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APRIL 29

PIG DINNER

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FIJIS BIKE ACROSS COUNTRY FOR A CAUSE

WITH FOUR RIDES DOWN, TEAM GEARS UP FOR FIFTH



ALEC BROWN | TRENT ERPS | JOEY BADINGER | TAYLOR LEIGH
 DAVIS CHURCH | GRANT ROHLER | SKYLER WRIGHT | CARSON BALL
 JACOB TIPTON | DANIEL AROH | JOSH HICKS | JUSTIN HOBBS
 NOAH EDMONSON | BRYAN HARTZELL

At a gas station in Kansas, a lady came up to the Bike4Alz trailer. She handed one of the riders a few loose bills and explained her husband had died from Alzheimer's earlier that month.

"Things like that made the cause so real for me," said Taylor Leigh (Lambda, 2017). "If nothing else came from the ride, I hope people like that women saw us on the road somewhere and felt like they had someone on their side."

For the fourth summer, brothers biked across the country to raise money for Alzheimer's research.

The team biked 3,600 miles and raised \$54,000, which was donated

to the Alzheimer's Association for research.

The past summer marked a new chapter for Bike4Alz, which became an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit a few months before the ride. The organization made its first ride in 2010 under the name "Fijis across America" thanks to the hard work of a few Chi Eta founders.

This most recent ride started on May 21. They loaded a trailer with 13 bikes, 12 sets of riding gear, 500 bottles of water, hundreds of bike tubes and three days worth of food, plus tents, signs and merchandise.

Many long days later, the ride ended

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on July 22. The team's biggest events took place in Louisville, KY, and Bowling Green, KY, and during "The Longest Day" fundraiser in Colorado.

Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. and receives very little federal funding compared to diseases like cancer and heart diseases.

For the first time in its history, Bike4Alz will ride back-to-back summers.

The 2017 team has planned a 3,636 mile route starting in San Francisco, CA, and ending in Virginia Beach, VA, covering many of last summer's cities in between. They will ride from May 19 to July 22.

Ethan Brown (Pi, 2018), Logan Carroll (Omicron, 2019), Jonathan Greene (Omicron, 2019), Alex Houlton (Pi, 2019), Conrad Jaconette (Pi, 2019), Adam Moore (Pi, 2019)

and Tommy Sullivan (Omicron, 2019) have been meeting every week to prepare the ride and already started the physical training.

Their goal is to raise \$100,000.

If you or your company would like to sponsor the ride, contact Logan Carroll at logan.carroll@bike4alz.org.

For more information on Bike4Alz, visit their website at bike4alz.org or their Facebook page.

PHILANTHROPY CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR ALZHEIMER'S COMMUNITY



Dozens of people supported the annual Purple Run on Oct. 1.

The community came together—brothers, other fraternity men, sorority women, parents and other community members—to raise awareness for Alzheimer's and to raise money for the Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana Chapter of The Alzheimer's Association.

Kereiakes Park was full of purple powder and good spirits.

"Bike4Alz shows the dedication and compassion of our brothers to help citizens around the country," said event organizer Enes Atici (Xi, 2018). "Through the Purple Run, we are able to donate to a regional chapter of Alzheimer's Association and help local families."

For more on the Purple Run, see fijipurplerun.com.

BROTHERS SERVE ST. LOUIS AREA



Brothers have been dedicating themselves to the fraternity's value of service.

The chapter gave over 4,300 hours of its time over the semester and summer to serve the community.

The annual service trip accounted for 270 of the total hours. 18 brothers left after class on Wed., Oct. 5 for St. Louis, sacrificing their Fall Break to work with people in Missouri.

The following day, the brothers helped the church that housed them. From there, they went on to assist KidSmart, an organization that collects school supplies to benefit underprivileged students.

On Friday, they headed to Ferguson, MO. Brothers harvested 67.4 pounds of kale through EarthDance, an organization that grows crops to sell at a local farmer's market for reduced prices. In addition to harvesting kale, they harvested other vegetables, arranged flowers and cleared greenhouses.

The team cleared fences of grape vines and put down mulch on Saturday. This benefited Gateway Greening, a community garden in the middle of downtown St. Louis.

