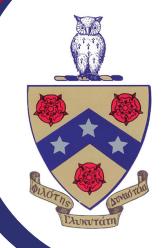
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The Smith-Cheney Spirit Award

There has been a new award created to honor an Upsilon Alpha undergraduate brother who has exhibited special characteristics, exemplified by the late Steven L. Smith '72. A committee has been formed that will annually

choose a brother deserving of this prestigious award. Here's a little history of how this award came to be.

Steve "T-Bear" Smith pledged Upsilon Alpha in the Fall of 1968. He immediately got involved in committees on campus, the local community and in the fraternity. Among his many campus activities Steve served on the Student Union Activities Board and the Traditions Committee. He was

also a Varsity Cheerleader. For his efforts during his college years he was selected to Sophos (Sophomore Men's Honorary), Chain Gang (Junior Men's Honorary where he served as President) and Bobcats Senior Men's Honorary (one of only 13 on campus). As a Bobcat he was put in charge of the Homecoming Parade and enjoyed the challenge in getting all organizations on campus to participate.

But maybe his biggest role was to be there for his brothers in the fraternity. He was a shining example of participating in anything he could to further the goals of Upsilon Alpha and help make the chapter worthy of the Cheney Cup, given to the most outstanding Fiji chapter in the nation.

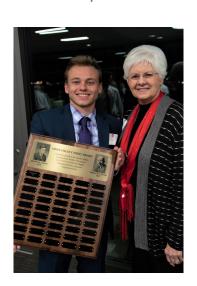
Fittingly, with the help of his motivated brothers, we won the Cheney Cup in his junior year. This was Upsilon Alpha's fifth Cheney Cup, which was the most in the nation at the time.

And to top it all off, Steve was surprised to learn that he was a distant relative of Orion H. Cheney, Nu Epsilon 1897, former Archon President and donor of the Cheney Cup. Known to his friends as "O.H", Cheney's award has stimulated our chapters across the land to

'Greater Efficiency.' Cheney, who was a very successful New York banker, appreciated "the rich fellowship and inspirational values of our fraternity" and preached about "the strength that lies in brotherhood."

Even after graduation Steve participated in graduate activities when he could, helping us out with the Tucson Graduate Chapter and serving on the Board of Chapter Advisors for many years. He believed in the motto "Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone."

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Dear Brothers,



Over the last year, Upsilon Alpha has seen tremendous growth. We have added 26 fine young men in our Zeta class and are currently sitting at 121 active and pledge members. We have continued our academic progression and have improved to a chapter grade point average of 3.25. This is the second-highest GPA amongst all fraternities and the undergrads are working hard to claim the top spot! This past fall Upsilon Alpha moved back into the Rawls Eller Lodge. Having this common meeting place has proven to be integral to the success of the chapter and has been directly responsible for the improvement of our brotherhood and many of our achievements. In addition to the internal improvement the

chapter has seen, the largest strides have come in our involvement within our community. Upsilon Alpha hosted its Phi Gam Bubble Jam philanthropy in October where we raised over \$16,500 for the United Service Organization. Additionally, the chapter has provided over 1,100 hours of community service to the greater Tucson community throughout the past two semesters. This upcoming year is shaping up to be one of our best yet and the chapter is very excited for everything that is in store. I want to thank all the graduate brothers for their continued support as it is the key to any chapter's success. We would not be where we are without it. Perge!

John Papakalos '22, Upsilon Alpha Chapter President

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Steve passed 'Ad Astra' last year and his widow, Kathy Hawkes-Smith, wanted to establish an award in his name. We formed a committee of graduate brothers who knew him and have fabricated a 'Perpetual Plaque Award' that will hang on the wall in the Fiji House for all to see. Every year a deserving brother's name will be added to the plaque and a framed certificate will go to the recipient.

Candidates for the award don't have to be "the most popular" or the "top scholar" or "best athlete," but rather, it will go to the brother who would gladly sacrifice "for the good of the Chapter." Just like Steve. The values that we are looking for are Friendship, Knowledge, Service, Morality, and Excellence. We used to call this brother "Most Purple" and, hopefully, it will inspire the undergraduates to "self-sacrifice for their brothers." In honor of these two inspirational Fijis it will be called the "Smith-Cheney Spirit Award" and will be presented annually in perpetuity.

