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GAMMA UPSILON'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

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To celebrate the 65th anniversary of Theta Chi Fraternity on Bradley University's campus, a weekend long event was held October 3-5. It began Friday afternoon with the Golden Guard Luncheon at the Lariat Steakhouse (see the article on page 3 for more details).

Friday evening a welcome reception with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres welcomed approximately 24 guests at the Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel in downtown Peoria, the host hotel for the weekend. After warming up at the reception, most alumni headed out for some late night fun at several local Peoria establishments including the Peoria Brewing Company and Jimmy's Tavern.

Saturday morning started with a 9:00 a.m. tee time at the incredible Weaver Ridge Golf Club (see the article at right for more details). Later that day, brothers were invited to the chapter house to take a tour, meet some undergraduates and have appetizers. Some alumni took advantage of the opportunity to take a guided tour of Bradley's campus. The tour concluded at the Hayden Alumni Center for a cocktail hour in the lower level where there is a wonderful museum dedicated to the history of Bradley University and includes several photographs of some of our distinguished alumni brothers. Approximately 40 alumni and undergraduate members attended the Red Carnation dinner held upstairs on the third floor in the Peplow Pavillon where Mike Scheve was honored with the *Theta Chi Alumni Award* for his outstanding volunteer work as the housing facility manager for the past decade.

Sunday morning, the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation held its annual meeting at the chapter house. All officers, excluding **Jeff Albrecht '07** who was excused to attend his wedding, were present, as were numerous alumni brothers and several members from the undergraduate chapter. The GUAC bylaws were revised and a new position on the Board of Directors

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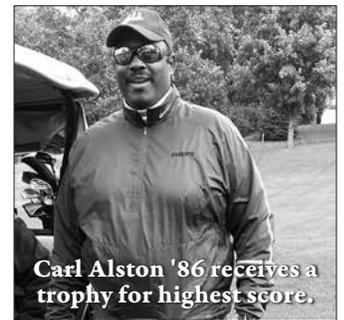
Brothers gather at the 65th Anniversary Reunion.

WEAVER RIDGE GOLF CLUB HOSTS GAMMA UPSILON GOLF OUTING

Perhaps the most fun event of the 65th Anniversary Reunion was the golf outing held on Saturday, October 4 at Weaver Ridge Golf Club. Weaver Ridge is one of the most beautiful and challenging courses in the state of Illinois and certainly the top course in the Peoria area.

Two foursomes were scheduled to tee off at 9:00 a.m. The first group consisted of **Ron**

McGauvran '55, Frank Watkins '62, Marty Deering '89 and Doug Lorr '92. Carl Alston '86, Ken Lombard '99, Mike Scheve '02 and Alex Wolf '85 were the second foursome. Not only were the weather conditions unkind, but the course proved to be extremely challenging; even for expert players such as Ron and Frank, who rated it as one of the most difficult courses they had ever played.



Carl Alston '86 receives a trophy for highest score.



Attempts to retrieve a ball gets a golf cart stuck in the swamp.

Everything was going well until the infamous 11th hole, when Alex Wolf hit a ball into a swamp that was covered by matted grass. When Carl Alston drove the cart in to retrieve the ball, the back tire immediately sank into a patch of mud. In the true spirit of 'The Helping Hand', it took five brothers to push the cart free from the mud.

At the end of the day, Mike Scheve was declared the winner for his lowest score and received the championship trophy; his score

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BROTHER GLENN TISDALL '82 - WHERE IS HE NOW?

From insurance to catering to sandwiches

After a minor setback of a failed life insurance business after graduation, **Glenn Tisdall '82** tended bar at several establishments in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, before taking a manager's position with Studebaker's, a fifties themed throwback nightclub. That management position moved him to Dallas, where he continued in the industry in several capacities finally leading to a management position at The Mansion on Turtle Creek, a truly world class hotel.

When he returned to Chicago in 1989, he began work with the Chicago Chop House. After several years working the "front of the house" of the restaurant, he

decided it was time to expand his knowledge to the back side of the restaurant - the kitchen, so Tisdall enrolled at the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago.

Upon finishing school, again, in the mid-90's, he was approached by his current business partner and fellow Bradley graduate, Rob Procell who had a financial background and a similar storied history in the restaurant business. Together they found a fully-equipped catering kitchen in the Loop. With limited cash and catering experience between both of them, they opened Tri-Star Catering in 1995. "It wasn't easy, but working hard was never a problem for me, so we pushed hard

and created a pretty successful little catering company," stated Tisdall.