"We combined two of my favorite values, service and brotherhood, to have a meaningful and fun time," said

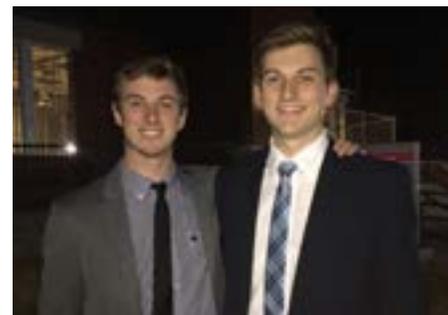
community service chair Jonathan Greene (Omicron, 2019).

In addition to the work, brothers got a chance to play. On Thursday night, they visited the apartment of Seth Bland (Iota, 2015).

"We got to relax after working hard, watch some football, eat pizza and enjoy seeing an old friend," said Greene.

They also went to St. Louis' City Museum, a huge playground in an old factory, on Friday.

IFC REPS



Big-little pairing Jake Edmunds (Omicron, 2019) and Erik Roepke (Rho, 2020) will represent the chapter as Vice President of Public Relations and Vice President of Academics on the Intrafraternity Council Executive Board.

They were elected in December.

RENAISSANCE MEN

BROTHERS GROW WITH MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

This semester's membership development event featured finance, entrepreneurship and communication.

Over half the chapter met in the Honors College and International Center on Oct. 29 for the "Renaissance Man" event.

WKU professor Andrew Head spoke about personal finance for young adults, graduate brother Cody Hutchins spoke

about social entrepreneurship and WKU professor Charlotte Elder spoke about interpersonal communication.

"Membership development is so important because there are things we need to know before entering the real world," said chair Jared Long (Pi, 2019). "College teaches you everything you need to know for a career, but a fraternity should teach you how to be a man."

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

PAINT PARTY WITH KAPPA DELTA



To kick off the year and celebrate the new members, brothers joined the ladies of Kappa Delta in a paint war. Paint flew and new friendships formed.

Other social events throughout the semester included

- Cookout with Kappa Delta
- Bonfire with Sigma Kappa at the Blue House
- Bikers and Hikers: mixer with Phi Mu at Southern Lanes
- Fall Formal at Old Stone

HOMECOMING

The chapter earned 2nd place in Spirit at the Homecoming awards.

Throughout the week, brothers worked alongside the ladies of Delta Zeta and Sigma Alpha to prepare the float for the parade.

Excellent float contributions came from Nick Goode (Rho, 2020), Grant Harvey (Rho, 2020), Caleb Sloan (Nu, 2017) and Aaron Smith (Omicron, 2018). Special thanks to graduate brother Tyler Wittmer for bringing coffee on the final night!

Thank you to all the graduates who attended the tailgate and other events.



CHI ETA CHRISTMAS



The chapter decorated the fraternity house after Thanksgiving Break.

Brothers and friends of the chapter hung hand-made posters, lights and other decorations in and out of Ft. Armstrong with music in the air and cookies in hand.

A few brothers also went Christmas caroling, singing to fraternities, sororities, resident halls and anyone who crossed their path.

BROTHERHOOD

The chapter hosted two major restaurant. Brotherhood events this semester.

Brotherhood chair Daniel Aroh (Nu, 2018) planned the “epic” paintball war and the Predators hockey trip, but he’s quick to point out some of the best laughs and memories came from small-scale events.

At the paintball battle, Brothers played into the darkness of night. Different games included four-team battles, capture the castle, and civil war, in which men fell left and right until three remained. Will Gray (Rho, 2020) ended the day as “Most Dominant.”

For the first month of the semester, brothers enjoyed breakfast at midnight for company.

Waffle House Wednesdays. They grabbed whatever wheels they could find—longboards, scooters, penny boards, bikes, roller blades, ripsticks and penny boards—met outside of Minton Hall and headed to the

Thirty brothers took advantage of no school on Election Day (Nov. 8) to attend a Nashville Predators home game versus Washington Senators. The Preds got the W, and the Fijis enjoyed the game and each other’s



Aroh’s favorite event was “Freshgiving,” the traditional Thanksgiving meal served every November at WKU’s top cafeteria, Fresh Food Co. “We had over 30 Fijis in Fresh owning

the cafeteria and devouring turkey, taters, cranberry, pie and anything in sight,” Aroh said. “There’s nothing better than an old fashioned Fiji Fresh Feast.”

