



MANIFESTO

THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTER OF THETA CHI FRATERNITY AT BRADLEY UNIVERSITY - SUMMER 2017

GUAC Gears Up for Big Events in 2017

Save the Dates!

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Summer Family Picnic

Busse Woods, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

The Seventeenth Annual Summer Family Picnic will feature our first ever barbecue cook-off! Bring your best barbecue to claim the title of Grill/Smoke Master for 2017! You are welcome to bring your food and drink, but there will be plenty of food to satisfy your hunger and all manner of beverages to quench your thirst. Games aplenty will be held, so bring your sweetheart, your family, or just drag another brother out of his house to join you for the afternoon. Festivities begin at noon and run until dusk (approximately 8:00 p.m.).

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Meet Up for the Chicago Cubs vs Atlanta Braves Baseball Game **Wrigley Field, Chicago, Illinois**

Purchase your general admission bleacher seat NOW for the game! Show up early (game time TBA) and join your brothers, their families and friends at the park. This game will certainly sell-out within the next few weeks, so if you are interested in joining us, purchase your seat now and wait for information as to where and when we will gather at the park.

Saturday, September 16

Golden Guard Luncheon

The Fieldhouse Bar and Grill, Peoria, Illinois

Recognize and honor those brothers of Theta Chi Fraternity with fifty or more years of membership at our Golden Guard Luncheon. ALL alumni and undergraduate brothers are invited to attend this luncheon and meet those men who established the legacy we collectively share.



Brothers reunited earlier this year at the Chicago Wolves alumni event.

Brothers from the Bradley Class of 1967, who will be attending their 50th Anniversary Reunion that weekend, are expected to attend in good numbers. Brothers initiated in Theta Chi during the 1967 calendar year should contact **Bob Carroll '88** at rcecarroll@aol.com and inform him they are attending so he can order their Golden Guard certificates, which will be presented to them at the luncheon.

While the University is still finalizing the details of the schedule for Homecoming, we tentatively expect the Gamma Upsilon Annual Meeting to be held on campus after this luncheon. After this, everyone will depart for the tailgate party at the Homecoming soccer game, with dinner to follow after the game itself.

2017 Theta Chi for Life Campaign Is Underway!

So far, 34 donors pledged \$6,180 toward this year's annual campaign. We are over halfway to our goal of \$11,000 but need your help to reach our full potential. Please visit our alumni website at gammupsilon.org to make your donation. Your contribution assists us in making much needed improvements to the chapter house to keep it among the most livable fraternity spaces on campus.

You can even make your donation on a monthly, quarterly, or semiannual basis with a recurring charge to your credit or debit card. These charges DO NOT automatically renew each calendar year. If you made your donation using this method in the past, please contact OmegaFi at (800) 276-6342 to renew or increase your contribution for 2017.



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Brother Dave Jensen '18 Elected Student Body President



Dave Jensen '18

This year, Bradley University's Student Senate revamped the entire election process. Around 1,200 students voted, and 55 new senators were chosen. Brother **Dave Jensen '18**, a junior business management and leadership, human resource major from Warrenville, Illinois was elected student body president.

Prior to his run for office, Dave served as the student body speaker of the assembly. It is no wonder he won over his fellow students running on platforms that truly mattered to them. Dave exclaimed, "I can't wait to see how I, along with my peers, can make positive change on campus. I'm so grateful for this opportunity to continue to grow my leadership skills, while empowering others to be their best!"

Dave wants to continue promoting student involvement and cross-collaboration of organizations. He is a strong advocate for diversity and inclusion and wants to continue sexual assault awareness on campus.