The recipient of the 2019 Smith-Cheney Spirit Award was Jacob Crow '21. He was certainly deserving of this honor. Below are some excerpts of some of the nice things that his brothers said about him:

There is a brother that I immediately thought of when I heard about this award. Jacob Crow transferred down my sophomore year from NAU FIJI, where he was initiated. He is an older brother, who undoubtedly has the most respect and love for FIJI out of any of our brothers in the house. Jacob truly does bleed purple, and I know that no matter the situation he would fight and die for his brothers. When I think of someone in Upsilon Alpha who will love FIJI and dedicate their lives to it, I think of Jacob.

My vote would be Jacob Crow. He is the "Most Purple."

Steve Smith's widow, Kathy Hawkes-Smith, was in attendance and was able to personally present the Spirit Award to its first recipient. When Jacob's name was announced, the entire undergraduate chapter jumped up and roared their approval with a standing ovation. Congratulations Jacob!

NOT FOR COLLEGE DAYS ALONE

The primary objective of graduate support is to provide the continuity and leadership that is often missing from an undergraduate chapter. Every year there is a change in our undergraduate officers. Every three to four years the chapter membership changes. School administrative personnel and Greek advisors alternate their relationships with the Greek system and there is often a great turn-over in school advisor positions. Graduate support fills this void.

Every chapter needs the assistance and advice of graduates in addition to the Purple Legionnaire. The BCA's responsibility is to assist the chapter in setting its goals, developing an action plan to achieve goals, following-up to see that the action plan is being accomplished, and monitoring the continuation of the action plan.

Each member of the Board of Chapter Advisors is assigned to one of the primary areas of chapter operations, such as chapter operations (administration), finances, fraternity law/risk management, graduate relations, housing, pledge education, public relations, Ritual, recruitment and scholarship. Many thanks go out to those graduates who have stepped up and volunteered to help out with this important role in supporting our local Chapter!

Recently we had an opening on the BCA for the Pledge Education Advisor. Robbie Guilford '17, who had filled that role for several years, was selected as the 207th Field Secretary and now travels for the Fraternity visiting chapters in the Northeast Region. Matt Dvertola '20, past Corresponding Secretary, has volunteered to take on that position once he graduates in May. Matt will be staying on as a graduate student and will be a great addition to the Board. Welcome, Matt!

If you would like to join our Board of Chapter Advisors, please contact Jeff Derickson at 520-991-7443 or jeff@drderickson.com.

The Board of Chapter Advisors is also charged with maintaining the Standards of Excellence.

- I. We understand and strive to exemplify the ideals and values of Phi Gamma Delta.
- II. We select, pledge and initiate men who are qualified to be our brothers in Phi Gamma Delta.
- III. We encourage and aid each brother in maintaining the highest scholarship of which he is capable.
- IV. We stimulate the mental, moral, physical and social growth of brothers throughout their undergraduate years.
- V. We provide the opportunity for brothers to develop their organizational and leadership abilities in the fraternity, campus and community environments.
- VI. We strive for efficiency and continuity in chapter operations.
- VII. We provide opportunities for graduate brothers to become actively involved in the Fraternity.

We are striving to bring the Cheney Cup back to Upsilon Alpha. With your help it is achievable! Let us know if you are willing to volunteer for one of our Boards. Remember that "Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone."

BUILDING EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN

Upsilon Alpha has launched a new capital fundraising campaign and YOU are being asked to participate. The campaign goal is to raise \$2.5 million to help us meet these needs:

- \$1.0 million to pay the house mortgage off so we can use those funds to support a leadership development program.
- A huge balloon payment will be due next January.
- \$250,000 to endow a career coach and career programming.
- \$250,000 for current and future house renovation. The HVAC system is on its last legs having served us well for almost 18 years.

Several donors have already made significant gifts and/ or challenge gifts to match donations from other grads. We especially need those of you in a position to provide a transformational gift to "step up."

