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BENNY IS CALLING!*

Ball State Homecoming 2023: Save the date: October 21st

Benny is calling everyone back home to Muncie for a week of festivities. This is an important year for our chapter, so please plan on attending! Here's the tentative schedule of events:

Thursday, October 19th	7:30 p.m.	Air Jam at Emens Auditorium
Friday, October 20th	Noon	Homecoming Bed Race
Saturday, October 21st	7:00 a.m.	Welcome Breakfast Reception (House)
	8-10:00 a.m.	Alumni Association meeting Pittinger Student Ctr. Rm. TBD
	9:00 a.m.	Homecoming Parade viewing at McKinley & University
	10-11:00 a.m.	Housing Corporation Meeting Pittinger Student Ctr. Rm. TBD
	11:30-3:00 p.m.	Charlie Town tailgating (Alumni Center). ATO will have its own tent. Lunch provided by Alumni Assoc. Alcohol allowed: BYOB.
	3:30 p.m.	BSU vs. Central Michigan Tickets available at stadium



WATCH FOR HOMECOMING REGISTRATION DETAILS SOON!

With consecutive losing seasons, 2023 is critical for the fate of head coach, Mike Neu. The Cards top offensive weapon, RB Carson Steele transferred to UCLA. His replacements: Kent St. transfer/1st Team All-MAC, Marquez Cooper, and IU transfer Charlie Spegal, the state's all-time leading rusher. Former AL recruit, Layne Hatcher will likely win the QB battle. The Cards talented secondary was decimated by the NFL draft. BSU's homecoming opponent, Central Michigan is the projected MAC West winner. The Cards open the season on the road at SEC foes Kentucky, followed by #3 Georgia. **YIKES!!!**

*"Benny Is Calling" is the official theme for Homecoming 2023.

Cardinal Outlook



THE TAU CLASSIC IS ON!

The 13th Tau Classic, our traditional golf outing – a best ball, forsome scramble format – is being held to replenish the Theta Alpha Scholarship Fund for undergraduate Chapter Members.

- WHEN:** Saturday, August 26, 2023
- WHERE:** Winding Ridge Golf Club
5450 Bogey Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46235
- SCHEDULE:** 7:00 a.m. Driving range open (optional)
8:00 a.m. Tau Classic shotgun start
2:00 p.m. Luncheon, awards, & auction
- ENTRY FEE:** Tax deductible donation & luncheon: \$125.00
- DONATIONS:** If you can't attend, you can still donate to the Scholarship Fund via the online registration form. PLEASE consider any amount!
- SPONSOR:** Want to help in another way? Consider sponsoring part of the event, or an individual's entry fee (perhaps an undergrad or guest that would like to attend). You can designate your sponsorship with your name, your company name, or someone else you designate.

REGISTER NOW!

Deadline: Monday, July 31st

NOTE:

All playing fees, sponsorship fees or monetary donations will be processed through the Alpha Tau Omega Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. *Your contribution is tax deductible.*

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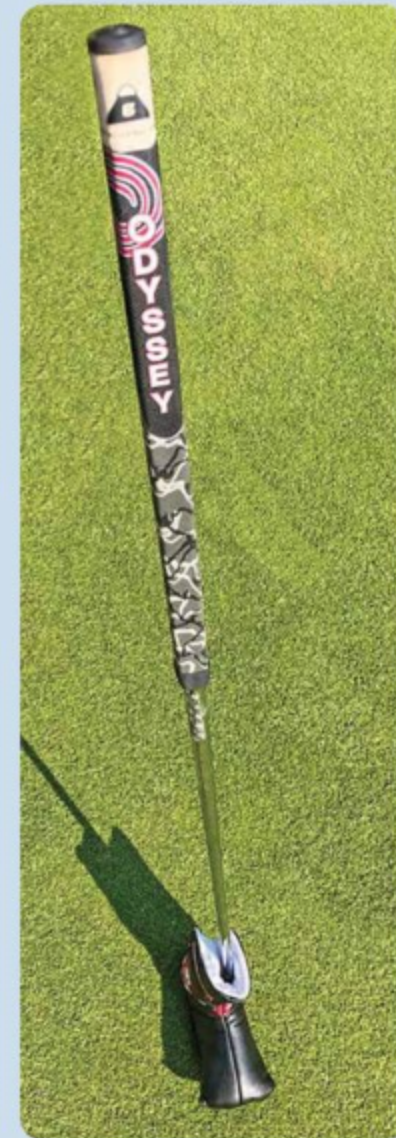
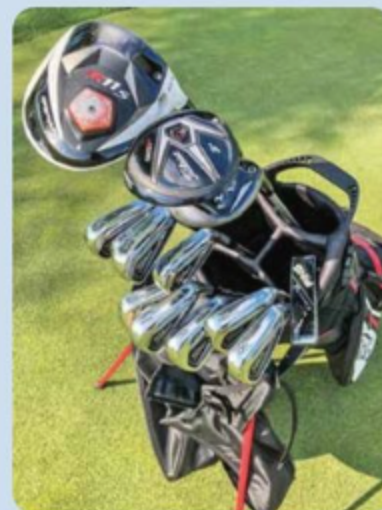
THE BINDER TAU CLASSIC AUCTION

