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A Message From Our Regent



The fall semester is winding down and the work is just beginning for our chapter. We have had a busy

fall with our Brothers making trips to Bristol, VA for Province III's Fall Conclave and also to Orlando, FL for the chartering of Province IV's newest chapter Epsilon Mu at the University of Florida at Orlando. In addition to our trips, we have had some really successful service events. We kicked off our year with one of our roadside cleanups and for the second straight year we were also able to help out Brother Michael Jann at his church's health fair in Tucker, GA. This gave our Brothers a

chance to interact with the community and share our knowledge and skills. With only thirteen Brothers on campus it has been a great learning opportunity for all of us. I have been happy to see the comradery that has blossomed between us and I believe this will be a tremendous advantage when we begin pledging in the spring. Our two social events this fall has given us a chance to meet a vast majority of our new classmates and I can see a lot of potential in the new class.

The position of Regent is one of constant change and learning. Over the past few months, I have learned that the opportunity to be Regent is really an extension of

what I have learned over the past two years being Pledgemaster and Pledge Class President. It is not about how much you can do as an individual, but how well can you organize what tools you have, to give yourself the best chance to be successful. It is because of the tremendous work of all of the Brothers who came before me that I have this wonderful group of guys I get to lead every day. I look forward to the work and opportunities that are ahead of this chapter as we continue to grow and strive to always improve our bonds as Brothers.

Fraternally,

Brandon "Hoover" Corpening

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A Letter From The Editor



Brothers, alumni and students, be proud of your Gamma Psi chapter. We've earned the honor of being the number one chapter 2 years in a row. From where I sit, there is an excellent chance that 3 is our lucky number. As we look forward to GCC this summer, our work continues on.

Our now seasoned Regent, Hoover, has put his heart and soul into his position as leader of our chapter. His hard work has garnered the respect of his Brothers

and their participation in all of our activities. The members of the Executive Board have done an excellent job of supporting the Regent and handling Gamma Psi business. I believe we have found the next Johnny Hamrick in Secretary Juan Lopez. We have the immense enthusiasm of Vice Regent Chris Kantanga to push us on. And last but not least we have our accountant/loan shark in Treasurer Brian Franchio.

We anticipate a strong pledge class next semester. Pledge Master Alan Tucker is working hard to find us potential brothers, and it looks to be a promising group.

This chapter is also very fortunate to have Alumni Brothers Dr. Jonathan Hamrick and Dr. Purvish Patel creating a Gamma Psi Graduate Chapter. A special thanks the Dr. Marvin Smith and our GCD Dr. Andrew Crowe for their tremendous and unwavering support.

Cheers,

Jordan "Frodo" Khail

Dates to Remember

Winter
Conclave in
Athens

**Jan.
7-9th**

Kappa Psi
Ski Trip

**Jan.
14-
17th**

The Gamma Psi Experience



As I was taking a break at the library the other day, I thought about how my experience as

brother has impacted my life. I know I am not alone in saying this, but becoming a brother was the best decision I made in pharmacy school, more so than even being Class President. Having the opportunity to meet such great individuals, and realizing that they are my brothers, was beyond what I could have imagined. Brotherhood has played such a critical role in my life up until now, and will into the future. I find it hard nowadays to meet people who truly care about others, and are willing to go out of their way to help them. Honestly, as brothers this is one of the greatest gifts we can give one another. In no other realm of life would

men with such different backgrounds and beliefs be able to come together as one. I hope that this is a similar ideal of every brother whether past, current, or future. I hope that as we graduate we continue to remember the brotherhood experiences and build upon them. Lastly, I hope that we realize the opportunity we have to give back to one another, and to serve as that ladder to help each other succeed.

Furthermore, I am a strong believer in the ideal that what you make of your opportunities determines your success and your experience. From my observation, being a brother means just that. The strength of our bonds is directly correlated to what we do together, and how much. So for our current collegiate brothers, do not lose motivation as things get tough,

rather use it as a bonding experience with your fellow brother.

