



The OPEN VISOR

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Homecoming: A reunion and much more

In the wake of our great Centennial Celebration last September, along came Homecoming on a brisk November Saturday. About 25 alumni made it back to 117 Ash to enjoy a roast hog, courtesy of Glen Smith '79, and renew friendships with each other and with our new undergraduate brothers.

Homecoming at Iowa State is now much more than just a football game and alumni fellowship on Saturday. So, to share what it's like for today's students, we asked Sam Gaylord '17, the chapter's Alumni Chairman, to give us a look at Homecoming from the undergraduate perspective:

As a newly initiated freshman in Delta Upsilon at Iowa State, I was excited to be a part of Homecoming of 2013. From basketball and flag football, to serenades and Yell Like Hell, the Delta Upsilon pairing with FarmHouse and Gamma Phi Beta created a successful team for a week of fun and competition.

After all the events were completed on Nov. 9, lively groups of students rushed to Central Campus to attend the thrilling late-night

awards ceremony, where the top five pairings would be announced for each homecoming event. Through all the cheers and celebrations, it was announced that DU-FH-GPhi took third place in Banners, third place in Yell Like Hell, third place in Tournaments, and first place in Store Front Windows.

When it seemed as if the giant fraternity and sorority crowd couldn't get any louder, the overall Homecoming winner was announced: "And the award for first place overall in Homecoming 2013 goes to...FarmHouse, Delta Upsilon, and Gamma Phi Beta!"

The crowd of students near the award stage erupted in excitement, hailing the winning team. A few moments later, the enthusiastic students made their way toward the Campanile, for couples to share a kiss on this unforgettable night. With the ISU Marching Band playing the Iowa State Fight Song, fireworks began soaring into the starry sky as everyone stood near their best friends at the stroke of midnight, reflecting on the efforts and achievements in Homecoming 2013 that they'd remember for the rest of their lives.



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Centennial Campaign Near Goal, to end in May

In this last year we have celebrated the centennial of Delta Upsilon at Iowa State and started our second century! The 117 Ash Centennial Campaign allowed us to complete funding of the much needed improvements to our beautiful chapter house, which is now on the National Register of Historic Places. In that state-of-the-art college home, we now have a vibrant undergraduate membership.

The campaign goal is \$1.25 million and we have raised 94 percent of that. "We have been impressed with the generosity of about 100 brothers who have pledged to this point," said John Carson '73, campaign co-chairman. "We have \$80,000 more to raise and about 800 brothers who could still donate. We ask all who have received the gift of Delta Upsilon to join the campaign and help pass that gift on to future generations.

Every donor to the Campaign will be honored in a special framed commemorative donor list to be permanently displayed at 117 Ash beginning this fall. We would like to see as many names as possible on that list – and to be on it, you have until the end of spring semester, or May 15, to commit to your gift.

Make the commitment

Contact John Carson '73, Campaign Co-Chairman:

✉ carsonjohnh@gmail.com to request a pledge form.

✉ The Colonnades, P.O. Box 1937, Ames IA 50010

Check can we made payable to Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation.

💻 Donate via credit card on line at <http://isudu.org>.

All donations are tax deductible, and pledges can be paid over three years.



Alumni visited with new initiates during the Centennial Celebration in September on a tour to see the improvements at 117 Ash.

Don't miss this opportunity.
Your brothers need your help, and want you on board.

Brotherhood in Delta Upsilon is many gifts delivered over a lifetime:

- Commitment to "Building Better Men" through our four founding principles of Delta Upsilon that provide a mission for life beyond self-interest.
- A historic home during college with brothers who care and support you at a pivotal stage in your maturation.
- A chance to study and learn from brothers and with brothers.
- Fun and excitement to participate fully in college activities like Homecoming, Veishea, Varieties, etc.
- Social opportunities to find your significant other, pin-mate, and spouse.
- Leadership training to manage a fraternity and college organizations. Skills that will serve you for a lifetime.
- Friendships shared for four years and beyond.
- Networking and relationships with other Greeks and students that serve you at ISU and throughout your working career.
- A lasting home at 117 Ash, to visit for the rest of your life and to re-kindle memories and brotherhood.
- A chance to connect with brothers older and younger than you to share stories and experiences of the different phases of life.
- An open invitation to reconnect with brothers you may not have talked to in decades and share the insights of adult life.
- Compassion and sorrow when you or one of your brothers incurs difficulties or death.
- An opportunity to connect with and impact hundreds of future Delta Upsilon members for a second century at Iowa State.
- The chance to give to others the same opportunities that were given to you in the name of Delta Upsilon.

