

THE OMICRON

CHAPTER OF PHI GAMMA DELTA - UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
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GREETINGS FROM THE TEMPLE

This spring was an eventful and productive time for Omicron. The semester began with another successful recruitment with over 450 individuals walking through the doors of the Temple during Open House. The Brotherhood selected fourteen outstanding individuals to bid and pledge. After a thorough pledge process, these new members finished off the semester by putting together an extraordinary Fiji Island at the old Lodge House on Rugby Road extended.

Brothers continued Omicron's strong record of service throughout the semester, volunteering well over 1,000 hours for various causes. Two days per week, a group of brothers volunteered their time at the HOPE Community Center. Pledges and brothers also participated in SOCA's "Hot Shots" program, serving the Charlottesville community as youth soccer coaches. This March, the Chapter participated in a cleanup and construction of the Rivanna Trail. In April, we hosted a successful philanthropy event at The Biltmore in support of the Run Across Virginia. Our efforts did not go unnoticed

and Fiji's Run Across Virginia was awarded the Inter-Fraternity Council's Most Outstanding Philanthropy this past spring. Planning and publicity initiatives are already underway for next year's Run and we ask for your continued support in

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Brothers and dates pause for a photo on the Lawn before heading to Formal



Fourth-Year FIJI's take a picture at the House before walking the Lawn

14 BROTHERS JOIN THE CHAPTER

Omicron completed another successful Recruitment this spring, initiating 14 new Phi Gams at the end of the semester. The Spring 2010 pledge class was extremely well-rounded, including two Omicron legacies, two varsity football players, two Hullabahoos, and the First Year Council (and newly elected Second Year Council) President. All of them are true Fiji Gentlemen. With the contributions of these newly initiated brothers, Omicron is sure to maintain its place as one of the most respected houses in the Greek system and within the University community.

Of course, it took an excellent Recruitment to attract such excellent young men. Highlights from January's formal Recruitment include a first round evening at Boylan Heights on the Corner, which provided a "guys' night out" atmosphere for brothers to interact with rushees while shooting pool, watching basketball, and enjoying snacks from a burger bar. Dodgeball at Memorial Gymnasium was another first round event, where brothers demonstrated a commitment to athletic prowess as well as a devotion to continued success in the Highpoints Championship. A Friday night trip to The Improv in Washington, D.C. headlined second round Recruit-

ment activities. Hilarious stand-up comedy made for an outstanding Rush event, and Omicron's own **Jason Rowe ('11)** was called from the audience to join Comedy Central entertainers on stage for the grand finale. Third round activities included a semi-formal date function at Trinity Pub on the Corner and a steak dinner in downtown Charlottesville. A local snow storm could not prevent brothers and the new lings from celebrating at the annual Bid Day party.

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| James Odell Howell III | Florence, SC |
| William Patrick Kirk | Springfield, NJ |
| Robert Mark Liszkiewicz | Wilmington, DE |
| Gregory Collins MacDonald | Charlottesville, VA |
| Charles Robert Miller III | Hammond, LA |
| Clark Edward O'Bannon | Charlotte, NC |
| Collin Kirkley Rhea | Atlanta, GA |
| Michael Robert Rinaldi | Cincinnati, OH |
| Edward Charles Sampognaro | New Orleans, LA |
| Adrian Carl Sittler | Charlottesville, VA |
| Logan Rhode Spangler | Scottsville, VA |
| Michael Patrick Stolz | Chesapeake, VA |
| Sanford Johnathan Scott Williams IV | Manassas, VA |
| Julian Augustus Wills | Great Falls, VA |

GRADUATE NEWS

William R Easton ('65) hopes all the brothers from the class of 1965 return to Charlottesville in June for our Class Reunion!

