

SAVE THE DATE!



Homecoming weekend will take place October 18-19, 2019 this year. The Fighting Illini will be taking on the Wisconsin Badgers at Memorial Stadium. Watch our website www.illinidelts-alumni.com for future announcements about Beta Upsilon Homecoming activities. There will be a **special celebration and a very important announcement** at the Shelter concerning alumni engagement that you will NOT want to miss! Plan on being there if you can. Let's make Beta Upsilon a real presence at Homecoming!

HISTORY

Delta Tau Delta was born of the knowledge that integrity is essential. The founding principles of Truth, Courage, Faith and Power have provided a guide for both the Fraternity and its membership.

Since 1858 the Fraternity has spread to nearly 200 campuses with over 120 active chapters and colonies comprised of about 6,500 undergraduate members.

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Are you getting our monthly emails, packed with news, memories and more, straight to your inbox? If not, you're missing out!

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UNDERGRADUATE UPDATE – SPRING 2019

Another Great Year for Beta Upsilon!

What a great time to be a Beta Upsilon Brother! With the 2019 spring semester coming to a close and our undergraduates leaving for the summer to work and travel, we wanted to give you all a bit of an update as to what they have been up to since January.

The overall GPA for Beta Upsilon this past semester was 3.1253, which is above the IFC and male averages. We also initiated 49 new members, which keeps us as one of the biggest chapters on campus! The Brothers just wrapped up our biggest philanthropy event of the year,

Deltona, the last weekend in April. During that weekend alone, we were able to raise \$3,550 for JDRE. One of our best events of the semester was a Brotherhood bar crawl which was clown-themed. Everyone had face paint and costumes on and while they may have scared some patrons with clown phobias, we had a great time and made a lot of great memories. Make sure you are signed up for our monthly eLetters to see some pictures from these events in the coming months. We can't wait for what fall semester will bring. Congrats seniors!

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Brother Morris "Morry" Hecker '46 7/20/22 – 3/3/19

We recently learned of the passing of Brother **Morris "Morry" Hecker '46**. A lifelong resident of Champaign, Morry died peacefully in his home late Sunday evening, March 3, 2019.

Born in Burnham Hospital on July 20, 1922, to Morris L. and Bess Stipes Hecker, Morry went on to marry Martha Zearing in 1950, and she preceded him in death in 2007.

Morry attended Champaign public schools and entered the University of Illinois in the fall of 1940. His college career was interrupted by World War II in 1942 when he enlisted in the Navy and was called to active duty in 1943.

For a link to an interview Morry did with a local paper discussing his service in WWII, enter this link into your web browser: <https://tinyurl.com/those-who-served-morris-hecker>



After the war, Morry finished his U of I education and graduated from Harvard University's Business School with an MBA degree in 1948. He returned to Champaign to work with his cousin, **Royal (Rooney) Stipes '27**. Their partnership in Stipes Publishing has over the years brought other family members into the fold and continues today.

Morry was known for his quick wit, humor and, at times, sarcasm. He enjoyed traveling with Martha and his family.

The Brothers of the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Tau Delta at the University of Illinois offer deepest sympathy and condolences to Morry's family at this time.

To read Morry's full obituary enter this link into your web browser: <https://tinyurl.com/morris-hecker-obituary>



DELT CORE VALUES

How do Delt's Core Values Play a Role in Your Life Today?

A few years ago, we asked each of you a series of questions about your time as a Delt and how it impacted your life, including **“How do Delt's core values play a role in your life today?”** We received a bunch of really great responses! Thank you to everyone who contributed. It has been awhile since we have heard from our Alumni and we would love to hear YOUR answers to this question. Send your responses into our managing editor alumninews@affinityconnection.com

“The experience helped me understand that we all have different experiences, and we see the world differently. Coming from a small town in southern Illinois, learning about diverse viewpoints was very valuable.”

-Jeff Harmon '86

“I learned a great deal about human beings - how they react, what they value, how they behave in good times and in bad times. I learned whose word can be trusted.”

-Dennis Tierney '68

“I am a well-adjusted individual. Able to cope with the situations that life deals out.”

-Robert Tays '64



“I've learned how to be a good leader and to be respectful of people. I've also learned that you can learn more about yourself by watching others and how they behave, too.”

-Timothy Ashe '05

“The Four Fundamentals of Deltism; Truth, Faith, Power and Courage, have governed my decisions on a daily basis.”

