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GREETINGS FROM THE TEMPLE

by Clark O'Bannon ('13) | Chapter President

The chapter began 2012 in its usual fashion, starting off the year on the right foot with another very successful rush. With more than 650 first years coming through during open house, a record-breaking number, the brotherhood was able to bid an outstanding class of 26. In addition to being one of the largest pledge classes on grounds, we also boasted a 100% bid acceptance rate. For the second year in a row, the entire class completed the pledge process, one of the many signs that our unity as a brotherhood could not be stronger.

All beans, old and new, can tell you excellence is something that we strive for everyday. As we transition into the summer months and next fall, the brotherhood is surely continuing this tradition. Not only has rush fostered the same success, but as our numbers increase so do our grades and our philanthropic efforts. The Chapter took second place in the IFC with a cumulative GPA of over 3.5, and we won the Outstanding IFC Philanthropy award at the IFC awards banquet for our efforts with The Run Across Virginia last fall.

This past semester took the brotherhood from Wintergreen to Kill Devil Hills, and everywhere in between for a variety of different social events. Our Black Diamond Ball was once again a success as brothers got the chance to spend a great day on the beach and get away from Grounds for a weekend. We also got to attend an exciting lacrosse game against Johns Hopkins with our parents in early April, and were happy to host a number of graduates at the house before Foxfield at what turned out to be one of the most successful graduate events in



Matt Boegner '14, Corresponding Secretary, sent this photo Memorial Day of a new mural he is working on in the basement.

recent memory outside of Pig Dinner each year.

As we transition into next semester, the Temple remains well cared for and improvements are constantly being made. As many of you know, the dormers in the deck are being replaced, and we also hope to replace the upstairs carpet as well. This semester the brothers also saw fit to repaint all interior walls in the house, something that was a desperate need and we saw immediate improvement. During workweek at the start of the fall semester we not only hope to clean out the basement in the usual manner, and make the house presentable once again, but also to continue house improvements where brotherhood expertise are deemed fit.

Make a note on your calendars now to attend Pig Dinner the weekend of October 12th. It will be held at The Temple again per the request of many graduates after the huge turnout we had last year. Details to come.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and be sure to stop by and drop in whenever you are in town. The stories that we as undergraduates pick up from each brother that comes by continues to inspire us and helps us realize the true history that our house holds.

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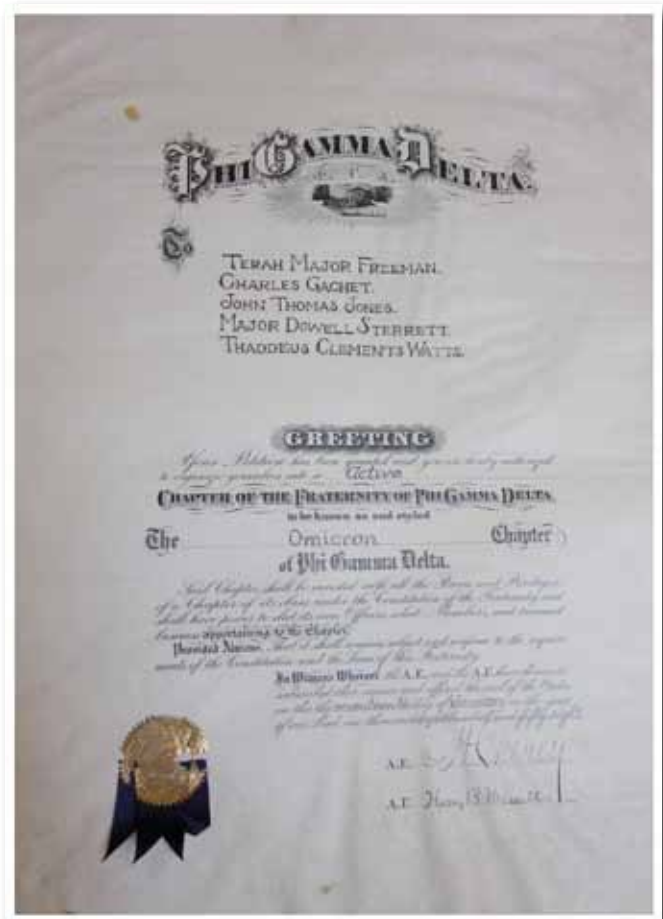
by Michael Stolz ('13) | Historian

