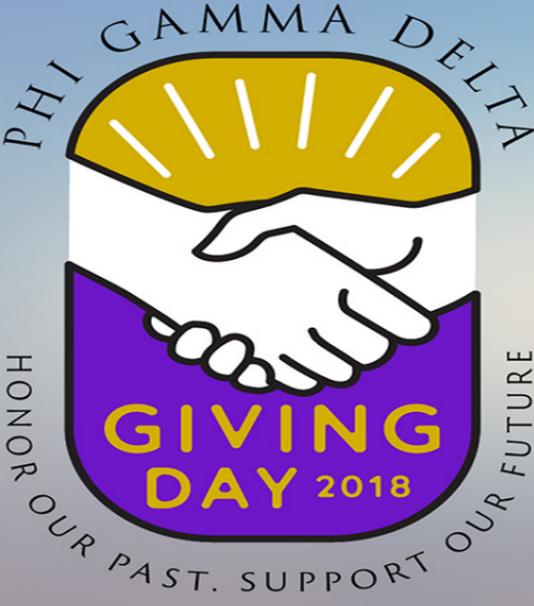


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PHI GAMMA DELTA'S 170TH ANNIVERSARY DAY OF GIVING



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MIGHTY PROUD To mark the 170th anniversary of our fraternity, IHQ is organizing a Giving Day fundraiser on 1 May.

GRADUATE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCHES

BROTHERS,

PRIOR TO the 47th Pig, Joe Ylagan (President, EAFS), Chris Tang (President BCA), Ryan Spooner (President Housing Corp), Dave Hancock (Canadian Educational Foundation), and I met for the inaugural Epsilon Alpha Joint Graduate Council meeting. This meeting shall be held annually to coordinate the efforts of graduates across bodies. It is my pleasure to speak to two initiatives discussed.

FIRST: THE formation of a Graduate Mentorship Program. Our current view of the program will create a list of graduates that volunteer to make themselves available for general skills coaching and career advice of our undergraduate brothers. Think of the advice a big brother gives to help another through university, but scaled up.

FOR THOSE seeking greater involvement, this is an ideal opportunity to connect with undergraduate brothers in a meaningful way.

WHEN WE compare successful chapters from unsuccessful ones, both on campus and in wider Fijiland, graduate involvement is one of the key differentiators. Brothers, we are on the upswing and it is my sincere hope to build this program that our graduate brothers might have a more meaningful way to practice "Not For College Days Alone."

FRATERNALLY,

TRISTAN PATTERSON '05
PURPLE LEGIONNAIRE

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Founder's Day Brunch

April 28 at 11:00 AM, Barb and Ernie's Old Country Inn. All brothers, pledges, family and friends are welcome to attend.



Undergrads show off their skills at Greek God and Goddess...

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... While Grads dominate at annual hockey game!

» please see "GRADS EMERGE TRIUMPHANT", PG. 2

INSIDE



Recruitment Update, EAFS news and 50th Pig Dinner Initiative!



NORTH STAR SPRING 2018



Grads emerge triumphant

The Grads have finally reclaimed the glorious Epsilon Alpha Cup from the Undergrads, with a 5-2 victory during the annual Grad vs Undergrad Hockey Game. The Undergrads could not find a solution to the Graduate brothers ringer goaltender: Brother Ethan Dorward. It was Brother Dorwards first time playing goalie. Ever.

EA GOES TO FIJI ACADEMY 2018

At the beginning of the year, I went to St. Louis to attend FIJI Academy along with two of my undergraduate brothers and our Purple Legionnaire.

This was the second time that I had been afforded the opportunity to travel internationally through the fraternity; just last year I was in Kentucky as part of the recently-launched Leadership Institute. It being my first time at Academy, I didn't have much to go on in terms of expectations, but I was thoroughly impressed.

I found the programming itself to be extremely valuable and well-tailored to us as young college men. The seminars were concise, informative, and presented by individuals who were all qualified in the fields about which they spoke.

