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## Changes To The Gradlink



Hello again our Graduate Brothers, you may be wondering why you are reading another edition of the Gradlink so soon after the last edition is sent out but there are some very good reasons behind this. Shortly after sending out the last edition of the Gradlink I received an email from Director of Chapter Services Brother Goll, Nebraska '01 informing me that by sending out three newsletters a semester, we would be at a Cheney Cup level chapter and we could be competing for the

Coon Plaque. So upon hearing this pleasant news I set to work creating a new format for the Gradlink publications. The new system for sending out the Gradlink will follow a general guidelines. The Gradlink will be broken into three volumes and be sent out at different points in the year At the beginning of the semester, look forward to hearing some of the exciting things we are hoping to do in the semester in the first volume. Around mid-terms or the middle of the semester, look for the second volume with information on how some of the events for the semester went and information on the progress of the rest of the events for the semester. Finally, The last volume at the end of the year will be a semester round up. Hopefully this new system will keep you even more updated and enable the chapter to move forward.

Bryce Egan '15  
Corresponding Secretary  
Pergé!

## From the Desk of The President

Dear Brothers,

The School year has started once again and along with it, another semester at Beta Pi. As the semester has just started I will take some time to discuss our ambitions for the semester. We have many great events plan from a Brotherhood Retreat, to Formal, and Teeter-Totter.

After a great success in philanthropy last semester, we hope to keep up pace and to also bring brotherhood up to match. We hope to use these great events to find and keep some great men to recruit into a pledgship here at Beta Pi. With the level of excitement we have for recruitment and for the rest of the great goals for the semester, I feel there are some great things in store

for the chapter this semester. As always, if you would like to stop by to hear about and maybe even partake in some of these events, we are always glad to see you and hope you can share some of your experiences and get to know some of your younger brothers.

Fraternally yours,  
Eric Gottschalk '14  
Pergé!

## Recruitment Fall 2013

Going into the Fall Semester as recruitment chair is exciting and a little unnerving, however, I will try to my fullest extent to be a successful recruitment chair. I will work as hard as I need to in order to bring in a record number of pledges. Starting with block party, we will make sure to attract plenty of attention and to meet and make many new friends. I would like to work with the other comities to make some of our events

dual purpose so that we can fully utilize our resources to make the semester a smash. I plan to take pages from the recruitment manual and to learn from past recruitment chairs to learn how to be the best recruitment chair I can be. Another plan I have is to have a recruitment workshop, working with the past recruitment chair and other brothers who have gone to academy, in order to teach the younger guys the ins and outs of recruitments and to

give some of the older members a refresher on recruitment and to help them remember their skills.

Steven Styuki'16  
Recruitment Chair



This years Rush shirt!



## Brotherhood Retreat

In order to start our semester off right we hosted the Brotherhood Retreat to bolster our sense of brotherhood. The event took place on Brother Burtle's farm near Springfield. We went down on a Saturday afternoon and spent the day and night having fun while enjoying the

company of the older brothers while getting to know some of the younger members.. The next day we took some time and split up into small teams. We then handed out paper and markers and wrote down, or drew how we wanted the house to grow and how we where

going to bring that change about. This event was considered a huge success leaving everyone looking forward to next time.

Nick Butler'15  
Recording Secretary

## Work Week

As always the brothers of the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Gamma Delta came back to Bradley a week early for work week. This semester we had a couple of big projects and some small upkeep as well. The brothers all worked hard on the projects that they where given. Projects included painting, landscaping and building new things for the house. We really focused on the outside of the house this year to make it look as good as possible to other people and the newest

freshmen on campus. One of the biggest projects was to paint the pillars outside on the porch. Pledge Brother Leinonen spent several days on this project and because of that dedication the pillars now look fantastic. The next project outside was redoing the flower bed outside the house and to redo the diamond around the tree. With all of these projects being done , the house hasn't look better, and we can go into the

year with pride knowing no one will be looking at our house and say that it is not the best looking house on campus.

Stefan Wolosyhn'16  
House Manager



### Teeter-Totter 2013



A picture from last years Teeter-Totter, look for new photos later this semester.

Teeter-Totter is one of the houses favorite philanthropies. This semester we hope to use it to keep up the pace of last years philanthropy totals. Last semester we had a total around 11 hours per member and this year we hope to get even more hours. Our ultimate goal is to take the award for most philanthropy hours per member at Grand Chapter. With the 24 hours Teeter Totter-a-thon and continuing the trips to food pantries and animal shelters, the house is doing a lot for philanthropy this year and definitely helping to add to the community with everyone's hard work and dedication.

Zachary Burtle'16  
Philanthropy Chair

### Today's Headquarters

The first headquarters built for the Fraternity houses the museum, library, archives, Fraternity administrative offices, and the offices of the Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundations. It sits on a 2.78 acre site.

In 1979 The Archons approved plans to acquire property, and in May 19, 1984 ground was broken. Truett H. Coston (Texas 1936)

was the architect; the contractor was J. T. Perry, Jr. (Washington and Lee 1941). Both specified they were not to be compensated for their professional services. Hundreds of brothers and many chapters donated to the building fund.

The May 18, 1985 dedication ceremony placed a plaque over a time capsule.

The Fraternity will open it in 2048 during the 200th anniversary. Contents include badges of Archons, issues of The Phi Gamma Delta, a Fiji dollar, and a dedication ceremony program, guest book, and videotape.

-Taken from Phigam.org



### Bradley University Homecoming



As you can see, Bradley University's Homecoming is October 16-19 this year and this could be a wonderful time to come visit the house and the campus to see what all has changed and what hasn't since the time you were an undergrad student! As always feel free to stop at the house or get ahold of us and let us know if you plan on visiting.

### Pig Dinner

Everyone get ready, we already have a date for the next Pig Dinner! This year it will be April 5th. There will be more information soon about time and venue so be on the look out for save the date cards and further down the line invitations.



A photo from the last Pig Dinner



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If you have recently changed addresses, phone numbers, or have otherwise altered your contact info, please send us an email at [contact@bufiji.com](mailto:contact@bufiji.com) so that we can update your information and ensure that you continue to receive news and updates from the Beta Pi Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. If you have any news you would like to share with the rest of your brothers, feel free to email us at the above address and we will ensure that it is included in the next issue of the Gradlink. Pictures are also welcome

