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GAMMA UPSILON ALUMNI CORPORATION 2009 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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Note: The 2009 Annual Campaign is still in progress. All figures and names cited are for contributions received as of October 31.



Bob Carroll '88

I am pleased to report that despite slowdowns and downturns in the American economy, the Gamma Upsilon Annual Campaign posted a new record for alumni contributions for 2009, even with two months left in the calendar year. The total of \$10,250 reflects \$8,550 received against 2009 pledges, \$1,500 received against 2008 pledges (not included in the 2008 totals reported below), and even \$200 advanced against 2010 pledges (thank you to Brothers **MIKE SCHEVE '02** and **DWAIN WEESE '59**).

The campaign still needs to raise an additional \$1,080 to reach the record \$9,630 received against pledges in 2007, when the campaign really made significant strides forward.

The goal of the Annual Campaign, when it commenced in 1995, was to reach 100 donors contributing \$100 each within five years. After five years, we have 47 brothers who promised to become annual donors at several different giving levels, but only about half of these men contribute on a regular basis. The Annual Campaign has reached its annual goals only because several alumni brothers have stepped

forward and made significant contributions, often one-time capital donations in excess of \$1,000. The moral of this story? More of us could live the message of The Helping Hand and contribute a little so a few brothers do not have to do a lot to make things work and achieve our goals.

While that figure is impressive, please put it into perspective. During the 2009–10 academic year, the alumni corporation will receive \$32,000 in rent from the undergraduate chapter, or almost the amount our campaign raised over five years. The proceeds of the Annual Campaign are not used against any item in the operating budget of the alumni corporation, such as rent to Bradley University, premiums on property insurance, social events, and production and mailing costs for *The Manifesto*. They are reserved solely for work performed on the chapter house itself.

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Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total contributions	\$2,050	\$4,800	\$9,630	\$7,035	\$8,550
Actual change		+\$2,700	+\$4,830	-\$1,945	+\$1,515
Percent change		132%	101%	-20.2%	21.5%
Total contributors	17	29	30	19	32
Actual change		+12	+1	-11	+5
Percent change		70.6%	3.45%	-36.6%	26.3%

7 junior (\$25–\$50) contributors	= \$ 175
34 standard (\$100) contributors	= \$3,400
2 deluxe (\$200) contributors	= \$ 400
3 accelerated-I (\$250) contributors	= \$ 750
1 accelerated-II (\$500) contributor	= \$ 500
TOTAL EXPECTED ANNUAL INCOME	= \$5,225
GOAL AFTER FIVE YEARS	\$10,000— at 52.5% of goal funds
BUDGETED DONATED INCOME	\$ 9,000— at 113.8% of budgeted funds
GRAND TOTAL RAISED SINCE 2005	\$33,865

Gamma Upsilon Lifetime Donation Clubs (since 2005)

GOLD LEVEL (\$5,000-\$9,999)

JERRY SMITH '54 BRUCE JOHNSON '66 DRU NEIKIRK '88

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTORS

DRU NEIKIRK '88 JERRY SMITH '54

SILVER LEVEL (\$2,500-\$4,999)

SEAN DONCARLOS '03

BRONZE LEVEL (\$1,000-\$2,499)

CARL BIRKELBACH '62 TOM HOWARD '05

PAUL MOORE '62 DICK STERLING '58 ARNO WEHR '63

Gamma Upsilon Annual Campaign Donors for 2009

PLATINUM LEVEL (\$500+)

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RANDY MOULTON '92 ARNO WEHR '63

GOLD LEVEL (\$300-\$499)

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BILL KOHLER '58 TOM STOREY '53

