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Brothers from the 1980s with Homecoming host John Laurie '86.



John Hoover '80 and George Cooper '78.



Scott Hayes '68 and Grant Martin '67.



Recent grads reconnected with former House Director Julio Hernandez.



Recent graduates Shea Solmos '19, Joe Beaty '18, Ryan Lamb '18, and Alex Giacomini '20.

PAVING A POSITIVE PATH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OPENS NOW - HOW YOU CAN HELP PROVIDE THE ULTIMATE BETA MU EXPERIENCE

For the past few years, we have concentrated our fundraising efforts on our Capital Campaign, and not emphasized our annual Chapter House Association membership dues. **I am hopeful that our alumni can support our annual campaign again**, as it helps provide these newsletters and other alumni communications, manages events like Homecoming and Stag, and provides ongoing maintenance to our wonderful facility to host activities for the Alumni Association.

For as little as \$75 a year, you can provide that support. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/btppuannual> to make gifts. Giving is made simple on the website, and you can set up monthly payment installments (which makes a \$75 contribution only \$6.25 each month!). We are grateful for your generous gifts to help provide the ultimate Beta Mu experience to our members. If everyone does this, I promise I'll stop the recurring sales pitch!

Despite the hardships the University and students have faced with COVID-19, the Chapter is on its way to resuming normal operations. Per Purdue's policy, any unvaccinated students are required to be tested regularly. Fortunately, there have been no positive cases in the house; still, we are taking the necessary precautions to keep our members safe and healthy by sanitizing regularly and following social distancing measures.

With in-person activities increasing, we rented a tent near the stadium and resumed our annual Homecoming celebration. Although it was a rainy Saturday, we are pleased to have had a good crowd; it was great to see brothers from all generations gather again after a year of absence. As always, we hope to grow the

celebration every year and encourage everyone to plan on attending in addition to convincing your pledge brothers to join you.

We are also interested in resuming Stag, our spring event which has traditionally been held in April, featuring a golf outing and cookout with the undergraduates. We enjoy mingling with the younger brothers but have found that the timing has been difficult for many individuals, so we are considering a summer event instead. If you have a preference of when Stag should be held, we would love to hear your feedback.

The undergraduate members remain interested in networking with the alumni. They have set up Facebook and LinkedIn groups for us to interact and help with internships and job placement. Please join these groups and support these brothers—they continue to excel academically and are worthy of our support and expertise.

On a personal note, I was overwhelmed by the strong brotherhood displayed last summer by the men from my era. As mentioned in the spring issue of *Beta Mu Link*, Brother **Dave Lazor '82** passed away unexpectedly. Dave's daughter, Annie Lazor, is an elite swimmer, and we all cheered her on to a bronze medal in the 200m breaststroke in the Tokyo Olympics. It was quite emotional for all of us to celebrate Dave's life through her achievements. It reminded me of how great this Chapter is as well as the quality of men who have called 150 Littleton their home. Brotherhood never ends.

Yours in _kai_,
Tom Hoover '82

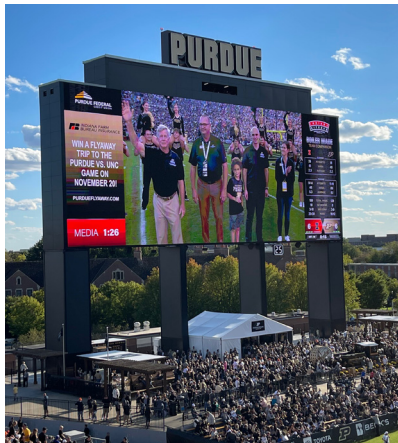
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Bill Elmore '75, Andy Stephens '79, Steve Poe '77, Gary Conkright '76, Mike Wells '75, Bruce White '75, and Scott Harmon '77 touring the Chapter House.

Honoring Brothers Bill Elmore '75 and Bruce White '75

Bill Elmore '75 donated \$25 million to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. As a result, the department was renamed to the Elmore Family School of Electrical and Computer Engineering.