Please join us with your pledge and take your journey with Delta Upsilon one step further.



117 Ash Centennial Campaign Donors

\$75,000 and above

Jami Larson '74

\$50,000 to \$74,999

Ernie Marshall '48

\$25,000 to \$49,999

Don Larew '63

Bill Parks '73

\$15,000 to \$24,999

Dick Frink '51

John Cronk '60

Craig Foss '71

Bruce Becker '75

Keith Bruening '80

\$7,500 to \$14,999

Bill Sigman '50

James R. Larson '50

Kevin O'Byrne '73

John Carson '73

Mark Hanrahan '74

Steve Jackson '75

Don Greenwood, Jr. '75

Mark Kuchel '76

Steve Quinlan '78

Glen Smith '79

Chris Renk '83

Jeff Courter '84

\$5,000 to \$7,499

Norm Brown '51

Steve Swinton '73

Craig Vermie '73

Steve Schoger '74

Doug Howell '83

Scott Hudson '84

\$2,500 to \$4,999

Herb Harmison '56

Steve Smith '73

Scott Linn '76

Mark Lovejoy '79

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Jim Harmeyer '84

John Crawford II '86

Jay Harmeyer '89

Joe Harmeyer '92

\$1,000 to \$2,499

Harlan Bentzinger '44

Ron Fleck '49

David Morse '52

Don Nebergall '52

Wayne Brown '53

Jarold Lein '62

Jim Altorfer '63

Jim Sirois '63

Larry Johnsen '68

Bryan Kinnamon '69

Scott Shumate '69

Al Staidl '69

Fred Williamson '69

Richard Maher '70

Kent Cerrone '71

Norm DeRaad '71

Jim Smith '72

Dave Cox '73

Dana Dettmann '73

Dan Ekstrom '73

Kip Smith '75

Les Kempers '75

Mark Benda '77

Rich Allendorf '83

\$500 to \$999

Bob Armstrong '46

Harold Steen '51

William Murphy '52

Bill Adams '56

Paul Welch '59

Robert Farr '61

Ron Jensen '62

Kurt Faxon '64

Larry Skold '70 (d)

Wes Meyer '72

Pete Meehan '72 (d)

