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## Escape to 117 Is a Success



DUs gathered from afar for Escape to 117 Ash.

Nearly 50 brothers traveled from near and far on July 22-24 to enjoy the third annual Escape to 117 Ash, a weekend of recreation and brotherhood at the house. This was once again an increase of attendance for our third DU summer alumni weekend of fun.

This year we added an informal Friday night dinner that drew more than a dozen recent grads and friends to a local restaurant.

Many of the alumni and undergrads on hand Saturday played golf at Ames Golf and Country Club. This year's Escape featured special tours in addition to the golf outing. Alumni spent time viewing art and glasswork at the Brunnier Gallery at the Scheman Education Building, and at Reiman Gardens south of JackTrice Stadium.

Saturday evening started with a memorial held in the courtyard, and it was the emotional highlight of the day. We took time to remember Brother Harlan Bentzinger '44, Brother Wayne Brown '54, and Brother Marty Wirt '61.

Following the memorial everyone gathered for a grill-your-own steak dinner. Our college home of Delta Upsilon at Iowa State has never looked better.

After dinner, conversations continued in the courtyard and around 117 Ash into the night. One of the goals achieved at Escape to 117 Ash is to give ISU DUs of many generations a chance to bond and learn about each other, and to support undergraduates through college and beyond. Many ended the evening with a visit to campus town, alumni and undergrads sharing stories and memories of Delta U life at Iowa State.

Escape to 117 Ash is a great platform for additional DU alumni events, such as the multiyear reunion planned for 2017 (see separate article) A very special thank you to our Escape to 117 Ash hosts Brother Jim Smith '72 and Brother David Cox '73.



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# Escape



(left to right) Don Krall '76, Tom Peters '06, Steve Zimmerman '14, Jim Smith '72



Jake Thoren '18, Craig Vermie '73, Bobby Gates '18, Steve Swinton '73



Ryan Witek '18, Mike Cary '14, Dustin Cay '18, Jami Larson '74



Kyle Ticer '16, Dave Ellingson '75, Mitchell McDonough '17, Ben Nosek '14



Craig Foss '71, Peter Sperry '17, Dustin Meyermann '16, Bryce Wuhlfunkle '16, John Carson '73

## Save the date

2017 Escape to 117 Ash weekend

Friday July 21-Sunday July 23

This is the first weekend of RAGBRA,  
and the Ames CC has been reserved  
for golf on July 22, 2017!



(Above) Larson speaking at the 2016 Leadership Institute.

## Larson Honored As DU's Chapter Advisor of the Year

Confirming what Iowa State DU undergrads and alumni have known for a long time, Delta Upsilon Fraternity has chosen Jami Larson '74 as its Chapter Advisor of the Year.

For the second straight year, an ISU DU earned a top individual honor at the Leadership Institute in Indianapolis July 28-31. Brother Larson, Chapter Advisor and Treasurer of the Colonnades Club, won the Advisor of the Year award over a dozen or so advisors nominated for 2016.

Last year, it was Sam Kammermaier '14 in the spotlight, as he was chosen Undergraduate of the Year.

Combined with the chapter's repeat selection as one of DU's top seven chapters and a Sweepstakes Finalist, Iowa State continues to earn recognition for the high-quality fraternity experience centered at 117 Ash Avenue.

Brother Larson was recognized for his untiring efforts for DU at ISU, which most recently began when he led an effort to restore 117 Ash and revive the chapter. Beginning in 2010, he worked with 117 Ash LLC to raise money to begin the renovation of the 80-year-old chapter house.

This culminated in restarting undergraduate operations as a colony, then re-chartering at our Centennial Celebration in 2013. Throughout that process, Brother Larson served as the primary advisor to the undergraduates in recruiting and leadership training to restore Delta Upsilon's strong tradition at Iowa State.

Brother Larson played a key role in the campaign team which raised \$1.75 million to renovate 117 Ash, and to see it qualify for the National Registry of Historic Places.



Larson and Sigman – Brother Bill Sigman, Iowa State '50 attended the LI luncheon to watch Brother Larson receive his award. Brother Sigman was in the same pledge class as Jami's father and has been a great financial supporter in the return of the chapter.

He also serves as the key day-to-day advisor to chapter officers and leaders, attending the weekly chapter and exec meetings, and helping connect undergrads with alumni young and old. An additional role is serving as the chapter's representative on the ISU Greek Alumni Alliance, for which he as a former Ames city councilman is well suited.

To cap a weekend of success, Brother Larson was elected to serve as a member of the Fraternity Board of Directors for the next 2 years. He will serve with 12 other alumni and two undergraduate board member to help drive the continued success of Delta Upsilon.

