



Epsilon Alumni Connections



Alumni and active members sang "Cross, Heart, and Rose" and "Loyal Brothers" during the mortgage burning event in October.

BURNING THE MORTGAGE

Members and Alumni Celebrate Being Mortgage Free

On Friday, October 27, at Prairie Moon Winery, more than 130 Beta Sigs and their significant others gathered to celebrate that Epsilon Chapter is now debt free! Chapter President **Caleb Mueller '15** kicked off the evening with a welcome to the group, led us in the traditional dinner song, while Pastor David Beagley, the Chapter's pastoral advisor of 10 years, led us in prayer.

Mark Anderson '93 discussed Epsilon's journey through recent decades and the recommitment of our brotherhood to the three S's of spiritual, scholastic, and social, which is the foundation for today's recruitment and scholastic success and the decision to refinance the mortgage.

MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

Capital campaign chairman, **Lynn Anderson '66**, then spoke about the work done with the campaign and the decision to pursue the purchase of another Chapter House, rather than a remodel of the 223 Lynn Property. Lynn went on to announce that an anonymous donor has pledged to match all donations to our Housing Fund (2702648) and Endowed Scholarship Funds (2701227) at the Iowa State Foundation, dollar for dollar up to the first \$25,000 in calendar year 2017.

IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR EPSILON CHAPTER

Alumni Board President **Jarod Carl '00** presented the Alumni Board's strategic plan for life after a mortgage. The Chapter House is in critical need of repair, and they intend to use the ISU Foundation Housing Fund money to re-roof the Chapter House and remodel upstairs bathrooms and first floor wood flooring. There is also plans to modernize the study rooms with new carpet and furniture and improve the energy efficiency with new window hardware.

The board would also like to invest in our in-house scholarship program. Their vision is that all cash proceeds from the ISU Foundation Endowed Scholarship Funds will be used for scholarships for our active members each year.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Alumni Scholarship Chairman **Kevin Stinn '02** awarded the scholarship committee's selections for two Darryl Jahn scholarships for incoming freshmen, which were awarded to **Charles Magee '17** and **Cameron Johnson '17** as the in-house winners. **Reed Burress '15** was selected to receive the Lynn Anderson Beta Sigma Psi Leadership Scholarship, a \$2,000 scholarship set up by the Andersons to reward Epsilon members who have shown outstanding leadership in the Chapter and on campus.

At the end of the event, members and alumni huddled around the fire as Brian Clark dropped the mortgage into the fire. The group sang "Cross, Heart, and Rose," "Loyal Brothers," and ended the evening with a champagne toast. Congratulations to the members and alumni of Beta Sigma Psi on being mortgage free.

Alumni members from the 1960s pledge class during the mortgage burning banquet, which also served as a 50-year reunion.



Time to Reconnect

Alumni Board Encourages Alumni Camaraderie

Recruitment has and always will be the life-blood of our Fraternity. We have the opportunity to offer an experience that no one else can offer at Iowa State: a faith-based social Fraternity with a network of brothers that will support you through your college experience and well into your future.

It has never been clearer to me than in my interactions with the group of Beta Sigma Psi alumni from the '60s that gathered in Ames during the Homecoming festivities. I had the wonderful privilege of being included in their email exchanges as they eagerly anticipated seeing one another after more than five years apart. I have also seen shared pictures of their kids and grandkids with wonderful stories of exotic travels and careers. During Homecoming, these brothers poked fun, recalled stories of buffoonery, and jabbed at each other's choice of majors, just to name a few topics of discussion. The realization I made as an observer of their interactions is that this is the same way I interact my own brothers during my own experiences with Epsilon Chapter. The stories may vary, but the brotherhood is what remains. Luckily, with advancements in today's technology and social media practices, we can break down the barriers of distance and time. It can be a wonderful experience to see my brothers' children grow up by viewing Facebook pictures, but there truly is nothing like reuniting in person—seeing familiar faces, hearing each other's voices, and remembering back to our time at Iowa State.

Corey Miller '82 has been diligent about organizing the ISU Homecoming game for the '80s alumni group, which has gathered every year for the past 10 years. **Paul Buss '65**, **Lynn Anderson '66**, and **Fred Dodds '66** took the reins on this year's gathering for the '60s group. We thank these outstanding gentlemen and other brothers for their hard work and dedication to ensure that our brotherhood continues after graduation.