On the most recent visit to the Albert H. Small Special Collections Library our newly initiated brothers found some great Fiji history. Included in their finds were pictures of the chapter, the original Charter, and a reprint of the fall Omicron newsletter from 1982. The 1982 Omicron newsletter contains articles about our Phi Gams' dominance in Intramural Highpoints (beating Phi Delt by 260 points), the suspension of Easters, and the continuation of the Fiji Pie Fight. Their visit was very successful and it is always good to look back as we move on to the future of Phi Gamma Delta.

The Charter, dated January 17th, 1858, has recently brought up some controversy. According to the Curator of Archives (Towner Blackstock –see <http://www.phigam.org/page.aspx?pid=1467>) our founding year is incorrect. Looking at fraternity catalogues of 1870 and on he found that our charter was granted in January of 1859, not in 1858. Blackstock says that “the 1858 date is impossible: the founders were at other colleges” at that point. Unfortunately this adds some uncertainty as to our Chapter's founding date. One thing is certain, however, Omicron's future has never been so bright.



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The original Phi Gamma Delta Omicron Chapter Charter

THE JACK NICKLAUS MUSEUM

by Scotty Mattocks ('14) | Purple Legionnaire

I recently visited the Jack Nicklaus Museum in Columbus, OH and was pleased to see the numerous Fiji references within. Some highlights include a bag that's the closest **Nick McGregor ('12)** will ever get to golf history; a photo of Fiji poker night at OSU in the 50's; a song book with some interesting lyrics; and some interesting references to graduate brothers Payne Stewart (SMU) and Hale Irwin (Colorado). It is also worth noting that Nicklaus' wife was a Theta. If any one watched The Memorial you may have noticed that Jack is still rockin' the croakies and frating hard, as if we should have expected anything less.



OMICRON CHAPTER SERVICE



On March 31, the Omicron Chapter at the University of Virginia volunteered at the Charlottesville Fire Department, helping with fire engine maintenance and station improvement. In an email to the Assistant Dean of Students, the Battalion Chief of Operations Emily Pelliccia stated, “You should be very proud to have them as members of your fraternity family at UVA.”

GRADUATE NEWS



A 128 BABY!

Andrew Garrahan ('05) and his wife Emily ('05) welcomed a son, George Garrahan, on January 28, 2012. Mother and baby bean are doing well. Andrew is looking forward to one more year in the Hook as he finishes law school.

Stephen Nauss ('72) returned to working at Blue Ridge Mountain Sports after he found retirement to be too much work. Please feel free to send some business his way!

Grant Cupps ('06) and his fiancé Claire, the future “Mrs. Sippy,” are engaged to be married this September in St. Paul, MN. They live in Chicago, where Grant works in software engineering at Optionshop, a pre-launch financial services start-up.

Doug Hill ('10) spent 2 1/2 weeks in January spreading the Phi Gam spirit across the pond. Doug made stops in London, Paris, Valencia, Barcelona, Rome and Venice with his brother Danny.

Harrison Powell ('10) is spending his 2L Summer in Richmond, VA working at the Chief Staff Attorney’s office at the Supreme Court of Virginia. Harrison is planning a move to Williamsburg, VA following the completion of his last year of Regent Law School.

Kevin Russell ('10) is spending his 2L summer studying at the University of Western Cape in South Africa, taking classes in International Business Transactions as well as International Environmental Law. He is also interning at Cliff Dekker and Hoffmyer focusing on corporate and commercial law.

Brothers Eric Scofield ('10), Joe Vergara ('10), and Harrison Powell ('10) descended upon Virginia Beach, VA for the annual Sand Soccer Tournament. The group spent valuable time away, from work, catching up, and remembering the great times they had in the Hook and at the Temple. The tournament helped reiterate to them the mantra that Phi Gamma Delta is ‘not for college days alone.’

GRADUATE UPDATES!

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Fiji's Graduating Class of 2012

Doug Benson ('12) will be moving to Dallas, TX to work as a Research Assistant at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Richie Debo ('12) will be moving to New York City to work for Deutsche Bank as an Investment Banking Analyst in Real Estate.

