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revisiting hickory

A new millenium is upon us. Time has passed; eras have come and gone. But since 1962, Upsilon has remained consistent. Faces have changed; rules have been added. But the message of our club stands. *Hickory*.

One little word. We scream it with pride and whisper it with reverence. Its meaning is the center of our society, the very nucleus of our organization. It rules our very existence.

Hickory.

As I reflect over my time at Lee, I reel a montage of memories before my eyes like a movie. There I was, in the woods learning some

of the most valuale lessons of my life. Again I witness the brokenness, the healing, the face of revelation.

And then I stepped out of the woods with a little more wisdom, perhaps a little more pride, not because Upsilon is the best club on campus. These black and gray letters represent so much more than social status. They represent the very core of Christian faith and service. We strive to be examples in Christ in all we say and do. That is what it is all about. That is what it has always been about. That is why I am a Upsilon man.

Hickory.

Upsilon Xi

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standing tall on campus

Upsilon has been busy. To kick off the 1999-2000 school year, Upsilon held their annual blockparty. The pedestrian mall was filled with returning students exchanging summer stories and freshman getting acquainted with the social life at Lee. What better way than to introduce them to the *original* Greek club on campus!

On October 30 Upsilon lit the fires again for the most popular event on campus, Sadie Hawkins. This year's theme was "Old Times are Never Forgotten," and over 400 couples headed out to Dr. Obannon's farm for some KFC and cuddling. The night was

a fundraising success that went out with a bang.

Upsilon was also eager to serve the community. They spent every Thursday of the fall semes-



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ter working with children from the Boys and Girls' club. They also participated in the Campus Wide

Service Day and Delta Zeta Tau's Spring Fling, a carnival for local children. Finally, Upsilon plans to close out the semester by helping paint the Samaritan House.

Intramurals always provides an opportunity for Upsilon to flex their athletic muscles. Upsilon competed in volleyball, outdoor and indoor soccer, softball, three-on-three basketball, and five-on-five basketball. Upsilon took first place in five-on-five in an edge-of-the-seat championship against *Pleasantville*. That following weekend twelve of the team traveled to North Carolina to compete in a regional intramural tournament. Their efforts proved the heart of hickory.

from the chaplain

In Upsilon this semester, I believe the Lord has opened our eyes and allowed us to see some areas that we need work on. If there is one word I could describe the process we have went through, it is *maturity*. Ephesians 4:14, "Then we no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, blown here and there by every wind of teaching..." There are a lot of spiritual kids and the Lord has used His Word and



Paul Rankin, pictured at left with his little brother Will Musser.

some pillars in Upsilon to take them to the next level spiritually. We have fought many battles together this semester. We still have a way to go, but I am confident that the Lord is going to give us more victories in the years ahead. Upsilon is more mature now and has grasped a vision. I thank the Lord for his battles because He uses them to unite us and show us who we are as Christians. Pray for us. Hickory.

tribute to upsilon alumni

courtesy of Lee University website

Lee University officials announced the recent establishment of an endowment scholarship in honor of a Lee University alumnus who drowned off the coast of Florida on April 3. Dr. Thomas Robert Johnson, 29, drowned in a rough surf at Pensacola Beach, Florida, on Monday, April 3. He was swimming in the gulf with three friends when they were caught in the surf. Pensacola Beach firefighters pulled the four from the water and transported them to Gulf Breeze Hospital where Johnson was pronounced dead about an hour later. Dr. Johnson was in the residency program at the University of South Alabama Medical Center in Mobile,



Ala.

Dr. Johnson, a 1992 graduate of Lee, was a member of Upsilon Xi, a male social service organization on campus. He was awarded the departmental award from the Natural Science and Mathematics Department, inducted into "Who's Who," and graduated Magna Cum Laude. While in Upsilon, he served as the first-ever senior member for the 1991-92 school year. After graduating from Lee, Dr. Johnson went on to earn his M.D. from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 1998. He

then moved down to Mobile, Ala., where he was completing a surgical residency at the University of South Alabama Medical Center. Upon hearing of Dr. Johnson's death, the men of Upsilon Xi decided the best way to honor one of their own was to establish a scholarship fund in his honor. In lieu of flowers, the men of

Upsilon has asked his friends and loved ones to make donations to an endowment scholarship fund in honor of Dr. Johnson.

Anyone interested in sending donations to the Tom Johnson Scholarship Fund may send them to Lee University, P.O. Box 3450, Cleveland, TN 37320-3450, ATTN: Tom Johnson Scholarship Fund. All funds designated for the Tom Johnson Scholarship Fund will be put in an account through the Lee University Alumni Relations Office. A memorial service for Dr. Johnson was held at the University of South Alabama on Friday, April 7. His body was flown to Delaware for burial. His funeral will be Wednesday, April 12 at the McCreary Funeral Home in Wilmington, Delaware.

Homecoming 1999

The trend continues. Jessica Childers, Upsilon Xi's sweetheart was crowned this year's Homecoming Queen in November. Jessica is a member of the fall 1997 tap and was tapped sweetheart in the fall of 1999. She was escorted by Robbie Winters, Upsilon's president for the fall semester. Up-



silon watched proudly as another of their sweetheart's circled the Bradley High School arena for the second consecutive year. Upsilon also had other representatives on the court. Little sister Mindy Dixon was escorted by Christian King. Little Sister Amber Holt was escorted by Chad Siders. Little Sister Katherine Boyett was escorted by Doug Arvin. Stephen LaMagna and Paul Rankin represented the sophomore class.

POF 2000

Upsilon's dreamgirl of the year was Jodi Cannon, member of the spring 2000 tap. Jodi was both breathtaking and brilliant as she sparkled across the stage. She was escorted by Cameron Dantley, a member of spring 1999. Doug Arvin, a member of fall 1998, represented the Ladies of Delta



Zeta Tau. Doug was awarded the escort award for his excellent attendance and attitude. Upsilon is proud of Jodi and the escorts. They made our dreams come true.

Upsilon bids farewell to the
graduating seniors of
1999 and
2000. We will
miss you.

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