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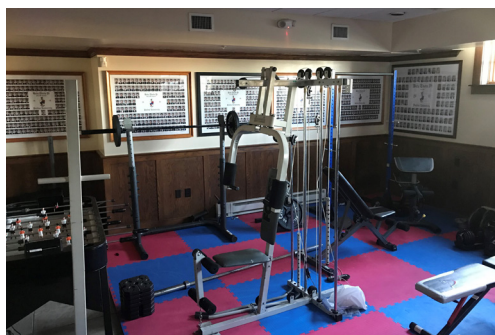
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KEEPING OUR UNDERGRADUATE BROTHERS SAFE DURING THE PANDEMIC

Capital Campaign Fundraising Efforts Resume

Not unlike the rest of the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on campus life at Purdue and Beta Mu. As mentioned over the summer, there was a significant effort to protect the brothers and develop a safe environment to live. The university has really been a leading institution in navigating the pursuit of higher education while balancing the risks of the pandemic. Despite all of those preparations, there are still pitfalls.

In the case of Beta Mu, there was a positive COVID-19 test result right before classes started. That person was removed from the house, but university officials deemed it necessary to quarantine the entire house for two weeks. Brothers weren't allowed to attend



Weight equipment has been brought in so brothers can avoid potentially contracting COVID-19 at the Co-Rec.



The dining room line with divider and plexiglass shield for the chef's protection.

classes in person and were basically forced to stay on the property or go home. After the quarantine was over, everyone tested negative and was allowed to resume "normal" campus life, given the rules defined by the Protect Purdue pledge. Since then, the brothers have stepped up to the challenge and implemented additional measures to hopefully eliminate a full-house quarantine should another positive case occur. We're still monitoring the situation and will provide assistance as needed.

During this period, there was a conscious effort to avoid any discussion about fundraising. The economic impact affected everyone and we felt it wasn't appropriate to solicit donations during these uncertain times. Of course, we aren't out of the woods yet with the virus, but it's time again to address our financial debt.

This summer, we were required to refinance our balloon mortgage that was initiated after our 2015 renovations. We were uncertain on whether the house would open this fall due to COVID-19 and university decisions, and the potential of not having the rent income was a real possibility. As a result, we took on additional debt so we could maintain enough cash reserves to cover the mortgage payments. For the moment, that problem has been minimized, but we still have many financial challenges. As mentioned in my summer email update, we made a \$27,000 investment in the internet so every brother could participate in remote learning, if necessary. That became crucial when they were quarantined at the beginning of the semester following the positive COVID-19 test. We also let several brothers out of their housing contract over the summer, as they had health concerns over living in the house during the pandemic.

So, we will be continuing our capital campaign fundraising efforts. For those who have given recently, we thank you for your support and ask you to consider extending your commitment



Hand sanitizer stations have been installed throughout the house.



Brothers social distance in the dining room during a meal.

in the future. For others, please consider a one-time donation or multi-year pledge. Contributions can be easily made through our website, purduebeta.com. Tax-deductible donations are encouraged for those who can benefit from that option.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that there will be no Homecoming event this year. Although football has been given a new life in the Big Ten, it is appropriate to forgo any activity that puts social distancing guidelines (and the health of our alumni and undergraduate brothers) at risk.

Yours in _kai_,

Tom Hoover '82

Beta Mu House Corporation President
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Making the Most of an Unprecedented Fall Semester

Beta Mu Brings in Strong New Member Class, Hosts Inaugural Buzz-A-Beta Philanthropy Event



Beta Mu hosted its inaugural Buzz-A-Beta philanthropy event on October 25 to raise funds for the Tyler Trent cancer research endowment at the Purdue Center for Cancer Research. Follow Beta Mu's Instagram account, @betapurdue, for a recap of the event.

Despite having to deal with a new campus environment due to COVID-19, Beta Mu had a great start to the fall semester. We kicked off the semester moving back into the house under our new COVID-19 protocols. This semester has been a big adjustment for all brothers living in the house. Although we haven't been able to host any Chapter events, we've still focused on academics and brotherhood. Brothers in the 2019 new member class are living in the house for the first time and have created stronger bonds with the upperclassmen.

