



# The Gamma Eye

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

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## GAMMA IOTA'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY, FINALLY!



*Youth Update, 70th Recap Pictures, The Delta Sigs Give, Being the Great Change, Bond Eternal Brothers, and Sailor's Spotlight.*

### YOUTH UPDATE

**B**rothers,

It has been another great year for Gamma Iota, after a few hardships in our time I'm excited to announce that the state of the house is thriving while we recover from the impacts of COVID. As my pledge class brothers and I enter our fourth year here at the University of Idaho we're all excited to pass on the baton to our younger brothers who now serve as core members, giving back to the house unselfishly as we all do. I'm honored to be a part of this group and watch men develop around me.

Culturally this house has offered plenty to individual members, it's always been a system where men uphold other men to improve themselves and hold each other accountable. We continue to hold these values and traditions true, while removing dated traditions from our culture and adjusting fraternity life to the current generation. As president it eases my mind knowing that our current group of guys will continue to do the right thing, and pass this on to the generations to come.

This semester marks the third in a row where a third of our membership has been on the dean's list, while we continue to figure out the perfect formula for improved Academics for the entirety of the

house, the Undergraduate Advisory Board has been a major asset to the undergraduates. Revisions to our academic plan are now supported by facts and statistics collected over the past 10 years. The trend of our house having lower grades hasn't been a new thing but we intend on breaking the generational cycle. With the work put in by old and new brothers alike our goal every semester is a 3.0 cumulative GPA which would be an improvement of nearly half a grade point from last semester.

In this past month, we had the privilege of continuing our long standing tradition of Bike to Boise, this year marked the 59th anniversary of making the 300 mile trip. With over \$5,500 donated to the charity of Hope House, we continue to positively impact the world around us as men of Delta Sigma Phi. Next year will mark our 60th Bike to Boise trip.

The 70th +2 Anniversary of Gamma Iota was another great event we hosted here at the University, a great success with over 200 alumni and guests attending. It was a wonderful opportunity for the members to meet with generations of alumni who came before us. From an undergraduate perspective, it was very emotional seeing the bond that each and every one of us have with years going by but still greeting each other like it's only been

yesterday. I had the privilege of speaking in front of everyone and while I've never been much of a public speaker, it was a moment that I continue to replay in my head. Moments like these are the opportunities in life I wouldn't have if I never joined Delta Sigma Phi. I thank my brothers for this amazing journey of development and experience as a leader that I've been given. Coming from poor upbringings and a small town I'm still in shock that I get to live such a beautiful life in the Chhhhastle surrounded by all of my closest friends.

Looking into the future we need to continue the momentum from the 70th Anniversary. I would love to see alumni involvement grow in the future. It has been a long journey filled with late nights, and countless memories. I'm excited to tackle another semester as the leader of this fraternity, and invite you all to join in any type of involvement, small or large. The time is now for great things to happen once again.

YITBOS

Bernardo Bautista  
Chapter President  
PC '19

## SAILORS SPOTLIGHT

### WILLIAM PETERSON PC '88



Current Chief of Counterterrorism for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

**A**s alumni, we all have our individual reasons to look back fondly on our time at Gamma Iota. For most of us, these were critical, formative years that served as a launch ramp for the men we would become.

As we first walked up the steps of 503 University, some of us were primed to succeed, pre-loaded with personal discipline, solid goals and the academic chops to pursue them.

Others (myself included) pledged mostly for the social aspects of Greek life.

In fact, for all the academic, philanthropic and intramural success that our castle on the corner enjoyed in the mid to late '80s, the free spirits in the house still outnumbered the grade-chasers by a hefty margin. Among our ranks in the pledge class of 1988, I had the honor of befriending one the rarest of all creatures on the Vandal campus at that time: a dedicated social animal who could also excel in the classroom and beyond.

He was my roommate—a fellow by the name of William Peterson. To me he was just Billy—one of many northern Idaho students who populated the house at the time. From the moment I met him, however, I knew he was going to soar to great heights beyond our time at Gamma Iota.

Along with a record class of 22 new recruits, Peterson pledged Delta Sig in the fall of 1988. He joined the chapter for its extremely close-knit atmosphere, and the fact that many of the members were originally from his hometown of Sandpoint. He says that to him, Gamma Iota felt like a family, unlike the other fraternities at U of I.

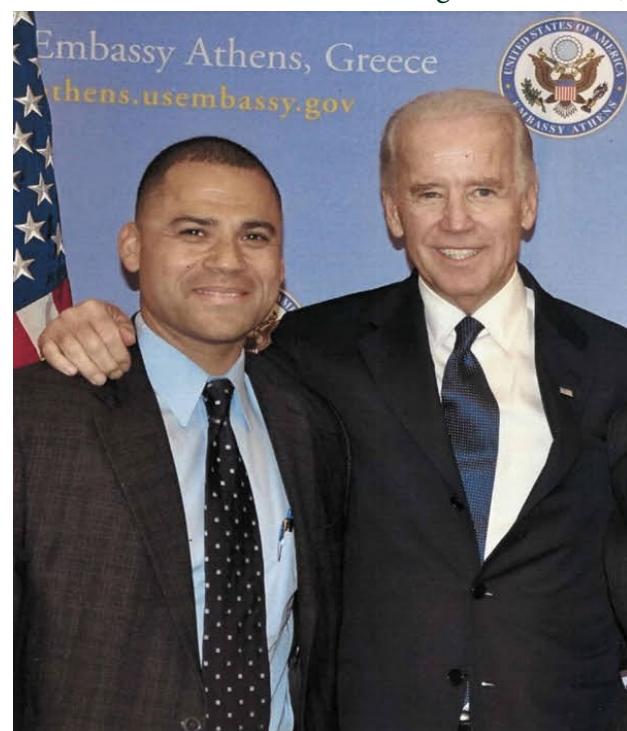
Like with so many of us from that era, his greatest memories being a member of the Gamma Iota chapter were the Sailor's Ball, and the numerous comedians in the house like Mike "Bean" Anderson and Andrew Murphy, a.k.a. "the Fridge."