Rick Forshaw ('12) will be moving to St. Louis, Missouri to work for Forshaw of Saint Louis, Inc. as an accountant.

Skylar Haines ('12) will be moving to Orono, Maine this August. He will be attending graduate school at the University of Maine.

Ross Heller ('12) will be moving to Atlanta, Georgia to work for VRA Partners as an investment banking analyst.

Jeffrey King ('12) will be moving to Washington, D.C. this August. He will be working as an associate for Berkeley Research Group.

Chris Kochard ('12) will be moving to Richmond, Virginia this summer. He will be working as an investment banking analyst for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods.

James Lightbourn ('12) will be moving to New York City in June to work at Mediterranean Shipping Company.

Jake Lindsay ('12) will be moving to New York City this July. He will be working as an analyst in the credit portfolio management group at Barclays Capital.

Alex Loeb ('12) is currently traveling the world before returning to attend medical school at UVa.

Brendan McCartney ('12) will be moving to New York City to work for Rothschild as an Investment Banking Analyst.

Nick McGregor ('12) will be returning to Vancouver, BC to work for Exxon Mobil as a Remediation Project Manager.

Dom Rinaldi ('12) will be working as a consultant with Navigant Capital Advisors in Washington, D.C. He will be living in the city with a number of UVA grads and can't wait to join the already large UVA Phi Gam contingent in D.C.

Jason Rowe ('12) will be headed up to D.C. to be an officer engineer for Clark Construction Group. He will be living with fellow Phi Gams **Michael Incerto ('11)** and **Greg Mullin ('10)**.

Taylor Scholz ('12) will be moving to Falls Church, Virginia this June. He will be working as an aerospace engineer for the defense contractor BIT Systems.

Bill Sutton ('12) will be moving to Washington, DC to join Deloitte Consulting.

Jack Valentine ('12) will be moving to San Francisco this August. He will be working for Bain & Co. as an associate consultant.

Graham Williams ('12) will begin pursuing his J.D. from Tulane Law in the fall. For now, Graham is happy to be back in New Orleans . . . where he belongs.

Nick Wood ('12) will be moving to Charlotte, NC to work for McColl Partners as an Investment Banking Analyst.

GRADUATE ANNUAL GIVING

Brothers,

As Matt Boegner, Corresponding Secretary, wrote to you earlier this year, the 3rd floor Deck dormers are badly in need of repair and replacement windows. I am pleased to report that a number of graduates have stepped up and donated to this cause, allowing us to move forward with our renovation plans this summer. Our goal was to raise \$2,500 per dormer, and as of today we still have a ways to go. If we can reach our goal, we won't have to use funds that we had reserved for other projects this summer, such as replacing the upstairs carpet and repairing the patio doors which are starting to leak. As I am writing this, the City of Charlottesville Board of Architectural Review is reviewing our plans for the dormers. If you haven't already spoken to your pledge brothers about "funding" a dormer, I hope you will. A plaque will be placed next to it with your names and generations of Deckmen will go to sleep at night thankful to you.

In addition to repairs, your donations also make these newsletters, as well as Reunions and other graduate events, possible. Omicron has always had a strong tradition of Graduate Giving, and over the past few years we have strategically moved away from the large Capital Campaigns that many chapters use to raise funds, in favor of growing the number of graduates who regularly donate. This newsletter currently goes out to over 800 graduates. If just half our graduates gave \$128 each year, we would double the amount of Graduate Giving available each year for graduate relations and capital improvements. Obviously, if any of you want to write a \$50,000 check... we are still accepting those too! If you intend your donation to be combined with others to sponsor a Deck dormer, please send an email to giving@uvafiji.org.

I hope you will join me, and the 70+ graduates who have already given this year in showing our support to the chapter and the generations of Phi Gams to come.

PERGE,

Nick Feakins '05

President,

Omicron Chapter House Society

GRADUATE DONORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 TO DATE (JAN. 1 - JUNE 20)

Special thanks to the following graduates for their gifts to the Omicron Chapter's annual fund this year.

We hope you will continue to support FIJI and encourage your fellow Brothers to join in the effort!

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