

# THE OMICRON

CHAPTER OF PHI GAMMA DELTA - UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

## GREETINGS FROM THE TEMPLE



The Brothers of the Omicron Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta returned to 128 Madison after the summer for one of the most pos semesters in recent memory.

Omicron received several chapter and individual awards last spring, and we were proud to continue our strong traditions of scholarship and service in the fall. Our chapter GPA remains above the All-Male and All-Greek averages, and the brotherhood totaled over 1000 hours of community service this semester. Our intramurals have remained strong, reaching the finals in outdoor soccer and taking home the fraternity league championship in floor hockey. The 7th Annual Run Across Virginia (pictured below) brought in over \$41,781.56 for the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research – the most successful Run in recent memory. Our fall recruitment brought us four new pledges who we hope to see develop into strong Brothers.

Brothers continue to remain highly involved in a variety of activities and clubs around grounds. Four brothers compete for the nationally-ranked Virginia Men's Club Soccer Team. The Chapter also has Brothers playing on

the club tennis team. Three Brothers hold positions on the Honor committee, and several brothers participate in 'Hoo Crew (the official student fan group of Virginia Athletics) and Flags of the ACC – both groups that were founded by recent Fijis. Several other Brothers participate in and lead the Greek Intersarsity Fellowship on Grounds.

Pig Dinner brought over 30 graduates, 50 undergraduates and their guests to Sugarleaf Vineyards in early October, and the event was highlighted by the presence of Brother Corky Shackelford, UVA Class of 1951, and his lovely wife. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the Hook this upcoming semester, and please stop by the Temple anytime you find yourself around Mr. Jefferson's University.

Kevin Dowlen  
Omicron President '09  
PERGE!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| April 17-18 | Lax and Links |
| April 24    | Foxfield      |
| May 1       | Fiji Island   |
| June 4-6    | Reunions      |

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for more information and to RSVP for the Foxfield graduate bus and plot



## GRADUATE NEWS

**Randy Coupland III ('42)** is sorry to see only 14 donors prior to class of 1970. He just turned 92 on 9/29/09 and is as ornery as ever. While living at the "Forest at Duke" retirement center in Durham this year, he attended all the Duke basketball and football games plus other sports. He hopes to come up to UVa this fall or spring - looking forward to seeing Phi Gam house and the Fiji members!

**Charles Lloyd, Jr. ('42)** has 3 grand daughters, 3 great grand daughters, and 2 great grand sons. He lives in Gibsonia, PA for 5 months of the year and the rest in Florida. A widower still playing lousy golf.

**Wade Hover ('50)** is retired as a lawyer after practicing 59 years. Now he travels with his assistance dog Nikko, a standard poodle, and takes care of his other business interests.

**Charles (Breck) Arrington ('55)** stepped down as Executive Vice President of the Virginia Bar Association in 2006. He has done some extensive traveling since then (Antarctica, Southern Africa, Australia, Mongolia, Russia, Finland, Jordan, Israel, East Africa, India and Bhutan), and is doing pro-bono work with non-profits now.

**Samuel Marney ('55)** retired from Div. of Allergy/Immunology at Vanderbilt in December of 2008 and became emeritus. He just returned from a great 2-week river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam.

**Gordon Gentry ('59)** recently returned to The University for his 50th class reunion. (Enjoy the years as they come upon us might fast!) It was a great event although he was disappointed that he was the only '59 FIJI to return. Congratulations on your outstanding accomplishments as a Chapter!

**Henry Culver Jr ('66)** wrote a 450 page illustrated manual on St. Louis Imperial style of swing.



**James Jonas ('93, '94)** is now a full-time 'craftsman' as the family goat milk soap-making business has taken off: <http://www.goatmilkstuff.com>

**James McDiarmid ('66)** is full-time faculty at UC Mercer while teaching physicians-in-training (residents) - aren't we supposed to be retiring about this age!?

**Brian Murphy ('80)** has taken a job with Signet Diagnostics as Director of their Florida West Coast imaging facilities, moving to Tampa/St. Petersburg Bay area. Crushing potential is huge. Still have property in Miami for South Beach rolls and for Super Bowl party fest in 2010!

**BK Krout's ('84)** new company, BK Commissioning, LLC, recently was awarded (2) contracts from Lockheed Martin for commissioning Lockheed's new facilities in Newtown, PA, which are pursuing the LEED certification, and an open end term contract from the City Of Charlottesville. BK also passed the Building Commissioning Association's rigorous process for qualifying to take the Certified Commissioning Professional exam.

