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## Dynamic Recruiting: The Future for Sigma

Usually large conferences are full of generic information, and they are usually presented in an unappealing manner. At the Fiji Academy this year, co-founder of Phired Up productions, Joshua Orendi, showed many active Fiji brothers from many different chapters from all over the United States and Canada how to recruit effectively and efficiently.

Many of the current active brothers of Sigma chapter had already attended the conference at Wittenberg when Mr. Orendi came in the fall, but this was my first time attending. I had no idea how to recruit. Because I was just initiated in the fall, I hardly had any involvement in the fraternity system. I attended this session of the academy because the recruitment chairs for this year, Active brother Clark Goodman 12'



and Active brother Bradford Douglass 12' had seen the presentation before and said it was a unique experience to see Mr. Orendi present his thoughts on recruiting.

Recruiting, Mr. Orendi said, was more than just making recruitment t-shirts, and throwing one "Big Event" (i.e. a barbeque or formal dinner) for prospects to come to. "It's not quality, it's quantity". The more people that are recruited, the more the fraternity

can select from.

Joshua Orendi came up with a system called Dynamic Recruiting. It was a system that has proven to be a success for many fraternities, not just for Phi Gamma Delta. It's a system designed to get many prospective students to possibly rush our fraternity. The biggest thing that he promoted was that rather recruiting just quality, recruit quantity. It all started with a names list of every undergraduate, non-greek male on campus. Then from there, narrow it down by who could possibly rush, and who could not. Those who could not rush were those who were academically ineligible, involved with a sport and their coach did not allow it, or any other restrictions. After we narrowed it down from there, call the prospective

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Brothers:

Welcome to our latest issue of the SIGFIJI. It is with great pride that we make another installment into our graduate newsletter. Much has been occurring here in Fijiland since the past issue, and we hope to convey that to you through the following pages.

Our chapter has raised more money than any other Greek organization on campus this year, numerous brothers studied abroad, we are fortunate to have 17 men pledging and continuing our brotherhood this semester, while we have received many generous donations for house improvements as well. Additionally, this issue brings you stories and updates on graduate brothers from each of the past six decades! We hope to continue to include graduate brother updates in future issues and make it a SIGFIJI staple.

There have also been many other undertakings by Phi Gam undergraduate and graduate brothers alike since the last issue. From excelling in athletics, leadership roles, and philanthropic events, Sigma Chapter has clearly been making its presence felt everywhere.

We are looking forward to this year's Pig Dinner as well, which will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup> right here at 20 West Ferncliff. We are striving to produce another issue of the SIGFIJI before summer to continue communication with graduates and recap this year's Pig Dinner. I hope that graduate communication continues to improve and would love to hear of any article ideas that you may have. Please contact us with anything significant you have accomplished or know of that a brother has done. Everyone would love to hear about serious promotions within the corporate world, major charitable undertakings, or athletic accomplishments such as marathons or triathlons.

These next few issues are determined to elevating the SIGFIJI and reaching its full potential as a graduate newsletter that reports information on all aspects of FIJI brotherhood. Please contact me via email at [s11.cmckim@wittenberg.edu](mailto:s11.cmckim@wittenberg.edu) with any ideas of articles you would like to see in the future. Enjoy the issue!

Perge!

*Cody McKim '11*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's mid-winter here on Wittenberg's campus with a continuing rise in snow and spirits as we dive into yet another great semester. 2010 looks to be another great year for campus as well as for the men here at 20 West Ferncliff Place.

I have the privilege of announcing the successful recruitment of 17 new men to join our fraternity. This outstanding achievement is a testament to our dedicated recruitment chairs Clark Goodman and Brad Douglass, as well as the brothers in the house. The current pledge class is in the middle of their eight-week pledge program and they have shown dedication and enthusiasm. As we have all seen in our own experience with Phi Gamma Delta, recruitment is one of the most important aspects of a chapter's success. With the addition of this new pledge class we hope to maintain our standing as the most legitimate organization on campus.

Academically, Sigma chapter has been able to maintain a GPA of 2.963, which puts the chapter above the all-men's average for another consecutive semester. While our academic standing has remained consistent, we hope to improve on this average in the coming year. Sigma chapter has also continued to serve our local community. The money raised from our two philanthropy events in the fall, our 3 on 3 tournament and Thanksgiving dinner, raised \$2,460 which more than doubles the amount raised by any other fraternity. I would like to personally thank brothers Cody McKim, James Dotson, and David Klvana for their excellent work on these events.

In terms of my position, I hope to bring experience and dedication to this esteemed office of president. I had the opportunity to serve on the previous Cabinet in the position of Recording Secretary which I believe has prepared for my job today. Working with Eric, Nate, Ted, and Joe helped me better understand the inner workings of the fraternity and I believe it has helped me grow as a leader within the house. As we have heard many times before, Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone. I take this to heart and plan to continue my service to the house even after my time in office is fulfilled. Unlike the previous Cabinet, every position this year has been filled by brothers in the junior class and three of them are my pledge brothers. I am truly fortunate to work with the current officers, all of whom make my job easier.

