

# Black & Gray

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# Upsilon Xi

# Revisions planned for Upsilon's induction

This semester was the last semester that Upsilon will be having induction as we know it. The entire Greek community, which now consists of 4 male clubs and 5 female clubs, have decided along with Dr. Conn that it would be in the schools best interest to completely change the induction process. This decision was made after a meeting held by Dr. Conn, other staff members and teachers, and the executive committees of the Greek clubs. The reason for this change is that cultural acceptance of our traditions in induction is no longer present. With the upcoming change of our institution to

University status, we feel that it is in the schools best interest to revise the induction process to a more culturally accepted one. This includes the elimination of all humiliation, intimidation, and sleep deprivation. The induction process is currently being revised by members of the executive committee and other senior members of Upsilon. We feel these changes will be positive and will provide future taps with a better understanding of the purpose of our organization. We respect the advisement of our alumni and will openly receive any suggestions you may have to better the induction process for future taps.

Upsilon Xi will be celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. Since the first meeting on February 11, 1962, nearly 600 members have had the awesome opportunity to experience Upsilon Xi. We would like nothing more than to bind the gap between alumni and present members so that Upsilon's rich tradition



isn't forgotten. At the Lee homecoming celebration, Upsilon will have a breakfast for all alumni. We hope that there will be a great turnout. The homecoming breakfast is always a great time for both alumni and current members. So, mark your calendars for November 8, and we hope to see you all there.

## Spring 1997 Executive Officers

- President-** Monty McClure (Marietta, GA)
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- Alumni Coordinator-** JB VanHook (Altoona, IA)
- Historian-** Josh Hames (Alpharetta, GA)
- Historian-** Clark Medlin (Caruthersville, MO)

## From the Alumni Coordinator:

This year has been an incredible year for the men and women of Upsilon Xi. I am pleased to be serving this organization as Alumni Coordinator. Many great things have happened this year in Upsilon. As I will attempt to show through this newsletter, the members of Upsilon are still striving to serve the Lee College campus and the surrounding community, seeking to grow closer to the Lord, and enjoying the great fellowship of Upsilon Xi. I am so thankful for the rich tradition that has been planted for me by each alumnae. This deep history is one reason why Upsilon is the most respected greek club on the Lee Campus. I look at the list of Upsilon alumni, and I am honored to be a part of such a distinguished list. I hope this issue of the Black and Gray brings back many memories.

## From the President

It is my honor to serve Upsilon Xi as President during the Spring 1997 semester. I am a graduate student who has returned to pursue a teachers license, with which I hope to teach Physical Education and coach basketball at the high school level.

Lee College is undergoing enormous change. We are making the transition from college to University, and new buildings continue to arise each and every year. Upsilon is no different. New induction procedures have been handed down from the man in charge, so we desperately need your prayers.

Upsilon appreciates the tradition and heritage which has been set before us. Thanks to those who taught us HICKORY, but most of all, thanks to those who have lived Hickory.

## Upsilon welcomes new members

Over the past two semesters Upsilon has added fifteen new members from varying departments on the Lee College campus, maintaining the diversity which has enriched this club for so long. Beginning with the Fall 1996 tap, they are as follows: *Highman* Brian Jones; Michael Hutchinson, a Sports Medicine major from Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Jody Lingerfelt, a Christian Education major from Cartersville Georgia; Dallas Howard, a Business Education major from Miami, Florida; Ryan Pettitt, a Business major from Douglasville, Georgia; Brent Moore, a Psychology major from Cleveland,



Tennessee; and Winfield Bevins, a Pastoral Ministries major from Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Spring 1997 tap is as follows: *Highman* Todd Lowry, a Pastoral Ministries major from Cartersville,

Georgia; Johnny Abernathy, a Christian Education major from Cartersville, Georgia; Eric McCleary, a Business Administration major from Harlington, Texas; Michael Thurman, a Pre-Med major from Hanover, Pennsylvania; Christian King, a Christian Education major from Cartersville, Georgia; Matt LaFontaine, a Business Administration major from Roswell, Georgia; *Co-Low* Peter Burke, a Christian Education major from Kennesaw, Georgia; and *Lowman* Jason Guyton, a Church Music major from Carrollton, Georgia.

We are happy to have these new additions in our club, and hope that they may exceed the high standard which our alumni have set before us.



## Sponsors provide leadership by example

Upsilon is very fortunate to have the two best sponsors on the Lee College campus. Our head sponsor for the past few years has been Terry Johns. He serves as the Director of External Studies at Lee College. Just this year, Mr. Johns received his doctorate, so I guess now we must call him Dr.

