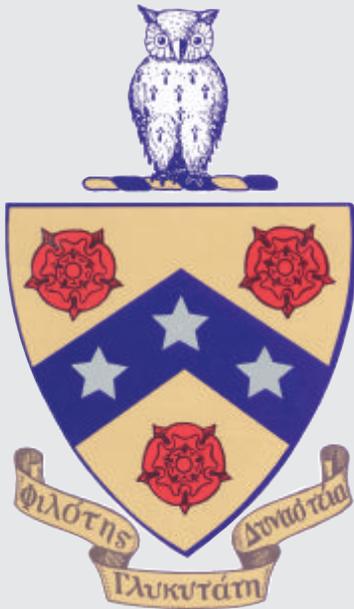


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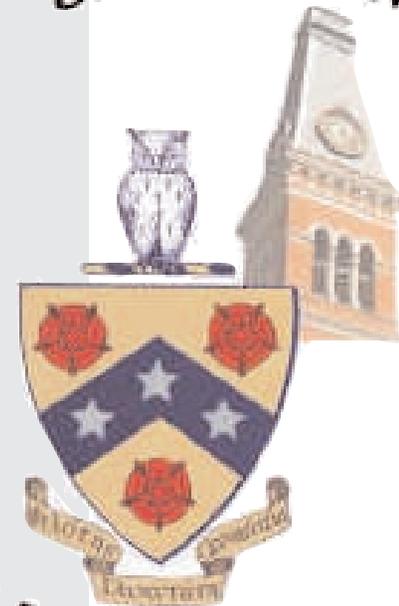
*Distinguished Lambda Graduates*

### **Lambda Chapter**

Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity  
DePauw University

Greencastle, Indiana  
Saturday, April 19, 2008

PHI GAMMA DELTA  
& DePauw



A 150 Year Tradition!



## DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD

The Lambda Distinguished Graduate Award was conceived and is intended to honor those graduate brothers of Lambda Chapter who best exemplify the core values of the fraternity: friendship, knowledge, service, morality, and excellence.



Founded on June 24, 1856, Lambda Chapter is the longest continuously existing chapter of the International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta. The Lambda Distinguished Graduate Award recognizes select 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 and 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 years alone."

Each year, graduate brothers are invited to 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. Recipients are selected on the basis of their commitment to the values and ideals of the fraternity, leadership, service, and life achievements.



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Richard H. "Doc" Crowder '31

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Phil Heyde '72

### **Reception to Follow**



## RICHARD H. CROWDER '31

Richard H. "Doc" Crowder, class of 1931, exemplifies the finest of DePauw and Lambda graduate brothers. His contributions as a teacher, scholar, in community service, and his life-long love of the International Fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta represent the best traditions of DePauw and Phi Gamma Delta. His life of achievement earned him wide recognition, respect, and admiration.

Doc was born on October 7, 1909. He entered DePauw University as a rector scholar in 1927, where he earned a B. A. in Latin in 1931 and a M.A. in American literature in 1933. He taught Latin and English at Lowell (Indiana) High School from 1934 to 1935, followed by a year of study at the Yale University School of Drama. Doc then taught English at Valparaiso University, until he joined the faculty of the English department at Purdue University in 1937. He received his PhD from the University of Iowa in 1944. He wrote his dissertation on "Three Studies of E. A. Robinson," a poet. During his academic career, he taught composition, American literature, poetry, and music appreciation. His special research interest was American 20<sup>th</sup> century literature. Doc retired from Purdue in 1976, at which time he was named professor emeritus. His scholarship and professional accomplishments demonstrate his passion for excellence and knowledge.

Doc's scholarly endeavors are extensive. He published over 35 articles in various journals including the *Journal of Higher Education*, *the South Atlantic Quarterly*, *College English*, *New England Quarterly*, *Chicago Review*, *Boston University Studies in English*, and *Rives* among others. His subjects reflect his interest in poetry and poets, including e. e. cummings. Doc co-edited the book *Frontiers of American Culture* (1968) and was a contributing author on early 20<sup>th</sup> century poetry for *American Literary Scholarship*, an annual journal. His three critical biographies of poets Carl Sandburg (1964), Michael Wigglesworth (1962), and "the Hoosier Poet," James Whitcomb Riley, are enduring legacies of Doc's passion for poetry.