Despite (or perhaps inspired by) the lackadaisical antics of his roommates (looking at you, Ron Clarke), Peterson went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice in 1992. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer. He served in this capacity for 7 years. To say the least, it was an impressive start to a promising career, but it was only a preamble to the successes he would rack up in the following decades.

In 1999, Peterson went to work as a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Through 2007, he was assigned to the San Diego Division, where he worked violent-crime and terrorism investigations. His work also took him overseas in 2005-2006, where he conducted international terrorism investigations in Iraq. While there, he was embedded with DOD Task Force 88 and participated in Operation Steel Curtain. The efforts were focused on Al Qaeda in Iraq (predecessor to ISIS) and its leader, Abu Musab Zarqawi, who was ultimately killed in a U.S. airstrike.

In 2007, Peterson was promoted and transferred to the FBI's Counterterrorism Division, where he specialized in international terrorism and threats emanating from Europe. Through April 2009, he oversaw counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan as the FBI's Deputy on-Scene Commander and liaison officer to Task Force 373.

Then for the next 4 years, he served as the FBI's Chief of Operations in Athens, Greece, where he worked with the Greek police to solve the 2007 rocket attack against the U.S. Embassy. During this time, Peterson also helped secure the conviction of a Hezbollah operative captured in Cyprus. (This work helped to form U.S. policy to influence the EU to designate the military wing of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.)



Brother Peterson with then Vice President Biden at the US Embassy in Athens Greece.

From 2013 to early 2018, he was a Supervisory Special Agent over the San Diego Division's Homegrown Violent Extremist squad, followed by a stint as the FBI's Chief of Operations in Switzerland. In this capacity, he thwarted 17 terrorist attacks worldwide against Western interests. Most notably, he was responsible for



On duty in Iraq with the proper headgear.

the capture of the most significant elite cybercriminal in FBI history, Vladislav Kliushin, after he landed his private jet in the Swiss alps.

Following his tour in Switzerland, he was assigned as the FBI's Chief of Counterterrorism operations (Afghanistan and Pakistan) where he is currently assigned. In this capacity, he and his team safely evacuated 23 families who were under death threat from the Taliban from Afghanistan to Pakistan. He has since mitigated and thwarted a number of imminent terrorist threats posed by Al Qaeda and ISIS.

The most notable achievement during Peterson's tenure in the FBI was his investigation of a transnational hostage scheme which involved three U.S. businessmen who had been kidnapped by a Nigerian organized crime group in Nairobi, Kenya. Three kidnapers, including the ringleaders, were arrested following a controlled ransom delivery that he devised. Peterson's actions resulted in the recovery of the victims and ransom as well as prosecution of the Hostage-takers. To date, this hostage recovery is considered one of the most significant in FBI history.

Peterson now recalls how being a member of the Gamma Iota chapter had benefited him in many ways. He learned teamwork, brotherhood and leadership, as well as a few specific nuggets of knowledge he never would have believed would benefit him down the road. Case in point: Unbeknownst to him, having the Greek alphabet pounded into him during Gamma Iota's initiation process would later benefit him having to learn Greek during his assignment as the FBI's Chief of Operations in Athens.

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Being a member of Delta Sigma Phi has benefited him throughout his life and career, mainly in terms of leadership, teamwork, and esprit de corps. During his career in the FBI, he has used his acquired skills to lead highly functional teams in both the Navy and the FBI as a career FBI Counterterrorism Agent.

His best advice to any DSP member or undergrad is simply this: "Study hard and get good grades, because success in college will carry over into

any endeavor you take after graduation. Also, embrace the brotherhood, as this too will transition to not only your professional life, but also your personal life."

Peterson's significant other is Ioana Laroni Stanciu of Huntington Beach, Calif. He has two daughters, Isabella (19) and Susanna (27).

A & E Network did a program titled "Kidnapped Abroad" where Brother Peterson was the FBI's lead operative on this

case. Available on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNTz8p-8NIZY>

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Steve Smeade  
PC '88

## 70TH PLUS 2 ANNIVERSARY RECAP FROM OUR ALUMNI CHAPTER PRESIDENT

**L**ife is about moments. The U of I, DSP National, and Gamma Iota all had a moment together, and it occurred the entire weekend of April 30th, in Moscow. That weekend over 200 brothers and guests came back to Latah County, like salmon running up river to their birthplace. The Palouse turned green from all the sailors steaming home to reunify. And unify they did.

Friday night at the University Inn started the festivities. The high turnout and energy level hit right away like a wave, and took most of us by surprise. Reflecting, the palpable buzz came from years and decades of pent up emotion. Guys just wanted to be with their old buddies again. They wanted to be home. Scott Biggs, Arney Candray, Ray Wickersham, and Beau Brazier spoke, and John Beckwith knocked our socks off with a 'then and now' history lesson from the '50s that was informative, funny, and inspiring. We spontaneously sang a 'here's to brother Pickett' song for Eric, in appreciation for all his efforts on this event. We were back together, with our guys. We were in the moment.

The Saturday morning Bartell dedication started early, with a continental breakfast in the house dining room. We one-by-one dished up in the kitchen, as undergrads watched old-timers maneuver with a familiarity of the place like time had stood still. Toby McNeal, Matt Douglas, Pickett, Ken Herzog, and Brendan Boyle were among those who spoke about Mr. Bartell, along with event leader Rick Sparks.

Midday events included golf and a tour of the new all-wood basketball stadium. The rain didn't stop a good-sized group from determinedly having a hoot of a time on the golf course, led by Dustin Lilya and Dave Thornton, while many attended the ICCU hoop walk-through, co-ordinated by Tyler Morley and Eric Larson.

The main event Saturday night went off without a hitch, at the Pitman Center (former SUB) in the International Ballroom. Retired Dean of Students, Bruce Pitman, himself was in attendance. The Bond Eternal Roll Call hit like a load of bricks, to open, then the food was blessed. Honored guests, eight Dream Girls, the 70th Committee, ACB, UAB, and volunteers were acknowledged. Many were surprised at the volume of men from both the '80s and '70s (and even '60s and '50s) who were in attendance, as visualized when members from each separate decade stood together as era blocks.