Two that stood out in my mind were a business writing lecture and a presentation given by IHQ's former ritualist that made me excited to return to Edmonton for my role as chapter historian. Coming back home, I (and I'm sure the others would agree) felt better prepared, both for my position on cabinet and as a member of the chapter in general.

The other aspect of Academy that really struck me was the insight that it offered as to the scope of our organization. Seeing hundreds of brothers come together from chapters across the country and all throughout the United States was, of course, incredible, and talking with them about our FIJI experience and hearing what was done differently or the same on other campuses definitely instilled in me a greater appreciation for the work done by the fraternity,

and the extent of its influence.

To top off the experience, I was fortunate enough to have been selected to participate in the model initiation. Seeing that ceremony performed in front of all the attendees, including the Archons and a now-brother who was genuinely initiated that night was, in a word, powerful.

Overall, I'm very happy to have participated in Academy 2018, and grateful to be part of an organization that is so dedicated to the development of its members.

Fraternally,

WILLIAM BLIMKE '16
HISTORIAN



PHI GAMMA DELTA

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GRADUATE BROTHERS UPDATE

47th Pig a Success, 50th Pig Dinner Initiative Picking Up Steam

UPCOMING FOUNDERS DAY BRUNCH

Brunch will be hosted at 11:00 AM on April 28, 2018 at Barb and Ernie's Old Country Inn (9906-72 avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta). All brothers, pledges, and family/friends are welcome to attend. Stay tuned for an official invite, and opening for RSVPs in the coming months.

48TH PIG DINNER

Our 48th Pig Dinner will be held on Oct. 20, 2018 at the Sutton Place Hotel (downtown Edmonton).

47TH PIG DINNER

The 47th annual pig dinner was a success. Around

118 brothers attended the event including 85 graduate brothers. Once again a vast majority of both undergraduate and graduate brothers returned to the FIJI house after the dinner, to continue the evening and catch up with each other.

In the same vein, exiles dinner saw around 27 brothers attend at the Atlantic Trap and Gill.

50TH PIG DINNER INITIATIVE

Eric Hermanns is looking for brothers who are interested in aiding him plan for this milestone event.

To help with communicating effectively and ensuring

this event is celebrated appropriately, we have created a Call Tree, where we require phone captains. The phone captains will be responsible for reaching out to their respective pledge classes (or a delegated class) on upcoming events, as well as ensuring contact information is up to date. If you are interested in being a phone captain for your pledge class (or a delegate class), please contact Eric at: eric.hermanns@gmail.com.

EA FIJI WEBSITE

To keep up to date on the happenings of the graduate chapter, as well as the undergraduate chapter

please do not hesitate to utilize the eafiji.ca website. Here you can also reach out to a member of our team to update your contact information in case any of it has changed.

JOE YLAGAN '10
EAFS PRESIDENT

Silver Owls

Recipients at pig dinner 2017

LANDON LECLAIR '94
PHILLIP LEUNG '95
JASON STREICH '94
CHRIS BANKS '96



Epsilon Alpha Endowment Fund a Growing Focus

EA Graduate Brothers Encouraged to Give (continued from cover)

Brothers,

I SPOKE at this past Pig Dinner about our renewed focus on growing the Epsilon Alpha Endowment Fund within the Canadian Education Foundation. To mark the 170th anniversary of our fraternity, IHQ is organizing a Giving Day fundraiser on 1 May.

I HAVE volunteered to act as an Ambassador for the event, but particularly for the Epsilon Alpha Fund. Currently, only 32 brothers donate from our chapter.

EIGHTY percent of your contribution will go directly to our fund and 20% to other Canadian Education Foundation programs that also support undergraduates.

THOUGH I already donate monthly towards our fund, I am prepared to pledge another \$500 if we can hit 50 donors.

IF 18 more brothers donate \$18.48 apiece and designate their giving towards our fund, we will hit our Jonathan Doody Memorial Scholarship goal of \$3000 for incoming

students to the U of A and grow our endowment.

A MODEST pledge on your part can contribute towards the recruitment and scholastic efforts of our chapter, which doubled in size this past year. I firmly believe the JDMS attracts quality individuals who will perpetuate our fraternity and our values. I hope you will join me.

