



GRADLINK

Phi Gamma Delta - Beta Pi

Winter 2013 - 2014

From the Desk of the President

Dear Brothers,

This is a great time for the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. This is my first semester in office as president and I am very excited for the future. My cabinet has already implemented several changes including a new financial service, new Pig Dinner venue and there are many more in the works. We have 6 great pledges, some fantastic events lined up (like formal, Pig Dinner and Pig Roast) and a new recruitment and scholarship plan to make sure our performance is as great as it can possibly be.

On page four of this GradLink you will see an article about the chapter's goal to receive enough donations so that we can renovate our study room. If you have the means to donate, any amount really does help the chapter improve our academic record. We know that with your help, we can meet our goal.

Pergé!

- Bryce Egan'15

President

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. It may not be difficult to store up in the mind a vast quantity of facts within a comparatively short time, but the ability to form judgments requires the severe discipline of hard work and the tempering heat of experience and maturity."

- Brother Calvin Coolidge



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Redesigned Website!

BUFIJI.com received a facelift over winter break. The new website provides a news/image slider, donation link and updated graphics. Net Admin Brother Burtle will be continuing to improve the website over the course of the semester. Be sure to check it and our social media pages out for the latest Beta Pi news!



Hey Grads!

If you have any pictures, suggested articles or awesome stories for the next GradLink, please submit them to zburtle@mail.bradley.edu so that they can be added to the GradLink!

BUFIJI.com

Board of Chapter Advisors

Graduate Brothers,

Continuing on what we have built last year, The Board of Chapter Advisers is working toward better serving the chapter and building 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 continuing to build upon our new programming ideas from last year and are working hard to come up with new ideas to strengthen graduate relations and better ways to serve the undergraduate body.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact the board as a whole at bca@bufiji.com.

- Jeremy Yee '09

President, BCA



Brothers Burtle and Franklin at Academy 2014

Battle of Fredonia

It twas' the night before Saturday finals and all throughout 1301 not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse...

Ok we were actually just studying for finals and heard Theta Chi having a snowball fight so we went out to join them. Within 20 minutes, Sigma Nu, AEPi, Theta Xi and DU had joined in. Eventually, a Sigma Nu convinced all of us to run two blocks and attack Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The sight of 200 fraternity men running down Fredonia at midnight was something to see.

"I thought it was an extraordinary demonstration of Greek unity because even though there are petty differences between houses throughout the semester, we can ultimately all come together for something fun and spontaneous."

- Zach Burtle '16

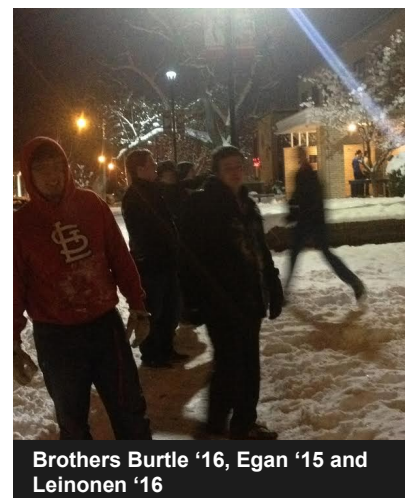
Academy 2014

Five brothers attended this year's academy in St. Louis. Brothers Egan, Butler, Burtle, Franklin and Schaich took courses in things like "How to deal with the idiot brother" to "The myth of apathy". Each brother was able to take away a lot of useful information for their respective position ranging from how to run a better pig dinner to how to use and not use social media for the chapter. It was also a chance to connect with the other 150 chapters that make up Phi Gamma Delta to share ideas and make new friendships. I also kicked ass at Poker (5th out of 200).

The five brothers that attended were also able to connect with Archon Vice-President and former Beta Pi president Michael Lucas '83. The brothers were able to share with him the culture of the house now and what it used to be like. Besides Brother Lucas, they were able to meet and talk to Archon President Scott Mikulecky, Executive Director Bill Martin and many other IHQ representatives.

One of the biggest takeaways from Academy was meeting the brothers of the Epsilon Chi chapter from University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire. These brothers share a similar culture and size to the Beta Pi chapter and have recently had some recruitment issues. Our chapter made a bet with them: the chapter that recruits fewer members than the other has to go visit the other. With a revamped recruitment plan, a new recruitment chair and my disdain of having to hear about how great a team that barely made the playoffs is (I'm a Seahawks fan), I know that we won't have to visit the land of the cheeseheads.