-Matt Wilson '89

“As an office chief, each day in need to inspire and lead over 20 employees in crafting our agency's mission and preparing for the future.”

-William Cunningham '85

“They have helped me with confidence, ability to speak in front of people, and to become a “team player.””

-Donald Rowley '68

LEGENDARY WATERING HOLE

What does the future hold for the iconic campus bar?

Commencement 2019 could mean the end of a long era for Kam's.

In August, 2018, the Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette reported that Kam's, the campus bar popular with generations of Greek students, had been sold by owner Chris Meyer to a group including Scott Cochrane, who owns several other campus-area bars. Chris Meyer had owned the bar since 1991. Prior to that, it was owned for decades by Delt alumnus **Jack Kamerer '64**, and his family.

After taking ownership of Kam's in August, Cochrane said there would be no major changes to the bar.

By December, however, rumors had surfaced that the entire 600 block of East Daniel street would be redeveloped as an



apartment complex. All the current stores, including Kam's, C.O. Daniel's and Espresso Royale, would be torn down to make way for the construction. Those rumors have since been confirmed, however, no announcements have been made about the fate of Kam's and the other businesses along Daniel St. Meanwhile, demolition is set to begin this summer.

In January, a popular social media account, Illini Barstool, posted drawings on its online platforms of a proposed new Kam's (pictures at left), which would be located on the northeast corner of First and Green St, but Cochrane denied rumors that a new Kam's will be built. Cochrane acknowledged speculation regarding the future of the bar, but said that nothing has been confirmed.

The First and Green location would put Kam's in close proximity to many new developments along Green Street as well as an area referred to as Seniorland, where Greek members rent houses and blocks of apartments together during their last year on campus. Seniorland is located south of Green Street between First and Oak streets.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE - A CALL TO ACTION

Help Us Make the 2018-19 Giving Year Strong!

Our 2018/2019 giving year, which began on September 1, is almost over with \$5,275 collected from 26 brothers. We want to thank those 26 brothers (you can find them under the Honor Roll tab at our website) who have already made a contribution to Beta Upsilon so far this giving year!

Our 2018-19 giving year goal is \$12,000.00. Last year only 61 out of 1,381 alumni chose to make a voluntary gift. We still have the potential to meet our goal—but we need your *immediate* help. **Who will be next to join our 2018-2019 Honor Roll?**

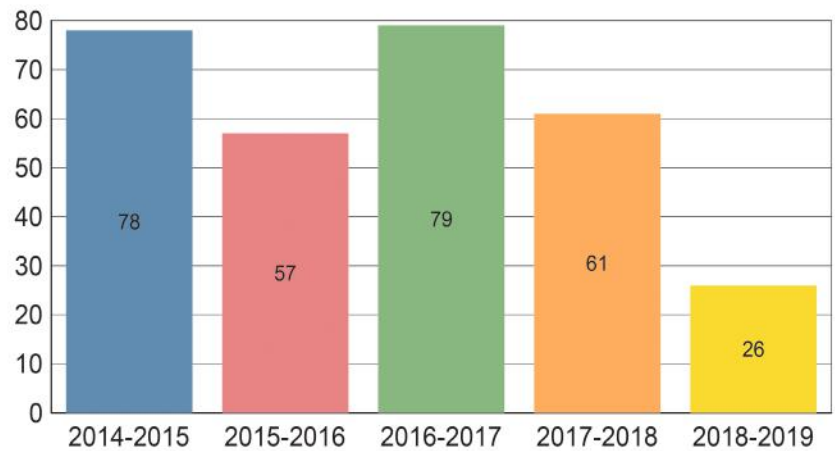
You can donate online by simply going to our website, illinidelts-alumni.com and selecting the Donate button at the top of the page. Donations can also be made through our toll-free Donation Hotline at 1-800-975-6699, or by sending a check made payable to Delta Tau Delta—Beta Upsilon Chapter to:

Delta Tau Delta
University of Illinois
Alumni Relations Processing Center
P.O. Box 7007
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

Annual Fund Totals



Annual Fund Donors



"I support the Fraternity because others supported it when I was an undergrad. It was a great experience and I want others to be able to share in the tradition and grow as a person, like I did."

"My BU experience could not have been duplicated anywhere but at the John Street Shelter. What I learned about relationships, responsibility, leadership and loyalty is still playing itself out in my life today . . . 40 years later. I support the Fund so that others can have this same experience."

