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# Fiji Gradlink

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## From the Desk of the President

Dear Brothers,

The spring semester of 2013 has flown by at 1301 W. Fredonia. This semester we have taken a path to really focus on strengthening our brotherhood. Among the numerous spur the moment cook outs and midnight food runs we have been looking to bring back events that have had resounding impact on FJI's such as islander week. This year we did an islander pig roast along with an islander king and queen party. The pig roast raised over four hundred dollars for the USO.

Our drive to recruit new men into our fraternal bonds was for not for nothing and we have new



men for a pledge class next semester. We also did well with our philanthropy goal of having around ten hours a man at the end of the semester. Overall this has

been a great learning experience for me and everyone else in the undergraduate class. Once again I ask if you aren't too busy to stop by and tell stories or read the minutes and email us your advice on events because many of the problems we will face have already been handled a hundred times. Next semester is going to be an exciting one with this group of guys.

Fraternally yours,

Eric Gottschalk '14

Pergé!

## Board of Chapter Advisors

Graduate Brothers,

Our board and the chapter have seen a lot of changes over the past year or so. We've restructured ourselves to better serve the chapter and build one-on-one relationships with the chapter officers. While we are still in the process of making changes, we are

seeing that our efforts are starting to bare fruit. This year we are building upon our new programming ideas from last year and are working hard to document the transition process. One of the greatest injustices to the chapter is the loss of knowledge upon the graduation of our members. If you have any

ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact the board as a whole at [bca@bufiji.com](mailto:bca@bufiji.com).

Fraternally yours,

Jeremy Yee '09

Chairman, Beta Pi  
Board of Chapter Advisors

# Pledge Education

◇John Daleske '13

Spending the past semester as pledge educator, has been a very rewarding experience. Since our spring pledge class was smaller than our typical fall pledge class, our traditional pledge chapter wouldn't work. Instead, I made it a point to meet with our pledge brothers one-on-one. This let me work with each pledge individually and tailor my teaching style to the needs of each individual

man. I taught our new pledges about the history and tradition of the chapter and what it means to be a truly great Fiji. I hope that I created a safe environment for our pledge brothers to learn about FIJI history and get a feel for our local chapter.

As an outgoing senior I thoroughly enjoyed the chance to teach or newest pledges some of the lessons I learned here, and to be

able to pass down any wisdom I have to the men that will one day hopefully lead the charge into tomorrow.



**Plenty of new friends at the Super Bowl**

# Recruitment

◇Stefan Woloshyn '16

Throughout the semester we held numerous events in order to get to know some of our close friends a little better. By allowing them to get to know us better and what we were all about encouraged them to join our brotherhood. For instance, we held a few fun events like Ping-Pong tournament and game night where we invited all of our close friends to see if they would like to become a Phi Gam. With the knowledge that becoming a brother is a life

changing experience we recruited two pledges this semester and gave out numerous bids to possible new members.

Being Recruitment chair allowed me some responsibility around the house and gave me the opportunity to help the house in more ways than one. With the knowledge that recruitment is one of the single most important things to the house I took this job very seriously. Since I was given the opportunity to be recruitment chair I have

put nothing less than my best into this job.

I am looking forward to being in charge of the fall recruitment and Rush. I am very confident in my ability to recruit only the best of the best for our brotherhood.



# Brotherhood

◇ Kyle Scherner '15



Brotherhood is one of the most important aspects of our daily lives at the Beta Pi chapter of Fiji. As the brotherhood chair this semester, it was my job to en-

sure that the bond of brotherhood between brothers stayed as strong as possible. I accomplished this task through several different routes. I hosted events, encouraged brothers to be an active part of each other's lives, and to just promote us as a house of brothers and not strangers living together.

A major aspect of my job was hosting several brotherhood events. Some big, some small, some in house, and some out of

house. A couple of the cool in house events I had the privilege to run were the super bowl party, and the Rider Cup. The super bowl party was a lot of fun where we made food, put the game on the projector, and enjoyed each other's company. The other big event was the Rider Cup, the annual pool tournament where the winners name goes on the trophy and a years' worth of bragging rights are won.

**“Friendship,  
the  
sweetest  
influence”**

# Philanthropy

◇ Zach Burtle '16

Throughout the semester Brother Egan and I planned our first annual pig roast that would benefit the USO. Our event ended up raising over \$450 dollars. While doing this, other brothers and I took part in numerous smaller events like helping out at Late Night BU and going to the soup kitchen down the road. Overall I think it was a very successful semester for philanthropy as

the average number of hours for each brother was over 10.

I think that being Philanthropy Chair taught me how to be better involved in the house and also balance the house and my schoolwork.

I'm looking forward to planning teeter totter over the summer and more smaller events

next semester so hopefully next semester we will be the number one philanthropy house on campus.



# Social

◇Alex Lustgarten '16

My term as social chair was a very rewarding experience. I was able to work with other members of the house in improving our relations with the rest of our Greek brothers and sisters and with our outreach onto campus. I worked with sororities to plan social events for this semester and next including exchanges and date parties.

One of the most exciting projects I was able to work on this semester was helping with the return of a great Fiji past time, the Fiji Islander. I was able to help the

Philanthropy chair and the corresponding secretary spread awareness of our first annual Fiji Pig Roast by delivering flyers and Hawaiian Lays to the sororities on campus. The second part of our Islander was the date event the Saturday after the pig roast and the Islander Party that night. We had brothers and their dates compete for the tittle of Islander King and Queen. The Islander Party came later that night where we served virgin drinks and brothers and their dates along with any invited friends where welcome to

come and dance to the music and enjoy their night with us.



