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THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF GAMMA UPSILON CHAPTER OF THETA CHI FRATERNITY AT BRADLEY UNIVERSITY - SPRING 2018

Chapter House Renovation Planning Continues *Security and Kitchen Overhauls Are Underway*

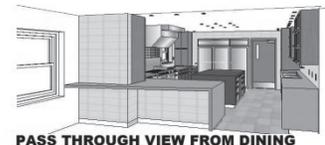
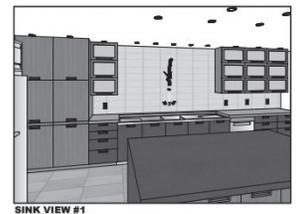
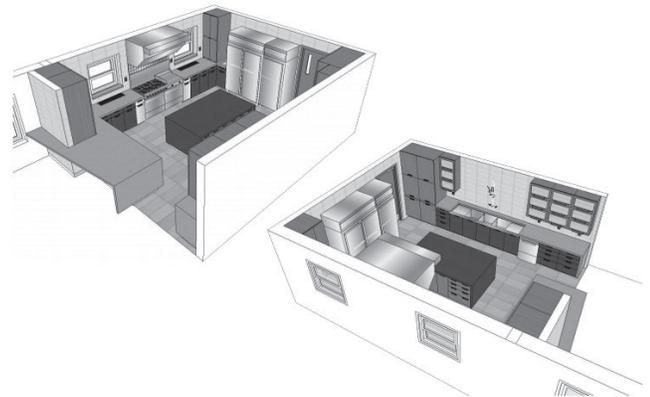
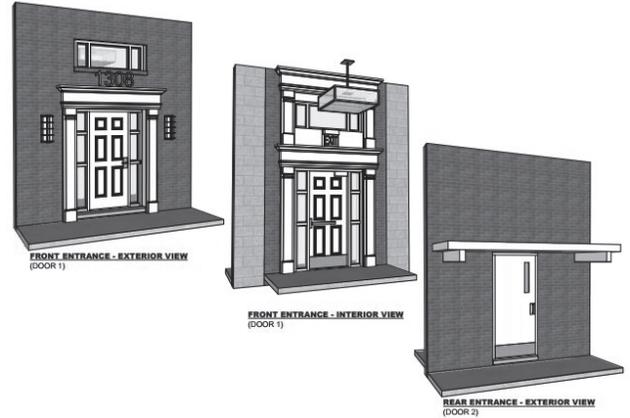
In 2015, the alumni corporation completed one of the largest chapter house renovation projects in more than two decades by completely gutting and renovating the downstairs bathroom and shower facility. The renovation replaced everything from floor to ceiling and even updated the space with added ventilation and air conditioning. The project cost close to \$130,000 and has been a major improvement in the daily lives of the undergraduates who call the chapter house home.

As the alumni corporation rebuilds our savings for the next major renovation, we have started planning our next projects. The first project the GUAC plans to take on is replacing the front and back doors to the chapter house with new energy-efficient openings complete with an access control system. These new openings will bring new life to the front of the house and a refreshed look. They will also provide an easier way for the undergraduates to get in and out of the house with wireless proximity card readers while maintaining a secure environment. This past fall, the board voted to move forward with this project, allocating just under \$30,000. We're working on the final negotiations with the contractor with plans to complete the project in spring of 2018.

While planning the front door project, we have also been working with our architects on the next major renovation plan. The GUAC would like a complete overhaul of the kitchen, similar in scope to the bathroom renovation completed in 2015. This would be a floor-to-ceiling remodel, completely gutting the existing room and starting over with all updated materials. So far, we have completed the architectural drawings and have a bid package ready to go out to contractors. We also received a budgetary price of \$120,000. While the GUAC would love to take on this project in the summer of 2018, the funds are just not available. With the work we have done so far, we are starting to get the word out about our project and looking for financial donors.