Jerome Thompson '74

Steve Koch '77

Bob Provorse '78

Tom Hansen '79

Doug Spong '81

Scott Micek '82

Dave Hattery '83

Dave Drake '88

Tom Foldes '89

Dave Kemp '94

Tai Ward '02

Colin Finn '05

Tom Peters '06

Alex & Ben Dzurik '14

Up to \$500

Gene Walker '44

Lloyd Mahone '45

John Martin '45

Jim Shaw '50

William Gaessler '52

John Briggs '56

David Dickinson '57

Larry Ringer '59

Darryl Trulin '61

Steve Maier '75

Doug Jones '81

Luke Fenner '03



Remembering Aldie E. Johnson '45

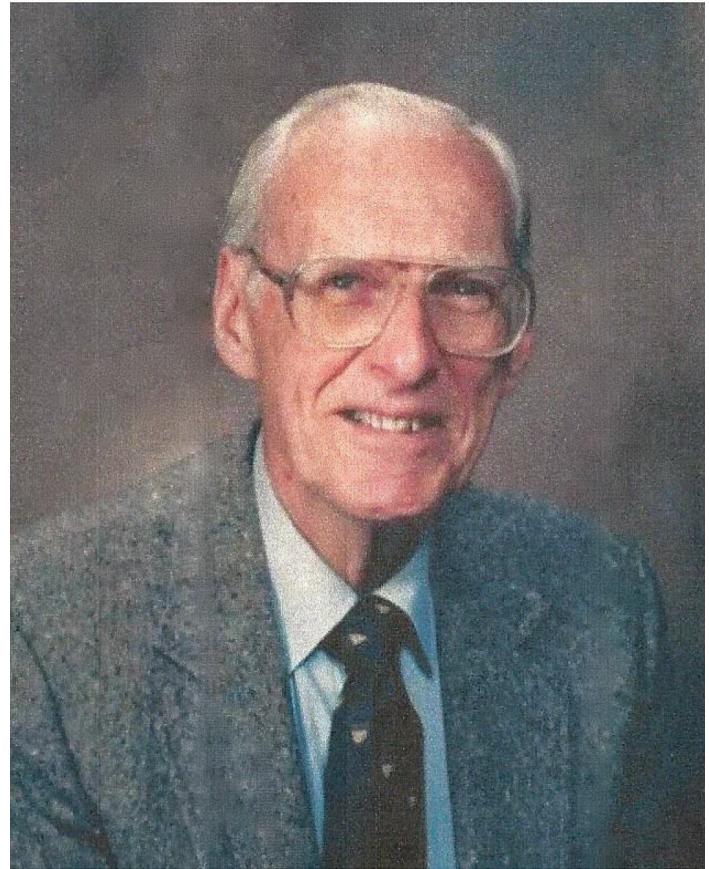
Aldie E. Johnson Jr., 87, of Bedford, Mass., died peacefully at Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers with his family by his side on Sunday, September 23, 2012.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, Wilma; three children - Aldie E. Johnson, III and his wife, Kathy; Jo Lynne J. Johnson and her husband, David; and Merri Lee Johnson; four grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

We were recently contacted by Wilma Johnson who informed of us Aldie's passing. With his obituary she sent in a \$1,000 check in memory of her husband. The money will be used by the Chapter for the construction of a Greek Week canoe and bed-racer. Aldie was a lifelong supporter of the DU Educational Foundation giving for 42 continuous years.

Aldie grew up in Davenport, and graduated from Davenport High, joined the Army in 1943, returned to Iowa and attended Iowa State University. He met Wilma while at Iowa State and they were married in September of 1945. Aldie graduated in December 1945 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. Together they moved to Newport News, Va., to begin work in the Structures Research Division of the precursor to NASA. In 1957, the family moved to Bedford, as he became the Head of the Structures Dept at Avco Rad in Wilmington.

In 1968, Aldie moved his focus and work to Teledyne Materials Research (later Teledyne Engineering Services) in Waltham as Vice President of Operations. He was both Treasurer and President of Society of Experimental Stress Analysis (later SEM) during the time at Teledyne. He retired in 1985. In 1977, Aldie bought a 1931 Model A Mail Truck, which he restored to authenticity and won many medals/awards at various local and National meets. While he was restoring his truck, he was elected Treasurer (1987) and President (1989) of the Model A Ford Club of America (which includes International clubs). While living in Bedford, he was involved in many community



activities including: the Bedford Council on Aging Fix-it Shop, Bedford Santa Program, 4-H, as well as being an active Board member of the national Model A Ford Foundation, Minuteman Model A Ford Club, and The Charles River Museum of Industry. Aldie also researched and wrote "The Ford Model A Mail Truck" as well as his own family's genealogy book.

A Tribute to Robert W. Armstrong '46

Robert W. Armstrong, 89, passed away peacefully at his home in Lincoln, Calif., with his wife Betty at his side on January 22, 2014. A WWII-era Army veteran. He was a Registered Electrical Engineer, and a life member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

His professional life included positions with Geophysical Services Inc. (Louisiana and Brazil) and Aerojet (Sacramento) where he worked on the Titan, Polaris and Minuteman programs. He worked with TRW (Redondo Beach) and Hughes Aircraft (Long Beach). His career included work on the Mercury and Viking

Mars Lander projects. He retired in La Canada and later moved to Ventura and finally Lincoln. Known for his sharp mind and good humor, he loved to travel with his family and was a member of the Lincoln Hills Macintosh Users Group.

Along with Betty (his wife of 62 years), he is survived by his sister Ruth Armstrong, daughter Laurie Gossy (Bill), son Scott Armstrong (Laura), five grandchildren (Brittany, Grant Meridith, Matthew and Michael) and cousin Sallie Alice Tolley. He was preceded in death by his oldest son Craig in 2013. His family has donated \$500 in his memory to the 117 Ash Centennial Campaign.



Colonnades Club in the works

Delta Upsilon at Iowa State has undergone a dramatic transformation with the renovation of 117 Ash and the re-emergence of a vibrant undergraduate chapter on campus. Our chapter won Homecoming last fall. Our outgoing chapter president was elected IFC President. We have much to be proud of as we launch our chapter into a second century at Iowa State.