The current Cabinet and I have high expectations for the following year. Sigma Chapter has continued to set the bar on Wittenberg's campus and we will continue to strive for excellence. We hope to at least double our total raised for charity this year with the upcoming Fiji golf outing following Pig Dinner on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Pending the initiation of the current pledge class, Phi Gamma Delta will become the largest fraternity on Wittenberg's campus. And Sigma chapter will be applying to maintain our alcohol exemption this semester, which provides benefits to both active and graduate brothers alike. We are a proud fraternity, proud of its history and of its brotherhood, Press On.

Fraternally,

*Kurt Meige '11*



KURT MEIGE '11

# New Cause for this Year's FIJI Golf Outing

Dear Graduate Trustees, SFAA, and Sigma Graduate Brothers:

This coming April 18<sup>th</sup>, the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta will be hosting their annual "FIJI Outing for a Cure" scramble golf tournament. Every year proceeds from the tournament are given to the Mitchell A. Callahan Autism Foundation and other various causes. Throughout this school year, several of the brothers suffered losses of family members, relatives and friends due to cancer or other diseases. With the cost of hospital bills, tests, and surgeries so high we felt it would also be beneficial to directly contribute to a family by donating the money raised to help reduce the debt caused by medical bills. This year we have decided to choose one of my best friends from home, Matt Hare.

On Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Matt was admitted to Mount Carmel Hospital East with flu-like symptoms. Soon after, he was transported to the ICU at the Cleveland Clinic due to liver complications, low blood pressure, and an infection.

Once in ICU, the doctors at the Cleveland Clinic ran additional tests, including a bone marrow biopsy. The results of this test confirmed that Matt had Multiple Myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow. In addition, doctors discovered amyloidosis (abnormal protein buildup) in his

liver, kidneys, and heart.

After six and a half weeks at the Cleveland Clinic, Matt is home with his parents. He is undergoing treatment and stem cell therapy at the James Cancer Hospital at The Ohio State University.

Matt is a 26 year-old native of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Throughout his difficult battle, Matt continues to stay close to his family and faith in God. He graduated from the Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in education, and he is currently one class shy of completing his master's degree in Sports Management from Cleveland State. Matt has been coaching youth and high school baseball in Central Ohio as well as serving as a league director for the Central Ohio Youth Baseball League.

Our plan right now is to host a four person team scramble tournament with a buffet and silent auction to follow the conclusion of the tournament. Final details for the pricing and rules of the tournament are still being worked out. Once the details are finalized, brothers will be sending out invitations that will include all the necessary specifics for the tournament.

**Proud,**  
*Cory Valentine '11*



## Sigma Chapter welcomes new washer, dryer

This past semester, Sigma Chapter was fortunate enough to be the recipient of a state-of-the-art Whirlpool washer and dryer set thanks to the generous donations from Sigma's graduates.

Each year we are continually reminded of the support and giving nature that we are privileged to have from our graduate brothers. Thank you for your contributions and please accept our sincere gratitude for your efforts. We would also like to personally thank Adam Kaufman '93 for facilitating this project and making it possible. Thanks brothers!

Thanks to the following brothers who contributed to complete this project:

- Luke Zerdes '93**
- J. Randall Finn '93**
- Dave Fisher '93**
- Dave Wilson '93**
- Jon McKnight '96**
- Josh Ackil '94**
- Paul Feaser '96**
- James Brand '92**
- Ki Mixon '96**
- Adam R. Kaufman '93**

## Dynamic Recruiting: The Future for Sigma

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students and give them information on the fraternity and see if they are possibly interested in joining Greek life. Even if they are not interested in getting involved, tell them information about the fraternity, and the long lasting history that Phi Gamma Delta has enjoyed here at Wittenberg.

This spring, Phi Gamma Delta Sigma

Chapter is graduating twenty seniors. We needed to get the same amount of guys to pledge the fraternity this spring. Thanks to Mr. Orendi's Dynamic Recruiting system, and the help of Active brothers Douglass and Goodman, the brothers recruited seventeen young gentlemen to pledge the fraternity, and have proven that the fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta not only recruited quantity, but quality.

# Phi Gams Look to Stand Out in 2010 Lacrosse Season

By Bill Sutter '10

The Wittenberg Men's Lacrosse team will be spearheading the 2010 season with three members of Sigma Chapter, each of whom hold starting positions on the team. The team, which was 7-6 last year, is looking to improve on their best record since 1996. Leading the Phi Gam tandem on the field is senior Captain Ted Winders. Winders, who is from Western Springs, Illinois, has started 34 of his last 36 contests, spanning all the way back to the 2007 season. As a midfielder, he has accumulated 58 points in just three years.

"My career has been blessed by great teammates who have enabled me to find opportunities to put the ball in the back of the net. We are looking to build on the progress made over the last three years to formulate a standout 2010 season," Winders stated.