One of the challenging aspects of managing a property such as ours is keeping up on maintenance as well as planning for the major renovations. In 2017, we have spent more than \$11,000 on chapter house upkeep and planning our major renovations. We couldn't take on these expenses or keep our chapter house in such a good state of repair without our financial donors who help us cover these expenses. Those who donate help maintain the property so that our undergraduates have a safe place to live and grow our brotherhood. For that, I give my thanks and hope you all have a prosperous 2018.

Fraternally,
Michael A. Scheve '02
Vice President
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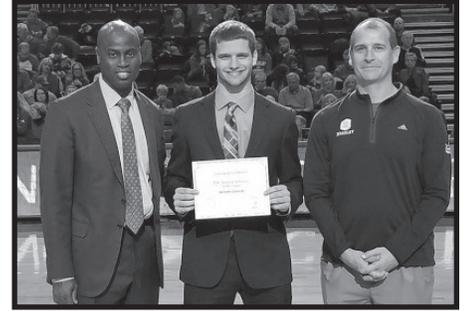
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Brother Anthony Gedvilas '18 Becomes First Recipient of PNC Student Achiever Award

This semester, **Anthony Gedvilas '18** received the PNC Student Achiever Award. This is a brand new award given to seniors who post a strong GPA and show strong involvement and leadership on campus. Anthony was recognized for the award during the OSU basketball game on November 11.



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Fourth Annual Theta Chi Night at the Chicago Wolves Scheduled for February 17

You are cordially invited to the fourth annual Theta Chi Night at the Chicago Wolves, sponsored by the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation. This event will be Saturday, February 17, against the San Antonio Rampage at the Allstate Arena. Just like the last three years, we will have a private party deck for our own use; a cash bar with our own dedicated bartender; a spread of appetizers and snacks will be provided; and door prizes will be distributed. The entire family is invited to attend, including your significant other (or make it a date night with someone you want to be your significant other), friends (that dude down the block with whom you play poker once a month), and even children! The doors and the deck open at 6 p.m.; the puck drops at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 each for adults and \$20 for children (age 13 and younger). If, however, you make a contribution to the 2018 Gamma Upsilon Annual Campaign before February 3, you can purchase an unlimited number of tickets at \$25 each for adults and \$15 for children (age 13 and younger). To reserve your tickets, email **Larry Santello '00** at dime0000@gmail.com, our acting director for alumni programming.

Gamma Upsilon Chapter Eternal

Richard Heller '62 entered Chapter Eternal on May 23, 2017, at the age of 76. Brother Heller was a longtime resident of Peoria, Illinois.

Dick graduated from Peoria Central High School and Bradley University; he served in the U.S. Army after college. After his service, he joined his father and brother in running Heller Distributing until it was sold in 1992. He then partnered with Jane Scott in several retail outlets until he retired in 2010.

He was a board member of his homeowners association and a member of Northwoods Community Church.

Richard is survived by his wife, Mary (Carney) Heller; sons, Rich, Mike (Renee), and Greg (Krista); and 10 grandchildren.

Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation Elects 2017-19 Board of Directors

On September 16, the Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation elected its board of directors for the 2017-19 term of office. The board would like to thank **Alex Wolf '85** for his meritorious service from 2003 to 2017, for which he is a past recipient of the Citation of Honor of Theta Chi Fraternity.

President Marty Deering '89

Vice President Mike Scheve '02

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Directors

Bob Carroll '88, Jim Kirchoff '10,

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Tom Rodgers '05



Fathers Join Gamma Upsilon Sons for First Dad's Weekend

On November 4, 2017, we hosted our first dad's weekend. The brothers' fathers came down for the weekend to meet everyone and participate in fun activities. Due to inclement weather, we were inside most of the day, but were still able to grill and watch college football all day, having a mini football party. Later that night, we organized a group of 23 people to go to a Rivermen hockey game. The next day, there was a breakfast with all of the dads and active brothers before everyone headed home. Hopefully, this can become a tradition. We would love to start a mom's weekend in the spring and dad's weekend in the fall.

