

# SIGMA DELTA TAU

Alpha Upsilon Chapter  
Bradley University



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## President Takes The Pie

*Taking one for Charity*



**Morgan Kunze gladly donating to charitable cause.**

This year, Bradley University's Panhellenic council came up with quiet possibly the most brilliant idea ever.

They proposed to have each sorority's chapter president be available to have a pie throw in their face. Of course, Sigma Delta Tau had to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity.

That special afternoon, dozens of members showed up to Olin Quad for this priceless opportunity to semi-humiliate the Chapter President, Marea Tennant. As you can see from the picture displayed above, it was a sight never to forget.

We thank Marea for her good spirit throughout the entire ordeal.

## Throw What You Know



**Krysta Shauer and Rachel Caldwell throwing what they know at the place where dreams come true.**

Once a year the time that we all love otherwise known as spring break comes along. While it is cherished by some as an opportunity to take a vacation and relax, others see it as a chance to do something they wouldn't normally do.

As you should know, the Alpha Upsilon chapter prides itself on representing a different type woman. The chapter not only spends hundreds of hours during the normal school year doing service for dozens of organizations. These women even spend the hard earned mid-semester vacation offering weeks to help a deserving cause.

Whether it was the windy city, the deserts of Texas, or the mountains of the Southwest. These women, "threw what they knew" (as pictured left) across the U.S.

## Welcoming the Pledge Class of Spring 2014!

We are happy to welcome our three new members to the Chapter. They began the long process of spring recruitment last this January and awaited the results into mid-February.

The wait was well worth it and celebration ensued as the Chapter went to Morton roller rink to show of some world-renowned skating skills. While there were some falls and tumbles, others found themselves grooving to the music and swirling around the rink.

This outing taught new members and actives members alike that no matter how many times you fall, your sisters will be there to pick you up. Despite some possible bruises from the falls, the members were filled with excitement for the upcoming new-member program and getting to know all the members of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter.



The new pledge class of Spring 2014 pictured with New Member Educator, Kati McDermott. From left to right, Emma DeFreitas, Kati, Alison Zupkus, and Celeste Casteneda.

## 3 Family Lines Growing Even Larger

Congratulations to the Berk, Cobra, and Shreiber families on their new siblings! While some family lines have come and gone, these ones are still remaining strong and might we add, a little spunky.

The night began as each Little was required to unravel themselves out of the chaos of yarn throughout the entire length of the house. While some may have taken a more time and effort the wait was well worth the reward. They ran just a few blocks into the arms of their long awaited Bigs.





# PCAA'S BEST DANCE CREW



**Volunteers selling tickets to the high demand of student.**

This year, the Alpha Upsilon chapter hosted the first annual PCAA's (Prevent Child Abuse America) Best Dance Crew. The event featured a dance competition between sororities to raise awareness for all the philanthropies the campus' Greek life helps. It was the first serious dance competition held on campus and created a large amount of excitement for both attendees and participants.

Inspired by the Eta Chapter's Greek Grind, the competition was 90's themed in both music and costume. Not only was the winner of this competition awarded the title as the Best Dance Crew that Bradley University Greek Life has to offer, but also \$100 toward the winning sorority's philanthropy.

Six out of seven Panhellenic sororities on campus including Alpha Chi Omega, Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Delta, Sigma Kappa, and Sigma Delta Tau were featured. While the chapter's team was allowed to participate, they were not in the running for the prize. Each team was comprised 8 to 15 women with a wide range of dance experience.

Additionally, the event was graced with a featuring performance from some more experienced dancers in Bradley University's Lost Soles and Orchesis.

Before the attendees entered the Performance Court in the Markin Recreational Center, they were offered the opportunity to sign a banner pledging to prevent child abuse.