Johns. His beautiful wife was tapped as an honorary little sister in the Fall of '95. They are both tremendous blessings to each and every member of Upsilon. Our newest sponsor to Upsilon, Andrew Lee, may be somewhat familiar to some of our most recent alumni. Mr. Lee was tapped in 1987 into Upsilon and has come back to Lee College as an English professor. While at Lee, Mr. Lee served as

historian in Upsilon and was awarded the Bill George and F.J. Lee awards. His love for Upsilon is as strong as ever, and we certainly appreciate this about him. Our sponsors are more than just sponsors. They are actively involved and deeply concerned with the way Upsilon functions. We are certainly blessed to have such great sponsors. Upsilon is in great hands.

## Rick Folino awarded Upsilon's "Distinguished Alumnus of the Year"

In 1985, Upsilon instituted an award honoring distinguished alumni. Each year during Homecoming celebrations, an alumnus is awarded the alumnus of the year. In the past few years, very prominent men have honored Upsilon with this title, and this year is no exception.

Rick Folino was voted by the members of Upsilon to receive the 1996 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. He is the President and C.E.O. of a financial service company in Palm Coast, Florida. Since attending Lee College, his many great accomplishments has brought him tremendous respect by the faculty of the Lee

College Business Department. Mr. Folino has been a loyal alumni to Upsilon. He was the primary donor for the Clock Tower project in 1994, and has regularly attended the Alumni breakfasts during the Homecoming festivities. We are very fortunate to have great alumni like Rick Folino, and we hope that this award shows the great respect that the current members of Upsilon has for him. He certainly adds to the incredible list of distinguished alumni of Upsilon Xi.

If you have any suggestions for next years Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, please submit them to us.

### *Upsilon provides leadership on campus*

The members of Upsilon have certainly held up to the standards set in the constitution for a "Upsilon man". We take pride in the great diversity represented in our membership. Over the past two years, Upsilon as a whole has had members involved in virtually every organization at Lee College, and we have set a high standard for the other Greek clubs to follow. Here are just some of the ways that Upsilon has lead the campus:

The past 8 F.J. Lee award winners and the past 6 male S.G.A. presidents have been Upsilon members. The 1995 homecoming queen and the 1996 Parade of Favorites winner were Upsilon Little Sisters. We have members on the Lee College Basketball, Baseball, golf, tennis, and volleyball teams; members in Campus Choir, Voices of Lee, Lee Singers, Power Unlimited, and Second Edition Vocal groups; and members in the Symphonic band and Lee Players. We have had active members in the drama presentations at Lee, peer teachers in LC101 classes, A-force college recruitment staff, and Vindagua staff. We have Little Sisters

representing 4 of the 5 women's Greek clubs, and we have members of Upsilon that are Big Brothers in 4 of the 5 women's Greek clubs. We are the hosts of the biggest social event of the year, Sadie Hawkins. We have had members in ministry teams such as Pioneers for Christ, Next Exit, and Vision.

These are just a few of the organizations that the members of Upsilon Xi are involved in. This list shows the kind of diversity that Upsilon as a whole obtains. The experience and uniqueness each member brings to Upsilon is a big part why Upsilon is so special.

### *Black and Gray in Cambridge*

This year Lee Seals and Ryan Walburn were chosen to study abroad at Cambridge University in England. These students were selected by the faculty and staff of Lee College after an exhaustive application process. While at Cambridge, they will take classes in literature and various other related subjects as well as experience another culture entirely different from the Lee College environment. At the end of the semester in England, they will be allowed to tour Europe independently for a week.

### *Where are They?*

If you know the whereabouts of these fellow Upsilon Alumni, please let us know:

Jeff Blackburn	Brian Little
Daniel Boling, Jr.	Larry Lowry
Johnny Burn	David Mumford
Edward Chandler	Kyle Ragsdale
Stan Gatlin	Horace Ward

## *Institution of an Alumni Fund announced*

We feel that communication with our alumni is vital to maintaining awareness of the tradition that Upsilon has accumulated over the past 35 years. Due to a lack of funds over the past few years, we have been unable to communicate to our alumni through the Black & Gray and other newsletters. Upsilon has accumulated nearly 600 alumni, and it is becoming difficult for the club to pay for printing and postage. In no way are we starting a mandatory alumni fund or even implying that we have to have your donations to survive; however, to insure that we have adequate funds to send out a Black & Gray each year, we are asking for alumni to consider donating whatever possible to help this publication out. We have included a pledge sheet on the back of this publication. Please check one of the following boxes and send to Upsilon Xi, Lee College, PO Box 3450, Cleveland, TN 37320-3450. Thank you and God Bless.