IF YOU go to www.president170.org, IHQ has setup a ScaleFunder platform that should ease the process for Giving Day. Of course,

you can donate any time via www.phigam.org under Foundation, Foundation of Canada.

IF YOU are at all interested in either initiative or have any questions, please contact me at:

tristanlpatterson@gmail.com

Fraternally,

TRISTAN PATTERSON '05
PURPLE LEGIONNAIRE

UNDERGRADUATE UPDATE



FIJI is Number One, Once Again, at Greek God and Goddess

Undergrads celebrate after winning first place at the annual Greek God and Goddess competition.

ACADEMY AND EKKLESIA

Treasurer Sungwoo Byun, Corresponding Secretary Ryan Chan, Historian William Blimke and Purple Legionnaire Tristan Patterson attended the 43rd Phi Gamma Delta Academy in St. Louis this past January. As part as the leadership core of the chapter they were tasked with developing their understandings of their positions while also considering how our chapter can grow and continue to develop.

The 170th Ekklesia will be held this upcoming summer in Dallas and we encourage as many graduates as possible to attend with our undergraduate chapter.

RECRUITMENT

As always the chapter is looking for young students to introduce to the chapter. Recruitment is a huge task and our chapter wants to continue where it left off last semester and bring as many individuals around as possible. Any referrals can be sent to our cabinet or our Recruitment chairman Steven Csorba (scsorba@ualberta.ca), especially legacies attending the University.

In January, the chapter acquired two new pledges to add to our five carryovers.

There will be plenty of opportunities to introduce new recruits to the chapter so referrals are welcome year round. Even if recommended rushes won't be attending the University until Fall, they would be welcome to meet the chapter and see the house throughout the Winter term as well as during the summer. We will have a variety of events this summer where both graduate brothers and potential recruits would be welcome to meet the chapter or continue engaging with the Fraternity.

NEWLY INITIATED BROTHERS

The Epsilon Alpha chapter initiated 12 new brothers from the Fall semester with a few remaining pledges to go through following the Winter semester. These newly initiated brothers include Armeen Ahmadian, Matthew Araneta, Kevin Kwon, Evan Mazur, Dustin McRorie, Seth Mutch, Kevin Owtrim, Vincent Pham, Steven Qiu, Campbell Rae, Jaryl Schmidt and James Wincott.

There are another 10 holdovers who will continue to contribute to the chapter

while improving their grades and initiate within the year. With our newly initiated brothers, our current chapter size is now 30 brothers.

The chapter is hoping to send a few of our brothers to the upcoming Leadership Institution in Lexington, Kentucky this June to hone their leadership skills.

Referrals for new memberships are always welcome.

FIJI HOMEFRONT

The Epsilon Alpha house is cleaner than ever however it will always be in need of a little more love. The undergraduate brothers are continuously looking for specific items to be donated to the chapter, especially when furnishing the bedrooms. A longterm goal is to establish pre-furnished rooms so brothers can move into the house more efficiently and carry less.

Popular items to be donated include bedroom sets, couches, tools, and pots and pans for the kitchen. All questions can be directed towards our Housing Manager Jordan Simao (jsimao@ualberta.ca)