# Update on the Semester

Brothers,

This Fall has been a very good semester for Delta Upsilon. We recently hosted our philanthropy event, Delta Scoopsilon, and were able to increase our revenues from last year's event. We have also seen academic growth from last semester, with midterm grades looking much more positive for both active members and new members. We are progressing with the Men of Merit program qualifications and I have no doubts

that Iowa State can be a sweepstakes chapter once again this year. Our new member class is about halfway through their member education program, and I am extremely confident that they will lead DU to a successful future. We are now quickly approaching our executive board elections, and I am very excited to see who will step up and take on those important leadership roles.

President Joe Gunkelman

## Fall 2016 Executive Board

President	VP of Recruitment
VP of Member Education	VP of External Relations
VP of Loss Prevention	VP of Finance
VP of Academics	VP of Administration



## Strong recruiting Adds 22 to New Member Class

As our Ritual of Initiation reminds us, “it behooves us from time to time to add to our number such men as will most honor our Brotherhood.” And in our Pledging Ceremony, we note that we aspire to bring into Delta Upsilon “those men who we believe will promote and maintain our ideals.”

The most visible milestone in that process, once recruitment is finished, was the New Member Ceremony which formally welcomed 22 men into our fold before dozens of guests attending.

## New DU Members

Name	Major	Hometown	Graduation Year
Zachery Roberts	Civil Engineering	Lutz, FL	2020
Carter Tome	Pre-Business	Downers Grove, IL	2020
Joshua Moore	Sec. Ed. History	Ames, IA	2019
Shafim Kohda	Chemical Engineering	Ames, IA	2020
Kasey Heaton	Pre-Business	Sioux City, IA	2020
Alexander Hauser	Marketing / Finance	Eagan, MN	2020
Jack Bergan	Apparel Merchandising	Waterloo, WI	2019
Jay Amin	Open option	Ames, IA	2020
Maxwell Dugan	Journalism	Lakeville, MN	2020
Nicholas Schneider	Construction Engineering	Clive, IA	2020
Andrew Arciuch	Aerospace Engineering	Elgin, IL	2020
Chet Kaiser	Marketing / Supply Chain Management	Sgt. Bluff, IA	2020
Joseph Stanton	Civil Engineering	Centennial, CO	2020
Bennett Kammermeier	Supply Chain / Int. Business	Cold Spring, MN	2020
Drew Girres	Marketing	Sgt. Bluff, IA	2020
Mitch Dahl	Undeclared Engineering	Cedar Rapids, IA	2020
Patton Kieswetter	Kinesiology	Metamora, IL	2020
Mathew Magee	Aerospace Engineering	Naperville, IL	2020
Kenneth Benjamin	MIS	Palatine, IL	2020
Christopher Jenkins	Mechanical Engineering	White Bear Lake, MN	2019
Justin Elias	Finance	Bolingbrook, IL	2019
Dan Marjanovic	Supply Chain / Finance	Bolingbrook, IL	2019



(Above) Sweepstakes finalists. (Below) Brothers at the 2016 Leadership Institute.

## Iowa State Earns Second Straight Sweepstakes Finalist Award

For the second year in a row, Delta Upsilon has named the Iowa State Chapter a Sweepstakes Finalist.

The Sweepstakes Trophy is the highest honor a chapter can receive and is based on certain requirements: chapter GPA, chapter size, Global Service Initiative fundraising, Chapter Excellence Plan points, and more.

Seven chapters were announced as Sweepstakes Finalists at the Leadership Institute in Indianapolis July 28-31. Chapter President Joe Gunkelman identified some of the achievements that put Iowa State in the top echelon of almost 80 Delta U chapters:

- We earned a 3.01 overall GPA for Spring 2016, which ranks above the ISU all-men's average.
- We have more than 70 members, ranking above the midpoint for fraternities in Ames.
- We increased our fundraising for GSI from about \$2,000 to more than \$5,500, which placed us third among DU chapters. The GSI is the Delta U philanthropy and service project supporting an elementary school in Jamaica.
- We sent 19 men to DU leadership programs, including three to the 2015 Leadership Institute, two to the Emerging Leaders Program, two to the Global Service Initiative, one to the Presidents Academy, and 11 to the Regional Leadership Academy last February in Kansas City. We're starting out 2016 even stronger with seven men and two alumni attending the Leadership Institute.
- We placed third among DU chapters with 715 of a possible 930 points in the Chapter Excellence Plan scoring, a big jump over 350 last year.
- Our efforts to make 117 Ash Avenue the best fraternity house in Ames combined with a top score in risk management and loss prevention.



