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## GAMMA UPSILON ALUMNI CORPORATION ANNOUNCES ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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Bob Carroll '88

Greetings brothers! I hope this issue of *Manifesto* finds you doing well personally and professionally. As you are no doubt well aware, 2006 will mark the 150th Anniversary of the creation of Theta Chi Fraternity by two undergraduate students of Norwich University. For many of us, like myself, who were not around for the Centennial in 1956 (or were not members of the Fraternity or did not even know of its existence) and will not be around for the Bicentennial in 2056, this event, our Sesquicentennial, will be the largest Fraternal celebration we will experience.

To prepare for that experience; to better steward the preservation and maintenance of the undergraduate Chapter housing facility; to provide incentives to the undergraduate Chapter for continued improvement; and to create an income stream to better allow the Alumni Corporation to create annual and capital budgets, the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation announces its annual campaign for the 2005-6 academic year. The idea behind an annual campaign is to create a community of donors that will give the same amount of money each year, allowing the board of directors the opportunity to factor alumni contributions into our financial plan. Our goal for the 2005-6 fiscal year is 100 alumni contributing \$100 each for annual giving, totaling \$10,000. With this campaign, we are not asking brothers to give \$100 this year and then wait and see next year; we are asking brothers to give \$100 per year for the rest of their lives, or at the very least, the next 25 years. Thus, we are not asking for a gift of \$100, but an annual installment of a gift of \$2,500.

In return for this investment in the Chapter and the Alumni Corporation, brothers will be assured of continuing to receive postal mailed hard copies of *Manifesto* for the remainder of their lives and an invitation to receive a complimentary breakfast and attend an annual meeting at Homecoming. At this annual meeting, the board of directors will explain how contributions will be spent and alumni may voice their opinions to guide those spending decisions. Annual contributors will also receive two free passes to the annual Summer Family Picnic.

This annual campaign commences immediately. Our objective is to add 10 donors each month from August 2005 through May 2006. If circumstances do not permit you to make a contribution of \$100 or more, depending on your comfort level, for this year, then please give whatever amount you are able to get into the habit of donating each year. Each month, our electronic newsletter, *The Monthly Update*, will list those new members of the annual campaign and brothers who contribute before December 31 will be acknowledged in the next issue of *Manifesto*.

As special incentive, upon achieving 20 annual donors, the Alumni Corporation will establish an electronic funds transfer (EFT) system that enables brothers to contribute through secured, automatic deduction from a checking, savings or credit card account. The installments could then be taken annually, or, even more conveniently, monthly. Those who prefer to pay by check may continue to do so and will receive renewal notices every August and January.

To give you some idea where your money donated during the 2005–6 year will be spent, included in this issue are two resolutions drafted by the board of directors this summer. The first pertains to the individual responsibilities of undergraduate brothers and the reward they will receive should they fulfill those responsibilities. The second addresses the collective responsibilities of the undergraduate Chapter and the reward it will receive should it meet those obligations. Also included in this *Manifesto* is a report from our treasurer on the state of the Alumni Corporation finances.

The following brothers have already joined the annual campaign: **BOB CARROLL '88**, **MIKE DEERING '85**, **SEAN DONCARLOS '03**, **JOHN LYNCH '86**, **JOHN MUSKARA '85** and **ALEX WOLF '85**.

If you choose to accept the challenges of the annual campaign, please complete the attached form and return it to our Director of Fundraising **PAT CARMODY '01** with your personal check payable to: Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation. While greatly appreciated, your donations are not deductible from federal or state income taxes. The Alumni Corporation is a 501-c-3 organization (general not-for-profit), not a 501-c-7 foundation (tax-exempt not-for-profit).

I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration of this request, brothers. Theta Chi for Life!

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## TREASURER UPDATE

MIKE SCHEVE '02

The Corporation is running a deficit budget this year, due to a number of factors. The largest contributor to this deficit is the number of undergraduates in the Chapter house. The Alumni Corporation has taken on different expenses that the Chapter traditionally takes on. The combination of these two factors has created a deficit budget of about \$2,700. In order to combat this, the Corporation has started to push back some of these expenses to the Chapter. The Chapter is able to take on these expenses due to an increase in the number of brothers living in the Chapter house, and a few changes in how they budget their money.

