

Breaking Down Delt's Decisions Regarding COVID-19

Beta Phi House Association Plans to Reopen Shelter for Fall Semester

As many of you are already aware, it became necessary to close the Beta Phi Shelter on March 12 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although it was a disheartening decision, it became easier and necessary to make once The Ohio State University decided to close all residence halls and dining facilities. Ironically, the University's decision ultimately was announced while members of our House Association board and members of the University staff were meeting via conference call to discuss our plans for the near future.

We owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to everyone who contributed their time and efforts immediately following the decision to close the Shelter. This includes, but is not limited to, all the current members of the House Association and of the University's Office of Student Life.

However, there are a few people who deserve special recognition. House Director Emily Perry, who communicated with and tirelessly organized the undergraduates in facilitating their safe move-out process once everyone returned from spring break. Association House and Grounds Chairman **Evan Webb '15** was also a vital part of this process. We also need to recognize Association Treasurer **Kyle Huff '07** for the important

task of coordinating refunds with the University for our undergraduate members. In addition, we are extremely thankful for the thoughtful guidance of Chapter Advisor **Howard Harcha III '79**.

All Beta Phi alumni should be proud how all our members stood up to this very unusual challenge. Delta Tau Delta is recognized as the fraternity leader on campus, due in no small part to the efforts of those who I have mentioned.

We plan to begin immediately preparing the Shelter to reopen for the fall semester. Thanks to our amazing success at recruiting new members, the Shelter should be at or near capacity. The House Association will continue to meet regularly in the interim. Should you have any questions, or even donations to help us cover the revenue returned, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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A LASTING LEGACY

The Harcha Men Share Formative Fraternity Experience

During orientation, **Howard Harcha IV '12** remembers his parents driving him and his triplet brothers, **John Harcha '12** and Matt Harcha, down 15th Avenue and pointing out the Delt Shelter. It was the first indication that his parents hoped they might find a fraternity at The Ohio State University, like their dad, **Howard "Hank" Harcha III '79**, and their grandad, **Howard Harcha Jr. '48**, had before them. Howard IV was the first to follow their footsteps to Beta Phi with John joining the quarter after him. Although Matt decided to join Beta Theta Pi instead, their shared fraternity experiences over the years have strengthened their bonds as family.

"It was cool to share the same ritual with Dad and Grandpa," Howard IV shared. "We all have a different experience, but there's definitely a connection. It's neat that the same organization can link us from the '40s to the '70s and the early '00s. It stands the test of time."

Howard Jr. is especially proud of his son and grandsons following his footsteps to Beta Phi. His fraternity experience was incredibly important



From left, John Harcha '12, Hank Harcha '79, Howard Harcha IV '12, Howard Harcha Jr. '48, and Matt Harcha.

to him, and he's grateful for how $\Delta T \Delta$ shaped them all into men of great character and prepared them for successful and rewarding lives.

"The creed and the initiation of becoming a Delt taught me and ingrained in me self-confidence, honesty, and integrity. The Deltas added a lot to my son's and my grandsons' self-discipline and growth as young men as well,"

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Howard Jr. said. "The life lessons learned there prepared me for many of the matters I would face in the future as a young man and as an adult."

Growing up, Hank heard his father talk about his fraternity days, though he was never pressured to join. He went through recruitment with an open mind, but Delta Tau Delta stuck out the most.

"The Deltas were well respected, I liked the members, and I was treated well by them," Hank stated. "They made me feel special, so I decided to join, and I'm so glad that I did."

John was also aware of the strong Delt reputation when he went through recruitment, and he has enjoyed sharing the fraternal experience his brother, father, and grandfather.

"We weren't pressured to keep the tradition of joining Delta Tau Delta alive, but I think the fact that my brother and I also joined shows how strong we feel about this brotherhood," John said. "To have something else in common between us is really special."

The Harchas were already a close-knit family, and the fraternity has undoubtedly provided them each with life-changing experiences and given them even more to share with each other. Many of their favorite undergraduate memories revolve around times with their Delt brothers, but the biggest takeaway has been how their membership in the brotherhood prepared them for life after college.

"Living in the Shelter for three years taught me how to get along with different types of people from various backgrounds. It forced me to give and take, and I think that's important in life," Hank said. "Being a part of the fraternity teaches you character, affords leadership opportunities, and gives you a sense of responsibility—to yourself and to your brothers."