For our alumni, there is so much opportunity to imprint the ideals of brotherhood into our chapter. Anything you can give from your knowledge by your participation plays such a big role in our careers and lives. As a student, I would jump at the idea of meeting my alumni, and gaining whatever knowledge they can give. There is a plethora of opportunity to give back. Therefore, as we begin to build our Alumni Chapter in Atlanta, I wish for it to be filled with a strong bond of brotherhood.

From a Brother to Another,
Sujal "Caesar" Patel



Brothers at our Red Cross Blood Drive

Editor:

Jordan Khail

The Transition from Collegiate Brother to Graduate Brother

After graduation many brothers find the transition from being a Collegiate Brother to a Graduate Brother to be difficult and often become disconnected from our beloved Brotherhood. As pledges our elders taught us that Brotherhood is for Life and most of us took that to heart and made plans to be around and connected with our brothers for five, ten, twenty, infinite years from now. However, this has not been the case. Pledges become brothers; as second and third year brothers they hold offices and are actively involved with the chapter; once they become fourth year brothers, most start the deactivation process and only maintain the bond with their pledge brothers and a handful remain actively involved in the ongoings of the chapter; upon graduation a select few of those active brothers remain connected with the chapter and a majority of those that started the deactivation as fourth year brothers become completely disconnected from the chapter including their pledge brothers. As a new graduate, I am just as guilty as others before me and have come remotely disconnected. Luckily for me, I live with Regent and still have a connection with the collegiate brothers, but I have not maintained my bond with my pledge brothers and other graduate brothers like I should. This is something that I plan on working on and I encour-

age each of you to do the same.

Now the question that arises is how can we alleviate this problem? I would like to propose a remedy that will not only help maintain more active alumni, but will also create a unique opportunity for professional growth and networking. This remedy is the Atlanta Graduate Chapter. Brother Purvish Patel and I are in the process of reactivating the Atlanta Graduate Chapter. Many of you may be asking yourselves how is this going to help maintain Gamma Psi Alumni relations? Any Gamma Psi brother can join the Atlanta Graduate Chapter no matter where they live, as can fourth year brothers. This in itself creates a link between alumni brothers and the collegiate chapter. As alumni we could serve as mentors for the fourth year brothers and help them with the transition from being a student to being a professional. And as fourth year students they could serve as mentors to the collegiate brothers with what to expect on rotations. As most of us know, the most successful pharmacists are those that are always growing professionally and are well connected. Joining the Atlanta Graduate Chapter would give you the opportunity to network and bounce ideas off of your peers that are also your brothers. Who better to help you out than your brother? I would like all

of you to recall your years on campus. Do you remember how much you were able to accomplish academically, professionally, and fraternally when you were working with your brothers? I do, and I know that when I was on-campus we did some pretty impressive things which led to Gamma Psi being named Chapter of the Year for two consecutive years. So just imagine what we could do if all Gamma Psi Alumni worked together for the common goal of personal, professional, and fraternal growth!

Therefore, I would like to challenge each and every Gamma Psi Alumni and Fourth year brother to reconnect or improve your connection with Gamma Psi and join the Atlanta Graduate Chapter. We will be having a meeting regarding the reactivation of the Atlanta Graduate Chapter at the upcoming Province IV Winter Conclave in Athens, GA on January 8 - 9, 2011. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you there. If you have any more questions about or would like to help with the reactivation of the Atlanta Graduate Chapter feel free to contact me via email at jwhamrick@gmail.com.

Gamma Psi till I die!

Dr. Johnathan Hamrick



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“Say what you mean and mean what you say”.

Get Reconnected!

We are in the process of updating all the Gamma Psi Alumni mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. If you have moved since graduation or changed your email addresses, please send updated information to: mercergammapi@gmail.com. Your information will be used to ensure that you are constantly updated with new chapter news and updates.



Our Regent using his clinical skills



Brother at Dr. Jann's Brown Bag