Doc captured the context and charm of Riley's life and poetry in Riley's biography, *Those Innocent Years* (1957), Doc stresses Riley's fame as a raconteur, performer, and 20<sup>th</sup> century "hero" who was frequently visited by the famous at his Indianapolis home. Riley was the sweet singer of the Victorian Age, the last poet of that optimistic time before Great War and Great Depression pressed home the harsh realities of the world. As Doc wrote, he was undeniably "... the beau ideal of his time and place, the looking glass in which the Midwest saw its archetypal reflection."

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## RICHARD H. CROWDER '31, CONTINUED

Doc was a Fulbright lecturer in American poetry and literature at the Universities of Bordeaux and Nice, France, from 1963 to 1965. He also lectured at the American School in Lugano, Switzerland. He was visiting professor in American literature at Harvard University from 1957 to 1958. He lectured at the Library of Congress in 1959 under the auspices of the Gertrude Clarke Whittall fund. He was named a fellow of the American Philosophical Society in 1955.

Doc's life-long love of music and the performing arts were reflected in his commitment to community, service, and morality. As a DePauw student, Doc was elected to Phi Mu Alpha Music Honorary. He was active in the Lafayette's Little Theatre Association and drama club for many years. He was choir master, organist, and vestryman for the Episcopal Church in Lafayette. He frequently served as song leader at Phi Gamma Delta events, especially the Norris Pig Dinner at Lambda.

Doc's commitment to service and morality go beyond the performing arts, especially his involvement and dedication to Phi Gamma Delta. He served as president of the University Fraternity Adviser's Association at Purdue. He served the international fraternity as the first educational director from 1954 to 1961, as historian from 1961 to 1964, and then again from 1974 to 1989, when he was named historian emeritus.

Doc was respected by colleagues and students as well. He visited Lambda Iota Chapter at Purdue daily and knew everyone in the chapter by name! Doc was always ready to assist and advise the chapter or brothers. He was invited to Sunday dinner at Lambda Iota every week since his first association with the chapter in 1937. His last meal with the Lambda Iota brothers occurred the night before he died, in his sleep, in 1989. He received Purdue's "Most Popular Professor Award" in 1963. "Friendship: The Sweetest Influence!" is a motto Doc held dear.

Dedicated to learning and achievement, Doc emphasized the importance of academics to fraternity life. He donated the Jordan Bowl Award, which is given to the Phi Gamma Delta Chapter with the highest grade point average.

Doc had an active relationship with DePauw throughout his life. He served as a director of the DePauw Alumni Association, president of the Lafayette Area DePauw Alumni Club, and

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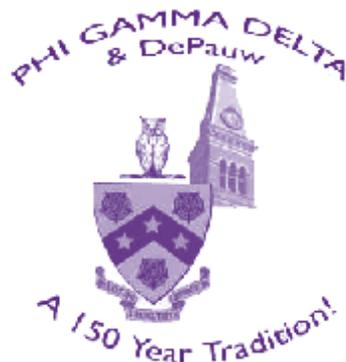
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and as the Lafayette area chairman for the "Design for a Decade" campaign. In 1971, Doc received an alumni citation "in recognition of outstanding achievements and service which reflect honor upon DePauw University." In 1977, he was appointed as a life member of DePauw's Old Gold Council.

On October 29, 1989, the fraternity presented Brother Crowder with the Distinguished Fiji Service Award. Indiana Governor Evan Bayh declared the day as Doc Crowder Day. The Lambda Iota Chapter hosted a celebration to honor the occasion and recognition of Brother Crowder.