Don't miss your chance to win this like-new, high-performance Titleist Complete Golf Club Set in our Tau Classic Auction (below left).

Generously donated by Brother Randy Holt (Theta, 1976), the super-clean set includes: Titleist AP2 Irons, Titleist Vokey Wedge, Titleist Hybrids, Titleist 3-Wood, Taylormade R11s Driver, Ping Anser 2-Putter & Titleist StaDry Stand Bag.

The set has an estimated resale value of more than \$1,200 and will be offered at auction with a minimum bid of \$400.00.

More auction items follow, including the Odyssey Putter pictured at right.





Limited edition golf towel from the 113th U.S. Open held at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, PA. – famous for using bright red wicker baskets atop its flag sticks instead of, well, flags. Justin Rose won by two strokes over Phil Mickelson.

With its nine, 18-hole golf courses, North Carolina's sprawling Pinehurst Golf Resort is referred to as "The Cradle of American Golf." Limited edition towel and low profile hat (adjustable sizing) from the 114th U.S. Open won wire-to-wire by Germany's Martin Kaymer.

Chambers Bay Golf Links hosted the 115th U.S. Open on the shore of Washington's Puget Sound in 2015. Limited edition golf towel and low profile hat (adjustable) are souvenirs from the dramatic match won by Jordan Spieth by one stroke. Players complained about bumpy greens: "like putting on broccoli."

Great collectibles from the 117th U.S. Open held at Hartford, Wisconsin's Erin Hills Golf Club. Limited edition golf towel and low profile hat (adjustable sizing). Brooks Keopka won by four strokes over Hideki Matsuyama.

Rare collectibles from the 118th U.S. Open held at one of the most historic courses in the country, Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, NY. Limited edition golf towel, low profile adjustable hat, and souvenir pin. Brooks Keopka won his second Open in a row by edging Tommy Fleetwood by one shot.

Unanimously voted as the best course in the country, and arguably, the most beautiful in the world – Pebble Beach Golf Links hosted the 119th U.S. Open. Limited edition souvenir golf towel. Gary Woodland's three-stroke lead kept Brooks Keopka from winning his third straight U.S. Open.

MORE TAU CLASSIC AUCTION ITEMS

In addition to monies collected through participation in the Tau Classic, attendees will have the opportunity to bid on a number of valuable items during the Tau Classic Auction.

To kick things off, Brother Randy Holt donated the items on these pages for auction. It's a generous offering, and we all owe Randy a debt of gratitude!

It's all for a great cause: scholarships for deserving undergraduates. Let's support our undergraduate chapter, replenish our scholarship coffers, and build a strong, sustainable scholarship program for Theta Alpha!

Watch future announcements for additional auction items. **Even if you are unable to attend, but have items you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Al Zmyslo: President.ThetaAlphaAA@gmail.com.**



Considered some of the best, most forgiving designs on the market, Odyssey putters are used by more than 45 PGA Tour players to help improve their short games.

LEFT: Like new Odyssey Double Wide Mallet Putter with white head-cover. 35-inch shaft. Estimated resale value: \$150.00.

RIGHT: Like new Odyssey White Hot Versa Blade Putter. 35-inch shaft. Estimated resale value: \$125.00



The Dean's List Elite:

Congratulations to Theta Alpha's 15 "brainiacs" for their outstanding academic achievement!

by Bradley Spurlock
Gamma Nu, 2021

Receiving a perfect 4.0 GPA for the Spring 2023 semester:



REECE GUDERJAN

With plans to graduate in the Spring of 2024, Reece is pursuing a double major in finance and insurance. Reece is one of three Brothers in Theta Alpha making the Dean's List from Mokena, Illinois (just what is in the water up there?). He joined ATO with the Spring 2021 Gamma Nu pledge class.