Delta Tau Delta has been a compass for Howard IV from his time as an undergraduate to today. "It's made me a better man and has been a guidepost in life," he said. "When you get to the end of college, you look to those guys who are in the next chapter of life ahead of you. They help you get through it all—grad school, buying a house, navigating your professional career, and having children. Delt gives life perspective and helps you navigate deep waters of life."

As Howard IV has gotten older, he's also started to look to more seasoned alumni, like **Tom Calhoun '70**, to help navigate those deeper waters of life. Howard Jr. also credits Tom for bringing brothers together for golf outings and Beta Phi's annual Christmas party at the Shelter. While the brotherhood has changed over the years, its invaluable experience remains the same.

"I'm extremely proud to have a son and grandsons who are Deltas and who are successful," Howard Jr. said. "So many of the traits and lessons learned through being a Delt are embedded in us all and will always stay with us."

Howard Jr. and Hank spent several years practicing law together; Hank has been a judge for Scioto County Common Pleas Court since 1997. They both reside in Portsmouth, and Howard Jr. can be reached at hjharcha@aol.com and Hank at harcha@adelphia.net.

Howard IV worked as a Delt consultant, traveling the West Coast for a year before attending law school. He's currently a Beta Phi chapter advisor and practices law in Columbus, where he lives with his wife. You can connect with him at harcha.6@gmail.com.

John and his family are relocating to Cincinnati where he'll begin his internal medicine residency this summer. He can be reached at johnharcha@yahoo.com.



YOU WIN WITH PEOPLE LIKE ZACH ROSSFELD '09

SHOWING BETA PHI BRAVERY ON THE FRONT LINES OF COVID-19 CRISIS

When Zach Rossfeld '09 walked into the Beta Phi Shelter for the first time, he was overcome with a sense of comfort as he met the men of Delta Tau Delta. Zach has been able to count on his Delt brothers ever since, as they have helped him accomplish anything he puts his mind to.

"There's the old Woody Hayes adage of 'You Win with People' and I certainly felt that," Zach said. "I had some legacy and family with ATΩ and remember going to some different recruitment events, but certainly people like Jeff Pelletier '94 and Jeff Neinv '09 and people in my class like Nate Casper '09 and Sean Dougherty '09 made Beta Phi special."

CULTIVATING BETA PHI'S COMFORT

Zach endured nine years of postgraduate medical training, but it's all been worth it. As a hospice and palliative care physician with OhioHealth, it's important to Zach that his patients feel the same comfort he feels when he's around his brothers, especially during the unprecedented times of the COVID-19 crisis.

"There's certainly a lot of emotion and important decision making that's involved. The practice of it is inherently a team sport," Zach said. "I'm part of an interdisciplinary team with social workers, pharmacists, and chaplains, among others. I really enjoy that team-based approach. I'm not on an island. To think that I was able to do all of this still here in Columbus, I certainly hit the jackpot in life."

PREPARATION IS KEY

With so much unknown surrounding COVID-19, Zach says the comfort his brothers have always provided will come in handy to their friends, family members, and fellow Delt. He also emphasized that this is a time to over prepare, but not overreact.

"It's important to purposely communicate with your loved ones and check in with friends and family and see how people are doing, both with their physical health and social well-being during these changed times. In my work, there's a push to complete advanced care planning, naming a health care power of attorney, and thinking about a living will," Zach said. "That type of advanced care planning really falls under the umbrella of #adulting. With your mortgage and your life insurance, it's important to over prepare in that way and to not save some of the most important discussions with the people you love until it's the 11th hour."

DRIVING DELTA TAU DELTA'S VISION AT BETA PHI

While Zach's job has kept him busy, he's also devoted time to the Fraternity as the Beta Phi scholarship committee chairman and local liaison for the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation.



"It's just a great way to hear about the life of the chapter and then be able to give significant amounts of money," Zach said. "It's a great feeling. That's a healthy connection with the undergraduate chapter."

THE SPECIAL FIRST FEELINGS

Beta Phi was still a colony when Zach joined, so he has enjoyed staying involved with the chapter and building on what he helped start. He'll always remember the many firsts of Beta Phi's refounding: ritual, going active, having his name on the charter, participating in Greek Week, formal on the riverboats in Cincinnati, and so much more.

"It's just kind of hilarious looking back on it with how we threw all the stuff together. At a time when the membership was less than 40, you had to do something," Zach said. "Many people even had two officer positions. All that collective effort to see our chapter do significant things for their first time really stood out."