2008 GOLDEN GUARD LUNCHEON SUMMARY

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The seventh annual luncheon, was held at the Lariat Steakhouse for a fourth consecutive year. This year, the first Friday of October fell on October 2, and despite not having Brother JOHN JOHNSON '53 serve as event coordinator for the first time, attendance was still impressive. Present that afternoon were LOU DEARDORF '58, DICK GILLET '56, LYNN GUNDERSEN '57, Judy and ROGER HILL '59, JOHN JOHNSON '53, Juanita and HAMMY JONES '51, FRED KNOP '54, BILL KOHLER '58, RON MCGAUVRAN '54, Diane and PAUL MOORE '62, ORV PELLIETER '54, DICK RIECKHOFF '54, RON ROBERTS '54, BOB SPRINGER '56, HAL TURLEY '54, Jan and MIKE UNRUH '57, BOB WALL '58, DWAIN WEESE '59, and Marcia and BUDD WILKENING '52. Also present were alumni corporation president BOB CARROLL '88, chapter advisory board chairman SEAN DONCARLOS '03, and undergraduate chapter president ALAN GOEBL '10. Each provided a brief update as to the status of the group he represented. Most of the time, however, was spent talking to alumni or listening to alumni talking to other alumni, asking questions about brothers not present or missing for several years and providing each other updates as to what everyone was doing now.

The afternoon was filled with stories of past Homecomings, lawn and house decoration contests, parade float creation contests, dreamgirls and Homecoming queens, and John Johnson's admission of somehow putting a keg in a tree at the reception following Ron McGauvran's wedding. In the midst of this frivolity, Paul Moore received his Golden Guard certificate as a first time attendee.

We are pleased to announce that next year's event will be organized and managed by two members of the Golden Guard: Dick Gillet (309.657.1945) and Mike Unruh (217.877.2806 or golfguy@comcast.net). Please contact them if you have questions, want to provide input on next year's event, or just call and say hello. The 8th Annual Golden Guard Luncheon is already on the calendar for the Lariat Steakhouse once again for Friday, October 1, 2010; the Friday of Homecoming weekend.

GAMMA UPSILON ALUMNI CORPORATION ELECTS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2009-11 TERM

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On Saturday, October 2, 2009, the Board of Directors of the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation held its 11th annual meeting for the purposes of reporting on its business over the past year, present its plans for the future, receive input from alumni and undergraduate members, and elect a new board for the 2009–11 term.

The following incumbent members of the board accepted nominations for re-election: **BOB CARROLL '88** (Matteson, Ill.); **SEAN DONCARLOS '03** (Belleville, Ill.); **TOM HOWARD '05** (Evanston, Ill.); **MIKE SCHEVE '02** (Wheeling, Ill.); and **ALEX WOLF '85** (Arlington Heights, Ill.). Also nominated for election to the board were **KARL KULHANEK '91** (Willow Springs, Ill.) and **JEFF ROZOVICS '92** (Des Plaines, Ill.). Incumbent board member **KEN LOMBARD '99**, who served with distinction since 2002, did not accept his nomination. Ken admirably served as chapter advisor (2002–04) and secretary (2004–09) for the board and provided a calm approach to examining issues and a consensus building approach to solving problems. Ken is a past recipient of the Citation of Honor of Theta Chi Fraternity for his work and his workmanship and sense of humor will be missed. Ken remains a member of the social committee and assists in planning our annual Summer Family Picnic on the first Saturday of August.

After all seven nominees were elected to the board, the board then held elections for officers for the next two year term. Brother Carroll was elected to his fourth term as president, Brother Kulhanek to his first term as vice-president, Brother Howard to his first term as secretary, Brother Rozovics to his first term as treasurer, and Brother DonCarlos to his third term as chapter advisor. The board then appointed Brother Scheve as housing facility manager and chairman of the capital improvement committee and Brother Wolf as chairman of the social committee. While Brothers Kulhanek and Rozovics are new to the board and their offices, they are not new to board service or the responsibilities that accompany it. Both brothers are husbands, fathers, and owner/operators of their own businesses. They bring a background of private sector entrepreneurship and volunteer service that make them experienced additions to our board and greater diversity to our membership.

As always, our board serves our alumni and undergraduate membership, especially our brothers who invest in our future and support our service as members of our annual campaign. If you ever want to reach any member of this board, contact information is included below and appears in every issue of The Manifesto.

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Director: **MICHAEL A. SCHEVE '02** (Housing Facility Manager)

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Director: **ALEXANDER W. WOLF '85** (Social Committee)

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WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW GUAC VICE-PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers,

I would like to formally thank the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation Board for electing me to the board as well as the position of Vice-President.

