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JOIN THE GAMMA UPSILON ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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I trust all of you have been looking forward to spring as much as I! And with the spring renewal, we are asking all of you to renew your commitment to The Helping Hand of Theta Chi Fraternity. As many of you know, last August, we launched our Annual Capital Campaign asking for participation from brothers who have received awards from the Fraternity in recent years. Participation from this group of brothers has been outstanding. I would like to thank the following brothers who have made a combined commitment of almost \$2,500 annually already:

KEITH BANE '61	JOHN JOHNSON '53	ORVILLE PELLETIER '54
ROBERT CARROLL '88	JOHN LYNCH '86	LESTER PODGORNÝ '54
GEOFFREY DIXON '95	MICHAEL MUELLER '70	MICHAEL SCHEVE '02
GREG FLETCHER '70	JOHN MUSKARA '85	THOMAS STOREY '53
BUD FORREST '60	DRU NEIKIRK '88	ARNO WEHR '62
KEN HOLLMAN '54	BOB O'FARRELL '54	ALEX WOLF '85
TOM HOWARD '05	MIKE O'NEILL '82	MERRILL YORK '68

We are now reaching out to the rest of you, especially our contributors to the Annual Fund at Bradley University and the Foundation Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity, and asking for your cooperation and participation. This campaign does not require a significant donation from any one brother. What we are asking is that each of you pledge a fixed dollar amount over a fixed number of years. This provides the Alumni Corporation with a reliable yearly income to leverage financing and to budget for future projects.

The income from this Annual Capital Campaign will be used specifically for capital improvements to the chapter house facility. We have been discussing a total rehabilitation project for the chapter kitchen, bathroom and rack room for several years. Upon completion, this project will increase chapter house capacity and make the house more of an appealing place to live. We would like to have this project completed by the beginning of the school year in 2010. With your help, we may be able to finish ahead of schedule. *(continued on page 2)*

Please take a moment to complete the Annual Campaign form attached to this issue of *The Manifesto*. Drop it in the mail, along with a check to the Gamma Upsilon Chapter Alumni Corporation (GUCAC). Our goal is to have an annual income from this program of \$12,500 per year, so please donate what you can. You will truly be making a difference and will be personally responsible for marking a milestone in the history of our Chapter.

If you have any questions about the program or would like more details about what your donation will be used for, please do not hesitate to call me.

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Name _____	Check one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Annual Gift (\$100) (\$2,500 over 25 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe Annual Gift (\$200) (\$5,000 over 25 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated Annual Gift I (\$250) (\$2,500 over 10 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Premium Annual Gift (\$300) (\$7,500 over 25 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated Annual Gift II (\$500) (\$2,500 over 5 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Gift (\$_____) (one time only) <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Please make check payable to: Gamma Upsilon Chapter Alumni Corporation (or GUCAC) Return to: PAT CARMODY '01 2100 Gallant Fox Circle Montgomery, IL 60538
Initiation Year _____ Graduation Year _____	
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Here is what is new with me _____ _____ _____	

GUCAC MOVES FALL ALUMNI WEEKEND

KEN LOMBARD '99, GUCAC SECRETARY

A few years ago, Bradley University decided to move their Homecoming weekend from Spring semester (in February) to Fall semester (in October). Gamma Upsilon followed suit and chose those weekends as our official “Alumni Weekend”—making that the main event for which alumni could make their annual trip down to Peoria. However, we have heard numerous complaints due to the fact that, over the past few years, the University has scheduled Homecoming on Halloween weekend. Many of our alumnus brothers have children and cannot miss their kids’ favorite holiday, or they have events held by family or friends that they have been going to for years. This sentiment is evident by the noticeable decrease in alumni attendance at our fall alumni weekend since the dates were changed.

With that in mind, the Alumni Corporation has voted to move our Fall Alumni Weekend to the weekend before Halloween. This year, Fall Alumni Weekend will be October 20–22. It is our hope that by getting the word out early and by moving the date to accommodate brothers’ schedules, we will see a great turnout this year. A tentative schedule is TBD and will be announced in our monthly *eManifesto*. If you have not been receiving the *eManifesto*, please send your name and e-mail address to: buoxalumni@gmail.com and you will be added to the list.

GOLDEN GUARD LUNCHEON AND HOMECOMING (OCT. 27–29)

STATE OF THE CHAPTER ADDRESS

GREG MARSH, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The chapter's morale is at an all-time high this semester. A combination of a huge recruitment, social, and philanthropic schedule has increased chapter activity and brought the brotherhood closer together. Recruitment is our main focus and this has led to a culture change among the brothers. **NICK BARTLETT**, especially, is to be commended for his excellent social schedule which has encouraged much greater recruitment. As a result of a well planned strategy and his closing ability, our Recruitment Chair, Pete Handjinicolaou, has helped bring in a pledge class of four quality men. Their GPAs are well above 3.0 and they are all highly involved on campus.

