

THE DRAKE FIJI: Winter 10/11

EDITORS NOTE

Welcome to the 2011 Winter Publication! It chronicles the goings on of the chapter from the Fall, Winter, and early Spring. We graciously welcome you to delight in our successes, meet various members of our chapter, and learn about the different things we are doing on and off of campus. The fun that has been had during this past semester and a half is not for college days alone! We look forward to continue to build on the already stellar relationships with the graduate brothers that we already have built.

In this edition of the publication you will meet the new members of cabinet, learn about this year's pig dinner, see how FIJI's are taking great strides on Drake's campus, a new financial position that has been



created within the house, and other great things going on within the chapter.

We are extremely proud of what we are doing as the Delta Iota, Phi Gamma Delta chapter at Drake University. We hope you are proud as well. Thank you and Enjoy!

Fraternally,
Tad Unruh
Connor McCourtney
Perge!

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Meet The New Faces of Cabinet

PRESIDENT: DEREK CAMPBELL

Brothers,
My name is Derek Campbell and I have recently been elected to the position of President in this marvelous Chapter of Delta Iota. I realize this means I'll be filling the shoes of such greats as Tim Sullivan, John Sondergaard, Johnathon Espy, and even Franklin Peitz, but I believe I have what it takes. I came from a very neglected background as a spring pledge, but I've clawed my way to the top with nothing more than persistence and good looks. I'm a Junior here as an actuarial science and accounting major,

I've passed one act-sci exam (Exam P) and I'm currently studying for the next (Exam MLC). I've also been a top member of the cross country and track teams since freshman year as a distance runner, and have ran the 10k in the Drake Relays the past two years, and looking to make it a third. I feel that one of the reasons our house is so revered on campus is not because of our natural ability to "bro-out" and "chill", or even because of our stellar grades, but rather because of our campus involvement. Many professors and other houses

on Greek street attribute our house's status to our adversity as students. As president, I would like to continue to promote and encourage everyone in our house to get involved and take some sort of position on campus, because not only does that build us as leaders in the Drake community, but it also promotes our house in the best way possible. I would also like to use my position as president to help other positions and committees



clearly define their goals and purposes so that our house runs as efficiently as possible, and necessary duties never go overlooked. I am looking forward to the excitement and challenges of being President and, if it's even possible, making this chapter even more prominent and successful than it already is.

Fraternally,
Derek Campbell
Perge!

TREASURER: KUUKU SAAH

Brothers,

I'm Kuuku Saah, Chapter Treasurer of Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Iota Chapter. I rushed in the fall of 2008, Alpha Eta. I'm from Accra, Ghana, West Africa. My family moved to the States January 2008 and I started my freshman year at Drake in August of that year. I am a Finance and Econ double major hopefully adding a minor in Accounting by the end of this semester.

My major goal in my tenure as Treasurer is to increase accountability. A way we are doing this is by setting up a financial oversight committee headed by Ted Brewer. The committee will also be involved in restructuring the budgets for all the committees. I also put together the house lease agreement which hopefully will solve the problem of people moving out mid semester. I've talked to Carol, the house cook, and we have been cutting food costs all semester. I made all bill payments automated which saves a lot of time.



My plan is to have a surplus in the Fiji account by the end of the semester and maximize the use of brother's dues and provide a great fraternal experience for all brothers.

Working on cabinet so far has been amazing and I believe every cabinet member is well suited for his position. It has been great working with such a dynamic group and I believe our brainstorming sessions

yield great ideas which will move the fraternity forward financially, in scholarship, socially and brotherly.

Fraternally,
Kuuku Saah
Perge!

RECORDING SECRETARY: LUKE BRALAND

Brothers,

This is a very exciting time to be around the FIJI house, with a new cabinet, committee heads, and newly initiated brothers; it is an honor to have been elected to one of the top positions in the house.

My name is Luke Braland and I am a sophomore involved in the production of Drake Relays, grabbing an executive producer position for this upcoming year, and this is also my second year being a Men's Basketball team manager. My freshman year I pledged with the Alpha Iota pledge class, and was involved with First Year Interest committee, which consisted of ten selected freshmen to represent the entire class, headed by brother Eric Gudmundson.

of the top positions in the house.

