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GAMMA UPSILON CELEBRATES 55TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION AT HOMECOMING

BOB CARROLL '88, GUCAC PRESIDENT, AND
PAT CARMODY '01, ALUMNI EVENTS COORDINATOR



Bob Carroll '88

You are invited to celebrate the 55th Anniversary of the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity. Events are scheduled for the weekend of October 28-31, 2004 in Peoria, Illinois. Because almost all of these events are open to all our Brothers and their guests, we encourage you to consider bringing your entire family. Advance reservations are recommended for all events for which a fee is indicated; no tickets will be mailed prior to the events.

The headquarters hotel for this weekend is the Holiday Inn—Brandywine (HIB), located adjacent to I-74 on War Memorial Drive across from Northwoods Mall. Smoking and non-smoking rooms are available with one queen or two doubles for a flat rate of \$69.00 per night. This includes a full breakfast buffet each morning. A limited number of junior and executive suites are available. Call the hotel at 1-800 or 1-309-686-8000 for reservations and ask for the Gamma Upsilon Alumni block. Deadline for reservations is Friday, October 8, 2004. The next day, rooms will be released to the general public, so we cannot guarantee the availability of rooms after that date, but we can guarantee the special rate so long as rooms are available. Go to the hospitality room when you arrive for socializing and schedule updates.

The events begin on Bradley's Founder's Day, Thursday, October 28, with the *Founder's Day Luncheon* in the *Michel Student Center Ballroom* honoring the recipients of the Bradley University Alumni Association's recognition awards. Tickets to this event are \$13.00 and may be obtained from the *Office of Alumni Relations* at 1-800-952-8258. That afternoon features a reception in the same *Michel Student Center Ballroom* for all members of the *BUA's Fifty Plus Club* and *Theta Chi's Golden Guard*. Invitations may also be obtained from *Alumni Relations* at 1-800-952-8258. The evening features an invitation-only dinner for the *Centurion Society*, in which Gamma Upsilon has five representatives.

Friday, October 29 marks the start of Homecoming at Bradley and our events revolve around the Bradley v. SMU soccer game that night. The Homecoming Parade kicks off at 4:30 PM, beginning on Bradley's campus and ending at Shea Stadium. You're invited to ride the Theta Chi float to the parking lot for the tailgate party and stay for the game. Tickets to the game are only \$5.00 and may be purchased at the door.

Saturday, October 30 has two morning events for early risers. The *Alumni Golf Outing* at the *Weaver Ridge Country Club* is just \$50.00 to play the championship course. Due to its popularity, advance purchase for this event is strongly recommended. *The Office of Alumni Relations* is also managing this event. Contact them at 1-800-952-8258. *Weaver Ridge* will host the *Class of 1954 Reunion Luncheon* later the same day; tickets for that event are \$30.00 and also available from *Alumni Relations*. The second event, for runners, is the annual *Homecoming 5K Race* with the *Michel Student Center Atrium* as the starting line. Registration is

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\$15.00 and may be paid up through the morning of the race. For the not-so-athletically inclined, but nostalgic, the annual **Greek Games**, the culmination of **Greek Week**, will begin at **10:00 AM** on **Meinen Field**, across from the campus and next to Campustown on the new University Drive. The B-Club will also host its annual luncheon back in the *Michel Student Center* at 11:00 AM; there are three (3) of us in the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame.

That evening features the **Red Carnation Dinner** in the **Grand Ballroom** of the hotel, beginning at **6:00 PM**; jacket and tie are required. The cost is \$35.00 per person; you must register in order to attend. At the dinner, members of the Class of 1954 will receive their Golden Guards and Silver Legions will be presented to Brothers with 25 years of active membership. Citations of Honor will be given for outstanding service and Alumni Awards for meritorious achievements. This will be our largest gathering since the Golden Anniversary in 1999, so you will want to be a part of it!

The events come to a close on **Sunday, October 31** with the **Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation Board of Directors meeting**. Many of the alumni who participated in our teleconference call in January and those that wanted to but were unable, asked for a face-to-face meeting to personally discuss the challenges confronting the chapter and the response of the alumni corporation and the Fraternity. This is the outlet for you to voice your opinions and volunteer assistance. With your Helping Hand, nothing is impossible.