LUCAS LIMPIN

Also hailing from Mokena, IL, Lucas Limpin (nice bouncy alliteration, right?) intends to graduate from Ball State in the Spring of 2024 and leverage his major in Professional Selling to make millions. Lucas is another proud member of the Gamma Nu 2021 pledge class.



JAYLAN GORDON-WHITE

Heading into his senior year at Ball State. Jaylan has ambitious plans to graduate with a major in Computer Information Systems and a minor in Computer Science. Hailing from Indy, Jaylan joined ATO in the Fall of 2020 with the Gamma Mu pledge class.



GAVIN MILLER

Gavin quickly adapted to college life, earning a 4.0 in his first year at Ball State while pursuing a degree in BSU's highly-respected Entrepreneurship program. He is spending his Summer in his home town of Portage IN and gearing up to continue his success in his sophomore year. Gavin hails from the Gamma Pi (2022) pledge class.



PETER SHERFEY

Multiple congratulations are in order for Brother Sherfey's recent accomplishments. Peter recently married the love of his life, Rachel. Majoring in Actuarial Science and minoring in Foundations of Business, Peter (Gamma Mu, 2020) graduated in the Spring 2023 class with **Magna Cum Laude** honors! He is currently staffed with the Navigators – the international, interdenominational Christian ministry – where he served as VP during his time in college.



CLAYTON SPURLOCK

Don't be surprised if we see Brother Spurlock's name in movie credits as Screenplay Writer some day. Armed with a major in Creative Writing and minor in Film Studies, Clayton aspires to leverage his talents on the big screen after graduating in the Spring of 2024. Like his much more handsome cousin, Clayton, a Gamma Mu (Fall 2020) pledge is from tiny Laurel, IN.



LIAM CUNNINGHAM

Many of you may remember Liam as the Chapter Chaplain who adeptly lead our ritual at October 2022's 50th Anniversary celebration. A Professional Selling major, Brother Cunningham joined ATO with the Gamma Kappa class in the Fall of 2019. Liam recently departed his native Zionsville, Indiana to accept a position as Account Manager with Troy-MI-based Rose Pest Solutions.



DANNY CURRAN

Danny graduated in the Spring of 2023 with a major in Sports Administration. Danny is the third, and surprisingly not last, person on this list from Mokena, IL. He joined Theta Alpha with the Gamma Kappa class in the Fall of 2019. During his time in Theta Alpha, Danny served as Worthy Master of the chapter and Event Chairman of the Sports Administration Association.

Brothers receiving a 3.5 GPA or higher (Spring 2023 Semester):

The Dean's List Elite:

Congratulations to Theta Alpha's 15 "brainiacs" for their outstanding academic achievement!



BRADLEY SPURLOCK

Being the most well-rounded and handsome Bro on this list, it's no surprise that Bradley made the Dean's List for a second semester in a row. Pursuing a degree in Media Promotion & Management, he plans to graduate in Spring, 2024. Bradley hails from Laurel, IN (pop: 409 on a good day). A Gamma Nu pledge (Spring 2021), Bradley served as Worthy Marshall (V.P) for the 2022 academic year.



CAMERON DIEKHOFF

With plans to graduate in the Fall of 2023, Cameron is pursuing a major in Marketing. He hails from Indianapolis, where he is working full-time over the Summer. After transferring from Indiana University in his freshman year, Cameron joined Theta Alpha with the Gamma Nu class in Spring, 2021.



JOE MITCHELL

Brother Mitchell plans on graduating in Spring 2024 with a major in Professional Selling and a minor in Computer Science. Joe has roots in Nobletucky, IN, where he likes to believe he was a star tight end - before his football career sadly ended after only one season. Joe pledged as a Gamma Nu in 2021.



The only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work for them.

~ Michelle Obama
Former First Lady



BRENDAN OTTINGER

Brendan is the token local Muncie Bro (Mocal for those in the know) on this list - having graduated just down the street at Burris. Applying his major in Business Admin. and minor in Public Health, Brendan accepted a position as Territory Acct. Mgr. with Donnellon McCarthy Enterprises - a leading IT, document and print services management firm in Indianapolis - after graduating this Spring. Brendan is a Gamma Lambda (2020) pledge.



JOE THERIOT

An active fixture at BSU's Media School producing highly-creative work, Joe plans on capitalizing on his experience and degree in Media Production as he departs Muncie this Spring. Brother Theriot joined Theta Alpha as a Junior, with the Gamma Xi pledge class (Fall, 2021).