- Within the ISU Greek system, we received a certificate of merit for fraternal excellence.

Six other chapters were selected as Finalists – Bradley, Kansas State, San Diego State, Nebraska, Rutgers and Lehigh. The Wildcat DUs at KSU came out on top and took the Sweepstakes Trophy home to Manhattan.

Gunkelman thanked ISU DU alumni whose contributions to the Colonades Club helped pay registration and travel expenses for men attending the various DU leadership education programs.

Gunkelman added "We are very proud to be DU sweepstakes finalists for the second year in a row. Each year we build on the success of the last, and I'm certain that next year we will do even better."

We want to thank all the alumni who helped the chapter strive to be the best it can be and achieve this honor. This has been a great experience for our chapter, and we will strive to continue to do great things!

# Class(s) Reunion • July 21-23, 2017

We recently celebrated the fourth anniversary of the re-chartering of the Delta Upsilon chapter at Iowa State University on September 21, 2013. The process of organizing the activities required to achieve the re-instatement of the chapter, develop the capital funding to restore the house at 117 Ash and to restructure the governance of the Colonades and the Chapter has been led by a core group of very dedicated brothers from the mid 1970's. This group has demonstrated sustained commitment and leadership to assure that the DU at ISU returns to the position of being a respected and a leading member of the Greek community at Iowa State and within the DU National Fraternity.

Today, we can all be pleased to see the results of these efforts as the Chapter has returned, in this short period of four years, to represent the kind of respected organization that we all remember and are so proud to be associated with. Our experiences and memories are an integral part of our lives and the opportunity to assure that our current active brothers will be able to share the same experiences is an accomplishment we can all be proud of. The chapter success can be appreciated in the recognition that has been received in the Delta Upsilon National Fraternity Sweepstakes Awards:

## Sweepstakes Awards

The Sweepstakes Award is Delta Upsilon's top honor awarded annually to the best chapter in North America.

Year	Winner	Finalists
2016	Kansas State	Bradley, Iowa State, Lehigh, Nebraska, Rutgers, San Diego State
2015	Nebraska	Kansas State, Carthage, Rutgers, Purdue, Lehigh, Iowa State
2014	Kansas State	Nebraska, Carthage, Rutgers, Purdue, Alberta, James Madison
2013	Kansas State	Penn State, Kansas, Nebraska, Carthage, North Dakota, Washington

Please note that this is the second year in a row that the ISU chapter was recognized as a finalist. Even more remarkable is that this is just the third and fourth year after the chapter reinstatement at ISU. This is a great tribute to the chapter and its commitment to

excellence, the Colonades Board and the network of alumni and advisors that have commitment their time, support and significant efforts to guide and assure that the chapter has the resources required to be successful.

Escape to 117 Ash is its fourth year, and it has participation of 40-50 brothers annually with primary participation from the classes of the mid-1970s, undergraduates and geographically local brothers.

In 2017, we are looking to expand this activity, organizing a class reunion for a targeted selection of graduating classes, and in subsequent years focus on other class groups, cycling back every 3-4 years. For 2017, we have discussed targeting the classes of 1965-1971 for the Class(s) Reunion. The 2007 Escape to 117 Ash weekend is scheduled for Friday July 21-Sunday July 23. Communications on the plans and details will be coordinated by the class communications representative on the Colonades board. (Mike Bowman 1965-1967, Bryan Kinnaman 1968-1970, Craig Foss 1971.)

A primary objective of the Class(s) Reunion initiative is to engage a broader range of ISU DU Alumni and to spread the good news about the reinstatement and renewed growth of the ISU DU Chapter. The activities of the undergraduate chapter will be reviewed, the ongoing work of the Colonades and opportunities for how we can become more involved will be an important part of our discussions. Key areas for expanded support are mentorships, scholarships and broader participation in the DU leadership training offered through the DU International and DUEF.

## Class(s) Reunions Activities:

**FRIDAY:** (July 21, 2017) Evening event, including a reception, dinner and program at the ISU Alumni Center

- We encourage brothers in the target classes to connect with their closest friends and associates from their DU years. Spouses and significant others are welcome to attend. We plan to identify and connect with specific brothers, asking them to serve as "table leaders," taking a leadership responsibility in contacting two to three of their closest brothers, and plan a personal reunion within the reunion. "Table leaders" will be responsible for filling a table.
- The reception and dinner event will have a fixed cost each brother will pay. The tables will also provide space for undergraduates, the Colonades board and the Escape to 117 Ash to fill out the tables for the table leaders.

