



Mu Musings

Charting Our Course Into the Future The Mu Chapter Winter Retreat

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- Founders Day is coming up quick! Don't forget the annual founders Day Celebration and INITIATION this April, 26 at the Mu chapter house!

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On February 2nd, the Mu chapter embarked on it's winter retreat to the 4-H camp outside of Boone, Iowa. It was an adventure of snow and ice that will be remembered by all.

The day started off with mandatory goofing off but quickly we plunged into important business, establishing and discussing what we had envisioned for our officers and committees. The bulk of our agenda consisted of these three items: Recruitment, our identity, and Brotherhood. A workshop led by Mu alum Ryan Kight helped us refine our vision of the Mu Chapter. The Chapter worked for hours on who we wanted to be and what we wanted to

On the Slopes Mu Chapter Ski Trip

On February 9th, several members of Mu Chapter set off on a Ski Trip. The trip was a great success and will be an annual beginning of the spring event for years to come!



The Mu family at the ski trip

bring to the Ames community and to the chapter as a whole. Then Headquarters staff member Andy Dwyer led us in recruitment role play that often ended in hilarious but informative results.

Later that evening the atmosphere changed from business to the brotherhood. Serious conversations arose where brothers grew closer to each other by learning about their lives and how they got to be who they are.



Derek Attwood, Andy Dwyer, Adam Lucht, and Mike Janecek on the slopes

The Men of MU

The house is growing by leaps and bounds. We have alumni all over the world who can not easily meet our new members. Keeping that in mind, we would like to get to know you and for you to get to know us. So as a recurring feature we will have short introductions written by our members. Without further adieu:

My name is Daniel Asencio. I am the current President of Theta Xi Fraternity Mu Chapter. I am a Senior here at Iowa State majoring in Political Science and looking to get into corporate sales or marketing upon graduating in May.

My name is Derek Attwood, and I am currently a freshman at Iowa State University majoring in aerospace engineering and minoring in non-destructive evaluation and testing. I am the scholarship chair for Theta Xi and also actively participate with other chapter operations. Some of my hobbies outside of school include paintball, waterskiing, snowboarding, rappelling, and playing bass guitar. I am also involved in many clubs around campus ranging from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and Engineers for a Sustainable World to the ski and snowboard club. I perform search and rescue missions as well as serve as an EMT basic and instructor at many emergency services academies around Iowa. With my degree in aerospace engineering I hope to work for a major aircraft manufacturer, such as Lockheed Martin, on the design of stealth aircraft and future fighters.

My name is Dan Falk and I am a Senior in MIS (Management Information Systems), which is a cross between Business and Computers. I also have minor in Psychology. I used to major in

Computer Science, but I switched my Sophomore year. I like to think that MIS allows me a certain versatility that will enable me a broader spectrum of career options. Outside of classes and Theta Xi, I'm also the Webmaster of the ISU Judo Club, which is one of three Martial Arts Clubs at ISU that are taught by Grand Master Yong Chin Pak.

My name is Nick Goedken, I'm majoring in Construction Engineering with emphasis in Big Building and Heavy Highway Construction, and an expected minor in Spanish. I was a dancer for Dance Marathon 2007 and I was part of the Fundraising Committee for Dance Marathon 2008. Currently I am a GRIP Mentor, I am involved with College Republicans, and I am part of the Association of General Contractors

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The number of new brothers we want by Next Fall!



Curtis Henning, Daniel Sardinas, and Andrew Kouns painting the second floor

More Men of Mu Chapter

chapter at Iowa State. I love being involved at school, and I am always on the lookout for a new group or event to become involved in. When I do get free time, I love to stay active by working out, running, and playing intramural sports. In addition to staying active, I love the lake and everything about it. Wake boarding, boating, and just lounging on a dock or floating around are summer activities I look forward to. I am currently

the Senior Steward of Theta Xi. The Fraternity has become an integral part of my life and I am very excited for the future.

I am Mike Janecek, a sophomore from Independence, Iowa. I am majoring in Construction Engineering with a minor in Spanish LCP. I am the house manager at Theta Xi fraternity. On campus I am an active member of the Association of General Contractors Student Chapter,

and I participate in many intramurals. In my spare time I like to go out or hangout with friends, throw a football around, or work on home improvement projects.

My name is Curtis Henning and I am a freshman in materials science and engineering from West Des Moines, IA. Outside of school and Theta Xi my interests include hunting, bass and wall-eye fishing and football. I currently serve as the Sgt. at Arms and the intramurals chair in the house. I live in Maple hall, but plan on living in-house for next year.

