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Alumni Newsletter for the Gamma Iota Chapter of The Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity

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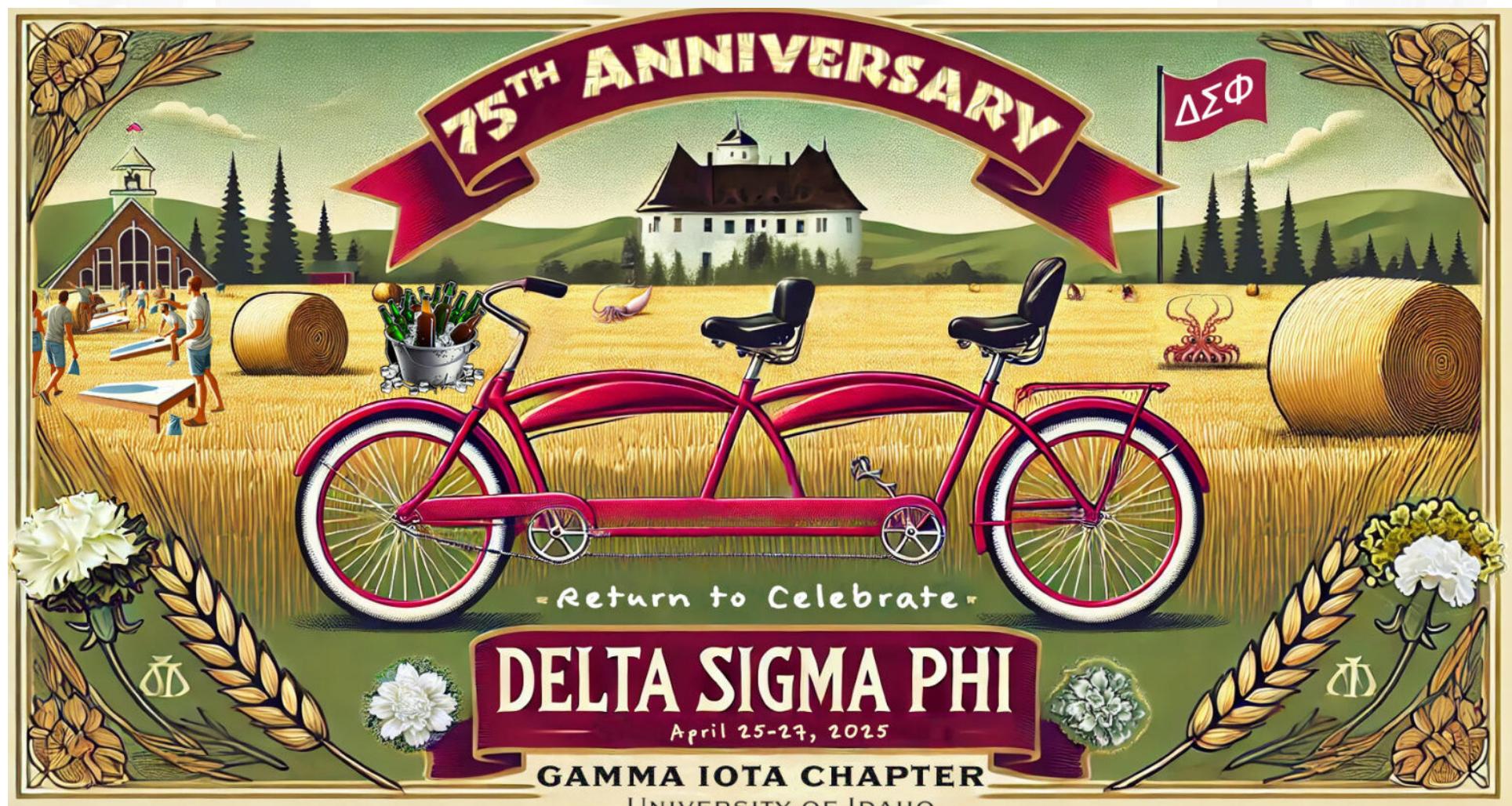
As the year draws to a close, I am proud to share with you an update on the Gamma Iota Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi at the University of Idaho. This fall semester has been a season of growth, resilience, and progress for our brotherhood, and I am excited to reflect on our journey with you, our valued alumni. Our chapter has been focused on strengthening the pillars of leadership, accountability, and academic excellence. This semester, we implemented new initiatives to enhance risk management and improve our accountability systems—goals we set earlier this year to ensure the safety and integrity of our brotherhood. These changes have helped foster a culture where every brother feels supported and empowered to lead by example. We're also proud to report that our academic performance continues to rise. Last semester, we celebrated several brothers achieving Dean's List honors, a testament to our commitment to the values of Delta Sigma Phi and the importance of academic achievement. This semester, we hope to celebrate several brothers achieving Dean's List honors again. In terms of recruitment, we are thrilled to have welcomed ten new brothers into our bond during fall recruitment. Each new member exemplifies the qualities of a Delta Sig—leadership, integrity, and dedication to our values. Their energy and enthusiasm have been a welcome addition to the chapter, and we look forward to seeing their contributions in the coming years. Our chapter's philanthropic spirit remains strong.

