



# TIGER FIJI

## House Corporation's Progress Continues

The House Corporation has been very active making improvements to the house, with wonderful assistance from our undergraduate brothers and our house director, Marla Miner. Much is being accomplished but so much more needs to be done. Your financial contributions and advice are sincerely appreciated and much needed.

The chapter took 20 pledges during recruitment. The chapter continues to focus on recruiting young men who meet the chapter's high standards. Our Pig Dinner on April 4 will be a great opportunity for you to meet these young men and reconnect with our undergraduate brothers! You will be impressed.

We are making substantial progress with house improvements. The university provided grants for fraternities and sororities to install fire-suppression systems (sprinklers) and, in the case of Lambda, much needed upgrades to the fire-alarm and emergency-lighting systems. Thanks to "Bud" Orr '65 for his advice and assistance with this project—more than a year prior to installation. We planned to do this before the university grants were announced, but the university's support helped lots! Given

the size of this project and the need for expertise, Bud's contributions are invaluable.

We are finalizing new carpeting and new furniture for the formal room and foyer. Along with our house director, Robbie DeLost '10 and Nikola Petrovic '10 provided astute advice. We hope to have the new furniture and carpet by April 4, but definitely by Alumni Weekend on June 13. Stop by the house and see for yourselves.



We found a great deal on a piano, a Yamaha G1 (1984)! The Apollo (1909 vintage) that most of you played is now history. It was beyond repair. The new piano is being used a lot! It's a pleasure to see the undergraduates enjoy this addition, especially since so many play the piano so well. James Richardson '11 took the lead in setting guidelines for use. Stop by and try it out!

A new security system is being installed to meet DePauw requirements. We have a long list of improvements remaining—a new roof, new bathrooms, kitchen and commissary improvements, etc. Thanks to your financial support, we are able to do more, faster.

Thanks to Kit Lortz '64 and Peter Fellego (Grad. '05) for their continued enthusiasm and efforts on behalf of Lambda. Without their interest, expertise, and commitment, Lambda would not be making the progress it is. We are striving to make improvements to commercial standards.

It is always a pleasure to hear from other graduate brothers. The undergraduates like it, too. Graduate brothers continue to participate in the mentoring program that has been redesigned to better accommodate interests of both graduate and undergraduate brothers. The undergraduate talent pool is impressive, and your assistance is appreciated. Thanks to Ed Martin '73 and Jim Sanford '71 for recent advice to undergraduate brothers on their career interests.

Please volunteer! E-mail me at philheyde@yahoo.com, or you can contact our corresponding secretary by e-mail at andrewmaddocks\_2011@depauw.edu to sign up.

Phil Heyde '72  
Pergé!

## New Activities Help Strengthen, Bond Undergraduates

The Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta is not stagnant. In addition to the initiation and departure of eclectic pledge classes, change occurs through temporary trends that help define brothers' experiences.

These trends either come and go with pledge classes or emerge during the time between initiation and graduation—some even become traditions, such as campus golf. The 2008 fall semester featured the birth of several new trends.

### CYCLING

Lambda Fiji has always housed a few cyclists or at least a brother who moderately enjoys riding a bicycle. The epic victory of last year's Little 5 team, however, has sparked an intense desire to remain the champion house, as it rolls off the tongue

ever so nicely. At last count, nine brothers cycle regularly, eight of whom plan on competing in the race—twice as many as last year and enough for two teams. The sound of movies and tires spinning in place frequently escapes the brotherhood room, which serves as a training room during the winter months.

"I try to bike an hour to an hour and a half every night," says sophomore and novice rider Corey Klee. He also claims the Lycra biking shorts really do help, despite the spandex jokes issued by many active brothers. Looking beyond bragging rights, junior brother and last year's Little 5 first-place finisher Luke Beasley claims excitement, personal fitness, and self-improvement hold the appeal of this new activity. "It's a way for guys to challenge themselves physically and serve the house."

The 2009 Little 5 begins with time trials on Wednesday, April 15, and ends with the criterium on Saturday, April 18.

### RECYCLING

Although several graduate brothers laid the foundation for the recent recycling trend, the initiation of several environmentally conscious brothers served to further their efforts. "We now have several wheelbarrows full of recycled materials per week," says senior brother Michael Lutz, who acts as recycling coordinator for the house. The progress achieved is the result of new initiatives to reduce house waste.

One such initiative is the creation of "green" committee positions, such as the

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## Making Connections

### 'FijiFest08' Unites Chapter, DePauw Communities

On Friday, September 12, from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., the undergraduate chapter hosted the social event FijiFest08 at the dining area and social space known as "the Den."

The event included live music played by three undergraduate brothers—Gerard Pannekoek '11, Matthew Brauer '11, and Bryan Lesswing '10—as well as a dance party, a poker tournament, a variety of snack foods, and other games, such as pool and the ever-popular videogame *Rock Band*.