I encourage all alumni to take a chance and organize a gathering with your Beta Sigma Psi brothers, whether it with your respective pledge class, house-mates, decade, and so on and so forth. Ames is a great place, and our members are incredibly accommodating and relish in watching alumni reunite. As Alumni Board president, I serve each and every one of you, and I encourage you to reach out to me at jvcarl650@gmail.com. I would be thrilled to help get you started with continuing our brotherhood traditions as alumni.

Fraternally,

Jarod Carl '00

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EPSILON CHAPTER AND ALUMNI CELEBRATE CYCLONE WIN



Undergraduate members assist house cook, John Anderson '05, in preparing lunch before the Homecoming game.



Diane and Lynn Anderson '66 and Holly and Dr. Don Beerman '68 at the Homecoming tailgate.

The Iowa State Homecoming game was held on Saturday, October 28. Beta Sigs and their families gathered at tent 15 to get ready for the 2:30 kickoff against TCU. House cook, **John Anderson '05**, led a team of members that grilled burgers, brats, and chicken along with side dishes for the more than 300 people who attended the Epsilon Chapter tailgate.

At 1:00, Alumni Board President **Jarod Carl '00** recapped the mortgage burning event and presented **Alexander Hopkins** with the final Darryl Jahn Scholarship. We then passed out 130 tickets provided by the Alumni Board and watched the Cyclones defeat the then fourth-ranked TCU Horned Frogs. This gives the Cyclones a share of first place in the Big 12, and makes them bowl eligible for the first time since 2012. Way to go, Cyclones!

Parent Work Weekend a Big Success

We thank the more 20 parents and family members who worked alongside our brothers in the summer heat to help add colorful and hardy perennials to the Chapter House. Your hard work provided great curb appeal to our wonderful home, and we appreciate your dedication to ensuring the Chapter House remains a welcoming place to all. Special thanks to our housemother, Barbara Gurganus, for coordinating this event and making the wonderful plant selections.

ALUMNI NEWS

DeWayne Ehler '51 has many fond memories with the Chapter. He served as the regional manager for National By-Products before retiring in 1990. DeWayne is grateful for his years with his brothers and the confidence he gained through leadership opportunities. He lives Bigfork, Minn., with his wife, Marilyn. E-mail: dmsehler@juno.com

Earl "Lee" Gruenhaupt '57 moved into Vintage Cooperative in Coralville, Iowa, a complex for seniors, with his wife, Fran. They own their unit and enjoy taking care of the upkeep. E-mail: lfgru2@gmail.com

Lynn Anderson '66 was selected by Beta Sigma Psi National Fraternity to be the Governor Norbert Tiemann Award recipient in 2018. This award recognizes individuals who have achieved the highest levels of success in their chosen profession. He lives in Chicago, Ill. E-mail: land635@gmail.com

Ted Honning '75 is a nuclear engineer and organic cattle farmer in Columbia, Tenn. E-mail: bomar@edge.net

Michael Leland '03 works as a certified registered nurse anesthetist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. E-mail: leland.mw@gmail.com

A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Rod Thompson '74 Shares the Impact of Beta Sigma Psi on His Life and Career

The leadership opportunities afforded to **Rodney "Rod" Thompson '74** during his time in Epsilon Chapter were essential to his life and career. His Beta Sigma Psi journey began when he met **Bill Jentzen '70** during his summer orientation and, with the help of recruitment chairmen, **Ron Norine '71** and **Ray Herrick '72**, was convinced to join Beta Sigma Psi.

As a Lutheran Fraternity, Beta Sigma Psi had a lot of appeal for Rod and his parents. As an undergraduate, Rod served as president, informal recruitment chairman, corresponding secretary, alumni corresponding secretary, and song chairman. These opportunities were essential in developing Rod's leadership and organization skills that contributed to his success in the Navy and commercial sector.

Rod graduated in 1977 with a bachelor of arts in political science and naval science at ISU. He had a 20-year career in the Supply Corps of the U.S. Navy and retired as a commander. Rod learned a great deal about information technology during his Navy career that transitioned to the commercial sector. He is a senior manager at Express Scripts, where he leads a team of two application developers and a business analyst. He earned his MBA from Penn State in 1988.