This year marks the tenth year in a row that we have won our neighboring sorority Kappa Delta's Shamrock Philanthropy. We also extended our philanthropic effort by participating in numerous campus and community service events, including sorority philanthropy events and our own community outreach efforts. These experiences not only strengthen our bonds as brothers but also deepen our connection to the Moscow community. We also embraced the opportunity to connect with alumni during our Homecoming celebration in October. It was heartening to see so many familiar faces back in Moscow, sharing stories and memories that remind us of the enduring legacy of Gamma Iota. Your support and engagement inspire us to uphold the standards of excellence you established. As we look ahead to the spring semester, we are committed to continuing this momentum. Whether through leadership development, academic success, or serving our community, we strive to honor the legacy of Delta Sigma Phi and make you proud. Thank you for your continued support. You are always welcome at the chapter house, and we look forward to seeing more of you in the future. Here's to a prosperous 2025 for Gamma Iota and all our alumni!

YITBOS
Josh Rardon PC '21
Chapter President

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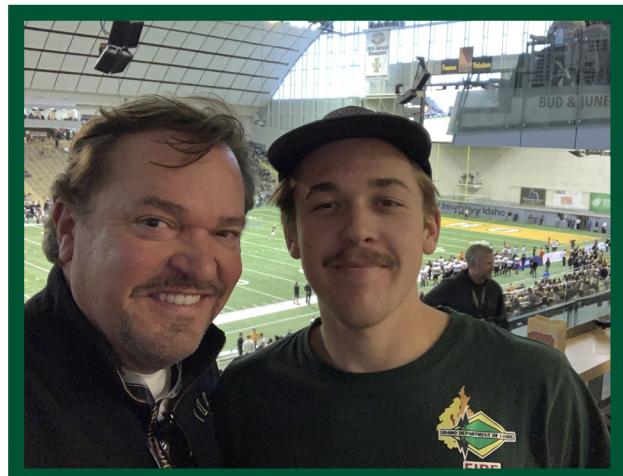


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SAILOR SPOTLIGHT

Eric Stoddard

When you have an older brother who attends the University of Idaho five years prior to yourself, there is a good chance of multiple visits and falling in love with our campus prior to ever actually enrolling. Such was the case with Brother Eric Stoddard and his path to The University of Idaho. An additional connection with the Vandal head football coach at the time, Ed Troxel, who had previously coached at Borah High School in Boise where Eric had played. It did not take much persuasion when Kerry Carney (aka Jed) invited Eric to visit and stay at The Castle during his high school visitation. Even with an unplanned trip to the hospital during that visit (another story for another day), his experience was positive and he pledged Delta Sigma Phi in the fall of 1977 along with his friend and football teammate Jay Masterson.



Father and son Vandals enjoy a game at the Kibbie Dome.

In addition to the fellowship and friendliness of the brothers, Eric was most impressed with the fraternity's high academic standards, intramural athletic prowess, and campus involvement. The DSP pledge class of 1977 was a tight knit group of men, 15 in total, and grew in fellowship and leadership as they developed together as brothers. Those relationships continued to grow over the years through good and bad. As happens with age, the recent passing of our dear friend and brother, Jay Masterson, who touched many and always lit up a room wherever he traveled has only made those bonds stronger. He is sorely missed by all who know him.