My name is Luke Braland and I am a Sophomore in the Alpha Iota pledge class of 2009. I look forward to bringing some more technology to the house, keeping the WebGreek site up to date, and making it a more reliable source for checking the dates of meetings, and other events. We are also starting to upload important paperwork onto it so everyone in the house has access to the documents. I look forward to accepting the challenge of improving our attendance at meetings, and the opportunity to work with our outstanding cabinet members to resolve issues brought up by the guys in the house. I am excited for the next up-



date you all read because there are some great things going on here at the Delta Iota chapter.

Fraternally,
Luke Braland
Perge!

We have lost contact with some of our graduate brothers. If you know of someone not receiving a copy of The Drake FIJI, or any correspondence from the house please email our Graduate Relations Chair: Brian Gillette

HISTORIAN: JOE FRAKE

Hey Brothers,
My name is Joe Frake and I am the new historian for the 2011 calendar year. I am Junior International Relations major, with a minor in Politics and graduating with a certification in Spanish.

The past two-and-a-half years as a part of this chapter have been the most rewarding I could have imagined. I have found brothers here I can call my friends for the rest of my life. I have been living in the house since the beginning of my sophomore year and have loved every minute of it. This

past semester (Fall 2010), however, I took a semester off and traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and studied there for five months. It was the experience of a lifetime, but being away made my bond with my brothers even stronger.

As Historian, I think that despite the rather short history of our chapter, there is still a lot to be done that would do well to preserve the beginnings of our chapter. Just



recently I unearthed a box of notes and guides from the meetings of the founding fathers of our chapter, and I am working to restore those and organize them along with other records. I am also overseeing the Pledge Educator,

I think that the cabinet we have put together this year is a very strong one, and that we will work well together, and I will endeavor to be a good part of the team.

Some facts about me: I am from Morton Grove, Illinois and have three younger sisters. I love hip-hop and the Beatles, and am an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Interesting note: I have deformed right ear, the result of a dog bite as a kid. Fun fact: I have often been nicknamed the "Old Man" of the chapter for my habit of wearing slippers and pajama pants whenever possible, taking numerous naps daily,

and being a bit hard of hearing and sight.

Fraternally,
[Joe Frake](#)
Perge!

BAFCC: TED BREWER

Hi Brothers,
It's Ted Brewer, your former Graduate Relations Chair. Tad and Connor asked me to write a brief note about a recent dual-purpose committee we created in the house called the Budgetary Auditing and Financial Consulting Committee.

Because our finances are important to us, and the current system places a huge amount of responsibility on the Treasurer, we thought a better system of checks and balances should be developed. The new committee includes three members, one chair and two committee members. The main purpose of the committee is to work with the

Treasurer in completing bi-weekly account reconciliations. This will ensure that the exact financial standing of the house is always accounted for. It also provides the opportunity to work with a large budget, something valuable to the professional development of our brothers. With the help of cabinet (especially current-Treasurer Kuuku Saah), other steps have been made to create a more foolproof system. The second purpose of the committee is to provide insight on potential solutions to short-term monetary issues that may arise during each

Treasurer's term. We are currently in the process of nominating committee members. I hope to see all of you at Relays!

Fraternally,
[Ted Brewer](#)Perge!



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: KEVIN KINNAMON

Brothers,

My name is Kevin Kinnamon and I am the Delta Iota chapter's new corresponding secretary. I am a member of the Alpha Iota class and currently a sophomore studying accounting and finance from Overland Park, KS. Previously, I served as scholarship chair where one of my best achievements was helping to create the study room and organize the test files.

As corresponding secretary I plan on both improving relations with other fraternities and sororities on greek street as well as continuing

to have positive relations with the Drake University campus. It is also important to continue our chapter's success with internationals, most importantly continuing to win multiple awards for the house.

I am looking forward to working with cabinet and all the committee heads. Our house has been improving consistently over the past couple of years and I believe this trend will continue with the leadership of all our brothers. I hope you all continue to check in on the Delta Iota chapter as this house continues to improve both at Drake and with internationals.