We are also excited to welcome 32 new members, thanks to the leadership of Recruitment Chairman **Carter Cates '22** and his team. The new members went through a virtual recruitment and are now going through new member education with Vice President of Education **Tom Counsell '22**. The new member education process is being held on campus this year as opposed to the Beta Mu house.

Philanthropy Chairmen **Ryan Plummer '22** and **Bryce Randolph '22** have made great efforts to find philanthropy events that keep brothers safe and healthy. We were thrilled to virtually host our inaugural Buzz-A-Beta philanthropy event to benefit the Tyler Trent Foundation on October 25. We surpassed our initial fundraising goal! For a recap of the event, follow our @betapurdue Instagram account.

Beta Mu is looking forward to executive team elections that will take place in November before Purdue's in-person classes end. While we haven't operated as normal due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, we are all very thankful to be living together in the Chapter House.

Yours in _kai_,
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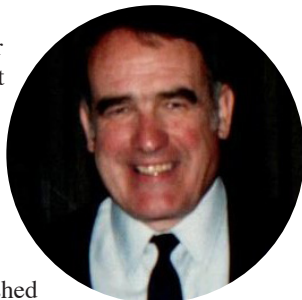
BECOMING MEN OF PRINCIPLE Brothers Benefit from Summer Internships



THE TRUE VALUE OF EDUCATION

By John Young '56

In October of 1953, my pledge class was initiated into the Beta Mu Chapter of our Fraternity. With that event, I became part of an organization dedicated to helping young men acquire a higher education. There were four of us in my pledge class; we called ourselves the "Mystic Four." We became close friends and still stay in touch. All four of us went on to earn advanced degrees. One became a distinguished Purdue professor and has a building on the West Lafayette campus named in his honor. We have all been fortunate to live full and productive lives.



The Beta Mu Chapter helped me prepare for a successful adult life. I learned to focus, to be self-sufficient, and to speak up for the things I believed in. I also learned to work with others in a group to establish objectives and accomplish collective goals. These skills helped me in a long and rewarding career with one of the world's outstanding corporations, IBM.

My experience has taught me that education is one of the most beneficial aspects of an individual's life. Being denied an education due to a lack of funds is a terrible waste. Thus, I feel it is incumbent upon me to share with others the bounty that education has helped me acquire. Because I value my membership in Beta Mu, I felt it appropriate to establish a scholarship through the Beta Theta Pi Foundation to help current and future Beta Mu brothers obtain their degrees. In the coming years, I hope to contribute additional funds to that scholarship in order to assist as many deserving Betas as possible.

John lives in Camano Island, Wash., and can be reached via email at think937@yahoo.com.

Thank You, Loyal Brothers, for Your Generous Gifts

Beta Mu extends its sincere thanks to the following brothers who gave to our summer appeal for dues and donations. Your commitment to our brotherhood means so much to our undergraduate brothers as they navigate a fall semester unlike any other. To join these loyal brothers in supporting Beta Mu, please visit purduebeta.com and make your gift today.

John Brebner '45	James Corliss '61	John Kestler '85
Howard Harman '51	Robert McLean '62	Thomas Brazina '86
Harold Wochholz '58	George Shortle '62	Kent Whitaker '86
Philip Kuebbeler '60	David Thompson '64	Edward Usher '92
Ralph Mason '60	Grant Martin '67	

