

THE OMICRON

CHAPTER OF PHI GAMMA DELTA - UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



GREETINGS FROM THE TEMPLE

After an incredibly strong spring rush, during which the chapter brought in nineteen new lings, psyche among the brothers at 128 Madison has been at an all-time high.

The chapter has remained persistent in its strive for excellence this semester. Our Brotherhood continues to be one of the largest and strongest on grounds with 88 brothers. Our chapter GPA was a 3.4 which remains among the top fraternity averages. The chapter hosted the annual "Hoos In Sync" philanthropy in the yard of the Temple with the sisters of Sigma Kappa, and we were able to raise over \$1,100 for the Sigma Kappa Foundation for Alzheimer's Research and Building Tomorrow. Our service and philanthropic efforts were once again rewarded when we received IFC Awards for "Outstanding Service to the Community" and "Outstanding Philanthropy Program." Brothers Chris Megaw ('09) and Eric Scofield ('10) also received awards for "Outstanding Chapter President" and "Outstanding Contribution to the University," respectively. We've also maintained a

busy social calendar, which included an epic formal to Kill Devil Hills in North Carolina in early April. The Highpoint Championship eluded us this year, but plans to take it back are in the works for this coming Fall. As you can see, the Omicron Chapter is proud of its accomplishments, but we are already setting our sights higher.

As the semester comes to a close, we hope all of the graduate beans had a great time at Foxfield and Island. We look forward to seeing the Class of 1964 and others at this summer's Reunions. If you will not be returning, we hope you can join us for Pig Dinner next fall on the weekend of October 9th and 10th. Although we will be sending more details soon, we encourage you to go ahead and make hotel reservations as it is Homecoming Week-end. And if you're ever in the Hook, we'd love to see you at the Temple.

Fraternally,

Kevin Dowlen
Omicron President '09
PERGE!

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2009 SPRING LINGS

Douglas John Benson
Richard (Richie) Francis Debo, Jr.
Frederick (Rick) David Forshaw, Jr.
Shane Michael Gallagher
Skylar Armstrong Haines
Ross Russell Heller
Roger (RJ) Raymond Hill, Jr.
Clifton Wyatt Hill
Jeffrey Michael King
Christopher Lawrence Kochard

Dallas, Texas
Virginia Beach, Virginia
St. Louis, Missouri
Sterling, Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia
Marietta, Georgia
Herndon, Virginia
Norfolk, Virginia
Cincinnati, Ohio
Charlottesville, Virginia

James Godfrey Lightbourn
James Walton Lindsay
Alexander Edward Loeb
Nicholas James McGregor
Dominic Robert Rinaldi
Taylor Jesse Scholz
William (Bill) Schiffin Sutton
Jack Ridges Valentine
Graham Halsey Williams

Nassau, Bahamas
Charlottesville, Virginia
Tallahassee, Florida
Calgary, Alberta
Cincinnati, Ohio
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Winnetka, Illinois
Barrington, Illinois
River Ridge, Louisiana

GRADUATE NEWS



David Mead ('05) has been living in Puerto Rico and making drugs (for Amgen) since graduation. While enjoying year-round summer detes, he recently got engaged to Marian Quinones.

Arthur B. Johnson ('60) at the age of 70 continues to work as a financial advisor at Smith Barney. After retiring from Bell Atlantic in 1991 I have been a FA for 17 years. I still see Brothers **Gordon Gentry ('59)**, **Roger Zensen ('60)** & **John Sabanosh ('60)** at U.Va. Football games as we have season tickets together.

Edgar D. McKean III ('70) retired from my law practice in June, 2007. No regrets. How peaceful it is to have forever put away the trial calendar. Louise and I split time between our island camp in the middle of Lake Winnepesaukee, NH and our home in La Malbaie, Quebec, two hours northeast of Quebec City.

William C. Gerstmyer ('79) started his own architecture firm, with colleagues, Forever Architects in Concord, Mass.

Andy Herz ('84) has been hard at work yet hardly working on re-releasing an old reggae film (thehardertheycome.com); the new website and soundtrack for a newer Charlottesville music film (live-fromthehook.com); producing a new album of old songs (songsinthekeyofhope.com); making friends with other lawyers, especially in the Hook.