Fraternally,
Kevin Kinnamon
Perge!

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Brothers,

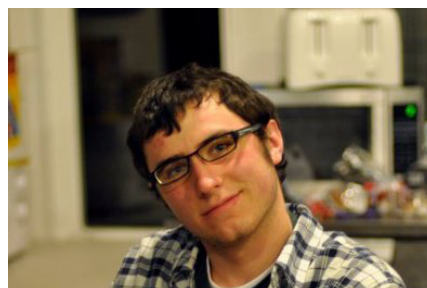
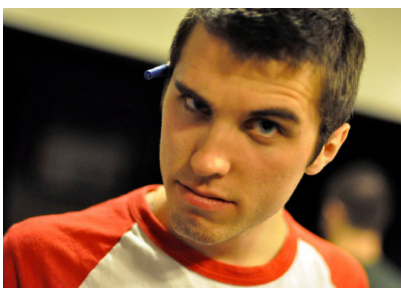
Allow us to introduce ourselves; we are Andy and Tony Froelich. Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Iota chapter's newly elected community service chairs. We have a lot of exciting events in progress and coming up this semester.

Marathon is an event through the James Arthur Albert Foundation that changes the lives of thousands of Belizean children in the extremely impoverished Mayan villages in Belize. It benefits families that cannot afford to send their kids to high school, and any chance of breaking the bonds

the state of Iowa. Another event we will be involved with is Helping the Homestead, which is a campus that houses and employs autistic adults. One of their big goals for the homestead is to create sustainable labor, which is what we would be helping out with, to ensure that the campus and the program are maintained and so that it continues to thrive. Finally, we will be involved in the IRIS program, which takes volunteers to read letters to the blind of Des Moines.

We have many other programs and events planned for this semester and it is our goal to make sure that Phi Gamma Delta is known and respected in the Des Moines community for our philanthropic escapades.

Our most anticipated service event this semester is the Belize Dance Marathon. Jim Albert, a law professor at Drake who started this event, came to us in the early stages of the planning and asked if we would help spearhead the event because of the immense leadership he saw in our fraternity. The Belize Dance



of their impoverished lives. With this event, we hope to raise money to send kids to school and hopefully be able to build a school in Belize. ing to

Fraternally,
Andy Froelich
Tony Froelich
Perge!

PIG DINNER 2010

THANK YOU

The Frank Norris Pig dinner of the 2010 year was a rousing success. 50 esteemed graduate brothers of the Delta Iota chapter attended and one even skyped in from across the globe. Brother Steve Perkins gave a rousing Exile's Toast from his home in Japan and did a great job. Our Graduate Relations Chair Ted Brewer planned and executed it on November 13th of the past year. Taking place at Wakonda Country club in West Des Moines, the elegant banquet room was filled with FIJI's young and old. We all know that Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone.

The keynote speaker was Chapter Advisor and Business Law professor Lou Ann Simpson. Her speech was about leaving a legacy for yourself and those around you. It was a stirring speech that left a mark on all those who attended.

Other highlights included the annual bringing in of the pig. This year it was again brought in by the fall pledges, a staggering 27 of them came in chanting to the graduate and undergraduate brother's excitement.

The dinner also highlighted the formal presentation to the chapter of various awards won last year which included, the Jordan Cup, the Crowder Cup, and the Coon plaque honorable mention.

Undergrad Phi Gam's and those who attended this year hope to have those who could not attend try their best to make it next year.

Fraternally,
Tad Unruh
Perge!

PICTURES



Haven't been back for a few years? There's no time like this year's Drake Relays to come back and visit. Check out the new bathrooms, hang out with current undergrads and remember it's never too late to start coming back.

NEW ACTIVE BROFILES

A glimpse into the lives of a few new brothers from our most recent pledge class.



About Me: My name is Patrick Ambrose from Springfield, Illinois. I am an Open Business major, looking to go into Finance. In my free time I love to golf. I played 4 years of varsity golf, where my team placed second and third at state and all together I have been playing for about 12 years. I am a Type 1 diabetic and have personally raised over \$70,000

Patrick Ambrose

for this cause and all together my family has raised over \$160,000. But, most of all I love to help children with this disease through our support group.