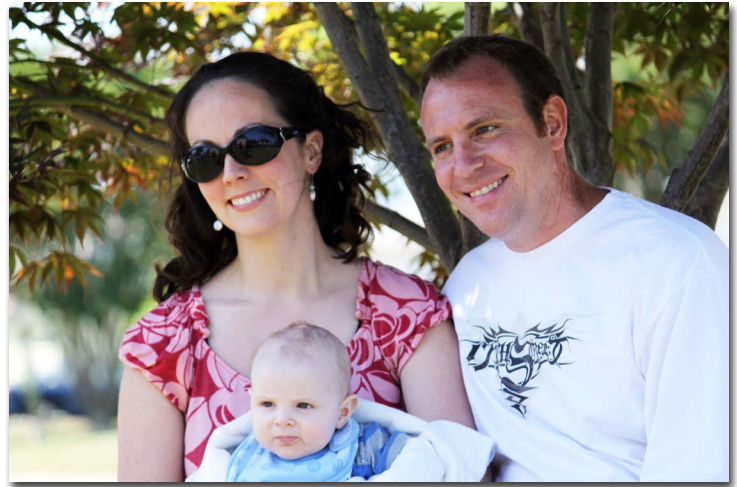
John K. Pegues IV ('71) is retiring in June after 38 years in the schools. Looking forward to lots of travel with Kathy and lost of play with new grand-daughter, Siena.

Bill Armistead ('75) stopped by during Reunions and was very impressed with the guys in the House and what they have achieved – keep up the great work!

Neil H. McPherson ('87) is living in God's country- Huntington LI, and working in NYC as a Managing Director in Structured Finance of a financial data and analytics provider called Markit after 20+ yrs on Wall St. Married to Sheila, wife of 19 yrs who I met in my 2nd yr of UVa, and have 3 daughters Emily 14, Katherine 11, and Siobhan 9. Just had 2 dinners with several of my pledge brothers and others from my era in NYC on 1/28 and also 2/2 in DC- 27+ yrs we've been pals now and we all keep in touch a LOT-- emails/texts/facebook, etc-- Tim (Posa) Ward, Bill (Bruno) Kenny, Doug (Toast) Milman, Jack (Julian) Bowles, Todd (Weedy) Schwanawede, Gene (Geno), Andy Herz (a lawnier and editor of the U-J in his day no less), Walter Preston, Aaron (Chili) Chilcote, and Billy (Buzz) Schactel too- and thats just a start of guys I've seen lately-- amazing how strong Fiji friendships endure when watered (!! regularly! Life's good, look me up in NYC-- and if there's smart finance/engineering types looking to network for jobs in finance they should definitely be calling me.

John Cachero ('01) welcomed the birth of his first child, Zoe Claire, on May 23, 2010. Mother and daughter are both well.

Robbie Subasavage ('02) and his wife Elizabeth welcomed their first child into the world on Dec 15, 2009. Joseph Donald has been growing strong and has already been learning how to do 'shups with his dad's encouragement. Rob and Elizabeth purchased their first single family home this past August and reside in Springfield, VA. Any and all beans are welcome to stop by and visit and/or crash anytime as basement rackspace is available.



Robbie Subasavage ('02) with his wife Elizabeth and new son Joseph Donald (just shy of 5 months old.)

Nick Feakins ('05) and his wife Allie just bought their first home and are relocating to Richmond following Allie's graduation from Darden.

David Walrath ('05) is stationed in Hawaii and will be deploying to Japan in the fall. He recently got qualified as a Naval Aircraft Commander and hopes to move back to the D.C. area in the winter.



Graduates and Brothers together at NCAA Lacrosse Final Four in Baltimore



Thanks to Albert Huntington IV for hosting 25 Graduates at the Nationals opening game against the Phillies

SUBMIT GRADUATE NEWS!

Send us your updates:

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

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



David Walrath ('05) in his P-3 flying over Mt. Etna in Sicily during last deployment.

GRADUATES AND RUSH

The IFC has been entertaining discussion about the future of Fall Rush in general, as fewer and fewer houses have elected to hold Fall Rush in recent years. Although the IFC has not arrived at a verdict yet, Omicron remains committed to Recruitment excellence and fully anticipates a fruitful fall semester, either formally or informally. Along those lines, please consider the following message from current Recruitment Chairman Rick Forshaw ('12):

Graduate Brothers,

Our goal, as outlined and influenced by the IHQ Recruitment guidelines, is to have a comprehensive, 365 day-long Recruitment process. In that spirit, we're asking for your assistance in passing along contact information for any incoming students or legacies you may have met through high school, hometown, or other networks. Each additional rushee we meet increases the quality of men that we ultimately initiate. As Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone, we ask for your help as we persist in our pursuit of Recruitment excellence.

Please submit any candidates to rush@uvafiji.org

*Rick Forshaw '12
Recruitment Chairman*

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keeping our tradition of excellence alive.