Doc's life of unselfish service, achievement, and devotion to DePauw, Purdue, and Phi Gamma Delta is an example to us all. The response to Doc's death on November 27, 1989, indicates the enduring admiration and respect Fiji brothers had for Doc. George Lortz '34, an undergraduate with Brother Crowder, described Doc as "a real asset to the Lambda Chapter." William R. Miller, Indiana '62, then ritualist for the international fraternity and a close friend, thought of Brother Crowder as a "multi-faceted man. . . a witty, humorous, and obviously intelligent human being who had a deep love for the fraternity."

Richard H. Doc Crowder, a brother who truly made a difference. We are all enriched and inspired by his having passed through Lambda's halls and through our lives.



## DOUGLAS D. MITCHELL '70

Douglas D. Mitchell's long relationship with the Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta and DePauw University started with a girl named Mary Kay Dirks '70 (Delta Gamma). Doug and Mary Kay grew up in Indianapolis and went to the same high school. Mary Kay knew that she would attend DePauw, just as her father, George Dirks '29 (Lambda). Meanwhile, Doug planned to attend a fine school for gentlemen, Wabash College. Then he found out that Mary Kay was going to DePauw. Suddenly his criterion for college selection became simple: His decision was made! In his own words, he "closed the deal and went to DePauw."

Doug still wonders, thankfully, how he wound up joining Phi Gamma Delta. Fiji was the only house that claimed him after the final round of rush. It sure was a great fit—a diverse collection of football players, I-M jocks, biology, history, and psych majors. One brother entered the ministry. A wonderful spirit gathered whenever they all went serenading, under the talented direction of Al "Chunky Buns" Thorstenson '68! Doug dived into photography at *The DePauw* and *The Mirage*, becoming editor of *The Mirage* his junior year. Best of all, by initiation Doug discovered how closely Phi Gamma Delta's ideals matched those that he aspired to—brotherhood, scholarship, integrity, and a dedication to serve others as keys to leadership. And he was reminded of them whenever he saw George Dirks at the house!

The late '60s provided everyone with life-changing experiences. Doug remembered an evening in December 1968, when all the brothers sat together, watching the first military draft lottery on TV. Doug learned his number was just above 195, the highest number expected to be called that year, a little too low to be comfortable. That night many brothers' lives were changed. Doug and Mary Kay decided to marry during the next Christmas holiday. The brothers celebrated their escape from their draft eligibility on New Year's Eve with Mary Kay and Doug during their honeymoon in Chicago.

After graduating from DePauw in 1970 with a major in economics, Doug went directly to graduate school. In 1972, he received his MBA from Indiana University with a major in finance and a minor in accounting.

Upon graduating from IU, Doug joined PNC Financial Services in Pittsburgh as a commercial lender in its branch offices. He was then selected to lead a team that developed and installed one of the banking industry's first branch-based information input systems. After many years of directing additional systems implementation projects and the conversions of

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## DOUGLAS D. MITCHELL '70, CONTINUED

many years of directing additional systems implementation projects and the conversions of customer information from banks that PNC acquired, he was appointed to create and manage PNC's branch employee sales incentive plans in the company's 750-plus branches. In 1999, Doug took the position of director of administrative services for the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, from which he retired in 2004, and a recent one-year stint with Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation as director of operations. Doug quickly acknowledges that Fiji's values of brotherhood, integrity, a dedication to serve others and persistence have resulted in professional opportunities and the capability to lead.

Doug is also active in the Presbyterian Church. He chaired Westminster Presbyterian Church's Mission Abroad Team, which covers the church's foreign mission activity. He served for 10 years as treasurer of the Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries and is currently a board member. He was a founding committee member of the Westminster Endowment Fund and served as chair of a \$1.3 million capital campaign at the church.

Now that Doug is retired, he and Mary Kay enjoy traveling. They have been to India, Switzerland, France, China, Italy, Ireland, and Great Britain. Doug still has time to take a golf lesson now and then. He's still trying to break 100 before the age of 100!