Active Chapter Update: By the Numbers

MEMBERSHIP

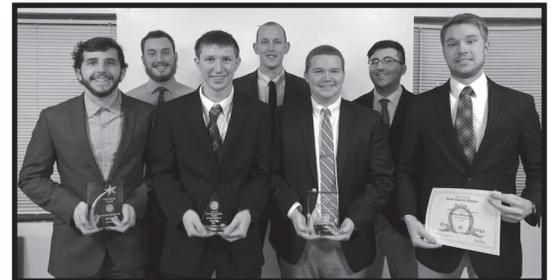
- 35 - Total Active Brothers
- 3 - Brothers initiated this semester
- 4 - Brothers graduating in May
- 3.14 - Overall chapter GPA

AWARDS

- 13 - Alter Awards - all 13 categories
- Highest new member GPA spring 2016
- Highest overall GPA spring 2016
- 3 - Star Accreditation

EXTRA

- 2 - Intramural volleyball championships in a row
- 1 - Intramural dodgeball runner up
- \$450 - Amount raised during philanthropy week
- Winners of Greek Games



2017 Chapter House Improvement Project

The Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation plans to replace the front and rear doors of the chapter house as this year's improvement project for the summer. This project includes not only the doors, but the frames surrounding them and transoms above them. New entryways in the chapter house will not only be inviting but more secure and durable than those at present and allow for a new exterior lock system that is more easily changeable. To see sketches showing the new look, please drop by the Summer Family Picnic.

Looking into the future for summer 2018, an update to kitchen is planned to create a more functional, modern space capable of cooking for not only the residents of the chapter house and undergraduate brothers on the meal plan, but guests for special events with sororities and alumni, recruitment events, all-chapter dinners, and more. If you are interested in learning more about those proposals, please make plans now to attend Homecoming this September to discuss these projects in greater detail.



Alumni Spotlight: Darin Petersen '93

Graduation Class: 1993
Major: Computer Science

After graduation, Brother **Darin Petersen '93** found himself working as a software developer in the video game industry. For eight years, he worked on titles such as *WCW Nitro* and *WCW Thunder* for PlayStation, both hitting #1 in US sales in 1998. As his interest in games began to fade, he refocused efforts toward Windows development, which he is still involved with today.

After receiving a Mr. Beer Kit in the early 90's, Darin discovered an interest in creating beers to suit the exact style and taste he preferred. He quickly grew his own home brewery, added kegging equipment, and even installed a tap system in his house. As Darin and his wife, Jill, began planning their next

steps in life, they realized their shared interest in beer could lead to something more. Little did they know, this interest would snowball into a business called, Good Neighbor Brews.

After a year of planning, purchasing, and gaining the proper licenses, on February 24, 2017 more than 600 people showed up for the grand opening of their brewery. Good Neighbor Brews, slyly coined by Jill after Darin provided samples to thirsty neighbors straight from his garage in the earlier days. The 6,400 square foot facility is located in the small city of Wylie, Texas and run by Darin, his wife, and several part-time employees. The brewhouse is a 10 barrel system (315 gallons per batch) with three fermenters allowing them to brew three batches concurrently.

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Ally Harrell, Darin Petersen '93, and his wife, Jill, enjoy a beer at Good Neighbor Brews.

Gamma Upsilon Chapter Eternal 2017

Richard Brooke '61
December 13, 2016

Dave Tauer '61
September 4, 2016

Kevin M Yndestad '13
March 9, 2017

Kevin M. Yndestad (25), passed away March 9, 2017 in Aspen, Colorado, due to complications after a six-year battle with a brain tumor.

Kevin was born and raised in Naperville, Illinois. He is survived by his sister Kelly of Denver; his parents, Kurt and Laurie (Edger) of Naperville; grandparents, Loretta Edger of Sugar Grove, Illinois and Fred and Jackie Yndestad of Naperville; also Kristen (Yndestad) and Joe Salerno of Sugar Grove, and Mike and Cathleen Edger of Phoenix, Arizona; cousins, Justin, Brian and Matthew Salerno, and his special friend, Kiley Little. Kevin was a 2009 graduate of Naperville North High School and attended Bradley University where he lived in the Theta Chi Fraternity House. Kevin loved

working with the admissions department to recruit new students. He graduated from DePaul University in 2015 with a BS in Business and Leadership. While at NNHS, Kevin participated in cross-country, wrestling, water polo, track, junior/senior board, and he founded the bass fishing team with Coach Don Zedrow. He was named the NNHS Outstanding Senior in 2009.