Today, they serve primarily corporate clients, but have done numerous weddings and special events over the years. They cater events for groups of 5 to 5,000 and have hosted Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Richard Daley, Oprah Winfrey and a host of other important figures from rock bands to Supreme Court Justices. Although they can neither confirm nor deny it, they are pretty sure President Obama ate their food while he was teaching at the University of Chicago Law School.

Recently, the two decided to diversify their operations which led to

purchasing Costello's Sandwiches and Sides, a two store restaurant group located on the north side of Chicago. Tisdall continued, "It's a fun little place where family and friends gather for lunch and dinner. Our Lincoln Square shop hosts live music daily at lunchtime, come check us out! You can check out our menu of delicious, and sometimes odd, sandwiches at www.costellosandwich.com."



GAMMA UPSILON CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL SPRING SEMESTER

Achieving a 2.98 GPA and raising \$2,400 for the Wounded Warrior Project

While alumni may have taken a break from their usual routines to come to Peoria to celebrate the chapter's 65th anniversary, the undergraduate members of Gamma Upsilon seemingly have had little time for rest as they continue to work toward extending their influence and accomplishments on Bradley's campus.

Academically, after a couple of rocky semesters, the chapter has turned their ship around and achieved a 2.98 GPA for the Spring 2014 semester. This is an improvement of 0.13 over the previous semester and has vaulted the chapter

ahead of several other organizations in the fraternity academic rankings. In addition, the chapter's academic program was recently distributed to all Theta Chi chapters across the nation as an exemplary model of a scholastic program and as a suggested base from which other chapters can develop their own programs.

Additionally, through the chapter's annual Queen of Hearts pageant, a week-long event where representatives from each sorority compete in various activities to be crowned Gamma Upsilon Queen of Hearts, the undergradu-

ates raised nearly \$2,400 for the Wounded Warrior Project to aid veterans injured and disabled in service of our country.

In keeping with Theta Chi's new Sacred Purpose movement, Gamma Upsilon has strengthened its ties to health and wellness oriented student organizations at Bradley through the chapter's newly-created office of Vice President of Health and Safety.

And of course, brothers are still finding time to have a little fun. So far this semester, Theta Chi has hosted two sorority exchanges (with plans for at least one more

this semester), participated in intramural sports such as soccer and volleyball and continues to build brotherhood with members-only events such as hiking at Camp Wakonda.

For more information about how the undergraduate chapter is doing, or to discover how your life experiences as an alumnus can help the chapter by becoming an adviser on our chapter advisory board, please contact **Sean DonCarlos '03** at (618) 977-3244 or sdoncarlos@gmail.com.

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NEW MEMBERS PLEDGED BY GAMMA UPSILON - FALL 2014

Welcome to Bradley University, Theta Chi Fraternity and Gamma Upsilon Chapter - your home away from home for your collegiate experience. These men will join the ranks as full Brothers following Ritual of Initiation on November 14.

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2014 GOLDEN GUARD LUNCHEON: OPENING EVENT FOR THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION!

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The refurbished Lariat Steakhouse was home for the Golden Guard Luncheon for the ninth consecutive year.

Present for the luncheon were **Lou Deardoff '58, Dick Gillett '56, Bill Griffin '57, Allene and Lynn Gundersen '57, Judy and Roger Hill '59, Willis Hunziker '53, Tom McClintick '52, Ron McGauvran '55, Bob Springer '54, Daryl Steele '60, Jan and Mike Unruh '57, Frank Watkins '62** and Marcia and **Budd Wilkening '52**. Also present was alumni corporation president **Bob Carroll '88**, Chapter Advisory Board Chairman **Sean DonCarlos '03**, and two members of the undergraduate chapter, President **Billy Shoemaker '16** and Vice-President of Health and Safety **Jake Ward '15**.

As always, a brief update on the status of the Fraternity, the chapter and alumni corporation was presented; alumni brothers enjoyed being able to talk directly with the

undergraduate brothers about the status of the chapter.

Brothers shared stories of past Homecomings; of lawn and house decoration contests and parade float creation parties; of dreamgirls past and present.

The success of this year's event was due to its organization and management by two involved members of the Golden Guard: **Dick Gillett '56** (309.657.1945) and **Mike Unruh '57** (217.877.2806 or golfguy@comcast.net), with assistance from **Willis Hunziker '53** (309.691.6385 or wlhunziker@gmail.com). Please contact them if you have questions or want to provide input on next year's event, which they are already busily preparing.

