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Gamma Psi

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An Eye on Progress



It has been a great, accelerated time of growth for the brothers of Gamma Psi. After winter break, we returned to Atlanta a few days early to watch the National Championship and headed to Birmingham, AL for Winter Conclave. The following weekend, we expanded the ski trip to all of Province IV. In addition to many Mercer students, brothers from Delta Gamma, Delta Omega, and Delta Iota joined us in Sevierville, TN. We have worked hard not only to continue building on the great foundation that has been laid for Gamma Psi, but to improve all of Province IV, and indeed bring us

closer together in fraternal bonds. Our relationship with Delta Gamma in Auburn has become particularly strong lately.

Amidst all this fraternal bonding, we have been certain to maintain, indeed fortify, the things that make our chapter unique within the landscape of professional fraternities. This year, we have continued our process of selectivity regarding who we invite to pledge this great chapter. We are currently bringing one of the smallest, but potentially, one of the strongest pledge classes along the arduous path.

As Regent, I would like to again extend my thanks to all alumni for building the great chapter, of which we are privileged to be a

part. So, my challenge to the alumni is to increase your involvement in any way you can. I would also ask those alumni who remain involved to challenge those who are now graduating and future graduates to maintain their involvement. We are a great Kappa Psi chapter because of alumni participation. That does not go unnoticed. However, the complacent never prosper. I hope you all will challenge me in years to come

Fraternally,

Kevin Long

Gamma Psi Regent

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Vice Regent

Josh Ramcharan
Secretary

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Treasurer

An Update From our Pledge Master



As March slowly creeps in the spring of 2010 pledge class is hard at work. This year's class is a small, but potentially very strong class. Each member of this class possesses unique qualities that help to solidify and round out their class. Philip Mensah is the oldest of the class and brings a very level head and maturity that is required within each class. Austin Tull, their PCP, is the unquestioned leader of the group and definitely the most outgoing. Alan Tucker,

the socialite of the group, has already started to demonstrate his ability to get things done within the halls by helping us out with our NBA game ticket sales. Finally, there is Dennis Cai. He is a bright student and he excels within the classroom. However,

it is the blend of these four that is something special. They have really started to meld together over the past few weeks and they are making great strides. Looking back now, after giving bids, I can easily say that we made great decisions and selected a group that I feel confident can lead our Fraternity once we are gone.

Brandon "Hoover" Corpening
Pledge Master



Roadside cleanup with our new pledges

Dates to Remember

Sum- merConlave in	June 11-13
Pediatric AIDS put-put	April 15th
COS Picnic	April 16th
Race For Riley	April 24

Leadership In Gamma Psi



Our chapter has always strived to be at the forefront of active student leadership in the profession of pharmacy. The need for leaders is constant and it is necessary in assuring that we as pharmacists will be able to dictate how we practice. I am proud to say that every Brother in Gamma Psi has embraced this calling by serving the pharmacy community, whether it is as a pharmacy ambassador or a national president of a student pharmacy organization. It is a great experience to go to a regional or national meeting and see Gamma Psi Brothers being active members and serving on executive boards. The efforts of these Brothers will help shape the future of pharmacy and lead the next generation of pharmacists in serving our patients.

For the past year I have had the

privilege to serve on the National Executive Board of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) with Brothers Bobby Price and Trey Rumph. The experience of working with my Brothers on the national scene in pharmacy has been very rewarding and speaks volumes of the men in our beloved brotherhood. Serving in the independent arena of pharmacy, Brother Bob Harshbarger is a member of the Student Executive Committee holding a position on the Student Regional Council. With pharmacy being the "small world" it is, I believe that Gamma Psi is leaving its mark on the profession and setting the bar higher for all those that follow.

While many of our Brothers are serving in various national positions it is also important to recognize that Gamma Psi Brothers are taking care of business at home on campus. Gamma Psi

Brothers lead Mercer's College of Pharmacy by serving in multiple positions which include Rho Chi President, NCPA President and President Elect, Class of 2012 President, Phi Lambda Sigma Secretary and Treasurer, APhA Policy chair and co-chair, as well as numerous COS and IFC representative positions. There are also a large majority of our Brothers serving as pharmacy ambassadors who are often the first faces that incoming pharmacy students will see. Our efforts in the admissions process has allowed us to have a direct impact on the composition of incoming pharmacy classes. The leaders produced from the ranks of Gamma Psi brotherhood are vital in ensuring the quality of our profession is of the highest caliber.

Juan Lopez



Brown-bag service event at Dr. Jann's church



Brandon and Amir providing expert MTM counseling

Editor:

Jordan Khail

Faculty Brother's Perspective

The progression of Gamma Psi is remarkable, yet not surprising. I recall our chapter's dedication toward achieving excellence as a pledge, brother, and alumnus. Having now returned as a faculty member, I'm rapt to see the hard-work of past brothers exemplified by today's members. Indeed, earning the 2009-2010 Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award is a significant achievement that once seemed out of reach. As such, the

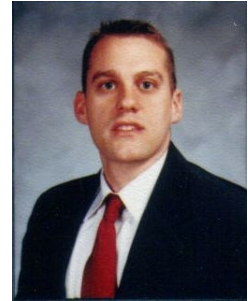
legacy of Gamma Psi continues to evolve and is becoming ever more significant.