My name is Zac Knodell I am a freshman in Animal Science, Pre-vet. I am involved in Block and Bridal Club, the Pre-Vet Club and also in the American Pre veterinary Medical Association. I am the treasurer here. I am very excited about our possibilities of what we can do here at Iowa State.

My name is Marc Patience and I am currently President Elect within Theta Xi, preparing to take the president position in May. I am a Psychology and Chemistry double major. I'm not quite sure what I would like to do with that combination yet, but I think I may pursue a PHD in psychology and become a counseling psychologist. Besides my heavy involvement in Theta Xi, I am also a Morale and Recruitment Captain for Dance Marathon, an Undergraduate Assistant for the University Honors Program, and a member of the ISU Motorcycle Club. I am privileged to be a part of Theta Xi, and am excited to make a difference for each and every man in the house.

Next Issue, we will have even more members of the Mu chapter introducing themselves to the alumni!



Kyle Cokeley, Dan Falk, Nick Goedkin painting the first floor hallway.

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Do you know of someone who could be One of those Twenty?

Building Up a Sweat

Remodeling the Mu House

On Saturday March 2nd, the members of Mu chapter and Alumni began work on remodeling the first floor of the Mu Chapter House.

Several of the rooms were stripped and repainted in traditional Theta Xi colors. Our goal is to have as many rooms remodeled as there are brothers living in the house next fall. The first floor bathroom was also repainted and scrubbed down.

Currently we are rebuilding the theatre room. It has been specifically designed and constructed by members of Mu Chapter and our Alumni.

In the near future, renovations will be done to the kitchen in order to modernize it.

We would like to thank all who participated in the work weekend and also would like to invite anyone who wishes to have a hand in helping rebuild the Mu chapter to come meet the men. If you are interested please contact Mike Janecek at Janecheck@iastate.edu



Mike Janecek painting the border in the first floor bathroom.

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If so send an email
to our recruitment
chairman

Nickgoedken

@gmail.com

Giving Back to the Community

Theta Xi Participates in Dance Marathon

Twisting the night away, members of Mu Chapter participated in Dance Marathon. Dance Marathon, is an Iowa State Philanthropy where participants spend all night dancing with children from the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. It is a night filled with dancing, games, and meeting with the families of the children you are supporting.

This year was a record breaking year for the philanthropy bringing in \$190,000. We hope to continue to this event every year in the future. If you would like to donate to the Mu Chapter DM team we are taking donations year round.



Mark Patience (Left) works as the master of ceremonies at Dance Marathon.

Founders Day Dinner and Initiation

April 26, 2008

Join the Brothers of Mu Chapter for an evening of Brotherhood at the annual 6294 dinner on Saturday April 26. Again this year we have a double header event of dinner followed by the initiation of our recent associate members. For those Brothers that have not had an opportunity to experience an initiation since their college years, this is a unique opportunity.



Date – April 26, 2008

Location – 315 Welch Ave, Ames, Iowa

Social Hour – 5:30 pm

Dinner – 6:30 pm

Ritual Meeting and Initiation – about 8:00 pm

Cost – only \$25 per person

The event is primarily an evening of brotherhood. You are welcome to bring a guest to dinner, but your guest will need to go have a beer with the girls during the Ritual meeting.

Please RSVP by April 19 to Bob Veenstra at bveenstra@v-k.net, 515-238-4177 (leave a message if necessary) or by mail at 4139 Greenwood Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Building Brotherhood

Recruiting Men to Mu Chapter



Mu Chapter playing football in the front yard for I-week.

We are moving fast in the Ames community, recruiting like mad. We have surpassed even the most impossible of expectations and have amazed the entire Greek Community at Iowa State.

On March 7th, we initiated three new members into Theta Xi, they are David Ramirez, Tyler Hendricks, and Sahin Hoque.

We will be initiating 3 more members on April 26 following the founders day dinner.

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Alum Grant Thompson painting a mural in the first floor bathroom.

To Our Alumni

To each and everyone of you we would like to thank you for your support and love of Theta Xi and Mu Chapter. It is a truly a blessing. We encourage all of our Alumni to return and visit us .

In the vein we would like to print your letters and we encourage you send them. Reconnect with old brothers and to meet new ones.

Our doors are always open.

PROUD TO BE THETA XI

Sincerely,

Mu Chapter, Theta Xi