Please return your registration form to **PAT CARMODY '01**, our coordinator for these alumni social events, who is handling registration duties. Please make your cheques payable to either the Gamma Upsilon Chapter Alumni Corporation or Theta Chi Fraternity. You may reach Pat with your questions at 1-630-276-8248 or carmody56@yahoo.com.

This weekend is unique in the history of the Gamma Upsilon chapter and promises to be a celebration of 55 successful years of Theta Chi Fraternity on the campus of Bradley University. Please make your plans to attend now, as we hope to see you there, renewing our bonds of Brotherhood!

Name: _____

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A. Red Carnation Recognition Dinner (October 30, 2004)

Number Attending: _____ X \$35.00 = _____

Enclose this registration form and a cheque payable to Gamma Upsilon Chapter Alumni Corporation to:
PAT CARMODY '01 * GU Anniversary Reunion Coordinator * P.O. Box 315 * Oswego, IL 60543-0315

GAMMA UPSILON 55TH ANNIVERSARY/BRADLEY UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING SCHEDULE 2004

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 – FOUNDER’S DAY

- 10 AM Founder’s Day Convocation, Dingeldine Music Center (Free – Open to All)
Honoring new inductees into the Centurion Society and faculty teaching and research awards
- 11:30 AM *Founder’s Day Luncheon, Michel Student Center Ballroom (\$13 - 800-952-8258)*
Honoring recipients of the Bradley University Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award
Outstanding Young Graduate Award
Lydia Moss Bradley Distinguished Service Award
- 4 PM *50 Plus Club Reception, Michel Student Center Ballroom (Free - 800-952-8258)*
- 6 PM Centurion Society Dinner, Michel Student Center Founder’s Room (Invitation Only)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 4 PM Tailgate Party, Shea Stadium (Food and Beverages for Sale)
- 4:30 PM Homecoming Parade to Shea Stadium (Free – Open to All)
- 7 PM Men’s Soccer v. Southern Methodist/Fireworks, Shea Stadium (\$5 at Door)
- 10 PM Alumni Night, Jimmy’s Bar and Grill

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 7:30 AM Alumni Golf Outing, Weaver Ridge Golf Club (\$50 - 800-952-8258)
- 8:30 AM Homecoming 5K Race, Michel Student Center Atrium/Campus (\$15 - 800-952-8258)
- 10 AM Greek Games, Meinen Field (Free – Open to All)
- 11 AM B-Club Lunch, Michel Student Center Alumni Reunion Dining Room
- 11:30 AM *Class of 1954 50th Anniversary Reunion Luncheon, Weaver Ridge (\$30 – 800-952-8258)*
- 6 PM Theta Chi – Gamma Upsilon 55th Anniversary Dinner (\$35 – 630-276-8248)
- 9 PM Homecoming Dance, Michel Student Center Ballroom (Pay at Door)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 11 AM Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation Meeting, Chapter House (Free – Open to Brothers)
- 1 PM Pre-Game Avanti’s Party, Shea Stadium (\$2 – 800-952-8258)
- 2 PM Men’s Soccer v. Tulsa, Shea Stadium (\$5 at Door)

CHAPTER PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

NICK BARTLETT ’06

We, the undergraduate members of Gamma Upsilon chapter are proud to announce that this year to date, we have pledged and initiated three new members into the chapter. MITCH FRONDAL, JAMES HUNSBERGER and BEN RHOADES have already shown their enthusiasm and excitement about the unique situation we face. In addition, in fall 2003, RYAN PHELPS was initiated. With this capable and dedicated group of men, we will be returning 8 men to campus in fall 2004.

We look to continue and build upon our successful informal recruiting for the remainder of the semester. Then, as our new initiates have already begun planning, we look toward formal recruitment next fall. Rest assured, Gamma Upsilon has hit the turning point it has been looking for in previous years.

