



TIGER FIJI

An update on Greek community challenges

The Greek community is working with the university to improve Greek housing and life in five important areas—housing (health and safety); alcohol use; the affiliation process (recruitment and pledge education); student conduct and the judicial process; and additional Greek life staffing.

Two Greek alumni representatives, Melissa Kramer (DZ) and Chris Johnston (Phi Delt), attended the trustees' winter retreat in Florida to express the willingness of Greek alumni to work cooperatively with the university.

The Greek Life Advisory Council (GLAC), composed of alumni representatives of Greek organizations, was formed on April 14, 2007. Doug Mitchell '70 and "Kit" Lortz '62 represent Fiji. GLAC created committees that are functioning.

Housing standards are the first priority. Fortunately, we have the expertise of Robert Kleinops '70, Peter Fellegly '05, and Robert Christensen (Rose-Hulman) for advice. A mandatory fire-suppression system will cost upwards of \$150,000. We are also undertaking health- and safety-related projects on our priority list while continuing to operate debt free. This would not be possible without your support!

Alcohol use is the number-one behavioral

concern. The university now acknowledges that alcohol use is a DePauw community concern not limited to Greek organizations. An article last fall in *The DePauw* newspaper reported that a number of students—80, as I recall—had been arrested for alcohol-related behavior.

Lambda Chapter is using education to modify student attitudes toward alcohol use. The chapter continues to have a strong risk-management program. Many Fiji undergraduates do not drink. We are fortunate to have undergraduates who take alcohol use seriously—and look out for each other! This is part of their brotherhood. This strategy can change lives and strengthen alumni loyalty and support.

The "affiliation process" (recruitment and pledge education) is being addressed. Two faculty committees submitted different recommendations ostensibly because the affiliation process interferes with academics. One committee recommended that "pledge education" be completed within 20 hours and by the end of February. An editorial in *The DePauw*, April 13, 2007, summed up this recommendation with the headline "We already have parents, thanks."

Dr. Bottoms' recommendations are to complete new member education by the start

of spring break (seven to eight weeks), allow fraternities and sororities to have lunches for first-year students, move rush to the time between winter term and second semester, and to remove the current restrictions on communications between first-year students and upperclassmen. The GLAC recruitment committee is diligently working to address the issues. Eric A. Wolfe '04 represents Fiji on this committee.

Student conduct and the judicial process are DePauw Community concerns. Much work needs to be done.

The university hired three Greek-life coordinators to work with fraternities and sororities. They started in July.

The challenges are great, but we are pleased that so much has been accomplished so quickly. This says so much about Greek alumni and the cooperative approach.

Fiji is moving forward with our plans for the next 150 years. The chapter continues to excel!

Proud to be a Fiji!

Phil Heyde '72
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After successful 2007 'Little 5,' brothers look to 2008

The 2008 Little 5 race is almost a year away, but Fiji's bike team is already preparing for a championship! Thanks to Brother Bob Kirk '71 for his generosity in making this year's race a revival for Fiji.

Four Lambda Fijis revitalized the chapter's outstanding tradition as a cycling powerhouse this year. Clinton Hasenour '07 finished fifth in the criterium race followed by Michael Lutz '09 in ninth place and Ross Hallren '09 in tenth place. David Cheeseman '08 rounded out the team, but had mechanical problems. Fiji finished fifth in the men's omnium (team) standings.

In addition to two returning members from the 2007 squad, the team has several fresh recruits who are eager to prove their



Mike Lutz '09 and Clinton Hasenou '07 round a turn in tandem.

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Fiji, DG team for campus golf philanthropy

Fiji and DG teamed up as sponsors of a "campus golf" philanthropy project to raise \$300 for two charities—Service for Sight and the American Red Cross.

The objective of the game is to use a golf club (5-8 iron) to hit a neon tennis ball at targets, such as trees and stop signs, on the "course." The team with the lowest strokes to the target wins the "hole."

Clubs for the project were purchased at the Salvation Army. This year's competition was on East College lawn. The "unofficial official" course preferred by campus golfers adjoins the new Judson and Joyce Green Performing Arts Center

construction site and was unavailable.

Campus golf is a popular tradition among students. Jesse Bright '08 said, "It's very relaxing, and it allows you to get out of your house and see people you haven't seen in a while. And it gives you the chance to dress like an idiot."