Joining Winders on the starting midfield line is Jim Ferris, a sophomore member of Sigma chapter. Hailing from East Grand Rapids, Michigan, at 6'3" 205 pounds, Ferris is a powerful and athletic player who is able to run the length of the field with unparalleled speed and strength. His ability to play both offense and defense makes him a threat on both sides of the ball. While appearing in all of Wittenberg's contests last year, he found the starting position just two times, a deceitful statistic for an impact freshman player.

"I am excited to be playing on the starting line this year. With Ted's [Winders] unparalleled leadership, I think my abilities complement his game, and we should be able to put up serious numbers on the offensive side of the ball," Ferris commented.

Ferris will continue to be used on both offense and defense, making him and Long Stick Midfielder Charles Harreys a force to be reckoned with. Charles, an Essex, Connecticut native and junior, was injured most of the season last year after a crippling shoulder injury. He



CHARLES HARREYS



JIM FERRIS



TED WINDERS

**My career has been blessed by great teammates ...**

*Ted Winders*

used his period of rehabilitation to improve his speed and quickness. Harreys, who started 5 contests as a freshman, is looking to make a comeback for his junior year. With a forty yard dash time of 4.3 seconds, he is one of the fastest players in the conference.

"I think my speed is my best attribute right now. I enjoy forcing turnovers and bringing the ball up the field. I'll be looking to use that to my advantage this season, and hope that we can have a break-out season for the Wittenberg Lacrosse Program," Harreys added.

Look for these three Phi Gams to help spring the Wittenberg Men's Lacrosse Team to new heights in 2010. With these players representing several academic grades, they play with one our values in mind, Excellence.

## The 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Norris Pig Dinner at Sigma Chapter!



Brothers,

Once again, it's that time of year, when brothers can congregate and enjoy recollecting with one another over delicious food and drink. On behalf of the undergraduate brothers of Sigma Chapter, we would like to invite you to the 126<sup>th</sup> annual Norris Pig Dinner! This year's dinner will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup>, right here at Sigma Chapter, something we are very proud of to be hosting at the house that all of us hold so dear. After last year's exceptional turnout for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are hoping for a great showing this year. This gathering provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate the tremendous brotherhood we have enjoyed here at Wittenberg for so long. We all hope to see you there!

**Very proud,**

*The Undergraduate Brothers of Phi Gamma Delta*

# 2010 Fiji Academy Wrap-Up

Since becoming a brother of Phi Gamma Delta, I have been able to experience some pretty amazing things. From a weekend-long celebration of Sigma chapter's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to listening to so many amazing stories about Fiji from graduate brothers during homecoming, and attending my first ever Norris Pig Dinner, this fraternity provided so many positive experiences for myself and my brothers.

During the last weekend of winter break, I was fortunate enough to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> Fiji Academy, in St. Louis, a wonderful Phi Gam tradition. As I drove by the remarkable Gateway Arch for the very first time, I knew that it was going to be a special weekend.

During the first dinner was when I got to see all 500-plus brothers, the largest attendance since 1993, that had traveled from around country to attend this great Fiji tradition. It was during dinner when I began to share and listen to so many diverse stories about chapters around the country. As co-rush chair, I wanted to learn from the other chapters about their recruitment strategies and what works for them and what does not. The next morning started off with a speech to all of the brothers about the latest legal news in Fiji's risk management policy. After the speech, I was able to attend the Phired Up seminar on recruiting. It was a five hour-long workshop, which covered all of the in's and out's of recruitment. Clark and I learned many new tactics for recruitment such as making a names list that will work successfully. The new things that we learned during the seminar was a huge contributing factor in our chapter getting the largest pledge class in a few years.

My second Norris Pig Dinner capped off the day that was full of talk about recruitment. The famous song "Bringing in the Pig" brought back memories of the fabulous dinner



that Sigma chapter had during the celebration of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The moment that brought the entire weekend together for me happened right before dinner was served. The Master of Ceremonies, Towner Blackstock (Davidson 1994), was naming all of the awards that chapters had received from national headquarters. I was not expecting any kind of award for our chapter, so I was utterly shocked when I heard "And if the brothers from the Sigma chapter at Wittenberg University would stand up." Our chapter had been recognized in front of all 500-plus attendees that we had the highest attendance from any chapter with seven active brothers and two graduate brothers, Marcus Hitt and Skip Buckley.

The entire weekend was very enjoyable for both me and the other six active brothers that attended academy with me. It was an experience that I will certainly never forget.

## The Big Show: Snyder headlines Wittenberg men's basketball team

SPRINGFIELD — Senior Kyle Bigler had a suggestion.

"Here's your headline," he said, "The Big Show."

The Big Show, a.k.a. Mark Snyder, was the headliner for the Wittenberg men's basketball team on Saturday, Feb. 6. The 6-foot-6 senior post from Celina scored a career-high 17 points in a 66-58 victory over Hiram at Pam Evans Smith Arena.