John Cachero ('01) now runs a successful photography business in Hampton Roads. Visit johncachero.com to check out his recent work or for information on weddings or your own personal fiji island.

Jeremy Hogg ('03) and wife Melanie still live in Alexandria. Jeremy is in a weekend MBA program at UNC and in between jobs, while Melanie is still at her same company. No little Hogg's yet, but maybe in a year or so...

Brad McConnell ('04) is currently stationed in Tallil, Iraq with the U.S. Army as a Battalion Electronic Warfare Officer, Convoy Commander, and Safety Officer. Recently completed Master's thesis in genetics while deployed to become a double Hoos. Wifing hard and looking to pop the question soon. Likely moving to the D.C. area in late August and will be in need of a job. A law degree and patent law career are on the horizon.

Jesse Lund ('06) relocated to Sarasota, Florida in Dec 2008 to pursue a job in Coastal Engineering and currently lives with fellow FIJI **Rickey Matthews ('06)**. Erickson Consulting Engineers primarily focuses on beach nourishment and restoration projects within Florida and the Turks & Caicos Islands. Jesse is also engaged to **Lori Hodges ('06)** whom he met through a mutual UVA friend while still in Arlington, VA. The wedding is planned for October 2010 in Virginia.

Joel Swider ('08) is currently residing in Lima, Peru with the family of another Lima Bean, one **Elio Jordan ('08)**.



Fiji weddings bring a pos round of bachelor parties. The photo above shows **David Pack ('05)**, **Chris Anderson ('05)**, **Kevin Sproule ('05)**, **Patrick Edmunds ('05)**, **Nick Kristoff ('06)**, **Alex Kristoff**, **Will Hazlett ('06)**, and **Nathan Foley ('06)** gathered for Nick's bachelor party in March.

FIJI WEDDINGS

This summer brings another round of Fiji weddings. The following three brides-to-be are also in the UVA Greek family. **Nick Kristoff ('06)** will be marrying **Austin Cline ('06)** June 13th on Hilton Head Island, **Jon Ziefle ('05)** will be marrying

Courtney Williams ('06) in the Hook June 27th, **Dan Laufer ('06)** will be marrying **Molly Harris ('07)** in the Hook September 12th, and **Andrew Garrahan ('05)** will be marrying **Emily Wang ('04)** December 15th in the Hook.

GRADUATE UPDATE

The spring Fraternity Alumni Council meeting brought a number of interesting announcements regarding the Greek community.

First of all, Beta Theta Pi will be buying back their original house on Rugby Road from Delta Upsilon. DU will be using proceeds from the sale to construct a new chapter house on Madison Lane. Beta's previous residence on Chancellor Street will be put up for sale – and hopefully remain Greek owned.

Second, Dean Citro of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority



Brothers celebrate a successful Spring 2009 Rush

INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL AWARDS

- Outstanding IFC President: Chris Megaw
- Outstanding Philanthropy: Phi Gamma Delta
- Outstanding Service to the Community: Phi Gamma Delta
- Outstanding Faculty Member/Advisor: Justin Holcomb
- Outstanding Contribution to the University: Eric Scofield

Life released statistics regarding the IFC and fraternity chapter houses. You will be glad to hear that FIJI remains in the top of almost every category and that our chapter house is one of the best equipped on grounds.

PERGE!

Nick Feakins '05

Purple Legionnaire

INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL STATISTICS: OUT OF 29 IFC FRATERNITIES

IFC RANK	CHAPTER	CUM. GPA	CHAPTER	SPRING BIDS ACCEPTED	INITIATED UNDERGRADUATES
1	Beta Theta Pi*	3.499	Phi Delta Theta	23	89
2	Sigma Alpha Mu*	3.393	Phi Gamma Delta	20	88
3	Phi Gamma Delta	3.391	Sigma Chi	22	77
4	Sigma Chi	3.379	Phi Kappa Psi	17	75
5	Phi Delta Theta	3.364	Beta Theta Pi*	21	73