**SATURDAY:** Activities include: Escape to 117 Ash activities, tour of the DU house, organized tours on campus or around the community etc., and time re-establishing relationships with brothers

**SUNDAY:** Organized brunch and opportunities to say "bon voyage" until the next time

- One or two hotel blocks will be reserved to facilitate interactions.

# Departed DUs Took Many Paths in Life

## Herbert Paul Neubauer Jr.

Herbert Paul Neubauer Jr., 71, of Oxford, passed to his heavenly home on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City.



A Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 28, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City. A luncheon to honor Herb's life was served at the church following the service.

Private burial was in Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials may be made to Systems Unlimited or Rural Employment Alternatives.

Herbert was born on September 6, 1944 in Waterloo, the son of Herbert Sr. and Betty (Hatch) Neubauer. He was a graduate of Iowa State University where he was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity and earned scholarships in both golf and wrestling. Herbert was united in marriage to Bonnie Gohlinghorst on May 29, 1966 in Omaha, NE.

The majority of Herb's working career was spent in the medical diagnostic field. His accomplishments included being involved with the introduction of the first CAT scanner in the U.S. and the first free standing MRI. Herb retired from his own medical consulting company Medical Perceptions in 2006.

Herb had a great love for physically challenged children and sports. He organized, coached and served on many boards of organizations that promoted sports activities for these children, including Special Olympics, Kansas City Wheelchair sports, Systems Unlimited, The Arc, United Cerebral Palsy and United leukodystrophy Foundation along with many others. He and his family received numerous awards and recognitions for their contributions to these causes. Herbert was a lifelong Presbyterian and a member of First Presbyterian Church of Iowa City.

Herbert is survived by his wife of 50 years, Bonnie; two sons, Kip and Tyson Neubauer; two brother-in-laws, Conrad (Barbara) Gohlinghorst and Rick Brown; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sharon Brown.



## Dustin John Dorenkamp

The world lost a special man when Dustin John Dorenkamp passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on October 20, 2016 after a courageous 3-year battle with malignant melanoma. Dustin was born on December 8, 1978, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to David and Helen Dorenkamp. Dustin attended Okoboji High School where he was active in several sports and inducted into the honor society. He then attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he became an avid Cyclone fan and especially enjoyed going to football and basketball games; he was also an active member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. He graduated from the College of Engineering in 2002 with a degree in civil engineering and moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where served as a highway designer with the Missouri Department of Transportation. Dustin spent his entire career with MODOT, where he ultimately became Transportation Project Designer and met the love of his life, Julianne Smith, whom he married on December 27, 2003. They made a home in Ellisville, Missouri, and their family grew with the births of their sons, Dylan and Ryan.

Dustin, humble, gentle, and kind with a quirky sense of humor, had many passions, including mountain biking with his buddies, playing softball with his work team, improving his home, and traveling with his family. Ocean beaches and mountain vistas were high on his list of places to visit. Most of all, Dustin had a deep and abiding love for his family, rooted in his enduring faith and love for God. His wife and children have been the center of his life for the past 13 years and his love for them and the Lord have guided his every step.

Left to cherish Dustin's memory are his wife Julie and sons Dylan (9) and Ryan (6) of Ellisville; his parents David and Helen Dorenkamp of Milford, Iowa; his brother Lance and his wife Ashley of Wichita, Kansas; his sister Jill Biltoft and her husband Corbin and nieces Colette and Bryar of Harrisburg, South Dakota; father-in-law Richard Smith of Ellisville; grandparents Don and Betty Dorenkamp and Genevieve Leusink in Iowa; and many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends throughout the country. Dustin was preceded in death by his grandfather, Gerritt John Leusink.

Funeral service was at St. John Church, 15800 Manchester Road, Ellisville, Monday, 11 a.m. Interment St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Miles Against Melanoma or 3 Little Birds 4 Life. A service of the SCHRADER Funeral Home and Crematory. Friends may sign the family's on-line guestbook at Schrader.com.

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# Dan Becker Gift

When Dan Becker '76 considered giving to Centennial Campaign for Delta Upsilon at Iowa State, he decided giving to an ISU-based endowment fund that supports the undergraduate experience he had at 117 Ash was the way to go.

Brother Becker's recent \$7,000 gift to the Stucky Fund made a sizeable increase in that endowment, which will provide larger annual scholarships the Iowa

State Chapter currently awards to two deserving ISU freshmen. As part of the Centennial Campaign, it also gave Brother Becker naming rights to a study room at 117 Ash.

For Brother Becker, recently retired from Global Brass and Copper in Rhode Island and now living in Grinnell, it was a good fit to his recent work with Iowa State students. He's given several motivational presentations to associate member classes of DU and works with the ISU Football Team as a mentor. With an introduction from Don Greenwood '76, Brother Becker has also given a presentation to ISU Engineering top students, and is scheduling Business College Class presentations.

