

BETA PHI CRIER

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ■ SPRING 2026

UPDATES FROM BETA PHI

Safety Initiatives and Leadership Transitions

It has been a cold and snowy winter in Central Ohio, resulting in the University closing for two days in January. I do not remember the university shutting down for snow in the 80's. If that makes you feel old, you should know that at our most recent House Corporation meeting, the undergraduates shared that an alumnus sent a generous gift along with a letter explaining his reasons for giving. They were sincerely grateful but needed assistance reading it because it was written in cursive.

House Maintenance and Safety

The fall semester went well at the Beta Phi Shelter, and the undergraduates have returned for spring. Our new house director, Dedié Adissem, is doing an excellent job, and we are grateful to have found such a strong fit.

During the fall, the chapter experienced an increase in crime and safety concerns in the off-campus area. The House Corporation is working with chapter leadership to improve security. We are upgrading the Shelter's security camera system and evaluating private security vendors to determine whether a visible presence during higher-activity times, particularly overnight Thursday through Sunday, is feasible. This would likely involve periodic drive-bys or a marked vehicle parked briefly in the driveway to establish a deterrent.

The Fraternity Management Association is assisting with this evaluation, including whether other Greek chapters along 15th Avenue would share the service. Alumni with recommendations for private security providers may contact **Jeff Nygren '12** at jeffnygren@tfwinsurance.com.

Financial Update

We will need to refinance our \$3.1 million loan (January balance) with WesBanco this fall. Alumni with banking relationships or refinancing expertise are encouraged to contact **Howard Harcha '12** at harcha.6@gmail.com.



The executive board and chapter advisor attend the fraternity's EMERGE leadership conference in Columbus, Ohio. Student leaders participated in programming focused on growth, accountability, and chapter development.

Thank You, Buck

Buck Byrne '66 completed his final term on the House Corporation Board at the end of 2025, after more than 20 years of service in roles including president, treasurer, and house and grounds chairman. He was instrumental in the Shelter's rebuild and remodel, contributing to both design and construction as well as the critical financing efforts. His leadership in fundraising and securing the mortgage made the project possible.

Before I joined the House Corporation, my wife, Amy, and I met Buck at the Shelter during the remodel. His passion for the chapter and the way he included Amy in the conversation left a lasting impression. We left inspired by his vision and committed to helping move the project forward. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside Buck and appreciate the dedication he has given to Beta Phi and future generations.

Founder's Day

We hope many of you will join us on **April 8 at 6 p.m. at The Curl Viewpoint**. The event continues to draw strong undergraduate participation and is a meaningful opportunity to meet the young men carrying the Beta Phi legacy forward while reconnecting with fellow alumni. We look forward to seeing you there. For more details, please turn to page 4!

Fraternally,
Chris Beem '87, House Corporation President

WHO WILL CARRY THE TORCH?

SEND US YOUR MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS

From one generation to the next, our brotherhood endures through those willing to continue our Beta Phi traditions. Who do you know with the resilience, leadership, and honor to carry our brotherhood's torch into the next generation?

Help us find the young men who will honor our past and shape what comes next. Send their info, including how we should contact them, their hometown and year in school, and why you think they're right for Delta Tau Delta, to **John Leszcz '27** at jrlszcz21@gmail.com.



WHY I JOINED ΔΤΔ

Thoughts from New Members

SPENCER LAY

"I liked the people I met more than other houses due to the quality of the members and the connections I quickly built."

ALEX NIELD

"I enjoyed talking to people during recruitment because they were welcoming, and I knew Delt was the place where I wanted to spend the rest of my college experience."

JACK SKALSKY

"I liked the people at Delt the most because they were easy to talk to and to get along with."

IAN WISHART

"Delt stood out from other fraternities, and I knew I wanted to live in the house for my sophomore year."

Stronger Each Semester

UNDERGRADUATES EXCEL ON AND OFF CAMPUS

This year has marked a period of strong growth, leadership development, and academic success for our chapter. During the fall and spring recruitment cycles, we welcomed 69 new members, reflecting the strength of our brotherhood and our commitment to attracting men who embody our values on campus and in the community.

Our leadership presence has expanded across the broader fraternity community. **Emerson Rinaldi '27** was elected president of the Interfraternity Council, and **Chase Homan '28** was elected IFC vice president of community service. These accomplishments demonstrate the respect our members have earned among their peers and underscore our chapter's commitment to service-oriented leadership and meaningful campus involvement.

Academically, the chapter continues to perform at a high level, earning a cumulative GPA of 3.46. This achievement reflects the discipline, accountability, and academic support embedded in our culture. Brothers remain committed to prioritizing their studies while balancing leadership roles, campus involvement, and chapter responsibilities.

Philanthropy remains central to our mission. This year, members are organizing a Roots and Chipotle fundraiser to support charitable initiatives while engaging the local community. In addition, the chapter is finalizing plans for a philanthropy hockey event, which will further expand our impact and bring together students, alumni, and community partners in support of a meaningful cause.