Since graduating in 1991 with a construction management degree, my life has been dedicated to my family and my work. I'm married to my wife Sherry who I met at a Theta Chi function and together, we are currently raising three children. Professionally, over the past 18 years, I have served as President of K&K Iron Works, Inc. a structural steel fabrication and erection company. This is a company that my brother Jerry, who is also a BU Theta Chi, and I grew from a small mom and pop operation with 12 employees into a diversified service provider with 170 employees. We recently sold to a private equity group from Miami.

Today, I own a private equity firm that invests in small businesses as well as commercial and industrial properties. I continue to serve on the board of K&K Iron Works, Inc. and I'm an active member with the Windy City Young Presidents Association (YPO).

I credit my experience at Theta Chi and the leadership opportunities the Fraternity offered me as a key reason for my success building my own company. Giving back to my fraternity was a key driving force behind my desire to serve on the GUAC board.

I will strive to bring an unbiased, common-sense leadership approach to the board with three particular goals in mind:

- 1) Re-engage as many brothers as possible, socially as well as through the annual campaign.
- 2) Bring my personal experience in the building trades to the Capital Improvement Committee as we tackle the difficult tasks of renovating the bathrooms, installing the newly mandated sprinkler system and addressing the lack of air conditioning in the upper level.
- 3) Help in creating more of a mentoring relationship with the undergraduates. My goal would be to have the undergraduates view the Alumni Corporation and the Alumni in particular as more than just landlords. With a difficult economy and job market we should all be extending a helping hand.

Fraternally yours,

KARL KULHANEK '91

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW GUAC TREASURER

Brothers:

I am excited to accept the nomination as treasurer of the GUAC board. I believe that the experience and knowledge I've gained from serving on other boards will help the GUAC board.

After graduating with an accounting degree in 1992, I have kept in close contact with many fraternity brothers in the Chicagoland area. I believe my experience in Theta Chi was an important part of who I am today. I have been married to my wife Shannon for ten years and have a beautiful six-year-old daughter.

ABOARD!

When I was an active member of Theta Chi, I held the positions of pledge marshal and social chairman. As a sophomore, I decided to enlist as assistant pledge marshal. After winter break 1989, I found out that the pledge marshal was not returning to Bradley. Thus, I was catapulted into the position of pledge marshal for a 28-man pledge class. This was a great leadership experience and one that I still remember vividly to this day.

Today, I am tax partner for the accounting firm, Rozovics & Wojcicki, PC located in Park Ridge, IL. The skill sets required of the position are many; not only do you have to be proficient in accounting, but a myriad of other skills are required as well. Again, my experience from Theta Chi has carried over to my professional career.

I am presently serving on a few other boards and have experience with budgets from \$25,000 to \$7,000,000. I have served in the capacity of treasurer numerous times. I have also served with a diverse group of people with different backgrounds.

I would like to get reconnected with the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Theta Chi and help give back to the fraternity. I believe that GUAC needs a 2020 strategic plan that can help create direction for the chapter. During the next two years, I would like to implement certain best practices, starting with the treasurer position.

Fraternally,

JEFFERY A. ROZOVICS '92

A MESSAGE FROM A RETURNING GUAC MEMBER

Brothers:

It thrills me to return to the GUAC Board of Directors as an officer this year. For several years I have served in a capacity as a board member specializing in technology initiatives, and will continue to work to maintain our website as part of my duties as secretary. It is my mission to continue to leverage technology as a communication medium to help to keep the bonds of alumni brothers strong long after graduation.

When I was an active member of Theta Chi Gamma Upsilon Chapter, and although I only spent two years at Bradley I went on to continue my education. I later graduated from Colorado Technical University with a degree in Information Technology Management. During my time at Bradley, I served as Historian and Assistant Treasurer.

Theta Chi helped me to become the man that I am today through the connections that I made with several brothers. Most notably, **BROTHER JACKSON** helped me to become a technical support analyst at the university help desk, and after I left Bradley I joined Grubb & Ellis Company and **BROTHER JARMOC** as a Systems Operator. These roles helped to launch my career in information technology that has included a role at JP Morgan Chase, Merchandise Mart, Sears Holding Company, and eventually led me to the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the United Methodist Church where I currently serve as their Network Manager.

As you can see, without the Brotherhood I would not be where I am today, and it is my pleasure to give back to Theta Chi as Treasurer of GUAC. I look forward to serving in my new capacity, and hope that this *Manifesto* is everything that you had hoped for.