2017 Golden Guard Luncheon New Location and New Format Work Well!

The 2017 Golden Guard Luncheon was a great success. It was moved from The Lariat Steakhouse to a location much closer to campus, The Fieldhouse Bar & Grill (home to many Bradley sports memorabilia), and from the Friday of Homecoming weekend to that Saturday. Our objective was to allow senior alumni to meet with younger alumni and current undergraduates so they could see where Theta Chi at Bradley University is headed in the future, and so young alumni and undergraduate brothers could learn of the glorious past that Theta Chi has enjoyed.

Golden Guard brothers in attendance were: **Walt Baselt '52, Bill Griffin '59, Lynn Gundersen '57, Roger Hill '59, Willis Hunziker '53, Bill Kohler '58, Tom McClintick '52, Ron McGauvran '55, Mike Unruh '57, and Gene "Bud" Wilkening '52.** Walt, Tom, and Gene shared the distinction of being the "most senior" alumni in attendance, while Roger and his wife, Judy, flew into Central Illinois

from Dallas for their annual fall vacation, making him the alumnus who traveled the greatest distance.

Besides the 10 alumni of the Guard (and three wives), the luncheon was also attended by 15 non-Guard alumni (most from the 2000s) and seven undergraduates. Thanks to a challenge grant from **Ron McGauvran '55**, who matched five \$100 donations (**Jeff Albrecht '07, Bill Griffin '59, Lynn Gundersen '57, Roger Hill '59, and Alex Wolf '85**) with \$500 of his own, \$1,000 was raised in just five minutes for the 2017 annual campaign and our forthcoming kitchen renovation project (summer 2019). More importantly, a great time was had by all as alumni that spanned more than 65 years mingled and spoke with each other.

The 2018 Golden Guard luncheon is again set for the Saturday of Homecoming, but will most likely be at a location with more parking and better acoustics.

New Fall Initiates

Chris Campbell '21 Marketing and Management	Dillon Lang '20 Computer Science	Dylan Pashke '20 Graphic Design
Alex Cook '21 Game Design	Nate Logan '21 Management Information Systems and Marketing	Daniel Sullivan '21 Business
Deric Germosen '21 Mechanical Engineering	Adam Meyer '21 Graphic Design	Paul Weiss '20 Health Science
		Ryan Wirth '21 Elementary Education

Thank You, Foundation Chapter Donors

The Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation recognizes the following brothers as contributors to the Foundation Chapter, the fundraising arm of Theta Chi Fraternity, in 2017. The giving groups, of which they are members, are for total lifetime contributions, not for the 2017 calendar year.

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\$25,000-\$49,999
Dru A. Neikirk '88

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\$10,000-\$24,999
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\$2,500-\$4,999
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\$1,000-\$2,499
John A. Bennett '68
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\$500-\$999
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Thank You, 2017 Gamma Upsilon Annual Campaign Donors

The Gamma Upsilon Alumni Corporation recognizes the following brothers and friends as contributors to the annual campaign in 2017.

Platinum Level

\$1,000-\$4,999

Sean M. DonCarlos '03
Dru A. Neikirk '88

Jeffrey A. Nelson '88
Dwain W. Weese '59
Arno A. Wehr Jr. '63
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Gold Level

\$500-\$999

Bert E. Cook '63
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Ronald J. McGauvran '55
Richard G. Sterling '58
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Bronze Level

\$100-\$249

Jeffery T. Albrecht '07
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Alexander W. Wolf '85

Participant Level

\$1-\$99

Edward P. Erdman '75
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William R. Kohler,
D.D.S. '58
William N. Lynn '93
Ryan A. Phelps '07
Thomas J. Rodgers '05
J. Troy Smith '88

Chapter Grade Point Average

The overall GPA after the spring semester was 3.27 (includes those who are no longer in Theta Chi).

Spring GPA was 3.31 (not including graduated seniors and those who are no longer in Theta Chi).

Overall GPA is now 3.24 (not including graduated seniors and those who are no longer in Theta Chi).