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# Gamma Psi

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Looking back at the last three years of pharmacy school it's easy to see how much I've grown. It's also easy to see how big a role KY has played in that growth. As we start our 4<sup>th</sup> year rotations I cannot image how different my experience would have been without our fraternity. The bonds we have formed and the things we've accomplished are truly priceless. I am proud of each of my pledge brothers and take pride in how far we've come. Together.

The reigns will now be passed to our little brothers and I have faith that they will continue our

legacy of brotherhood and leadership. We hope to have 4 new brothers by semester's end that will also truly appreciate what this chapter stands for. Applause must be given to 4<sup>th</sup> year brothers, as their class remained more active during

their final year than any before it. We also congratulate them upon graduation. Good luck Dr.'s.

Cheers,

Jordan "Frodo" Khail



**A great turnout at this year's Founder's Day**

## On Excellence



Over the last several of years our chapter has received much success ranging from outstanding campus-wide involvement to top national recognition. We are able to continue on this auspicious track of excellence not because of our efforts but rather due to our behavior. Aristotle once said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." This does

not mean to be the *best* at everything, but to continuously strive for accomplishment and achievement.

Our chapter has thus attained excellence because we continue to

perform with a high level of success. From service events to fund raising and initiating pledges to our involvement in other organizations, we have remained to 'do work'. However this does come with a price. We have set the bar high not only for our chapters but also ourselves. So let us sustain our legacy and continue to raise the bar.

Brian Franchio



**Pledges admiring their hard work**

## Executive Board

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## Dates to Remember

Graduation	<b>May 14th</b>
G.C.C. in San Francisco	<b>Aug. 2-6th</b>

## PCP - A Servant's Attitude

"Men in great places are thrice servants: servants of the sovereign or state, servants of fame and servants of business."

- Francis Bacon

When asked what is a servant's attitude and why is it important to have such an attitude towards this chapter, my first thought was the willful submission to a greater power. I imagine a hierarchy of power within the chapter and perceive a servant's attitude as one putting pledges at the bottom and the regent at the top.

Nothing could further from the truth. What then is truly a servant's attitude? A servant's attitude is the willingness to serve others, putting their needs before yours while expecting nothing in return. A servant's attitude requires a huge amount of selflessness and humility. This selflessness means having little or no concern for oneself, especially with regard to fame, position, or wealth. Humility is the state of

being humble.

How can you tell if you have a servant's attitude?

By the way you act when treated as one. It is important to remember that being treated as a servant is a choice. Accepting the respon-

lem. Pride, selfishness, not understanding core values, and the feeling of invincibility are a few other reasons why people lack a servant's attitude. You are no less of a person because you put the thoughts and the care of others before yours.



The PCP giving his speech at Founder's

What can chapters do to promote this type of attitude at the chapter, province, and national levels?

A strong pledging process goes a long way to setting the right foundation. It is imperative that from initiation into the Fraternity, pledges understand the values Kappa Psi stands for. It should

be ingrained into them that we are defined by the values we stand for: leadership, service, and brotherhood. No pledge should waiver in his/her understanding of core values because a servant's attitude is one that goes far and the standard for such an attitude has been set high by those before us.

Pledge Class President,  
Habeb Ashia-Balogun

sibilities of a leader is by choice and in so doing that one accepts to be treated as a servant by his followers

What prevents people from having this attitude at the chapter, province, or national levels?

Feeling unaccountable to anything or anyone is the root of the prob-



**Brothers  
after road-  
side  
clean-up.  
Check out  
our sweet  
rim and  
propane  
tank.**

## Events

On April 15, Gamma Psi will be spending other day at the Turner Field. The Braves are defending their home turf against the New York Mets under the new head coach Fredi Gonzalez. We are planning on hosting the tailgate at 5p, and setting up another competitive Cornhole Tournament. If you are interested in attending, contact me at: [bfranchio@gmail.com](mailto:bfranchio@gmail.com).

## Looking Back as Regent



It is hard to believe that my time as Regent is almost over. In fact, it's hard to believe my time on campus is almost over. It feels like just a week ago I was meeting with my fellow pledges and organizing events. Interestingly enough, these tumultuous hours, spent working in fading light, are the ones I remember the most. However, it was also the guidance of Brothers who took me under their wing and put me on the path of leadership that helped to mold me into the Brother I am today.

From the time I took that faithful step forward and stood up as PCP I have been learning. I think back to the lessons that I took from Purvish, Doug, and Hamrick about how to present myself to faculty and how to use my connections to develop as a student and as a professional. I also think of Dr. Andrew Crowe (you a good man) or Dr. Marvin Smith who made sure I learned the ever important lesson of time management. Now I manage my time six months from now. This lesson has never been more important as I prepare to go out on rotations and step into the role of fourth year Brother. Finally, I remember the most important lesson you could ever be taught as a pledge. No matter how bad things might be and no matter how much the

chips are stacked against you, the Brothers of Gamma Psi will always be in your corner. I have watched as Brothers have struggled with family, school, work, or even finances, and no matter how big or small the issue has been, I am proud to say the response has been the same. This chapter is family and I have only seen these bonds grow over the last three years.