Until Saturday, Snyder's best scoring game was two seasons ago — also against Hiram.

"I've kind of been stuck on 16 for a while," Snyder said, "so it's kind of good to get over that hump."

Snyder's big game helped offset a rare off night by guard Chris Sullivan. Hiram defenders forced Wittenberg's leading scorer into a 1-of-10 shooting night.

"We really needed (Snyder)," Wittenberg coach Bill Brown said. "(Hiram is) very athletic, and they really worked hard to shut our perimeter game down."

Snyder has played in 83 games in the last four seasons, appearing in the last 65 Wittenberg games and scoring at least a point in all but one of those.

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MARK SNYDER

## Snyder is the Big Show

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In all, he has scored 425 points in his career.

As his career comes down the final stretch, Snyder hasn't given much thought to the end. The Tigers (16-5, 8-4 North Coast Athletic Conference) still have four regular-season games, all of which have major implications for the NCAC tournament. By avenging a 92-74 loss at Hiram in December, they at least put a game between them and the Terriers (10-11, 7-5 NCAC).

"I think I played well, and the team played well as well," Snyder said. "We let up there in the second, but that'll happen from time to time. We just have to play a full 40 minutes."

Hiram cut what had been an 18-point, second-half deficit to 49-44 with 7:13 to play. Then two short jumpers off the glass by Jacob Weide, his first two baskets of the night, gave Wittenberg a nine-point lead heading into the final five minutes.

Hiram did get as close as five points at the end, but Wittenberg sealed the victory by making 6-of-10 free throws in the final minute.

The Tigers finished their regular season on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> with a loss to Wooster in the NCAC final. Their overall record however was an impressive 21-7 and 11-5 in conference this season, they await the NCAA Division III tournament bids, hoping for an at-large bid into the tourney. Go Tigers!

*Courtesy of the Springfield News-Sun*

## Sig FIJI's Campaign for the Children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

By Kevin Jansen '10

On Thursday November 12, 2009, Wittenberg students flocked to the Student Center to participate in a letter-writing campaign that benefitted St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Among those in attendance were close to 20 Sig FIJI brothers, doing their part to support the children of St. Jude as well as the continued research conducted at the hospital. The campaign was an event hosted by Up 'til Dawn, a student-run program dedicated to helping raise funds and awareness for St. Jude on college campuses across the country.

Located in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas. He helped create a place where children with terminal illnesses could come, free of charge, and be treated by some of the best doctors in their given fields. Because the families receive the treatment for free, the hospital is run primarily on donations and costs nearly \$1.5 million a day to run.

Since its founding in 1962, St. Jude has made great strides toward cures for a number of different terminal illnesses. This includes the most common form of cancer, Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, which now has a survival rate of 94%, up from a devastating 4% in 1962.

In addition to the 20 FIJI brothers who wrote letters at the event, two others served on the 8-person executive board. Seniors Eric Hattori and I served as the Logistics and Recruitment Chairmen, respectively. Together, we spent the first part of the Fall semester planning the event and raising awareness around campus. We spent countless hours soliciting donations from area companies for food and prizes for the event, and even more time getting our peers excited about such a valuable opportunity to take part in an event



that could help some very sick kids in a big way.

"Just about everyone you meet has been touched by Cancer or some other terminal illness," said Hattori. "We have the opportunity, through the Up 'til Dawn, to do something small that will make a big difference in the lives of children suffering from those diseases."

On the day of the event, students piled into the lower level of the Student Center and sat down to write letters requesting donations for St. Jude. They were rewarded with entertainment from a number of student bands, two student A Capella groups, a caricature artist, free food donated from Dominoes, Panera Bread and Lonestar Stakehouse, and numerous prizes for participating students. In addition, if students wrote more than 35 letters, they were entered into a drawing to win a Nintendo Wii.

In just its third year at Wittenberg, Up 'til Dawn has been a huge success. In the previous two years, we have helped raise over \$35,000 for St. Jude and have engaged the entire campus community in the process. Eric and I feel so privileged to have served St. Jude on the executive board and have gladly given up our time to ensure that some children suffering from terminal illnesses may get some more time, themselves.

# 48 Brothers to Receive Gold, Silver Owls This Year!

Once again, we are able to recognize and congratulate brothers on their life-long dedication and service to Sigma Chapter. This year we are fortunate enough to have 48 brothers receiving their Silver and Gold owls, quite an accomplishment! It is always a proud moment as Fijis to distinguish those brothers who have given back to Sigma Chapter for so long. Thank you brothers, and congratulations once again!