The speakers didn't disappoint. Michael Wims, representing National, read a formal decree recognizing Gamma Iota's historic importance to the

greater countrywide fraternity (Alain Balmano, the Intermountain Regional Commissioner, said this was the largest DSP event he'd ever been to, other than a National Convention). Mary Kay McCadden represented the University, reminded us she was a DSP lil' sis back in the day, and shared the importance the Delta Sigs have had to UI (ex. Bike-to-Boise and the Pritchard Scholarship). Marie Duncan from UI's events staff shared that current Chapter President Bernardo Batista's speech was the best she'd heard from an undergrad. ACB President Brendan Boyle gave a thorough update, and thanked many of the volunteers who've given time and treasure. Don Fry and Vaughn Wasem afforded us a genuine and heartening glimpse into the backgrounds of the three military



Brother Williamson Emcees the Saturday Dinner

brothers who gave their lives for our country in Vietnam, and Dustin Lilya reported a surprisingly successful golf event, given the challenging weather. Behind the scenes, Pickett and Tony Agenbroad masterfully helped with event coordination, along with UI staff.

After some general singing, the evening was capped off by a stirring rendition of the Emblem Song, sung by the undergrads, whose new version resembled a powerful tribal warrior chant (that cover is a keeper, men!).

Of course, both Friday and Saturday night ended late at the Corner Club for many of us (Dillon Rice was on staff both nights at John's Alley, too - great bands each evening). Young alums got to know old ones, and folks got to catch up with buddies' wives and our Dream Girls, which was just so truly great (we love our gal friends!). A bonus was that the new football coach, Jason

on Eck, somehow made it from the Silver-Gold scrimmage down in Boise earlier that day to hang out with us at the Club that night. We like this guy already!

After the Sunday morning continental breakfast at the Castle, and sitting next to John Beckwith (a Marine and Chapter President who'd pledged in '57) in the airport waiting to fly out, thoughts about the Boise First Friday coffee group came to mind. John, his best friend Iver Longeteig (now bond eternal), Steve Arnt, Merlyn Clark, Richard Slaughter, Ted Boam, Jerry Timm and others partake, and for decades they get together every month. They are military men, professionals, businessmen, and Vandal DSP brothers who are among those who built the chapter together in those first years. They stuck connected throughout life, and I'm sure every once in a while protected their communities together, protected their families together, and protected their University together, in ways we will never know, and in ways they will never talk about. They lived the Delta Sig Preamble, and they spread a little righteousness around by doing so. A band of brothers, as they say.

Now, as their generation of founding Gamma Iota alums starts to pass on, it is time to contemplate what our role as Alumni brothers is. This is why we, in 2016, formally chartered and officially filed for a DSP Gamma Iota A.C. (Alumni Chapter; an Idaho unincorporated nonprofit association), to stay together and keep it going "in order that the Fraternity may grow and prosper....that the world may ever be convinced of the sincerity of our purpose."

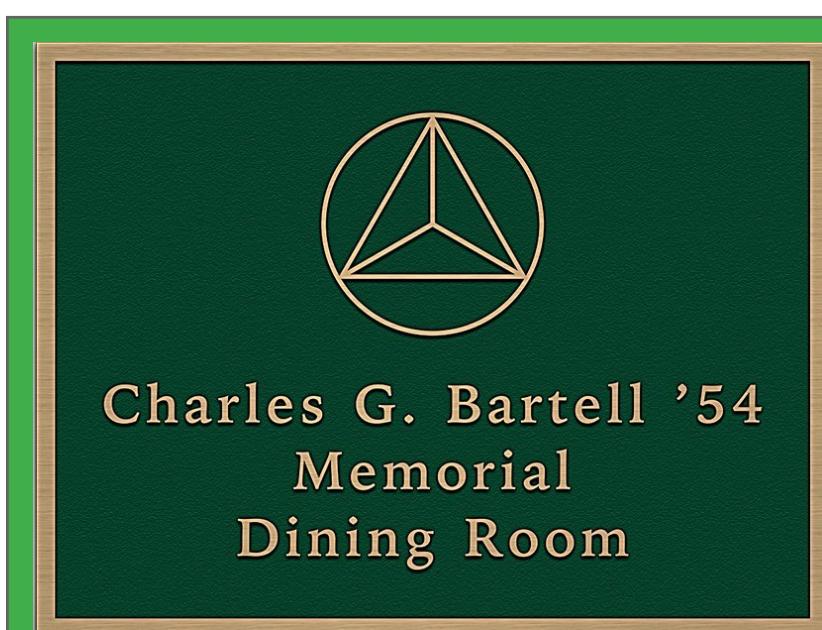
In sum, they say old friends are what makes life worth living. Ain't that the truth. There certainly were a lot of full hearts at this reunion, and that cannot be denied. See you in three years at the 75th, brother. See you for another moment. Our Diamond Jubilee celebration in 2025 should be exactly that...jubilant! We'll be thinking about you until then.

P.S Lets grab a cup.

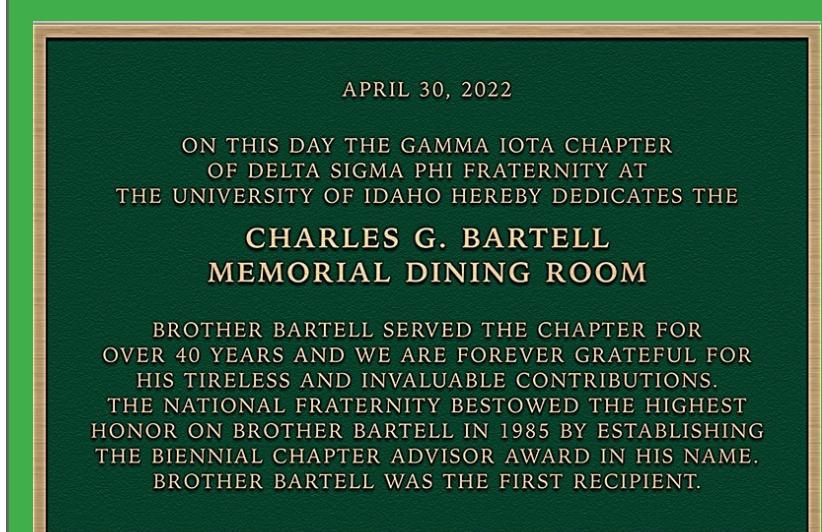
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Aaron Williamson  
Alumni Chapter President  
PC '90

# 70TH PLUS 2 CELEBRATION IN PICTURES

## BARTELL DEDICATION & FRIDAY RECEPTION



CHARLES G. BARTELL '54



Rick Sparks PC 76 officially dedicating the Charles G. Bartell Dining Room (Above).