Even the jump from pledge to Brother brought an onslaught of new challenges. As Pledge-master, I had the chance to shape and mold our current P2 Brothers. This experience is something I cannot describe, but having the opportunity to guide their growth last year as they struggled each and every week as pledges up to now where I feel we have four amazing Brothers prepared to lead this chapter has been astounding. In the end, Pledge-master can teach you so much, but like most things, you get out what you put in. It is a position that asks so much of the Brother, but in the end it is the position I feel gives back more than any other.

Lastly, I look back on this year. Although this year is but a snippet in my life, I have grown and learned more about myself than any of those preceding. Having the opportunity to lead a group of men toward a common goal of bettering the Brotherhood was an exciting adventure. It taught me valuable lessons

about to not only account for myself, but to account for everyone else. It also taught me the invaluable lesson of always having backup plans. Overall, this position is one that has prepared me for my future role as a pharmacy leader better than any class or job ever has.

In closing, I appreciate the time I have had on campus to grow and learn from the Brothers that shared in this experience with me. As I'm sure many alumni will tell you these are stories that you will never forget. However, I wonder in ten, fifteen, or even twenty years from now if the memories will be the things I still treasure most. Will the life lessons I was taught on my journey from pledge to Regent, shape my practice, family, roles in the community? Only time will tell what this process has truly meant to me both as a Brother and a person, but I am proud to say that I am a Kappa Psi Brother. I am even more proud to say that I am a Gamma Psi Brother, and I will be one until the day I die. Thank you to everyone who has helped to lead me through this process and shown me not how to do things, but how they would do things, it has truly been a great ride in every aspect.

Faternally,

Brandon "Hoover" Corpening

## Founder's Day 2011



**Dr. Andrew Crowe and Dr. Andy Asberry being recognized by the Regent**



**Dr. Marvin Smith giving the shortest speech of his life**



**Brothers likely watching NASCAR or wrestling**

**Editor:**

**Jordan Khail**



## From Our Newest Brother

First, let me thank you all for giving me the privilege of joining an organization and family that is recognized around campus and the country for excellence and a service oriented approach to life. Many of the brothers have been gracious when introducing themselves and have willingly taken time to sincerely communicate with me regarding various issues related to campus life. I have come to admire the character and dedication of the brothers, and respect the approach that is taken to campus life at Mercer University. It is no surprise that this chapter has a reputation for excellence around the country. I look forward to making my own contributions toward the common goals this chapter endeavors to accomplish in the years to come.

As way of introduction, let me say that most of my life has been spent on the west coast. I was born and raised in rainy, cloudy Seattle. I completed my undergraduate training and Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Washington. I have and will always be a

Huskies fan. I am grateful for the education I received at the University of Washington, and believe those educators played a significant role in shaping who I am and influencing me to take the steps necessary for moving forward in life. I completed a pharmacy practice residency at the University of Washington and then worked as a clinical pharmacist in diabetes. My beautiful wife and I were married in 2004 and after a couple years moved to Atlanta. We have always loved the sunshine and beautiful atmosphere that typifies this part of the country. We have called this area home for almost five years now. One of our greatest joys in life is being parents of two delightful sons. My oldest son is Daniel and will be turning three years old in April, and my younger son is Nathan who will be two years old in June. They have helped me mature toward a right perspective on life. Prior to coming to Mercer, I worked at Solvay Pharmaceuticals as a medical information specialist. I have been blessed to work in various venues of practice, and have learned a

great deal from the people around me in each situation.

Leadership growth and development is a passion of my life. Growing our leadership abilities is critical as we move through the various stages and seasons of personal and professional life. I see a tremendous role for the brothers in Kappa Psi to encourage each other in this journey of growth. In fact, I see that this is already happening quite extensively in our chapter. This excites me and I hope to contribute in my own way to moving us all toward the goal of continual growth and development. One of my favorite quotes in this regard is from respected leadership guru John Maxwell, who states that "leadership is influence – nothing more, nothing less." Influence requires strong relationships of mutual trust and respect. Relationships require time and willingness to learn from and with others. I hope that together we influence each other and those around us toward the important aspirations in life.

Dr. Bobby Jacob



**Dr. Bobby Jacob**

## 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: [mercergam-mapsi@gmail.com](mailto:mercergam-mapsi@gmail.com). Your information will be used to ensure that you are constantly updated with new chapter news and



**Brothers out in force at GPhA's VIP Day**