## **GOLD OWL RECIPIENTS CLASS INITIATION DATE**

Harry W. Chenoweth, III	1963	2/28/1960
Robert B. Clark	1962	2/28/1960
Donald L. Cook	1962	9/20/1959
W. Harlow Edwards, III	1962	9/20/1959
Thomas J. English	1962	2/28/1960
William M. Franta, Jr.	1961	2/28/1960
Leslie R. Harber	1963	2/28/1960
David L. Hickinbotham	1962	2/28/1960
G. David K. Hopper	1963	2/28/1960
James L. Landis	1963	2/28/1960
Jan F. Lindberg	1963	2/28/1960
Geoffrey P. Lodge	1962	9/20/1959
Laurence G. Luedy	1962	2/28/1960
William J. MacAdam	1963	2/28/1960
D. Grant MacKinnon	1963	2/28/1960
Sam S. Mincone	1960	9/20/1959
David E. Moeller	1963	2/28/1960
David L. Renk	1962	2/28/1960
Robert R. Rigg	1963	2/28/1960
Larry K. Sperry	1961	2/28/1960
Philip W. Steinke	1962	9/20/1959
G. Kent Stickler	1963	2/28/1960
Gary F. Tranquill	1962	2/28/1960
Richard T. Walker	1962	9/20/1959

James R. Wilson	1962	2/28/1960
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Robert E. Young	1962	9/20/1959
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## **SILVER OWL RECIPIENTS CLASS INITIATION DATE**

Jeffrey B. Amsler	1988	4/13/1985
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London P. Anderson	1988	4/13/1985
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Bradley D. Beals	1988	4/13/1985
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John M. Bourne	1988	4/13/1985
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James M. Ciesick	1988	4/13/1985
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S. D. Coutsolioutsos	1988	4/13/1985
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Kevin J. Dunphy	1988	4/13/1985
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C. R. Fischer	1987	10/2/1984
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G. J. Hammerschmidt	1988	4/13/1985
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S. B. Kellenberger	1988	4/13/1985
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Douglas E. Kenney	1988	4/13/1985
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James D. Knupp	1988	4/13/1985
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John B. Kupsy	1988	4/13/1985
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Craig P. Kvale	1988	4/13/1985
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Stephan A. Lawko	1988	4/13/1985
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Shawn M. Lowry	1988	4/13/1985
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Michael S. Misrach	1988	4/13/1985
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Craig H. Price	1988	4/13/1985
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C.S. Satterthwaite	1988	4/13/1985
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William T. Simmons	1988	4/13/1985
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Brian L. Strong	1988	4/13/1985
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Michael O. Walper	1988	4/13/1985
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# Passing the Light On

By Marcus Richardson

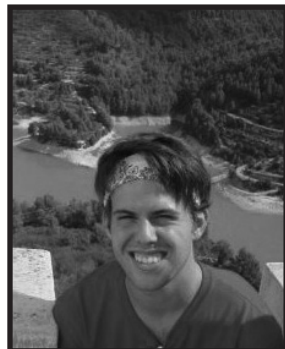
Upon recently being appointed to the Class of 2011 Cabinet as philanthropy chairman, the traditional Wittenberg motto "Having light we pass it on to others" has taken on a whole new meaning for me. Being tasked with coordinating and overseeing all philanthropic events of the junior class has been a very challenging and rewarding experience. It has given me the chance to give back to the Springfield community. My time at Wittenberg as a student and active brother has undoubtedly helped prepare me for this position. Being a member of the Cabinet at Sigma chapter has augmented my leadership skills, which have transferred well into leadership within the Wittenberg community. Our class just recently hosted a food drive in the Springfield area, which, thanks to the generosity of the surrounding community, raised over 300 pounds of food to benefit the local food pantry. While a lot of hard work and planning went into the event, including calling numerous businesses to solicit donations of paper bags which we used to collect the food, and going door to door talking to members of the Springfield community. This event was worth all of the hard work when seeing the 300 pounds of food, which would be delivered to the food pantry just in time for Thanksgiving dinner. We are already planning new events to benefit Haiti in this upcoming semester and hope to be equally successful.



# Phi Gam Studies Across the Pond

By Cody McKim '11

This past fall semester of 2009, Junior Andy Lamb '11 made the decision to spend a semester abroad in Alicante, Spain. Brother Lamb is a Spanish major and realized that studying abroad would greatly benefit his education and provide an experience unlike any other here in the states.



ANDY LAMB '11

The following are excerpts from a SigFiji interview with Brother Lamb:

**Cody:** Andy, how does it feel to be back in Ohio?

**Andy:** To be honest, a little bittersweet.

It's great to back here in Fijiland and at Witt, but being in Spain was something I'll never forget.

**C:** So how were the classes in Spain? What did you study while you were there?

**A:** I predominately studied the Spanish language and culture during my time there, but also took a course on the History of Spain, which was very interesting. As far as classes are concerned, I would definitely say they are easier in Spain, something I've had to adjust to coming back too Witt.

**C:** Where did you stay during your time abroad?

**A:** I stayed with a host family, which was a great decision because I was exposed that much more to the language on a daily basis. My "Dad" during the stay was actually a commander in the Army of Franco, which provided me with another perspective on life in Spain. It was great to have the opportunity to learn from so many different sources. I felt like each day I was learning from someone new. When I traveled, I stayed mainly in hostels with other college students from around the

country.

