loved by many."

Jerry Moss '48 entered Memory and Our Mystic Shrine on October 21, 2018. His stepdaughter, Janis Smith, writes that he was very proud to be a Beta.

Charles Thompson '49 entered Memory and Our Mystic Shrine on May 26. After serving briefly in WWII, Charles received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University followed by an MBA from Indiana University. Charles married his college sweetheart from Purdue University and began a successful career in aerospace engineering that took him from his home state of Indiana to Texas, Alabama, then finally settling in Southern California. He was an avid reader of history, a lover of the arts, and was active in the community. While in California, Charles volunteered as the president of a non-profit corporation assisting at-risk teenagers in West Hollywood, served as president of the Rotary Club in Pacific Palisades, and as an elder at the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church.

Jacob A. Harman '51 entered Memory and Our Mystic Shrine on July 7. In 1945, he enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Philippines #1542 Engineering Battalion. Jake graduated from Purdue University in 1951 with a bachelor of science civil engineering degree. He was owner and president of Builders Metals Supply and J.A. Harman P.E. He was a member and past deacon at Calvin Presbyterian Church, member of the American Legion, American Society of Civil Engineers, Structural Engineers Association of Kentucky, and Hunting Creek Country Club.

Father Malcolm "Blake" Greenlee '56 entered Memory and Our Mystic Shrine on April 7. Blake was born in Mercedes, Texas, on August 20, 1932. He spent his early years in Mercedes and then in LaGrange, Ill., where he met and fell in love with Dorothy. He began studies at Purdue University but left school to join the Marines, in the midst of the Korean War. He and Dorothy were married on December 7, 1952, just before he went to Korea. Following his military service, he returned to Purdue, graduating in 1956 with a B.S. in physics. He later completed divinity studies at the General Theological Seminary in New York and was ordained as a minister in the Episcopal Church. Blake led a full life and was a man of many interests.



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Joe Shackford '57 entered Memory and Our Mystic Shrine on July 5. He is survived by his wife, Kaye; they lived in Incline Village, Nev. Joe was an officer of Beta Mu and a star shortstop on Purdue's varsity baseball team. After heading up the international large jet engine sales group for GE, Joe and his wife established a successful consulting company providing negotiating strategy services to employees of airplane manufacturers and airline companies. **Gary Shearer '57** writes, "Joe was my close friend from grade school on through Purdue days at the Beta house and thereafter. I will miss him."

Steven Morehouse '64 entered Memory and Our Mystic Shrine on June 14. Steve was born on October 7, 1941. He was in ROTC at Purdue and served as a lieutenant in the Army at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. He had a successful professional career for 38 years as a salesman, mostly in the packaging industry. He traveled all around the U.S., including Puerto Rico.

Jeff Thomas '04 entered Memory and Our Mystic Shrine on December 14, 2018. Jeff was a tri-athlete and soccer star at Purdue who earned a degree in construction engineering and management. He loved to spend time with his family: his wife, Jess, and children, Jake and Kate; his parents, Barb and Randy; his sister, Trish; brother-in-law, Scott; nephews, Justin and Cameron; niece, Ellie; grandmother, Peggy; and countless other relatives and friends. They all survive Jeff, and eagerly await when they meet again in heaven, where they will eat Jeff's famous smoked ribs and drink Bourbon County Stout.

Kevin Falsey '10 entered Memory and Our Mystic Shrine on November 16, 2018. Kevin never missed a

chance to make others laugh. He was a diehard fan of the Blackhawks and all things Boilermaker.

ALUMNI NEWS

Philip E. Nelson '56 lives in Pellston, Mich., and is enjoying retirement as professor emeritus at Purdue. Email: pen@purdue.edu

Robert Walker '62 met with **Bruce Campbell '62** and **David Covert '65** in June. He keeps up with a few other brothers via email. Robert lives in the North Florida Panhandle and enjoys being an amateur radio operator in his spare time. Email: n4cu@amsat.org

Steven Overbeck '65 enjoys traveling, playing golf, and spending time with his grandchildren. He lives in Indianapolis, Ind. Email: ssoverbeck@comcast.net

Grant H. Martin '67 has served on the Beta Mu Chapter House Association board since 2004 and is actively enjoying retirement. He lives in Monticello, Ind. Email: ghmart@yahoo.com

Dane Tubergen '67 is retired and living in Estero, Fla. Email: dtubergen@me.com

Mark M. Owen '74 retired from the ice cream industry in March and finds himself as busy as ever with church, committees, food pantry, grandchildren activities, and more. With one daughter married and living in Munich, Germany, Mark and Betsy visit Europe once a year. Their other daughter and two grandchildren live only five minutes away in Columbus, Ohio. Mark and Betsy have been married for 44 years. Email: markowensales@gmail.com