Players frequently dress up in outlandish golf attire—mismatched checkered clothing, sweater vests, and colorful socks. Kevin Kaiser '07 said, "It's a nice way to enjoy a sunny afternoon and take a break from studying."

Luke Beasley '10

Brother named Phi Beta Kappa

Projesh Banerjea '08 was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior.

Projesh, an economics major, is working as an intern in the investment banking division of J.P. Morgan in New York City this summer, where he previously interned for a semester.

Fall semester, Projesh will be studying economics at Oxford University, England. He was selected for the AEA Summer Economics Program at Duke University in 2006, and took four courses from the master's program curriculum.

Lambda Chapter's Drive For Five

For the fourth consecutive semester, Lambda finished first in academics among fraternities with a 3.36 GPA!

This is down slightly from first semester and last spring, but it still placed the brothers comfortably ahead of Sigma Nu and DU.

The first-year students, our newest brothers, had a 3.32 GPA, just behind first place finisher Sigma Chi with a 3.33 GPA.

The chapter receives \$1,000 from the university. Can the chapter do it for a fifth semester in a row?



Archon Vice President Bill Miller (Indiana '62) addresses a crowd of 90 at the Pig Dinner on April 14, 2007. Darein Burton '09 (left), chapter president, and Mark Holwager '08, Pig Dinner chair, listen intently as Brother Miller speaks about the future and standards for the fraternity. (Photo by Alex Turco '10.)



Mike Lutz '09, Clinton Hasenour '07, and Ross Hallren '09 compete in the Little 5. Team member David Cheeseman '08 is not pictured due to mechanical difficulties. Robert C. Kirk '71 donated the equipment for Fiji to compete this year.

Successful 'Little 5,' cont.

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worth. No member takes the challenges lightly—Fiji can expect strong competition from DU, Beta, and ATO. However, the results of the 2007 race left no one doubting that in 2008 Fiji will be a serious contender for the title.

David Cheeseman and Michael Lutz will be competing for a second year in 2008. Ross Hallren will be studying in Japan, but vows to reunite with Lutz to lead the team in 2009. Team members credit Clint Hasenour with setting the standards of hard work during training and strategizing in the race.

Although Clint graduated in May, he said, "With a year's experience under their belts, I guarantee Mike and David can lead the team. They know what Little 5 is about and what kind of training it takes to do well.

And they have the tenacity to do it."

A candidate for Hasenour's position on the team is Luke Beasley '10. Like Clint and Mike, Luke is a formidable multi-sport athlete. This summer he isn't just biking—he is competing in triathlons! He is one of several athletic new initiates who were inspired to compete in Little 5 by the efforts of this year's team.

Luke explained, "After what the guys—Clint, Mike, Ross, and David—accomplished this year in coming through with an impressive first-time effort, enthusiasm and hopes are high for the future. Speaking personally, these guys inspired me. Watching them, I knew I'd race for Fiji—and I'm now very confident we can win the overall event."

Michael Lutz '09



Brothers join David Furman '07 (pictured wearing white tuxedo) at his wedding on July 14, 2007. (Photo by Cliff Reeder.)

Notes from around the



Help us recover historic Lambda badge

The Fiji badge of Rev. Henry C. Waltz, class of 1866, was recently acquired by another Fiji who collects these.

We would like to add it to our collection for Lambda! We estimate the cost to be between \$1,200 to \$1,500. If you check eBay, these go for much more!

Contributions for this unique opportunity can be sent to Russ LaMore, treasurer, at 534 North Warson Rd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141-7917. Please do so promptly. This is an opportunity we don't want to miss.

Brother wins prestigious photo award

Alex Turco '10 placed first for the best sports photograph competition in the "Best of Indiana" contest sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

Alex is also photographer for the Tiger Fiji and The DePauw student newspaper. You can check a few of his pictures in this issue. He is a marvel with a camera!

This award only confirms his talents. The Society of Professional Journalists, found at DePauw in 1909 as Sigma Delta Chi, is a journalism honorary that quickly spread to other campuses.

Zach Criswell '09

Brother named 'Mr. University'

Ryan Barton '08 was crowned "Mr. University" in a philanthropy benefit sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta.