Packed house for the Bartell Dedication (Above).



1978 Dream Girl Sherri Driscoll grabs a selfie with Scott Biggs PC 78 L, and John Windju Spring 80 (Above).

Brother John Beckwith PC 57 addresses the crowd at the Friday night reception. What a treat for those of us in attendance (Right).

Cheers to Travis Thompson PC 93/ACB Scribe for writing the Bartell Dedication (Left).



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## SATURDAY DINNER



Brother Williamson receiving the Resolution from Michael Wims (Above).



Undergrad Ahmed Almahie meets Karen and Bruce Truxal PC 81. (Left).



Tables all set, ready for the Brothers and our guests. Cheers to Shelly and Archie McGregor PC 79 for donating the white carnation centerpieces (Above).

VP Mary Kay McFadden representing the University speaks to the assembled guests. She also was a Delta Sig little sister during her undergrad years(Below).



Brother Don Fry PC 62/Navy Veteran speaks of a special memorial presented to the chapter on the 3 brothers we lost in Vietnam (Above).



Resolutions Commending the Gamma Iota Chapter signed by Executive Director Philip Rodriguez (Above).



Ballroom fills up prior to the start of dinner (Above).

To our brothers who gave their lives in Vietnam, you are not forgotten.



Dick Livingston, initiated 1963    Bob Green, 2020 (posthumously)    Robin Willey, 2020 (posthumously)

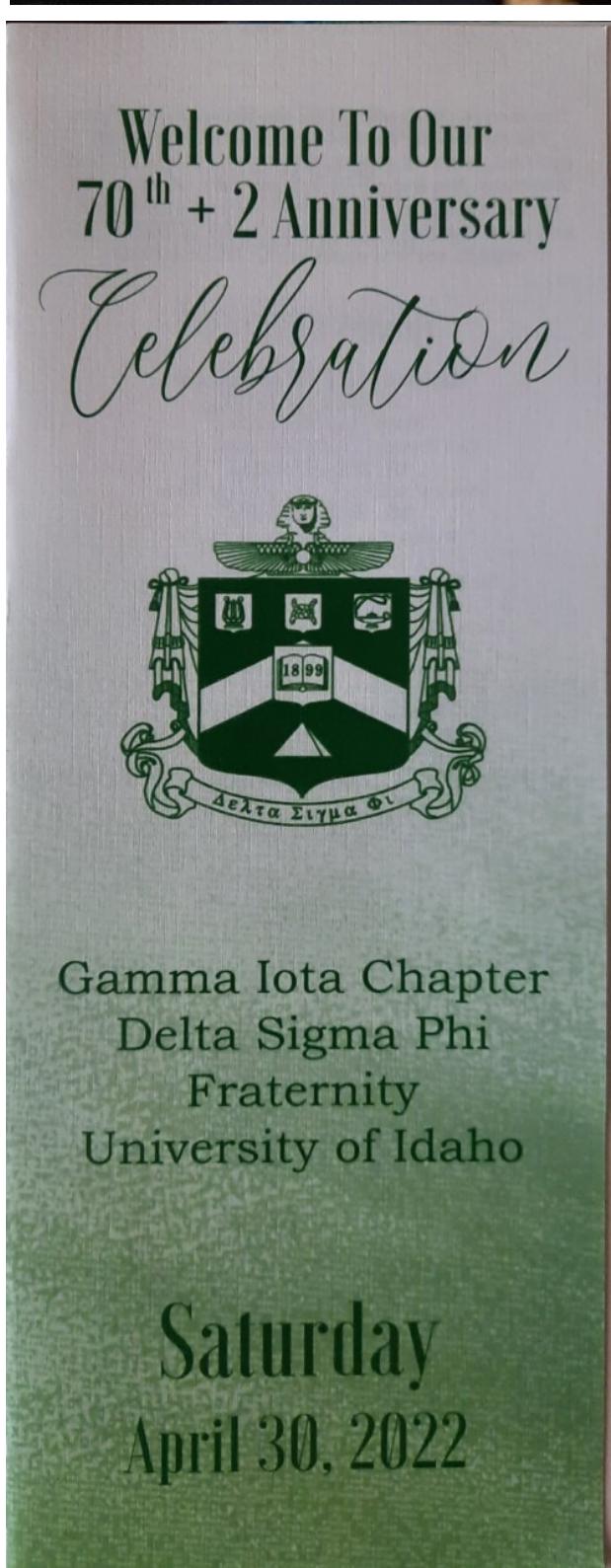
Richard Allen "Doc" Livingston, LT, U. S. Navy,  
Pledged 1962 from Tenino, WA  
Born 1944, Died 1969, South China Sea

Robert Carrell "Bob" Green, Capt, U. S. Army  
Pledged 1962 from Donnelly, ID  
Born 1944, Died 1971, Vinh Long, South Vietnam

Robert Leon "Robin" Willey, Sp. 5, U. S. Army  
Pledged 1966 from Grangeville, ID  
Born 1947, Died 1969, Phu Yen, South Vietnam

# 70TH PLUS 2 CELEBRATION IN PICTURES

## SATURDAY DINNER CONTINUED



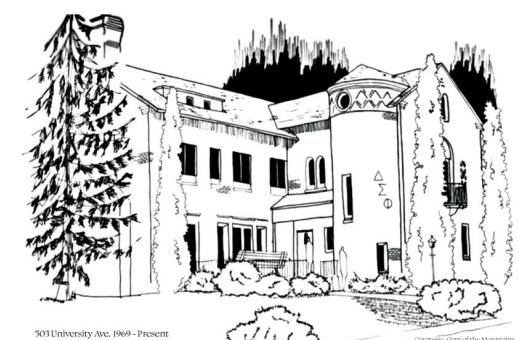
Official Dinner Program  
Designed by Tony Agenbroad PC  
10 (Above).