ALUMNI UPDATE

MEMORY AND OUR MYSTIC SHRINE

Thomas Popcheff '73 passed on to Memory and Our Mystic Shrine from COVID-19 on April 5, 2020, his 69th birthday. He served as the director of administration for Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (IHSN) and as the chief administrative officer of the IHSN Building Corporation. He retired in 2017, at which time he was inducted into the society's honorary membership. Tom also had a 15-year career in state government, where he served as deputy commissioner of the State of Indiana Department of Administration. He was a past president of Indiana Society Association Executives and was named 2014 Association Professional of the Year. Tom was the recipient of numerous other awards, including the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash award, bestowed by the State of Indiana. Following his retirement, Tom became actively involved with the town of Speedway where he grew up and resided. He served on the Speedway Library Board and had been the president of the Speedway Redevelopment Commission for the last two years. He was also in the process of helping to form the Speedway Historical Society. Tom was an avid fan of the Colts, Pacers, and his beloved Boilermakers. He loved the Indianapolis 500. The month of May was his favorite time of year and he spent countless hours at Indianapolis Motor Speedway photographing all the sights, cars, and drivers. He also enjoyed watching baseball, playing golf, and hanging out with friends and family. Tom leaves behind his wife, Karen; daughters, Nikki, Alexa, and Kristin; son, Nick; and seven grandchildren.

Steve Ramey '86 passed on to Memory and Our Mystic Shrine on September 15, 2020, at 57 at Riverview Health in Noblesville, Ind. He was an architectural sales manager for 20 years with CertainTeed. Steve was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Harbour Trees Golf Club, and the Flint Rainbow Club in Michigan. Steve's passions included golfing, shooting pool, mountain biking, and, most of all, fly fishing. He cherished the best yellow dog in the world, Riley. Steve loved sharing his time and experiences with those in the community. He volunteered for many years as a coach for Noblesville Youth Baseball and the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville. Steve was also proud to volunteer with Project Healing Waters, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings. Steve is survived by his wife, Amy, and their sons, Austin and Jackson.

ALUMNI NEWS

Daniel C. Weis '87 has many great memories of living at the Beta Mu Chapter House and wishes he could come back to visit more often. He recently spent five days in Pawley's Island, S.C., with **Chris Lee '87**, where they golfed, enjoyed cocktails, and had some rest and relaxation. Three words that come to mind when Dan thinks of Beta are friendship, trust, and camaraderie. He lives in Kennesaw, Ga., with his wife, Carlene. Email: dan.wcs@comcast.net



Congratulations to Johnny Groen '24 on being accepted into Purdue Pharmacy School last semester. He received his white coat in September.



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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Carter Bailey '24
Carmel, Ind.

Alek Foellinger '24*
Fishers, Ind.

Luke Kaehr '23*
Carmel, Ind.

Chris Pappas '24
Zionsville, Ind.

Charlie Thrift '24
Redwood City, Calif.

Fletcher Birnbaum '24*
Zionsville, Ind.

Billy Georgen '24
Morristown, N.J.

Harrison Kestin '24
Northville, Mich.

Vumsee Poliseti '24
Atlanta, Ga.

Gabriel Vaughn '24
Indianapolis, Ind.

Collin Cates '24*
Noblesville, Ind.

Collin Gernhardt '24
Old Saybrook, Conn.

John Law '24
Bloomington, Ind.

Dylan Prince '24
Chester, N.J.

George Wajda '24
Fishers, Ind.

Stephen Cayce '24
Atlanta, Ga.

Brent Gleason '24
Indianapolis, Ind.

Andrew Lobbia '24
Northville, Mich.

Owen Reno '24
Indianapolis, Ind.

Theodore Walter '24
St. Louis, Mo.

Keagen Dorsten '23
Carmel, Ind.

Cameron Greeson '24*
Zionsville, Ind.

Nicolas Lopresti '24
Fishers, Ind.

Nolan Sauer '24
Greenwood, Ind.

**Legacy*

Luke Etchison '24*
Carmel, Ind.

John Houde '24
St. Charles, Ill.

Owen Mahin '24*
Franklin, Ind.

Jasper Suiter '24
Indianapolis, Ind.

Eli Everson '24
Zionsville, Ind.

Adam Hughes '24*
Carmel, Ind.

Joseph Mathioudakis '24
Zionsville, Ind.

Thomas Tanselle '23
Carmel, Ind.

New Members Fast Facts



32 NEW MEMBERS



8 LEGACIES



8 STATES



3 SOPHOMORES