

# Fraternal News and Notes

## Sarasota Alumni Gathering

During the past few years, it has been determined that almost three dozen Theta Chi alumni from Gamma Upsilon Chapter have moved to the State of Florida. A number of them had not been back to campus or the chapter house in several years, and a number of them had never met some of these other brothers from different eras.

A get-together of Gamma Upsilon alumni living in Florida took place March 28, 2004. This event was scheduled to coincide with an annual Sarasota luncheon for alumni of Bradley University. Following lunch, a few of the of the 35 Gamma Upsilon alumni who reside in Florida remained to discuss old times and current plans for the chapter.

## Kondel Promoted by Bank One

Bank One recently promoted Casey Kondel (Theta Tau/Western Michigan University '00) to district manager for its 12 retail branches in Roscommon, Saginaw and Tuscola counties in East Michigan. A 10-year veteran of Bank One, Kondel has served as a relationship banker and



Alumnus brothers from Gamma Upsilon/Bradley University who all reside in Florida met with one another last March 28. Pictured from left to right are: Reg Sipfle ('54), Hal Turley ('54), Josh Reynolds (Bradley graduate, not a Theta Chi member), Frank Watkins ('60), Roger Roszell ('57), Frank Rainey ('53), Ken Hollmann ('54), Jon Nelson ('58), Bill Griffin ('59), Bud Johnson ('59), and Joe Shary ('56). Not pictured: Larry Phillips ('85).

financial executive in Southeast Michigan and Chicago during his career. He joined Bank One's predecessor, NBD Bank, as a teller in 1994.

## Roll, Tide!

This past April, the men of Alpha Phi chapter hosted an Easter Egg Hunt on the quadrangle of the University of Alabama campus for the kindergarten classes of nearby

Holt Elementary School. Around 85 students were assisted by the brothers in the search for 1,000 candy filled eggs that they had hidden around the quad. After the hunt, the children had a picnic and played games with the brothers.

## Iowa's Prof. of Law is Alumnus

Randall P. Bezanson (Delta Iota/Northwestern University '68) is

the Charles E. Floete Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Iowa.

## Delta Xi's Fill Region's Prep Football Coaching Ranks

Statistically, it's probably duplicated in other regions of the country, but in northwestern Indiana, three alumni of Delta Xi chapter are highly visible as coaches within the nearby prep football ranks. 1972 alumnus Jack Pettit is head coach at Wheeler High School, Eric Miller ('96) leads the staff of Highland High School, and Shane Snider, from Valparaiso University's 1995 graduation class, has recently taken over the reigns as head coach at Gavit High School.

## Neal to Receive City Council Tribute

The late-Steve Neal (Alpha Sigma/University of Oregon '71), former political columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times, and highly-regarded participant in the Windy City's alumni chapter during the last years of his life, will likely be honored if a recently proposed street naming proposal is approved. A portion of the proposed Chicago Riverwalk between Michigan



Men of Alpha Phi chapter/Alabama and kindergarteners enjoy the fellowship of an Easter egg hunt that was sponsored by the chapter.



Avenue and Wabash would be renamed "Steve Neal Way."



### "Survivor" Show Tests Valpo Alumnus

"During college, he was a member of the Theta Chi national fraternity, vice president of the American Marketing Association, and made honorable mention on the Dean's List twice." With those words near the top of his biography at the CBS Television Network site, 1995 alumnus of Valparaiso University, John Palyok (Delta Xi chapter), brings great attention to our Fraternity this Fall as the "Vanuatu: Islands of Fire" season of CBS' hit television show premiered last month. Palyok pauses his retail management career with one of the largest Home Depot stores in the world to pursue a \$1,000,000 prize along with 17 other women and men.



### Sacco Continues in \$1,000,000 Round Table

Epsilon Pi/Northern Illinois University alumnus Paul J. Sacco ('71) has recently earned his 29th consecutive year of membership in the Million Dollar Round Table. The Table is an international, independent association representing 28,000 insurance and financial services professionals who demonstrate exceptional service and expertise.

### NFL Saints Continue Fielkow in Senior Position

The new Executive Vice President of the NFL's New Orleans



Saints is Arnold D. Fielkow (Delta Iota/Northwestern University '77). Beginning his fourth season with the Saints with his new title,

Fielkow serves as the top senior management official on the administrative/ business side of the NFL club, and oversees all aspects of administration. Under his leadership, the Saints have sold out 22 consecutive games in the 70,000 seat Louisiana Superdome.