The undergrads and younger alumni "Rocked The House" with the current version of the Emblem Song (Above).



**ΔΣΦ GAMMA IOTA'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY**  
1950-2020



A special framable keepsake was handed out at the Saturday dinner featuring the 2 buildings we have occupied on campus. Cheers to Chapter President Bernardo Bautista for his rendering of the original building (Above).



The current and former Chapter Presidents in attendance (Above).



Our Forever Dream Girls L to R. Kathy McLure-Cusak 1964, Karen Fisher-Rosholt 1963, Kameryn Eliasbeth 2022, Cait Boyer 2016, Zoie Himes 2018, Teresa Stewart-Ryther 1996, Marti Ellis-Gwin 1982(Right).



Current and former ACB & UAB members attending the dinner (Left).

Our Veterans in attendance.  
Thank you for your service.  
(Above).

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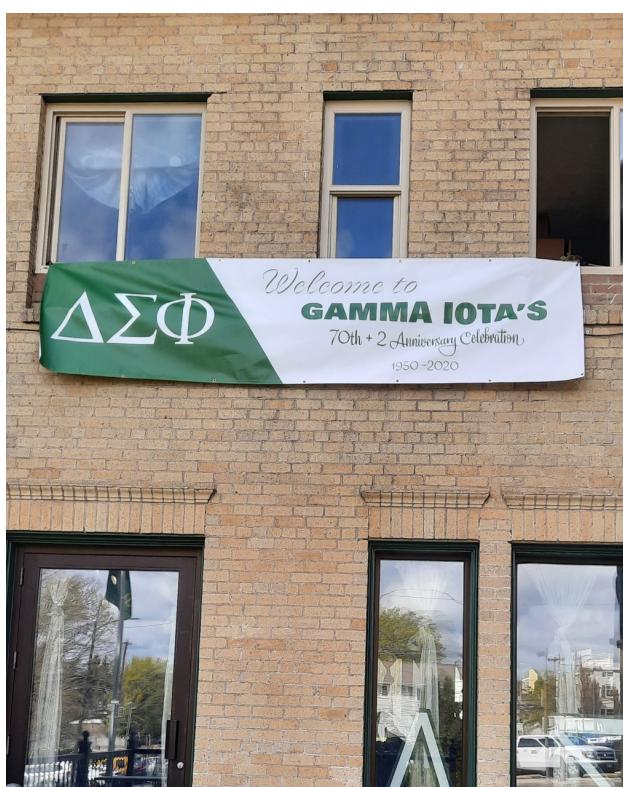
## ASSORTED IMAGES



Gamma Iota Brother gather outside the new ICCU Arena for a tour. Cheers to Tyler Morley PC 91 and Erick Larson PC 08 for setting this up with the Athletic Department (Above).



L to R Bryce Delay, Jacob Larson, Tyler Delay, Jake Jasper, Jayton Pintler. PC 11 at the 70th Dinner but with heavy hearts. RIP Pledge Brother Rabon Peterson (Above).



Welcome Alumni and Guests (Above)

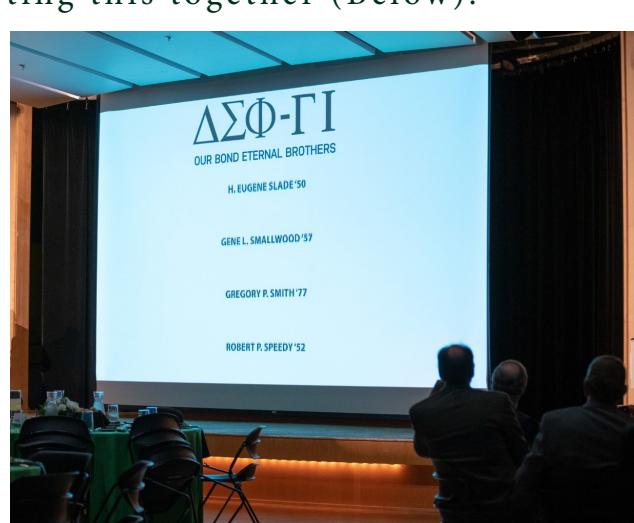


Undergrads packaging up the special keepsake to be given out at the Saturday dinner (Above).

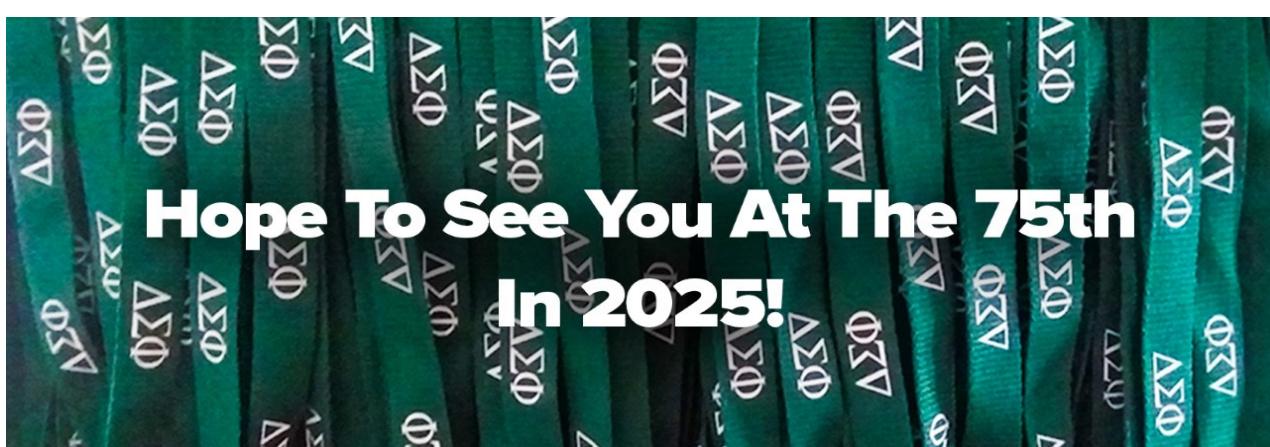
Even the Corner Club wanted in on our weekend (Below).