MATT WASSO

Still *another* Mokena, IL native (a southern suburb of Chicago, population: 20,000), Matt is majoring in Risk Management and Insurance with plans to graduate in the Spring of 2024. Also a member of the Gamma Nu (2021) pledge class, Matt has a striking Napoleon Dynamite resemblance when he's not smiling!



CORY WELLS

Brother Wells hails from Indiana's "City of Firsts" - Kokomo - named for the town's many inventive firsts: the push-button car radio; stainless steel; pneumatic tires; aerial bombs with fins; mechanical corn pickers; and canned tomato juice. Having won Theta Alpha's "Smartest Brother Award" multiple times, one has to ponder what Cory might invent applying his Business Administration major when he graduates in the Spring of 2024. Cory is a Gamma Mu (2020) pledge.

Effective synergy between undergrads & alumni elevates inaugural Theta Alpha Career Network Workshop

by Rusty Bruce
Lambda, 1978

With the goal of establishing a networking and career-building resource for both undergraduate and alumni Brothers, the Theta Alpha Alumni Association began development of the Theta Alpha Career Network in 2022. This promising new resource aspires to meet a number of objectives including:

- Communication between our members about career opportunities and personal skill growth
- Introduction and interaction of Brothers with common career paths and interests
- Aid and assistance for undergraduate Brothers to help ensure a smooth transition from college life to their professional life
- Mentoring opportunities for alumni that are established in their careers with those Brothers following similar career paths

The strategy behind the Theta Alpha Career Network is to provide additional value to the fraternity experience – something that will help differentiate ATΩ from all other fraternities, and provide additional incentives for potential members to join.

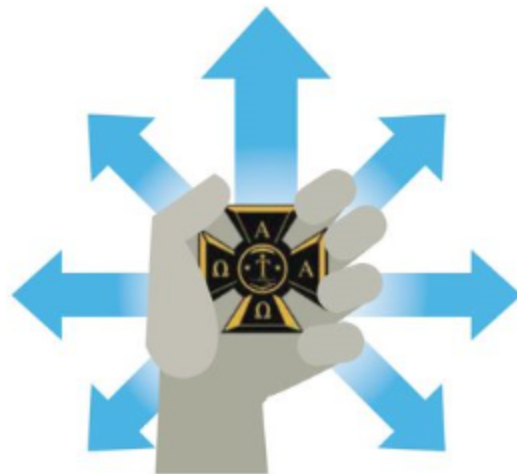
Our inaugural career workshop was held March 25th at Ball State's Whiting Business Building. The event was attended by 21 undergraduate and 17 alumni members – a great turnout for an initial event.

After introductions, special presentations from Mike Kirschner (Sigma, 1981) and Keegan Jiles (Founders II 2011) exchanged best practices for goal setting and career searching.

Break-out sessions (left) followed – arranged by major and career goal – where alumni shared career experiences, offered advice, and answered questions from undergraduate Brothers.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Business Administration
Finance
Marketing
Sales
Architecture
Other Majors



Theta Alpha Career Network
WE COACH FOR YOUR SUCCESS!

Heartfelt thanks to our inaugural career workshop mentors

Alumnus	Class	Career Focus	Majors / Area of Study
Blake Blanch	Alpha Sigma, 1991	Accounting	Accounting
Russell Bruce	Lambda, 1978	IT, Consulting & Sales	Architecture, Mgmt. Information Systems
Steve Bullington	Tau, 1982	IT, Consulting & Sales	Telecommunications, Marketing
Bill Evans	Alpha Phi, 1992	IT, Consulting	Business Administration
Kirk Harmeyer	Alpha Nu, 1989	IT, Software	Computer Information Systems
John Hibner	Nu, 1979	Government	History, Urban Planning
Nathan Hiscock	Beta Gamma, 1995	IT, Consulting	Computer Science, Music Education
Brian Holloman	Alpha Phi, 1992	Public Service, Law Enf.	Criminal Justice & Criminology
Keegan Jiles	Founder 11, 2010	Human Resource Mgmt.	Human Resource Management
Mike Kirschner	Sigma HI, 2022	Education	Accounting
Adam Kron	Gamma Theta, 2018	Financial Advisor	Finance
Randy Rayl	Lambda, 1978	IT Sales	Professional Selling
Keith Rector	Founder I, 1972	Architecture	Architecture
Tim Ringlespaugh	Sigma, 1981	IT Management	Telecommunications
Daryl Schweitzer	Founder I, 1972	IT Consulting	Business Administration
Craig Studt	Beta Beta, 1995	Insurance	Telecommunications
John Towle	Founder II, 2010	Management	Sociology
Al Zmyslo	Omicron, 1980	Logistics, Manufacturing	Pre-Engr., Logistics, Supply Chain Mgmt.