Freshgiving was one of many Fiji gatherings at the cafeteria. By most estimates, at least two brothers ate at Fresh for lunch everyday. Notable “Fresh bros” include Aroh, Alec Brown (Nu, 2017), Logan Carroll (Omicron, 2019), Juan Dozier (Rho, 2020), Hunter Gossett (Rho, 2020), Jeremy Latham (Rho, 2020), Kyle Martens (Pi, 2019), Austin Perkins (Pi, 2018), Eric Roepke (Rho, 2020), Caleb

Sloan (Nu, 2017) and Dormus Smith (Omicron, 2018),

Martens will leave big shoes and big plates to fill while abroad next semester, but the giant Fresh-themed group message remains hopeful.

SHENANIGANS

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Fijis joined with a sorority to participate in the 16th annual Shenanigans dance competition.

Brothers, along with the ladies of Alpha Delta Pi, practiced for weeks to perfect their dance for the Oct. 4 event hosted by Kappa Delta. The team based their performance on the movie Grease to fit the theme Banding Together for a Cause.

“It was awesome being able to help with Shenanigans this year,” said chair

Joey Badinger (Lambda, 2017). “It was really cool to see all the effort that the guys put into learning the dances and formation.”

Victoria Price and Danielle Wilson of ADPi planned the dance moves and led practice sessions.

“Those two are incredible, and we could not have done it without them,” Badinger said.

Proceeds for event tickets went to the Family Enrichment Center of Bowling Green and Prevent Child Abuse America.

2017 CABINENT

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AVERAGE MEMBER GPA

3.45

NEWEST PLEDGE CLASS

Congratulations to the Rho class! These men became initiated brothers of Phi Gamma Delta this semester.

They came a long way from potential new members during Recruitment to brothers in our chapter. Throughout the pledging semester, they showed their dedication to their brothers and exemplified the highest of virtues.

Logan Reynolds (Xi, 2018) and Logan Johnson (Xi, 2018) led the Rho class in pledge education, teaching our history and values through discussion and quizzes with occasional help from a few graduate brothers. Each big brother of a Rho attended at least two of the sessions.



NICK GOODE | ERIK ROEPKE | JEREMY LATHAM
WIL SCOTT | GRANT HARVEY | JUAN DOZIER
WILL GRAY | LOGAN HOUCHEMS | PAUL SUMNER
ERIC HOPF | ZACH ZIMMERER | MATT BARTIUMS
HUNTER GOSSETT

INTRA MURALS

Co-Rec Football

1st place: paired with Chi Omega



Spikeball

1st place: Jonathan Blair (Nu, 2018) and Grant Rohleder (Lambda, 2017)

Raquetball

1st place: Josh Hicks (Omicron, 2017) and Ian Greer (2016), on right

4th place: Alec Brown (Nu, 2017) and Enes Atici (Xi, 2018)

Co-Rec Futsal

1st place: Department of Physical Therapy, included Hicks and Greer

2nd place: Honors Toppers, included Atici, Jacob Tipton (Xi, 2018) and Brown

Men's Dodgeball

1st place: Blair, Rohleder, Alex Stackhouse (Omicron, 2019), Jacob Ricks (Pi, 2019)
and Matt Bartimus (Rho, 2020), above



GRADUATE NEWS

NOT FOR COLLEGE DAYS ALONE

Jeff Baynham began a job as Senior Director of Advancement Services at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC, in June 2016.

Eric Blair started working at CMTA consulting engineers June 26, 2016. He got engaged to MeriCate Small Sept. 9, 2016.

Seth Bland (Iota, 2016) started graduate school in Nursing Leadership and Administration at Saint Louis University in August 2016.

Nate Blankenship (Eta, 2015) celebrated one year as an RN in December 2016.

Taylor Bowling (Kappa, 2016) began a career with Gray Construction as a Project Engineer in May 2016. He managed the construction of an M&M Chocolate expansion in Kansas and now manages the construction of an Amazon packaging facility in New Jersey.

Brandon Bowman (Alpha, 2010) became a co-owner of Bowman Insurance Jan. 1, 2017.