Zach's great memories with his brothers have continued as an alumnus. He joined his brothers for the Grand Teton Relay, which is a 180-mile running relay race from Ashton, Idaho, to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Zach is also a part of a GroupMe with his brothers that is dedicated to grilling and smoking meats.

BETA PHI BROTHERHOOD SECOND TO NONE

After celebrating so many firsts with Beta Phi, Zach has thoroughly enjoyed introducing his second child, Eloise, to his brothers. Zach and his wife, Kara, welcomed Eloise on April 20. Their 2.5-year-old son, Joe, has loved being a big brother.

"As some of us become dads, we have diaper parties," Zach said. "There are different iterations that the friendship of brotherhood means today."

You can connect with Zach at zachrossfeld@gmail.com.

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Welcome to the Brotherhood!

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Ronald Miller '61 entered Chapter Eternal on December 13, 2019. After enlisting in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1960, Ron earned the marksmanship sharpshooter medal and played saxophone in the 338th Division marching band. He was honorably discharged in 1967 and then started to work with Seagraves Company and Columbia Gas. Ron also served as a purchasing manager in the tableware and container division at Anchor Hocking for 19 years. Additionally, he worked as a materials manager for Toledo Edison's Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station and Cleveland Electric and Illuminating. Ron was a very talented watercolorist and trained at the Leland S. McClelland watercolor studio in Columbus, Ohio. At his private home studio, he specialized in painting historic Ohio properties, private commissions, and national landmarks, such as the U.S. Capitol and Philadelphia Hall. Several of his paintings hung on the walls of his father's congressional offices in Washington, D.C., and Lancaster for more than two decades. He was forever devoted to his loving wife of 59 years, Judie. Ron was a passionate father to his three children, teaching them watercolor painting, archery, fishing, and hunting.

ALUMNI NEWS

Thomas Workman '66 was sworn in by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to serve as the Independent Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) on March 29, 2018. President Donald Trump nominated him for the position in November of 2017. With the strong support from U.S. Senator **Tom Carper '68** (D-DE), Tom was confirmed by the U.S. Senate by unanimous consent. FSOC was created by the Dodd-Frank Act in 2010 with the objective of keeping an eye on the U.S. economy and where necessary recommend salutary actions to state and federal financial regulators. FSOC has the power to designate a nonbank (e.g., an insurance company) as a systematically important financial institution. In such case, the Federal Reserve becomes an additional regulator of the entity. More information can be found at fsoc.gov. Tom and his wife, Pamela, live in New York, N.Y. Email: tom@teworkman.com

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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

Beta Phi Leads Ohio State Fraternities in Academics

While it was certainly disappointing to not finish the second half of the spring semester at the Shelter due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, brothers remained committed to excellence. There were some challenges for all students with transitioning to online classes, but our brothers overcame them to have one of the most successful academic semesters in recent memory. I am proud to share that out of all Ohio State Interfraternity Council organizations, Beta Phi tied for first with Sigma Phi Epsilon with a 3.84 spring semester GPA and 3.6 cumulative GPA.

Filling the Big Shoes of Our Graduating Seniors

Along with celebrating our scholastic success, I want to send my best wishes to the 35 seniors who graduated this spring as they transition to life in the real world or continue their education. Beta Phi anticipates having 143 active brothers going into the fall semester, including 41 spring new members. My younger brother, **Sam Folz '19**, is one of those new members. I can assure alumni that Beta Phi's future is bright with the leadership of these brothers.

Brothers Strive for Better Health for Everyone

With the scheduled March Madness fundraising event cut short, Beta Phi raised approximately \$3,000 for JD RF throughout the year. We also

raised more than \$15,000 for Buckeyethon, Ohio State's pediatric cancer research fundraiser. It's also been important to everyone in the chapter to prioritize our own health by social distancing in these tumultuous times of COVID-19. To my knowledge, all active Delts have stayed safe. The few family members who tested positive have recovered and are in good health.

Thank You, Emily!

Unfortunately, we are losing Emily Perry, who has been our amazing house director of two years. Emily just completed her master of social work degree with a specialty in counseling at Ohio State. She has hinted that she may continue working in the Columbus area, so we all hope to see her around.

Glad to Be in Good Hands at Beta Phi

Beta Phi is glad to be in good standing with the university and IFC heading into the 2020-21 school year. Thank you to Association House and Grounds Chairman **Evan Webb '15** for doing a great job in his first year and to all the volunteers who donate their time and energy year after year.

Fraternally,

JD Folz '22

Chapter President