You will get more information at some point in 2020 once we see how the Coronavirus plays out. The intent is to ask every graduate for a gift which will add up to our lofty goal...every donation helps. Kudos to those that have already donated. Together we can do this! Please contact Deron Webb at 602-432-5651 or dwebb@wwptax.com with questions.

2010 PIGDINNER

The annual Norris Pig Dinner was held on Thursday, October 31st, during Homecoming Weekend. The festivities took place in the Sands Club located in the north end of Arizona Stadium. Almost 200 brothers and their guests enjoyed this Phi Gam tradition, the longest running chapter-based graduate event in the Greek world.

The Master of Ceremonies was Jeff Derickson '72 who recognized special guests including Louie "Buzz" Sands '63, a major donor to the Chapter's scholarship program, and Stevie Eller, wife of the late Karl Eller '52. In addition to her generous donations to the U of A, Stevie was also recognized as an Honorary Bobcat during Homecoming this year.

The recipient of the Major General John Renner Memorial Scholarship was Cadet Kendall Johnson who is the Army ROTC Battalion Commander and academically ranks #1 in her class with a perfect 4.0 GPA. The winner of the new Smith-Cheney Spirit Award was Jacob Crow '21 who inspired others to "self-sacrifice for his brothers."

President Trevor Lohr '20 gave the State of the Undergraduate Chapter Report and the State of the House Corporation was delivered by HC President Mike Johnson '83. Chairman Deron Webb '89 filled us in on the upcoming Upsilon Alpha Fundraising Campaign. Vince San Angelo '62 presented Gold Owl Awards to 10 brothers in attendance who were initiated in 1969 and Silver Owls to those initiated in 1994.



Emory Barker '57 delivering "The Exile's Toast" to assembled group



Pledge class 'bringing in the pig'

Brothers who have passed Ad Astra this year included Schuyler Lininger '44, Irv Finical '51, Karl Eller '52, Thomas Harris '60, Chris Johnson '61, Ron Ewing '65, and Brian Foster '87.

Continuing with tradition the Norris Pig Dinner history and 'The Exile's Toast' was delivered expertly by Emory Barker '57 after the current pledge class "came rejoicing bringing in the pig!" George Drach '57 was the oldest brother in attendance and was honored to kiss the snout of the pig while Trevor Walls '23 was the youngest and got to kiss the other end. The 'Exiles Toast,' written by famous author Frank Norris in 1900, turned out to be the prophetic vision of feasts to come, when Fijis young and old gather in good fellowship to relive the past and rededicate themselves to the ideals of Phi Gamma Delta. You don't want to be an 'exile' of this annual tradition so plan on attending next year!





Andy Buchannan '21

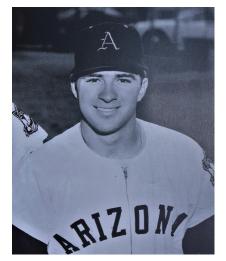
Andy Buchannan is currently a junior majoring in Accounting and Finance. He transferred here from San Jose State University after his freshman year. Andy runs on the varsity Cross Country and Track & Field teams and is the only Arizona student-athlete in a fraternity. At Upsilon Alpha, Andy is involved in the Graduate Relations Committee and Awards Committee. According to him, Andy "loves Upsilon Alpha. It helps me with the support and camaraderie I was looking for and our brothers show the true standards of what a gentleman is."

Nick Tiffany '22

Nick Tiffany is a sophomore at the University of Arizona studying Aerospace Engineering. Nick and his dad, Paul Tiffany ('92), are a part of the Fiji Sires and Sons program. During his time with the Upsilon Alpha Chapter he has served as the Graduate Relations Chairman and was in charge of the 2019 Pig Dinner. Currently Nick serves as the Judicial Board Chairman where he strives to establish the "New Culture" and democratic policies attempting to change the initial thought of "what a fraternity man is." When Nick pledged in the fall of 2018, a member of the Gamma class, he strived to be a part of something big that would make his college days worthwhile. Because FIJI was new to campus, he saw the Chapter as something he could change for the better. With the help of his pledge class and the active brothers, he made FIJI a top candidate for nominations and awards. Nick does not end his ambitions there, saying that this chapter is 'Cheney Cup worthy' in the upcoming years. His reasoning: because "FIJIs do not settle for anything less than excellence."



