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6th tailgate by '84s set for TCU game Oct. 5

‘Way back in 2014, a group from the Class of ’84 held a tailgate reunion at a Cyclone football game. Like many DU alumni gatherings, it was a lot of fun, and so has become a tradition.

This year’s version will be Oct. 5 at the TCU game.

According to Mike Dee ’84, invitations went to about 40 alumni from that era, requesting that they place their orders for game tickets in the block of seats the group has been reserving each year. Mike has looked after that task for several years but this time it’s in the hands of John Ashbaugh ’83.

“We started doing an annual reunion tailgate in 2014 for the 30th anniversary of those of us in the class of ’84, and the invite list has grown substantially since then,” Mike said. “Our tailgate host will again be Kent Porter ’85 (at right, during Escape to 117 Ash in June, trying to remember where he stored his grill). He puts on a great spread!”

The photo above from 2018 shows, from left, Porter and Ashbaugh, plus nine ’84s: Dave Bailey, Pat Mertz, Mike Dee, Phil Templeton, Jim Harmeyer, Jeff Karch, Marty Faldet, Matt Keller and Bruce Bruene.

The premier annual DU reunion is Escape to 117 Ash, a golf and brotherhood weekend each July that has brought up to 100 alumni and undergraduates together to celebrate DU’s achievements at ISU.

The next prime opportunity for reconnecting will be Homecoming on October 26, with the game against Okie State.



Chapter 'Top 7' again; nears 100 members

With nearly a hundred men, Delta Upsilon is off to a strong start this fall. At the end of fall recruitment, 28 men had accepted a DU bid, bringing chapter membership to 98, reports Chet Kaiser '19, Alumni Relations Chair.

The chapter held its first philanthropy of the year, Delta Scoopsilon, and had record breaking attendance, Kaiser reports. Nearly 500 people attended, raising over \$3,000.

Due to the philanthropy's date landing on September 11, the Chapter decided to donate half of the proceeds for 9/11 first responders and their families through the FealGood Foundation. The other half was donated to Global Service Initiative (GSI), Delta Upsilon's philanthropic arm. GSI is a project in Jamaica for DUs from across the country to help local communities through hands on work. DU will keep raising money for GSI throughout the year.

DU is in high gear preparing for this year's ISU homecoming, October 26. Kaiser announced that DU is teamed with Gamma Phi Beta and Pi Kappa Phi in the Homecoming competition, consisting of many great traditions such as Yell Like Hell, the Ames Parade, and community service events.

The fall activities follow the Iowa State delegations return from DU's annual Leadership Institute with yet another Sweepstakes Finalist trophy in tow. This makes five consecutive years that Iowa State DUs have placed among the Fraternity's Top 7 chapters. The chapter's size of 78 men exceed both the IFC average for size and GPA. Within DU, we had a 98.7 percent completion in the Fraternity's Membership Outcomes Assessment, and 24

members attend DU programs on the year. On the philanthropic front, Iowa State was one of DU's top fundraising chapters, raising nearly \$6,000 for the GSI. ISU DUs also averaged 22 service hours each last school year.

Another honor came to one of our members as Kevin Guinan '15,

newly named Chapter Advisor, was honored with DU's The Chairman's Award for Outstanding Alumni Volunteer. Kevin has served the Fraternity for the past four years as Province Governor, and is on the Men of Merit Committee. In 2019, he facilitated both the Regional Leadership Academy and the Leadership Institute. He succeeds Jami Larson '74 as Chapter Advisor.

Photo: Five of the nearly 100 DUs in Ames, each wearing an alumni-donated tie of varied hue.



ISU to honor one of DU's 9 Gold Star Hall alumni Nov. 11

Each year Iowa State University commemorates Veterans Day by honoring some alumni memorialized in the Memorial Union's Gold Star Hall. This year one of the four being featured is one of nine DUs whose names appear there.

Capt. John M. "Jack" Fuller '41 (at right), and his brother Murrey '39, were serving in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. Jack, from Cedar Falls and Editor of the Bomb as a senior, was killed in Bastogne on Dec. 23, 1944 during shelling by German troops. He will be honored at 3:15 p.m. Nov. 11 in a special ceremony in Gold Star Hall.

Jerome Thompson '74, recently retired State Curator of the State Historical Society of Iowa, has been invited to give memorial remarks about Brother Fuller.



While in Bastogne during the battle which took his life, Jack was commander of the HQ Battery, 321st Glider Field Artillery, Army 101st Airborne.