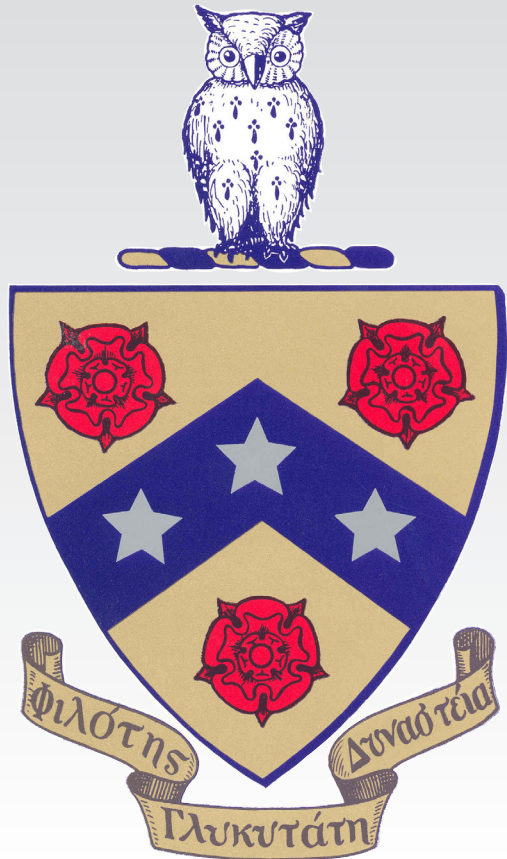

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Distinguished Lambda Graduates

Lambda Chapter
Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity
DePauw University

Greencastle, Indiana
Saturday, April 13, 2013





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DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD

The Lambda Distinguished Graduate Award honors those Graduate Brothers of Lambda Chapter who best exemplify the core values of the fraternity: friendship, knowledge, service, morality, and excellence.

Each year, Graduate Brothers nominate other Lambda Graduate Brothers for recognition with the Lambda Distinguished Graduate Award. Nominees may be living or *Ad Astra*. Nominees should have demonstrated involvement with and support for Lambda, Phi Gamma Delta, DePauw University, community involvement, and life achievements.



Founded on June 24, 1856, Lambda Chapter is the oldest continually operating chapter of the International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta. The Lambda Distinguished Graduate Award recognizes Graduate Brothers who have contributed to Lambda's rich history and traditions by their example.

Recipients bring distinction to the Lambda Chapter, Phi Gamma Delta, and DePauw University. Their time, talents, dedication, and resources further the ideals of the fraternity with their life-long commitment to excellence. Each recipient is a credit to our valued brotherhood. Each is a constant reminder that Phi Gamma Delta "is not for college days alone."



GARY L. WEGENKE '60

Gary Wegenke was born and raised in South Bend, Indiana. His father, Edward, thought a career option for Gary would be to follow in his footsteps and work at Sibley Machine and Foundry. However, young Gary was more inclined toward an academic career. In high school, he played and lettered in baseball and wrestling while attending South Bend Central. The owner of his father's foundry encouraged Gary to consider Notre Dame. DePauw became an option when the family's doctor suggested Gary visit DePauw and meet his son, Bruce Parker '56 (a Phi Gam) who was Lambda Chapter's president. Gary felt welcomed by the Phi Gams and was impressed by DePauw's academic reputation and opportunity to participate in sports. Later, Gary received a National Methodist Scholarship and DePauw became his school of choice. Gary actually pledged Phi Gam during his high school senior year. In the fall of 1956, Gary and his long-time friend and classmate, Tom West '60, came to Greencastle.

As a freshman and sophomore, Gary was involved in 15 hours of classes, the "pledge process," baseball, and club wrestling. Several weekends he spent conducting Methodist church services in rural communities in Southern Indiana. He could also be found volunteering at the Lebanon Children's Home. Both experiences fulfilled the service requirements of his scholarship. Gary located a campus job at noon and dinner waiting tables at the Delta Gamma Sorority house. Summers were spent in South Bend working at Sibley's and the Bendix Corporation.

Later, Ed Boswell '31, a Fiji Graduate Brother, provided an opportunity for Gary and Phil Mow '60 to work asphaltting Indiana highways for his firm McMahon Construction. Ed Boswell was aware of DePauw's tuition and other costs and kept Gary employed. Two summers Gary worked in Plainfield, Indiana at McMahon's ready-mix plant. Managerial experiences associated with scheduling truck drivers, on-time deliveries, and adjusting to cement contractor issues were common place. Customer service was a lesson never to be forgotten.

