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Founders' Day with the Chicago Wolves

Founders' Day 2015 was held on April 12 in Rosemont, Illinois. Thirty-five alumni brothers spanning 15 years, and their guests, gathered at Allstate Arena for an evening of hockey as the Chicago Wolves took on the Iowa Wild.

Brothers were treated to quite the game as the Wolves won a 1-0 thriller in regulation. They watched from the privacy and comfort of their own party deck, complete with food and a private bartender.

"We had a great time and enjoyed lots of laughs and good food," said **Bob Carroll '88**, Gamma Upsilon Alumni Association President.

"If you ever have the opportunity to attend a Founders' Day event, make it a point to be there. You won't be disappointed!"

Alumni were entertained all afternoon by a combination of on-ice action and off-ice antics. Brothers enjoyed catching up with old friends and making new ones.



Zach Deering meets Skates the Wolf!



Gamma Upsilon alumni gather to celebrate Founders' Day at the Chicago Wolves game on April 12, 2015. Back row (L to R): Mike Peterson '85, Glen Tisdall '82, Ray Asher '82, Jeff Nelson '88, Troy Smith '88, Steve Bartlebaugh '82, John Rettke '85, Marty Deering '89 and Tibor Meszaros '94. Front row (L to R): Bob Carroll '88, Alex Wolf '85, Karl Kulhanek '91 and Jeff Rozovics '92.

Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation Seeking New Leaders

Submitted by **Bob Carroll '88** woocarroll@aol.com

This fall, the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation (GUAC) will conduct its biannual elections for the Board of Directors at its annual meeting. The GUAC Board of Directors consists of five to nine men (presently five) elected for two-year terms. Sitting members of the Board nominate candidates and cast the votes for membership. A candidate must win a majority (50% + 1) of the votes from sitting members to be elected. Only one ballot is cast during the first round of elections.

Once new members are elected, they are immediately installed. Retiring or defeated members instantly step down. The new Board then elects five officers on the Board: president, vice-president/facility manager, secretary, treasurer and events coordinator. Beginning with president, any member may

be nominated for the office, but requires a majority of votes to be elected. If no candidate receives a majority of votes on the first ballot, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated and the ballots are cast again. This continues until one candidate receives the required majority. This process is then repeated for all subsequent offices. Before the meeting is adjourned, the Board assigns tasks for each officer and member to complete for the next meeting.

Often, the Board will recruit alumni brothers with specific abilities for certain positions on the Board. The president serves as the chief executive officer and makes decisions for the Board, subject to ratification. The president is the contact person who interacts with Theta Chi Fraternity and Bradley University,

representing the corporation before those organizations. The president also serves as the director for the annual campaign and handles all business dealings (not operations or programming) with the undergraduate chapter, such as the lease and housing contracts. For this position, therefore, we often look for a brother with experience in administration, other governing boards or the GUAC Board.

The vice-president serves as the facility manager for the chapter house (the corporation's major asset) and supervises all repairs, renovations and modifications. For this position, we often look for a brother with construction, engineering or facility management experience. The secretary is

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Gamma Upsilon Graduating Seniors - Spring 2015

Congratulations to the following six brothers who will end their undergraduate careers this spring when they graduate from Bradley University. Below is information about their fields of study and future aspirations. If you know of any open positions suited for their educational background, please contact these brothers to offer "The Helping Hand."

Matthew Blitstein

Major: Television Arts
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Matthew hopes to move to Los Angeles to pursue a career in the entertainment industry as a film editor.

Alex Bollinger

Major: Biology
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Alex wants to become a lab technician and relocate to California or Georgia to conduct research on infectious diseases.

Bahnt Freiberger

Major: Journalism
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Bahnt plans to move to Chicago or the surrounding area to pursue his journalism career in the print or e-media fields, which includes newspapers, magazines, online news sites or publishing companies. His preference is writing articles or editing the work of others.

Zachary Ortyn

Major: Spanish/French
zortyn@mail.bradley.edu
(312) 331-0728

Zachary plans to move to Spain or France to teach English and

improve his language acquisition. Since learning languages is his passion, he plans to learn additional languages. He wants to become a language professor or a translator/interpreter.

Zak Thompson

Major: Mechanical Engineering
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Zak accepted a job at BNSF Railways where he will work as an Engineering Management Trainee and plans to move to Galesburg, Illinois. He wants to work in the engineering field in some capacity that does not involve sitting at a desk all day.

Jake Ward

Major: Nursing
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Jake plans to move north to start his nursing career in hospitals in the Chicago metropolitan area. He hopes to land a position at Rush, Northwestern, UIC, Loyola or Elmhurst Hospitals working in oncology or the cardiac center.

Brothers Gather to Ring in the New Year

Submitted by **Troy Smith '88** *troyandkaren1@juno.com*

For nearly ten years, a large group of Gamma Upsilon brothers, their spouses and their children meet at Bob Chinn's Crab House in Wheeling, Illinois on a Saturday afternoon after Christmas.

The gathering is spearheaded by **John Lynch '86** and his wife, Merri Carey Lynch. Close to 40 friends and family meet up at the popular eatery for an afternoon of fun, fresh

seafood and, of course, Bob Chinn's world famous Mai Tai's.

The afternoon is spent eating, drinking and catching up after a busy holiday season. Brothers from the 80s and early 90s get the year off to a festive start and demonstrate the enduring friendships they have built over the years.