Overall our expenses for 2005 are budgeted at \$11,400, and so far we have spent \$6,600. As far as income goes, we have budgeted \$8,700, and we have collected \$5,200, to date. That leaves a \$2,700 deficit in the budget, and our current deficit is \$1,500.

As the Chapter size grows, and donation campaigns get under way, the finances of the Corporation will become more stable. From there we will be able to save budget surpluses and add them to our investment account. With any luck this should occur in 2006.

If you would like a copy of the budget and a detailed accounting report, feel free to contact me. I can be reached via e-mail at [mscheve02@yahoo.com](mailto:mscheve02@yahoo.com), or by snail mail at 24 S. Addison St., #300, Bensenville, IL 60106. Donations to the corporation can also be sent to this address.

# GAMMA UPSILON ALUMNI CORPORATION

## RESOLUTION #1

The Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation shall pay the registration fee and travel expenses (airfare) for all undergraduate brothers who wish to attend the Theta Chi Sesquicentennial Anniversary Convention on June 8–11, 2006 at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont, provided those brothers meet the following four (4) requirements:

For returning initiates and new members initiated during the Fall 2005 semester:

1. Sign a housing contract to live in the Chapter house for part (seniors graduating in December 2006 ONLY) or all (everyone else) of the 2006–7 academic year; and
2. Have a clean financial bill of health with the Chapter, owing no current or back debt; and
3. Earn a minimum grade point average of at least a 3.0 with 12 credit hours for both the Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 academic semesters; and
4. Be elected or appointed to a year-long Chapter office for the 2006 calendar year.

For new members initiated during the Spring 2006 semester, requirements three and four shall be modified as follows:

3. Earn a minimum grade point average of at least a 3.0 with 12 credit hours for the Spring 2006 academic semester AND a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 with 24 credit hours for the 2005–6 academic year; and
4. Be elected or appointed to a Chapter office for the Fall 2006 semester.

All undergraduate brothers who attend the convention shall be required to:

1. Earn the Key Man with an E Award from the School of Fraternity Practices; and
2. Write a summary of what he learned from the experience for publication in *Manifesto*.

The Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation reserves the right to waive and/or modify any of these requirements upon appeal from an undergraduate brother but shall not create any additional requirements.

## RESOLUTION #2

The Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation shall purchase for the undergraduate Chapter a new, large-screen television (the exact type shall be mutually agreeable to both parties), provided the Chapter meets the following three (3) requirements:

1. Recruit, pledge, and initiate eleven (11) new members on or before April 30, 2006. New members who are recruited and pledged, but who are not initiated, shall not count toward this requirement. All new members must meet the Chapter's minimum requirements for grade point average to count toward this requirement.
2. All new members initiated during the 2005–6 academic year must sign a housing contract to live in the Chapter house for the 2006–7 academic year.
3. All returning members for the 2005–6 academic year, except graduating seniors, must sign a housing contract to live in the Chapter house for the 2006–7 academic year.

The Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation reserves the right to extend and/or modify these requirements upon appeal from the undergraduate Chapter but shall not create any additional requirements.

THIS IS MY FRATERNITY  
THIS IS MY CHAPTER  
THESE ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES  
THIS IS MY REWARD

# BROTHER BANE TO RECEIVE BUAA DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

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I am pleased to announce that our respected Chapter brother, **KEITH BANE '62**, has been selected as the recipient of the Bradley University Alumni Association's 2005 Distinguished Alumnus Award (DAA). Keith will receive the award at the Founder's Day Recognition Luncheon on Friday, October 21, 2005, as part of ceremonies marking the 108th anniversary of the founding of Bradley University. Tickets for this luncheon may be ordered at 800.952.8258 from the BU Office of Alumni Relations. Earlier that same day, Keith will be inducted into the Centurion Society at the Founder's Day Convocation in Dingeldine Hall. Keith is the fourth Theta Chi to receive the DAA following **GILBERT GORDON '55** (1986), **JOHN SHALIKASHVILI '58** (1998), **BRUCE BAGGE '62** (2003); and the six Theta Chi Centurion, along with the previous three brothers and **KEITH ALM '65** (2001) and **HOWARD MCKIBBEN '62** (2003).