During his junior and senior years, Gary continued to wrestle and became a member of DPU's lettermen's club. His main Phi Gam responsibility was that of a Pledge Trainer. Gary would change the "pledge orientation culture" from one characterized by "hazing" to one of "pledge support"—in areas of academics, social life, and respect for Phi Gamma

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GARY L. WEGENKE '60, CONTINUED

Delta's history and lifetime values. He also engaged in the joys of Phi Gam life—planning/building a Fiji Island, serenading sorority sisters, riding in DPU's "Little 500," and catching a football pass from Dick French '60 to beat the Beta's (6-0) after 8 periods in the '59 Intramural Football Championship. The Fiji's "bum room" was a place to hang-out. On Sunday nights, the TV show *The Mavericks* would have standing room only. Later, Gary and his wife Sandy would name their twins, Bart and Bret; names familiar with those in the Bum Room.

Gary wasn't aware at the time, but his election to the fraternity's presidency during his senior year was the formal beginning to his leadership career. He learned early that leaders build relationships, walk their talk, and strive toward expressing their values through their actions. As president, Gary was advised by Joe Carney '50 and George Dirks '29 on issues related to property management and alumni relations. Plans for a new fraternity house on property acquired between the Phi Gams and the Theta house were being considered. A highlight for Gary was representing Lambda Chapter at the fraternity's National Ekklesia. Gary graduated in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and mathematics. He stayed on for a semester to student teach and take secondary education courses for teacher certification. Gary began his master's work at Indiana University in the spring of 1961. He would start his teaching career in South Bend where over an eight-year period he would teach math and coach wrestling, cross country, and football at the junior high and later in two high schools. Gary met his wife, Sandy, while teaching in South Bend. However, she was a business teacher in the rival Mishawaka community. They were married in 1963 and will celebrate 50 years of marital bliss in August 2013.

Involved in South Bend's first teacher strike, Gary impressed the school superintendent who suggested that Gary consider pursuing a doctoral degree. In 1969 Gary and his family moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he worked on and earned a Ph.D. in educational administration from The Ohio State University. Later, in 1972, Gary would become a high school principal in Lansing (MI) School District. Over a period of 11 years in the school district, he would serve as a Principal, Assistant Superintendent for Fiscal and Administrative Services, and Deputy Superintendent. In Lansing, Gary worked with his colleagues to overcome problems associated with race, poverty, and gaps in student

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achievement. His Lansing career also focused on court-ordered desegregation issues. He believed all children when given the opportunity can and will succeed.

In 1983, Gary, his wife, and youngest son, Blake, moved to Waterloo, Iowa. He was hired to be Superintendent of Schools during Iowa's "farm crisis." Engaging the community in a dialogue, it was determined that closing about 30 percent of the schools would allow fiscal resources to be spent on student programs rather than preserving "bricks and mortar." Gary received Waterloo's Public Servant of the Year Award in 1985.

In 1988, Gary accepted the position of Superintendent of the Des Moines (IA) Independent Community Schools. He remained in Des Moines for 10 years. Not unlike the Waterloo Schools, he faced issues of declining enrollment, financial shortfalls, and maintaining a quality education for all 32,000 students. During his tenure in Des Moines, he was selected Iowa's 1994 Superintendent of the Year. Later he was selected as one of four finalists for National Superintendent of the Year honors.

He left Iowa in 1998, returning to Michigan. This time he joined the faculty at Western Michigan University (WMU); first as a Research Associate, then as an Associate Professor and later Professor; in 2003, Gary was named Dean of The College of Education and Human Development. WMU is the eighth largest producer of teacher educators in the nation. There are nearly 5,000 undergraduates and 1,600 graduate students in the College. Gary is most proud of his involvement in the design and development of Sangren Hall – the center of education and human development at WMU. Recently, he was honored when the University named the gathering area within Sangren the "Gary Wegenke Plaza."

In 2010, Gary joined the retiree ranks and was named Professor Emeritus in Educational Leadership by WMU. He continues grant work associated with urban school issues, as well as, joining his wife Sandy and son Bret in their family business. Bart and Blake are both public school district administrators in the Lansing area. Playing with and watching his six grandchildren grow is his joy. Together, Sandy and Gary spend time at their lake home near Elk Rapids, Michigan, and a place where Gary could improve his golf game.



JAMES A. YODER '70

Phi Gamma Delta played a key role in Jim's success at DePauw and in life. It provided him with a support network that made transitioning from high school to college life significantly easier. By providing mentoring in academics, encouraging him to participate in student activities, and guiding him in all things, DePauw prepared Jim as a leader. Jim says, "It was a great start in developing life skills." Jim jokes that he experiences fraternity rush over and over again in his professional life. He is always choosing people, and then evaluating and mentoring them.