Fraternally,

J. THOMAS HOWARD '05

CHAPTER'S ACHIEVEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED.

KEN LOMBARD '99, OUTGOING GUAC SECRETARY

Having been involved with the Alumni Corporation as Chapter Advisor and later as Secretary, it is amazing to look back at just how far the undergraduate chapter has come. It is easy for any alumnus brother who has not been in touch with the chapter much since they have graduated to just assume that things have been the same since they were there. Undergraduates are young and naïve, chapter numbers go up and down, by some miracle the house at 1308 Fredonia is still standing. But if you take a closer look at what the chapter has been through over the last decade, you will develop a new appreciation for both our brothers who have recently graduated as well as the current undergraduate membership.



Ken Lombard '99

The next time you stop by the chapter house (hopefully sooner than later) take a close look at the composites that hang in the upstairs L room. You will see one composite that is bound to make your jaw drop. On this composite there are seven, maybe eight brothers — one of which is the faculty advisor. The chapter was in a bad way then. Numbers had dwindled, and a good portion of the brotherhood was more interested in individual pursuits than the health of the chapter. It came to the point where the alumni corporation had to intervene and, working with those remaining undergraduates who had an interest in staying, pick up the pieces and for all intents and purposes reboot the chapter from scratch. From that moment the alumni corporation had to shift from a housing corporation/business role to a full advisory role. Much time was invested by both undergraduates and alumni alike. Today the chapter is as healthy as it has been in decades. The chapter is pushing 40 brothers and recruits actively every day to increase those numbers.

What makes this feat even more amazing are the changes that have happened around the chapter while all this was going on. Theta Chi Fraternity going dry nationally, social programs becoming much more restrictive on Bradley's campus, other fraternities coming and going on campus, other fraternities becoming more competitive through brand new housing and/or large scale renovations. All this, yet the brothers kept working hard. They have become more active on campus, more active with athletics, have achieved G.P.A. numbers that dwarf our numbers in the past. They have rebuilt the chapter from the ground up and achieved a new identity.

What I am most proud of in regards to my time on the board is all the work our alumni corporation has done to ensure that our chapter survives and remains competitive on campus. We have not been shy to put money into the chapter in what we have felt were the most beneficial ways possible. Of course none of this would have been possible without the enormous generosity of **TOM McCLINTICK**, **WILLIS HUNZIGER**, our annual campaign donors and all of our alumni who have made large one-time donations to assist us in various projects. However, all we have done thus far is only the tip of the iceberg. There are many more improvements that can be made to the house and all of them will depend on the generosity and support of our alumnus brothers. I know, as well as anyone, the effects of the economy on all of us. It is my hope that when the time comes that your individual situations improve, that you will consider a donation to the annual and capital campaigns. With the upcoming requirement that all campus housing have sprinkler systems in place in the next few years, your donations will make a very big impact on the health and safety of the chapter.

I'd like to end by thanking brothers **BOB CARROLL '88**, **MIKE SCHEVE '02**, **ALEX WOLF '85**, and **SEAN DONCARLOS '03** for your continued hard work. Congratulations and thanks to brothers **TOM HOWARD '05**, **KARL KULHANEK '91**, and **JEFF ROSOVICS '92** for volunteering to serve on the board as well. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and I look forward to assisting the board wherever and whenever I can.

THETA CHI FOR LIFE.

NEW MEMBERS

JEFF BAUMGARTNER, '13 Major: Accounting Random fact: I have a life-size cardboard cutout of myself. I joined Theta Chi because it was different from all the others and had more to offer me. I also really connected with more members in Theta Chi than any other house. It just seems like a great fit for me.

TIM BELTER, '13 Majors: Journalism and political science Random fact: I once wrote a 280-page novel. I joined Theta Chi because I've never felt more like a part of something than I've felt at Theta Chi. I know every brother truly feels a connection through the fraternity and I wanted to be a part of that kind of brotherhood.

GARRET BYERLEY, '13 Major(s): Psychology, considering second major in biology Random facts: I played varsity athletics every year of high school. I have lived in another country (Oman) for two years and Alaska for 13 years. I joined Theta Chi because the guys seemed better than all the other fraternities and because Theta Chi felt like the correct fit for me.