**C:** Sounds like you really enjoyed yourself. What was it like interacting with the locals and other college students while there? Did Fiji help prepare you in any way for this experience?

**A:** Oh, it was definitely one of the highlights of college for me, and absolutely Fiji helped prepare me for this experience. I feel like our values really helped me extend myself to others and get to know them on a more personal basis. Meeting new people every day in a foreign surrounding made me adapt, and my experience at Sigma contributed to allowing me to do that.

**C:** So other than traveling, what else did you do during your free time?

**A:** Well, I spent a majority of my time on the beaches and exploring Alicante, improving my speaking skills through conversing with locals. It was great because everyone spoke Spanish, so I never had to use English as a crutch. The constant immersion in the lifestyle really improved my grasp of the language. Also, it didn't hurt speaking with the local girls on the beach either.

**C:** That probably would be the best way to learn. Do you plan on studying/working internationally in the future?

**A:** I would love to have that opportunity. After studying abroad, I know I would like to again in the future because it teaches you so much about other lifestyles. I would say that having a new and different perspective from their culture was what I gained most from the experience. I really hope that I get that chance to be abroad in the future, but who knows when or where that will be.

**C:** Thank you for sharing your experience abroad with us, Andy. I know our undergraduate and graduate brothers will enjoy reading this segment.



# A note from your Purple Legionnaire Brothers are making great strides

Brothers, in the last issue of the *Sig Fiji* I noted that our goal as an undergraduate chapter was to "take Wittenberg by storm" this year. Well, this academic year is a little more than halfway over - so, where are we today and how are we doing? We're doing well, in my opinion.

This year, as mentioned in the last issue, our focus is on these three vital areas: Public Relations, Pledge Education, and Recruitment. I can honestly state that we've made outstanding strides in all three areas. Let's take a look:

## Public Relations:

**Faculty Advisor** - Stephan Diehm '08 - Yep, we still have one. The chapter has maintained a strong relationship with Brother Diehm. Brothers are working on fostering a more effective relationship to better meet the needs of the chapter.

[www.sigfiji.com](http://www.sigfiji.com) - Brother Clark Goodman '12 launched a new, enhanced website for undergraduates and graduates to utilize.

**Marketing and Engagement** - Brothers from all classes have made a concerted effort to make an impact outside the walls of 20 West. In this issue, you'll read stories about those efforts and how involved our undergraduate brothers truly are on campus.

**Faculty Forum** - This one is a work in progress.

**Graduate Brother Engagement** - We're underperforming in this area. We'd like to engage graduate brothers on a weekly basis. Please, provide suggestions. We need your help.

## Pledge Education:

The chapter has tweaked its pledge education program this year to provide more guidance in the area of character development and the "art of being a gentleman." The pledge program also has a stronger focus on life application, under the direction of two excellent pledge educators - Nate Dreyfuss '10 and Martin Keough '10.

Brothers have also placed a stronger emphasis on recruitment during the pledge education program.

Below is the results section, because as you know all roads lead to recruitment. The undergraduates' PR and pledge education efforts have paid off. Thus, these efforts have matriculated into the incredible success we've experienced in recruitment this year.

**In short, we're making waves as planned. We have a positive momentum. In addition, the chapter has had "zero" formal risk management issues thus far this academic year.**



Marcus Hitt '05  
Purple Legionnaire

## Recruitment:

Here is a goal we set last fall: Our newly created Public Relations committee will assist the Recruitment Committee in advertising and keeping Phi Gamma Delta top of mind among recruits. This actually happened.

Here is another goal set last fall: We have realigned various events to focus more on catering to recruits. You know where I'm going with this, this happened as well.

**17 new Pledge Brothers** - All in all, the brothers' efforts paid off.

In short, we're making waves as planned. We have a positive momentum. In addition, the chapter has had "zero" formal risk management issues thus far this academic year. The chapter's not perfect, but it's operating at a higher level than in recent years. It's nice to experience success. It makes my job easy.

Finally, my role is to serve both undergraduate and graduate brothers. I want to make the biggest impact possible while I'm in a position to do so. Therefore, if you have any questions or comments at all, I'd love to hear from you. Shoot me an email at [hitt.marcus@gmail.com](mailto:hitt.marcus@gmail.com) or give me call at (937) 541-5428 anytime. I look forward to what the future holds for our chapter.

Very Fraternaly,  
*Marcus Hitt '05*  
Purple Legionnaire  
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# Where Are They Now?

In what we hope will be a recurring article series about selected Graduate Brothers of Sigma Chapter, we recently asked one Brother from each of the last five decades to update us on their current lives, while also reflecting on their lifetime membership in Phi Gamma Delta. In their own words, here are...