"The best part of our annual gathering is how well everyone gets along with each other," stated **Troy Smith '88**. "It really feels like an extended family gathering around the holidays. We even got **Mike 'Stretch' Deering '86** out there this year!"

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2015 Theta Chi for Life Campaign Raises Nearly \$4,000

Additional gifts needed to meet \$11,000 goal

Thanks to the 23 brothers listed below, the 2015 Theta Chi for Life Campaign has raised \$3,875 so far. The Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation (GUAC) will add these contributions to the generous gifts received last year in order to complete renovations in the chapter house - specifically a full bathroom makeover.

"Renovations to the house are no longer a want, but a serious need," stated **Bob Carroll '88**, GUAC President. "Now other housing options, including rival fraternity houses, are more appealing than the GUAC chapter house. With the help of alumni, we can change this."

Alumni are encouraged to support the 2015 Theta Chi for Life Campaign. To make your pledge, visit www.gammaupsilon.org and click "Support the Campaign." All pledges can be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or as a one-time gift.

DONOR LIST

\$3,875 pledged as of May 1, 2015

Platinum Level \$1,000 - \$5,000	Bronze Level \$100 - \$249	Participant Level \$1 - \$99
Dru A. Neikirk '88	Gustavo L. Acosta '01 Keith L. Alm '65 Thomas W. Cullinan '56	Michael A. Scheve '02 David D. Tauer '61 Eugene R. Wilkening '52 C. Merrill York '68
Gold Level \$500 - \$999	Scott G. Dolven '70	William R. Kohler, DDS '58
Jack G. Milne '54	Robert D. Goodale '69 John W. Johnson '53	Craig M. Sjurset '73
Silver Level \$250 - \$499	Hamilton I. Jones '51 Roger L. Koehler '70	Gene A. Vernon '61
John R. Boehm '84 William T. Griffin '59 William E. McKinley '55	Michael S. Mueller '70 Jeffrey A. Nelson '88 Lester A. Podgorny '54	

Seeking New Leaders

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the chief information officer and handles all correspondence and recording duties as well as the corporation's archives. The treasurer is the chief financial officer and drafts the corporation's budget, receives all funds and pays all obligations. For these positions, the Board recruits brothers with some background in those areas and the relevant skills. It is not necessary to have a CPA or be a certified financial planner to be an effective treasurer, but we do require someone with experience in preparing budgets and handling expenditures and receipts in some previous volunteer position.

The final officer is the events coordinator, as the Board decided in 2013 to attempt to actively host several social events every year. We believe this will aid us in recruiting new members for the Board and raising additional

funds for our work on the chapter house. This is a new direction for the Board; one we believe will better allow us to fulfill our mission of perpetuating Theta Chi Fraternity on the campus of Bradley University for additional generations of young men.

If you have five to ten hours a month you might be able to set aside for the Fraternity, we would appreciate your assistance. In fact, we greatly need your assistance. Several members of our Board, including myself, Vice President **Mike Scheve '02** and Secretary



Alex Wolf '85, have served for over a decade. We will continue to remain involved, but would like to turn over our offices to new members with new energy and ideas. I have served as corporation president for over 13 years and the time has come to transition out and transition another brother into my place.

The entire Board would benefit from new blood. We are actively seeking new leaders to step forward and pledge their assistance for two or three terms. A larger, more diverse and active Board will allow us to exchange offices every term or every other term, keeping everyone involved fresh, creative and committed. If you are an empty nester with additional time or your hands or a young alumnus looking to give back to the Fraternity, we welcome and appreciate your service!



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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

Name _____

Graduation Year _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Save the Dates!

2015 SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

Gamma Upsilon Chapter welcomes all brothers, their families and friends to the 15th Annual Summer Family Picnic. The picnic will be held on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at noon in Grove #28 of the Ned Brown (Busse Woods) Preserve in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. The entrance to the grove is on the south side of Golf Road east of Interstate 290/Route 53. Further details on the location can be found at fpdcc.com/busse-woods.

The picnic is an annual event and a great time for brothers and their families to see each other before summer ends and the hectic school year begins. In the event the weather does not cooperate, the grove has an enormous picnic shelter to accommodate everyone comfortably.

The alumni corporation will provide all of the food and drink, but please feel free to bring your favorite side dish or dessert if you wish. The chapter only requests your presence. Your attendance will make a good event a GREAT event!

With questions, contact **Ken Lombard '99** at (630) 362-1500 or buoxalumni@gmail.com.

KANE COUNTY COUGARS GAME SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015

On Saturday, August 15, 2015, the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation (GUAC) will sponsor a Party Suite at the Kane County Cougars game in Geneva, Illinois. The suite will open for alumni at 3:30 p.m.

Arrive early because you don't want to miss the pre-game entertainment. Michael St. Angel, a famous Elvis impersonator will perform from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Missing this concert might leave you all shook up, so make sure you're there to enjoy it!

The baseball game starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Jesse White Tumblers and concluding with a fireworks show! There will be lots of food and soft drinks available throughout the afternoon and evening. There will also be a private bartender and a cash bar available.

Attendance is limited to 30 people, so please reserve your tickets immediately. To reserve your tickets, contact **Marty Deering '89** at deerman89@hotmail.com or (847) 334-7776. Each brother is allowed to bring only *one* guest so please choose carefully.