The Lambda Chapter remains very special to the Mitchells. Doug and Mary Kay's son, Dave (Lambda '99), continued the family legacy. During and after Dave's undergraduate days, Lambda suffered one of its greatest crises. At that point, Doug joined in the effort to stabilize the membership, then at five, and to rally the support from graduate brothers. Since 2002, Doug has served as secretary of Lambda Corporation, and he co-represents Phi Gamma Delta on DePauw's Greek Life Advisory Council. Doug also enjoys his friendships with Fijis in the Pittsburgh area and regularly attends Pig Dinner celebrations at the Alpha Chapter.

Perhaps Doug put it best: "I am involved in my church and I am involved with my Fiji brothers, because both have allowed me to improve the human condition and to keep Phi Gamma Delta providing leaders to our society. That's Phi Gamma Delta's great social contribution. Leadership is the social contribution we simply must continue to support!"



## WADE R. NICHOLS '72

Brother Wade R. Nichols truly believes in the Lambda Chapter's motto: "Friendship: the Sweetest Influence!" and "Not for college days alone!" And for Wade, his undergraduate years at the house on South College Avenue began a long tradition of Fiji friendships and service.

Wade was familiar with fraternity life. His father, uncles, and cousins were all Zeta Fijis at Indiana University. He was drawn to DePauw because of its small campus and high standards for academic achievement. Given his legacy, it was inevitable he would pledge Phi Gam. He was initiated into the Lambda Chapter in August of 1969.

But things were a-changing in the country in 1969; changes in attitudes influenced college students in different ways. The Fijis were a diverse group of brothers consisting of athletes, liberal-minded thinkers, and scholars. The thread that held them together was their shared enthusiasm for sustaining the traditions of Phi Gamma Delta. Phi Gams humorously say what kept the brothers together were events such as the funeral of Theta, the gerbil, or gently teasing the women of Theta, but for Wade, it was "*Friendship: the Sweetest Influence!*"

At DePauw, Wade majored in economics and played basketball on the DePauw freshman team, as well as intramural basketball and football. As a junior he served his chapter as rush chairman and in his senior year as corresponding secretary. He graduated from DePauw in 1972; however, graduation was not the end of his relationship with Lambda. Wade is an active graduate brother. He joined the Board of Chapter Advisers from 1980 to 1982, held the position of house corporation treasurer from 1990 to 1994, served as president of Lambda Corporation from 1994 to 1997, and has been a director of the House Corporation since then. Indeed, his consistent service to Lambda Chapter personifies the other Fiji motto, "Not for college days alone!"

Although Wade's life has brought challenges and changes, he has faced them head-on. His capability to make hard decisions helped transform bad situations into viable solutions. In 1996, a report of inappropriate undergraduate behavior reached archons, and they decided to close Lambda Chapter if no solution was reached. As the House Corporation president, Wade addressed the chapter's problems with the graduate and undergraduate chapter and responded.

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## WADE R. NICHOLS '72, CONTINUED

The undergraduates were informed that any brother who acted in ways inimical to Phi Gamma Delta was no longer welcome at the house. The archons accepted the plan. With the support of Jay Moore '74, Paul Qua '82, and Section Chief Joe Weist, the other members of the board and graduate brothers, Wade worked with the trustees, who were appointed to run the chapter, to prevent the fraternity house from closing. Interviews were conducted with each undergraduate brother to determine who could stay in the house. At that time, the house's capital debt had been retired because of a bequest from Brother Dr. Ellis C. Doerin '19. This opportunity allowed the trustees to invite only the best at DePauw to continue to live in the house and still pay the bills with only a few members living in. Only the traditions, values of Phi Gamma Delta and "a few good men" remained; the bad-actors were gone.

The first fall, few remained at the house. The next spring, even after taking pledges, Fiji's turnaround wasn't over. Wade was in regular contact with the undergraduate brothers and Joe Weist made nearly daily trips to Greencastle. The alumni and trustees consulted with the undergraduate brothers to ensure that all Phi Gams had a positive presence on DePauw's campus. It took consistent work from the trustees and directors to keep Fiji on track and change the unattractive culture of the '90s. Wade is very proud of the present, high quality undergraduate brothers, who are academically and philanthropically minded and share the same enthusiasm and values of Lambda Chapter and Phi Gamma Delta.

