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Alumni Chapter Update

First off I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me the privilege of becoming your new Alumni Chapter President. As a recent graduate of WIU, I have seen the power that our organization has in terms of the fraternal bonds that we have with each other. As your alumni Chapter President, I make this promise to each and every one of you that I will work as hard as I can to continue to develop our organization in order to maintain our brotherly relations that have been built up over time.

With that being said, there is always work to do to help continue to improve and foster these bonds and continue to unite and strengthen our commitment to our organization. Together, the alumni chapter officers and I will continue to improve our chapter through means of communication, fundraising, and event planning. While the focus may be on these areas throughout the upcoming year, we will also be working on introducing several new programs into the organization such as an Alumni Mentorship Program and an Alumni Transition Program for our undergraduates. As brothers we are responsible to and for each other. As alumni, we are obligated to help our undergraduates succeed in life. Programs like these will help bring us as brothers closer together.

Brothers, my single and upmost goal for our organization this year is to unite us across the board, whether an undergraduate, alumnus, advisor, alumni chapter officer or corporation board member, and focus on what makes us who we are as DU men. By working together and focusing on what makes this fraternity so special and dear to our hearts, we can accomplish each and every goal that we set for ourselves. Our fraternity has withstood the tests of time and will continue to thrive as long as we have faith in each other as brothers and as men. As fraternity men, eyes are on us more than never before. The fraternity world is changing, and it is up to us to stay connected and keep up with the times so that we can ensure the future of our great brotherhood.

Brothers I look forward to another year of fraternal success and can't wait to speak to each and every one of you.

Brother Lee Smith '15
Alumni Chapter President



Alumni Fundraising Activities

Since the last newsletter we have receive \$2,316.11 in contributions in four areas. Thank you all for your continued support of the Western Illinois Chapter.

Alumni Chapter Annual Dues

Joseph Tenerelli '74	Kevin Horbaczewski '03
Stephen Hacker '75	David Skutt '03
Lance Boecker '89	Brandon Harvey '04
John Coughlin '92	Keith Hill '04
Quoc Giang '96	Jeffrey Moore '04
Jason Nuyttens '97	Nathan Fox '09
Joe Nevel '00	Alex Kulisek '10
Joshua Wilderson '00	Jeffrey Mooney '10 & '15
Shawn Wochner '01	Ryan Schmidt '10
Tom Feldman '02	Justin Stroh '11
Brian Wells '02	

Alumni Corporation General Contributions

Michael Young '74 Daniel Pieper '07

The Delta Upsilon Famighette Trust Fund

James Gordon '90 Ryan Schmidt '10
Nezar Kassem '95

Undergraduate Chapter Recruitment Fund

Dr. Brian Yocks '94	Lee Smith '15
Justin Ford '95	Lukasz Wozny '15
David Behnke '97	Lenin Gamero '17
Eric Leiterman '15	

Alumni Dues

We wish to thank all the alumni for their recent donations! Let's keep it up! It is that time of year again to submit your Alumni Dues. Fund raising begins each year with the conclusion of WIU's Homecoming weekend. The voluntary alumni dues for the 2015-2016 alumni year are set at \$25.00 per alumnus. Alumni dues are used by the Alumni Chapter to offset general operational costs such as: Newsletters and general communications Homecoming and other designated Alumni weekends other Social Alumni Events

There are two ways to submit your alumni dues:

Write a check to Western Illinois Delta Upsilon Alumni and mail to Western Illinois Delta Upsilon Alumni, Post Office Box 32, Macomb, Illinois 61455
or
Online Payment (WIUDU.com Website) look for the link to donate to DU.

Keep Up With Your Brothers

Samuel Annable '11 - Has taken a job as the Director of Ticket Sales with the Boise Hawks Baseball Club, a minor league baseball team in Boise, Idaho affiliated with the Colorado Rockies MLB organization. Sam commented that "Erin and I will be moving to Boise in January and are very excited and look forward to the opportunity to do big things!"

Steven R. Bravieri '97 - Operations Manager Celadon Trucking Services Inc. in Janesville/Beloit, Wisconsin Area. Operations Manager at Cummins Diesel assembly and distribution facility in Janesville Wisconsin.

David Bremer '90 - Is the New Business Development Manager for Thalgo USA. THALGO creates, manufactures and markets treatments, cosmetic products and marine-based nutritional supplements in more than 90 countries, for thalassotherapy centers, spas and resorts.