Freshman year was academically challenging for Eric, but his fellow pledge brothers and upperclassmen greatly assisted him with study room routine, discipline and techniques to balance his robust academic, fraternal, and campus social life. It wasn't all work and no play with intramurals, exchanges, pledge class sneak and heat tunnel antics served up entertainment when not hitting the books.

So many memorable events shaped Eric while at Idaho and not the least of which was the influence and encouragement of his fellow brothers to get more involved in campus organizations. I saw in Brother Stoddard so much leadership potential. Over our many robust discussions of current events on campus and statewide, I highly encouraged Eric to run for the ASUI Senate. While Eric was flattered, he didn't seriously consider it until fellow broth-

ers and I, on our own accord and in secret, gathered the signatures necessary for Eric to be placed on the next election ballot. Eric rose to the occasion, ran for the Senate and was elected for two terms serving with many fine Vandals including current University of Idaho President Scott Green. After his service in the Senate, Eric was elected ASUI President in '80-81. Eric says, "Those experiences likely would not have happened without the urging and support of Brother Sparks and DSP to light that fire and motivate me to become involved as a campus leader."

Upon graduating w/ BA degrees in Finance and Management in the spring of 1982, Eric left the Pacific Northwest where career opportunities were limited due to a severe recession and headed to Southern California where the job prospects at the time were more favorable. Utilizing his degree and leadership experience, Eric immersed himself into banking and mortgage finance in Southern California and later nationwide over a forty-year career in secondary market mortgage finance and capital markets with stints at Lockheed, Lehman Brothers, Shearson Lehman, Prudential and ultimately Wells Fargo.



Brother Stoddard is sworn in as the next ASUI President by outgoing President Scott Fehrenbacher in 1980.

Eric rose through the ranks at Wells Fargo, led the largest private mortgage capital conduit in the county and retired as Executive Vice President / National Manager in 2022.

During his career Eric continued to give back by serving on various boards and committees including the UI Alumni Board, MBA Secondary Marketing Committees and the MBA Residential Board of Governors. While distanced from his Idaho family, friends and alma mater, Eric stayed active with the UI, Gamma Iota, the College of Business, the UI Foundation and remains a longstanding original UI Quarterback Club member through continued charitable support and participation. He has been a generous supporter of the building fund that helped get The Castle reopened in 2019, plus HQ's Founders Day campaign, and 70th anniversary sponsorships.

From a previous marriage, Eric raised two children, Kelly, his daughter who is a student in Los Angeles and William, who is a recent graduate from the University of Idaho and resides in Moscow. As a single Dad, Eric is most proud of thoroughly immersing his children at a young

age in the YMCA Indian Princesses and Indian Guides programs, where Eric's love of the outdoors, camping and respect for the environment made lasting impressions on his children.

Eric's love of the outdoors later continued to manifest itself into RV camping (including multiple national and regional Burning Man events) as well as cross country motorcycle touring rides across the Western United States, Baja California and across America multiple times. "I don't think there are too many VP's of a major bank that attend Burning Man", says Eric Pickett PC 78 on Eric's diverse interests.

The University of Idaho and the relationships made there have had a profound impact upon Eric. Most recently, and ironically, is in meeting his Argentine wife and soulmate at a fellow Idaho Vandal birthday party ten years ago in Patagonia, Argentina. "The ties that bind us throughout life are the most precious to hold onto – and one never knows what may develop through the cultivation and preservation of those bonds. Bonds that are eternal" says Brother Stoddard.

Eric and his wife Mercedes currently reside in Laguna Hills, CA and are thoroughly enjoying

the active retired lifestyle. They travel domestically and internationally frequently, are active athletically and recently purchased a second home in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Eric is very grateful for the communication and leadership skills, relationships, bonds, community and lifelong friendships developed, cultivated and fostered to this day from Delta Sigma Phi and the University of Idaho that have served and continue to serve the foundation of a lifetime well lived.

When asked what advice he has for the undergrads, "To cultivate and broaden your fraternal and campus relationships and experiences wider than your scholarly and educational pursuits. For when you do, your friendships, learnings and experiences will last a lifetime and set you up well in whatever personal and professional endeavor you'll undertake in life. Carpe Diem!"

