



Delta Upsilon News

Western Illinois Chapter

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Alumni Chapter Update

Brothers,

As the new Alumni Chapter President, I have been very encouraged by the amount of energy coming from both alumni and undergrads so far this year. I am convinced that if we continue to work together and inspire each other, the WIU Chapter of Delta Upsilon will continue to thrive for years to come.

I would like to first take a moment to congratulate the undergraduates who have recruited ten members this Spring who are beginning their journey through the Delta Upsilon experience. The undergraduates are motivated and are working together to help continue the DU tradition that has lasted for 42 years. I encourage each and every alumnus to get involved with the undergraduate experience. Whether it is by taking a drive down to the chapter house, taking part in an alumni event, or serving as a mentor, we can all contribute to the success of the undergraduate chapter.

The Alumni Chapter Board has many goals for this semester. Several of these include starting the organizations first alumni mentorship and career development program as well as an alumni transition program. While we have many ideas that we would like to incorporate into the organization, what will truly help us be successful will be the donation of time by individual alumni. As a recent undergraduate, I have seen the yearly increase of alumni involvement have a direct impact on the success of the undergraduate chapter. By working together, we can continue to develop our organization into one of the most successful chapters within the Delta Upsilon community.

The Alumni Chapter Board is highly encouraging our alumni members to volunteer on one of the following committees, (Communication, Fundraising, Event planning, Anniversary, Career Development, and Scholarship).

I am looking forward to seeing many fellow alumni at the upcoming Alumni Weekend in April!

Brother Lee Smith '15
Alumni Chapter President

Chicago Alumni Events



Hockey Viewing party November 27, 2015, Chicago area Fall Alumni event at Shoeless Joe's Ale House in Rosemont. Chicago Blackhawks played the Anaheim Ducks! Left to right: Eric Leiterman '15, Ryan Mason '11, Lee Smith '15, Cuong Chau '95, Tony Asevedo '96, Sean Diven '10, Tim Engstrom '93, David Behnke '97, Joe Kessel '01, TJ Rinaldi '04.



Shoeless Joe's, March 5, 2016 Chicago area Spring Alumni event. Left to right: Brian Rafferty '99, Jason Nuyttens '97, Tony Asevedo '96, David Behnke '97, Sean Kraus '05, T.J. Rinaldi '04 and Andrew Czerniak '96 (seated).

Alumni Fundraising Activities

Since the last newsletter we have received \$1,290.00 in contributions in four areas. Thank you all for your continued support of the Western Illinois Chapter.

Dave Behnke '97
Mark Blakely '05
Tyler Courtney '15
Patrick Doyle '91
Tim Engstrom '93
Justin Ford '95
Tom Glisson '01
Keith Hill '04
James Hobson '15
Michael Kowols '06

Sean Kraus '05
Riley Landmeier '10
Eric Leiterman '15
Dave Maguire SILL '73
Joe Mongelluzzo '05
Bruce Peterson '74
Lee Smith '15
Lukasz Wozny '15
Joshua Zumarraga '15

Ian A. Covington
Brandon J. Krukowski
Devin M. Lionberger
Dillon R. Martenson
Roger D. Martin
Stefan M. Rangel
Konrad Sowizral
Andrew M. Sudduth

Astoria, Illinois
LaGrange Park, Illinois
LaHarp, Illinois
Shabbona, Illinois
New Lenox, Illinois
Galesburg, Illinois
Chicago, Illinois
Decatur, Illinois

Chapter membership has been busy working on community service projects one of which is assisting the City of Macomb renovate a home for the Genesis Garden Project.



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, Homecoming, Alumni Weekends and 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.



Undergraduates Keeping Busy Spring Semester

Recruitment at this time is going well for the Undergraduate Chapter the following New Members will be initiated on Sunday, April 3 in the University Union.

Matthew R. Boucher
Levi M. Coulter

Holloway, Illinois
Ipava, Illinois

Chapter Academic Awards for Fall Semester 2015

DU Honors (3.0 and above)

Logan E. White
Kyle S. Sullivan
Jeffery D. Quick
Tyler O. Dudek

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

Nicholas J. Breslin
Michael A. Shriber
Matthew D. Dickerson
Joseph L. Fegan

Chapter Academic Awards (cont.)