Bill Elmore '75 featured on the jumbotron during timeout at a home game.

On September 24, Purdue held events to thank Bill for his contributions, and he invited several of his Fraternity brothers to share in the celebration. A pitstop was made to the Chapter House to meet the undergraduates.

The following day was a home football game, and during a timeout, Bill was escorted on the field and honored again in the stadium. In a similar fashion, **Bruce White '75** was honored in re-naming of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management to the White Lodging - J.

W. Marriott Jr. School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. Bruce has made significant gifts to that school as well as to the transformation of the historic Union Club Hotel on campus.

What wonderful tributes to our brothers!

Purdue President with Bruce White '75 at the re-naming ceremony.



ALUMNI NEWS

Marion Rossman '49 was a registered professional engineer in 17 states, which provided travel over many areas. He's been retired for over 35 years and lives in Cuyahoga Hills, Ohio. He enjoys the success of his three children and five grandchildren. Email: mross54@aol.com

Robert Billman '52 has been retired for over 25 years. He did part-time work for about 13 years and volunteered at Habitat for Humanity two days a week for about 15 years. In his 90s, he is living in a retirement community in Willoughby, Ohio. Email: rbillman4@roadrunner.com

Russ Stanley '53 loves to follow everything Beta Mu on social media and elsewhere and always reads the *Beta Mu Link* as soon as it arrives. He enjoys seeing news about brothers from his class. Russ lives in Naples, Fla. Email: rstanle@comcast.net

Court Moe '56 had a great college experience and had lots of fun with his pledge brothers. "We were a four-person pledge class and called ourselves 'The Mystic Four.' One was a non-drinker, so the other three of us became non-drinkers to support him. We kept that up our entire pledgeship." Court resides in Desert Hot Springs, Calif. Email: cvmoe3@gmail.com

Dane Tubergen '67 is retired to Estero, Fla. His job is to play golf and go to the pool or beach. He also tutors at-risk students. There is a large, enthusiastic Purdue community that has developed in the Estero area. Email: dtubergen@me.com

Rick Schroeder '72 has a lot of good memories from the Beta house. His class, if his memory is correct, was made up of 30 brothers, and he thinks they have lost only three or four so far. Rick and his wife live in Westminster, Colo. Email: lucy0656@gmail.com

Gary Burns '76 retired from Lyondell Basell Chemical Co in July of 2018. He has since been working with a charity, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which makes beds for kids in need. Gary and his wife are thankful to be in good health and live in Katy, Texas. Email: gmceburns@yahoo.com

John Kestler '85 shares that his son lived in the Beta house for the fall of 2020. John's memories will last him a lifetime and he's excited for his son to have the same amazing experience. He lives in Columbus, Ind. Email: lakecook59@gmail.com

William DeCoste '86 has been married for over 35 years and has one son. He retired from Ford Engineering management. William is still racing cars and sailboats. He also stays active by long-distance swimming, playing volleyball, and working on his model trains. He lives in Novi, Mich. Email: whyknotlf11@yahoo.com

Thanks to Our Donors

We want to express a heartfelt thank-you to all the contributors who have generously donated in 2021. The list below represents donations since our last newsletter. Without your gifts, we wouldn't be able to provide the ultimate Beta Mu experience to our brothers. Your generosity helps create opportunities for our current members; we treasure every effort, big or small. We appreciate the strides you make to allow for an invaluable fraternal experience for our Beta Mus.

Kevin Comer '71
Tom Lupfer '79

Nick Pinchok '87
Sean M. Klinger '17

Joseph L. Beaty '18



Sam Hildebrand '23, Logan Johnson '23, Ethan Copner '23, Chris Kottowski '23, Alex Boyd '23, Rokas Burnos '23, Luke Godfrey '23, and Aidan Lynch '23 during the annual Camp Beta retreat after enjoying the weather, participating in the Turkey Run, and canoeing down the river.