"Our goal is to create enduring alliances – trusted advisory relationships – between alumni and active members to benefit both parties for years to come."

Rusty Bruce
Lambda 1978

A great turnout of undergrad Brothers assembled for the career workshop at Ball State's Whiting Business Building.

Effective synergy between undergrads & alumni elevates inaugural Theta Alpha Career Network Workshop



Keegan Jiles (Founders II, 2011), a Talent Acquisition Partnering Consultant for the Indianapolis-based certificate of insurance management firm, myCOI, presented valuable tips on optimizing your career search efforts. Jiles was a 2022 finalist for "Indy's Best & Brightest" sponsored by KPMG.



Rusty Bruce presented research on the academic performance of ATQ as compared to the other fraternities on campus – while offering guidance to help Theta Alpha achieve the top academic spot. The second part of his presentation provided insight into the chapter's philanthropic performance relative to other campus fraternities and to other ATQ chapters.

The Chapter owes Rusty a debt of gratitude for doing the "heavy lifting" to help launch the Theta Alpha Career Network from a discussion concept to a successful reality.

Honor Initiate Mike Kirschner (Sigma, 2022) spoke to the group about setting and achieving goals. And Mike should know – winning two Indiana State Football Championships while at Indianapolis Ben Davis High School (2014, 2017). Currently the Head Coach at Indy's Warren Central High School, Kirschner has gone 150-60 (.714) over his twenty-year coaching career – securing eight sectional and five regional championships.



"The Theta Alpha Career Network will elevate our recruiting approach and clearly help distinguish Alpha Tau Omega from other fraternities on campus"

Jake Hamm
Theta Alpha Recruitment Chair
Gamma Mu, 2020

Feedback for the event was very positive, with many Brothers offering words of encouragement to ensure the Network becomes an ongoing benefit for the Chapter.

This is the first of many services that we plan to provide to our membership. Other events that have been discussed include:

- **Career Brainstorming**
For those who are undecided on a career
- **Etiquette & Professional Protocol**
To sharpen those peripheral skills
- **Financial Planning**
To help guide our members with tools to help optimize their wealth building
- **Career Search Resourcing**
Help in finding various resources for executing a career search

We are open to more ideas for other services to provide and welcome your thoughts and suggestions.



The next career workshop is planned for late February 2024 – we hope you can participate.

As the ranks of ATQ Theta Alpha Alumni grows and matures, so does its accrued wealth of knowledge, and diverse quality of experience – in a wide range of professional disciplines. We are developing thought leaders!

We are looking for alumni who are willing to impart the knowledge and experience they have attained throughout their career to an attentive audience of ATQ undergraduates.

Please contact Rusty Bruce about your level of interest at rusty.bruce59@gmail.com.

Things you probably didn't know (or maybe not want to know) about senior Bro Reece Guderjan.

by Bradley Spurlock
Gamma Nu, 2021

When five out-of-state students from the same area and high school in Illinois decided to not only attend Ball State University together, but pledge the same fraternity, a rare story of loyalty and the undeniable bond of friendship emerged – a bond strengthened by the Brotherhood of Alpha Tau Omega.

Four years later, this close-knit group find themselves at a moment of reflection with 2024's looming graduations. Their invested friendships will likely be tested by mere geography, as they relocate to begin their professional careers.

For one determined member of the "Frankfort Five", this separation doesn't seem like it will affect their bond of friendship whatsoever. Brother Reece Guderjan seems destined to actualize his life plan – and resolved to keep his friendships intact.

Inquiring minds wanted to know just what makes Reece Guderjan (Gamma Nu, 2021) tick. Here's what we found out.

Q1: Guderjan is an unusual surname. What is your family heritage?
I am primarily of German heritage.

Q2: Do you have a nickname? Yes, "RG".

Q3: Do you have siblings? Yes, I have two younger sisters: Halle will be a junior at Illinois State University and Kate, a track and cross-country athlete, will be a sophomore at Lewis University (Romeoville, IL).

Q4: What is your fondest childhood memory? Visiting different places in Florida.

Q5: What is your favorite family tradition? Texas Roadhouse every Christmas Eve.

Q6: Worst memory from high school? Waking up for early basketball practices.

Q7: Funniest memory from high school? At lunch, a friend threw a yogurt cup at the wall for a Bosco Stick and it exploded everywhere.

Q8: What's the best prank you've ever pulled on someone? I gave my dad an Oreo cookie that had toothpaste as the creme filling.