Keith received the award because his professional efforts have resulted in a change for the better in significant private sector institutions (Motorola, Inc.) and fields of endeavor (international business and global commerce). Upon graduating first in his class from the Northwestern University School of Law in 1968 with a Juris Doctorate, he joined both the law firm of Kirkland and Ellis and the Illinois State Bar Association, specializing in commercial law. By 1973, he rose to the position of partner with Kirkland and Ellis. That year, he joined Motorola, Inc. as Director of Acquisitions, responsible for mergers with other enterprises and purchases of smaller companies. In succession, he was appointed Vice President and Director of Business Development (1977), Vice President and Director of Corporate Strategy (1982), Corporate Vice President (1984), Senior Vice President (1989), and named Chief Corporate Staff Officer and elected to the Motorola Management Board in 1993. In 1995, he joined the board of directors for Nextel, Inc., a breakaway corporation of Motorola; Keith recommended creating Nextel to focus exclusively on Motorola's expanding wireless communications products and services. Also in 1995, he was named Executive Vice President for Business Development and Corporate Strategy, which determines the long-term vision for Motorola. In 1997, he was appointed a member of the Latin American Management Board, responsible for developing products and services to Spanish speaking countries of the Western Hemisphere and worked with the regional management team to develop Latin American strategies. Also in 1997, he was named President for the Americas Region, assuming responsibility for all of Motorola's operations within North, Central and South America. In 1999, Keith was appointed President of Global Strategy and Corporate Development, the third highest-ranking officer within the entire corporation. He retired from Motorola on March 30, 2003, but remains a distinguished member of the Board of Directors of Nextel.

Brother Bane's service as a member of the American armed forces demonstrates his irreproachable character and outstanding citizenship, another requirement for the award. While at Bradley, he was an active member of the U.S. Naval Reserves Officer Training Corp. Upon graduation in 1961, with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, Keith was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and served in the reserves for one year before volunteering for active duty. From 1962 to 1965, Keith was stationed on the destroyer *U.S.S. Maddox*.

Brother Bane's service to Bradley University is equally as impressive as his professional achievements and brings distinction to himself, his alma mater and Theta Chi Fraternity. In 1983, Keith was named a charter member of the Bradley University Council, a university-level advisory board created to counsel the University in matters of advancement and development. That same year, the BU Council initiated the Campaign for Bradley, our first modern, large-scale fundraising campaign, and Keith was named Chicago Area Vice-President of the campaign, and given the objective of raising half of the campaign's goals from Chicago area alumni, businesses and foundations. Because of his success with this campaign, his remarkable professional career and his admired personal judgment, Keith was elected to the Board of Trustees of Bradley University in 1987. Keith served on the BU Council and as Chicago Area Vice President of the Campaign for Bradley until 1989 and on the Board of Trustees until 1990, when his increasing professional responsibilities necessitated his resignation. Keith has also been and remains active in many church and community service organizations, including chairing the local YMCA fundraising committee and serving on Board of Directors of the local United Way. He is a recipient of the prestigious Alumnus Award of Theta Chi Fraternity and the Silver Legion, marking 25 years of active membership.

# CHAPTER ADVISOR REPORT

SEAN M. DONCARLOS, '03, CHAPTER ADVISOR

The undergraduate Chapter is shaping up to a promising start to the 2005-2006 academic year. The undergraduates are in high spirits, are actively recruiting informally, are actively involving themselves out of the house, and are generally showing marked improvement in most areas of Chapter operations.