CONNECTING WITHALUMNI





Stephen Allen Mikulic '71

Brother Stephen Allen Mikulic '71 was recently inducted into the **2019** Arizona Sports Hall of Fame. Steve played varsity baseball for Arizona from 1968-71. Previous to his time as a Wildcat, Steve was a noted MVP for three different sports, as the quarterback of the football team, point guard for the basketball team, and as we know him, second baseman for the baseball team. Up until 1980, All- American baseball players were named strictly by the American Baseball Coaches Association, and this impressive title was only awarded to ten baseball players out of the entire nation each year. In 1970 Steve was one of those ten. The second baseman made a name for himself as a hitter when he broke the 111-year standing NCAA record for most hits in a season with 92 hits. He also led the Wildcats to the 1970 College World Series. Mikulic completed his Arizona career with a .393 batting average, which remains No. 5 in school history...and with a wood bat! After his college career Steve was selected in the third round of the MLB Draft by the Cleveland Indians.

Instead of playing pro baseball, Steve decided to pursue a career in dentistry. He attended the University of Southern California where he graduated in 1975. He then moved to Northern California and started his general dentistry practice in Redwood City. He still practices part-time and also teaches at the University of the Pacific's Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco where he serves as Assistant Professor of Diagnostic Sciences.

Steve and his wife, Barbara, have two daughters and three grandchildren. The Upsilon Alpha Chapter is mighty proud that one of our own received this special honor. Congratulations Steve!

CHAPTER NEWS

The Upsilon Alpha chapter has some exciting new upcoming projects and the undergraduates will need help from our graduate brothers!

The chapter is currently attempting to begin a mentorship program between undergraduate and graduate brothers in related fields. The undergraduates are looking to make new connections and get to know some of their graduate brothers through this program.



The undergraduates would also like to bring some of the old school flair back into the chapter house. We are currently looking for graduates to donate copies of pictures from their time at the University of Arizona to create collages to decorate the house.

Upsilon Alpha is looking to host a Fiji Job Fair during the 2020 fall semester as well. This could be a great opportunity for both graduate and undergraduate brothers to get to know each other while also networking with one another.

If you are interested in becoming involved with any of these projects, please contact Eli Pruchno at epruchno@email.arizona.edu



Dr. George Drach '57, Dr. Benjamin Lee (1st Recipient) & Dr. Michael Abecassis, Dean of the College of Medicine – Tucson.



University of Arizona Establishes Drach Endowed Chair for Urology

University of Arizona alumnus and Professor Emeritus **George W. Drach, MD**, has donated more than \$500,000 to establish a new endowment in the College of Medicine Tucson Department of Urology.

The transformative gift, in combination with gifts from other donors, will establish **The George W. Drach, MD, Endowed Chair for Urology.** Funds from the endowment will support research on kidney cancer and investigations on why the disease occurs at an earlier age in Hispanic Americans and Native Americans.

Benjamin Lee, MD, interim chair of the Department of Urology, says, "Dr. Drach was the founding chief of the division of urology 50 years ago. As we have grown and evolved into a department over the years, he has been tremendously supportive in every way possible."

George pledged Phi Gamma Delta in 1953 and immediately became involved in campus activities. He served as Student Body President was selected to the Bobcats Senior Men's Honorary. George earned a bachelor's degree from UArizona in 1957, followed by a medical degree from Case Western Reserve University. He went on to complete surgical training at the University Hospitals in Cleveland and later completed a urology residency and fellowship at Wake Forest University.

Dr. Drach joined the College of Medicine – Tucson as faculty in 1970. He went on to build the Division of Urology and eventually became known as the "Father of American Lithotripsy" for his research on a revolutionary device that pulverizes kidney stones with sound waves, eliminating the need for surgical incisions.

George has written more than 145 journal articles and 5 books and continues to inspire the highest quality of urological education and care

Despite his retirement in 1996 as a Professor Emeritus, Dr. Drach remains engaged and supportive of the College of Medicine – Tucson. Congratulations Brother Drach!



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