FORMAL RECRUITMENT DATES SET

The dates for the Bradley Interfraternity Council's formal recruitment (formerly known as Rush) are set. The first round will be the evening of Friday, August 27th and the afternoon of Saturday, August 28th. September 3-4 are reserved for rounds two and three. The chapter asks that any alumnus who can spare some time to lend a Helping Hand plan now to be there on Friday. As added incentive, the alumni corporation will conduct a business meeting on Sunday, August 29th at the chapter house. Contact Ken Lombard (oxcab@hotmail.com) for more details on how you can help make this critical Fall recruitment season a success! The minimum numerical goal for recruitment is 10; there is no stated goal for formal rush, although the chapter is aiming for six. The chapter has to produce 12 housing contracts for 2005-2006 to retain possession of the house for that academic year.

BROTHER JOHNSON RECEIVES ALUMNUS AWARD OF THETA CHI FRATERNITY

BOB CARROLL '88, GUCAC PRESIDENT

On Thursday, April 29, the Gamma Upsilon Chapter Alumni Corporation (GUCAC) presented the Alumnus Award of Theta Chi Fraternity to **BRUCE F. JOHNSON '66** at the tenth annual Chicago Area Bradley Theta Chi Reception, co-hosted with Bradley University. Brother Johnson received the award, only the ninth chapter member to receive the award in our history, for exceptional dedication, generosity and leadership on our recently completed front lawn landscaping project. Also present at the ceremony were **CHRIS BOURSEAU '83**, **BOB CARROLL '88**, **MARTY DEERING '89**, **CHUCK EBELING '66**, **BOB HIBBARD '64**, **STEVE NOVAK '63** and **ALEX WOLF '85**. The event was held at The Lodge, on the campus of McDonald's Inc. in Oak Brook, Illinois, a location Brother Ebeling found familiar, since he retired this year from McDonald's as Assistant Vice-President.

UNDERGRADUATES AND ALUMNI TO PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES

KEN LOMBARD '99, GAMMA UPSILON ALUMNUS ADVISOR

This summer, several undergraduate and alumnus members will be participating in two leadership seminars designed to bring new ideas and skills to Gamma Upsilon. The alumni corporation is reimbursing all of these participants for their attendance; more informed brothers make better leaders and benefit the entire chapter.

This summer marks the 148th anniversary National Convention of Theta Chi Fraternity; it will run from Wednesday, July 21 through Sunday, July 25. The convention will feature a legislative session, election of four Grand Chapter officers, the 32nd School of Fraternity Practices for both undergraduate and alumni members, the annual foursome golf tournament, and the 4th NHC Alumni Training Workshop, all on the grounds of the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort in Phoenix, Arizona. Attending will be undergraduate brothers **RYAN PHELPS '07** (delegate), chapter vice-president, **MITCH FRONDAL '07**, chapter treasurer, **BEN RHOADES '07**, chapter secretary and alumnus brother **SEAN DONCARLOS '03** (delegate).

Two weeks before Convention, Campuspeak, an independent campus affairs programming agency, will hold its annual Recruitment Boot Camps this summer at four locations across the country; one will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 11 at the Hyatt Regency. Attending will be undergraduate brother **JAMES HUNSBERGER '07**, chapter recruitment director.

We are pleased that all four of our new members initiated last year will be attending one of these prestigious summer sessions. Sophomores benefit most from these events and our youngest brothers are eager to learn and apply their new knowledge and skills this fall.

SARASOTA ALUMNI GATHERING

ROGER ROSZELL '57

In recent years, a significant number of our chapter's alumni moved to Florida. We planned a social event to introduce brothers to each and get them up to speed with recent chapter and university activities. Held March 28th at the historic Field Club of Sarasota, former family estate of the Marshall Field family, the event coincided with the existing annual Sarasota alumni event for Bradley University.

A wonderful group of Bradley alumni assembled to listen to a presentation by the university and view an inspiring video; *100 Years of Bradley Basketball*. Following the luncheon, 12 of the 35 attendees were Gamma Upsilon brothers-turned-Floridians who stuck around to talk old times and discuss current affairs of the chapter. 11 of the 12 are pictured at right on the grounds of the Field Club.



