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Brothers,

Greetings from snowy Peoria! Most of our brothers have gone home for the winter break to enjoy their holiday season. The house is eerily quiet now… All those noises that can no longer be explained shall remain a mystery for now; the end of the semester gives a good chance to reflect on how the fall went.

The new cabinet is set to take the reigns next semester with Jason Weber leading our chapter. Having done very well as pledge class president and philanthropy chair, Jason’s organization and drive are already showing; new committee chairs have already been assigned for the next semester.

Anyone who checked out the website this fall might have noticed the pledge class was smaller than was hoped for. But brothers are not short on confidence at all as our first member of our spring pledge class is already on board. Matt Mitrovitch accepted his bid and joined last month. The brothers are confident, as am I, that we will have a spring class as big as the fall class for Matt to be a part of. Part of our enthusiasm for this future is Matt Adams’ placement as our next recruitment chair.

Speaking of pledge classes, our pledge class president Ross Smith organized has been one of the most ambitious walk-outs of recent memory. Seven brothers made the full weekend trip to the Nu Omega chapter at Oklahoma University, well over 1,400 miles round trip. The hours on the road were worth it; we got to see the OU Sooners pummel Baylor at the football game, got to know plenty of our Oklahoma brethren (and their HUGE house) and filled up on some of the best chili ever with Ross’ father. Ross’ home state may have had some influence on the destination.

Most of the usual late fall events have gone off without hitch. The boxer dance was a crowd pleaser as usual at our Black Diamond Formal in Davenport this year. We set a number of records for one sit down meal with this semester’s deep fried turkey dinner: 41 lbs of turkey, 30 lbs of mashed potatoes, 10 lbs of stuffing and more pie than we knew what to do with.

It has been a good semester for all. We’re looking forward to Pig Dinner right around the corner in 2004. On a more personal note, I’ve had a heck of a time as President, but I’m happy to step aside knowing I’ve got good leadership to take our chapter forward. Have a wonderful holiday season and look forward to hearing from Jason Weber in our next Graduate Link.

Fraternally,

Stephen P. Shuman

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Fiji Bowling Team Becomes Bradley Intramural Champions

On October 17, the Fiji Bowling Team descended upon Town and Country Lanes for a day that will live forever in Beta Pi lore. For, it was on that day, with the stars in the sky and the pins on the lanes aligned just right, that four Fijis combined efforts to win the Men’s C League Intramural Bowling Championship. In fact, the total scores even eclipsed those teams in the B League category, who were supposedly one skill level higher.

Special kudos to Brandon Shallcross, whose 601 series not only led Team Fiji to its victory, but also earned him the highest series among both C League and B League bowlers. Brandon was strongly supported by Greg Rider with a 409 series, along with Nate Steele and Joe Sullivan, who had 363 and 365 series, respectively.

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Still on a high from our first sports title of the year, the championship team has decided to reunite for one day only to take on any undergrad or graduate challenges during Pig Dinner Weekend. If there are any brothers who think they have what it takes to step up and face the champs, the challenge will take place at Landmark Lanes off of Forrest Hill Road on February 21st at 11:30 a.m. Even if you don’t want to compete and just want to have some fun with the guys, the bowling alley is a great place for those of drinking age and those not of age to hang out.

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| **MEN'S A INDIVIDUAL** | Matt Libby | **611** |
| **MEN'S B INDIVIDUAL** | Ryan Maslowski | **488** |
| **MEN'S C INDIVIDUAL** | Brandon Shallcross | **601** |
the Beta Pi Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta and its Board of Chapter Advisors proudly announces the...

2004 Norris Pig Dinner
to be held on...
Saturday, February 21st at 4p.m.
to be held at...
Alexander's Steakhouse
featuring Guest Speaker
Ben Robinson
Executive Director of the Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation
also that weekend...
Friday February 20th - Peoria Rivermen vs. Dayton Bombers
Saturday February 21st - Undergrad/Grad Bowling Challenge 11a.m.,
Formal Chapter 2p.m.
Sunday February 22nd - BCA meeting 10:30a.m.,
House Corp. meeting 11:30 a.m.
Cost $55 Bring Sweethearts! Register Now at www.bufiji.com!
Do you remember...
Where Are They Now?

As a new section I want to start in 2004, this is an example of what will be featured in “Where Are They Now?”. Future articles may spotlight Founders, past Presidents, etc.

Carl Bobis – 2003 History/Philosophy

I graduated in May 2003 and have been working for Uline Shipping Supplies in Waukegan, IL for about 5 months now as a Customer Service Representative; A far cry from my double major in History and Philosophy! It's working out for the time being, but I've decided to go back to my 'roots' and am currently interviewing to work at the Boy Scouts of America in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago. Prospects for me getting the job are good, so I am excited.

I have been dating Liz Abbott for over a year and a half now and I am having a great time with her. In fact, we are so much alike that some brothers have dubbed her "She-Bobis!"  I have just recently lavaliered her and we have been ring shopping for a few weeks now, so we are getting pretty serious. I mean, don't expect little Carl's to be running around really soon, but we do plan on getting engaged within a year!

I have also continued to show off my musical ability by singing in a local choir in Evanston. As for the house, I plan on joining either BCA or House Corps to continue my active involvement with Beta Pi.

Introducing the newly-elected cabinet for 2004:

President – Jason Weber ‘06
Treasurer – Peter Lawin ‘05
Recording Secretary – Dan Pelphrey ‘05
Corresponding Secretary – Matt Rafferty ‘05
Historian – Greg Rider ‘06

And the New committee heads for 2004:

Graduate Relations – Greg Rider ‘06
Pledge Education – Stephen Shuman ‘04
Risk Management – Stephen Shuman ‘04
Recruitment – Matt Adams ‘04
T-Shirt – Matt Adams ‘04
Sports – Ross Smith ‘07

Network Admin – Amit Riswadkar ‘07

We’re Expecting big things From you guys next year!
The evening starts off with a nice meal. Everyone except the Historian Peter Lawin remembered to savor the Delta.

The guys really kick things off by serenading the ladies with some 80's butt rock.

Carl gives Capo some advice on how to handle the ladies.
Tex performs the traditional Garter Dance, much to the delight of everyone present.

Dann breaks out on the dance floor.

Things slow down for a few minutes.

Shumania runs wild at Formal.
Well gentlemen, that’s all for this year. I’ll see you again as Grad Relations Chairman next year, and, with elections decided, 2004 is shaping up to be quite a year. Look out for a new Grad Link in February, and some big improvements to the graduate relations committee on the way. I hope to see you all at Pig Dinner on February 21st!

Greg Rider ’06
Graduate Relations Chairman
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