YITBOS
Rick Sparks PC '76

LEADERSHIP INSIGHTS

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2024

I stepped off the bus into a landscape I was unfamiliar with. The trees were bright green and all deciduous, no pine trees in sight. There was nothing short of a few small hills in the distance. Completely different from the rolling hills of the Palouse, the massive ranges of the Rockies and the Sawtooth mountains, and the pine forests of Idaho that seemed to go on forever. Not only was this landscape foreign, I was with complete strangers. Men I had only met just a few hours prior in the airport before the bus ride. Throughout the course of the week to come, we would form friendships to last decades after our time at Leadership Institute. Over the course of the week we would all come to be challenged in some manner of fashion. These challenges and the lessons learned from them hold the true value of the Leadership Institute. We all had to start to think in different ways and consider alternative perspectives than we may have before. The challenges forced us to be better leaders for those around us. One of my favorite challenges involved working in a team to move a person in a gurney from one side of an obstacle course to another. The trick was that we were not allowed to touch the ground or anything that immediately touched the ground. Instead relying on logs suspended by wood bricks to traverse the course. About half way through the challenge however we were met with an additional complication; there was another team coming from the direction we were going and we needed to switch sides with them. This required communication and problem solving to cross paths while neither side touched the ground. In my experience after the week of the leadership institute I was presented with many opportunities to apply what I had learned. I got back to the University of Idaho on the second day of work week. Immediately I was able to apply the lessons of modeling the way and inspiring a shared vision by jumping into the work that had to be done. Over the course of work week and then formal recruitment right after I

Andrew Woods and I, both PC 22' had the amazing opportunity to attend this years Leadership Institute at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston Indiana.

We did various activities that were in classroom and outdoor settings. We not only learned a lot about ourselves and how we could improve our leadership skills, but we also learned a lot about other brothers and their chapters from various places across the country.

This was truly a life changing experience that would not be possible without the various alumni donors. We got to meet with Executive Director Phil Rodriguez which was amazing to hear his story and ask him questions about his experience as a leader inside and out of the fraternity.

We cannot wait to apply the skills and experiences we learned this year with our chapter and other leadership positions.

YITBOS,
Nathan Tinno
PC '22



Brother Andrew Woods holding up brother Nathan Tinno at Leadership Institute 2024

would find opportunities to apply the 5 tenets of the Leadership Challenge. The Leadership Institute offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to surround yourself with those committed to the motto of Delta Sigma Phi, Better Men, Better Lives. Individuals truly dedicated to the idea that we can all be better and play a part in uplifting each other so we all may reach our full potential both as individuals and as fraternity men. I will never forget the experiences I had at the Leadership Institute and am forever grateful of those who made it possible.

Andrew Woods PC '22



Andrew Woods (Bottom Right) at Leadership Institute 2024 With Brothers From Other Chapters

THE JOURNEY OF MEMBERSHIP EDUCATION

As a future educator, having the opportunity to be the New Member Educator has given me both great insight and experience for my career. We have spent a lot of time this summer and semester updating, refining and expanding on our process to give the new members the best experience possible. We took lessons shared at Delta Sigma Phi's Leadership Institute when teaching the new members, and implemented them within our already existing methods to further enhance the traits, attitudes and leadership qualities we want members to carry with them. They are told about our history at Delta Sigma Phi, not just as a fraternity nationally, but as a member of Gamma Iota as well, helping to foster and create a strong bond not only among the new guys, but the whole chapter. Seeing them work together and hang out all the time reminds me of when I first started my experience in Delta Sig, and the lessons I started to learn as a new member and where it has taken me now as I come to my final year of schooling. There is a lot of enthusiasm buzzing around the house, and we are all very excited to continue teaching these young men how to follow our motto, better men better lives. I personally am ecstatic to see what these new guys are able to accomplish for the future of the house, and I have nothing but the up-most confidence that they will be able to carry not just Gamma Iota, but Delta Sigma Phi to an even better spot in the future.