Anthony J. Brown '89 - is a Lieutenant with the University of Illinois Police Department, Support Services Bureau. He and his wife Beth and three sons live in Rantoul, IL where he is serving his second term as a Trustee on the Rantoul Village Board.

Patrick Bruhn '02 - Has taken a position as Support Engineer with Intergraph CADWorx & Analysis Solutions in Houston Texas.

Dillon Caplinger '08 - Recently became a Senior Claims Representative with County Financial in Bloomington/Normal Illinois.

John Coughlin '92 - Lives in Long Beach, Mississippi, and is Senior Project Manager, ROY ANDERSON CORP, Gulfport, MS www.rac.com (a Tutor Perini Company). Jon has been at the same company for 20 years. One of his children is a student at Mississippi State studying to become a veterinarian and the other is attending the University of Southern Mississippi.

Col. Michael "Mick" Cumbie - USA Retired - Mick Cumbie, Director of Development for the Western Illinois University College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) retired from WIU on June 2, 2015. Cumbie has served in his current position since 2006. Prior to that he was the chair of the WIU Military Science Department, beginning in 2001.

Additionally, Cumbie has served as executive director of the Performing Arts Society (PAS) since 2006, and was one of the founding members of the Rocky on Parade Committee, which began in 2013.

Cumbie joined WIU in 2001 after a tour as chief of Counterintelligence with the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), NATO's military headquarters in Belgium. He served four tours of duty in Europe, including the Netherlands, Belgium and twice in Germany. He also served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, as well as Bosnia and Kosovo.

After his retirement from WIU, Cumbie will begin serving as vice president for advancement at the College of Coastal Georgia, beginning July 1.

Matthew R. Fischer '12 - After 6 years and 2 degrees, from Western Illinois, Matt accepted a position at Florida Gulf Coast University as an Athletic Communications Assistant.

Tom Handyside '10 - Is a Distribution Service Manager with Medline Industries, Inc., Vernon Hills. In April, Tom was re-elected to his second term as a member of the Zion-Benton Township School Board.

James Hobson '15 - Has accepted a police officer position with the City of Champaign and will be shortly starting his academy training for his new position.



David J. Johnson '09 – Is teaching at Farmington High School and lives in Peoria, Illinois.

Ron Kalish '91 – is working for Aasonn as a Strategic Account Manager, working with new customers in the East and Central United States and Canada. Ron is currently residing in Winter Garden, Florida.

Fay Meiborg '81 - Serves on the Hononegah H.O.P.E. Foundation (alumni-based foundation that raises money for student scholarships, teacher grants, and school projects). He is a retired state police officer residing near Freeport.

Phil Mitchell '94 - Is a Staff/cost/financial/inventory accountant with JH Global/Star Electric, in Simpsonville, South Carolina.

Jeff Mooney, '10 & '15 - Is a part time video editor/photographer at WQAD, Channel 8, in Moline. He is also still working full time at Wal-Mart in Moline. His 1st degree in 2010 was a BB in Information Systems and he went back to WIUQC (Western Illinois University Quad Cities) and completed a 2nd BA in Communication.

Jeffrey Moore '04 - Has been recently accepted into the Kansas State University Master's program in Security Studies which he will be doing in addition to attending the Army Command General Staff College (CGSC) program Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Tom Polaski '80 – After retiring from Hononegah High School is subbing Clinton High School (Wisconsin). Tom is also a trustee on the Rockton Zoning Commission.

Ryan M. Schmidt '10 – Has taken a new position with Homeland Security working in the Washington, DC area.

Justin D. Schuhart '98 - Justin is Director of Operations, Supply Chain at Wal-Mart eCommerce (Operational Excellence, Optimization, Innovation & Strategy), in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Andrew Tingley '01 - As of May 2015, Director of Admissions, National American University, Weldon Springs, Missouri.

Major Stephen A. Tribble '90 - Recently moved to Tampa, Florida where he is a Joint Strategic Planner with the US Central Command (CENTCOM). Steve left the Campus Recreation field at University of Northern Kentucky in 2007 for active duty US Army. In 2013 he earned his PhD, in Higher Education Leadership Indiana State University. Has been selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army. Currently Steve is on deployment in Qatar.

Dennis Valentine '92- Due to a promotion Dennis is moving his family back to Alexandria, VA from Western Springs, IL.