As the night of dancing began, each performance was judged based on attention to guidelines, difficulty, creativity, and expression, group execution and synchronization, and overall impression. The final winner of



**The winners of Bradley University's First Annual PCAA's Best Dance Crew, Gamma Phi Beta.**



**The Chapter's best dancers chosen to perform in the competition.**

the competition was Gamma Phi Beta with a memorable and skilled dance catching both the attention of viewers and judged.

"The gym was packed to the max with audience members, and many people suggested a bigger venue next year!" said Laur Vecchetti, event coordinator. With positive feedback coming from both the public and various sorority participants, an upcoming PCAA's Best Dance Crew for 2015 is in the foreseeable future and is well awaited by the entire Bradley University community.

## Trading Inches for Lives



**Kasey Horn celebrating Lauren's new found look.**

This is not the first year the Alpha Upsilon Chapter has had a member participate in the yearly St. Baldrick's event. Last year, Cassie Knight raised over \$600. This year, Lauren Bourret was our proud representative at the shaving held by Pi Kappa Alpha.

Hosted on Olin Quad,

the event was designed for Students to spend months

raising money in the prospect of shaving their head, with all donations going to the foundation to benefit the research of children's cancer.

Lauren spent almost a year fundraising for the organization. After all of her efforts, she was able to raise over \$1,000. Even her mom had made the journey to Bradley University to watch the sight of her daughter's hair removal.

With both Sisters and Mother close by, on watchers gazed as both brave women and men alike shaved off inches of hair within a matter of minutes for the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Lauren and the countless other student's courage and determination has proven how much of an impact a simple sacrifice that one Bradley student can make.



**Lauren's reaction to the public shaving process.**

## Viva La Vagina

While some may get a bit uncomfortable by the word "Vagina", others are taking empowerment and pride in the word. The Vagina Monologues is an episodic play put on across the U.S. by a variety of organization.

Last year, Alpha Upsilon had two members, Lauren Bourret and Jessica Maas, participate in the show as actor. One featured as a narrating woman and another one as a star in the featured skit titled "Cunt." Those two members had the honor of being named as two of the four directors of this year's performance.

Sporting the strikingly bold color of red, all the cast gave a memorable performance that was both inspirational and jaw dropping in material and presentation.

This year, the Chapter had four new girls being featured in this Vagina phenomenon. Along with the director guidance and, although sometimes harsh, critiques, the show had two successful performances this March.



**The Chapter's member featured in the Show. From left to right, Lauren Bourret, Alyssa Roehrig, Kasey Horn, Laura Vecchetti, Ashley Hanviriyapunt, and Jessica Maas.**





## Life After College

Welcome Class of 2014 to a new stage of life. As you transition from Bradley's Campus to the everyday world, you must also move from Active Member status to Alumnae. The memories you have made while at this Chapter will last you a lifetime.

We wish you the best of luck wherever you may go; however, we wish you always remember that ΣΔΤ will forever be your home.

## Home Sweet ΣΔΤ

This year marked the 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sigma Delta Tau's foundation. While the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary may be three years away, Alpha Upsilon still pulled out all the balloons for the 2014 celebration.

Alumnae from across the nation were invited to join in the festivities. Approximately 20 Alumnae attended, each and every one sporting a smile as the event concluded. Guest were greeted by individual current members as the entered the house. They were immediately given an up-to-date house tour, as the house is constantly changing year to year. They were also given the opportunity to chat with members and offer words of wisdom and compare memories of shared sorority experiences.

The theme of the event was casual spring garden tea party. Alumnae had a choice of a wide variety of home baked cookies as well as tea and lemonade.

As the enjoyment continued on into the afternoon, the time arrived for some inter-Chapter competition. The Chapter and Alumnae were pitted against each other in an intense game of Founder's Day Jeopardy, featuring some of the fact we all were grilled with in New Member Education. While the Alumnae were not the winners of the game, in the end, they were thanked for their cooperation with access to the plentiful candy bar with dozens of options to take home in a personalized treat bag.