William Murray, PC '21

HONORING OUR HISTORY

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN BROTHERS



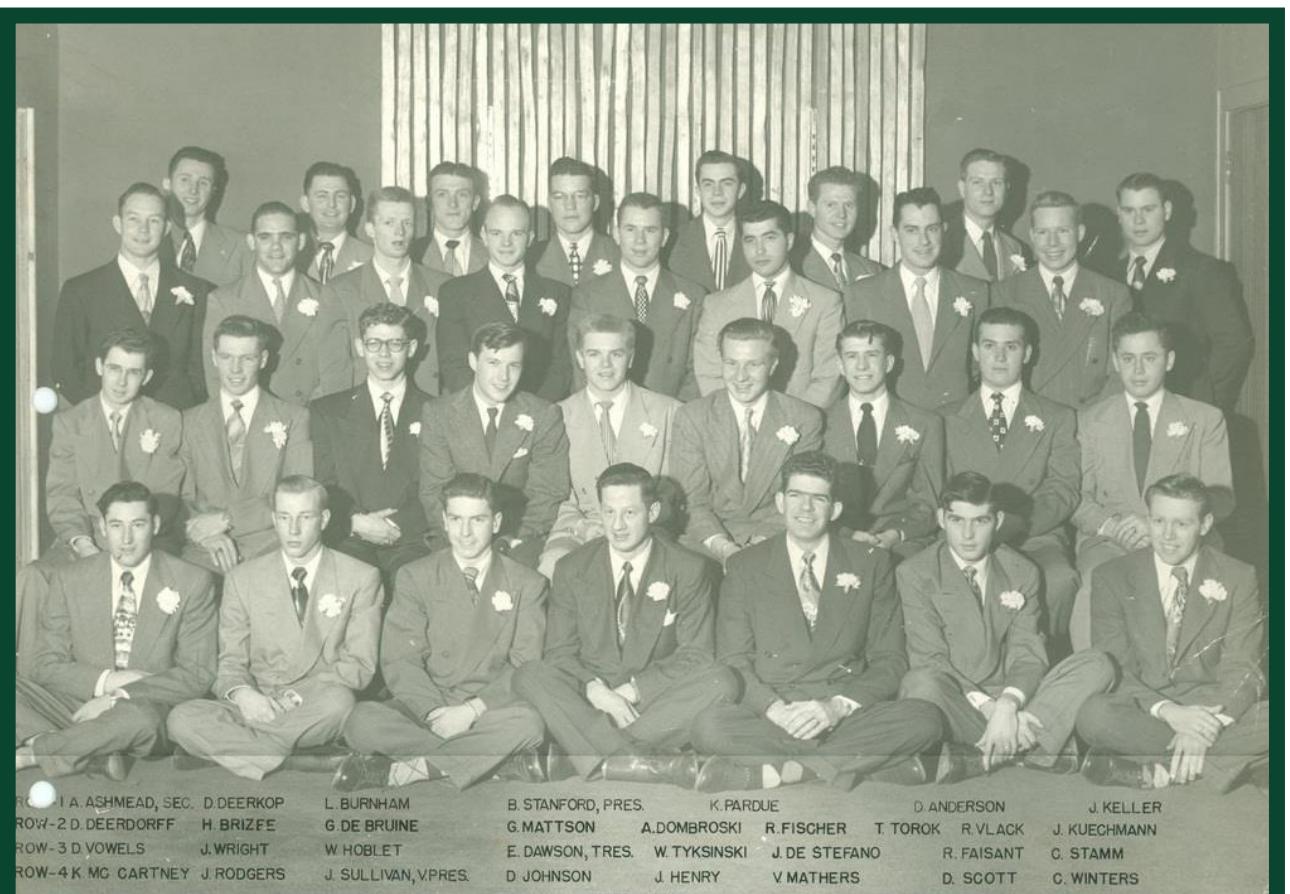
The Gamma Iota chapter honors their brothers Jack and Jason. From left to right Standing: Drew Bowman, Anthony Reyes, Finn Brenner, Porter Giltzow, Jonah Fuisting-Anderson, Luke Redmond, Javier Cardoza, Andrew Sims, Seth Raye, Peyton Whitney, Josh Rardon, Ethan Kroll, Austin Kiekhefer, Christopher Sprague, Andrew Woods, Colton Omas, Amrtansh Morya, Cameron King, Ben Walker. Kneeling: William Murray, Brogan Bates

