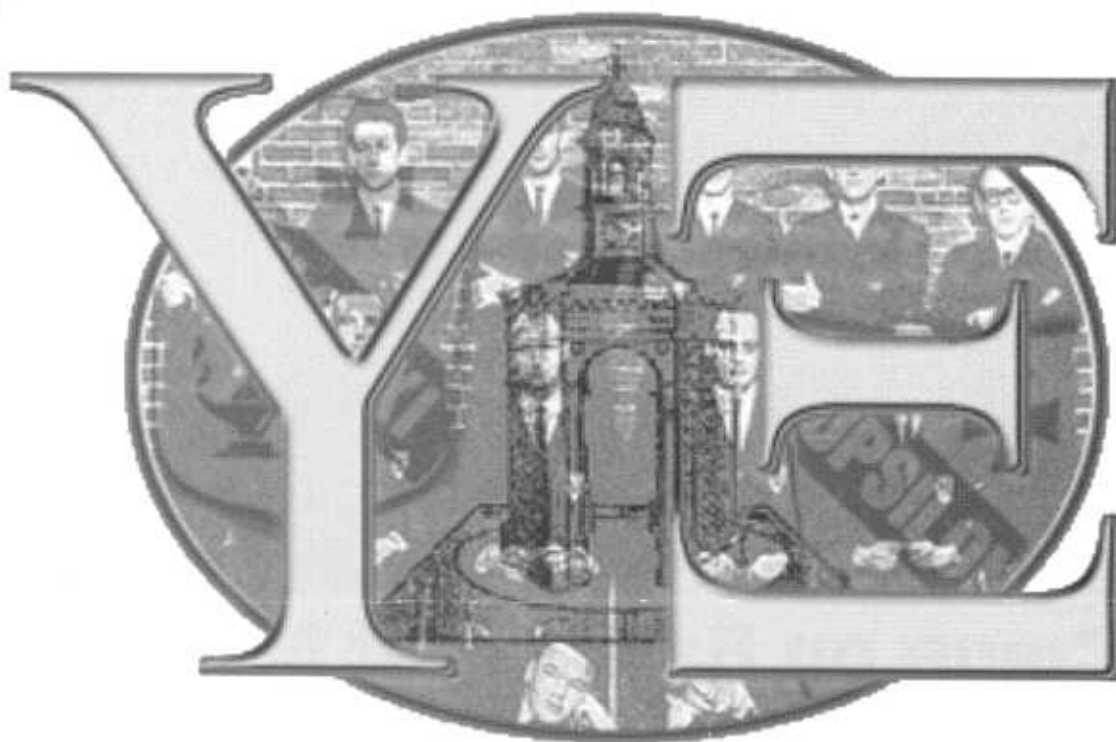


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We strive to be examples of Christ in all we say and do.  
Brother to brother we hold up the light for that we know is true.

And if my brother should get lost,  
I will hang my light upon the hillside,  
So that he may see the path to come home.  
Brothers together we will hold our ground,  
Because we're Upsilon Xi.

And when the storm tries to blow us down,  
We will stand like the

## HICKORY!

Because we're Black and Gray and Gray and Black  
Black and Gray and Gray and Black  
Upsilon, Upsilon, Upsilon Xi!

## Doing *His* Service: Upsilon Xi's Community Service Projects

In the midst of all the busyness of the year, Upsilon made the time to live up to our reputation of serving not only those on the Lee University campus, but those in the Cleveland community. The big fall project involved another fraternity here at Lee, Tau Kappa Omega. "Clean Up the Community" involved Upsilon and TKO renovating girl's dorms at the local Tomlinson College. With a few staff members of Tomlinson, we cleaned out old dorm rooms that had been abandoned or turned into storage and brought them back to life. After cleaning out these rooms, time was taken to restore them into functional living quarters. It was a period of hard work, but also one of good fellowship between our clubs.

The most service time was contributed to benefit Cleveland's Boys and Girls Club. In the fall, we hosted

a skating party for them with a local "Why Wait?" group to promote abstinence. We were primarily used as chaperones, but Upsilon also taught kids to skate and challenged a few of them to beat us in some video games!

This connection of Upsilon and the Boys and Girls club followed into the spring semester. Recently, Upsilon has dedicated every Wednesday afternoon to go and work with these kids who are desperately looking for role models. We first spend time helping them with homework and their school projects, and then we take them outside and let them burn off some of their abundant energy. These kids love kickball and basketball, but not as much as the attention we give them. Working with these kids has been a wonderfully rewarding experience. All it takes is just a *little* of our time to touch some hearts in a *big* way.



## Come on Baby Light My Fire

### *Sadie Hawkins: A Night to Remember*



Fire lit up the night skies once again for Upsilon's 36<sup>th</sup> annual Sadie Hawkins. Couples came to sit under the stars, to warm up next to a fire, and to find romance. Whether or not anyone fell in love, we don't know, but Upsilon surely set the mood! This year Jason Stephens, our Senior Member, headed up our premiere fall event. His planning and dedication brought a crowd of over five hundred students in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment of some of Lee's most talented performers. The Colonel's famous recipe made an appearance once again as each student devoured a box of KFC washed down by a delicious Coca-Cola. The night ended with a bang as Upsilon ignited a spectacular

fireworks display.

