

What Upsilon has done in my life. Blake Hamon Alumni Coordinator

Since 1962, the members and alumni of Upsilon Xi have continued to set the foundational principles of what it means to be a "Upsilon Man". As we know, it is a primary aspect of Upsilon's induction to implement the history of our club to the new inductees, and during the Spring '06 induction I was given the opportunity to trace over the dots that former Upsilon Men had created and I fortunately discovered that Upsilon Xi was not just something that I wanted to be a part of, it was also something I needed. The apostle Paul states in the book of Ephesians, "We are a life worth of the calling you have received" (Eph. 4:1). I received the calling of God for my life at a very young age but unfortunately ignored it for far too long. I was well aware that I was not living a life worthy of that calling and continued to act as I wished without any regard to those around me, and even more so to the Spirit of God. God used the men of Upsilon Xi as a vessel to obtain my full attention and had they not allowed themselves to be used by God, I may have delayed, if not abandoned, the initial calling of God for my life. While spending my time in the woods I was given an entirely new perspective of what it means to be a Upsilon Man, but more importantly, a man of God. The lessons I learned throughout the period of induction will be embedded in my heart for the duration of my life and I only hope to live up to the standard that God has set for me by continuing to practice those lessons.

Upsilon Xi 45th Anniversary planned

Four-five years ago there were several men whose desire was to foster service and to be the best in all they do to the glory of God. Since this formation, Upsilon is now the elite of Lee University. Now over 750 alumni across the country and over 50 active members Upsilon has placed the bar high in many areas of professional, academic, and religious pursuits.

Upsilon Xi Alumni Association in cooperation with the Upsilon Xi Alumni Coordinator Blake Hamon are preparing for this year's 45th anniversary celebration during Homecoming 2007.

A goal has been set for alumni dues since it is an anniversary year, that they reach \$4500. That is one hundred dollars for every year of Upsilon. Remember that giving to Upsilon Xi Alumni Association is tax deductible, and the funds help produce the *Black & Gray* and other proposed projects for the 50th Anniversary of Upsilon. Help us this year surpass the goal and prepare for the future. Also plans are being made for 45th commemorative merchandise that can be obtained before and after the breakfast. As usual we will have special speakers from different decades of Upsilon Xi, telling briefly what Upsilon was for them. Come back to your Hickory roots on November 3.

Upsilon represented well at POF 2007

In this year's Parade of Favorites, Upsilon was proudly represented by Nicole Campbell. Nicole displayed her various talents in singing, dancing, and other hidden talents we were unaware of. Escorted by Blake Hamon, these two displayed their enthusiastic personalities and abilities throughout the pageant and proved to the audiences the type of character Upsilon possesses.

Also, Upsilon did not limit itself to just two members in this year's Parade of Favorites. Aaron Weatherford represented A-Force by escorting Jenny Kidd, and Philip Bisby escorted Ms. Brooke Bryant and together these two helped represent Sigma Nu Sigma.

The 2007 Parade of Favorites was yet again an enjoyable and entertaining event at Lee University and thanks to the four members that participated in this event, we have continued to promote the personality and character of Upsilon Xi.

Upsilon's Javen Campbell tapped in the Spring of 1990 was recently seen in the movie *One Night With the King* released Fall 2006. Javen has been featured with well-known personalities like Vickie Winans, Kirk Franklin, Jerry Lewis, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Diane Canon, Rich McIntire, Bill Gaither, Zig Zigler, and others. javenmusic.com



Javen (second from left) with the cast Luke Goss (first on left) and Omar Sharif (on far right)

Propes, McIntire, and Gosnell honored

Upsilon Xi handed out its annual awards at this year's 2007 senior banquet and three men were honored for their extraordinary contributions to the club. Matthew Propes was named the "Outstanding Senior", Brock McIntire won the "Bill George 110%" Award, and Jonathan Gosnell won the "Bill Helton Sportsmanship" Award.



Upsilon Spring Formal 2007

There have been a variety of lessons I have seen and learned from my time spent with this group of young men called Upsilon Xi, and to say that these lessons will reach the point of ineffectiveness is to say that the Bible is only partially true. They are lessons that I will practice in order to pursue the heart of God on a daily basis and I intend to practice them in order to hold myself and my brothers accountable; through unity of brotherhood, and unity through the body of Christ.

If I had to sum every aspect and lesson of Upsilon Xi, it would be elementarily simple; whether I eat, drink, or whatever I do, I should do for the glory of God.

Thank God I'm a Upsilon Man. Thank you gentlemen, for paving the preliminary road for the men of Upsilon Xi to follow and proudly promote in the years to come.

Hickory...