ANTHONY DEDDO is a freshman accounting major from Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. He is currently part of Hall Council and Bradley Investment Organization and his hobbies include working-out, skateboarding, cars, and video games. His pledge father is **NICK BARTLETT**.

MATT BOLTE is a junior Business Computer Systems major from Oak Park, Illinois. He is currently in Poker club and BU Fusion and his hobbies include baseball and computers. His pledge father is **RYAN PHELPS**.

RYAN MOYLAN is a freshman Business Management major from St. Charles, Missouri. He is currently in the Society of Advancement of Management and he likes basketball, running and guitar. **JOSH FUERST** is his Pledge father.

DANIEL REDING is a freshman undecided (possibly Multimedia, Education or Physics) major for Lindenhurst, Illinois. He likes computers and is also an Eagle Scout.

In addition, the chapter has been active on campus in many other ways. In Scholarship, the chapter has won first place among fraternities and we plan to maintain our standards and keep our men committed to their studies. The brothers also took a trip to the Alpha Iota reinstallation and observed their initiation ceremony. The chapter plans to integrate some ideas from Alpha Iota in our own ritual as well as bring back some old Gamma Upsilon traditions.

In February, Theta Chi hosted a poker tournament to benefit the South Side Mission. We raised three boxes of clothing and canned goods to donate to the organization. The chapter has also been sending two volunteers to Mission Mart, a thrift store that supports the mission, every Saturday morning. Just recently, the chapter participated in "Wipeout for a Cause"—where we raced another Fraternity at a Bradley home game to benefit the mission. We won the race and received \$100.

MITCH FRONDAL has led the Philanthropy of the chapter to a new level and he plans to finish the year with a Theta Chi team in the Bradley Relay for Life (make checks payable to the American Cancer Society).

The chapter has a lot of momentum going into the second half of the semester and the fall. We are confident in our recruitment plan and are excited about our great Fraternity.

THE LESSONS OF ALPHA IOTA

BOB CARROLL '88, GUCAC PRESIDENT AND REGIONAL COUNSELOR
(708.720.2397 OR WOOCARROLL@AOL.COM)



Bob Carroll '88

On Saturday, March 4, 2006, it was my pleasure and honor to participate in the reinstallation of the Alpha Iota chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. I was not alone. That three former members of the Grand Chapter, our current National President, and undergraduates and volunteers from four other chapters made the trip, speaks volumes about how important this event was in the history of our Fraternity. It was also an opportunity for each of us to reassess our commitment to the values and ideals of Theta Chi.

While the day was one of great anticipation and release for the 57 men initiated into our Brotherhood as re-founding fathers of one of our most celebrated chapters, who had worked hard for this goal since January 2005, the day was bittersweet for the 35 alumni of Alpha Iota who participated. Two weeks later, on March 18, Alpha Iota would have celebrated the 85th Anniversary of its installation into our ranks. That it was still able to do so underscores how resilient and yet how fragile a fraternity chapter can be.

In light of that historic and uplifting event, it was and is important to consider what happened with Alpha Iota. Why did one of the most storied and important chapters in our Brotherhood close its doors in 2001 after 80 years of producing some of the most influential and respected leaders in our Fraternity? Why did a chapter that sent seven men to the Grand Chapter and produced an active and effective alumni corporation fail? The answer is profoundly simple.

Alpha Iota lost its way.

In the process, not even the combined influence of its alumni could save it once its undergraduates turned their backs on their oaths and placed themselves and their myopic interests ahead of the greater good of perpetuating the chapter. In three days, 80 years of history and tradition evaporated. It took four years of planning and 14 months of excruciating work to resurrect Alpha Iota.

In the five years between its closure and its reinstallation, our Alpha Iota alumni brothers faced a serious challenge to their sense of Brotherhood. They could choose to walk away, down the path of least resistance, or renew their commitment to The Creed. Their answer was one that should inspire us. They chose to believe in Theta Chi. They chose to form a chapter advisory board to work with the men of the interest group, then the colony and now the chapter. They chose to continue to work in a supervisory capacity with the chapter to ensure old, bad habits will not be repeated, to ensure that excuses will not be offered or accepted for underperformance, and to ensure that the chapter will continue to grow and develop as a force on the Indiana University campus. They chose to raise \$500,000 to renovate their chapter house even when they did not have a chapter to occupy it. And while some brothers did indeed choose to walk away, for each brother who did, two more stepped forward to accept the challenge and the responsibility of returning Alpha Iota to glory.