Alumni and Undergrads meet on Sunday morning to discuss the future of Gamma Iota (Above).



In one of the more moving moments of the evening, a Bond Eternal roll call shares the names of the brothers we have lost. Cheers to Tony Agenbroad PC 10 for putting this together (Below).



If you are interested in serving on the 75th Committee please contact our alumni editor at [eric.pickett59@gmail.com](mailto:eric.pickett59@gmail.com). Cheers to Adam Lueck PC 91 for being the first to volunteer.

## Big Thanks To Our Donors For Covering Expenses Not Funded By Registration Fees

Merlyn Clark PC 57 - Bartell Dedication, Keepsake, Photos, Postcards  
 Ray Wickersham PC 67 - Bartell Dedication  
 Larry Decker PC 68 - Bartell Dedication  
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 Steve Wilkins PC 74 - Keepsake  
 Mike Miller PC 75 - Printing and Copies  
 Eric Pickett PC 78 - Lanyards, Nametag Holders, Photos, Frames  
 Shelly & Archie McGregor PC 79 - 2 Breakfasts, Dinner Centerpieces  
 Ted Curet PC 82 - Printing & Copies  
 Brendan Boyle PC 86 - Bartell Dedication, Soda & Water  
 Ken Herzog PC 86 - Bartell Dedication, Tent/Equipment Rental  
 Jeff Valley PC 89 - 70th Banner  
 Dustin Lilya PC 97 - Golf Prizes, Postcard  
 Gamma Iota ACB - Keepsake, Dinner Program

CHEERS TO THE ALUMNI WHO SPONSORED  
ALMOST 50 UNDERGRADS AND HONORED GUESTS TO ATTEND

## Special Thanks to Our 70th Anniversary Committee

Merlyn Clark PC 57, Steve Arnt PC 60, Ray Wickersham C 67, Vaughn Wasem PC 70, Rick Sparks PC 76, Eric Pickett PC 78, John Heffner PC 81, Karl Dye PC 85, Aaron Williamson PC 90, Tyler Morley PC 91, Dustin Lilya PC 97, Mil DeSilva PC 2002, Tony Agenbroad PC 10, Undergrad Reps Josh Rardon, Riley Doyle, Cameron Hanchett

## INTEL FROM THE ACB

### MESSAGE FROM OUR ACB PRESIDENT

**B**rothers,

I would like to thank all of those who were able to attend the 70th plus 2 celebration of Gamma Iota. The event was a tremendous success and it was great to meet so many alumni. If you were not able to make the trip this time, start planning on attending the 75th in 2025. I would like to thank Eric Pickett and the rest of the 70th committee for all of their hard work during the past several years. I would also like to thank Aaron Williamson for bringing the energy while volunteering to Emcee the event. It was a special night for all who attended the Saturday dinner.

As we wrap up another school year we find ourselves at a crossroads with the chapter. The number of undergraduate members living in fell below the minimum set by ACB. The Fall 2021 grade report for the chapter was disappointing. While we anticipate improvements for the Spring Semester it will not be enough to offset the prior academic performance of the chapter. There are many causes to this but the ones that stick out the most was a lack of accountability, support for members who were struggling, and an academic plan in place that identifies grade risks earlier.

We have come a long way in the past 5 years. That being said, we have stagnated and stopped moving forward. In the 10 semesters since our suspension was lifted by the University, the house has been in the bottom third in grades 8 out of the last 10 semesters. Furthermore we have yet to have more than 22 members live in the chapter any given semester. From an Alumni standpoint we had tremendous success with fundraising and donated time to get the chapter open. Since the chapter was reopened our Alumni involvement, with the exception of the 70th, has all but disappeared. deserve new voices and fresh ideas.

Since the chapter was reopened our Alumni involvement, with the exception of the 70th, has all but disappeared. I understand part of this is related to COVID. The ACB is down to 3 active alumni and those left have surpassed any recommended tenured length for these positions. The undergraduate members and alumni deserve new voices and fresh ideas.

In March of this year I reached out to a group of "Stakeholders" within the alumni base. This group had donated the most time and money to get the chapter to where it is today. A letter detailing the current state of the chapter was sent out and was followed up by a conference call. During the call the overwhelming majority determined it was time to shut the facility down. The progress from the undergraduate members and involvement of alumni showed no sign of improving.

While we valued the input of the group it was decided by Ken Herzog and myself to keep the chapter open for one more year. This decision was made for two reasons. The first is we would have put the undergraduates in a difficult position where they may not have been able to find housing for the next year. Secondly, we did want to put a dark cloud over the 70th Celebration. Ken and I will continue to run ACB for now. There will be requirements on both the undergraduates and Alumni to keep the chapter open past May of 2023.

From the undergraduates they must exceed past performance in academics and recruiting. They must also continue to keep the receivables in line. Currently 10 semesters in a row with \$0 receivables. Finally, they must use the resources of the University and actively engage the mentorship of UAB group. For the Fall and Spring semester the chapter grades must be in the top third and exceed the all men's average for the university. Live-In house membership must

From the alumni we will require a fully elected ACB no later than October of 2022. Brother Pickett will be stepping into a well-earned emeritus role with ACB following the 70th. That will leave Ken, Aaron, and myself as the remaining active members of the ACB. We can make this work short term, but it will not be a recipe for success. We will also challenge the UAB group to aggressively mentor the members in both academics and recruitment moving forward.

Simply put, the alumni need to re-engage with the chapter on a larger scale. Our hope is the enthusiasm from the 70th will result in some alumni stepping up to support efforts moving forward. If not, the October date gives us time to formulate a plan to properly close the facility. If this were to occur we will be exploring options with the University and Nationals, as to the disposition of the facility.

Beginning in June we will be holding ACB calls every 2-3 weeks. These calls are open to all Alumni. I will post the details on the Delta Sig Facebook page and will send out email notices inviting any interested parties to participate.

If you have questions or would like additional information please feel free to contact me (509)-496-5061 or bboyle19@gmail.com.