Photo credit: Nathan Tinno

REFLECTIONS ON OUR LEGACY

As we continue to turn our eyes towards the much anticipated 75th Anniversary celebration this upcoming April, we also have an eye on the many years we have tread to get here. We have grown deep roots here, let's look at some of the oldest. Our grand entrance was on May 28th, 1950. Our founding fathers were initiated just earlier that weekend, over at Gamma Delta's house in Pullman. Robert van Kleeck was our first undergraduate president, leading a total of 44 new brothers into their first year as Gamma Iota. Two days later, we were in the University Newspaper, The Argonaut. We joined 13 other fraternities on campus, taking over a place that had previously been occupied by the Campus Café at the time. In 1953, we published our inaugural issue of the Gamma Eye. While they were printed for many years, at some point the printing was suspended. It would be brought back in the fall of 2016 thanks to the efforts of Nick Fuller, Thomas Entwit, and Devin Leatham. It was a year later, in 1954, that we made the best decision in our chapter's history, and hired one Charles Bartell as our lead chapter advisor. He would serve our chapter for over 40 years, being invaluable to our growth and prosperity. In 1985, our national fraternity would create the Charles G. Bartell Advisor of the Year award in his name and award it to him, in recognition of his service. It was while we were at Deakin Ave that we adventured out on our first ever Bike to Boise, during the spring break of 1963. This was a week-long endeavor, originally to raise money for Easter Seals. Since then, it has evolved into a weekend excursion during late spring each year. We've raised money for many philanthropies over time, including March of Dimes, Mountain State Tumor Institute, Hope House, and now the Redside Foundation. Then, in 1969, we made a big transition. Over homecoming week that year, we dedicated our newly purchased University Ave house. That house has stayed with us since, and is the current house we undergraduates are in. And all of that within our first 25 years. We celebrated our 25th anniversary in the year 1975. We grew from these roots, and now are looking at our 75th anniversary, and what is beyond.

Brogan Bates PC '21



The Gamma Iota Chapter Composite From 1950

ALUMNI ACTION

ACB PRESIDENT'S UPDATE: BUILDING MOMENTUM

I've said it before and will likely say it again, I'm a fair-weather ACB President through and through. The past decade has been tumultuous for Gamma Iota, but thanks to the leadership of countless brothers who stepped up to stabilize the chapter, the house is in a strong position. My involvement with the ACB was sparked by the chapter's recent successes—especially the quality of young men the house is recruiting. This semester, Gamma Iota welcomed its largest pledge class in over a decade, with 12 pledges. Even more impressive is the caliber of these young men. After visiting the house several times, I can confidently say the brothers are fostering a positive brotherhood. With the semester ending, I'm eager to see their final GPA. I'm optimistic they will build on their successes and deliver strong academic results. While the chapter is stable, there's still plenty happening behind the scenes. This year, the ACB partnered with Alpha Property Management to oversee leasing and rent collection. This change was made to ease the significant time burden previous ACB members faced when collecting dues. The transition wasn't without challenges, but by late November, we resolved most issues. Looking ahead, I'm confident Alpha will significantly reduce the administrative headaches of ACB service. Brother Bivens has been hard at work, focusing on an upcoming fundraising campaign and creating a management system for the house. I'm particularly excited for a maintenance manual that is being developed. This document, now in draft form, has been shared with alumni for feedback. The manual is a major step toward implementing a preventative maintenance plan. Much of my time this semester has been spent addressing deferred maintenance, and having a plan in place will ensure the house is comfortable to live in and avoid headaches for ACB. Financially, ACB's position has improved, largely thanks to the large recruitment class. All three accounts have grown. However, some members are behind on their dues, and Alpha is working closely with them to ensure payments are made. For more details on ACB's financials, feel free to reach out—I'm happy to share statements transparently. It's been a rewarding first semester as ACB President. I've appreciated every interaction with undergrads and alumni and look forward to meeting more of you in the coming months. I plan to attend the 125th Anniversary event this spring and hope to see many of you there!