Most importantly, the undergraduates no longer seem to be radiating defensiveness or desperation like they were last year. While it is hard to explain through the written word, the undergraduates somehow appear much more "genuine" as a Chapter than they did last year. They are individually and collectively portraying more confidence in themselves and more pride as a Chapter. It was enough to make a striking difference to me during my visit on August 27; hopefully it will also begin to make a striking difference in recruitment, as well.

Formal Recruitment concluded with one new member, James Fuerst, accepting a bid. Informal recruitment has already yielded one new member, and the Chapter continues to pursue several quality candidates they have already identified. The Chapter has already critically evaluated its performance during Formal Recruitment and identified areas to be strengthened for the next Formal Recruitment. Also, the Chapter received assistance from Brent Liner, a Leadership and Education Consultant who visited the Chapter between First and Second Rounds.

All the Chapter officers were able to speak articulately about their goals and programs for the semester. I spoke with the Marshal (Ryan Phelps) about the new member education program; he expects to initiate at least one batch of new members before Homecoming. Pledging In is scheduled for Sunday, September 18. Initiation is being worked around fall break and mid-term exams, so he does not yet have firm dates.



The main project of Work Week 2005 was the re-tiling of the floor in the kitchen. The results have greatly enhanced the appearance of the kitchen, as the previous tiles were damaged from a botched cleaning attempt several years ago.

The undergraduates have made great strides academically, vaulting to a Spring 2005 Chapter GPA of 3.06, which placed Theta Chi third among 14 fraternities. The Chapter's 3.06 also beat both the All Men's Average (2.93) and the All Fraternity Average (2.84) by sizable margins. The Chapter had three members on the Dean's List (3.50 or higher) for the Spring 2005 semester.

Theta Chi was ranked sixth of 14 fraternities last year in IFC intramural sports. (Yes, really!) The Chapter is far more athletic than previously, and it seems they are using this to their advantage in recruitment.

The Chapter has received three Chapter Excellence Awards from the Chapter Leadership Conference this summer: Alumni Relations, Internet Technology and Finance. I asked the Chapter why we did not achieve a Ritual award (as we have for years), and they said that IHQ said it did not receive enough supporting documentation. I encourage our alumni to visit the undergraduate website at <http://www.buox.org>; the undergraduates update it periodically with news and photos.

All in all, the Chapter has made great strides in virtually every aspect of Chapter operations and has built a solid foundation for the future.



# THETA CHI ALUMNI AND FAMILY ATTEND PICNIC

KEN LOMBARD '99, GUCAC SECRETARY

On July 30, over 50 Gamma Upsilon alumni and family members attended the annual family picnic in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. It turned out to be a beautiful day at Busse Woods. However, the summer sun managed to win the softball game as brothers decided to retreat to the comfort of the grove's shelter to reminisce about old times and update each other on newer happenings. Congratulations go out to **TROY SMITH '87**, who won the 50/50 raffle. Special thanks to brother **PAT RUTHERFORD '00** for organizing the event and brothers **MIKE SCHEVE '02** and **ERIC KAUKE '00** for securing the food and drinks. A great time was had by all and it was great to see some brothers who we haven't seen in a while. We hope to expand the picnic next year to include more interactive games for the kids and are possibly looking at moving the event to a different preserve to make it more easily accessible. If you have any suggestions for next year's picnic, or would like to get more involved in the planning, feel free to contact me at: [buoxalumni@gmail.com](mailto:buoxalumni@gmail.com). Thanks again to everyone who came out and we hope to see you at Homecoming!



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## GUIDING UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERSHIP

ALEX WOLF '85, GUCAC VICE PRESIDENT; CHAIRMAN, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Two years ago a Membership Committee was formed by the Alumni Corporation. This was done at my request to review the membership activities the Chapter undertakes. Membership is the most important aspect of Theta Chi and needs to be given our full attention. All of the projects we undertake have the goal of improving the brotherhood and the facilities, which indirectly helps membership. My belief is that a cohesive membership system that includes goals, plans and execution of membership activities would improve our Chapter as a whole.