Q9: If you could have one super power, what would it be? Time travel.

Q10. Dog or cat? Dog.

Q:

What is your guilty pleasure?
A random craving for chocolate at night...



Q12: What time period would you most like to live in? The 1990's – people seemed happier & technology wasn't ruining kids lives.

Q13: What are you most afraid of? Snakes. I hate snakes.

Q14: If you could make one thing illegal, what would it be? Muncie's huge, tire-devouring potholes!

Q15: What is the best advice you've ever received? Family is the most important thing – and you should do anything and everything to lift family members up and ensure they feel loved.

Q16: Do you believe aliens exist? The universe is ginormous – other living things must exist somewhere else besides Earth.

Q17: If you were the first person to make contact with aliens, who would you recommend they talk to? The President.

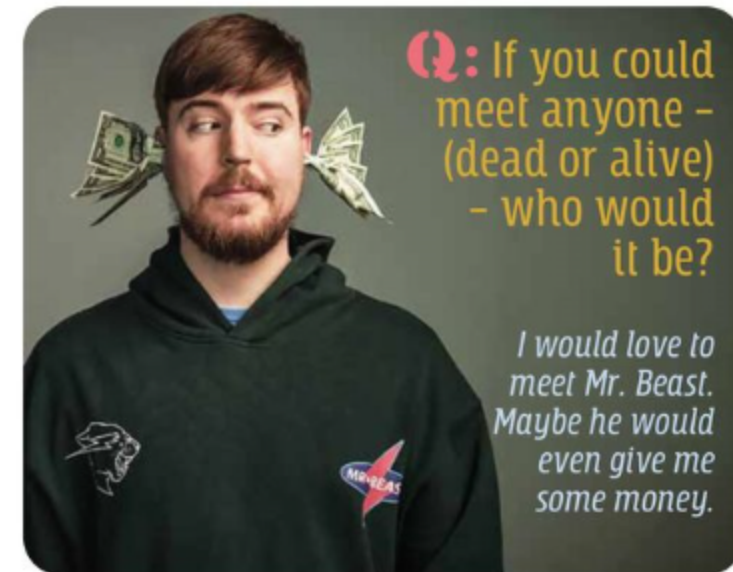
Q18: If you were stranded on an island and could only have three items, what would they be? Food and drink packages, a tent, and a fishing pole.

Q19: What would you most like to improve about yourself? I want to really love my job when I start working full time after college.

Q20: What trait do you dislike most in others? I can't stand people that always want to go out to bars and drink. I'd rather do something more active outside that does not always involve alcohol.

Q: WHAT'S THE WEIRDEST FOOD YOU'VE EVER EATEN?

Brussel sprouts.



Editor's note: OK, I admit it... I had no idea who "Mr. Beast" was. Somehow, I don't think I'm alone here. Before you hastily Google the name, a word of warning. James Stephen Donaldson, 25, aka Mr. Beast, is a "stunt philanthropist." He's a risk manager's nightmare in the flesh – a pioneer of a new genre of philanthropy via YouTube videos that feature wildly expensive and highly dangerous stunts and challenges. Like launching 1,000 fireworks inside of his home. Or being buried alive in a coffin for 50 hours. Or spending 24 hours underwater. You get the idea. It's cringe-worthy insanity.

But, here's the thing – Mr. Beast has been insanely successful. To date, 276 MILLION cheap thrill seekers have subscribed to Mr. Beast's brand of benefaction – and his train-wreck-in-slow-motion "entertainment" has now totaled an astounding **43 BILLION views**. And those views are bringing in millions to his random choice of charitable causes. So wealthy, that he bought an entire neighborhood in his hometown of Greenville, North Carolina! He's made the madness somehow work... and sent worried parents racing to renew their Xanax prescriptions.

Sprout! Sprout! Let it all out!
These are the things I can do without!
Come on!



More things you probably didn't know about Reece Guderjan.

Q22: What is your biggest pet peeve? When people fail to let you know that you have something on your shirt, or on your face, in your teeth, or anything like that.

Q23: What game do you get the most competitive in when you probably shouldn't? Bean bags/corn holing.

Q24: What is your current phone wallpaper and why? A picture of the Chicago Bulls logo - I'm a huge fan!

Q25: What is something you are great at cooking? Ham & cheese sliders in the oven.

Q26: What is something you suck at cooking? I don't really know how to grill and I need to learn how.

Q27: If you could have dinner with any three people in history (dead or alive), who would they be? Snoop Dogg, LeBron James, and Babe Ruth.

Q28: If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be? Honey BBQ wings or burgers.