# Scholarship

◇Eric Gottschalk '14

This semester we had a definite focus on scholarship. We encouraged and gave praise to those who were doing well academically with our scholar of the week award given out at chapter every week. Brothers would nominate each other to show off the A they got on a test or their 4.0 GPA at midterms. The other incentive we gave to encourage brothers to take

their academics seriously was a grand reward.

At the beginning of the semester, we divided the brothers into scholarship teams, each led by a cabinet member. The teams would compete to get the highest average GPA and whichever team that achieved this goal got the prize, 150 dollars from the scholarship budget. The team could then spend this

reward on anything they want, in accordance to the law, and our bylaws, with the other stipulation that it can only be spent by and with the other team members. This along with a supportive, positive, encouraging environment. Was how we attempted to encourage each other to achieve academic excellence.



# Meet The Pledges

**Robert (Bobby) Franklin '16**



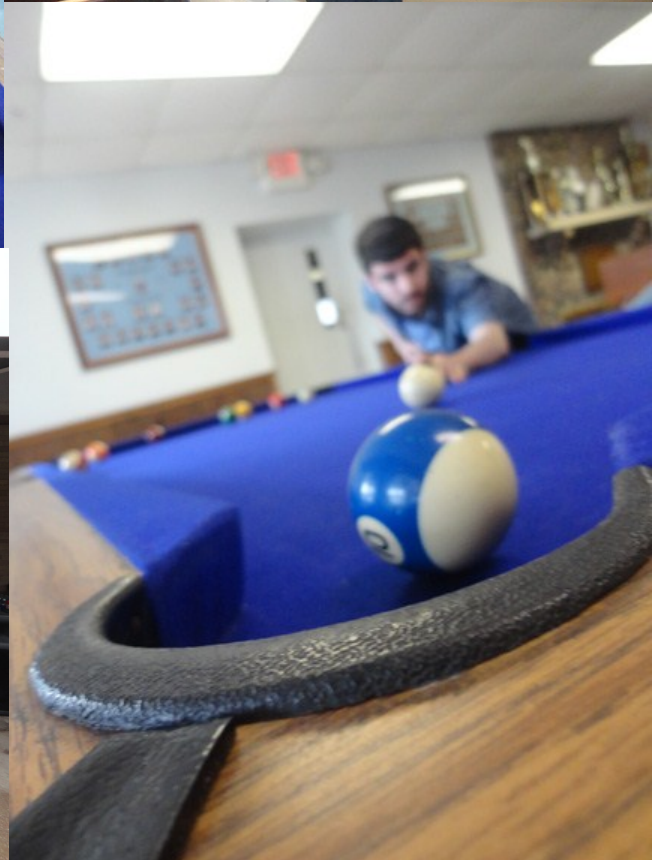
My goal in Fiji is to become the best gentleman of excellence that I can be by the time my college career has ended. My grades are a reflection of this; I take my studying seriously and it is always my first priority. When I am not studying, I am usually hanging out with my friends, reading, playing my guitar, or in some cases sleeping. I am a history secondary education major; I thoroughly enjoy history and I look forward to teaching it someday. Although I am a serious student, I can be pretty funny and sometimes rather ridiculous. I have enjoyed being a Fiji this year, and look forward to many more years of excellence.

**Jackson Garrison '16**



I am a freshman computer information systems major. My hobbies include video games, anime, recreational sports, hunting, and target shooting. I've also been playing trombone since 6th grade, and I currently play for the Bradley University Band, Basketball Band, and Collegium Musicum. My favorite part about FIJI is the people who are a part of it. They're all fun people to hang around and are easy going but still serious about work and education. After graduation, I'm hoping to work for Epic Systems as a network security manager. I'm also interesting in virtual computing technology.

# Fiji Photo Shoot





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# The Log Cabin

In 1795 John McMillan founded a classical school in this tiny log cabin. In 1805 he sent his students to the newly chartered Jefferson College in nearby Canonsburg. McMillan's old "log college" was visited by townsfolk and students, including the men who founded Phi Gamma Delta.

The log cabin was moved

in 1895 from the old McMillan farm to the College grounds, then the site of Jefferson Academy preparatory school, and placed in the perpetual care of the Fraternity. The cabin was moved a final time in 1931 to the front of the school and placed on a permanent foundation, where it re-



mains.

Revered as a symbol of the town and the College, the cabin is found on the Canonsburg city seal. It is also used to back up Washington and Jefferson College's disputed claim to "first institution of higher learning west of the Allegheny Mountains."

*Taken From The Archives of Phi Gamma Delta*

## Congratulations to the Graduating Class of Spring 2013

Joseph Baumgartner  
John Daleske  
Mitchell Poremski

## Pig Dinner

Pig Dinner was a smash hit this semester with a great turn out and lots of fun for everyone involved. We had a record turnout this year with a lot of faces we haven't seen in awhile and where very glad to see all the faces we know and to meet some new people to exchange stories with or to make some new ones with.

Along with grads we had a marvelous guest speaker, International Headquarters

Director of Chapter Services J.B. Goll, Nebraska '01 delighted us with a rousing speech and some words about how our Fraternity as a whole is doing, which is better than ever!

We would like to thank all the grads for their attendance and support this semester and we look forward to seeing more of each and every one of you into the semesters and years ahead.