Dan Wellman '92 – Is the Vice-President of the National Association of State Approving Agencies, Advocates for quality education and training for our nation's veterans. Dan and his wife Kris have two children Evan and Elec. They live in Sherman, Illinois. Elec attends Notre Dame.

Kyle Wroblewski '09 - Is a Certified Personal Trainer at GYMGUIZ in Barrington. He recently completed a four month Sports Performance Internship at Tiffin University, Tiffin, Ohio. Where he collaborated with coaches on creation and implementation of sport specific training plans for Tiffin Univ. athletes.

Alumni Corporation Update

On October 3rd, during Western's Homecoming, the Alumni Corporation met for our annual meeting. During the meeting a new Alumni Corporation Board was elected, and I was reelected the corporation presidency. I am encouraged by the depth of knowledge and experience that will reside on the board this year. We have individuals throughout all decades of DU. We are motivated and looking forward to working together.

Financially the corporation continues to operate cash flow positive. The refinancing of the fraternity house last year allowed us to pay off old debts and establish an escrow for future obligations. Currently, the house has occupancy just below breakeven. However, there may be opportunity in the spring semester to increase the house occupancy. Corporation Assistant Treasurer, Derek Gorsuch, has volunteered to work with the undergraduate chapter to help close any potential budget gaps.

Over the past year, the corporation has done over \$10,000 in improvements on the fraternity house. A large portion of the funds came directly from the alumni in the form of donations. On behalf of all the alumni I would like to thank everyone who donated.

Monetary donations are appreciated and necessary, but so too is the donation of peoples' time. Never was that more evident than at the last alumni work weekend held in July. We had the largest turnout in over ten years. Almost two dozen alumni, some who haven't been at the house in years, and a majority of the undergraduates worked tirelessly to fix, clean and enhance the chapter house and grounds.

It is dedications like this that has made the house look better than I have ever seen it. However, we are not done. I envision a 5 year re-beatification campaign to which we are about a year and a half in. We have many more projects on the docket, but it's going to take everyone's help to accomplish them.

All our work would be for not if the undergraduate chapter doesn't prosper. I would encourage every alumnus to make a trip down to Macomb and impart your wisdom. The undergraduates are eager to meet their alumni brothers and interested in hearing the stories and traditions that make DU great. It is through our shared ideals that DU will endure.

I look forward to continuing my service as the Alumni Corporation President. I want to wish everyone a happy and safe upcoming holiday season.

Sean Kraus '05
Alumni Corporation President



Thank you to the following alumni and undergraduates who helped at the annual work weekend:
Tony Asevedo, Dave Behnke, Curt Bence, Nik Breslin, Joel Carachure, Doc Cody, Matt Dickerson, Sean Dowling, Justin Ford, Derek Gorsuch, Steve Harper, Rob Hauptmann, Derek Hiland, Bill Hipkins, Rich Jording, Sean Kraus, Joe Krupke, Jacob Lichenwalter, Dave Maguire, Jason Nuyttens, Bruce Peterson, Jeff Quick, Brian Rafferty, Dave Skutt, Lee Smith, Kyle Sullivan, Drew Tingley, Logan White, and Ben Winscott.

Undergraduate Update

The undergraduate chapter and executive board would like to thank Brothers James Gordon, Derek Gorsuch, Chuck Mooney, Bruce Peterson, and Dave Maguire for donating to the Scholarship fund. The money allowed for the executive board to be able to attend Delta Upsilon International's Midwest Regional Leadership Academy. We would also like to thank everyone who came down over the summer to help work on the house during the work weekend. The house is looking better than ever and it meant a lot to the undergraduates seeing all the alumni that were willing and able to help improve the chapter house. This year for homecoming we paired up with Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Chi, and Sigma Lambda Beta. We came in first place overall for homecoming and broke a WIU record for being the first team to ever have two PHC sororities working together on the same team! We will also be having our first semi-formal this December in a few years and the undergraduates are very excited about that as well. Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be on November 15th at 6 pm at the chapter house. If any alumni would like to attend please let myself know so we have a head count of who all will be there. We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Brother Tyler Dudek '17
Undergraduate Chapter President

Homecoming 2015 – Undergraduate Update



Elgin, IL - Joel Carachure a senior construction management major was one of five WIU undergraduates chosen as a King candidate finalists. Joel serves the DU Chapter as the Vice President of External Relations and is a member of the WIU Peach Blossoms. Additionally, Joel is a Marine veteran.



