New Purple Legionnaire Installed
By Steve Kessler

Several years ago, Roland Litterst stepped down from his service as the Beta Pi chapter’s Purple Legionnaire, leaving a void at our house. While Rollie may have left big shoes to fill, the brothers are glad to announce that we have found the man for the job. Greg “House” Harmon (BΠ’00) has taken the position of Purple Legionnaire in order to help our chapter in its eternal quest for excellence.

When asked why he took the position, Greg responded, “I wanted to give back to the Chapter and the Fraternity; both helped me through the good times and the bad times while I was at Bradley.”

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IHQ Names New Section Chief
By Peter Lawin

The Beta Pi chapter is proud to announce that, at long last, we once again have a Section Chief. Rick Bach (Illinois ’69) lives just down the road from us in Bloomington, where he works as an Event Manager overseeing conventions at the Interstate Center.

Rick was pledged into the Chi Iota chapter of Phi Gamma Delta in spring 1965 as a high school senior; he was initiated the following fall. As a pledge, he served as the Song Chairman of the chapter. This bodes well for us, as our current undergraduates could use a lesson in singing in harmony (or even singing). The sessions would often lead

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President’s Address – April 2004

Brothers,

As you all know from Pig Dinner and/or previous Grad Links, I have taken the load from Stephen Shuman’s shoulders and am now trying to lead the chapter through a rough patch of time of low membership. We have been coming along leaps and bounds these last few semesters, increasing both our campus image and social presence!

Our last event was a Chi Omega exchange in which we had approximately forty lovely ladies go bowling with us. It was quite an enjoyable time for all who attended. In addition, the FIJI sports machine is rolling as we have started indoor soccer, racquetball doubles, and volleyball. We hope to go out and have some fun and hopefully win a few games! The annual Teeter-Totter-A-Thon will be coming up the weekend of April 16th-17th as well.

The current spring pledge Matt Mitrovich has been a shining example of what all FIJI’s should be, and has his walkout already planned for this semester. In addition, he has been a great asset in terms of informal Recruitment with Scooters, Parties, etc. From his work and from the work of our two New Initiates Roy Fiorello and Amit Riswadkar, we have a growing potential list and are bringing up some high school seniors for bids- quite an exciting time indeed!

We are hoping to do some house renovations within the next few years. Failing structures include the second and third floor bathrooms. We will be keeping you all up to speed with our progress. Housing Corporation has been working on some refinancing concerns and we can’t wait to see what we can accomplish with their help!

I hope you all are doing well and I hope to see you at the next Pig Dinner and anytime you can come down in between!

Fraternally,

Jason Weber
President
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Under his guidance, progress is being made with relations between the undergrads and IHQ and other grads. “I think my most important role is to help guide the chapter and to make sure that the chapter is setting and maintaining high standards as well as accomplishing its goals. Basically, keeping the chapter on a steady course not so much as the captain but more as the navigator,” said Greg.

He stresses that graduate brothers should feel free to contact him and can be reached via e-mail at djhouse@insightbb.com.

The chapter looks forward to moving forward with Brother Harmon as our “navigator”, and we hope that he can make as big a difference on this chapter as Rollie did in his time here.

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to spontaneous serenading trips to the campus. Even though the “purple pride” of the brothers undoubtedly contributed to the event, Rick also attributes part of the success to the influence of the “barley pop.” Following his initiation, he also served the chapter as recruitment chair, pledge educator, and rounded out his formal service as Chi Iota’s Corresponding Secretary. Rick also did a very successful tour as the editor of the alumni newsletter “Chi Iota Fiji.”

The following anecdote can only be done justice in its own words:

“One year for Fiji Island party we built a huge 3 foot deep "lake" right in front of the house using sand bags and heavy plastic sheeting. I recorded a lot of the work on that project for a rush film I was doing to document all the effort and brotherhood that went into putting on Island Party, clearly the very best fraternity party on campus. Later that evening, during the party, one of my brothers, an Illini swim team member, did a perfect dive into that pool off the second floor balcony of the house. Had it not been “perfect”, he could have been killed or seriously injured as the pond was so shallow.

"Dave", I asked him immediately after he shot out of the water, "why didn’t you let me know you were going to do that? I could have captured it on film for my rush movie."

"Botcher", he said as he toweled himself off, "if I’d known I was going to do that...I probably wouldn’t have!" Aside from raising questions as to the origins of “Botcher,” it also hints at the effort that Rick put into his recruitment duties.

Following graduation in 1969, Rick worked alternately as a radio personality and a bank marketing executive prior to joining the Interstate Center in 1998. He married his lovely wife Cindy in 1990, and their two Cairn Terrier puppies have added to the excitement in the household. In addition to a strong interest in old sports cars, Rick moonlights as a professional musician and songwriter, playing the acoustic guitar, 6-string banjo, and the neck-strap harmonica.

We first met Rick at January’s Fiji Academy, where he was officially installed as Section Chief, we’re looking forward to many productive years together.
Do you remember...

...Pig Dinner 1991?
Alan Muschott – 1984 Finance, Chapter Founder

After graduation, I went to Law School at U of I and then practiced law in Phoenix and LA for about 10 years. I decided that I wanted a career change, so I went to business school at UCLA. I graduated with my MBA in 1998, and then went to work in investment management for Franklin Templeton Investments in the San Francisco Bay area. Currently, I am the portfolio manager of a $500 million mutual fund, the Franklin Convertible Securities Fund. I have been married for 12 years and we have three kids, ages 8, 7, and 5.

Want to see yourself in Where Are They Now? E-mail a paragraph about yourself to grider@bradley.edu.

Meet the New Meat!
The spring pledge class’ president and only member introduces himself to the Beta Pi community.

Matthew Nikola Mitrovich was born on July 19, 1985 to Mark and Erin Mitrovich. The oldest of three children, Matt has lived his entire life in the city of Chicago. From K-8, he attended Annunciata Elementary School, located in Chicago. For high school, he attended Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights, IL. While there, he participated in the Stage Techs, was a member of the International Organization of Thespians, and won an academic award in history. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and has reached the rank of Eagle Scout. At Bradley University, his major is history with a minor in business. His favorite activities are pool, bowling, and reading.
Congratulations to the following Beta Pi Phi Gams on their recent engagements:

Tom Polokonis ’05 and Kate Cunningham
Brad Scott ’00 and Kim Crescenzi
Dave Deutsch ’02 and Nathalie Witt
Carl Bobis ’03 and Liz Abbott

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From Graduate Relations:

Gentlemen,

Our Network Administration Committee is working on a new website design at [www.bufiji.com](http://www.bufiji.com). I’ve been pushing pretty hard to get an easy-to-use Grad Database section added, so I can have easy access at updating your contact info and other stats as I get them. Look for the new design’s debut in the future with new pictures, news, and better graduate outreach capabilities.

Expect a survey to arrive in the mail sometime soon regarding Pig Dinner and the Graduate Relations system as a whole. It will be easy to fill out and send in, and any comments you have in addition are welcome.

We haven’t seen a lot of you guys lately, and we’d be honored if you’d stop by sometime and see the good things we’re doing here. We understand that you’re busy, but we really do value the random visits or phone calls we get from time to time. The Beta Pi tradition of strength and prosperity lives on today, and you guys not only set the precedent of excellence, but wrote the entire rulebook on brotherhood.

Fraternally,

Greg Rider
Grad R Chairman
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