## **BILL STEINBRINK (SIGMA '64)**

**1.** 1964. I lived in Cleveland after getting out of law school, and I now live in both Cleveland and Naples, Florida. My normalized career is behind me, 30 years with a big law firm, 7 years as the CEO with two unrelated specialty manufacturers, and 13 months as the interim president of Wittenberg. Since 2005, I have been developing a late stage career of assisting individuals with conflicting circumstances. I have packaged myself in Unstuk LLC, and I have a web site, unstuk.com, that describes what I do. My services are not in demand as much as I would like, but I am occupied with a variety of situations that call upon the diverse experiences I have had since my days at Sigma Chapter.

**2.** I grew up. Between age 18 and 22, we do grow up and get ready to enter the real world of work and life. Some of us have a rough time making that transition and encounter delays and obstacles. My experiences at Wittenberg and at Sigma Chapter helped me prepare for what was coming, in terms of personal responsibilities and the realities of adult life. Most of the four years of my college days are a blur. I enjoyed it, and I learned from it. I made friendships, which still add zest to my life.

**3.** I stay in touch with several of my fraternity brothers, primarily thanks to their initiatives. I enjoy that contact, sharing old stories and new experiences. Phi Gamma Delta was an important force for me, along with my total experience at Wittenberg. The foundation they both provided continues to support me.

# 5 QUESTIONS

**1. When did you graduate from Wittenberg, and what are you doing today?**

**2. What is your most memorable experience as a Fiji at Sigma Chapter?**

**3. Our fraternity has a slogan of "Not for college days alone." What role has Phi Gamma Delta played in your life since graduating? What lessons did you learn from Sigma Chapter?**

**4. We have another saying of "No regrets for lost opportunities," but is there anything you wished you would have done differently at Sigma Chapter?**

**5. What advice do you have for today's Undergraduate Brothers?**

**4.** Not really. I had a valuable experience, mainly in the friendships that I built then. They have stayed with me. Perhaps they could have been stronger, but that would not have been consistent with my temperament. Our experiences, good or bad, are as much a product of our emotional needs as the circumstances affecting us. I am satisfied.

**5.** Life after graduation will be much more difficult and demanding than it is during those four years of growing, learning, and becoming a man. Look forward and prepare well, and focus less on enjoying the present. Learn how to be useful to others.

## **BOB HUNSAKER (SIGMA '78)**

**1.** 1978. Divorced, two grown children. Live on Key Biscayne, Florida for 20 years. Private solo practice in aesthetic plastic surgery. Former Associate Chief of Plastic Surgery and Director of Plastic Surgery Training at University of Miami. Free time is ocean swimming both recreational and competitive, sailing (both cruising and offshore

competitive), sprint triathlons, backpacking. Also a Market America Unfranchise owner. If you've never heard of it, either ask me or check it out on your own.

**2.** Skip Buckley sitting in the front lounge with me during his rush and asking me about graduate relations while everyone else was in the back lounge asking what was in the Fiji punch! That's the clean memory.

**3.** Phi Gamma Delta, by continuing to keep me informed, has helped me maintain a desire to support its goals in whatever ways I am capable at the time. I want to see the chapter be even more than it ever was while I was there! Being a fairly unworldly rube from Kettering at the time, it was my first experience in learning to interact with people from all walks of life and different areas of the country that had different backgrounds, goals and, of course, wildly differing personalities!

**4.** ABSOLUTELY! I wish I had lived in the house sophomore year and the one trimester I was out junior year. I think that would have made me closer to the others in the chapter, would have involved me more organizationally, and would have allowed me to foster closer relationships to many that I now wish I had. I think I "took" more than I "gave".

**5.** Live in the house, listen more than you talk, give more than you take, study more than you play (but DO play), and never, ever turn your back on a brother or look down on a brother, as you have a common bond that represents positive attributes that will carry all of you to good places despite any missteps you may experience as you grow as a Phi Gamma Delta member.

## **PAUL NOWAKOWSKI (SIGMA '83)**

**1.** I graduated in 1983. Currently, I am living in my home town of Buffalo, New York. I have been married for 21 years to my wife, Cindy. I have 3 children: Lucy, Luke, and Madeline. I

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have been a financial planner with Merrill Lynch for 21 years.

**2.** There are several memorable experiences. However, the one memory (that was a weekly ritual while we were pledging) would be our Monday evening pledge class meetings. We would all meet at The Student Union with our blue blazers, khaki pants, white shirts, and ties. We proceeded to go through the list of items we were responsible for knowing or having that week, i.e., brothers' girlfriends' names, brothers' hometowns, stamps, coins, etc. I often wondered why we would go through this pre-game exercise. It just made us realize how unprepared we were for the meeting. In actuality, it just added to the overall level of anxiety that already existed. Once we thought we had a handle on the situation, we would walk in single file down Woodlawn Avenue behind the pledge class president. As we turned the corner onto Ferncliff, you would begin to hear the chants coming from a completely dark Fiji house. Once inside the house, the interrogation began.