Radley Peterson PC '10

UAB: ADVISING FOR SUCCESS

This fall has seen strides with improving the relationship between the UAB and undergraduate members. Spotlight for this fall would go to the work Stace, the most recent addition to the UAB, has been doing with Seth, our current chapter treasurer. They maintain regular communication, set goals, maintain timelines, and are an overall good example of how the UAB should function alongside the undergraduates. The rest of the work continues. We have been working more closely with several of the house leadership positions including the vice president, house manager, recruitment, and academic chairs. A current goal for the board is to help facilitate the transition of leadership positions to new members. Stronger bonds between the UAB and the undergraduate leaders will strengthen their positions and make the advising process less of a chore for everyone involved.

YITBOS
John Schisel PC '04



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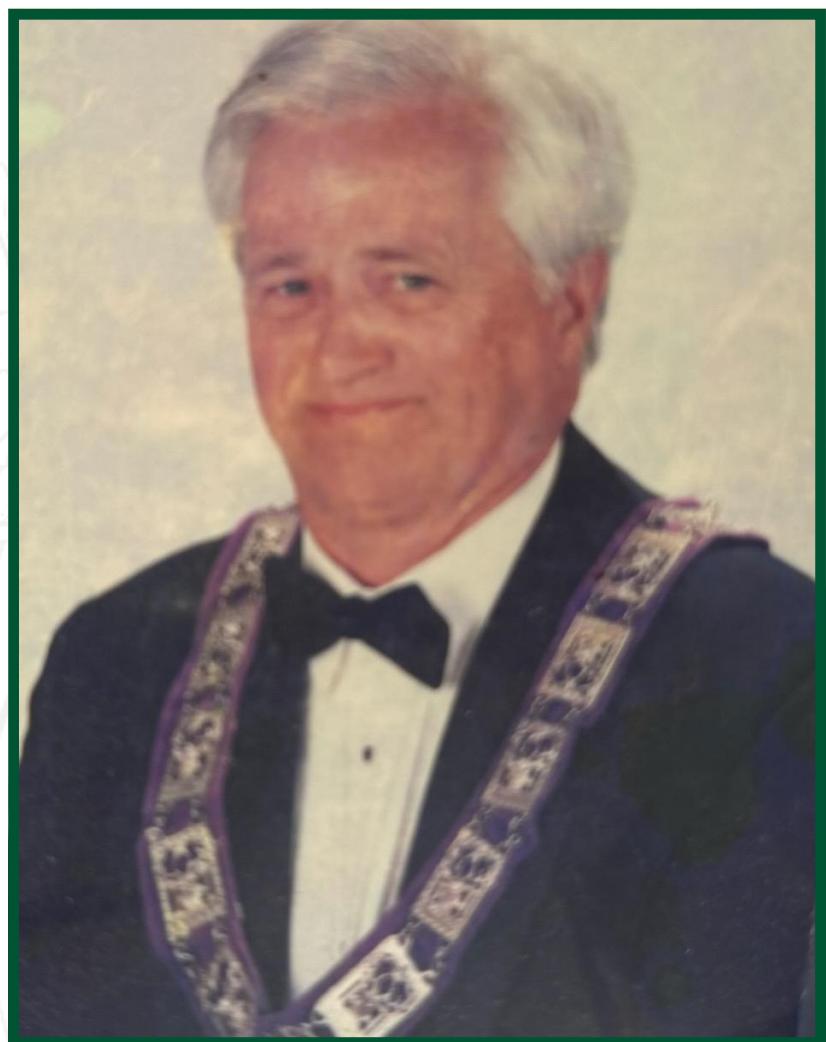
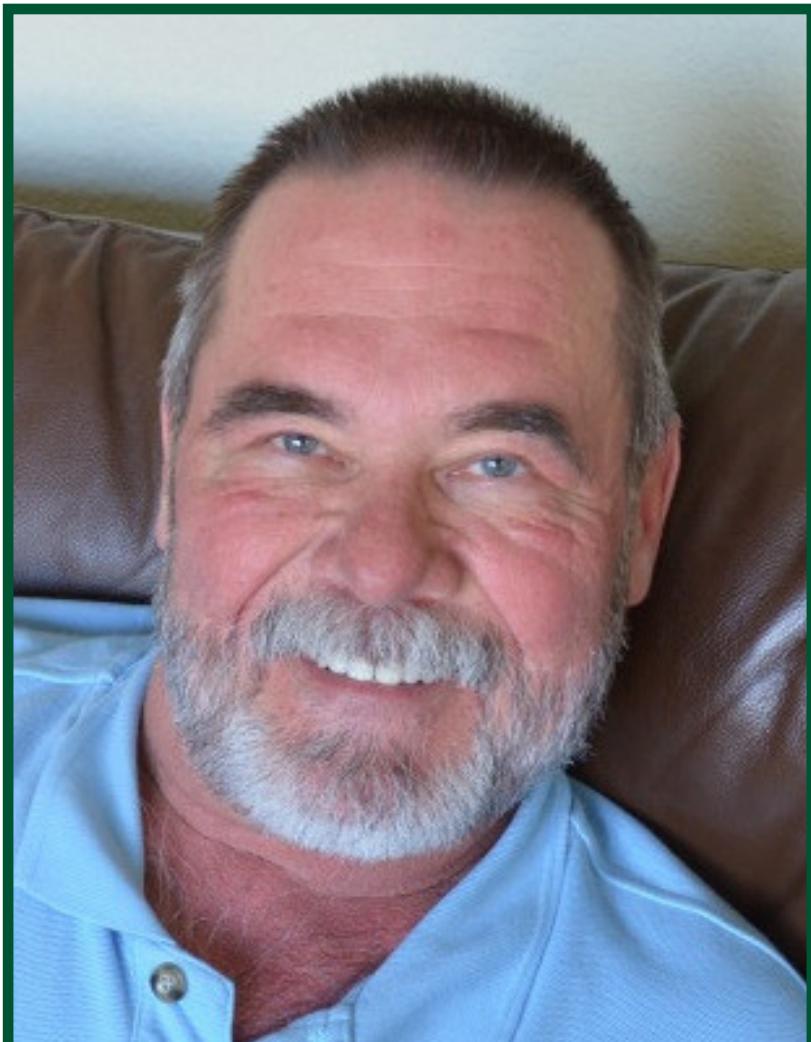
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Timothy Kroll '89 Eta Phi
(father of a current member)