If you do not know what the "Mr. University" competition is, Ryan explains, "it is kind of like Miss America but for guys on the DePauw campus!"

Contestants were judged on talent, charm, fashion, crowd support, and the amount of money donated in their name at the doors of Meharry Hall. Ryan finished first or second in the talent, charm, and best formal wear categories.

Over 40 brothers attended to cheer for Ryan. The brothers also donated \$75 more than the next competitor did!

OUR ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS

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Frederick "Buck" Thornburg '63 reports that he came out of retirement to serve as dean for a year of the CAU Undergraduate and MBA business school programs. He also serves on the board of the university's foundation. Additionally, Buck is chair of the board of the Miami-based PBS television and radio stations—WLRN—and has completed a two-year term as the chair of the Miami Dade County public school system's independent ethics committee and two years as president and chair of the Doral Park Country Club Board. Buck reports that he has two sons who are also Fijis—**Brian Thornburg '89** (DePauw) and **Christian (Vermont '94)**. Keep in touch with Buck at 10005 NW 52nd Ter., Miami, FL 33178. E-mail him at mrfpt@aol.com.



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Robert A. Bender '64 writes, "Enjoying retirement activities—running, birding, cooking, and following sons"—Alex (19) and Chris (14)—sporting events." Send Bob greetings at 1829 Villard St., Eugene, OR 97403. E-mail him at bobolink06@comcast.net.

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"Retired from Mercer Human Resources Consulting in October 2006," writes **Paul M. Shimer '64**. "Founded Tallwood Global Benefits, LLC, in November 2006." To find out more, write to Paul at 11 Tallwood Dr., Vernon Rockville, CT 06066; pshimer@aol.com.

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While attending the U.S. Open in Pittsburgh, **John P. Doan '71** reports that he took a trip to Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, to visit the log cabin important in Fiji history. He recommends the pilgrimage. To find out more about John's visit, write to him at 4308 Norbeck Rd., Rockville, MD 20853.

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David K. Ranich '73 reports that he has joined the national law firm of Hinshaw

and Culberston, LLP, as a partner in charge of business development/business practice in its northwest Indiana office. Keep in touch with Daid at 1501 Pinehurst Ln., Schererville, IN 46375. E-mail him at dranich@hinshawlaw.com.

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Daniel A. Strayer '74 reports that he has started a new job with Bromet Orthopedics, Inc., as its Latin America sales and marketing manager. "This is a new job for me. I will officially start on May 14, 2007." To find out more about Dan's new job, write to him at 3010 Dockshire Ln., Fort Wayne, IN 46804; dastra@verizon.net.

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"After years in construction sales and management, I'm now retired and living in Bermuda," writes **James J. Smith '84**. "My wife of 21 years, Kay, and I still maintain a home in the north Georgia mountains." Write to "Rowdy Jim" at P.O. Box 1000, Waleska, GA 30183; bw14fairway@logic.bm.

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Kyle A. Cissell '05 co-authored an article published in the July 1 (Vol. 79, No. 13) issue of the journal *Analytical Chemistry*. The article is titled *MicroRNA Detection: Challenges for the Analytical Chemist*. A Julian Scholar at DePauw, Kyle majored in

chemistry. He is currently working on his PhD in chemistry at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. *Analytical Chemistry* is a peer-reviewed research journal that explores the latest concepts in analytical measurements and the best new ways to increase accuracy, selectivity, sensitivity and reproducibility. Keep in touch with Kyle at 7035 Shamrock Cir., Newburgh, IN 47630; kcissell@depauw.edu.



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Daniel R. Kelley '05 reports that he has completed his Teach for America assignment in North Carolina and plans to enter law school at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in August.

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Clinton Hasenour '07 reports that he will join Teach for America in August 2007. Clint will be joining Caleb Beasley '06, teaching in St. Louis, Missouri.

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John L. Adams '47 passed
ad astra on September 16, 2006

OLD GOLD LUNCHEON

Make plans to join your Fiji brothers for the Old Gold Luncheon,
Saturday, October 27, 2007.

Noon - Luncheon at the Chapter House

1:00 p.m. - Presentations

3:00 p.m. - Cocktails and jazz combo

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Garth Anderson
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