Blake Hamon
going through and now



Little Sister Nicole Campbell represented Upsilon Xi in P.O.F. 2007, escorted by Blake Hamon. Nicole was recently given an award for Excellence in Teaching for her Student Teaching in the local school system.



Upsilon Xi Calendar

- August 22 Classes begin at Lee University
 - September 26 Upsilon Xi Corporate Day of Prayer
 - October 27 Sadie Hawkins
 - November 2-3 Lee University Homecoming
 - November 2-3 Upsilon Xi 45th Anniversary Celebration
 - December 14-15 Lee University Graduation
 - January 9 Classes begin Lee University
 - April 4-5 Lee Day
 - May 2-3 Lee University Graduation
- Other events such as retreats, March Madness are not yet scheduled
Check the messageboard on upsilonxi.com

Come and get back to your hickory roots...

LEE UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING
NOVEMBER 2-4, 2007
Mountainview Holiday Inn

you will not want to miss this breakfast.
Upsilon items will be for sale celebrating the 45th Anniversary

Our goal is
\$4500.00
in alumni dues
or 45 individuals give 100 in dues for every year of Upsilon
or 100 individuals give 45 in dues for every year of Upsilon
Let's surpass our goal and prepare for the 50th Anniversary of Upsilon Xi, now.
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Upsilon has grown through the years. This photo was taken Spring 2007.

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Black & Gray

A Newsletter for Upsilon Xi

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Sadies a fan favorite

Strong and still growing...
like a hickory

Members under Clock Tower for Spring Tap Hickory



President 52 Matthew Propes escorting Little Sister and 2006 Parade of Favorites Runner-Up DawnChere' Duron Wilkerson during Spring 2007 Tap.

From the President Matthew Propes

Change does not always come easy; for Upsilon, it never does. As we approach our 45th anniversary, Upsilon Xi has now been a thriving social-service fraternity for over half of the time Lee University has existed. Any organization with a history and legacy that spans over half the tenure of its sponsoring institution will undoubtedly be resistant to substantial change.

Over the years and decades Upsilon has faced these seasons of change with resolve, creativity and commitment to the preservation of the invaluable lessons our hearts hold so dear. This semester was one of those times. The Spring 2007 semester will forever be known as a time of great change and significant transition; perhaps the most significant ever in the history of Upsilon Xi.

Previous times of change always involved degrees. It began with the contraction of induction from three weeks to one week, followed by the additional contraction of one week to a single weekend, with the ensuing final contraction to 24 hours of induction. All of these changes, however, were attempts on the part of the University to adjust the degree to which new inductees are pushed during induction. This semester was the first time since induction began that the administration officially prohibited physical exertion from the entirety of the induction process. A Upsilon induction without physical exercise is as foreign a concept as is imaginable for active members and alumni. We asked questions such as "How can the inductees learn the lessons without being broken?" and "Will they love Upsilon like we do?"

The active club faced two major challenges to embracing these changes. First, how can we induce in a way that teaches our treasured lessons without jeopardizing our standing with the University? In the first meeting of my term as president I made a promise: I assured the club that I would not be the president that saw Upsilon Xi, the oldest and most accomplished fraternity at Lee University, lose its charter and thereby cease to exist. Amid rumors of "underground" inductions by other clubs, Induction Chair Adam Bolin and his committee diligently and creatively presented a new format for induction that accomplished our goals of preserving the integrity of our lessons while keeping us in a tenable position with school administration.

The second major challenge the club had to confront in light of these compulsory changes was the potential difficulty of properly assimilating Tap 89 into a club of men all of whom had experienced practically the same induction. With the leadership and positive attitude of Induction Bolin and Big Rim 51 Brock McIntire, these changes were embraced by the active club and no "second-class citizens" were formed. Induction went as planned and was a successful introduction of the new induction process.

In spite of these changes to our beloved traditions, in spite of the media-frenzied hunt of last fall, and in spite of an ever-evolving campus culture, the state of our club is strong. We closed out the fall semester with basketball tournament and flag football championship victories over Phi Kappa Pi, and followed this semester with an intramural basketball championship win over Alpha Gamma Chi.

We fulfilled our pledge of service by performing much needed work at the Elrod Outreach Center (North Cleveland Church of God) and the Bancroft Church of God. Furthermore, we completed constitution revisions for the first time in nearly six years, all the while maintaining fellowship and unity among the brotherhood. Needless to say, this was a busy, yet a productive semester of transition, ushering in the new era of Upsilon; an era which will again see your club in the forefront, setting the bar as the campus leaders of Lee University.