### Hambleton One of Twelve Top California Teachers

Travis Hambleton (Alpha Xi/University of Delaware '99) is one of 110 educators across the country, including only 11 other peers in the State of California, who recently received a \$3,000 cash award from the RadioShack Corporation. As a recipient of RadioShack's National Teacher Award, Hambleton was honored for demonstrating a commitment to academic excellence in mathematics, science, or technology. He has taught college prep chemistry and advanced placement chemistry for four years at Monta Vista High School in Cupertino, California.



Motorola Benefits From a Pair of Theta Chi Alumni: Mike Deering, left (Gamma Upsilon/Bradley University '85) writes speeches and executive communications for Motorola President and Chief Operating Officer, right, Mike Zafirovski (Eta Beta/Edinboro University '75). The pair of alumni took time out during a video broadcast of a State of the Company address that was sent to all 90,000 Motorola employees to pose for this photograph.

### Knutson Selected to I-AA Academic All-Star Team

Earlier this year, as a junior, Valparaiso University's Kevin Knutson (Delta Xi '05), was selected to the Sixth Annual Division I-AA Athletics Directors Association Academic All-Star Team. A wide receiver, Knutson was one of 31 winners from 93 nominees chosen by a special committee of I-AA athletics

directors. A biology/chemistry major from River Falls, Wisconsin, Knutson achieved a cumulative GPA of almost 3.8 while helping Valparaiso win its first-ever Pioneer Football League Championship.

### Eddy Does Management Training Course

Early Spring of 2004 saw Gamma Xi/San Jose State University graduate Bruce Eddy ('78) complete a 10 week/320 hour course that was focused on the management of Hotels/Motels, RV Parks, Mini-Storage Facilities, Mobile Home Parks, and Apartment Complexes. The Management Training and Marketing Associates schools that offered the coursework are nationally recognized leaders in their industry.

### Agency Makes Wise Move

An Akron, Ohio-based advertising agency, Malone Advertising, recently announced the addition of Daniel Wise (Beta Lambda/University of Akron '04) to their staff. Hired as an account coordinator, Wise works



San Francisco Alumni Chapter. Theta Chi Alumni in San Francisco worked at the city's Food Bank with Gamma Phi Beta alumnae, also from San Francisco. In two hours, the combined alumni groups organized more than 14,000 pounds of food for distribution to non-profit food centers in the city.

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with team members to coordinate all John Deere ads for part of the northeast United States.

## Baylor University Designates Wilson "Master Teacher"

For the first time in more than 11 years, Baylor University's President announced earlier this year the designation of Master Teacher, the highest honor granted to Baylor faculty members. The designation was bestowed upon two Baylor faculty, one being Dr. F. Ray Wilson, II (Delta Phi/Texas Christian University '66). Baylor will recognize Wilson, and its 15 other designated Master Teachers, in ceremonies to be held next month. Wilson is a professor of Biology, and has been a member of the Baylor faculty for 13 years.



At the 2nd Annual Brotherhood at the Ballpark event on July 31, 2004, Dallas and Fort Worth alumni and guests cemented their Fraternal bonds in style while watching the Texas Rangers.

## Martial Arts Hall of Fame Inducts Gilbride

Mark Gilbride (Beta Omega/Susquehanna University '86), owner and chief instructor of Gilbride's Black Belt Academy, was recently inducted into the U.S.A. Martial Arts Hall of Fame as its 2004 Taekwondo Instructor of the Year. The U.S.A. Martial Arts Hall of Fame Board of Directors, Executive Officers, and Representatives selected Mr. Gilbride from nominees around the nation. Taekwondo is a Korean form of karate



Downeast Alumni Chapter, Portland, Maine, at their most recent quarterly dinner.



## Bradley Bestows Award to Gamma Upsilon Faculty Advisor

Oscar Gillespie, a '77 graduate of Bradley University and 2001 alumnus initiate of Gamma Upsilon

Mark Gilbride, right, receives special recognition from the U.S.A. Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

Chapter at his Alma Mater, recently received the Rothberg Professional Excellence Award (RPEA) to honor his outstanding achievements in research and creativity as a senior faculty member at Bradley University. This award is the highest one for scholarly activity presented by Bradley University. Prior to joining Bradley's faculty, Gillespie was an

instructor and adjunct faculty member at Northern Arizona University. He is the founding coordinator and printer of the Cradle Oak Press at Bradley, director of three Bradley National Print and Drawing Exhibitions, and curator of the Bradley Permanent Collection.