### *The President's Test*

1. What was the original name of Upsilon Xi?
2. Who was the tenth Upsilon sweetheart?
3. The first Black and Gray was published on this date:

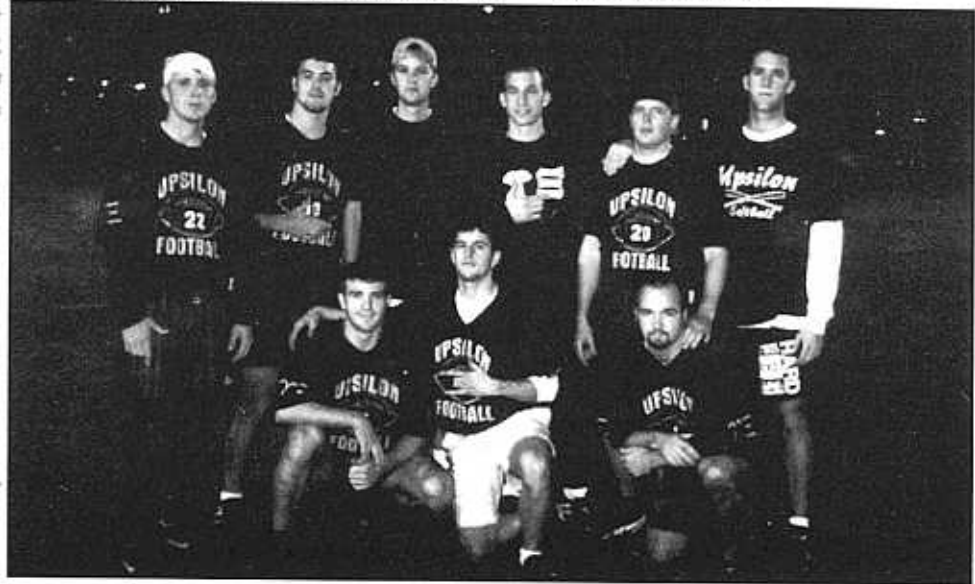
# Upsilon men dominate intramural sports

Upsilon started the year with a bang in intramurals. Lawton Smith and Clay Kile were just two of the members who lead the Upsilon softball team to win the "A" league championship. The teams explosive offensive innings struck fear in all who played them. The softball season ended and the intramural flag football season started. Upsilon entered one "A" League team and three "B" league teams into competition. At the end of the season, two Upsilon teams found their way into the championship games. The "A" league team led by Monty McClure and the "B" league team, Bad News Black. Both teams were to be facing the "A" and "B" league teams of Chi. On a wet night, Upsilon walked away with both champi-

onship titles leaving Chi with NOTHING. From football we moved to intramural basketball. Upsilon entered four basketball teams into competition as well. Once again, our "A"

league dominated the league bringing home another championship title.

Four championship titles in one year. Not bad, huh?



## The Brotherhood goes World-Wide

This year Upsilon entered the world of the Internet. The homepage was established and is maintained by Joe Giove out of Maryland. This website includes several different pages. One page is devoted to the purpose, motto, club scripture, and history of our club. Another page, which is currently under construction, is being designed to give a list of each individual tap. This will take a great deal of help from you, our alumni. If you can remember the members of your tap, Giove would appreciate your help. The website also includes a page devoted to Highmen and Lowmen as well as other upcoming events in Upsilon. There is also a page that has Internet addresses of other Upsilon members on the net. If you would like to be included on this list, just send an E-mail to Joe Giove and he will add

your name and address to the list. We are very excited about the new web page and urge all members and alumni. The web address is [www.erols.com/highrock/upsilon/](http://www.erols.com/highrock/upsilon/).

## Serving campus and community

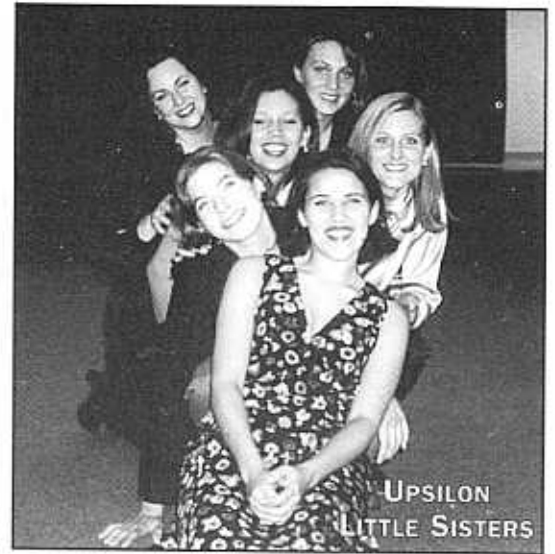
Upsilon was involved this semester in various service projects around Lee College and the community. Some members of Upsilon helped Lee College and Habitat for Humanity to build a house for a family that can not afford a decent house. We were involved in the initial stages of digging and laying the foundation for the house. Upsilon also took over the entire youth service at North Cleveland Church of God on a Wednesday night. The entire worship service from the singing to the preaching was done by Upsilon members. It was a great time in the Lord.

