



The Undergraduate brothers of the Lambda Iota Chapter are happy to bring to you this special edition of *The Russell Street Review*

From the Cabinet

Hello, we hope this special edition of the Russell Street Review finds you and your families well during these peculiar times. The Cabinet is pleased to report, the brothers of the Lambda Iota chapter returned to West Lafayette this fall, full of anticipation and excitement as fraternal bonds were restored from an unprecedented and seemingly endless Summer Break. Despite the stringent guidelines set forth by the University and City of West Lafayette, the vitality of the chapter remains steadfast. Covid-19 mitigation strategies have altered Chapter operations down to the smallest level in order to parallel the Protect Purdue Pledge students were required to sign before the resumption of classes. Some of the changes we've seen this semester include the recruitment of our new members, how brothers dine together, and many more facets associated with fraternal living. This edition of the Russell Street Review serves to inform those who may be interested, of the many changes the chapter has made to make this semester successful and worthwhile for our undergraduate members.



Coronavirus

In this edition of the Russell Street Review, the chapter hopes to inform our Graduate members as well as our Parents about the recent changes both operationally and physically speaking. The chapter has taken a great amount of responsibility in order to function with 54 undergraduate members living in. Drastic measures have been taken to be in compliance with University, Local Government, and many other mandates regarding COVID mitigation. The chapter plans to remain in operation for the full duration of the truncated semester and resume operations in the Spring.

Recruitment

Like many Fall semester activities, our traditional recruitment process was altered drastically in order to be in compliance with University and government mandates. Despite these unusual circumstances, the recruitment committee showed great resilience in recruiting a full 30 man Pledge Class to solidify PC '24! This was done so by utilizing the virtual video conferencing platform, "Zoom". The recruitment committee comprised of brothers, John Kay PC '22 and Jon Maddox PC '21, were able to schedule nearly 300 potential new members to be interviewed by a group of brothers within the first weeks of school. As brothers expressed interest towards new members they talked to, these new members were scheduled to come visit the house for a one on one house tour. The chapter likes to coin this methodology as a "hybrid" approach to recruitment. While many other Greek organizations went exclusively to online recruitment, the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta felt an in-person meeting with proper precautions taken, would be worthwhile in the decision as to who might become a brother at the fraternity!

Cold Dorms

In an effort to create social distancing between brothers in historically "congested" areas of the house, our cold dorms have been de-densified by reducing the number of beds in each dorm.

Traditionally, a cold dorm could sleep 18-20 individuals each. However, we have reduced this number to 12-14 per dorm. We have accomplished this by mandating all single man rooms sleep in their rooms on a bed provided by the chapter or a personal one. The chapter has also invested in partitions between beds, as pictured, to prevent airborne transmissions of the virus.



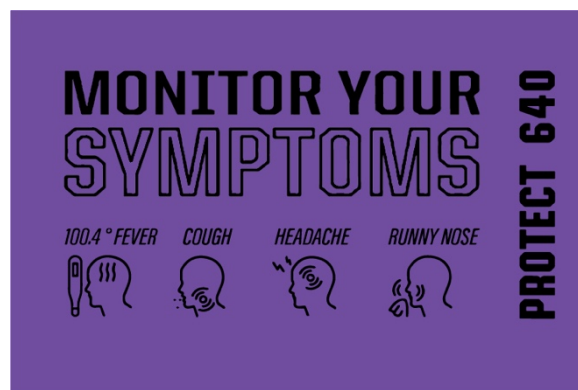
Dining

Another step the chapter took to mitigate potential COVID exposure in day to day chapter operations was a complete revision of our meal service. Traditionally, our in-house meal service team comprised of brothers in the house, would bring food out to be served buffet style. However, in order to serve food safely for this semester, our in-house meal service team termed “Kappa Phi” or Kitchen Police, began serving meals behind a plexiglass partition. This mode of food delivery was approved by the health and safety department before the brother’s arrival to campus and is one of the few, if not the only, meal services not to default to box lunches. This can be attributed to the great work done by our Purple Legionnaire, Bill Miller, as well as our excellent Kappa Phi Staff.



Signage

In an effort to curate a culture of Covid Friendly Practices, the chapter implemented signage around the house to remind brothers of the steps we must take in order to Protect Ourselves and more importantly, Protect 640. A big thank you goes out to Brother Harstick PC '22 for designing Fiji branded signs.



Graduate Brother's Spotlight

In addition to the great strides being made by the undergraduate population, our Graduate Brothers are continuing to exemplify courageous leadership and carrying on the good name of Phi Gamma Delta!

In this edition, we'd like to commend Brother Mike Dilts & Cameron O'Connor for their accomplishments at Shiel Sexton. Brother Dilts, CEO of Shiel Sexton, was awarded the United Way of Central Indiana Exceptional Executive Award. Shiel Sexton, under Brother Dilt's leadership, is also receiving the Spirit United Award. Brother O'Connor was also nominated as an Exceptional Engagement Coordinator for this year. The chapter would like to extend a congratulations to Brother Dilts and Brother O'Connor for their accomplishments!



In continuation of our Graduate Brother Spotlights, the chapter would like to congratulate Brother John W. Smith (Class of 1949) for receiving the Diamond Owl Award. This award is given to brothers celebrating 75 years of membership in the Fraternity. This prestigious honor is one every brother hopes to attain and honors all recipients of the Diamond Owl award. Congratulations Brother Smith.



Graduate Relations

Are you or your class planning an upcoming trip to campus? The chapter loves hosting graduate brothers, touring them around the updated chapter facility, and sharing stories of their time at Purdue! The Graduate Relations committee will accept any input regarding graduate focused communication or events including next year's Pig Dinner or any other trips to campus. Please contact Graduate Relations Chairman Boxi Gong at boxigong123@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions!

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