TASTE OF EDMONTON

The chapter will continue

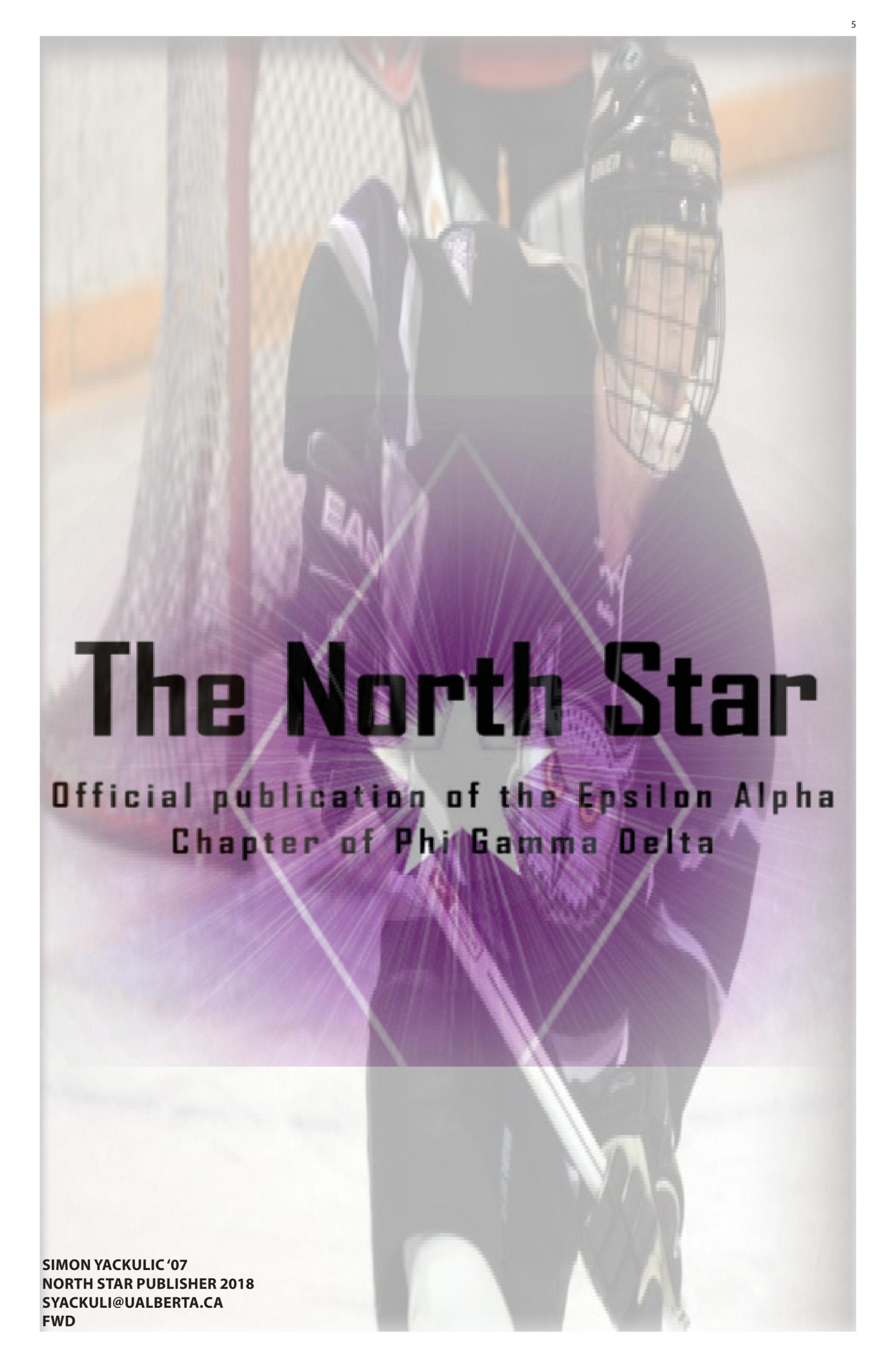
with our fundraising efforts at the Taste of Edmonton this upcoming July. After last year's amazing effort, we are hoping to utilize the larger chapter for the event, however graduate support and assistance is always graciously welcomed. Graduate brothers are encouraged to reach out to Fundraising chairman Seth Mutch (mutch@ualberta.ca) in regards to helping the chapter or working the booths with some brothers.

RUN TO RED DEER

The 4th annual Run to Red Deer will take place mid-August! Last year the Epsilon Alpha chapter beat the Upsilon Chi's in both money raised and time to Red Deer and we're looking to continue our winning streak. More details will be released later this semester by our Philanthropy Chair, Campbell Rae (ctrae@ualberta.ca).

Reach out to me at jnalthou@ualberta.ca for any requests regarding graduate brother information or future newsletters.

JARED ALTHOUSE '13 GRAD RELATIONS



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