Jim's love for the ocean began when he was a young boy. Jim bought *The Silent World* by Jacques-Yves Cousteau for his father for his birthday. It is a story about undersea discovery and adventure by the first men to swim at record depths with the freedom of fish. Jim read the book, and he was intrigued. It was the beginning of his love and exploration of the ocean.

Jim spent much of his childhood traveling the world—from the Midwest to Thailand; from Washington, D.C. to Israel—before spending his high school years in Virginia, California and Thailand. Jim's father worked in the Foreign Service. Jim's parents were both from the Midwest, and he had many relatives living in and near Cincinnati. Because Jim's parents moved around frequently, and he never knew how long they would stay in the States or any one place, Jim felt more comfortable going to a university near his extended family. That was one of the main reasons he chose DePauw.

Jim visited DePauw when he was a high school senior. At the time, he was more interested in the biology department than the fraternities. When he arrived at DePauw in the fall of 1966, he was thrown into Rush during the first week of school. The freshmen were told that they had to make a decision during the first few days of their freshman year about what fraternity they would join. He befriended Larry Downs '70, another freshman, and they started to look together for the right fraternity. They both hit it off with the Phi Gams, and they joined together. Jim and Larry are still very close friends today!

Jim did find a family in the Lambda Chapter. His parents were in Thailand until he was a senior. Jim would spend the holidays with relatives and with other Fijis, including Scott

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Robey '70, Larry, Jim Dietz '70 and others. Jim enjoyed learning about other lifestyles, and he even got to rebuild a dock on the Mississippi River in Wisconsin during one school break. Today, Jim is still intrigued by people from other cultures who have different experiences and opinions to share.

Now, Jim appreciates Fiji's strict rules about freshman study time. On weeknights, the freshmen pledges were not allowed out of their rooms from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This allowed him to develop the necessary study skills and infrastructure to become a good student. These skills helped him to succeed at DePauw and in his post-graduate education. Jim's major was botany. Back then, you needed a bachelor's degree in natural science if you wanted to go to graduate school for oceanography. The botany students were given special attention, as there were only four students in the major. The professors expected only the best from the botany students. Jim still made time to play basketball and other intramural sports, as well as hold house positions. Jim and Larry were Rush co-chairs during their junior year, and he was the treasurer during his senior year.

Jim graduated in 1970, but he put his life on hold while waiting to see if he would be drafted. He even applied to join the Peace Corps. After it became evident that he would not be drafted, he took a job in Washington, D.C. which took him to Chicago and then St. Louis. Jim applied for an oceanography fellowship at the University of Rhode Island (URI), and he got it. He earned his master's degree in 1974. Then he went on to get his PhD from URI in 1979. At URI, he met his wife, Ellen, who worked in the personnel office. They were married in 1975. Life was busy, and Jim was focusing on his oceanography studies, playing intramural sports, watching America's Cup races, and most importantly, he became a father in 1977.

During his active research career (1971–2005), Jim's research focus was on marine ecology, specifically the effects of physical processes in the ocean (ocean currents, ocean mixing) on phytoplankton (microscopic plants) productivity. His research program was supported by federal grants from the Department of Energy, NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Additional support was provided by the Skidaway Institute

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of Oceanography and the Graduate School of Oceanography at URI. In addition to his current administrative responsibilities at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, he also leads grant-funded ocean education programs and serves on committees that advise both domestic and international science agencies and programs. In 2008, Jim was the recipient of a University of Rhode Island's Distinguished Achievement Award. In 2012, Jim became a Fellow of the Oceanography Society. And now, he is honored to be inducted into the Distinguished Lambda Graduates.

In the past year, Jim founded Ocean Opportunities (www.oceanopportunities.org), a partnership that aims to develop a new, coordinated strategy to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in ocean science, ocean policy, and ocean engineering graduate programs. The goal is to build an effective partnership between science, math, and engineering faculty at minority-serving institutions and programs, along with graduate program administrators who are recruiting students into ocean science and engineering graduate programs. Ocean Opportunities seeks to acquaint underrepresented minority undergraduate students with graduate school and career opportunities to encourage students to pursue a graduate degree in ocean science, ocean policy, and ocean engineering.

When Jim isn't busy with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, you can find him gardening, growing orchids, playing golf, and traveling with his wife, Ellen. Last year, they went to Bali, and also visited their sons in Seattle and Miami. Jim still gets together with Larry Downs '70, John Tolle '70, Mike Scalzo '70 and others; and they are tentatively planning another Chicago reunion, possibly this summer. Jim always remembers the lessons he learned while living with other young men at Fiji.