During high school and college, Kevin was active at Four Lakes Ski Area as a patroller, instructor, and junior racer. His role in the ski patrol led to many deep friendships that sustained him through his battle with cancer. Kevin became an active advocate for pediatric cancer and pediatric brain tumor research efforts on a local and national level. He spoke at fundraising events for Lurie Children's Hospital and Northwestern Memorial Brain Tumor Institute. He was a member of the junior board for the national Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and attended the Ride for Kids and

Starry Night events. He was an advocate for kids going through the cancer journey. He was a fundraiser, and he recruited sponsorships and instructors for the Colorado-based Shining Stars Foundation which organizes a ski camp in Aspen each year. Both organizations supported Kevin and his family during his cancer journey. Pediatric brain tumors account for 25% of all pediatric cancers today.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider making a tax deductible donation to: "Fidelity Charitable-Kevin Yndestad Charitable Fund" Checks can be mailed to: 1121 N. Loomis Street, Naperville, IL 60563 or Fidelity Charitable: PO Box 770001, Cincinnati, OH 45277-0053 Through this fund, our intention is to support the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, Shining Stars Foundation, and local students in Naperville. Kevin continues to impact and improve lives today via his selfless donation of organs and tissue samples that will hopefully help find a cure for brain cancer patients.

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If you are interested in joining the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation, please contact Marty Deering at (847) 334-7776.



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Summer 2017

Calling all 90's Alumni!

We are forming an outreach committee and need your help! We want more brothers who graduated in the 1990's to attend our social events. If you graduated in that decade and are interested in giving us your opinion on events to interest you and your classmates, please contact **Bob Carroll '88** at reccarroll@aol.com to help him organize a 90s Alumni Social Committee.

Alumni Spotlight: Darin Petersen '93 (Continued from page 3)

With five beers on tap, they plan to introduce new beers to the menu every couple months. The beers include Nickelville IPA (The town of Wylie used to be called Nickelville), Jackalope Stout, Slim Sweetness (a blonde ale with residual sweetness), and M'Rye, Ah (a rye pale ale). Our latest addition is O'Carroll's Irish Red. Three of the beers are named after our kids: Jackalope is named after their son, Jackson; Slim Sweetness is named for their daughter, Josie, who is tall and sweet; and M'Rye, Ah is named for their daughter, Mariah.

Darin is still doing software while the brewery gets a foothold in the market, but he's already made plans to check out of the corporate life soon! If you want to learn more, check out their website at goodneighborbrews.com.

Want to be featured, or know a brother who should be? Leave a Brother-to-Brother note in the Alumni section of gammaupsilon.org and you could be in the next edition of the Manifesto!

First Theta Chi Day at the Races Finishes in the Money!

Saturday, June 3, the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation sponsored its first Theta Chi Day at the Races at Arlington International Raceway in Arlington Park, Illinois. The afternoon featured nine races, including two stakes races and the Springfield Stakes.

Alumni and families congregated on reserved, covered tables in the picnic area by the backstretch turn. The Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation paid for the tables while alumni brought or purchased their own

food and drinks. **Matt Nygren '99** won the "distance award" for making the trek from Madison, Wisconsin, for the event. **Larry Santello '00** brought his wife, Annette, and two lovely daughters to the event, winning the "largest party" award, edging out **Marty Deering '89**, his wife, Debbie, and their son. Brother Nygren also brought his daughter, making it a true family event. The Santello ladies learned how to read a racing form, place bets (via a proxy, of course), and probably finished money ahead of most attendees.

Mike Deering '85 earned the prize as the "most senior" brother present, edging out **Bob Carroll '88**. Junior brother present was **Mitch Frondal '07**. Also in attendance were brothers **Jeff Gilleland '97** and **Kevin Lange '01**, both attending their first GUAC social event!

Everyone had a great time and stayed through the final race, with several brothers sticking around for the post-race concert by The Boat Drunks, a Jimmy Buffet cover band, as June 3 was Beach Night at Arlington Park!