Mason Bramer started a new job at Southeast Christian Church in September 2016.

Daniel Brussell (Theta, 2015) started the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at WKU in June 2016 and got engaged in December 2016.

Scott Burch (Kappa, 2013) graduated from Lexington Police Academy May 26, 2016.

Jonathan Caron (Epsilon, 2014) got engaged in May 2016 and will get married in April 2017. He started a new marketing job with the WKU Restaurants Group in October 2016.

Griffin Timo Frugé (Epsilon, 2014) married Kathryn Frugé in August 2016. He started a job at TorchPrep in Cincinnati, OH in April 2016.

Will Garcia (Epsilon, 2014) married Jennifer Young Sept. 24, 2016.

Luke Gilliam (Alpha, 2012) completed his first half ironman in May 2016, had twins, Anne Taylor and James Nowlin, June 6, 2016 and received his Professional Engineering License in June 2016.

Jamie Harvener (Nu, 2016) started working at Dance 360 Orlando (Orlando, FL) as a full-time instructor, as well as website and social media manager in August 2016.

Hayden Hickey (Iota, 2016) got married to Abby Pace in June 2016 and began the Psychology Ph. D. program at Auburn University in August 2016.

Jacob Hood (Epsilon, 2015) got married Oct. 22, 2016, and started working at Norton Hospital in Louisville, KY, as a Medical Technologist October 2016.

Colton Hounshell got engaged to Kaitlyn Greene and started graduate school at University of Kentucky in August 2016.

Eric Hughes (Zeta, 2012) accepted a job as a software engineer in Huntsville, AL, working for Kratos Defense in April 2016. He develops military applications for the US Army, Air Force and National Guard.

Kent Jones (Epsilon, 2015) married Allyson Jones Oct. 15, 2016, graduated from Auburn University with a Master's degree and started work at Scotty's Contracting and Stone in Bowling Green in December 2016.

Tyler Jury (Alpha) graduated dental school in May 2016 and began practice in Louisville at Springhurst Family & Cosmetic Dentistry in July 2017

Austin Lanter (Epsilon, 2014) graduated from WKU with a Master's Degree in May 2016 and started work as the Leasing Manager at University Trails in Lex Vegas in December 2016.

Malcolm Lunceford (Alpha, 2012) started a new position as Marketing Specialist in the Department of Marketing & Communications at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in October 2016.

Drew Morgan (Nu, 2015) got engaged to Sarah Stackhouse in August 2016 and will marry her in June 2017. He started a new job as Care and Counseling Minister at Living Hope Baptist Church in November 2016.

John William Owens (Epsilon, 2014) was hired as Digital Media Coordinator for Georgia State Athletics in July 2016.

Erin Pennington began a job as Full Time Editor and Director of ESPN3 Programming at Lipscomb University in June 2016.

Braden Proffitt (Mu, 2016) was hired by Rich Pond Elementary School as a second-grade teacher April 29, 2016. He married Afton Conner July 9, 2016.

Drake Riley (Iota, 2016) started working for the Army Corps of Engineers in Louisville, KY, in July 2016.

Taylor Ruby (Iota, 2016) married Erin Beattie July 2, 2016, and started dental school at University of Louisville July 6, 2016.

Ronnie Santana (Alpha) began working as a volunteer law clerk at the Department of Justice District of Minnesota in January 2017. He and his wife Rosalind are expecting their first child in February.

Luke Sparks (Theta, 2016) started working at Office Resources, Inc. in Louisville as an account representative in June 2016. He got engaged to Meredith Chinn in October 2016 and will marry her in June 2017.

Joe Starks (Theta, 2015) started his theological education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in January 2016. He started working as a technical writer for Kirkpatrick Price in December 2016.

Brent Stephens (Iota, 2016) started working at Providence Pine Meadows in Lexington as an admissions coordinator in May 2016 and moved to business office manager in November 2016.

Zack Van Zant passed the certification for the Certified Financial Planner Designation in November 2016.

Sam Wells (Zeta, 2014) started his Master's program for Occupational Therapy at Spalding University in August.

Josh Wiseman (Alpha, 2012) accepted a job as a Night Keeper at the Birmingham Zoo in May 2016.