This event came as an effort from Interfraternity Council to provide social options for Greeks, independents, and first-years outside of the typical "fraternity party" scene at DePauw. The event was sponsored as an alcohol-free party that—

by Interfraternity Council mandate—allows each fraternity to have first-years on Greek property after typical hours for registered events. This event was also co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural and Community Life, which paid for things such as the catering.

The event was highly successful—drawing in a large amount of students involved in sororities, independent students, and those who were considering entering the formalized rush process.

We hope that this event will become a staple of Lambda Fiji and that it will continue to provide brothers with an opportunity to meet people outside of the fraternity house.

Garth Anderson '09

## Pumpkin Bash: A 'Smashing' Success

The orange, stringy insides were flying as high as the mood at Fiji's latest Pumpkin Bash philanthropy event. Members from all walks of the DePauw community filled Fiji's courtyard and dining room to carve, bash, play, and socialize.

All six sororities entered a "Pumpkin Queen." Entrants were judged on the quality of carving, costume, smashing ability, and donations from guests. As the judging started and the crowd filled in, multiple activities began. A rotating group played four square throughout the evening. Corn bags thumped onto the wooden targets, and footballs flew through the air.

Many brought or bought pumpkins and immediately set into carving. Some

used templates, others went freehand, and menacing grins, shapes, and animal pumpkins collected in the middle of the yard. Night fell and candles and bulbs lit the jack-o-lanterns.

Later in the evening a large crowd gathered around the smashing, as the queens began to smash their own pumpkins. It was quite a spectacle, with costumed girls hitting their charmingly decorated pumpkins with sledgehammers. Everyone cheered each successful destruction. Alpha Chi Omega emerged victorious with the most donations and the best-carved pumpkin, rounding out a fun, financially successful, and generally rewarding Pumpkin Bash 2008.

Andrew Maddocks '11



(Photo by Alex Turco '10.)

Brothers carve pumpkins during Fiji's successful Pumpkin Bash philanthropy event.

# Thanks To Strong Effort, Fiji Places Third In Greek Week

This year's Greek Week was characterized by a little bit of giving, a little bit of teamwork, and a lot of fun.

For the first time in several years, Fiji placed third overall in the week's activities, noting impressive showings at the blood drive, beach volleyball, "canstruction," and, of course, Greek god and goddess.

Nick Johnson '10 and Andrew Porter '10—with the help of our wonderful neighbors from Kappa Alpha Theta—helped Fiji

secure a second-place spot in the canstruction competition by constructing the Monon Bell totally out of canned goods, which were ultimately donated to the local food bank.

Brothers also helped out at the blood drive, not only donating but also offering their time to help the event go smoothly. The beach volleyball team, paired up with Alpha Phi, came in second. And although Fiji was (yet again) denied a well-deserved top-three placing in the Greek god and goddess com-

petition, 12 brothers performed a crowd-pleasing skit complete with Prince Charming, the dwarfs, and yes, even Snow White.

It was great to see Fiji brothers—as well as the Greek community as a whole—come together to raise money and awareness for some great causes, like Habitat for Humanity and The American Red Cross.

Camron Parker '09

## New Activities

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environmental chair and the aforementioned recycling coordinator. These brothers aim to find cost-effective ways for the house to become more sustainable. Their work so far has made Lambda Fiji one of the most sustainable Greek houses on DePauw's campus. Another initiative is the introduction of receptacles that collect aluminum cans, paper/cardboard, and comingled (glass and plastic) products.

Sophomore Anthony Baratta gives the university credit for purchasing the house's receptacles and furthering sustainable practices across campus. "I'm impressed with the number of receptacles the university gave us. They've been very helpful."

"Our next step is to sell the cans," says sophomore brother and Environmental Chair Taylor Cantril. "Then we can either keep the money for the house or give it to a charity. After that, we want to expand this recycling program to every fraternity on campus."

### FOOSBALL

Dust and grime coated the foosball table at the beginning of the semester. The few brothers who wanted to play couldn't without risking an airborne mold virus. Roughly midway through the semester, sophomore Gerard Pannekoek brought the table back to life when he decided to spend a free Sunday afternoon cleaning it. Since the re-emergence of the table, not a day goes by without a match.

"I like to play every day between meals and in the evening," says junior brother Nikola Petrovic. "It's relaxing." While the games are all about fun and serve as a way to unwind, there is a competitive element to Fiji foosball. "It seems simple, but you'd be surprised how quickly the skill level escalates," says Corresponding Secretary Andrew Maddocks. "There are lots of ways to complicate the play." The acknowledged benefits from such avid foosball playing are quicker reflexes, stronger wrists, lower blood pressure, and, most importantly, stronger bonds

of brotherhood. Unfortunately, foosball may soon see an indefinite hiatus. "I'm concerned the table will not last much longer," says Petrovic. "It's old and falling apart."

Until that day comes, the glorious sound of plastic slamming into wood accompanied by fervent shouts and the occasional profanity will continue to emanate from the brotherhood room.