FRONT LANDSCAPING COMPLETE

MIKE SCHEVE '02, CHAPTER FACILITY MANAGER

At last, I proudly announce the completion of the front landscaping project! After two years of planning and preparation, the project finally came to fruition in August of 2003.

Brother **PAT CARMODY '01** and I imagined a new front lawn centered around the flagpole more than two years ago. With his help, we were able to contact several landscape contractors to bid on the project. Soon after receiving some bids, we started selling bricks to fund the project's \$18,000 price tag. After raising about a fourth of the project's cost, the donations were invested in a certificate of deposit waiting to raise the rest of the project's funds.

Two years later brick sales resumed and the GUCAC committed to putting the project to final completion. Through brick sales alone we were able to raise about \$8,000! But when we went back to the landscape contractor the price had risen to over \$27,000! So with the help of several brothers, we were able to do a lot of the work ourselves. I would like to thank the following brothers for their help with a few aspects of the project:

Removal of the old landscape: **JASON JACKSON '01**, **CHRIS VIRGIN '03** and **ROSS VORHAUER '01**. Construction of the new retaining wall: **KEN LOMBARD '99**, **TOM RODGERS '04** and **CHRIS VIRGIN '03**. Their help was invaluable in completing the project on time and under budget. I couldn't have done it without them.

The project ended up costing just under \$16,000. Including the purchases and the interest from the brick sales, we had raised \$10,000 total, then Brother **BRUCE F. JOHNSON '66** stepped in and funded the remainder of the project with an outstanding contribution! We all owe brother Johnson fraternity honors and a warm thank-you for this extension of The Helping Hand.

I invite all brothers to visit the chapter house to see the new landscaping. The front of the chapter house is the best on Bradley's campus; very professional, and very Theta Chi.



PERSPECTIVE ON IMPROMPTU ALUMNI WEEKEND

STEVE BARTLEBAUGH '85

After the big state-of-the-chapter conference call in January, an impromptu alumni weekend was announced for February via e-mail. The idea was for us alums to visit Peoria a week after Bradley's alumni weekend to help the undergraduate chapter, as they would be bringing by some recruits. Of course, the other factor for many of us was to visit the chapter, not knowing if it would be for the final time. Believe it or not it's been 20 years for my pledge brothers since graduation. So, I started to e-mail (some would say "spam") some of my fellow comrades in an effort to encourage a group of us to make the trip. Some of our e-mails contained chapter trivia. A reminder as to how much we still remember about each other and the incredible time we had as undergraduate Theta Chis.



I took off Friday from work and gassed up the car, ready to make the trip from the North Chicago suburbs. As I pulled into campus, I decided to drive around a little and see Fredonia Avenue. I pulled into the house parking lot and the backdoor was locked; you forget with just a few guys living in the house, there are security issues! I went around front and met **NICK BARTLETT '06**, chapter president, and then headed to Jimmy's Bar for a pre-arranged get together with those of us who could make it down Friday. Just driving up the hill and seeing The Lucky Lady and Rocky's/Cy's brought back tons of memories. It's amazing to see those two big establishments with empty parking lots, while Jimmy's 50 parking spots are jammed; Jimmy's was our local hangout before it became a campus establishment back in '84/'85. We find out Jimmy himself is working tonight; he remembers us! A group of Sigma Kappas we knew in school meet us at the bar...this is way too much déjà vu and way too much fun. The crew heads out to downtown P-town. The night ends late and by the next morning my voice is shot. It usually takes a whole weekend, but not this time.