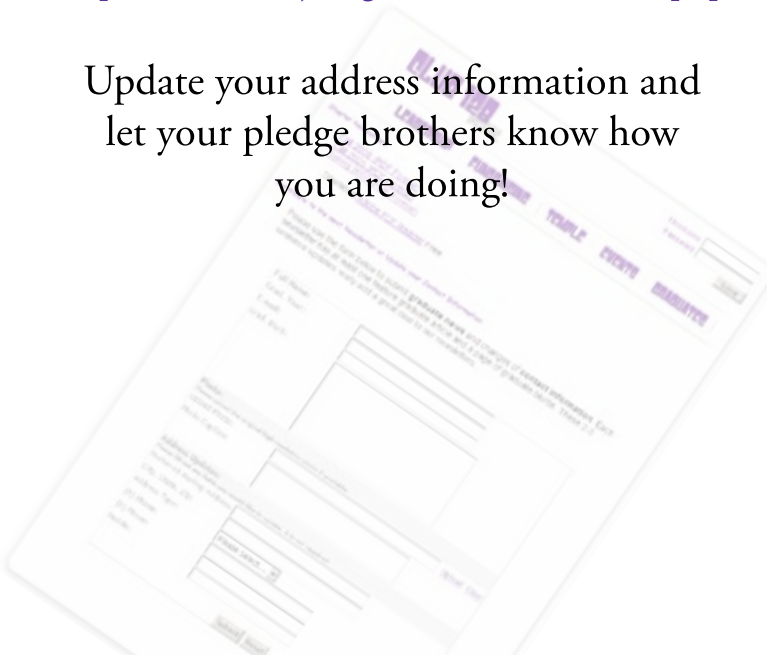
*recently re-colonized

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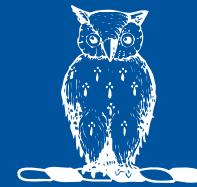
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<http://www.uvafiji.org/alumni/newsletters.php>

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



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<http://hoosonline.virginia.edu>

to gain access to Facebook.



SAVE THE DATES!

VIRGINIA REUNIONS

JUNE 6th 2-4 pm

128 Madison Lane

Special Guests: Class of 1964

HOMECOMING & PIG DINNER

OCTOBER 9-10, 2009



vs.



2009 ANNUAL GIVING DONORS

FY2009 RUNS DEC. 1, 2008 - DEC. 1, 2009

\$5,000 +

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'68

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'74

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'80

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'68

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'78

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Benjamin Lecompte

'71

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'80

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'87

Neil McPherson

'87

Doug Milman

'87

\$250 +

Nicholas P. Feakins

'05

Jeremy Hogg

'03

Chris Anderson

'05

Andrew Garrahan

'05

Chris Walters

'05

Kyle Fuschetti

'06

Nick Kristoff

'06

Andrew Cooper

'09

George E. Cramer

'71

James D. Wilson

'74

Jonathan Tyler Ziefler

'05

Jonathan R. Hilliard

'07

\$128 +

Carl Helmetag III

'70

Kevin L. Beicke

'01

David C. Mead

'05

Terry E. Schnuck, Jr.

'07

Charles Rohrer

'55

William C. Childress

'58

Edward T. Bedford

'64

Erik H. Kisa

'80

David P. Morris

'80

John S. Minasi, M.D.

'81

George Collins

'84

Michael L. Woosley, Jr.

'91

Taylor Meredith Grout

'98

Jamison T. Driver

'99

Christopher S. Johnson

'03

Adam G. Swann

'03

Kyle A. Sturgeon

'04

Matthew P. Cook

'05

Dan Laufer

'06

Anonymous

\$25 +

Alexander S. Lacy

'49

Cornelius P. MacLeod

'78

Jeffrey L. Brown

'76

Thomas R. Hayne

'09

Richard W. Brand

'69

Derick V. Coupe

'72

Gregory C. Treharne

'02

Andrew J. Straitman

'09

Arthur B. Johnson

'60

Elio Jordan

'08

Special thanks to these brothers for supporting the Omicron chapter over the past year.

There are still 6 more months to give!

Please join us in supporting 128 Madison Lane.

MAKE AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

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

Make a gift online at

www.uvafiji.org