Favorite FIJI memory: My favorite memory would have to be Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash. It was an awesome experience and really brought our entire pledge class closer. It was cool to see everything come together because of our teamwork, and watching the look on everyone's face after we finish our awesome synchronized swimming routine, especially Sig Ep. Bid Day was also an awesome memory for me. It was the beginning of what has turned out to be a very special journey, thus far. Also, it was the first time I meet the guys that would later become my brothers.

What I have gained from my FIJI experience: Because of FIJI I have gained a family full of amazing brothers. I have also become a better person because

of the impact all the guys in the house have had on me, I look up to every one of them as a role model. My college experience has been awesome, and I don't know where I would be without FIJI today.

My plans for the future: I am considering going into banking or financial planning, but it is too early to know for sure. I hope to really become involved in the house and help continue the great legacy that is FIJI. Not to mention have an AWESOME time doing it. DAMN PROUD!

Fraternally,
Paul Orstad
Perge!



About Me: My name is Paul Orstad and I am currently aiming at becoming a research pharmacist at some point in my future. I am from Burnsville, Minnesota (right next to the Mall of America). For those of you that were at pig dinner, I was the kid walking around with the cane.

Paul Orstad

No, I'm not a PIMP, although that would be pretty cool. I just had it because my foot has been broken for five years, and I just never got around to fixing it! I am extremely excited for my future in FIJI, and I know I won't be disappointed.

Favorite FIJI Memory: My favorite memory so far has to be Delta period I know you all think I'm crazy for saying I liked delta period, but I enjoyed spending time with my brothers and having to bond whilst listening to shots, over and over and over again (not sure if I'm allowed to say that haha).

What have I gained from my FIJI experience?: I have learned the importance of brotherhood, and I know that it is irreplaceable. I know that I have a great

group to rely on and that it shouldn't be taken for granted. My brothers are encouraging in my decisions, and I am damn proud to be a FIJI.

My plans for the future: Well if I get in to the pharmacy school (knock on wood) I hope to do research on either Crohn's Disease or allergies, because these are the two biggest things that affect those closest to me. I also hope on living life to the fullest these next 6 years (pharmacy school.....) and having fun!

Fraternally,
Paul Orstad
Perge!



Jake Lamke

currently Fiji Scholarship Chair.

Favorite FIJI memory: My favorite FIJI memories have been pledge dad night and activation night. My favorite part about them was that they drew me closer to my pledge brothers as well as all the other active brothers. It was great to be a fully initiated brother and know that I was entering a house that is a 76 person family with brothers that I know that I can count on.

What I have gained from my FIJI experience: I have gained a lot of close friendships and a community of support that I don't think is available in any other type of organization. I have learned to trust in my brothers and I have also learned how to be accountable so that I can be there

for anyone in the house who may need me for help too.

My plans for the future:

My plans for the future would be to become an actuary and hopefully to go to graduate school for a mathematical finance program that would push me towards someday achieving my dream of working on Wall Street.

Fraternally,
Paul Orstad
Perge!

About Me: I am an Actuarial Science/Finance and Quantitative Economics major from St. Louis, MO. My favorite sports are basketball and baseball. In high school I was a 3 time All-State cross country and track runner. I was also editor of my high school newspaper and president of my high school's math club. At Drake I am involved in Investment Club, religious education, and I am a math tutor. I am

Scenes from FIJI?

Right now you are probably wondering where the pictures that usually fill the last page or two of the publication are hidden. Just as the format of distributing the publication has changed, "Scenes From FIJI" have also changed. We have moved all of the pictures over to Flickr so that graduates can always access the pictures of the chapter. This is also a better way of storing pictures and keeping a running history. We are extremely excited to introduce this platform to our graduates and hope you like the change. The link is provided below so you can check out what has been happening over the past year in the Delta Iota chapter.

DELTA IOTA FLICKR STREAM

Thank you for reading this winter publication. We will continue to bring you information about the house on a thrice yearly basis and look forward to even more advancements in the coming months. Expect to have another publication around June highlighting all of the great accomplishments of the brothers this year.