Saturday, more brothers are arriving. We hit the house and have lunch nearby at Gorman's Pub (now in an on-campus strip mall, weird). I realize how much I miss the bull sessions while eating and discussing the events of the night before. We head back to the chapter house and watch the Pledging Ceremony for **MITCH FRONDAL**, the newest member; I swear that I found myself tearing up. It felt so incredibly good to see the tradition being passed on and how important it is that we never lose our presence on Bradley's campus. Next up is dinner at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse and Steve's Italian body is tired. I scramble back to my room at the Red Roof Inn to shower. I'm running late and I also am not sure where I'm going. I had seen a note on the chapter dry erase board that said the place is near the Northwood's Mall. I figure my lovely motel is nearby, so no problem. Wrong, I can't find the place. For those who know me, this isn't a first. I figure I'm back in college, my car will just know where to go...oh well, sorry guys; I really do feel bad about missing the dinner. I head back toward campus and settle on a Gondola from Avanti's before heading to the Civic Center for the Bradley vs. Northern Illinois men's basketball game. I run into **TOM MCCLINTICK '52** before the game. Tom tells me how sad he is. He has attended a meeting with **BOB CARROLL '88** and Bradley reps earlier in the week about what happens if Theta Chi leaves the chapter house. I see his face in the back of my head the rest of the weekend and it reminds me how important it is for the chapter to stay alive and for the house with Tom's name on it to stay open and filled with Theta Chis.

I wake up the next morning, sad to be leaving, happy that the undergrads are showing effort and are closing in on recruitment goals, and weary not knowing what's next and how to help the most. One last visit to the Fraternity. It's 11 AM Sunday and the L-Room is alive. My God, it feels just like when we were in school. A bunch of obnoxious food cooking, smells competing for your battered senses, bodies strewn about the furniture, and stories being traded. There it is in front of my eyes: The Bonds of Brotherhood. I can't describe it, but every one of you knows the feeling. You're talking with 20 of your best friends and you want the moment to last forever...just like you want our chapter to do the same. I get in the car and head home.

Like a lot of other brothers, I went to visit Gamma Upsilon thinking I was going to attend a funeral, but it felt just like a christening. Maybe this is the rebirth of dear old Theta Chi on the BU campus!

SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC

CHICAGO AREA FAMILY PICNIC IS HERE!

The third annual Chicago area family picnic is already upon us! Be sure you don't miss it this year—mark your calendars for Saturday, July 10th, noon to sundown, in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. Have a great time with the brothers and bring the whole family for some good, clean summertime fun. Food, drinks, games and more are already planned, along with a few new surprises.

Located in the Cook County Forest Preserves, Busse Woods has an excellent bicycle trail and our grove is right along it, so bring your bikes for a nature ride. There's also Busse Lake right off the picnic site, which has terrific fishing opportunities. Be sure you have a valid fishing license, however. The preserve also rents boats for a small fee at their launch—no motors are permitted though. Check the website for more info! <http://users.rcn.com/clonk/CCFPD/Busse/>.

The picnic this year is at **Grove 31 of Busse Woods**, located near the intersection of I-290 (a.k.a Route 53) and I-90 (Northwest Tollway), just east of Woodfield Mall. A map of Busse Woods is available at http://www.fpdcc.com/downloads/busse_woods_pg.pdf.

Please pre-register for this event so we can get a preliminary head count. Either mail in the form on the back of this issue or send an email to oxcab@hotmail.com or dadawg_77@hotmail.com with your name, number of people attending and ages of children. The Picnic will cost \$15 per Brother, \$10 for a Spouse/Fiancée/Girlfriend/Guest and \$5 per Child. Make checks payable to: Theta Chi Fraternity and send them to Picnic Coordinator Patrick Rutherford at 1604 West Cullom Avenue, Garden Apt, Chicago, IL 60613. You can also send the payment via Paypal. Because we are not a premiere member, we cannot accept payment made with credit cards, only cash from an attached bank account. The Paypal ID is dadawg_77@hotmail.com. You may pay the day of the event and pre-registration is not a requirement to attend, but we may not have enough food and drinks for you otherwise.



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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Enclose this registration form and a cheque payable to Theta Chi Fraternity:
Picnic Coordinator **PATRICK RUTHERFORD** at 1604 West Cullom Avenue, Garden Apt, Chicago, IL 60613

ALUMNI UPDATE



Mike Deering

MIKE DEERING '85

Mike Deering and family is moving.
His new address is:
820 Lill Street
Barrington, Illinois 60010.