**Michael Dow ('88)** Moved from DC to Traverse City, MI in Dec 2005. Still working in DC for Suntiva, a management consulting firm, commuting from northern Michigan. Wife Melissa and two daughters Amanda (9) and Rachel (7).

**Mark Scheuer ('91)** joined pledge brother **Andrew Earle ('91)** on a Roll to pledge brother **James M. McGee's ('91)** 40th surprise birthday in Atlanta on September 19. They met up with pledge brother **Matt Reynolds ('92)** and Phi Gam **Cameron Payne ('92)**. All helped set up the pie-ing of McGee!

**Robert Staples III ('92)** is currently traveling through Mexico with his wife and two kids. They are keeping a blog about the trip: <http://earthboundfamily.blogspot.com/>



**Spencer Francis ('03)** and Kirsten ('03) got an early Christmas present this year with the birth of their first child and daughter, Lane Margaret Francis. Both mom and baby are doing well.

**John Subasavage ('00)** got married to beautiful wife Jennifer on the 4th anniversary of their first date (April 6th) on a deserted beach in Honaunau, Hawaii (Big Island). After receiving his Ph.D. in astronomy at Georgia State University in 2007 and accepting a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at the same institution, John has relocated to La Serena, Chile for another postdoctoral position. Any and all beans that plan to travel to South America and want to make a stop through Chile, give me a shout!

**Kevin Beicke ('01)** and **Bill Olinger ('93, '96)** took a totally pos trip to central Europe in October. The roll included stops at Ocktoberfest, the Hapsburg Palace, Bratislava, and Budapest. They also narrowly averted an international incident at the Hungarian Parliament at 5 in the morning.

**Jared Cooper ('03)** finished his masters of public health in summer of 2008 at USUHS. Now working in Neurosurgery Research at Northern Mem. Hospital.

**William McConnell ('04, '09)** returned in August from a deployment in Iraq, and currently resides in Montclair, NJ. Employment will dictate where he moves next, but expects to be a NOVA bean by January.

**Dan Laufer ('06)** recently got married to Chi Omega Molly Harris ('07). They've moved to sunny San Diego and Dan has just started a new job as a Product Manager for Mitchell International, a software company.

**Michael Outten ('06)** and Christina ('05) welcomed a smiling and soon to be dete-creating Cameron Gennaro Outten into the world on September 3rd 2009.

**Brandon Cline ('08)** is teaching 'detes' and other useful English to schoolchildren in Japan.

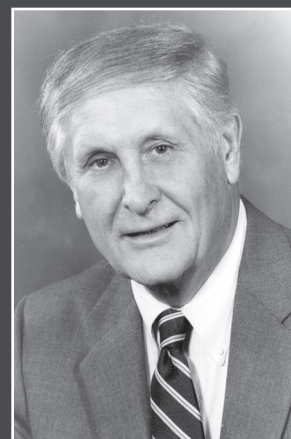
**Andrew Cooper ('09)** is at the USMC Basic Officer Course in Quantico, VA, so he's made it to the Temple nearly every weekend these past few months. He will graduate at the end of January and continue on to VA Beach for follow-on training as an intelligence officer.



**Andrew Garrahan ('05)** married Emily Wang ('04) in Charlottesville on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> despite the snow storm and pie'ing.

## IN MEMORIAM

**C. James Jesse Jr. '49**, Archon President from 1986 to 1988, passed ad astra on June 14, 2009. Brother Jesse graduated from Naval Flight School and was commissioned an aviator in the Marine Corps during WWII.



C. JAMES JESSEE JR. '49

After graduation from UVA, he was called into active duty again as a command helicopter pilot in the Korean War. Law school at UVA followed, and then a lengthy career as a trial lawyer in Atlanta. In addition to several professional and civic organizations, Jim served Phi Gamma Delta as a Section Chief, a house corporation member, Archon Councilor (1976-78), Archon Vice President (1978-80), Archon President, and president of the Educational Foundation (1994-96).

He served as Legate for the rechartering of the Omicron Chapter in February 2004 and faithfully attended 19 Ekklesiai and 13 Fiji Golf Classics. He received the Distinguished Fiji Service Award in 1980 and again in 1988, and he was named a Distinguished Fiji in 1990.

## FALL 2009 LINGS

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Lorcan Louis Connick '12    | New Orleans, LA |
| Brendan Chase McCartney '12 | Amherst, MA     |
| Steven Patrick Rowe '12     | Waynesboro, VA  |
| Nicholas David Wood '12     | Liberty, MO     |

## 2008-2009 PHI GAMMA DELTA AWARDS

Baker Cup, Honorable Mention  
Brightman Trophy, Honorable Mention  
Zerman Trophy, 2nd Place

For a description of these awards, please see [www.uvafiji.org](http://www.uvafiji.org)

## SUBMIT GRADUATE NEWS!

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<http://www.uvafiji.org/alumni/newsletters.php>

Update your address information and let your pledge brothers know how you are doing!