There are two reasons to support this idea. First, the turnover of the undergraduate membership chair is designed to occur every year or so. This leads to a constant re-education process. This is a good thing as we want to teach leadership; however, the downside is that there is no lasting oversight by the undergraduate Chapter. The brothers have always informally passed on the system and watched over the membership activities. Second, the face of recruitment has been changing fast. Passing on the old system was not working. A new plan was needed. Informal rushing is the most successful strategy and is the future of membership.

All the undergraduate members should be given credit for this success. Their effort and attitude are exemplary. Faced with seemingly endless challenges they have improved the signed housing contracts from 7 last year to 10 this year. They did so through sheer effort of getting to know people on campus. With resources stretched they have given more than what is asked of them. This has been critical, especially at this volatile point in the history of Gamma Upsilon and the House in which we have shared so many memories.

My plan for the committee is to review with the undergraduates the tactics that work and document a plan that can be passed on to future membership chairmen. We have an opportunity to build on this success that we cannot afford to pass up.

There are many more topics that we can discuss as alumni. What the actives would find helpful from the alumni, Bradley's changing rush format and IFC's plans for rush are among the most important. If you have any interest in being a part of this Membership Committee, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at: [closer25@aol.com](mailto:closer25@aol.com).

# BRADLEY UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING OCT. 28-30

Bradley University will hold its annual Homecoming festivities the last weekend in October and Theta Chi will have several events as part of the weekend's celebration. Please allow us to draw your attention to three special attractions.

First, the annual Golden Guard Luncheon, reuniting those brothers with 50 or more years of membership in the Fraternity, will take place at noon on Friday, October 28, at the Woodcutter Inn in Peoria. This event was a huge success last year, as over 30 senior alumni brothers attended from across the country. Like last year, the event organizer, **JOHN JOHNSON '53** is asking those brothers who cannot attend to send him a photograph and an update on themselves. Later that afternoon, Bradley will host a Fifty Plus Club reception for those alumni from the Classes of 1955 and prior.

Second, after attending the Class of 1955 Reunion Luncheon or the Greek Games on Saturday, October 29, join us at the All-Alumni Dinner that evening in our private dining room at Alexander's Steakhouse. The dinner will allow alumni to order from a limited menu and pay their own tab (with an added 15% gratuity), so there is no set amount alumni are required to spend on dinner; you can eat as extravagantly or cheaply as you desire. Relax and converse with fellow alumni as you cook-your-own-dinner or allow the staff to do it for you. The Alumni Corporation will present alumni recognition awards at this dinner.

Third, the annual Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation brunch, featuring a report on the status of the Fraternity, the Alumni Corporation, and the Chapter, will take place at 11:00 AM on Sunday, October 30, at the Chapter house. A question and answer session with the Board of Directors highlights the morning.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- Theta Chi Golden Guard Luncheon at Woodcutter Inn (noon–2 PM)  
For details, please contact **JOHN JOHNSON '53** at 309.589.8577 or bigjohnpeo@lhvpeoria.org.
- BU Fifty Plus (50+) Club Reception at Michel Student Center (4:00 PM)
- BU Chili Supper at Robertson Memorial Fieldhouse (5:00 PM)
- BU Men's Basketball Scrimmage (Red versus White) at Robertson Fieldhouse (6:30 PM)  
For more information about the above three events, please contact the Alumni Center at 800.952.8258. Registration is not required.
- Alumni Night at Jimmy's Pub (8:00 PM)