## Adding excitement to college life

Upsilon hosted three major social events during the school year. We held our annual Block Party to welcome back students at the beginning of the fall semester. This event typically includes music, give-aways and great fellowship. Unfortunately, the evening was cut short due to mother nature. The annual Sadie Hawkins was a big hit again this year. We estimate that around 500 students attended. Our third social event of the year was called Black-Out Bowl. We had black lights, strobe lights, music, and unlimited bowling for the price of \$4. There were approximately 170 students who showed up for the first-time event and we have heard only positive comments about the night. Perhaps this will become an annual event for Upsilon.



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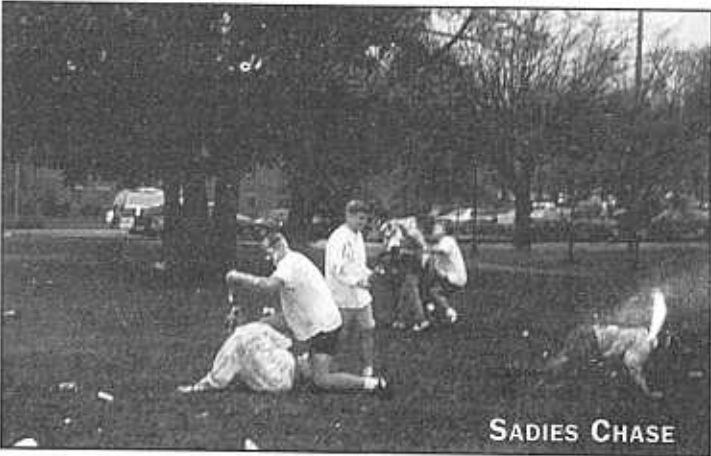
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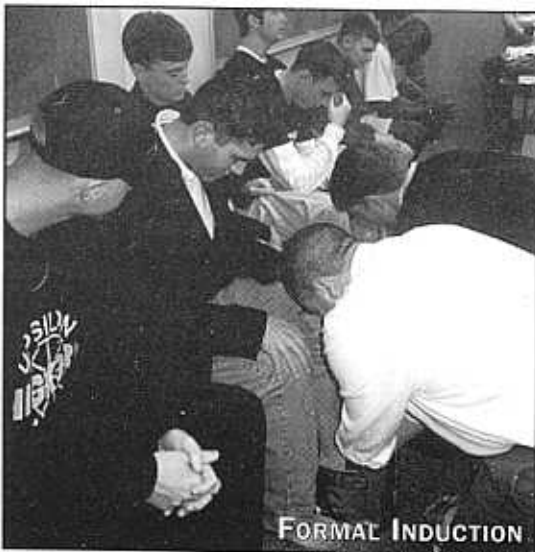
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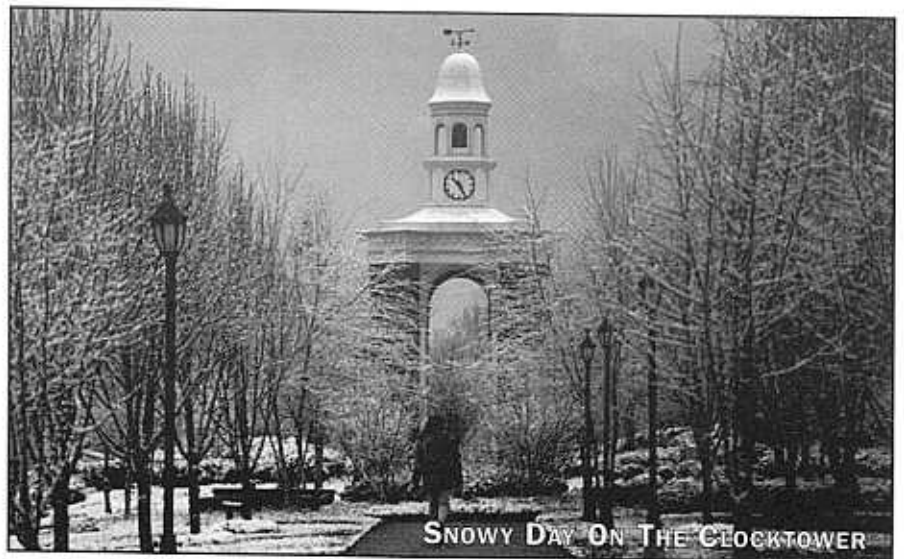
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TAP NIGHT



FORMAL INDUCTION



SNOWY DAY ON THE CLOCKTOWER

Upsilon is proud to have a club where ministry is emphasized, and we would like to share the names of some who have been courageous enough to step out in obedience to the Lord to begin their own ministries.

Here is the information if you would like to contact either of these brothers about their respective ministries:

**Richie Mullis:** *Vision Ministries*

Music, Drama, Praise and Worship, and preaching

Phone: (423) 614-2967

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Mailing Address: Lee College Box 1627

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## Upsilon Xi Alumni Fund

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