Now that is real Brotherhood.

It is easy to be a good brother in good times. It is like being a fan of your favorite team only when the team is winning. Everyone wants to attend a game or participate in events. Everyone wants to wear the colors or the insignia. Everyone wants to be a part of something that is performing well. Recruitment of volunteers, like recruitment of new members, is taken for granted. And because things are going well, few want to remember the tough times or plan for their inevitable return, or, better yet, put into place measures that will prevent their return.

Loyalty and Brotherhood are tested in tough times. In tough times, real brothers step forward to answer the call for leadership and assistance, just like real fans keep their season tickets and attend the lopsided losses in stadiums with less than capacity crowds. Alpha Iota alumni were faced with a scenario not unlike that of Cleveland Browns fans, who watched their team abandon the city for Baltimore to become the Ravens. They could have chosen to curse the game of football or feel sorry for themselves, and some did, but most chose to fight the good fight and build a new stadium and lobby the National Football League for a new franchise. Now, the Cleveland Browns are back in business and so is Alpha Iota.

My question for you, brother, is what kind of alumnus brother are you? Are you a fair weather fan only interested in the good times when the good times roll? Or are you a fan who will attend the events, contribute to the cause, and serve the best interests even when it is tough or not convenient for you? Will you become a season ticket holder or an annual contributor because you believe in your team or believe in your Fraternity? Do you live The Creed or is it just 114 words you have memorized and occasionally recite? Do you still believe in Theta Chi?

For those of us who believe in Theta Chi, the reward is not winning, it's getting the opportunity to keep playing the game. Those are the lessons of Alpha Iota.

THETA CHI FOR LIFE!



Alpha Iota, Indiana University

FIFTH ANNUAL GAMMA UPSILON SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC IS ALMOST HERE

KEN LOMBARD '99, GUCAC SECRETARY



Ken Lombard '99

Spring is here and the next thing you know, we will all be in the full swing of summer. That means plenty of graduations, picnics, ball games and backyard barbeques. It also means that it will be time for our Fifth Annual Theta Chi Family Picnic. For the past four years we have had some great turnouts — composed of some regulars who have been there every year, as well as some surprise guests that no one has seen in years! It is always a great time and despite the inevitable antics of the brothers when they get together, has always remained family-friendly.

The picnic is scheduled for **SATURDAY, JULY 29TH** and will go from **NOON UNTIL DUSK**. This year the event will once again be held at Grove 2 in the Busse Woods forest preserve, located in Elk Grove Village, Illinois. All brothers, family members and friends are invited to join us. We will provide the food, drink and entertainment for the kids. Feel free to bring your grill and show off your skills, or bring along any side dish specialties. An RSVP form has been included below. By sending in your RSVP early it allows us to better plan the purchase of food and beverages, as well as let everyone know you are coming.

If you have any questions regarding the event or would like to volunteer to assist in the setup and/or planning, send us an e-mail at: buoxalumni@gmail.com. We hope you can make it!

Saturday, July 29th, 2006, Busse Woods Forest Preserve — Grove 2,
Elk Grove Village, IL, Noon to Dusk

\$15/brother, \$10/guest, \$5/child over 5 years, kids under 5 are free.

Includes: Food (hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, sides), non-alcoholic drinks (soda, water), beer, softball games, kids games and bean bag tournament.

Also, feel free to bring a side dish — or test your BBQ skills against other brothers!

Before attending, please fill out and mail the form below, along with a check made out to 'GUCAC' to:

Theta Chi Family Picnic
c/o Mike Scheve
24 S. Addison St. #300
Bensenville, IL 60106



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Name: _____ Initiation Year: _____

of Guests (Adult): _____ # of Guests (Children over 5): _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Keep you informed of future social events? YES NO

Inform you via: E-MAIL SNAIL MAIL

My e-mail address is: _____

ALUMNI UPDATE

BARRY A. BISHOP '50, PE (CHAPTER ETERNAL) The Fraternity was saddened to learn of the passing of Founding Father Barry Bishop on November 9, 2005 in Surprise, Arizona, from cancer. His wife and fellow Bradley graduate Joanne Hicks Bishop '51, three sons, three stepchildren and many grandchildren survive Brother Bishop.

Like many of our Founding Fathers, Barry was a veteran of the Army Air Corps in World War II, graduating from Bradley after the war in 1950. He owned and operated his own firm, Bishop Engineering, in Des Moines, Iowa, from 1959 until 1999, when he retired and moved to Arizona. While in Iowa, Barry provided leadership and service to his profession as president of Land Surveyors of Iowa.