This semester has taught many of us so many things, and as president during this time, all I can say is, "Thank God I'm a Upsilon man."—Matthew Propes

Fall 2006 & Spring 2007 Taps

Fall 2006

Highman: Robbie Moore
Napoleon Cummings
Micah Massey
Adam Phillips
Lowman: Brandon Penrite
Lowman: Derek Welborn
Little Sisters
Nicole Campbell
Tiffany Cox
Erin Scoggins
Katie Thornton

Spring 2007

Highman: Cannon Wamock
Kevin "Chico" Castillo
Chad Madden
P.J. Simmons
Brandon Thomas
Kyle Thompson
Mike Vanhook
Justin Walker
Lowman: Ryan Humphrey
Lowman: Hunter Newton



Adam Phillips is being asked by Zack Martin if he chooses to accept or decline the invitation to join Upsilon Xi.

Sadies still the highlight of Lee

Yes, Sadie Hawkins still thrives as the premier event at Lee. Pumpkins carved with Hickory and Upsilon letters, hay, a warm blanket nestled by a cozy fire—these create unforgettable memories. Sadies demonstrates that Upsilon men are the experts when it comes to putting together an event. Although it has changed somewhat over the years, the expertise of the fireworks display causes other clubs to want to employ Upsilon just to do a fireworks show for them. Zack Martin, senior member Fall 2006, organized the event very well with a country flavor in the finale. Lead vocals through the evening was Upsilon's talented Phillip Bibby and on guitar Nathaniel Dycus, a combination of Dave Matthews/Garth Brooks/Jars of Clay/Chris Tomlin kind of style, also leading a band that would make any of those artists envious.



Phillip Bibby jamming for the 350 crowd at Sadie Hawkins 2006.



Sadies ending with a Upsilon sing-a-long of Garth Brooks favorites.



Kyle Thompson posing for the camera, do I see a smile under that bucket?

With the change in University policy of Tap Night and Induction, changes have taken place with how Upsilon taps individuals for the fraternity. (Left) Adam Phillips is being asked by Zack Martin if he chooses to accept or decline the invitation to join Upsilon Xi.



Former President (52) Matthew Propes and Former President (17) and 1995 Alumnus of the Year Dr. Keith Jeffords who spoke at last year's formal induction. Dr. Jeffords' speech involved "preparing for life after Upsilon."



Mark Stusek and Brent Daugherty passing down "The Lesson" to Ryan Humphrey and Hunter Newton. "Now, I have a need and only you can meet that need..."



Do you ever feel like you are a highman at the Lowmen's favorite place? Highman Robbie Moore is getting rumschment from Lowmen in the woods.



Upsilon Xi inductees learn that Upsilon is a lot more than a jersey, but service.



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Upsilon's family joins the Lee University Hall of Fame. At Homecoming 2006, four athletes were inducted into the Lee University Hall of Fame. Russ Meilstrup (spring 93) and Rodney Knox (spring 93) were Upsilon men. The other two inductees were Michelle Nash Hubbard, wife of Brian Hubbard (spring 94), and Sarah Habermas Sausville, wife of Paul Sausville (fall 98). These join previous Upsilon Hall of Famers which include Larry Carpenter, Steve Hunt, Ken Schauer, Paul Dana Walker, and Mark Wickam. Side Note: Rodney Knox was the first Upsilon man on the Price is Right, hosted by the recently retired Bob Park.



Former President Rich Wilkerson & Former Induction Chairman and 2006 Bill George 110% Award winner Caleb Dawson



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Spring 2007 Highman Cannon Wamock learns that his hat is what everyone wants.



Spring 2007 Chad Madden and Justin Walker found out how hard it is to sing with peanut butter.



In the Fall 2006 Alumnus and Former President Jonny Moore had the special honor of seeing his brother Highman Robbie Moore go through induction.



Fall 2006 Lowmen Brandon Penrite and Derrick Welborn



Fall 2006 Micah Massey reading his "Why I want to be a Upsilon Man" essay. Note the inspirational shirt for retreat.



Fall 2006 Napoleon Cummings "tell me what you see in that picture?"



Fall 2006 Due to unforeseen events Adam Bolin and Brent Daugherty took the place for Lowman at retreat. But it became a real encounter with God's everlasting love.



Fall 2006 Tap President 51 Brock McIntire leads the long Black & Gray line of Upsilon through the Clock Tower. He is escorting Little Sister Sarah McCullough, who on July 14th will wed Caleb Dawson. Behind Brock is former President 50 Rich Wilkerson and current Senior Member Jeff Eastham.



Fall 2007 President Mark Stusek, Brandon Crews, Jonathan Gosnell and Derrick White



In the Fall 2006 Retreat Upsilon Alumni President David Blair came to run one more.