Several improvements were made to this year's Sadies including the smoke factor. An ingenious idea struck Stephens...dry firewood and starter blocks! It made Sadie Hawkins so much more enjoyable this year. Also the photography of Jim Price was a new addition to the Sadies scene. A picture package for only \$10 made students take advantage of an opportunity to savor the memory. And finally, the greatest memory of all comes to an end, the fabulous O'Bannon farm. This year Upsilon charged a parking fee of \$1 in which all proceeds went to the O'Bannon's in appreciation for allowing us to use his landmark for so many years. This last Sadies at the farm

means an old Lee and Upsilon tradition must find a new home.

After all expenses paid, the club came out with almost \$1,000 in profit. The great ticket sales and the incredible sales of 150 tee shirts brought about this wonderful revenue for Upsilon's treasury. Our theme, "Come on Baby Light My Fire" mounted the front of tee shirts designed by our very own Brandon Litchfield.

Overall, with a great deal of hard work from Jason Stephens, the Ways and Means Committee, Chad Siders & Greg Arnold (wood chopping), and Chad Guyton (lights and sound), Sadie Hawkins went down in the Upsilon history books as a job well done. It was truly a night to remember.

# www.upsilonxi.com

The Upsilon Xi Website (UXW) continues to be the #1 Source for current easy to access information for Upsilon members and alumni. The goal of the UXW has not changed since its creation in the fall of 1996:

"The website is dedicated to the recovery, discovery, and preservation of club history, the celebration of alumni and member accomplishment, and the advancement of fellowship between all members of Upsilon Xi."

The domain name *upsilonxi.com* has been purchased which makes us the only fraternity to own the licensed rights to an Internet domain. All alumni who have e-mail are encouraged to make contact with the webmaster and have their e-mail address added to the On-line e-mail directory.

Unlike Lee's other club websites which update their sites semi-annually, the UXW is usually updated weekly with news and information about current and upcoming club events, alumni news, updated alumni e-mail addresses, and other topics of interest. Gone are the days where *The Black and Gray* Newsletter is the ONLY way to contact alumni.

With your continued support and participation, the UXW will provide us with an informative and organizational base on which to spread pertinent news and rally support when necessary. Donations to the Upsilon Xi Alumni Association will be used in part to assist with this effort.

*By Webmaster and Alumni Secretary Joe Giove*

## INTRAMURALS: CRUSHING THE COMPETITION

This year proved for Upsilon that dedication and hard work achieves winning results. The men of Upsilon Xi smelled sweet victory in fall and spring athletics. Led by intramural coordinator, Ryan Cornett, the mighty men in black swept the title of "A-League" softball champs. Winter did not



bring a season of death to Hickory, but one of rebirth. Their incredible season only resulted in two losses. Upsilon defeated "Staff" for the 5 on 5 Basketball Championship. Can you say Alpha Gamma Who?? With just a few more victories, the All-Around Intramural Championship trophy will be in our hands...once again.

# HOMECOMING '98

Not to anyone's surprise, Miss Laurin Brasseaux took the crown of Queen at the 1998 Lee University Homecoming basketball game. She was escorted by President Clark Medlin. Not only did we achieve the crown, but we also gained recognition in every class. Other Senior representatives were Nicole Daniels and Christian King. The Junior class included Sara LaMagna and Robbie Winters. The sophomore representing the Black and Gray was Mike Sciscianni. Upsilon remains to carry the classiest group of ladies and gentlemen on the Lee University campus.



## PARADE OF FAVORITES

One of Lee's most prestigious events, the 1999 Parade of Favorite competition, boasted the beautiful and talented Miss Amber Holt as Upsilon's dreamgirl. Amber was both stunning and courageous as she performed her singing and dancing talent act, "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." She was escorted by none other than Upsilon's Vice President, Robbie Winters. Not only did Upsilon capture the stage with one lovely lady, but we also were represented by another dashing Upsilon lil' sis, Miss Sarah Griffey. Sarah was Sigma Nu Sigma's contestant and had the opportunity to be escorted by Sigma's Beau, Upsilon's President, and her fiancée, J. Clark Medlin. Sarah sang a rousing jazz number. Other Upsilon escorts included Jeremy Mauldin, representing the Lee Singers, and Scott Hunter, representing Delta Zeta Tau. It was a spectacular evening, and our "favorites" made Upsilon very proud.





*Hiding out in the Woods*

Due to an extended period of time without a Black and Gray publication, you may be wondering who actually are the members of Upsilon Xi? Just in case you haven't yet seen the updated lists on [www.upsilonxi.com](http://www.upsilonxi.com), here are those missing faces starting with Fall '98 through Spring '99.