Behind all successful Greek chapters at ISU is a proud and engaged team of alumni. Strong alumni support was evident in the results of the 117 Ash Centennial Campaign now in its final stage. With this publication of the Open Visor we announce three new alumni driven initiatives. We invite you to be part of these.

The Colonnades Club is the organization of alumni support for the Iowa State Chapter. The four missions of the Colonnades Club are Administration, Communication, Socialization, and Scholarship. In order to fund all of these projects a new alumni dues program will kick off in the fall of 2014.

The Colonnades board is being expanded to 15 board members to act as the representatives for all alumni. Board members will have 4-6 meetings annually to conduct business. Board members will serve two-year terms to be rotated regularly to keep our alumni leadership fresh and to be sure we represent alumni of all ages.

We know how much alumni enjoy seeing each other, and **Colonnades will oversee gatherings** at Homecoming and other times each year. New for 2014 will be a Summer at 117 Ash weekend with a golf outing and other events; see the notice elsewhere in this issue.

The Open Visor will be published twice a year. Its mission is to communicate the chapter's activities and to keep alumni connected with each other via a hardcopy publication. Email will also be used as appropriate.

Facebook groups have evolved as a vital communication link for countless organization. We will leverage this vital medium for both our alumni and undergraduates. We expect it to one of several vital ways to keep brotherhood alive and well at Delta Upsilon and Iowa State.

We invite you to stay tuned and stay connected. Our four founding principles and the strong bond have brotherhood have sustained our fraternity for 180 years and our ISU chapter for 100 years. The second century of Delta Upsilon at Iowa State promises to be exciting as we build better men with your support.

Get connected!

isudu.org/about/about-colonnades

Letter from the President

Greetings brothers,

I stepped into the position of President this spring unsure of what to expect after chartering last September. We formed a list of goals both operational and informal to keep us moving in the right direction. We have set up a standards board, put in place study hours, organized poker nights, and taken on more volunteering experiences.

Recently I and seven other members went to Kansas City for DU's Regional Leadership Academy (RLA). On the way we ate at a hometown diner and stayed there for hours talking and really getting to know each other. We were a little late to RLA, but all was forgiven. At RLA we went to seminars where we learned how to improve areas of leadership respective to our positions. We made friends with the Nebraska Chapter, swapping t-shirts, playing cards, having a snowball fight together and sharing ideas on how to improve our chapters. All of us really experienced the brotherhood at a larger level.

At RLA on the final day each chapter presented its action plans to all the DUs there as part of a competition with a peer vote. For the second year in a row the Iowa State Chapter won. With a new sense of direction and skills, we returned home to Ames ready to push DU to new heights.

Currently our chapter is preparing for Greek Week; building on our recent recruiting success; organizing our Philanthropy, the DU Duck Hunt; and volunteering with Arc of Story County, an organization that commits to improving the lives of the intellectually disabled. I look forward to the future of Delta Upsilon, and our doors are always open to friends and alumni.

Fraternally,
Matt Gunkelman '16

DU gives back



DU Brothers volunteer at the ARC of Story County with ISU's Senior Vice President for Student Affairs (left) Dr. Thomas Hill.

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CELEBRATING BROTHERHOOD

SAVE THE DATE: WEEKEND OF JULY 18-20

We all so much enjoyed the fellowship at the Centennial and Homecoming last fall - so why not a more casual weekend when the weather's great, the days are long and the golf courses are open?

Details to follow - but please put Saturday, July 19 in Ames on your schedule!

HOMECOMING 2014 DATE:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

THIS JUNE THERE ARE THREE GOOD REASONS TO GATHER AT 117 ASH:

- 1.** The aforementioned comradery
- 2.** We're about to wrap up the Centennial Campaign, being almost 95 percent of the way to our fund raising goal of \$1.25 million
- 3.** Let's start a new tradition of an alumni summer gathering and golf outing, to add to other alumni opportunities in 2014 such as Homecoming, Veishea and Alumni Days.



CALL FOR NEWS:

The Open Visor would like to feature alumni news and stories in our next issue. Please submit two-three paragraphs on what you have been up to, how your family is doing, and share a picture.

Please submit this information via:

Email: colonnadesdu@gmail.com

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