BOND ETERNAL

Philip T. Behm PC '74

Garry Veltri PC '61



Delta Sigma Phi - Gamma Iota Brother Philip Behm entered the Bond Eternal on Thursday, July 18, 2024. Phil, a 1971 graduate of Buhl High School, graduated from the University of Idaho in 1976. After graduating from college, he resided in Twin Falls, Idaho and became a proud father to two daughters, later moving his family to Boise, Idaho. In 1985, Phil started his career in Customer Service with Idaho Power Company in Boise and rose up in the company to the position of Administrative Resources Leader, where he managed several departments. Phil truly enjoyed his work and coworkers there. He also met and fell in love with Laura Schaefer, marrying her in 1996. Phil reluctantly gave up his job at Idaho Power due to lung disease caused by Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency. Fortunately, on May 5, 2001, Phil received the precious gift of a lung, and over the next 23 years, he lived every day to its fullest - enjoying camping and riding his ATVs with his family and friends. Phil's positive attitude, his love of his Lord and Savior, and his sincere caring for all of those around him touched many lives. Phil is survived by his loving wife, Laura Behm, daughters Lindsey Wallgren, and Ashley Haynes, his son-in laws and grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Susan Vance, Cathy Valenti, Marty Behm (Gamma Iota PC 1977), and Tom Behm (Gamma Iota PC 1979) and many brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

YITBOS,
Marty Behm PC '77

3.
If, when our earthly chores are done
They send us down to hell,
The devil will not welcome us
'Cause he knows mighty well,
A stroking gang of Delta Sigs
Would make the place so hot
He'd have to shed his B. V. D's.
Or find a, cooler spot.

4.
We're mighty glad we're brothers all
Within the Bond of Sphinx.
We form a chain unbreakable
To which we each are links,
And when we leave this transient life
And cross the Stygian moat
There'll be so many Delta Sigs
We'll need a special boat.

5.
So when we climb the Milky Way
That arches far above,
And come up to the Golden Gate
We will not knock or shove,
St . Peter will be waiting there
Beside the portal high
He's always had to welcome men
From Delta Sigma Phi.

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