FALL '97



SPRING '98



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*from the Alumni Association President*

The alumni members of Upsilon Xi congratulate the men of Black and Gray for an excellent year of progress and achievement and share best wishes with this year's graduates who are joining alumni ranks.

These past few months since the November initiation of our alumni organization have been occupied with the busy work associated with a new venture. We are having to go through the lengthy red tape process of gaining nonprofit status so we can appropriately receipt contributions. We are attempting to fill the gaps in our mailing list and otherwise lay the foundation for future progress.

As your president, I am gratified to keep discover-

ing the productivity of Upsilon men and women in many walks of life. Our alumni members form a "Who's Who" in leadership in a number of fields. Besides high level leaders, however, what we are finding is a large group of outstanding individuals who serve well in responsible careers and helping positions who embody the cherished ideals of hospitality and service.

Look forward with us to the fall reunion at Homecoming. We hope to have our organization firmed up and we plan to introduce our new Alumni Council.

In the bonds,  
Daniel Boling

*from the President*

## Reflections of the Past

by J. Clark Medlin (Big Rim 40)

To be chosen as the fortieth President of the esteemed Upsilon Xi has been a tremendous honor. To have 36 years of tradition placed upon your shoulders is invigorating as well humbling at times. With this rich history we have obtained, it is crucial that we remain men of great character, Christian ideals, and class. I feel my responsibility as President is to continue the tradition that the original members in Walker Hall envisioned on February 11, 1962.

The year started with a drastic change. Two days prior to tap night, we were informed by the administration that induction had been minimized to 24 hours. This gave us little time for planning. Thanks to the great ideas of our Induction Chair, Tony Robinson, and

the rest of the executive committee, we were able to ensure that induction would run smoothly and the new taps would learn what Hickory means.



Along with our Annual Block Party, Sadie Hawkins was a smash hit. Dr. O'Bannon was again gracious enough to let the men of Upsilon use his incredible farm for our event. Just like always, hundreds of people turned out on a cool October night for the largest event on the Lee campus.

The things Upsilon has taught me will stay with me for the rest of my life. Hickory is not just a word, but it is a way of life. We must always remember this word and what it means, not only for our brothers, but also for everyone. God Bless!

*from the Chaplain*

## Living What You Learned In the Woods

by Jason Harris

The longest lasting tradition on the Lee campus is held within the hearts of the men and women of Upsilon Xi. The reason that we can call ourselves Upsilon men lies in the life long lessons that we learned in the woods. I believe that the Lord has blessed Upsilon with an anointed, life-changing experience that we call induction.



Still, our induction is something that we must live out on a daily basis. Anyone can scream "Hickory," but it takes a true Upsilon man to live Hickory. This semester, the Lord spoke to me as the chaplain of Upsilon to challenge our men and women with the question, "Do you live what

you learned in the woods?" If we are not willing to live by the principles that brought about this rich tradition, then we have failed

to live up to the standards of Upsilon and the standards of God which was given to us in His Word. The Lord has called us to remain broken and humble at his feet, for that is indeed the lesson Upsilon taught us during our time in the woods. I would like to thank all of you as alumni who have carried and passed on our rich heritage in the Lord. Credit is due to those who have sought to put the Lord first in the past and cared enough to pass on those traditions for our future.

*from the Alumni Coordinator*

Greetings! I just wanted to say thank you to all the alumni of Upsilon for leaving this legacy for us to cherish. It has been a pleasure serving as Alumni Coordinator this semester. The newly formed Upsilon Xi Alumni Association will help support such publications like *the Black and Gray*. To join the association send a \$20 registration fee addressed to:



**Upsilon Xi Alumni Association  
c/o Treasurer Nick Humble  
Humble & Associates  
87 Mouse Creek Rd.  
Cleveland, TN 37312**

Please make your checks out to the Upsilon Xi Alumni Association. Thank you for your support. Hickory.

*Scott G. Hunter*

# farewell to. our seniors

*YE* Fall graduates:

*Arlyne VanHook*

*Winfield Bevins*

*Eric McCleary*

*Richie Mullis*

*H. Lee Seals III*



*YE* Spring graduates:

*Sweetheart Laurin Brasseaux*

*Nicole Daniels*

*Amy Harris*

*YE*

*Jason Stephens*

*Chatsworth Jacobs*

*Tony Robinson*

*J. Clark Medlin*

*Jeremy Mauldin*

*Brian Jones*

*Ryan Cornett*

*Jeremy Dill*

*Jason Kirkland*

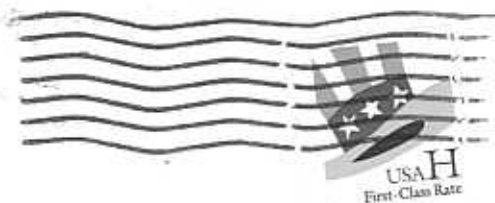
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