After graduating from DePauw, Wade started his working career in a management-training program at F.W. Woolworth Co. in 1972. In 1973, he began with Raymond Matthews Abstracts, Inc., a title company in Knox, Indiana. The recession of the late '70s and early '80s meant skyrocketing interest rates and real estate sales plummeted. Wade examined his professional life and decided to become an attorney just as his dad was and his grandfather had been. Wade entered Valparaiso University School of Law in 1981, graduating in 1984.

Wade began practice in 1984 with Rosenthal, Greives, and O'Bryan, and Lafayette, where he practiced in the areas of litigation, bankruptcy, and real estate. He continued his practice by concentrating in commercial real estate law at Mitchell, Hurst, Jacobs, and Dick, Indianapolis, in 1997. Wade taught a real estate to aspiring paralegals at the American Institute for Paralegal Studies in 1990. In 1991, he joined Morgan and Associates, Inc. (later Century Title, then LandAmerica), where he was the commercial title examiner, commercial closer and corporate counsel until he retired in 2006.

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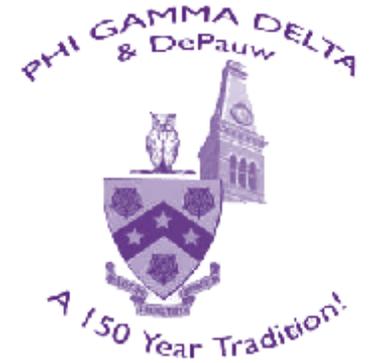


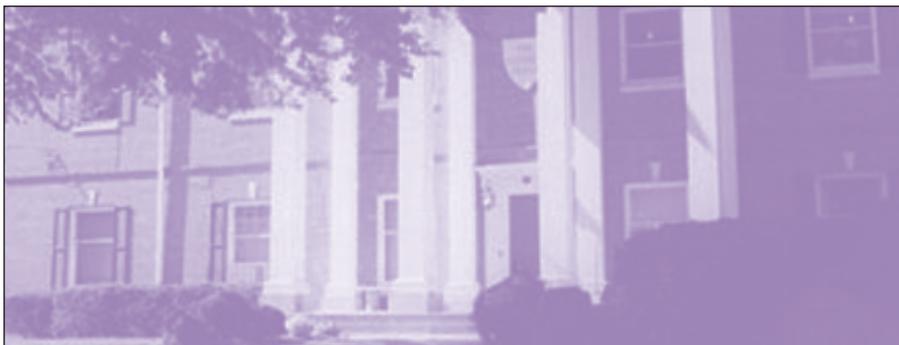
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In retirement, Wade enjoys spending time with his daughter, Anne, who is a Kappa Alpha Theta at Indiana University and graduating this May. He recently completed courses to become a master gardener and a tree steward. You can find Wade walking on one of the trails on 127 acres in Ritchie Woods in Fishers or volunteering at the Damien Center, which acts as a clearinghouse for services to HIV/AIDS impacted individuals, or at the Dayspring Center, a homeless shelter for families.

Wade is a frequent host to graduate brothers visiting Indiana. His Hoosier hospitality is well known and always accepted. He is a master at libations, especially his renowned cosmopolitan martinis. His culinary talents are extraordinary! Then there are the Indiana University and Purdue basketball and football games, not to mention local high school games to enjoy with Wade and sometimes he is wearing his "hickory" jacket!





## JAMES D. "JAY" MOORE '74

James D. "Jay" Moore was born in Danville, Illinois in 1952 and was raised in Greencastle, Indiana. It was a natural choice that he would attend DePauw as had his great-grandparents, Dr. William Sandy 1897 and Catherine Polk Sandy, and his grandfather, Richard E. Sandy, and grand-uncles Dr. George Sandy and Dr. William Sandy. His father, Harry D. Moore, met his mother, Margaret Sandy '48 (Kappa Kappa Gamma), when his grandfather, Dr. Jean W. Moore, was posted at DePauw as the Naval medical officer for the V-12 program.