Omicron welcomed our new faculty advisor, Robert Burnett, to replace Professor and Brother Justin Holcomb. Holcomb currently serves as Guest Professor of Theology at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Seattle. Dr. Burnett is a professor in the Department of Chemistry and was the top choice of the Brotherhood to fill this role. Burnett is the 2010 winner of the Inter-Greek Council's Outstanding Faculty Member award and we look forward to working with him next year.

The Chapter continues to engage in activities to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. In April, the Chapter hosted a brotherhood event at the NASCAR raceway in Martinsville, Virginia. All who attended had a great time camping out despite the race being canceled due to rain.

We were also heavily involved in strengthening our relationships with graduate brothers this spring. In April, the Chapter hosted a tailgate for graduate brothers for the Virginia vs. Duke lacrosse game. The Graduate Relations Committee also organized several dinners with local graduate brothers to exchange stories and learn about the Chapter's history. We look forward to our next graduate event, Omicron's annual Frank Norris Pig Dinner during Homecomings Weekend.

Lastly, please join me in congratulating Omicron's recently graduated brothers from the class of 2010. Their presence will be missed but their influence and passion for the Chapter will surely be passed down to the next generation of Phi Gams.

Ross Jacobson '11 | Chapter President
PERGE!

OMICRON EXTENDS ITS REACH ON GROUNDS

With the initiation of the most recent springlings, Omicron is continuing its record of excellent involvement in student groups around Grounds. Two spring 2010 initiates, **Jimmy Howell ('12)** and **Logan Spangler ('13)** are members of the Virginia Football team. **Charlie Miller ('13)** will serve as President of the Class of 2013 for the second year in a row starting this upcoming fall. Both Charlie and **Sanford Williams ('13)** are members of the Hullaba-hoos - the University's nationally-renowned a cappella group.

These newly initiated brothers are joining a brotherhood at 128 that already prides itself on its strong involvement. **Matthew Aronson ('11)** heads-up Greek Intersivity, an all-Greek Christian Fellowship, and **Shane Gallagher ('11)** provides musical accompaniment for the group. **Josh Jolissaint ('11)** and **Brian Kinslow ('11)** devote time to Building Tomorrow - an organization that raises funds to build schools in Uganda. Building Tomorrow puts on an event called Bike to Uganda to raise money and awareness for its cause - over 20 Phi Gams participated in the event this year to help support Josh and Brian. Brother **Rick Forshaw ('12)** also serves on the executive board of Mentoring International Exchange - a group that helps assimilate international students into life at Virginia.

Four brothers are involved with Virginia's Honor System, and **Jack Valentine ('12)** was elected as one of two Honor Representatives for the Engineering School. Omicron also regained a foothold in the IFC this spring with the election of **Dom Rinaldi ('12)** to



Phi Gams participate in "Bike to Uganda"

Chair for Membership Education and Scholarship. Fijis also maintain a strong commitment to service at Madison House - Virginia's official student volunteer center - with several brothers serving as program directors for tutoring and athletic programs.

The chapter is very proud of its commitment to University involvement and the efforts of its brothers outside the Temple. Brothers' involvement helps spread the detes around Grounds and aids in our effort to Recruit 365.

Kevin Dowlen '10
Former Chapter President



A HISTORY OF RENOVATIONS

Many of you who were at the University during the 1980's will remember that in the early days of that decade the House was in pretty poor physical condition, a result of years of good times and less than perfect maintenance. In 1985 a major renovation was undertaken that resulted in the House being the jewel of the fraternity system. New floors, walls, mechanical systems, plus fresh paint everywhere - it really looked great! That achievement was made possible by our formation of the Phi Gamma Delta Renovation Associates limited partnership which raised \$125,000 from Graduate Brothers and borrowed additional money to put more than \$400,000 into the project. In order for the partnership to use historic renovation tax credits, legal title to the House was transferred from the House Corporation to the partnership. All of the partners have now agreed to give their partnership interests to the House Corporation and to terminate the partnership so that the House Corporation will again own the House. Many thanks to those Brothers from the '50s, '60s and '70s for their steadfast devotion to Omicron!

