

September 14, 2019

GAMMA MU of THETA CHI

Dedication Ceremony

"THE HOUSE"

Good afternoon and welcome to the GM of OX House Dedication at BGSU!

Thank you all for sharing this day with GM brothers, young and old!

October 1, 2017 GM officially became a Theta Chi colony at BGSU and the recolonization effort was in full swing. Besides the challenge of growing the colony, there has been the MAJOR challenge of establishing GM OX on the BGSU campus with a piece of real estate that we can call our own. We needed a "HOUSE"! Ask any brother where his OX memories begin..."AT THE HOUSE"!

URSHEL POND

NEW FRATERNITY ROW

7th & HIGH STREET

NORTH MAIN STREET

NEW FRATERNITY ROW

GREEK VILLAGE (2019)

Over 5+ decades, our fraternal lives began in one of these "HOUSES" and each GM brother grew, matured, learned, shared and acquired the fraternal relationships that bind us all today! (Let me share a bit of perspective: 60 years ago last week...September 1959...I enrolled as a freshman at BGSU...Pledged GM of OX January 1960...graduated June 1963) and 6 decades later my fraternal connection remains strong! WHY? Because of the brothers I have known???? Yes, of course! We've ALL experienced this! If we stop for a second and

reflect on our “campus time”, there was one catalyst that made our GM and BGSU lives “work” and each brother’s success evolve...IT WAS “THE HOUSE”!

BUT WAIT A MINUTE!!! Was it really a HOUSE?? A “HOUSE” is just a structure as seen from the outside. As kids growing up we would ask a friend...“where is your house?” “4 houses from the corner”! But somewhere along the way the “HOUSE” becomes “HOME”! This is where it becomes a part of each of us! Our GM of OX “HOME” is what lives in our hearts and minds throughout our lives! Think about every “HOUSE” your family has ever lived in...it will always be remembered as “HOME” for that time in your life!

My sense is at this moment, is that each brother is thinking about many experiences, some that haven’t come to mind in years...some for sharing, others, not so much! It is our GM “HOME” that brings back all the WONDERS of our time at this great University and the WONDERS of our fraternal relationships that are life long!

- Though small compared to it’s predecessors, this new “HOME OF GAMMA MU of THETA CHI, at this dedication, contains ALL of the events and memories for every brother since 1947! This is our “HOME” and our new brothers will carry on the steeped traditions of Gamma Mu of Theta Chi.
- BELONG! STAND OUT! GO FAR! BGSU’s motto...Our Brotherhood History has done and will do all 3 of these, thanks to the “HOUSE” that is now the “HOME” of Gamma Mu of Theta Chi. Welcome HOME all brothers in life and in spirit! May God continually bless the “HOME” of Gamma Mu of Theta Chi and may God bless this wonderful University and all of you who are sharing this very important day of Dedication for GM of OX!

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