Collin Cates '24, Andrew Lobbia '24, and Keagan Dorsten '23 had a great time attending barn dances over September and October.



Over 50 brothers participated in the annual Buzz-a-Beta philanthropy event, where the chapter raised over \$90,000 for the Tyler Trent Cancer Research Endowment.



Logan Johnson '23, Camden Friedling '23, and Alex Boyd '23 manning the grill to celebrate the returning brothers of Beta Mu.

Proud to Be Beta Mu

President Recaps Chapter Accomplishments

Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Theta Pi is thrilled to be back in full swing. Since our last newsletter, our brothers enjoyed a long, and well-deserved, summer break—I suppose that's if you would define the pursuit of intellectual growth a break at all! Many brothers accepted internships, traveling to San Francisco, Chicago, and Manhattan, on a mission to further their careers. Some companies that members interned with include Ernst & Young, Canadian National Railway, G&W Electric, and Deloitte Consulting. We are very proud of our brothers taking commendable leaps in their life, careers, and futures.

On a sadder note, we parted ways with our seniors who graduated in 2021. For many current members, this was the class that welcomed us into the brotherhood, acclimated us with the collegiate experience, and provided us a sense of community. They forged a path outlined by our five core values: intellect, responsibility, mutual assistance, integrity, and trust. May the lessons they taught remain with us long past our time at Purdue, and may their futures be fulfilling!

With some members graduating, we welcomed a total of 32 men into our brotherhood this fall. Our recruitment process took place the first two weeks of the semester; we are thrilled to

bid new members coming to us from across the United States.

On October 22, we held our second annual Buzz-a-Beta philanthropy where over 50 brothers shaved their heads in support of cancer research. While raising money for the Tyler Trent Cancer Research Endowment, we greatly surpassed our fundraising goal and ended up with over \$90,000 in donations throughout the course of two weeks. We hope to keep this annual philanthropy a long-lasting tradition for the Beta Mu chapter.

When we are not spending our time watching athletics, we are participating in them. On Saturday, September 18, we participated in the first Beta Tennisball Tournament (a version of softball played with a tennis ball). Its popularity has spread like wildfire throughout Beta. Additionally, we have teams entered in every intramural sport available to us at this time, including two flag football teams, two sand volleyball teams, two court volleyball teams, two soccer teams, and several individuals registered to bowling teams.

The brotherhood among Beta Theta Pi remains strong. We are ecstatic to see where the future takes us. May Wooglin keep your spirits high and your loads light.

CREAM OF THE CROP

Welcome, Fall 2021 New Members

Ross Brummet '25
West Lafayette, Ind.

Jacob Cadle '25
St. Charles, Ill.

Benjamin Campbell '25
Carmel, Ind.

Bryce Dorton '24
Westfield, Ind.

Reed Elphingstone '25
Dallas, Texas

Patrick Engelhardt '25
Sugar Grove, Ill.

Jack Gardner '25
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Jack Granelli '25
Berkely Heights, N.J.

Matthew Haubry '25
Carmel, Ind.

Eamon Hays '25
Fishers, Ind.

Grant Johnson '25
Naperville, Ill.

Nicolas Keaton '25
Lawrence, Ind.

Blake King '25
Fort Worth, Texas

Jack Kleck '25
Indianapolis, Ind.

Nathan Lamb '25
Fishers, Ind.

Gabriel Macias '25
Los Angeles, Calif.

Thomas Maurer '25
Carmel, Ind.

Maxwell McCorkel '25
LaPorte, Ind.

Aidan McGoogan '25
Minneapolis, Minn.

Erik Nelson '25
Carmel, Ind.

Micah Nist '25
Carmel, Ind.

Collin O'Connor '25
Carmel, Ind.

Jack Parenteau '25
Carmel, Ind.

Evan Pittman '25
Minneapolis, Minn.

Raphael Rainey '25
Carmel, Ind.

Mitchell Rose '25
Plymouth, Ind.