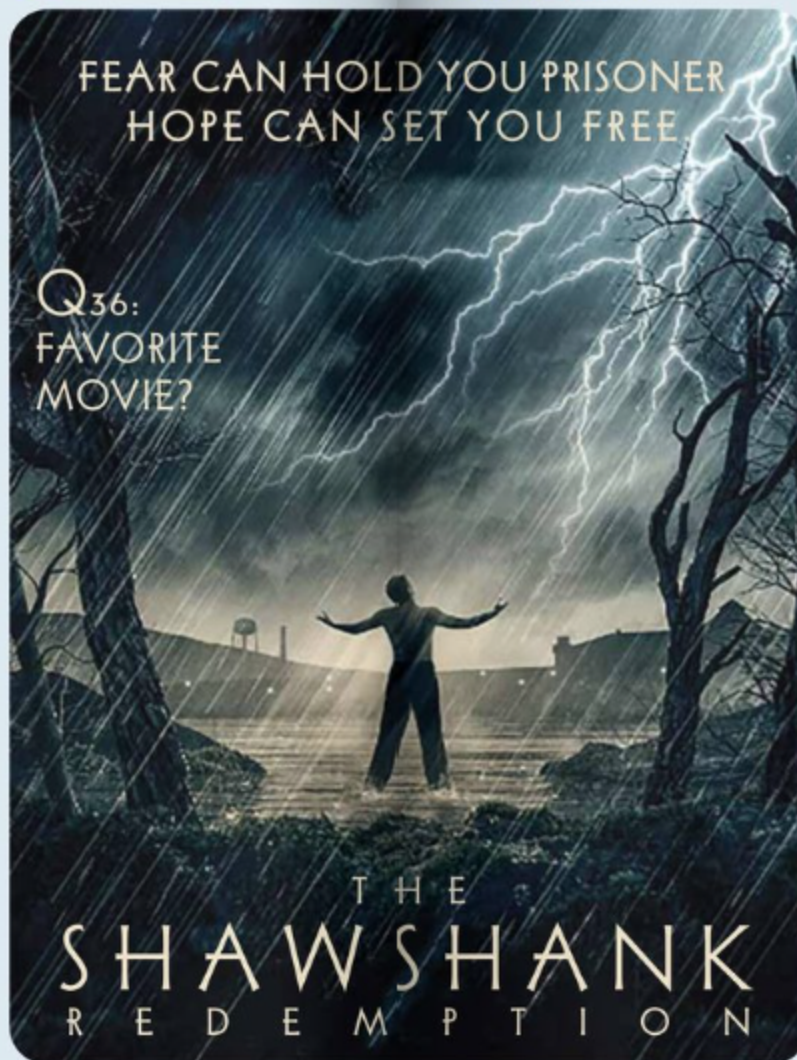
Q31: Favorite hobby or activity? Playing basketball or golfing with friends.

Q32: Favorite sport? Basketball.

Q33: Favorite team? Chicago Bulls and the Chicago Cubs.

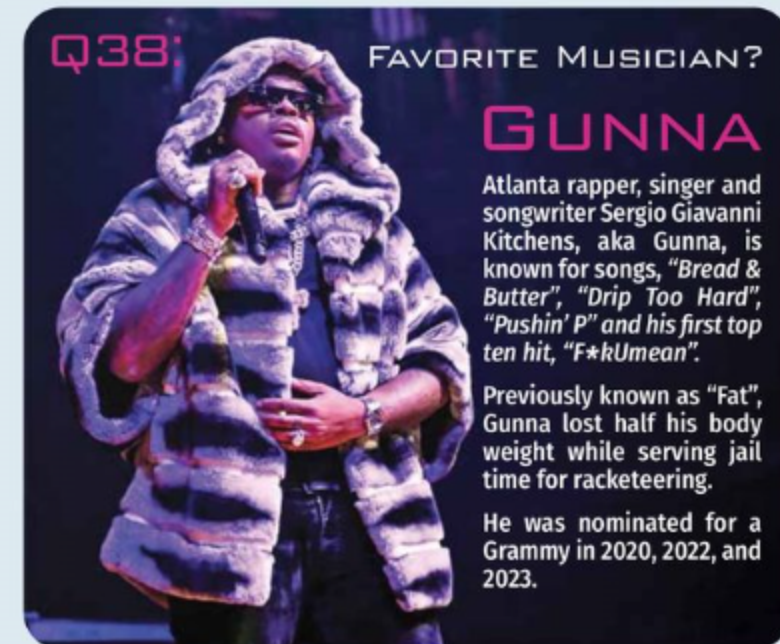
Q34: Favorite athlete? LeBron James.