Academic Excellence – 4.0 GPA Award

Nicholas J. Breslin (4.0) Fall 2015

Smart Duck of the Semester Award

Nicholas J. Breslin (4.0) Fall 2015

Keep Up With Your Brothers

Samuel Annable '11 – Has accepted a position as the Territory Manager of the Central and Southern Illinois Regions for Parksite, Inc., a building materials company.



Ben Benson '92 - Has been appointed Lockport's City Administrator in August 2013 by the City Council. Prior to his appointment, Ben served the City of Joliet for almost ten years as the Assistant City Administrator (2010-2013), Director of Marketing & Communications (2008-2010), and Executive Director/Founder of the Joliet Visitors Bureau (2004-2008). As part of his duties as the City Administrator, Ben supervises a staff of over 100 FTE employees and an operating budget of over \$30M for the City of Lockport. Ben is married and has two children.

Benjamin M. Bohm '03 - Recently became National Account Manager at Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. He has been with Black & Decker since 2004.



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. Tony and his son stopped by the fraternity house during the Fall Semester.

Michael Clark '96 - Recently celebrating his nine year anniversary with Towers Watson Management Consulting in the Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul area, currently a Business Analyst.

Alex Degman '08 - Has moved from Springfield to St. Louis to work at the legendary CBS O&O powerhouse KMOX.

Edward R. Ganzer '93 - Is Store Manager for Bucky's Express in the Greater Omaha area. Bucky's is a family-owned and operated chain of convenience stores and gas stations in the Midwest.

Jesse R. Goodpasture '08 - Is 1LT, United States Army 404th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

Steve Hacker '75 – Is Sales Executive at J.B. Hunt Transport, Inc.

Michael A. Kettler '11 - Since 2014 Mike has been a Business Development Manager at Zebra Technologies in the Chicago area. After graduating from Western went on earn his

Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration in 2016 from the Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University.

Chuck Leefers '77 - Senior Loan Officer at Nova Home Loans Tuscan, Arizona.

David M. McCord '94 - Is a Therapy Assistant at Genesis Rehab Services and Total Health Center Inc. residing in Kalamazoo Michigan.

Phil Mitchell '94 – Is Plant/Cost Accountant at Thompson Dayton Steel Service, Inc. an affiliate of the Thompson Companies, Greenville, South Carolina.

Joseph Mongelluzzo '05 – Now lives in Las Vegas, NV. Currently, the Network Manager at NV Energy where he is responsible for the server, storage, and network infrastructure.

T.J. Rodenbaugh '04 - Lives in Washington D.C. and is a staff member for the State Department as a Foreign Affairs Officer, currently assigned to the Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications as the Director of Digital Outreach.

Steve Tribble '90 – Has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army. Currently he is on deployment in Qatar.

Michael N. Vidales '97 - Starting in May 2015 was the official launch of Michael Vidales State Farm Agency.

Stuart Whitmore '11 - Has accepted a full time position with the Arizona Game and Fish Department on the Black Footed Ferret Crew. He is honored to receive this opportunity and looks forward to being a part of the recovery of this amazing mustelid species.

Dr. Brent M. Wyatt '97 - Is the Medical Director at Complete Emergency Care, in San Antonio, Texas.



Dr. Brian Yocks '94 - Was recently honored by WIU during the campuses Motivating Monday. Brian is a Family Medicine Physician at Decatur Memorial Hospital. He recently received the "Excellence Through Insight" Award from HealthStream, a leading provider of workforce, patient experience, and provider solutions for the healthcare industry. Its Awards of Excellence acknowledge exceptional performance achieved by healthcare organizations and healthcare professionals to recognize their dedication to methods and processes that lead to quality improvements and, in turn, improved patient outcomes. This award was achieved by reaching the highest percentile in Overall Patient Experience.

Alumni Corporation Update

On January 16th, 2016 the Alumni Corporation Board held our quarterly meeting. The meeting was structured as a strategy session. The board performed an in-depth review of the financials and received an updated conditions report on the fraternity house. Several hours were spent discussing the fraternity house. The board prioritized the work needed to maintain the property and enhance it to attract future members.

