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Mutual Assistance and Growth

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT BETA MU

Life at Beta Mu continues in a very positive manner. The active Chapter has won numerous awards, both on campus and within the national Fraternity; it's been impressive to watch. But what's more impressive is their relentless pursuit to keep raising the bar: earning Sisson AND Knox awards, increasing their philanthropy funds for Buzz-a-Beta, increasing their GPA, improving their Grand Prix performance, being the best Fraternity on campus, and so on. The experiences in this Chapter and the brotherhood will serve them well in leadership development and in their future careers.

We had another great Homecoming event this year; the evening football game allowed for a full day of activities. In the afternoon, there was a luncheon followed by tours of the Chapter House, plus a house corporation meeting. Then, everyone took a shuttle bus to Ross-Ade Stadium for a tailgate! Weather was great and there was a large turnout; we hope to see it grow in the future.

On the house corporation, we are focused on the ongoing success of the collegiate Chapter, our financial integrity, and alumni relations.

We continue to request your support through the annual campaign as we pay down our debt; that's our financial priority. But for those who'd like to support the Chapter scholastically, we have an opportunity as well. Cindy Sadighian, widow of **Shervin Sadighian '91**, has started a scholarship fund and has reached out to me to see if we can help it grow. Contact me if you would like to help.

For alumni relations, we are in the early planning stages of a June 2023 golf outing in West Lafayette. We hope this is a permanent fixture in the future that enhances brotherhood and supports class reunions. More to come, but we hope everyone considers participating.

Finally, we have a vacancy on our board. I am especially interested in more involvement from our younger alumni. If you would like to serve, please contact me.

Yours in _kai_

Tom Hoover '82

Beta Mu House Corporation President
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The welcoming table at the Chapter House, highlighting Beta Mu activities and awards.



Active brothers at the tailgate (above) connecting with young alumni (below).



Over Six Decades with the Class of '60



The spring pledge class of 1960 and their spouses at a reunion in San Antonio, Texas. Six brothers attended in person, with two joining the main event through Zoom. From left: Tom Gerber, Tom Graham, Jack Holcroft, Jim Lesieur, and Tom Hensal. (Brendan O'Brien was not present for this picture.)



Curtis Smith '92, John Leff '92, Jim Ford '88, Scott Perry '91, Andy Maner '91, Mike Delgado '90, Jeff Osborn '88, Mike Crowley '92, and Kelly Eads '89 enjoying time together in the tent.



Brothers of all ages gather for the tailgate.



Beta Mu brothers and advisors accept the Chapter of the Year Award from Purdue University.



Brothers enjoy the annual camping event at Sugar Creek.



Betas enjoy a back-to-school cookout on the back patio.



Beta Mu after winning the intramural softball championship!

Shaping Beta's Future

AWARD-WINNING CHAPTER SETS HIGH FALL GOALS

The fall semester has begun at Purdue, and Beta Mu is back on campus and excited for the academic year to come.

Over the summer, three brothers—**Cam Greeson '24**, **Gabriel Vaughn '24**, and I—attended Beta Theta Pi's General Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Beta Mu was recognized nationally, taking home the Sisson Award for outstanding fraternal achievement. The Chapter also celebrated another spring semester with superb academics: we posted a 3.35 GPA, which was first place among chapters with over 100 members at Purdue. Beta Mu brothers closed out the spring as Purdue's Chapter of the Year, winning the intramural softball and 3-on-3 soccer championships; **Jared Schingel '23** was also recognized as Philanthropist of the Year.

With the fall semester in full swing, we recently finished our annual fall recruitment. Roughly 400 potential new members came through the door during the week, and the Chapter extended 47 bids; 36 members accepted. We are excited about the 2022 new member class and look forward to seeing how they can better the future of the Chapter.

Socially, the brothers have enjoyed their annual fall events such as game day tailgates, the Camp Beta excursion to Sugar Creek, and our Barn Dance at the Chapter House. We plan to wrap up fall events with a Halloween party as well as their Winter Formal.

Finally, Beta Mu has lofty goals for philanthropy and community service events for the fall. This includes a Habitat for Humanity build, Purdue Winterization, and partnering with a local soup kitchen to donate our extra meals. In terms of philanthropy efforts, the brothers are looking forward to hosting another Buzz-a-Beta this fall. With multiple events over the course of a month, Beta Mu wants to shatter this year's donation goal of \$75,000 to the Purdue Center for Cancer Research and the Tyler Trent Endowment.