Indiana Pacers and USA Basketball Chaplain Mo Michalski smiles alongside the undergraduates after speaking to them about faith beyond the court and sharing lessons on leadership, purpose, and character during a chapter event.



Brothers gather for a weekly chapter Bible study focused on brotherhood, reflection, and faith-based discussion alongside their academic and campus commitments.

Overall, the past year reflects continued momentum in recruitment, leadership, scholarship, and service. With a growing membership base, strong academic performance, and expanding philanthropic initiatives, the chapter is well-positioned to build on this success and continue making a positive impact on campus and beyond.

Fraternally,
Jack Pincura '27
Chapter President

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Danny Alfieri | Kirtland, Ohio

Alec Andrews | Dublin, Ohio

Grady Baugh | North Royalton, Ohio

Mack Baxter | Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.

Brody Baysore | Grand Rapids, Mich.

Cooper Bertram | Canton, Ohio

Vince Boushelle | Bay Village, Ohio

Zac Braucher | North Canton, Ohio

CJ Burney | Solon, Ohio

Kevin Butler | Westfield, N.J.

Cooper Carnahan* | Aurora, Ohio

Dom Cosenza | Voorhees, N.J.

Marcus Dixon | Powell, Ohio

Jack Elfstrum | Westfield, N.J.

Christopher Fioritto | Highland Heights, Ohio

Thomas Focht | Orange County, Calif.

Logan Gottron | Dayton, Ohio

Anton Ivanov | Summit, N.J.

Vlad Klym* | Chicago, Ill.

Nathan Kuntz | Massillon, Ohio

Gavin Laconti | Westfield, N.J.

Spencer Lay | Delaware, Ohio

Tiernan Loisel | Toledo, Ohio

Kosta Loucopoulos | Park Ridge, Ill.

Brennen Lyons | Cleveland, Ohio

Ben Maddox | Cincinnati, Ohio

Alex Maxim | Pittsburgh, Pa.

Owen McGonigle | River Vale, N.J.

Aiden McNamara | Cleveland, Ohio

Seamus Mulligan | Milton, Mass.

Brady Nartker | Cleveland, Ohio

Alex Nield | Hinsdale, Ill.

Brendan O'Rourke | Darien, Conn.

Adi Parker | North Royalton, Ohio

Cameron Parsells | Toledo, Ohio

Brayden Pettinger | New Albany, Ohio

Connor Pirkle | New Albany, Ohio

Ben Rashid | Toledo, Ohio

Ryan Reed | Bay Village, Ohio

Quinn Riso | Chatham, N.J.

Jonathan Ritch | Hilliard, Ohio

Ray Rodriguez | Atlanta, Ga.

Evan Schneeman | Twinsburg, Ohio

Cole Schreiber | Cleveland, Ohio

Jack Skalsky | San Diego, Calif.

Griffin Steinbrunner | Columbus, Ohio

Tyler Stofer | Buffalo, N.Y.

Kaiden Sullivan | Toledo, Ohio

Kajetan Szczkowski | Chicago, Ill.

Angelo Tamburrino | Cleveland, Ohio

Jacob Thomas | Cleveland, Ohio

Jamie Wang | Boulder, Colo.

Ben Weaver | Columbus, Ohio

Parker Westbrook | Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ian Wishart | Powell, Ohio

Henry Yocum | Cincinnati, Ohio

*Sophomore

FAITH IN FRIENDSHIPS

How Delt Helped Steve Howell '69 Grow

“Anytime you’re around good people, hopefully some of that rubs off on you,” **Steve Howell '69** said of the community he found in Delta Tau Delta. Steve kept busy as a Buckeyes basketball player, but spending the rest of his time with Beta Phi exposed him to various kinds of people and worldviews and helped prepare him for the business world and a fulfilling postgraduate life.

Coach Fred Taylor would only let players live in a dorm or fraternity house. When **Jim Ervin '67**, Steve’s future Big Brother, started inviting him to Delt events, Steve took the opportunity to participate more fully on campus through fraternity life. In addition to the camaraderie among students, he was moved to see how many alumni—many of whom seemed to find success at an early age—would travel back to visit the Shelter and enjoy Ohio State football together. “It was a real diverse group of people we had there.”

A CAREER OF CONNECTIONS

While serving in the Army after college, Steve kept playing basketball for fun. Some of his teammates turned out to be FBI agents, and they convinced him to join. He spent several years as a special agent as the United States and Russia monitored each other in the 1970s.

Steve vividly remembers a day when he followed a Russian agent into a drug store. “We were both looking at magazines, just standing there, and at one point we both looked at each other and just kind of smiled,” he said. “We knew we were doing the same thing: just keeping an eye out.”