JOSEPH A. ATRIA '81

Joe grew up in Glen Ellyn, a western suburb of Chicago. He wasn't a stranger to DePauw or to the Lambda chapter—at Glenbard West High School, there was a long tradition of students (particularly football players) who went to DePauw and became Fijis. Joe was a serious athlete at Glenbard, participating on the football, wrestling, and track and field teams. Attending DePauw was a natural choice for Joe.

At DePauw, the football team arrived a week before classes and started training. With a week of practice before rush even began, Joe became friends with several Fiji teammates. Ross Clark '80, was already a friend from high school. Eric Eichholtz '80, Mike Milatovich '80, Bob Breger '80, and Mark Fraser '78 were also interior linemen. Fraser, the Fiji president at the time, was also a team captain. When Joe walked into the Fiji house, he immediately felt comfortable. The Lambdas included athletes, brainiacs, musicians, and everybody else under the sun. He wanted to be part of that diverse group of young men. Joe pledged Fiji!

Joe loved playing sports for DePauw, but by his second year, he knew that he had to tone it down. His academic schedule had become more and more demanding. Joe was studying zoology with a focus on secondary science education. At the time, there were a lot of science majors in the house, like pledge brother Brad Pearman '81 and future roommate Mark Tagett '80. They helped each other pass their exams. Despite his increased focus on academics, Joe was still an extraordinary athlete—he was a four-time letter winner in football, one-time letter winner in wrestling (freshman year), and a two-time letter winner in track and field (freshman and sophomore years).

Joe held the positions of Lambda corresponding secretary and president. Joe's easygoing, friendly demeanor made him an effective leader. He was able to get along with everybody, and he made meetings fun. The business of the day got sandwiched in with running gags and animal noises. "Sheep" always got a vote! The brothers worked as a cohesive group with a focus on academics and fun.

Joe graduated from DePauw in 1981. In the spring of his senior year, Coach Nick Mourouzis found out about job openings for science teachers at Merrillville and suggested that Joe send in a resume ("and take out that damn earring"). Joe applied, got rid of the earring before the interview, and found himself teaching middle-school science at Merrillville in the fall.

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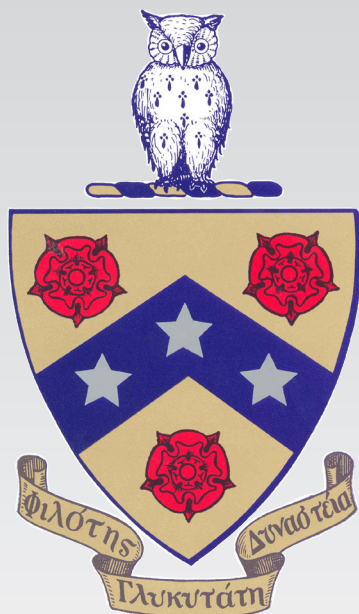
Merrillville Community Schools is home for Joe and his wife, Sue. Joe has been there since 1981, and he met his wife there in 1994. He coaches football, wrestling, and track and field. Sue is a teacher at the middle school, and his children go to school there. Joe has also been the science department chairman since 2011. But there is much more to Joe than just the Merrillville schools. When he is not in school, you can find Joe fishing, growing vegetables in his garden, and running to his children's games. On a personal note, Joe cannot wait to coach his own son when he gets to high school.

Joe's impressive career as a football coach has given his teams a record of 236-109, six Dunesland Conference championships, eight sectional championships, and five regional championships. The team set the state record in 2012 for the most yards gained in a single season. He has coached eight all-state linemen and has seen more players advance to play at the college level than he can count. Two of his former players are playing professionally at this time (Mike Neal for Green Bay, and Brandon Jordan for British Columbia).

In Joe's 20 years as the head girl's track and field coach at Merrillville, his teams won two conference championships, eight sectional championships, and two regional championships, and finished twice in the top ten in the State. He also coached two individual state champions.

While Joe appreciates these successes, he considers the real rewards to be the students whose experiences at Merrillville shaped their futures for the better. Three of the present coaches on the Merrillville staff are former players, including one who is a Fiji brother from Rose Hulman. Joe regularly gets visits and emails from students who fell in love with science and became doctors or teachers, and gets stopped frequently for conversations that start with, "Hey coach, remember me?" followed by a story from years or even decades before about a moment in time that made a difference. Joe tries to keep in contact with his brothers, like Brian Murphy '82, Bob Farris '81, Mike Davidson '81, Mike Milatovich '80, Bob Breger '80, and Stu Steele '83. He comes back to Greencastle almost every year for Pig Dinner and enjoys a scotch and a cigar with Paul Qua '82 and other Pig Dinner regulars. He is really impressed with the undergraduate brothers' academic standing and their involvement on campus, and he has gotten to know a few of them. Being around such fun, energetic, nice guys reminds him of his college days.

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