Overall, Beta Mu is excited to continue our streak of fraternal excellence and is ready to take on another year!

Yours in _kai_,
Eli Everson '24
President

Welcome, Fall New Members

Decker Anderson '26 | Arlington Heights, Ill.
 Max Arnold '26 | Peoria, Ill.
 John Berry '26 | St. Paul, Minn.
 Denver Bush '26 | Dallas, Texas
 Briggs Butler '26 | Portland, Ore.
 Gabe Chambers '26 | Indianapolis, Ind.
 Rodrigo Davila '26 | Fishers, Ind.
 Evan Dickinson '26 | Columbus, Ind.
 Max Elliott '26 | Fishers, Ind.
 Jack Erickson '26 | Marion, Ind.
 Matthew Etchison '26 | Carmel, Ind.
 Evan Federle '26 | Chesterton, Ind.
 Trevor Flint '25 | Boston, Mass.
 Magwire Graybill '26 | Westfield, Ind.
 Guy Griffey '26 | Cicero, Ind.
 Ryan Hartig '26 | Fishers, Ind.
 Wayne Hsieh '26 | Jackson, Miss.
 Nate Hughes '26 | Carmel, Ind.
 Isaac In '26 | Scottsdale, Ariz.
 Andrew Kinder '26 | Indianapolis, Ind.
 Wes Kron '25 | Fairfax, Va.
 Sam Levitt '26 | Los Angeles, Calif.
 John Litzsinger '26 | Carmel, Ind.
 Nicholas Mates '26 | Indianapolis, Ind.
 Isaac Minder '25 | Westfield, Ind.
 Owen Munkholm '26 | Fishers, Ind.
 George Pappas '26 | Zionsville, Ind.
 Mark Rapp '26 | Richmond, Va.
 Brock Reding '26 | Minnetonka, Minn.
 Michael Setiawan '25 | Danville, Calif.
 Will Strahm '26 | Westfield, Ind.
 Leo Usher '26 | Hinsdale, Ill.
 Bennett Viertel '26 | Eden Prairie, Minn.

WHY WE JOINED

"This Fraternity is successful in every way. The average brother is smart, social, and athletic, which are all traits that I value deeply. I also liked the amount of philanthropy that Beta does. It is truly an honor to join Beta Theta Pi."
 —Trevor Flint '25

"The moment I entered the Chapter House, I felt at home. After the conversations with brothers, I knew that Beta would push me to succeed in every aspect of my life and push me to become the best possible version of myself alongside a group of students with the same goals. I knew they would become like brothers to me in no time." —Rodrigo Davila '26

"I accepted my bid because of the Chapter's reputation and academic success, and because my uncle speaks so highly of the Chapter in general." —Andrew Kinder '26

"To be a part of something bigger than myself—to join a Fraternity that holds itself to high standards and strives for excellence. The brothers in the Chapter House exemplify that, and they are exemplify who I want to be in college." —Owen Munkholm '26

Living Life with Courage

WHY BETA WAS THE RIGHT FIT FOR DAVE ROSE '67

Beta Theta Pi meant a lot of things to **Dave Rose '67** as a young man. It had a family appeal, as his father was a Beta alumnus at Indiana University. There was a strong academic appeal; Dave was a high school Valedictorian, four-year class president, and lettered in multiple sports, and Beta Mu encouraged him to keep up the pace at Purdue. "I loved the house, sitting on top of a bluff overlooking West Lafayette."

Most importantly, Beta encouraged Dave to branch out socially. He identified and bonded with his pledge brothers (and many others in the Chapter House), making fond memories through intramurals, Beta Mu Song Fest, his pledge class's walkout to the University of Michigan, and multiple sorority parties. That's how he met his wife, Anne, in fact—president of Chi Omega and a Beta Mu Sweetheart.

With Beta's backing, Dave refused to be intimidated by his dreams. He graduated from Purdue with an engineering degree, going on to co-found and serve as president of the intellectual property law firm Conley Rose. In Dave's years, Conley Rose had offices in Houston, Dallas, and Austin, Texas, becoming the largest sole patent firm in the state. David was also a director of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, a director of the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar of Texas, and president of the Houston Intellectual Property Law Association. He also became president of the National Inventors Hall of Fame.



"I was proud of Beta Mu and wanted to do my share."

Beta Mu did so much for Dave, and it was important to him to support the Chapter in return. That's why he generously gave to both capital campaigns in the Chapter's recent history. "My brothers and the Chapter needed my help, and I was financially able to give it," he said. "I was proud of Beta Mu and wanted to do my share."