In 2002 the Chapter re-colonized and the House Corporation organized another round of renovations. The third floor was finished into bedrooms so that more Brothers could live in the House, the electrical systems were updated, and central A/C was installed upstairs – and again, fresh paint everywhere. At the completion of these renovations, the House was once again the jewel of the fraternity system. This series of renovations was only possible because of

generous donations from Graduate Brothers and the taking out of a construction line of credit. This spring, the remaining balance of that construction loan was converted into one mortgage – decreasing the Chapter's overall payments.

With all these successes, you might think the House Corporation could take a break, but there are a number of critical repairs that must be made. This summer, we will be repainting the roof and repairing some plumbing. The front steps are in desperate need of repair and thanks to the dedication of many '60s and '80s donors will get finished this year. Unfortunately, the Deck dormers have deteriorated to the point where residents can see through to the outside – making it uncomfortable in both winter and summer – and the basement is suffering from a number of past water leaks.

Although in the past we have relied on large “capital campaigns” to get major repairs done, we are now in a position to make repairs before they become major renovations. For that reason, thanks to all the Graduates who continue to give on a regular basis – and we ask that the rest of you join us in ensuring the House remains the jewel of the fraternity system and not for college days alone!

Guy Tripp '62
Bob Krout '80
Nick Feakins '05

A view of the House during the December 2009 record snowfalls



INTER-FRATERNITY NEWS & AWARDS

Omicron's **Dominic Rinaldi** ('12) was elected Inter-Fraternity Council Chairman for Membership Education and Scholarship for the current term. Rinaldi co-led an IFC ad hoc committee that focused on improving the safety, liability, and image of the fraternity system. When classes resume in the fall, the IFC Presidents' Council will be voting on several changes proposed after three weeks of discussion by the ad hoc committee. In particular, these changes include a revamping of Open House—the first two nights of formal Rush—policies, a restriction on out of town travel, and a new set of guidelines regulating the ability of fraternity men to interact with first-years in the fall semester. Additionally, several proposed IFC bylaw changes are expected to pass at the first IFC President's Meeting this fall—the most significant of these proposals is a new door policy for fraternity parties as well as an explicit definition of what constitutes a fraternity party. Under this new policy, fraternities will be required to check IDs at the door in order to reduce the risks associated with underage drinking and to improve the long-term sustainability of our student-regulated fraternity system.

Above: Brothers bonding during this semester's community service event.

BARRY M. GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO 2 FIJI BROTHERS!

Matt Aronson and Stuart Keech

The scholarship is awarded to about 300 college sophomores and juniors nationwide. Competition for the Scholarship is exceptionally intense. Universities are allowed to nominate only four undergraduate students per year to receive the final Scholarship. As a result, the Scholarship is widely considered the most prestigious award in the U.S. conferred upon undergraduates studying the sciences.

INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL AWARDS

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNIVERSITY
Matt Aronson (Brother)

OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER
Robert Burnett (Chapter Advisor)

OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM
Run Across Virginia

UPCOMING GRADUATE EVENTS

October 15-16, 2010

Frank Norris Pig Dinner

&

Homecoming Football Game



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Please join us Oct 15th - 16th for the Annual Frank Norris Pig Dinner and Homecoming Football Game against North Carolina. More details available on www.uvafiji.org.



The Spring Lings gather to begin building Island

GRADUATE ANNUAL GIVING

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 TO DATE (JAN. 1 - JUNE 29)

Special thanks to the following graduates for their gifts to the Omicron Chapter's annual fund over the last 6 months. We hope you will continue to support FIJI and encourage your fellow Brothers to join in the effort!

\$5,000 +

\$2,500 +

\$1,000 +

John M. Stewart '65
Jeffrey R. Anderson '69
Jack William Burkart '73
Neil H. McPherson '87

\$500 +

Robert K. Krout '80
Timothy E. Martorella '87
Douglas E. Milman '87

\$250 +

Gordon L. Gentry, Jr. '59
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Kevin L. Beicke '01
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Jonathan Tyler Zieffe '05*

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Kevin Simmons Dowlen '10

\$28 +

Carroll M. Berndt, Jr. '56
John K. Pegues IV '71
Michael L. Petretich '93
Jamison T. Driver '99
Daniel W. Schear '10
Tiago D. Bezerra '10

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

Please join your pledge brothers in making sure the Fiji Temple remains strong for generations to come. Many thanks to the Graduates who prove that Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone!

If we have mistakenly forgotten your name, please contact us at: giving@uvafiji.org.

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