**3.** Being a Sig Fiji is a way of life. One of the lessons Phi Gamma Delta taught me was how to be successful in a competitive environment. During my 4 years at Wittenberg, the Fijis consistently had the highest GPA among Greeks, most athletes, highest number of students going to graduate school, and several other accomplishments. There was an expectation that we were going to be successful at whatever career path we chose.

**4.** I have no regrets.

**5.** Don't waste time. Enjoy the best 4 years of your life. Think big!!!

## FOREST DRIGGS (SIGMA '91)

**1.** I graduated from Wittenberg in 1991. I currently live in New Albany, Ohio, which is a suburb of Columbus. I have been married to my wife,

Holly, for 14 years. We have three children: a son, Parker (10), and two daughters, Caroline (8), and Lily (5). I am a Vice President of Sales at Franklin International, a global adhesives and sealants company based in Columbus, Ohio.

**2.** It is hard to single out one memory at Sigma Chapter as being "the most memorable experience". Certainly, some of our ceremonies and the chapter meetings when we were all together in one location and united as a brotherhood stand out as fond memories. Several of our formals and house parties rank pretty high as well, but I'm probably not supposed to elaborate on those here!

**3.** Sigma Chapter and my experience as a Fiji have had a profound and lasting affect on my life. Aside from obviously enriching my experience (and social life) at Wittenberg, my involvement in this great fraternity of ours has allowed me to develop lifelong friendships. Several of my brothers in Phi Gamma Delta are still my best and most trusted friends today. Sharing experiences together at Sigma Chapter creates lifelong bonds. It is a privilege to be associated with an institution that has done a lot of good for countless men. We have a rich heritage that we can all be proud of. I think for many people, being a part of a fraternity is the first experience, outside of being part of a family, that we have to learn what it is like to give to others and to change our focus from self to a greater good.

**4.** No regrets for lost opportunities. I think most things in life have room for improvement, but the experience overall at Sigma Chapter was pretty outstanding. I think I would have tried to create more opportunities for brotherhood activities where we did some charitable work that enriched other people's lives. Can you imagine going to Haiti today with all of your fellow undergraduate brothers and working side by side to help people rebuild their lives? Helping children and devastated grief-stricken families

would really remind all of us about the blessings and privilege we each have.

**5.** Advice for the undergraduate brothers: treasure and embrace the experience and opportunities you have today at Sigma Chapter. Be mindful of the responsibility you have to the legacy of our fraternity. Bring in other people you think will respect our values and the experience. Work together to build brotherhood and respect and strive to be a positive example. Do something together to help those less fortunate than you are. And, have a great time! You are at a great point in life. Enjoy it.

## JASON REDPATH (SIGMA '01)

**1.** I graduated from Wittenberg as part of the Class of 2001 (technically December of 2000). I am married and have a 21-month old son. We live in Mt. Lookout, a suburb of Cincinnati, and I am a Vice President and partner in a Wealth Management Group at Merrill Lynch.

**2.** The first Fiji Island that we hosted at the house in my tenure - that and those we held at the Petzinger's farm.

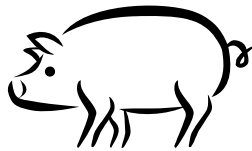
**3.** I have the opportunity to oversee the Richardson Fund, and therefore get to visit the house three times a year for the SFAA meetings. I enjoy coming back. 20 West Ferncliff still feels like home. I grew up through my time in the house and wouldn't change a thing.

**4.** Honestly, I would have studied harder. I also would have taken more chances.

**5.** Study hard and have a lot of fun - they are not mutually exclusive. Learn everything you can, enjoy the freedom and go after what you feel most passionate about.

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*Sigma Graduate Brothers: If you would like to be included in a "Where Are They Now?" article for a future issue of The Sig Fiji newsletter, please send an e-mail message to Skip Buckley ('80) at gabjr33@comcast.net.*

**The Sigma Chapter of  
Phi Gamma Delta at  
Wittenberg University Invites You to...**



**Our 126<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Norris Pig Dinner  
On Saturday, April 17, 2010**

***Fiji Chapter House  
20 West Ferncliff  
Springfield, Ohio***

**6:00 pm – Fellowship Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar in Back Lounge)  
7:00 pm – Annual Norris Pig Dinner Banquet (Back Lounge)  
\$30 – Graduate Brothers/Fathers, \$20 – Undergraduate Brothers  
Keynote Speaker: Greg Sponseller, Sr. (Ohio Wesleyan '77)**



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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes! I will be attending the 2010 Pig Dinner on April 17<sup>th</sup>.  No, sorry, I cannot attend this year.  
(Maybe next year, Sigma's 127<sup>th</sup> anniversary!)

**Pig Dinner Reservation:** I have enclosed my check for \$30 (made payable to "Sig Fiji Alumni Association").

I am unable to attend the Pig Dinner, but enclosed is my check for \$20 to pay for an Undergraduate Brother to attend the Pig Dinner.

**Annual Dues:** I have enclosed my check for (made payable to "Sig Fiji Alumni Association") for:

\$100  \$50  \$25  (other)

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