# STATE OF THE UVA GREEK SYSTEM

The fall 2009 semester saw two Greek houses leave Grounds as Alpha Epsilon Pi and Sigma Phi Epsilon both had their charters revoked by their respective national fraternities. It's unfortunate to see chapters fold at the University as it weakens the Greek system as a whole. Despite the loss of these two chapters, we're excited to welcome colonies for Pi Lambda Phi and Beta Theta Pi back to Grounds. Beta has been busy since re-colonizing. The Beta chapter bought back their old house on Rugby Road from Delta Upsilon, allowing DU to build a new house at the end of Madison Lane. The new DU house will be the first new fraternity house built at UVA in 50 years. Even with the loss of two chapters, the fraternity system continues to thrive, and Omicron Fiji is proud to be at the forefront.

## FIJI'S 2008-2009 IFC AWARDS

Outstanding Service to Community  
Outstanding Philanthropy  
Outstanding Faculty Advisor  
Outstanding Chapter President  
Outstanding Contribution to University



Intramural Floor Hockey Champions

## GRADUATE ANNUAL GIVING

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 (JAN. 1 - DEC. 31)

*Special thanks to the following graduates for their gifts to the Omicron Chapter's annual fund over the last year. We hope you will continue to support FIJI and encourage your fellow Brothers to join in the effort!*

### \$5,000 +

### \$2,500 +

### \$1,000 +

Raymond E. Humiston III '74

### \$500 +

Wade H. Hover '50  
Theodore W. Price '64  
Benjamin Lecompte '71  
William S. Jeter '78  
Pete Dunne '80  
Robert K. Krout '80  
Steven G. Vittorio '84

### \$250 +

J. Randolph Coupland III '42  
Gordon L. Gentry, Jr. '59  
H. J. Macdonald Radcliffe '60  
William R. Easton '65  
John M. Stewart '65  
John J. Moritz '68  
Edwin L. Underwood '69  
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Andrew Cooper '09

### \$128 +

Charles F. Lloyd, Jr. '42  
Colquitt Shackelford, Jr. '51  
David M. Wakelee '51  
Charles B. Arrington, Jr. '55  
Charles H. Rohrer '55  
William C. Childress '58  
Richard E. Evans '64  
James M. McDiarmid '66  
George H. Gromel, Jr. '68  
Charles W. Randall '68  
H.P. Smith III '68  
Herbert P. Soles '68  
Edgar D. McKean III '70  
Michael Sorensen '70  
George E. Cramer '71  
James D. Wilson '74  
George E. Holland '76  
James S. Ryan '76  
Mark D. Lux '77  
Thomas C. Champlin '79  
David P. Morris '80  
David M. O'Donnell '80  
Eric S. Stange '80  
Steven K. Souders '83  
Michael H. Dillon '84  
Frank F. Petz '84  
Jeffrey P. White '85

Eugene P. Kennedy '90  
Michael L. Woosley, Jr. '91  
Chun Mo Kim '93  
Francis T. Carr, Jr. '97  
Jamison T. Driver '99  
Jared P. Cooper '03  
Christopher S. Johnson '03\*  
Adam G. Swann '03\*  
Kyle A. Sturgeon '04\*  
Nick Kristoff '06  
Dan Laufer '06\*  
Terry E. Schnuck, Jr. '07  
Christopher M. Megaw '09

### \$28 +

Thomas S. Yancey '40  
Stephen M. Hoster '64  
John C. Wilson '70

Jeffrey A. Andrews '72  
Derick V. Coupe '72  
Alexander B. Knowles '73  
Jeffrey L. Brown '76  
William J. Kenney '87  
Mark A. Scheuer '91  
David C. Mead '05  
Michael C. Outten '06  
Eric C. Howlett '08  
Elio Jordan '08  
Joel D. Swider '08  
Thomas R. Hayne '09  
Daniel S. Reaves '09  
Andrew J. Straitman '09

*\* Indicates a Club 128 member  
(ongoing monthly donor)*

In order to better recognize those generous graduates who continue to give each year, our Fiscal Year has changed to match the calendar year (Jan 1. - Dec. 31).

If we have mistakenly forgotten your name due to this change, please contact us at: [giving@uvafiji.org](mailto:giving@uvafiji.org).

### MAKE AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

Gifts to the FIJI Annual Fund sponsor alumni communications, reunions and house improvements.

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