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 Brendan Boyle  
 ACB President  
 PC '86



# INTEL FROM THE UAB

## MESSAGE FROM OUR LEAD ADVISOR

**B**rothers,

The spring semester has come to a close for the undergraduate members and that means it's time for summer break, filled with lots of fun and exciting adventures while they enjoy their short reprieve from studies and extracurriculars. But, while they may be having a break from academics, that does not mean they are slowing down when it comes to chapter operations!

The undergraduates and members of the Undergraduate Advisory Board will remain hard at work throughout the summer, reviewing data points gathered throughout the year, making progress on projects, and recruitment.

Over the course of the first year of this board being active, I have worked to gather data around a number of different areas in the aim to use this information for data-backed decisions making, to evaluate growing trends, and to provide better information to the alumni. This data has been centered around academic performance (both grades and study habits), recruitment numbers, and community wide historical data (transcribed from university records). As the data collection systems continue to be built I am looking to collect even more data from graduating members on their experience as members, their opinions on the effectiveness of programming, and potentially budget allocation. All of this information will serve to better our fraternity as we seek to understand what works and what doesn't, what improves ac-

their opinions on the effectiveness of programming, and potentially budget allocation. All of this information will serve to better our fraternity as we seek to understand what works and what doesn't, what improves academic performance and recruitment, and where to concentrate our efforts.

Without the need to focus on academics, time and energy is opened to focus on significant projects that may provide a strong foundation for the next year. This summer we are looking to produce guidelines and plans around social media usage to provide a continuous stream of information to the alumni from the undergraduates, a revamped web presence for the community and potential new members to better understand the organization, and updating chapter operations and officer guidelines. These efforts will assist in the new year and beyond by growing our presence with stakeholders and focusing on strengthening our foundation for excellence and brotherhood.

Our recruitment efforts must never be spent in vain. While it's true that since our rebuilding, led by myself and 3 other outstanding gentlemen, informal recruitment during the academic year has built stronger success stories; we have to continue to focus on the formal recruitment process and meeting with potential new members during the summer. Our board and the undergraduates will be meeting soon to provide updates to the recruitment plan before the first list of the summer is released. It is our hope that with an active recruitment advisor that is

s well acquainted with this form of recruitment, that we can begin to see stronger results from the undergraduates effort throughout the summer.

Should any Delta Sig reading this now wish to speak with me, you may always reach out and I would be happy to talk with you.

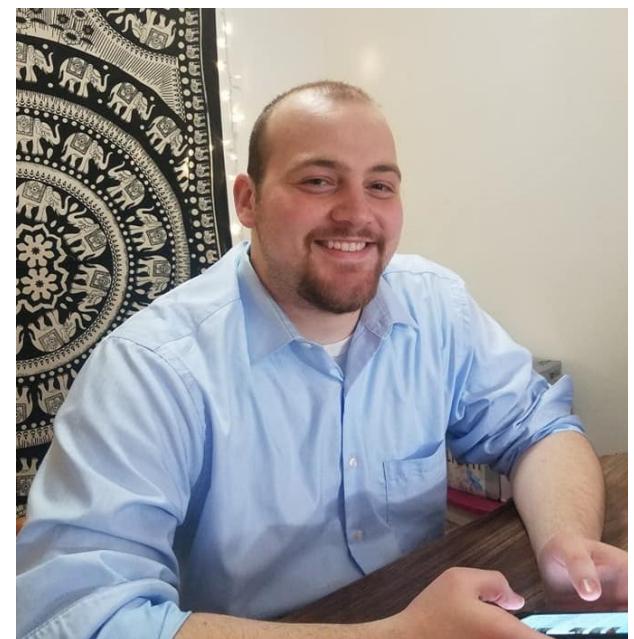
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## INAUGURAL BIKE TO BOISE 1963



Gamma Iota History - Inaugural Bike to Boise 1963. Front, Kneeling, L to R Bob Johnson, Gerald Heutig, Jim Lebouf. Back Row L to R Ted Burke, Dale DeFrancesco, Pete Lattig, University President Dr. D. R. Theophilus, Dave Cahill, Steve Arnt, Mike Smith, Lee Brenner, Bruce Russell, Lyn Messenger.

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DEAN'S LIST SPRING 2022

Preston Marispini - College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences
Cameron Hanchett - College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences
Daniel Valasco - College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences
Ryan Malone - College of Business and Economics
Cole Brantner - College of Business and Economics
Aidan Moyes - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
Brogan Bates - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
Kyle LeDoux - College of Engineering
Brantley Miller - College of Natural Resources

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## INTEL FROM HQ

### MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER



Terry Buttchen '77 Northwest Regional Commissioner

Another school year has come and gone. Therefore, this is the opportune time to reflect on this year's accomplishments as a chapter and as a national fraternity. By doing so, we can discover our strengths and weaknesses. This discovery will allow all of us to plan for an even more successful upcoming school year, as well as the years to follow.

The 70th celebration was amazing and very memorable! I will let those that were able to attend cover that topic. All I will say is that the 70th proved we are all better men because of our lifelong dedication to Delta Sigma Phi and to our Gamma Iota brothers. Eric Pickett and the 70th committee deserves the sincerest of congratulations for spending the last few years making sure it was a spectacular event. And they delivered!

Where do we go from here? By now, most of you are

aware that Gamma Iota has some challenges that must be addressed in the very near term.

One of the most pressing issues is The Castle. Can the home (it is too personal to call it a house) of Gamma Iota remain our home for years to come? The financial implications can, and should be, discussed by you with your ACB.

In addition, the future of The Castle, and the Gamma Iota chapter, is just as much an issue of Leadership. This is where each and every one of you can do your part - pay the debt. By October of 2022, there will be an election to replace the officers of the ACB. The current officers of the ACB have paid their debt many times over. It is time for all members of the Gamma Iota alumni chapter to step forward and to be counted among those willing to ensure a bright future for the chapter. Please discuss with the current officers of the ACB how you may become involved.

Now, let's review the status of the Northwest Region of Delta Sigma Phi. As a reminder, the Region includes chapters at U. of Idaho, Washington State (Gamma Delta), Boise State (Iota Theta), U. of Oregon (Theta Rho), and our colony at Oregon State (Beta Epsilon - a dormant chapter) in which 10 men are involved.