Fall 2006 President 51 Brock McIntire is caught calling a potential inductee to go to the Clock Tower in order to get tapped.



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Upsilon Xi Little Sisters are still the best looking on campus (from the left) Sarah McCullough Dawson recently wed Caleb Dawson, Nicole Campbell, Katie Thornton, DawnChere' Duron Wilkerson, Tiffany Cox, Erin Scoggins, Brooke Hall, Gabby Beretta, and Amber Potter Montgomery (recently married Clayton Montgomery tapped Spring 2003)

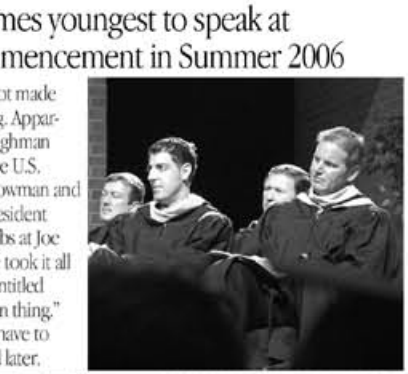
First Catholic Priest in Upsilon Gil Medina still wears black

Former Upsilon alumnus Gilbert Medina was ordained as a priest of the Roman Catholic church on June 16, 2007. Mr. Medina was tapped in the Fall of 1992 and was honored as a "Highman" for his tap. Gil served as Upsilon's chaplain for two semesters from Fall of 1993 to Spring of 1994. Gil graduated from Lee in the summer of 1996 and served the Church of God in Russia. Gil entered seminary and strongly considered serving God as a Friar in the Franciscan Order, spending several years in the Monastery in Bethlehem. Yet, feeling called to return to the United States and serve God closer to his family, Gil returned to the Orlando area and finished his education in Florida. The ceremony of ordination took place in the Cathedral of Saint James in Downtown Orlando and was performed by the Most Reverend Thomas G. Weski, the Bishop of Orlando. Mr. Medina becomes the first Upsilon man, ordained as a Catholic Priest.

(left to right) Joe Giove (Highman, Fall 94), Gilbert Medina (Highman, Fall 92), David Scisciani (Highman, Spring 95), Autumn (Dykes) Scisciani (Lil' sister, Fall 1997), Chris Klicko (Lowman, Fall 93)

Joseph Giove becomes youngest to speak at Lee University Commencement in Summer 2006

The seating arrangement was not made known to Joe, until that morning. Apparently it was High to Low, with Highman Joseph Giove, employed with the U.S. Department of Energy, beside Lowman and Vice President Chris Conine. President Conn had to make a couple of ribs at Joe since he was in Upsilon. But Joe took it all in stride. Delivering a message entitled "Making the main thing, the main thing," Joe did an excellent job, we will have to have him back. Dr. Conn replied later.



Upsilon Xi Corporate Day of Prayer

"If my brother should get lost, then I will place my light upon the hillside, so that he may see the path to come home..." These are more than words in our club song; they are a commandment. Jimmy King and Derrick Kinsey, who wrote the song back in the early 90s, might not have been thinking of it like that, but we must never forget our brothers who are going through tough times—physically, financially, emotionally or spiritually. Christ never gives up on any one of us. Many of us have lost contact with our tap brothers, but we can rest assured that He knows where every one of them is. Like the centurion in the story in Matthew who asked Christ to heal his servant from a distance, we can ask for God's help for our brothers, wherever they are. September 26, 2007, marks the 45th anniversary of the founding of Upsilon Xi. That date has been set aside as a Day of Corporate Prayer for Upsilon. Every brother is asked to schedule a time sometime during that day to pray specifically for his tap brothers and other Upsilon members who may need help from God. Alumni who live in Cleveland, along with the campus club, will pray together at 5:30 p.m. in the North Cleveland Prayer Center. We need a hedge of protection in these crucial days in which we live. How shall we pray? Ask God for divine guidance for each brother. Pray for restoration for those who have lost their faith. Intercede for physical strength, financial help, emotional health—whatever is needed. Your prayer may be the "light on the hillside" that will help your brother come home. —Wayne Sloumb



Upsilon Xi Corporate Day of Prayer September 26, 2007

We have a need...

Many of you have given to the Alumni Fund and have been faithful in your giving. In this 45th year of Upsilon Xi, the Alumni Association needs your dues. Dues help pay for the production and distribution of this Black & Gray, and projects that will be proposed. This year if you give to the Alumni fund at the 45th Anniversary Breakfast you can win a special embroidered item.

Our goal is \$4500.00 TE or 45 individuals give 100 for every year of Upsilon or 100 individuals give 45 for every year of Upsilon You can pay your alumni dues at upsilonxi.com. Lets surpass our goal and prepare for the future.