Geoff Coleman '70 was Jay's camp counselor and played football at DePauw. Geoff recruited Jay to play football at DePauw and introduced Jay to the brothers of the Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. Jay felt at home. Breaking the family tradition of becoming DUs, Jay pledged Fiji in the spring of his senior year in high school. He and fellow spring pledge Ron Large '74 moved into the house the first day of football practice in August 1970, and a lifelong friendship was kindled.

At that time, upperclassmen roomed with the new initiates, and they were referred to as "fraternity fathers." Their role was to teach the pledges leadership and the values of Phi Gams by example. Jay attributes his academic success to his fraternity father, Jim Stanford '71, who mentored him in the importance of academic achievement. Jay remembers the example set by Jim and other seniors in going to the library every school night.

While at DePauw, Jay was a member of the "D" Association, earning four letters in football and wrestling. He is proud of his undergraduate service to the chapter as historian and rush co-chairman. Jay graduated from DePauw in 1974 with high honors.

After DePauw, Jay attended Indiana University School of Law from 1974 to 1977, where he was the assistant articles editor for the *Indiana Law Journal*. He was also selected for membership to the Order of the Coif. Jay was an associate at the law firm of Barnes, Hickam, Pantzer, and Boyd from 1977 to 1981, until he joined the law firm Ryan, Hartzell, and Ryan. He became partner on January 1, 1983, and is now a senior partner at Ryan, Moore, Cook, and Hunter.

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## JAMES D. "JAY" MOORE '74, CONTINUED

Jay has strong feelings about the importance of continuing the values and traditions of Phi Gamma Delta for other young Fijis at DePauw. He is proud to be a member of the oldest continuously operating chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. He joined the Lambda Board of Chapter Advisers in 1982 and the House Corporation Board in 1991. He then assumed the position of secretary in 1993 and continued in that position until succeeding Wade Nichols, the Lambda Corporation president, in 1997. He held that post through June 2000.

The '90s was a turbulent time for the fraternity, and Wade and Jay worked together to formulate the response to the archons in 1996 that succeeded in saving the house from being closed and causing the archons to approve a graduate trusteeship. The graduate trusteeship, while addressing behavior problems, had unsatisfactory rush results, which contributed to the continued decline of the chapter. This precipitated Jay's decision in 2000 as president of the Lambda Corporation to inform the entire graduate brotherhood of the seriousness of the chapter's problems. He presented a series of alternate proposals that ultimately led to placing then-members on graduate status and recolonizing of the chapter in the fall of 2000.

The results of Jay's leadership in that difficult time are clear today. Now the undergraduates of Fiji DePauw have the highest GPAs of any fraternity at DePauw. The house went from extremely "wet" in the '90s to dry in 2000, to "damp" in 2004, (alcohol, is allowed but restricted). There is an atmosphere of academic achievement and unity in the house. Between 50 and 60 new world leaders live in the house, which shares Jay's vision of fraternity life. Jay continues to serve as a member of the Lambda's Board of Directors of the House Corporation.

Jay is also active in his community. He is the president of the Clinton County election board, past president and member of the board of directors of the St. Vincent Frankfort Hospital Foundation, past president of the Frankfort Kiwanis Club, was a founding board member of Frankfort Main Street, and is a director and past coach of Frankfort Youth Football League. Jay's professional associations include the Clinton County, Indiana State, and American Bar associations. Jay serves as the director of District IV Pro Bono, a non-profit corporation that encourages attorneys to provide pro bono services for the needy.

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## JAMES D. "JAY" MOORE '74, CONTINUED

Jay lives with his wife, Diana, and has a grown son, Adam. In his spare time, he enjoys skiing and hiking at his vacation home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Georgia.

In Jay's own words, "I come back to Greencastle at least four times a year. I walk into the house and I feel happy because I know that the history and values that have shaped me into the person that I am are alive and well. I continue to have an enduring emotional bond with the chapter house."