As an alumnus, Rod has been heavily involved with the National Fraternity, where he has served in numerous capacities. He is currently treasurer of the Education Foundation. "I met and worked with leaders from our Fraternity across the country, Rod said. "You will not find a better group who are as committed to the ideals of our beloved Fraternity." Rod was awarded the Lienemann Award in 2013 for his dedication and service to Beta Sigma Psi. Although he was humbled by this experience, he says the true honor was advocating for **Darryl Jahn '59** to receive the award and to personally present the plaque and sash to him. Another important point in Rod's life was when his sons, **Ryan Thompson '05** and **Tom Thompson, University of Illinois '07**, decided to join Beta Sigma Psi. "I am proud of their accomplishments in the Fraternity and in their own personal lives," Rod stated. Ryan is finishing his Ph.D., and has two children, Owen and Oliver, with his wife, Addie, who earned her Ph.D. in 2014. Tom works as a computer engineer in Boston, Mass.

Rod lives in O'Fallon, Illinois, with his wife, Deborah, who was an Epsilon Chapter little sister. Rod enjoys writing and plans to process the archival documents and prepare a history of Beta Sigma Psi National Lutheran Fraternity. If you would like to reconnect with Rod, you can reach him at rod.thompson@charter.net.



Members before helping with a highway cleanup this fall.



Brothers usher at the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.



Members volunteer for Habitat for Humanity in September.

MOTIVATED FOR SUCCESS

Epsilon Chapter Determined to Make a Difference

Another year is coming to a close for the Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi. Throughout the year, Epsilon Chapter has enjoyed involvement in both the Greek community and the Ames community. Our members have worked hard to succeed in all areas, while ensuring to upholding our spiritual, scholastic, and social values.

ACADEMICALLY FOCUSED

In spring 2017, Epsilon Chapter placed fifth out of 31 fraternities with a GPA of 3.27. This was the second semester in a row of placing in the top five fraternities, and we hope to continue this custom at the end of fall semester where we hope to attain a 3.30.

CONTINUING FAITH

The Chapter maintains a great relationship with Memorial Lutheran Church, where we serve as parkers and ushers. We are always ready to help with their needs in any way we can. The 500th anniversary of the Reformation was held this fall, where several Epsilon members served as ushers for this momentous event that had more than 1,000 people in attendance.

ON-CAMPUS LEADERS

Epsilon has stayed involved socially through

various leadership opportunities on campus. **Harry Daubitz '16** and **Dan Jacobi '14** served on the 2017 IFC executive team, which overlooks all IFC fraternities. **Nathan Kimle '16** serves as a Student Government senator, and **Kody Olson '16** is the director of governmental affairs for the Iowa State University Student Government. In addition, **Matt Levan '16** serves as president of agronomy club. These influential positions only scratch the surface of all the many ways in which Epsilon Chapter is involved on campus and within the community.

THANKFUL FOR ALUMNI SUPPORT

We thank our loyal alumni, family, and friends that continue to help make the Epsilon Chapter experience so wonderful for our members. We would not have anything we have today without your generous support. We invite alumni to stop by the Chapter House to meet the young men following in your footsteps.



Fraternally,
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Welcome, New Members

Aaron Gerdts '18
St. Ansgar, Iowa

Logan Hull '18
Boone, Iowa

Seth Jackson '18
Liberty, Mo.

Cameron Johnson '18
Wellsburg, Iowa

Justin Jones '18
West Des Moines, Iowa

Jack Kovach '18
Naperville, Ill.

Jake Larimore '18
Ames, Iowa

Charles Magee '18
Dunkerton, Iowa

Mike Malek '18
Chicago, Ill.

Colin Mckay '18
Liberty, Mo.

Matthew Poppens '18
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Ivan Rasmussen '18
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Marcus Reecy '18
Ames, Iowa

Alex Retallick '18
Story City, Iowa

Stephen Sabharwal '18
Lewis Center, Ohio

Ryan Stapleton '18
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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Iowa State University, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he has graduated, please send his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

ISU Foundation Matching Gift Challenge Announced

The Alumni Board is excited to announce that an anonymous alumnus has come forward with a challenge to the alumni. Any funds donated to the ISU Foundation's Housing Fund (2702648) or the Endowed Scholarship Fund (2701227) will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000, for all donations received between now and the end of 2017.

See the "Burning the Mortgage" article on page 1 for the plans for both funds.

Please consider donating to these 100% tax-deductible accounts during the remainder of 2017 to help us get 100% of the matching funds.

Please complete this form and mail your check to:

Jarod Carl '00, Alumni Board President
P.O. Box 2362
Ames, IA 50010

Name _____

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Donate Funds to the Beta Sigma Psi Housing Fund (2702648)

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