Not unlike his Delt years, building a personal network through the FBI helped Steve transition into a lengthy corporate security career. He spent decades as a global security director at 3M, followed by similar roles with McDonald’s and the *Chicago Tribune*, and later his own consulting business. Coincidentally, many of the events and tasks he worked involved overlap with the FBI again as well as the Secret Service and CIA. “I was grateful that Delt taught me how to meet so many people.”

Want to connect with Steve? He lives in Groveport, Ohio, and can be reached at stevhowell12@gmail.com.

SUPPORT FROM OTHERS

Near retirement, a spine injury cost Steve the use of his legs. He decided he could spend his days moping about it or do his best to keep enjoying life. Now he enjoys as much time with family and friends as possible, and he loves exploring the trails near his condo in his power wheelchair.

Steve wasn’t alone in facing his accessibility challenges. Soon after his paralysis, his Delt brothers **Jim Clymer '70** and **Denny Meadors '69** (a Beta Phi roommate and basketball teammate) rallied brothers and friends to buy a handicap van. The group raised \$100,000 in mere months for Steve to pick out a vehicle of his own.

“I’ll never forget the kindness of the people who did that,” he said. “It wasn’t because anyone felt sorry for me; it was out of the goodness of their hearts.”

CRUCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

It was about 40 years after college that Steve began reconnecting with his Delt brothers. They still enjoy meeting at local sporting events or getting together for lunch. Not only have friendships picked up where they left off, but Steve has also noticed that they grow even stronger in the alumni years.

“I definitely picked the right fraternity; it was a good thing to have alongside basketball,” he said. “It’s wonderful to know you’re not just fraternity brothers, you’re true friends.”

“It was clear that Steve needed a handicap van to easily get in and out of his vehicle and leave his home whenever he wanted to. I decided to raise the necessary funds, asking Jim Clymer to help. With donations from many Delt brothers, teammates, and friends, we were successful in acquiring the van for our friend. It was very satisfying that these people came through for Steve.”

—Denny Meadors '69

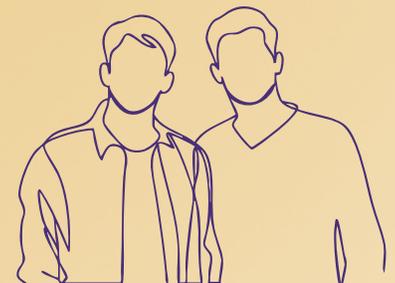
CHAPTER GOALS



Increase involvement in philanthropy and community service



Improve GPA



Foster strong relationships among members

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

Founder's Day!

All brothers are invited to the 61st Annual Founder's Day Dinner at the Curl Viewpoint on Ohio State's Campus. Social begins at 6 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 8

WHERE: 80 W Woodruff Ave

Just west of high street and parking is available 600 feet south of Woodruff at Arps Parking Garage on 1990 College Rd.

COST: Tickets are \$35 per person, payable to the DTD Educational Foundation. Please send your payment to:

Tom Calhoon '70
Berkshire Hathaway Calhoon Company, REALTORS
3535 Fishingier Blvd, Suite 100,
Hilliard, Ohio 43026

MORE EVENTS BELOW!



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Upcoming Events

IN 2026

PHOENIX KARNEA

August 5-9 at JW Marriott
Desert Ridge

Find more details at
delts.org/karneahome.



31ST ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC AND DINNER

September 25 or October 9

Finalized details coming soon.

50TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 11 at Scioto Country Club
(2196 Riverside Drive Columbus,
Ohio 43221)

Lunch served at 11 a.m.

Please direct any questions or RSVPs
to **Tom Calhoon '70** at
tomcalhoon@bhhscc.com or
(614) 296-3400.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Members connect
with prospective
students and share
information about
fraternity life during
the IFC Table Fair.

**UNDERGRADUATE
UPDATES INSIDE!**

ALUMNI NEWS

William Y. Hensge '55 resides in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. He was initiated into Delta Tau Delta's Mu Chapter at Ohio Wesleyan, but after two years, he transferred to OSU and joined Beta Phi. He recently lost his longtime friend, **Paul M. Shepard '54**, who was also initiated at Mu Chapter before transferring to Beta Phi. He passed in November 2025 in Columbus, Ohio.

Jon G. Hazelton '60 moved to Bethany Village, a senior living facility in Centerville, Ohio, in January 2026.
Email: jhazelton743@gmail.com

Jeffrey Cochran '77 lives in Columbus, Ohio, and still supports the University from Upper Arlington. Email: jectwin55@gmail.com

Timothy B. Malone '77 was inducted into Bay Village High School's Hall of Fame in August 2024. He has three sons (two living) and six grandchildren, and lives in Stow, Ohio.
Email: tim.malmel@yahoo.com

Patrick O. Flannery '84 shared that he and Cheri welcomed a new granddaughter on July 17, 2025. They reside in West Chester, Ohio.
Email: drpatfla@aol.com