Chapter Academic Awards for 2014-15

DU - Fall Semester GPA 3.108, 1st out of 13 fraternities
DU - Spring Semester GPA 3.121, 2nd out of 11 fraternities

DU Honors (3.0 and above)

Matthew D. Dickerson
Jeffery D. Quick
Jacob S. Lichtenwalter
Lee P. Smith
Tyler J. Czarnecki
Joseph L. Fegan

University Honors - Dean's List (3.6 or higher)

Nicholas J. Breslin
Jacob E. Poffenberger

Matthew Thomas Famighette Memorial Scholarship

Tyler J. Czarnecki

Clarence William Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Nicholas J. Breslin

Academic Excellence – 4.0 GPA Award

Nicholas J. Breslin (4.0) - Spring 2015
Robert J. Hauptmann (4.0) - Spring 2015
James Hobson (4.0) - Spring 2015

Smart Duck of the Semester Award

Nicholas J. Breslin (4.0) Spring 2015

Chapter Fund Raising

Help the Undergraduates with finances by purchasing pizzas through Papa John's. By using the code WIUDU you will receive 40% off your order and 10% goes back to the chapter.

Homecoming Alumni Chapter Elections

Alumni Chapter Executive Board

President – Lee Smith '15
 Vice President – Justin Hall '05
 Secretary – Antonio Asevedo '96
 Treasurer – Dave Maguire, SILL '73
 Assistant Treasurer – Derek Gorsuch '12

Chapter Trustee

Bruce Peterson '74

Alumni Corporation Executive Board

President – Sean Kraus '05
 Vice President – Tom Feldman '02
 Secretary – David Behnke '97
 Treasurer – Dave Maguire, SILL '73
 Assistant Treasurer – Derek Gorsuch '12

Alumni Corporation Directors

Anthony Ashenurst '76
 Justin Ford '95
 Keith Hill '04
 Bill Hipkins '94
 Tom Kaster '74
 Shawn Miner '00

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 6	Fall Undergraduate New Member Initiation	Macomb
Saturday, January 16	Corporation Meeting	Chicago
Saturday, April 23	42 nd Anniversary & Corporation Meeting	Macomb
Friday – Sunday, July 9-11	Summer Work Weekend & Corporation Meeting	Macomb
Thursday, July 28 to 31	DU Convention and Leadership Institute	Indianapolis
Saturday, October 8	2116 - WIU Homecoming & Alumni Chapter Meeting	Macomb
Saturday, September 30	2017 - WIU Homecoming & Alumni Chapter Meeting	Macomb
April 26-27-28, 2019	45 th Anniversary & Corporation Meeting	Macomb

Alpha and Omega



Stephen J. McGuar '79 passed away on Friday, October 2, 2015. Steve served the fraternity as Chapter President and graduated from WIU in 1979. Services were held in celebration of his life on Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m., at Southeast Christian Church in Parker, Colorado.

4th Annual Fallen Soldier 5K

Over \$18,000 was raised for the WIU Fallen Soldier's Scholarship Fund this year. Since the event's inception in 2011, more than \$64,000 has been raised for the scholarship, which honors WIU alumni Capt. Derek Dobogai and Lt. Col. Robert Baldwin '93, who were both killed in the line of duty.

Robert, was killed Sept. 21, 2010, when a Blackhawk UH-60 helicopter carrying Navy SEALs crashed during combat operations in the Zabul Province of Afghanistan.



Saturday, October 10, 2015 WIU held the fourth annual Fallen Soldier 5 K in honor of Brother Rob Baldwin '93 with one of the largest turn out with over 592 participants. Rob's parents attended along with members from the Culver-Stockton chapter and several DU alumni.



Alumni Update and Contribution Form

First Name: _____ Last Name _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Update Contact Information

Primary Phone: _____ Primary E-mail: _____ Best Address: _____

News: _____

I would like to make the following contribution to the Western Illinois Delta Upsilon Alumni. Mail this form and your check to Western Illinois Delta Upsilon Alumni, Post Office Box 32, Macomb, Illinois 61455. Remember you can also donate online at WIUDU.com.

_____ \$25.00 Annual Alumni Dues

In addition I would like to donate the following amount to the following:

_____ I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Famighette Scholarship Fund

_____ I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Alumni Chapter

_____ I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Alumni Corporation

_____ I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Undergraduate RLA Fund (Regional Leadership Academy)

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