- Zach Burtle '16



Brothers Burtle '16, Egan '15 and Leinonen '16

Fundraising

Brothers,

The chapter's study room is in need of some major renovations. We have compiled a list of the things the undergraduate body would like to see to further their studies:

- ◆ Office Chairs & Tables
- ◆ More working Ethernet ports
- ◆ Renovated cabinets
- ◆ More whiteboards
- ◆ Install new windows
- ◆ New Carpet with the Diamond Embedded
- ◆ Repaint the walls

Unfortunately, the costs associated with this renovation are beyond the budget of the chapter and we need the help of our graduate brothers. We would like to raise \$7500 by the end of 2014. Any amount that you can give would be appreciated. You can submit donations online securely using LegFi (link on our website) or mail checks directly to the house.

LegFi.com

Legacy Financial

Brothers,

This semester the chapter has adopted a new financial management system called Legacy Financial or LegFi. Legacy Financial is the financial management system endorsed by Phi Gamma Delta International and is used by approximately 80% of Fiji chapters. LegFi allows the chapter to keep track of its finances online to be accessible from any computer. Each brother has his own LegFi account that he may log into at any time to see his balance and pay it online. LegFi's ability to accept debit and credit cards allows donations and payments to be made online which are deposited straight into the chapter's account. This new system provides a new level of transparency and ease of use for the treasury.

- Nick Butler '15

Treasurer



Last Black Diamond Formal - April 2012 (with some awesomely terrible dancing)

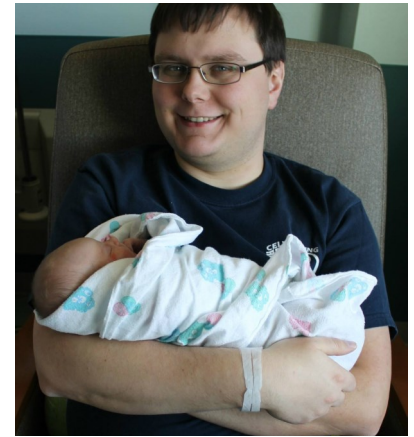
Formal Returns!

This semester I am ecstatic to announce the return of a great event, the Black Diamond Formal. We are very excited to bring back a great event and a piece of our culture that has unfortunately faded away in the past few years.

The event will be held March 29 at the Embassy Suites in Peoria. It will consist of a cocktail hour starting 6 for the guys to mingle with each other and their dates and at 7 the dinner will start. After the dinner we have the room reserved until 10 or whenever the brothers decide to leave to go their own ways to continue their night.

This event it thanks to an increase in long term planning that we hole will continue and the benefits of will continue to be seen. Another large help was graduate donations. You guys are one of our most helpful resources and we are always appreciative of any help so be on the lookout for ways to help and get involved with the chapter!

- Bryce Egan '16, President



Greg Rider

- ◆ Graduation Year: 2006
- ◆ Major: Civil Engineering
- ◆ Current Occupation:
 - ◇ Structural Design Engineer
 - ◇ Quad Cities Nuclear Generating Station
- ◆ Family:
 - ◇ Wife: Katie
 - ◇ Daughters: Emmeline and Coraline
- ◆ Favorite FIJI Memory:
 - ◇ Open Chapter Meetings
 - ◇ Roll call, Awards, Senior wills, Denny's after chapter
- ◆ What does brotherhood mean to you?
 - ◇ A common bond between uncommon people

If you would like to be the featured graduate brother in the next GradLink email Brother Burtle at zburtle@mail.bradley.edu with the above info and anything else you'd like to be in the section. Don't forget to include any pictures you have!

Scholarship, Fraternity, Self

At Grand Chapter 2013, the Beta Pi chapter of Phi Gamma Delta took home two awards, both in the scholarship category. The first award was for having a house GPA higher than the all-men's average in Fall 2013. The second was for having the highest IFC pledge class GPA in Spring 2013.



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Calendar of Events for Spring 2014

- ◆ February 2nd - Super Bowl Party (FIJI)
- ◆ March 29th - Black Diamond Formal (Embassy Suites)
- ◆ April 5th - Frank Norris Pig Dinner (Alumni Center)
- ◆ April 26th - 2nd Annual Pig Roast for USO (Olin Quad)
- ◆ May 1st - Founder's Day