Dave and Anne live in Houston, where they moved after law school. They have two sons; one is a patent attorney and the other a banker. Dave enjoys keeping up with Beta through Homecoming, newsletters, and phone calls with his brothers. You can reach him at darose3036@gmail.com.

Beta Mu Persists Thanks to You

Your Support Means the World

Thanks to each and every donor on this list, Beta Mu Chapter continues to thrive. The list below represents donations since our last newsletter as of September 29, 2022. Through your commitment to the brotherhood, we are able to support the Chapter and its legacy at Purdue. Add your name to the list below by donating online by visiting purduebeta.com or scanning the QR code to join your brothers.



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 (\$5,000 and up)
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 Richard Schroeder '72
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 Jeffrey J. Lacy '91
 Harold Vice '98

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 James E. Corliss '61
 Robert McLean '62
 R. Scott Hayes '68
 Kevin McCarter '79
 William D. Moss '81
 D. Page Hoover '91

Wooglin Club
 (\$100 to \$199)
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 William R. Ellspermann '68
 Timothy S. Fox '86
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 (Up to \$99)
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*Betas gather for a fishing trip in Canada in July 2022.
From left: Steve Marsh '81, Pat Shanahan '82,
Brad Addison '82, Marc Fooksman '81,
Andy Graves '81, Tom Hoover '82, and
Dave Todd '82. Congrats to Pat for his second-place
finish in the USA Euchre Championship!*

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Alumni Update

MEMORY AND OUR MYSTIC SHRINE

Bob Poor '61 entered Our Mystic Shrine on July 25, 2022, after a monthlong battle with COVID-19 and subsequent complications. Bob was known as a caring and humorous brother, a faithful and committed husband, a devoted and loving father, and a super-fun and adventurous "BopBop." He will be remembered most for his service to others; sense of adventure; love of trains, boats, the Great Lakes, and skiing; and his overall zeal for life. He lived his one life to the fullest!

Thomas Faulkner '63 entered Our Mystic Shrine on January 10, 2022. Tom graduated with a bachelor's degree in pharmacology and continued his graduate studies at Purdue while serving in the Air Force National Guard. During that time, he met and married Susan Brisach, who preceded him in death in 2004. Tom worked in the College of Pharmacy at Texas Southern University followed by Ohio Northern University, where he was involved in multiple research projects and articles; he retired in 2006. In 2012, Tom rekindled a high school romance with Pat Skalski. He is survived by Pat, two daughters, and two grandchildren.

ALUMNI NEWS

Howard "Bud" Harman '51 is 96 and widowed, but still lives in his house by himself in Bedford,

Ind. He has some heart problems but keeps active and still drives himself everywhere. His grandson graduated from Purdue this year, and Bud attended the ceremony. Email: harmantwo@aol.com

Tom Ewing '72 is retired and volunteers in radio reading for the blind throughout Allen County, Indiana. He lives in Roanoke, Ind. Email: tcewing@comcast.net

Steve W. Krein '72 continues to practice hip and knee replacement surgery. He also had his own knee replaced in mid-July! Steve lives in Kingsport, Tenn., and hopes to retire next August. He traveled to the beaches of Normandy in September. Email: swkrein@gmail.com

Stephen Morris '75 has moved from Texas to Crossville, Tenn., near the Smoky Mountains. He's enjoying retirement and time spent with family. Email: stevemorris1953@gmail.com

John Douglas '08 left active duty in the Marine Corps last summer. John and his wife, Caitlin, then decided to move from San Diego to Charleston, S.C. They bought a house on Johns Island, and John now works at Boeing Research and Technology. Email: jrfdouglas@gmail.com

WHAT THREE THINGS COME TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT BETA THETA PI?

"Fellowship, pride, the best Fraternity."

–Howard "Bud" Harman '51

"Best time in life; enjoyed; leadership."

–Adam Cristo '61

"Friendship, fellowship, loyalty."

–Steve W. Krein '72

"Memories, friendship, family."

–Stephen Morris '75

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES FROM LIVING AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE AND/OR SPENDING TIME WITH BETA THETA PI BROTHERS AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY?

"The Orchid formal dance; living together with a great group of brothers."

–Howard "Bud" Harman '51

"Great parties; Beta Bus."

–Adam Cristo '61

"Football and basketball games; acting as house steward; intramural sports."

–Steve W. Krein '72

"Buffets before Saturday football games."

–Stephen Morris '75