Q35: Favorite TV show? Family Guy.



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Q37: Favorite music genre? I listen to rap and country music.



Q39: Favorite actor/actress?



The more serious side of Reece Guderjan . . .

Q39: What is your greatest strength? Putting my mind to something and focusing all my time on it.

Q40: What is your greatest weakness? Procrastination – especially for a class assignment that is pointless to my major or means little to my future. I'll still get it done, but should have started it much sooner.

Q41: What are you most proud of? My grades and eagerness to learn more.

Q42: To date, what has been the best day of your life? The five days I was on a cruise in high school.

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As a prank, I once gave my dad an Oreo cookie that had toothpaste as the creme filling.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Your dad must have a great sense of humor! OR, you were grounded for a month.



Reece's love for the Chicago Cubs started at an early age!



Q44:



What is something a lot of people don't know about you?
I have to watch poker videos every night before I go to bed. **FOR REAL?**

Q45: Why Alpha Tau Omega? A couple of my friends pledged and the guys I met were actually genuine people.

Q46: What is your favorite thing to do with your Theta Alpha Brothers? Playing sports in the side yard at the House and just hanging out with everyone having a good time.



Reece hanging with his ATQ Big Brother, Todd Sams (Gamma Iota 2019, Cincy, OH)

Q47: What do you like most about college life? The freedom.

Q48: What do you like least about college life? How expensive everything is to live on your own.

Q49: How do you succeed at keeping your GPA at such a high level? Staying on top of things and actually caring about every assignment. There is no reason to miss assignments – I've never missed an assignment in my life.

Q50: How do you define success? Being happy in life with a family and a great job.

Q51: What is your dream job? To run a successful StateFarm insurance agency that makes tons of money for everyone working for me.

Q52: Where do you see yourself in 20 years? I see myself with a loving family and a full-time job in finance or insurance. **EDITOR'S NOTE:** I wouldn't bet against him! 



Graduation from Lincoln-Way East High School Frankfort, Illinois, 2020



REMEMBERING "FITZ":

A Life

Well Lived

TIMOTHY JAMES FITZGERALD
01.12.1950 - 04.26.2023

A Ball State scholarship baseball player for the Cardinals for four seasons as catcher and second baseman – Tim lead the 1970-71 squad with a .355 batting average. He received a B.S. degree from BSU in 1972, after 1969's graduation from Indianapolis Cathedral High School as a multiple-sport athlete.



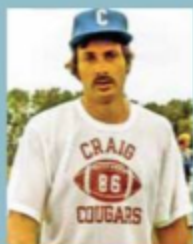
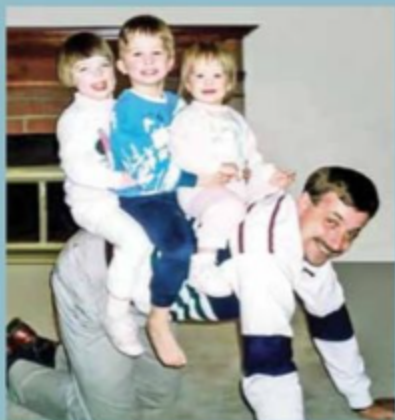
Tim was born on January 12th, 1950, to Robert and Laverne Fitzgerald in Port Huron, Michigan.

Tim is survived by wife, Nancy; four children: Kyle, Kelly, Jake, and Ellie; and six grandchildren; as well as brothers Tom, Pat, Mike, and sister, Mary. He enjoyed time with family, cooking, wood working, coaching, skiing, tennis, boating, and golfing.

Tim remained active in his Catholic faith as a member of the St. Louis de Montfort Parish. Internment is in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Indianapolis (Allisonville Road).

"Chapter Eternal has gained a new member, as we have lost a faithful brother. Faithful, indeed. A member of the BSU baseball team, Tim could have chosen one of the "jock" fraternities – but he stayed loyal to his friends, and our ATQ values. Never just a bystander, Tim was very involved – rush functions, chapter meetings, intramurals. Fitz could always be counted on. I am blessed to have called Tim a roommate, brother, and friend. Rest In Peace, 'Fitz'. You will be missed . . ."

Tom Perkins, Founder I, 1972



Tim dedicated 40 years of his career to teaching and coaching the youth in the Lawrence Township School System of northeast Marion County, IN – including Craig Junior High and Lawrence North High School.



Tim played an active role in Theta Alpha's colonization at Ball State in 1972.