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- Bradley University Greek Alumni Advisory Council Breakfast Meeting (9:00 AM)  
For details, please contact **BOB CARROLL '88** at 708.720.2397 or woocarroll@aol.com.
- BU Greek Games at Lower Bradley Park (11:00 AM–1:00 PM)
- BU Class of 1955 Reunion Luncheon (11:30 AM)  
To register for this event, please contact the Alumni Center at 800.952.8258.
- BU Tailgate Party at Shea Stadium parking lot (4:30 PM)
- BU Homecoming Parade from campus to Shea Stadium (5:30 PM)
- Theta Chi All-Alumni Dinner at Alexander's Steakhouse (6:00–8:00 PM)  
100 Alexander Street. Registration is not required, but to aid us in giving an accurate headcount to the dining establishment, please contact **ALEX WOLF '85** at 847.797.6692 or 847.401.2553 or closer25@aol.com.
- Bradley versus Western Kentucky University in men's soccer at Shea Stadium (7:00 PM). Fireworks to follow the game.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- Brunch meeting of the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation (11:00 AM–1:00 PM)  
Complimentary brunch will be provided to all brothers who attend. Registration is not required, but to assist us with an accurate count, please contact **ALEX WOLF '85**.

Host Hotel: Baymont Inn (the former Fairfield Inn) at I-74 and War Memorial Drive. Ask for the Bradley Homecoming special of \$74 per night, which includes a continental breakfast in the morning and a copy of that day's *Peoria Journal-Star* at 309.686.7600 or [www.baymontinns.com](http://www.baymontinns.com). The alternative is the Red Roof Inn (309.685.3911 or [www.redroof.com](http://www.redroof.com)) just a block east on War Memorial that runs \$53 to \$60 per night.

Please note that I-74 through downtown Peoria is under construction and impassable. To reach the hotel from the north, take I-55 or I-39 south to Illinois 116 west to US 150 west; this is War Memorial Drive in Peoria. From the south and east, take I-74 to I-474 (the bypass is open) then travel east on I-74 to the War Memorial Exit, which is where the highway closes.

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# ALUMNI UPDATE

**JAMES L. OLSON '51 (CHAPTER ETERNAL)** The Fraternity was saddened to learn of the passing of Founding Father Jim Olson on January 1, 2005 at age 84 in Morton, Illinois. Brother Olson was born April 6, 1920 in Leland, Illinois to Ellis L. and Charlotte A. Halverson Olson. His parents and two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death; his wife Doris Hill Olson and his sister Dorothy Olson Stratton survive him.

Like many of our Founding Fathers, Jim was a veteran of the Army Air Corps in World War II, graduating from Bradley after the war in 1951. He worked for Caterpillar, Inc. from graduation until 1982, retiring as a senior pricing accountant. He married Doris on May 3, 1952; they were married for over 52 years. He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Peoria and a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

A simple and generous man, Brother Olson was cremated and a graveside service with internment of cremains was held on January 6, 2005 at Hirstein Cemetery in Morton. Memorials may be made to one of three organizations Jim supported throughout his life: the American Heart Association (Midwest Affiliate, Memorial and Tribute Program, Department 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678-3968); the Tazewell Animal Protection Society (2675 Allentown Road, Pekin, IL 61554); or the TCRC Sight Center (21310 Illinois Route 9, Tremont, IL 61568).

**JOHN W. JOHNSON '53** John received the Citation of Honor of Theta Chi Fraternity in October 2004 for his assistance in organizing and promoting the first annual Golden Guard Luncheon, a luncheon especially for our senior brothers with 50 (or more) years of membership in the Fraternity. Thanks to his efforts, over 30 men eligible for the luncheon attended. John is already working on the second annual Golden Guard Luncheon for this fall at Homecoming.

John also recently moved from his home of 42 years to Lutheran Hillside Village, a senior retirement community in Peoria. He may be reached at his new address, telephone and e-mail: 6901 N. Greenwood Road #420, Peoria, IL 61614 or 309.589.8577 or [bigjohnpeo@lhvpeoria.org](mailto:bigjohnpeo@lhvpeoria.org).

**LESTER A. PODGORNÝ '54** Les also received a Citation of Honor of Theta Chi Fraternity in October 2004 for promoting the 50th Anniversary Reunion of the Class of 1955. Thanks to Les' efforts, 15 men from that graduating class participated in the weekend's festivities.

Les may be reached at: 3841 44th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98105-5448 or 206.523.0336 or [podgorny@earthlink.net](mailto:podgorny@earthlink.net).