Additionally, Alumnae posed for pictures in front of the new banner created specifically for Alumnae events. Sadly, all good things have to come to an end; and, as guests started to depart, they wished nothing but luck on the Chapter and showed enthusiasm to return back to their home away from home soon.



A few of the Alumnae attendees with the Alumnae Chair hosts celebrating Sigma Delta Tau's Founder's Day.

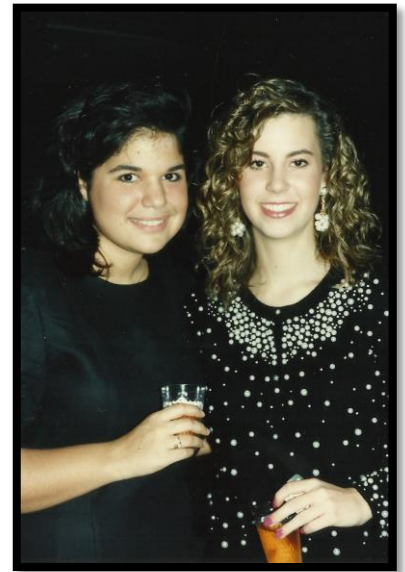
## Flash Back!

We would like to commemorate all of the many years of memories while adding with the ones created today. By featuring some of those moments here we hope to remember where our chapter has been as well as where we are going in the future.

Looking to contribute a photo? Send us one at the contact information listed below.



This wild group of 1997 New Members (pictured left) seem to be pulling some kind of Clown Car circus act.



This classic picture taken in 1985 shows the timeless bond of a Big and Little Sister.

Some oh-so classy Ladies of Sigma Delta Tau (pictured right) at a 2005 Spring Date Party.



Here is some photographic proof that Halloween was just as ridiculous in 1984 as it is today.

## Upcoming Events You Can Hardly Wait For

**September 2014** The first weekend of September will mark another Recruitment season come and gone. The Chapter is in intense preparation for the challenge of recruiting the newest members of Sigma Delta Tau.

**October 2014** Bradley University will be celebrating its 117<sup>th</sup> Homecoming this October.

**December 2014** A Brand new newsletter for 2014/2015 will be coming out with a summary of the top events throughout the semester.

**Fall 2014** Rescheduled Hands Are For Holding awareness event. The Kiddie Carnival and Parade have been postponed, due to inclement weather, to some time this fall. The event is to provide awareness to the local Peoria community on the importance of a child's spirit.



The time has finally come. Come join members of your pledge class and other sisters of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter. The reunion will be held at the Lincolnshire Marriott. Come join us for a reunion the weekend of July 18-20. Click the following event link if you are interested in being part of the festivities. We are also featuring a special group rate for hotel arrangements, which can be seen at the links.

Saturday Dinner:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/648253551888601/?notif t=group\\_mall\\_plan](https://www.facebook.com/events/648253551888601/?notif t=group_mall_plan)

Sunday Brunch:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/317194778431683/?notif t=group\\_mall\\_plan](https://www.facebook.com/events/317194778431683/?notif t=group_mall_plan)

Within each event there will be additional time, meeting locations, and hotel arrangement information. Saturday Dinner will have a cost of \$120.50 and Sunday Brunch attendance will cost \$59.60. If you wish to attend, then you must send a check to Kathy Newcomb at the following address. Additionally, if you have any questions or concern, please email the "Contact Us" address below. We hope to see you there!

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## Contact Us!

See something interesting or was something missing? Tell Us. If you want to send us your favorite picture or story from your time at SDT email us! Also, if anything has changed (like your email address), we don't want you to miss a single newsletter, event, or invitation. Our information is listed down below. Last but not least, feel free to share this newsletter with anyone you know. Thank you!

Email: [busdtaumni@gmail.com](mailto:busdtaumni@gmail.com)

Also, we have a Facebook page! If you are interested in joining the group here is the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/busdtaumnae/>

If you get a chance, visit our official homepage where upcoming events will be listed, (you can even click to it directly from this PDF!)

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