The **13th Annual Golden Guard Luncheon** is already on the calendar for the **Lariat Steakhouse**, most likely for **Friday, October 16, 2015**; the Friday of Bradley University Homecoming 2015!



Pictured (Front row L to R): Dick Gillett '56, Frank Watkins '62, Budd Wilkening '52, Lou Deardoff '58, Roger Hill '59, Bob Springer '54 and Bob Carroll '88. (Second row L to R): Lynn Gundersen '57, Tom McClintick '52, Ron McGauvran '55, Mike Unruh '57, Bill Griffin '57, Daryl Steele '60 and Willis Hunziker '53.

We are presently looking for two alumnus brothers to assist with this event. One from the Class of 1965 to organize a 50th Anniversary Reunion for his graduating class and a second alumnus brother who was initiated during the 1965 calendar year to recruit his fellow newest

members of the Golden Guard to attend the luncheon and receive their certificates. If you fall into one of these two categories, please contact Brother Carroll at (708) 254-2058 or woocarroll@aol.com.

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GAMMA UPSILON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - HELP WANTED!

In 2015, the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation will hold its bi-annual elections for membership to its Board of Directors. As several members of the present Board have served for over a decade each, the Alumni Corporation is looking for new faces and new ideas to help with the transition over to new leadership. If you have served on a volunteer board of governors in the past, such as a homeowners' association, a professional organization or a service organization, you understand how a board functions, your input would be greatly appreciated. If you have started or operate your own business or program, your ideas and spirit could be of benefit as well. If you simply love and

respect Gamma Upsilon and the relationships, opportunities and skills it has provided you and want to serve to make it even better than it is now, we would welcome your passion and sense of duty.

If this is something you are considering or would like to learn more about, please contact a past or sitting member of the Board to discuss your priorities and how they might align with those of the Alumni Corporation. If you do not know whom to contact, please email or call Brother Carroll at (708) 254-2058 or woocarroll@aol.com.

2014 GAMMA UPSILON ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

First time reaching \$10,000 goal!

While the final figures are not in for the entirety of 2014, as the *2014 Theta Chi for Life Campaign* is still accepting donations Gamma Upsilon has a major announcement to make: the *2014 Theta Chi for Life Campaign* has achieved its goal of raising \$10,000 in the 2014 calendar year! This is the first year alumni giving has reached this coveted level and we are proud of this accomplishment, but even more thankful and humbled by the support shown by alumni brothers.

Up to date details about the campaign can be found by visiting www.gammaupsilon.org. All donors will be publicly thanked in the spring

2015 issue of *The Manifesto*. There is still time for your name to be included within those ranks!

To make your contribution, simply visit www.gammaupsilon.org and click "Support the Campaign." You will notice convenient payment options that allow you to pay monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or as a one-time gift. In order to make the payment process as easy as possible, you can even set your pledge to be automatically drafted from your checking account or charged to a credit card on a recurring basis.



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Help us keep our alumni records up-to-date! Edit your member profile online at www.gammaupsilon.org or clip this form, place it in a stamped envelope and send to: Theta Chi Fraternity, Gamma Upsilon Chapter #1886, PO Box 2187, Columbus, GA 31902.

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2014 SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC

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The 14th Annual Summer Family Picnic was held on Sunday, July 27, 2014 in Grove #28 of the Ned Brown Forest Preserve in Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

For its second consecutive year on this date and at this location, the event brought out

the usual collection of characters. Although not as many children attended as in years past, there were still enough children present to fly kites, toss bean bags, draw with colored chalk, blow bubbles and run around screaming and laughing. A special thank you to Brother **Marty Deering '89** for planning the activities. The only thing missing this

year was Brother **Larry Santello '00**, his wife Annette, their children and the glorious homebrew which he brings to share amidst the camaraderie.

Many thanks again to Brother **Ken Lombard '99** for organizing the event and ensuring it remains fun for brothers, their wives/

partners and their children to attend. Regardless of if you are single, married or in a relationship, starting or raising a family, or transitioning to an empty nest, the Summer Family Picnic is for you! Hope to see you, either again or for the first time, in 2015!

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was established, Director of Alumni Events. The new position is responsible for planning and implementing alumni events.

Any alumnus brother who has an idea for an event or who wishes to improve current events are encouraged to contact **Marty Deering '89**, Director of Alumni Events at (847) 334-7776 or deerman89@hotmail.com.

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of 113 says a lot about the difficulty of the course. Carl Alston received the trophy for the highest score, primarily for getting his cart stuck in the mud. Everyone enjoyed the

course, as tough as it was, and the Brotherhood it provided.