In general, the Northwest Region has remained strong while operating in a world of virtual gatherings and limited in-person activities. For the most part, grades and recruiting have been on pace with the goals the chapters have set for themselves.

On the other hand, alum-

ni involvement is an issue throughout the region. Many of the ACB's have members who have served an extended period - just like Gamma Iota. We are recruiting to get fresh and energetic blood on these boards. It is important to remember that an alumnus can serve on the Board of any chapter - not only the chapter in which they joined!

Regarding the National Organization, LEAD weekend and the CVI sessions, canceled in January, will take place in Los Angeles August 5-7, 2022. This will be an amazing opportunity for alumni and undergraduates to gather for idea-sharing and leadership development. Contact the National HQ for more information.

Other initiatives sponsored by the National Headquarters include 1) DSP discord, our official gaming and networking channel for all undergrads, 2) the Strava running group, an app where members from across the country can compete against each other in running events and 3) YITBOXES, membership information sent to all newly initiated members. We are also sending out senior boxes to our graduation members.

In summation, the fraternity faces huge challenges ahead. There is a national trend of declining college enrollments, especially among men. If we stay strong, focused, and committed to culture, harmony, and friendship, our best days are still ahead!

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Northwest Regional Commissioner

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## RUSH REPORT

Looking toward the future we have high hopes for the upcoming rush events. Higher participation throughout the chapter along with an increase in alumni involvement provides us with the perfect recipe for a strong recruitment season. As we move forward, activities on the campus seem to be turning back to normal. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Idaho has already seen a larger influx of graduating seniors registering as well as signing up for formal rush in the Fall.

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We never know what the future may hold but we do know what our strengths are. This year has been a learning curve for everyone, including me. As we move forward, it is best to stay confident in our efforts and to focus on our strengths. With a total of 9 new fully initiated brothers this year, we are set with a group of strong leaders that hold a large amount of potential for the future of our chapter.

YITBOS

Benjamin Jones

Exec. Recruitment Director

PC '21

Following a fall rush of six newly initiated brothers, recruitment is beginning to look up for the Gamma Iota chapter of Delta Sigma Phi. During the spring semester, the chapter as a whole introduced three more initiates into our brotherhood. After the bylaw changes from the previous chapter, I decided to put more of an incentive on "everyone is a rush chairman".

This new type of recruitment seems to be working very efficiently. Providing members in the house an opportunity to give back as well as providing better chances for greater outreach. At first, it was hard to incentivize brothers to reach outside of themselves, but it was worth it in the end. In the future, if this plan is followed as it has been, our future recruitment will yield great results.

# PHILANTHROPY REPORT

## THE DELTA SIGS GIVE



With the effects of Covid 19 dwindling on campus, the undergraduates of Gamma Iota have continued their philanthropic efforts by completing another successful Bike to Boise. The chapter managed to raise five thousand six hundred dollars for the Hope House through generous donations from our community, friends, family, and alumni. This year we took a different approach in execut-

ing Bike to Boise. We focused our efforts on outreach and spreading the word of our cause to locals along the way to Boise. Having only two cars caravaning directly behind the bike allowed for a safer journey for ourselves and other motorists, while the other cars were



tasked with meeting up at the next town and making our presence and our cause known to the locals. With the route being the same every year, we found it advantageous for future fundraising efforts to make use of the small towns we so often ride through. To no surprise, many of the locals we encountered were familiar with the yearly bike ride and were more understanding now that they were made aware of the purpose. The trajectory of campus is leading to a healthier community and with that comes the ability to do even more philanthropically.

YITBOS  
Ahmed Almahie  
Philanthropy Chairman  
PC '18

## BOND ETERNAL

### MARK R. LYNN PC '87



Mark Lynn was a very fine man indeed. Brother Lynn pledged the Gamma Iota chapter of Delta Sigma Phi in the fall of 1987. He was raised in Spokane Washington and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. While in the house, he served as Sergeant at Arms and was fiercely loyal to Delta Sigma Phi. His quick wit and good humor were always an appreciated addition to any situation. He married Tera Blue in 1994 and they had two children, Sam and Sara Jane. He entered the Bond Eternal on January 8, 2022.

Godspeed Brother Lynn.

YITBOS  
Scott Bunderson  
PC '90

### RONALD P. ZWITTER PC '58



"Zwits" was bigger than life. Everything was done with gusto. He arrived on campus with Ken "Moose" Maren to play sports and pursue an education. He excelled in baseball. Ron and Moose attended the same high school in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area. They became Delta Sigs thru the influence of Don Witt, who had attended the same school. Years later, back in Milwaukee, Ron and Moose were head basketball coaches at different high schools in the same league. Moose said that they never told their players that they knew each other. He reported that Ron had a ten year battle with cancer. Brother Zwitter entered the Bond Eternal on November 5, 2018. He is survived by his wife Susan, his children James and Barbara, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. RIP Brother.

YITBOS  
John Beckwith  
PC '57

### PATRICK E. LONG PC '64



The Bob and Doris Long family were close friends of my family for years. Although I was the age of Pat's younger sister, I was still very good friends with Pat. Pat and his older brother Tim were both Delta Sigs and Pat was the reason, I too became a Delta Sig.

Pat was born in 1946 and grew up on their family farm near Grangeville. He graduated from Grangeville High School in 1964 and then went to the University of Idaho where he got a degree in Animal Sciences in 1969. Immediately after graduation, he entered Veterinary Medicine school at Washington State University and graduated in 1973.

In 1972, he married his life long partner, Judy Long, née Arnzen. After graduating with his doctorate of veterinary medicine, Pat returned to the Camas Prairie to farm and practice as a large animal vet. Pat and Judy had two children; Shelby and Sean. Pat and Judy would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Sept 2022.

I will always remember Pat as being very bright and having a clever, dry, and quick sense of humor, much like his father's -- he was fun to be around as anyone who was with him at Delta Sigma Phi can attest to. Pat will be sorely missed by so many people that he touched during his life. He entered the Bond Eternal on February 8, 2022. Rest In Peace, Brother Pat.

YITBOS  
Vaughn Wasem  
PC '70