The Stucky Fund, administered by the ISU Foundation, was established in the early 1980s as a memorial to Dr. Ralph E. Stucky, Western Reserve '37. He was a long-time chapter and Fraternity volunteer and advisor after his retirement to Ames in the 1970s. With Brother Becker's recent gift, the fund has surpassed \$25,000 in principal. Its proceeds each year provide two scholarships of \$500 each to deserving ISU freshmen men based on their personal and academic qualities, as they relate to the founding principles of Delta Upsilon, with a minimum high school GPA requirement of 3.5.

Alumni giving to improve the DU experience at 117 Ash takes many forms, in addition to making gifts to endowed funds. During the recent capital campaign, alumni made large one-time and multi-year contributions that powered the complete renovation of 117 Ash Avenue and the revival of our chapter in 2013. Annual giving to the Colonnades Club, in the form of



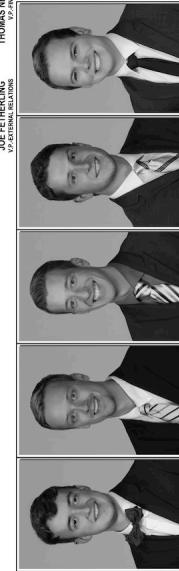
memberships beginning at \$18.34, pay for alumni activities, plus help send DU undergraduates to the many quality educational programs offered each year by Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

Another example of an endowed scholarship fund benefiting the men of Delta Upsilon is the recent gift to the ISU Foundation from David Morse '52. His gift permanently endowed David and Patricia Morse Scholarship of \$1,000 to a student enrolled in the College of Engineering, with preference given to students who are members of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. The first Morse Scholarship will be awarded in 2017.

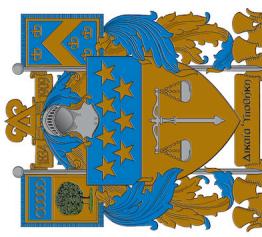
A third endowment project under study is a permanent fund within the Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation that would provide the registration expenses for members of the Iowa State Chapter to attend a Delta Upsilon Fraternity educational program. Among these high-quality events each year are the summer DU Leadership Institute, the winter Regional Leadership Academies, the DU Emerging Leader program, the Presidents Seminar every other year, and the Global Service Initiative which sends DU undergrads to week-long work sessions at an elementary school in Jamaica. Currently Iowa State DU alumni have strongly supported chapter participation in these programs through Colonnades Club memberships of \$100 or more, via tax-deductible annual giving that pays registration and travel expenses, in addition to funds from the chapter and the men themselves.



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It's that time of year—time to support Delta Upsilon at Iowa State with your annual alumni support gift through your membership in the Colonnades Club! (And to answer a few questions, see below.)

Yes, every year DU alumni from far and wide join the Colonnades Club, and their membership pays for alumni and undergraduate activities for the youngest members of Delta U at ISU.

Annual giving is a great way to support the quality of fraternity life at 117 Ash. Combined with capital campaigns, gifts to endowments, planned giving and gifts to specific projects, your help is building an award-winning DU experience at Iowa State. (Sweepstakes Finalist two years running, see newsletter for details!)

Annual Colonnades Club memberships pay for the Open Visor newsletter and DU alumni activities centered at 117 Ash each year. Higher level gifts go through the Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation, and directly support travel and registration expenses for DU undergraduate attending the many fine leadership programs throughout the year by our Fraternity. (See reverse for more information).

The Member Level is \$18.34 a year; we also have the Blue Level of \$50 a year and the Gold Level of \$100 or more a year. Membership at the Gold Level is tax deductible if your gift is made through the DU Educational Foundation.

(For those able to give \$100 or more a year, we encourage you to write one check to the Colonnades Club, for local activities, and one to the DUEF, for the educational programming.)

And now for a few questions:

1. Do we have your current paper mail address and e-mail address, and preferred phone contact? If not, here's your chance: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What other DUs do you keep in touch with, and have you met or had any reunions lately?

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3. Who would you like to hear from, and why? If we have his contact info, we'll send him yours. We'll let you know either way.

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4. What have you been up to? Family, work, honors, travel, volunteer service, hobbies, etc.

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5. Any similar news to share about other DUs?

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6. Planning any visits to Ames in the near future? (The undergrads would love to meet you.)

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7. Would you like to be a mentor to a new member, or a chapter officer? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ maybe

How to give:

By check: payable to Colonnades Club, or Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation or ([www.duef.org](http://www.duef.org))

Thanks for your help!