

KAPPA UPSILON QUARTERLY

Spring 2011



Brothers and Associate Members gather after our Big Brother Ceremony

Upcoming Alumni Events

4/16- Initiation

4/17- Alumni Barbeque
2PM

RSVP by April 9th via email

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High Alpha Address: Spring Brotherhood Retreat

On February 19th, our chapter held its biannual retreat on campus, which gave us the opportunity to work together to come up with goals for the upcoming semester.

All the brothers met on a Saturday afternoon to talk about some of the problems we have faced up to this point and work on ways we can improve ourselves as individuals and as a brotherhood.

We went over our past semester goals and worked together to propose new goals for the Spring 2011 semester. Brothers and Associates also set personal goals for the remainder of the semester.

The chapter goals we came up with included:

- 3.30 GPA and have 0 brothers on academic probation and suspension by the end of the semester

- Raise \$625 (2500 lbs of food) for NAFD

-Come up with membership contract
Inform brothers, in detail, about the workings of an Alumni Board (so we can come closer to our overall goal of having one)

-Have an end-of-year review and bylaw convention

We also brainstormed ideas to put in an article that was written about us in the Cross and Crescent. Pictures were taken of the whole chapter and some particular individuals.



Fall 2010 Highlights

-Initiated 25 new Brothers

-1st Place in Greek Week

-3.03 GPA, 4th in IFC

-200 hours community service 1st in IFC

-600 philanthropy hours 1st of all Greeks

-\$4,800 raised for charity, 1st of all Greeks

-2 members elected to IFC Executive Board



Continuing our tradition of leadership in extracurricular activities

Kappa Upsilon Hosts Midwest Conclave

Bradley University was the proud host of Lambda Chi Alpha chapters from around the Midwest including Wabash College, University of Illinois, Butler University, Elmhurst College, and many others. The events ran from Friday, March 4 until the closing discussions with John "Biff" Holloway, Director of Chapter Services.

Friday

As Brothers and Associates gathered from around the region, they met in Bradley Hall for registration and opening remarks from the Midwest Conclave's Student Advisory Committee Representative. Following dinner, participants engaged in various round table discussions. Some of the topics discussed were Alumni Involvement, Inner Circle, and a question and answer session with the Grand High Alpha. The night concluded as Brothers took part in a ZAX session and Associates participated in an education session led by our former High Kappa.

Saturday

Saturday was a day full of programming for developing our members' leadership skills. Over sixty Brothers and Associates took part in the True Leader 1, which assists in determining one's strengths, weaknesses, and natural leadership style. Eight Brothers continued their journey with True Leader 2, focusing on conflict resolution and group dynamics. Other programming offered included Cole Recruitment, focusing on Values Based Recruitment, and an Exoteric Mysteries workshop. Student Advisory Committee elections took place to find Kyle Malinowski's (KU 1210) predecessor as the Midwest Representative. The culmination of the weekend was the formal banquet at the Pere Marquette.

Brother Will Lopez (KU 1199) began the evening with toasts and a prayer. Following the meal, freshman Dave Michalik (KY 1267) gave a moving speech about how Lambda Chi Alpha has changed him into a better man.



The Grand High Alpha addresses those assembled at the Conclave Banquet

The Grand High Alpha then spoke about the long term direction of the International Fraternity and explained the successes of the True Brother Initiative thus far. Finally, Kyle Malinowski gave his State of the Conclave address and expressed his optimism and hope for the future of our Conclave. The evening concluded back on Bradley's campus with a brotherhood trivia challenge.

Sunday

After two fulfilling days, members settled in Sunday morning for the final even of the weekend: True ID. The education session covered gender issues and awareness. The other chapters then left and our remaining Kappa Upsilon brothers had a meeting with Biff in the University Hall basement. We discussed the past few years of Kappa Upsilon and worked to establish a unified goal and direction for the chapter to strive for in the future.



Brothers and Associates gathered from around the region at Bradley University



Beginning my Journey on the Road to Brotherhood

My name is Tom Meismer and I am currently an Associate Member of Kappa Upsilon Zeta. I rushed Lambda Chi Alpha this spring semester.

To be completely honest, coming in I did not know what to expect and until recently I still had no idea what to expect from Lambda Chi Alpha.

Thanks to several experiences, including meeting the Grand High Alpha and many important National figures and also attending the Midwestern Conclave has helped me learn what Lambda Chi Alpha stands for.

I have been associated with this great organization for a little over a month and I already have strong feelings towards Lambda Chi and what it stands for.

I cannot say that Lambda Chi Alpha has been life-changing for me yet, however I can say that I know for a fact that it will become a life-changing and very influential part of my life. The values that Lambda Chi Alpha upholds are values that I share and are a main reason I am involved.

I have been criticized by several of my acquaintances that are against all fraternities because of the negative connotations. Just from the short time I have been involved, I have already convinced them that this is a quality organization that takes men and makes them extraordinary.

My experience has been great thus far and has led me to say, I am proud to be a part of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Spring Recruitment

This spring we had 5 members accept their bids. Those 5 went through our Associate Member and Big Brother Ceremonies. Over the past couple weeks, Lambda Chi Alpha has been hosting recruitment events to look at the potential new leaders on campus.

Although everything has been in swing for a full semester, there was still interest in Greek life, specifically Lambda Chi Alpha. We hosted an assortment of events including bowling, poker, laser tag, and an informational session.

Lambda Chi began with the leaders on this campus and that is what we are striving to maintain--quality men who represent our values. Sometimes recruitment can feel like only a short time to get to know someone, but the workhorses of the fraternity did what needed to be done and found men of the highest caliber.

We asked potential Associates what they are involved in on campus and if a leadership role is something they are seeking. These types of questions are the foundation of what we look for while recruiting. If we continue to search for quality men and do not lower our standards, Lambda Chi will continue to make a difference one step at a time.

-High Delta, Adam Currier KU 1234



The newest group of Associate Members for the Spring of 2011 following the AM Ceremony.

From left to right: Sammy Naman (Fr), Jonathon Staab (Fr), Brad Gschwendtner (Fr), Tom Meismer (Fr), Eric Winterton (Jr)

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Alumni Advisory Board Search

The Brothers of Kappa-Upsilon Zeta are actively pursuing the creation of an Alumni Advisory Board. Though we are a strong group of men, we recognize that we alone cannot reach our fullest potential. With the help of an Alumni Advisory Board, we can help to ensure our chapter's continued success and ability to stand strong for years to come.

Your Role

The role of the Alumni Advisory Board is to assist our High Pi in advising the chapter. As an alumni advisor, you will be a member of the board chaired by the High Pi. In addition, you will serve as an individual advisor for a High Zeta officer to offer support and direction. Determining which officer you work with will depend on your area of expertise, experience, and personal preference. For example, if you have a background in finance or accounting, you would be a great asset to assist our High Tau.

How do I get Involved?

Visit bulamdachi.org/registration.php to register. Check the "I'm interested in becoming a member of the Alumni Advisory Board" and High Rho will contact you shortly.

Want to see something in a future issue or have an announcement?

Contact Dave Smejkal with your request

Responsibilities

1. Monthly meeting with your designated High Zeta officer
 - a. Review officer's program outline, plans, and goals at the beginning of each semester
 - b. Meet with officer before major events
 - c. Assist in answering questions and addressing problems and concerns that may arise
 - d. End of semester review of positive and negative points
2. Attend Alumni Advisory Board meetings once or twice per semester as determined by the High Pi

Searching for Lost Alumni

If you know any alumni who have not received this newsletter, please encourage them to update their contact information at bulamdachi.org/registration.php