Our college days came and went, but the real Beta Upsilon experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, make your annual gift **Today!**



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CHAPTER HISTORY

Beta Upsilon Origins

Beta Upsilon has a long history at Illinois. While going through our archives, we came upon the official history of Delta Tau Delta at UIUC. Here is an excerpt in which the history of the first house is detailed.

“Beta Upsilon did not occupy a house until 1900. As was the practice with University of Illinois fraternities, the chapter rented a meeting hall. The chapter hall was located on Main and Walnut streets, Champaign, on the second floor of a building which housed and was owned by the First National Bank. The chapter moved to its first house in 1900, a rented property at 410 E. Green, Champaign. Very little was recorded about that particular house, but there are photographs of it in the Illio. It was, though, the house in which the longest of all Delt traditions was begun—carving fireplace bricks. The available records don't indicate how the tradition started, but most contemporary Delts say every member who lived in the house

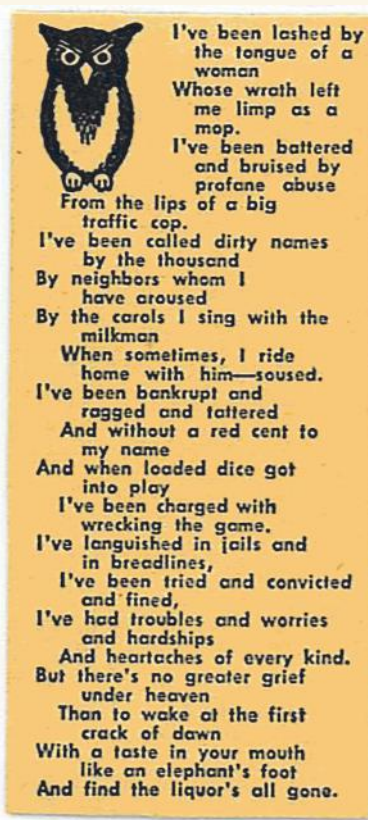
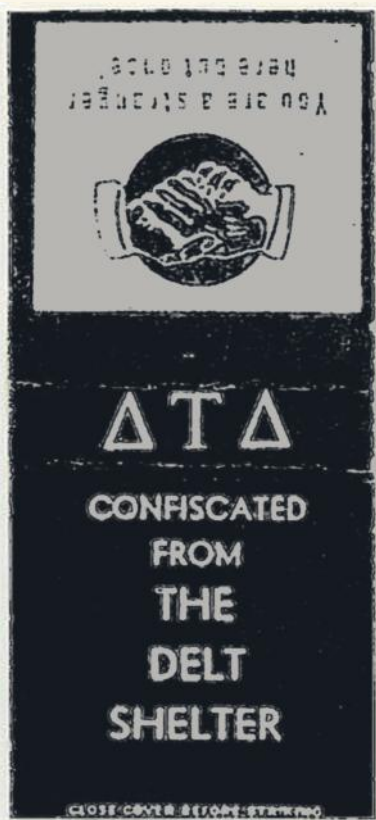


at least five semesters carved their name into a brick in the fireplace.

Fundraising for a new home, though difficult, was no doubt made easier by the increasing strength of the active chapter. By 1909 the chapter boasted thirty active members. The centerpiece of the chapter's activities was an annual alumni dinner (or, as prominent alum Louis M. Tobin '01 usually termed it, the “love feast”), usually held in late April or early May. The chapter began several annual traditions during this period, some of which survived for many years. Annually, around Christmas, the pledges put on a Christmas dance, and, in addition to the annual Halloween party, some of the actives performed a play for the chapter's amusement. The 1907 playbill featured ‘Blotches of Blood: or Pursued by Percy Cauliflower,’ described as the legitimate successor to ‘Gobs of Gore.’ The chapter also held frequent dances and parties, as well as a winter formal.”

A FLICKER OF DELT HISTORY

You Got a Match?



Take a look at the inside and outside of this old book of Delt matches and the great poem therein. Photos were sent in by **Clyde Ostberg '65** a few years ago.



We will be updating to a new look and platform for our alumni website over the next couple of months. Pictures and historical content are always going to be the one most endearing and enjoyable aspects of what we do with these newsletters and communications. If you are in possession of a trove of great old pictures from your time with DTD, scan them in and send them to alumninews@affinityconnection.com. We can create a photo album on the website and publish them in future editions of *The Beta Upsilon Booster*!