Owen Schafer '25
Carmel, Ind.

Benjamin Shatkowski '25
Fishers, Ind.

Michael Solmos '25
Chicago, Ill.

Clark Stanton '25
Carmel, Ind.

Joshua Stone '25
Zionsville, Ind.

Maxwell Wilson '25
Columbus, Ind.

No Looking Back

Carl Johnson '64 Makes a Believer Out of His Beta Brother

Carl Johnson '64 knew he had his work cut

out for him in Purdue's renowned engineering program, but after strictly focusing on his studies for most of his freshman year, he realized that he could succeed academically while still allowing time for other campus activities he was interested in.



What's more, Carl had some added motivation beyond meeting his own academic goals. His older brother, who went to the University of Kansas and was four years ahead of him, didn't think he could Boiler Up and make grades in one of the best engineering schools in the nation. Carl not only made a believer out of his brother but followed in his footsteps by joining Beta Theta Pi.

"By late in the spring of 1961, I had learned that I could do well academically, show my brother wrong, and maybe have a campus-life experience to boot," Carl said. "Being a Beta legacy, I visited the Beta house a few times, liked what I saw, enjoyed the young men that I met, went through spring recruitment, pledged Beta, and never looked back."

Carl is thankful he was part of a great pledge class that was committed to balancing academic performance, interfraternity athletic excellence, campus involvement, brotherhood development, and quality social-life happenings. He learned that he could find something to like and respect about every brother, even if they disagreed on some issues. Most of all, Carl learned that teamwork was vital to having a great Fraternity experience.

"I served in some lesser roles as a junior and then as Chapter president during the fall semester of my senior year," Carl said. "That was a fantastic experience which taught me how much I liked being in a leadership role with a group of guys that really wanted to perform at a high level."

A few of Carl's favorite Beta Mu memories include playing on the Chapter's fastpitch softball team, which compiled a 25-1 record during his junior and senior years, winning the interfraternity athletics championship, and the Beta Hack—a well-used, baby pink and baby blue school bus with the top cut out. Carl will never forget using the Hack during the campaign for **Kyle Fink '65** to become junior class president.



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MEMORY AND OUR MYSTIC SHRINE



Terry Agler '70 entered Our Mystic Shrine on October 10, 2020, after a massive brain stroke. He and his wife, Cynthia, were married for over 50 years with five children. He was faithful to his family, his beliefs, and his values. He earned a degree in pharmacy and followed the path of a businessman. Terry and Cynthia owned two pharmacies in Kansas: Northside Family Health Mart and Valley Falls Pharmacy. Beyond pharmacy, he was an investment broker and owned rental properties. He had countless aspirations in his lifetime, including running for Congress in Missouri in 1980. Above all, his family was his core; spending time with his children, grandchildren, and traveling with his wife were his favorite pastimes. He will be greatly missed by many.

"We positioned the Hack at a well-traveled student crosswalk and, during the 10-minute breaks between periods, we had a rock band on the sidewalk, a bunch of brothers jumping up and down in the Hack, and Kyle and friends dancing with the girls walking by," Carl said. "That was truly unique and unbelievably fun!"

Carl hasn't stayed in touch with as many of his Beta Mu brothers as he'd have liked to, due in part to living in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Kansas since graduation and spending a lot of time overseas (primarily on business), but the times when he has reconnected have been cherished. Beta's principles led Carl to personally satisfying levels of learning and success during his

career. He was one of two co-founders of II-VI Incorporated at age 29, served as the company's principal executive officer for 36 years, served as its board chairman for 27 years, and continues now—after 50 years—as a consultant.

Amidst Carl's career achievements, family has been a priority. Having a wife, children, and grandchildren to love, cherish, help, and share with the world has helped him to feel complete. Of course, the motivation from his Beta brother, even some 60-plus years later, is a nice reminder of how much his family, Beta, and hard work have meant to him.

You can connect with Carl at cjj26@msn.com.