STEVE CYRWUS, '13 Major: Undecided Random fact: Not related to Miley Cyrus. I joined Theta Chi because I enjoyed the vibe and liked the people.

ADAM EHRNTHALLER, '13 Major: Industrial engineering Random fact: I ran cross country and track in high school. We set numerous school records in the 4x800 and 4x400 relays. We won the 4x800 relay at sectionals so we then advanced to state our senior year. I joined Theta Chi because if my brothers were in my high school we would have been friends; I just feel like I fit in at Theta Chi.

MICHAEL GLADIS, '13 Major: Biology pre-med Random fact: I am an Eagle Scout and enjoy traveling — I have been on three continents. I joined Theta Chi because during my first week at Bradley, some of the first people I met happened to be in Theta Chi. I don't remember exactly how I met them, but I remember once I started talking to them it became an instant friendship. I knew from that moment, that if I were to join a fraternity, I would join Theta Chi. They seemed fun, and just by talking to them, it felt like I had known them my whole life. I went through Rush, and after visiting my top houses, Theta Chi was the only house in which I could really picture myself. Even though I hesitated until the last second on the stage at Dingedine, I knew it was the right group of people for me. I felt comfortable with the people in the Fraternity and since the day that I accepted that bid, I have no regrets. I joined a true brotherhood and will be in it for life.

BRAD KRAFFT, '13 Major: Undecided Random fact: I am an amateur musician. I joined Theta Chi because it's different from other fraternities. The testosterone levels aren't overwhelming. Everyone is accepting of who you are.

MATT PYNE, '13 Major: Undecided. Random fact: I grew up in Aurora, Illinois. I played basketball, lacrosse and the trumpet in high school. I am 18 years old and my birthday is November 28th. I am an undecided major at Bradley University and I plan to go into secondary education to teach high school English.

NICK RUPPRECHT, '13 Major: Mechanical engineering Random fact: I play guitar in a band and have an energy drink review website. I joined Theta Chi because the members seemed as though they really wanted me to join. I wasn't just some guy in the crowd.

KEVIN MICHEAL YNDESTAD, '13 Major: Mechanical engineering Random fact: I am the first Theta Chi in recent memory to work for the admissions office at Bradley. I joined Theta Chi because of guys in the house being so open and welcoming as well as knowing a few of them before Rush started helped my decision even more.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

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To submit your update, please email **BROTHER CARROLL**.

PAUL MOORE '62 Paul received the Lydia Moss Bradley Award for distinguished service from the Bradley University Alumni Association on Thursday, October 1, 2009, at the annual Founder's Day Luncheon. He is a 1957 graduate of Woodruff High School and in 1972 he was elected to their Athletic Hall of Fame. He is also a 1963 inductee into the Bradley University Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2008, for festivities marking the 100th year of intercollegiate competition in the Missouri Valley conference, Paul was elected to the MVC Centennial Team.

In recognition for his outstanding career with Caterpillar Inc., the Bradley University Department of Athletics presented Brother Moore with the Orville Nothdurft Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008. This prestigious award honors a former Brave student-athlete who has achieved success in his or her chosen profession and has continued to serve in such a manner as to bring honor to him or herself, Bradley Athletics in general, and the University as a whole.

Paul is an active member of the Central Illinois Bradley Alumni Chapter and vice-president of the B-club, the alumni club for former varsity athletes who lettered in at least one sport. He is also a member of the Advisory Board for the Braves Club, the booster club for the department of athletics. From 2002 to 2008, Brother Moore served on the Board of Directors of the Bradley University Alumni Association, serving as vice-president (or President-elect) in 2005, president in 2006, and past-president in 2007. He was also a member of Presidential Search Committee that subsequently recommended the hiring of the our current president of Bradley University, Joanne K. Glasser.

Paul lives with his wife Diane in Peoria, Illinois.

KEITH ALM '65 Keith was recently named the Private Company Corporate Director of the Year for 2009 by the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD). Brother Alm has served on the board of directors for several Fortune 500 corporations, including Hallmark and Sara Lee. He also serves on the board of trustees for Bradley University and Washington University.

Keith lives with his wife Beth in Kansas City, Missouri.