Out of these discussions the board identified two critical streams of work. The first, are projects that require professional contractors. Those projects include installing a sprinkler system, per Illinois housing laws, installing a new boiler, replacing the roof and several others. These are long term projects to be completed over several years.

The second critical stream of work are those that can be accomplished by alumni. Primarily made up of smaller projects that can be completed in a weekend. The projects range from painting rooms and fixing floor tiles to simply clearing yard waste. The main time to complete these projects is during the annual summer work weekend. This year, the work weekend will be held July 8th – 10th 2016. Given the success of last year’s work weekend we expect to accomplish a lot this year.

Currently, the house is operating below the breakeven point. This is primarily due to undergraduates leaving the university, not receiving dorm releases or otherwise deciding not to live in the fraternity house. This has moved the corporation into a negative cash flow. We are working with the undergraduates to improve the house numbers and hope to break even by the fall semester. Despite the current financial environment the corporation remains solvent with sufficient reserves.

The end of the calendar year was a little bumpy but a new year brings new energy. With the growing alumni involvement and a revamped recruiting strategy for the undergraduates 2016 looks to be a much improved year for Delta Upsilon.

Sean Kraus '05
Alumni Corporation President

Alpha and Omega

James Robert Walker '78 - Passed away on August 25, 2015 at his home in Macomb. James pledged Delta Upsilon Winter Semester 1974-75 and was initiated on April 6, 1975.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 23	42 nd Anniversary & Corporation Meeting	Macomb
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Anniversary Weekend - A block of 20 rooms has been reserved for the weekend at Quality Inn Macomb (under Delta Upsilon). Deadline is April 1st to make a reservation at the cost of \$75/night.

Sunday, April 24	WIU Purple & Gold Day 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Sport’s Corner 124 N. Randolph Street	Macomb
Friday – Sunday, July 8-10	Summer Work Weekend & Corporation Meeting	Macomb
Thursday, July 28 to 31	DU Convention and Leadership Institute	Indianapolis
Saturday, September 10	Family Weekend	Macomb
Saturday, October 8	2016 – WIU Homecoming 10:30 a.m. Parade 11:30 a.m. Alumni Chapter Meeting 3:00 p.m. Football Game	Macomb

Homecoming Weekend - A block of 10 rooms has been reserved for the weekend at the Super 8 Macomb (under Justin Hall). Deadline is August 25th to make a reservation at the following costs: \$135/night for double queen, \$125 for single king.

April 26 – 28, 2019 45th Anniversary Celebration



Each newsletter published leading up to the 45th Anniversary will contain at least one historical photo here are the members of Lambda Tau Beta Fraternity outside the original Chapter House, 526 North Lafayette Street, Spring semester 1973.

Front Row L to R: James Eberlin, Bruce Peterson, Greg Ballard, Rich Jurgens, Tom Kaster, Gary Richter, Ronald Hrubec, William Gauwitz, Seated 2nd Row: Jeffrey Anspach, Glen Gustavson, Gordon Kopp, Tom Shogren, A.J. Scoggin, George Lyon, 3rd Row: Marcs Chapman, Kurt Palmer, Steven Pellini, Tom Radke, Bill Wilkinson, James Simpson, Dave Hill 4th Row: John McHugh, Tim Amundson, Lawrence Kozak, Robert Boden, Tom Lanham, Gary Skarr, Rodney Carlson.

Western Illinois Chapter of Delta Upsilon Alumni Update Information Form



Alumni Contribution Form

Name: (Mr. Dr.) _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Employer: _____

Position/Title: _____

Preferred Method of Communication:

Email Home Phone

Cell Phone Mail

Social Media (please specify account)

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

First Name: _____

Last Name _____

Amount Enclosed _____

I would like to make the following contribution to the Western Illinois Delta Upsilon Alumni.

_____ \$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)

Mail these forms and your check to Western Illinois Delta Upsilon Alumni, Post Office Box 32, Macomb, Illinois 61455. Remember you can also donate online (WIUDU.com)

Interest Survey

Please complete and return if you are interested in helping the Alumni Chapter. Please indicate your area(s) of interest below.

Alumni Chapter Board

Communication Committee (Newsletter and Social Media)

Scholarship Committee

Career Mentoring Committee

Special Events Committee

Fundraising Committee

Anniversary Committee

Alumni Housing Corporation Chapter

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