We must never be content with what is, but rather with what can be. I challenge Gamma Psi to work towards occupying an irreplaceable niche in our community. Such strategic planning will not only strengthen our brotherhood, but also the impact of our chapter throughout the college, fraternity,

and profession. Our voluntary bond of united brotherhood for life compels each of us to promote the objectives of kappa Psi in a way that distinguishes our chapter as a model for others.

Let our will for excellence serve as the catalyst to embolden Gamma Psi.

Dr. John Bauer



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A Word From Our Pledges



Let me begin by saying that this pledge process has been like a roller-coaster ride for my pledge brothers and I. We had many ups and

downs throughout this process. It has been quite an interesting experience for us, and one of continuous learning.

It has been about two months since I first met up together with my pledge brothers (Austin, Alan, and Philip). We knew very little about each other except that we were all in the same class. This was the beginning. The beginning to a great journey that is called pledgship. We did not know exactly we have gotten ourselves into. The four of us started this pledge process off pretty slow. We were four individuals, not yet a harmonious

unit at that point. However, as the pledge process went on, we learned that we have not been working nearly as hard as we should have been. We stepped up our work in a big way after spring break. Also, as the pledge process continued, we have gotten a lot closer to each other.

We began to start working as a unit of one instead of individually. As we started working as a unit of one, we became better at completing assignments and organizing events. It is clear now that working as a unit of one is necessary if we want to get through this pledge process.

We also started to learn more about the Gamma Psi and its brotherhood. We started to get to know each one of the brothers better as we progressed along this pledge process. We began to see what a real brotherhood consist of. The bonds within the fraternity became evident. All

these things are possible because of the great leadership skills and talents that are in this fraternity. Our Pledge Master has helped us a great deal all along this pledge process. Without his guidance and the guidance of every one of the brothers, we would not be where we are right now.

This pledge process has been a process of learning. Learning how to organize events and how to manage time. Getting to know more about each of the brothers and pledge brothers. These things will better prepare us for the future that lies before us. These are the steps necessary towards becoming part of this great brotherhood that is Gamma Psi.

Pledge,

Dennis Cai



Brothers enjoying winter conclave



Building houses and looking good at the same time

"When unto the end we've come,
And behold the setting sun, our
thoughts shall be high, of Kappa Psi".

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.

Perseverance

As I considered what topics or emphasis would be most beneficial to address alumni, I kept returning to a single word: Perseverance. Regardless of where this chapter has been or what accomplishments we laud, we must continue to strive for excellence in our academic and professional lives.

Often, as a brother make the transition from collegiate to graduate, there is a desire to maintain connection with the brothers of Gamma Psi. Many factors may hinder the continuity of activity. The first and most obvious factor that affects every one of us from the beginning is our new positions in our beloved profession, where the schedule is not near as flexible as the district manager or director of pharmacy promised. The second factor is family. While some of us may have started our family before or during our collegiate years, other brothers have chosen to pursue a family later in life. Either way family can sometimes be another draw away from the fraternity on the local and national levels. Finally, a factor that we don't always discuss, but is nonetheless very significant: What does Kappa Psi have to offer me now that I have a job, a family, friends, etc.? It was defi-

nately fun while I was in school, but now I have so many responsibilities. I have a single answer to all three of these issues: *"Kappa Psi is for Life"*

A very wise brother has explained this phrase very well and I will attempt to reiterate succinctly. *"Kappa Psi is for Life"* does not mean that Kappa Psi is the only part of your life that is important. Rather by simply repeating the words with emphasis at different points you can derive the various meanings of the phrase. Our beloved brotherhood is intended to provide a lifelong commitment

graduation, then you can have no expectation of getting anything back.

Perseverance is dependent on hard work, commitment, patience, and endurance. Regardless of what stage of your life or career you are in, you must have a desire to achieve more. What are your priorities? I want to reiterate that while Kappa Psi should not be the only dimension in your life, you should persevere to make it successful for your mutual benefit. Persevere in such a way that you are setting and exceeding your goals. Seek the wise counsel of

your brothers to excel in your career. Utilize your local graduate chapter to stay connected, and then persevere to achieve new standards for your chapter. Establish the kind of chapter you desire to work for. You will fail, but will you persevere? Are you committed to trying again and

working harder? This is not only applicable to Kappa Psi involvement, but also in your career. Where are you headed and how can Kappa Psi help?

Respectfully submitted,

Seth "Big Unit" Hammonds



Founder's Day Dinner and a send off for a legendary Gamma Psi brother, Dr. Richard Jackson

on both the part of the individual and on the part of the brotherhood each to one another. Without the individuals putting forth their own hands we can never achieve the hundred hands extended to lift each other up. It has also been said that you get out of the fraternity what you put in. If you quit giving your time, money, and talent to the fraternity after



Brothers out in force for GPHA's VIP day at the Capitol



Mukund dispelling the myth the salt "thickens" your blood



Gamma Psi's Red Cross Blood Drive at Mercer