While in Arizona, he received his cancer treatments at The Arizona Medical Center, a part of Del E. Webb and Boswell Hospitals, two community hospitals on whose boards of directors he sat. Your cards and letters to Joanne and her family may be sent to 16135 W. Copper Point Lane, Surprise, AZ 85374.

LYNN E. GUNDERSEN '57 The Fraternity wishes to acknowledge Lynn and his wife Allene for their continuous and generous support of Bradley University. They created both the Lynn and Allene Gundersen Endowed Scholarship and the Lynn and Allene Annual Scholarship Fund to benefit and support the undergraduate students of Bradley. Lynn and Allene may be reached at: 198 Tennyson Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187-7478 or 630.653.3569.

RICHARD G. STERLING '58 The Fraternity wishes to acknowledge Dick and his wife Barbara for their lifetime of generous support for our Alma Mater, as evidence by Dick's membership in Bradley's Founder's Society. The founder and former president of Advacned Wall Systems, Inc., Dick and Barb reside at: 9928 Casanes Avenue, Downey, CA 90240-3501 or 562.869.3480.

CARL M. BIRKELBACH '62 Carl generously supports the undergraduate students at Bradley University through his Birkelbach Endowed Scholarship. When they are not at their home in Colorado, Carl and his wife Linda may be found at: 330 S. Michigan Avenue, #1708, Chicago, IL 60604 or 312.853.2820 or carlbis@aol.com.

WILLIAM R. FLAPAN '65 The Fraternity wishes to acknowledge Bill and his wife Janet for their longtime influential support of Bradley University. They fund the Bill and Jan Flapan Annual Scholarship each year. Bill and Jan may be reached at: 123 Oak Street, #N, Chicago, IL 60610 or 312.951.1234 or bill@flapan.com.

RANDALL M. JACOBS '66 The son of former trustee and noted Bradley alumnus **MEYER J. JACOBS '39**, for whom the Jacobs Theater is named, Randy has been an extremely generous supporter of the University in his own right, as demonstrated by his membership in the Founder's Society. The Fraternity wishes to acknowledge Randy for his giving. He may be reached at: 306 Lakeshore Drive, Washington, IL 61571-2047 or 309.444.9381.

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RAYMOND L. ASHER '82 A practicing workman's compensation attorney, Ray is also currently serving as president of the board of directors of the Friends For Steven Pediatric Cancer Foundation (FFSPCF), an affiliate of Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. On February 11, 2006, FFSPCF held its third annual Oscar Evening with Richard Roeper (Chicago Sun-Times, Ebert & Roeper) which raised over \$200,000 to fight against neuroblastoma, a particularly aggressive form of pediatric cancer that afflicts Ray and his wife Elaine's son Avi, among thousands of children.

Ray wishes to thank all those brothers who supported this noble cause, especially **HOWARD STARK '84** and wife Leslie and **DRU NEIKIRK '88** and wife Maggie. Keep Ray and Elaine in your thoughts at: 4331 Greenwood Street, Skokie, IL 60076-1809 or 847.568.9413 or rasher1045@aol.com.

EDWARD C. EUSEBIO '85 EDEUSEBIO@YAHOO.COM Ed and Jennifer Courtney announce the birth of their son Benjamin, March 2005. This is Ed's fifth child, so yes, he's been very, very busy. His daughter Alexandria is pulling A's at DePaul University, majoring in International Studies, and his son Jordan is planning to attend Columbia College for Filmmaking. His second son, Noah, lives outside LA, with his mother, Kim Bagwill. Noah shreds on the guitar and is learning to surf. After spending some years in social work, and then in publishing, Ed went into IT Sales in the mid-90s and has been stuck there ever since, praying to find a stable company to work for (since 4 out of 5 he's worked for have collapsed or been swallowed up). It hasn't been his fault, really! One of them was Arthur Andersen.

He lives in Park Ridge, Illinois with his wife, Jennifer, and his sons Ben and Christian (who will attend Maine South this fall).

Along the way, Ed picked up a Masters in Creative Writing from Columbia College, won a few awards and had some stories published. He's currently at work on a play that will bore most sane people to death.

He's grateful to Theta Chi for teaching him how to cook massive volumes of food, and he's sorry he hasn't seen any brothers in years.

CHRIS MARTIN MARTOWSKI@YAHOO.COM Chris and his wife Jennifer celebrated the birth of their first child, Alexander John Martin, on October 19th 2005. They have settled back down in Peoria. Jennifer is a freelance writer and Chris is a Senior Operations Manager at Afni, Inc.