### FIFA '09

There are many brothers in Lambda Fiji with an appreciation for soccer. While few of them have the time or ability to play an outdoor soccer match, PlayStation has provided a more than satisfactory substitute. *FIFA '09* places brothers in a virtual stadium and allows them to control their favorite teams all while sitting in the comfort of their sofas/futons. The main lounge—housed by junior brother Cameron Gindap and humorously titled "Girls are Crazy"—features 16 brothers of varying ages and abilities. The more committed brothers play upwards of five games a day, frequenting Gindap's room whether or not he is present. Despite the constant activity, Gindap and roommate Steven Cudney enjoy the company.

"I like the open-door policy," says Cudney. "It doesn't affect my studying or sleep, so it's not a problem." He does, however, acknowledge the game's addicting nature. The game draws in even the most

academically oriented brothers, if only for a game or two—usually two.

### CIGARS

Sophomore brothers Christopher Alonzi and Patrick Meyer took the initiative this semester to start a cigar club, titled "The Fiji Cigar Club for Men." The name is rather misleading, as anyone, male or female, is welcome to join the fireside gatherings on the first Sunday of the month. Monthly meetings seemed most appropriate to the founders in order to stress the importance of moderation—a main value of Fiji Immortal Naaman Fletcher. The mission of the club, as stated by Alonzi, is "to further our knowledge and appreciation of cigars."

"However, we don't want to fall into the pitfalls of our forefathers by excluding women," adds Alonzi. Nevertheless, the club expects to have regulations in the near future. "We'd like to get more people and then write a creed and make formalities," says Meyer.

Katie Blakely, a good friend of several Lambda Fijis and proud member of The Fiji Cigar Club for Men, finds great fulfillment in the organization. "I love hanging out, having a good time with the guys. There's no pressure. It's just a relaxing, social time."

Gerard Pannekoek '11



Fiji brothers perform in a Greek Week skit.

(Photo by Alex Turco '10.)

# GRADUATE BROTHER NEWS

**Jerry T. Williams '57** writes, "You might like to know that I am a retired Episcopal priest. Probably only one of two in Lambda history—the other being **Gordon Chastain '59**, who was rector of St. Andrew's Church for 10 years. Our active involvement there helped us in making our life's decision." Keep in touch with Jerry at 117 W. 70th St., #810, New York, NY 10023.

"Retired last year after 33 years in the water-treatment field—the last few as senior vice president of communications for the water technologies division of Siemens," writes **James M. Force '61**. "Doing some freelance writing, sailing my old woody Lightning, cheering for the Badgers, e-mailing with "Tut" and Goodwillie." To find out more write to Jim at 515 Franklin St., Wausau, WI

54403. E-mail him at forcex2@aol.com.

**David M. Dirks '63** writes, "I was named adjunct faculty member of the year for Johnson and Wales University College of Business for the academic year of 2006-'07. I have been teaching accounting courses at JWU COB since September 2005." Send David congratulations by e-mail at [daviddirks@yahoo.com](mailto:daviddirks@yahoo.com). Send him postal mail at 150 Jackson St., Denver, CO 80206.

**Steven D. Wright '95** reports that he has recently launched the website [www.shocktherapytv.com](http://www.shocktherapytv.com), where he is posting original comedic content. Steven writes, "Be sure to check out GUILT, starring a bunch of Gammers from the mid '90s era." Steve also sends his congratulations on Fiji's Little 5 victory;

he can be reached by e-mail at [steve@shocktherapytv.com](mailto:steve@shocktherapytv.com).

"Elected president of Greencastle Rotary Club," writes **Eric Wolfe '04**. Eric also reports that he's engaged to be married to June Javens ('04) on May 30, 2009. To find out more, write to Eric at 337 Greenwood Ave., Greencastle, IN 46135; [eric\\_a\\_wolfe@yahoo.com](mailto:eric_a_wolfe@yahoo.com).

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## Alumnus Reflects On Fiji's Impact On His Life

As the founder, one-time president, and now chairman of Orr Protection Systems, Inc., Bud Orr '65 has plenty to keep him busy. But that hasn't stopped the proud Fiji from staying connected to the Lambda Chapter, taking every opportunity to give something back to a place he says helped make him the man he is today.

The Fiji '60s Project is a prime example. Organized by several '60s Fiji graduates—primarily brothers Jeff '66 and Kit Lortz '62—the ambitious project helped overhaul and renovate the withering Lambda house. Many of the graduates had become disheartened at the treatment of the house during parts of the late 1980s and on into the 1990s; this project was aimed at correcting that neglect.

"The Fiji '60s project was an attempt to rebuild the house and help bring some pride back to the house," Orr said. "Since then, I am glad to see that the brothers are

doing a much better job of taking care of the physical facilities."

In his days as an active brother, Orr held several jobs, including the "fixer"—or what we now call house manager—and treasurer. These were two jobs that, in their time, carried a bit more responsibility than perhaps they do today.

"The treasurer's position did provide many interesting experiences working with the brothers to collect house bills. In those days, the treasurer had to collect monthly house bills from the brothers and pay many of the bills," Orr said. "The House Corporation was always there to back you up, but I was accountable to the house as well as the House Corporation. It was a great lesson in stewardship."

Orr added that his work as treasurer and his general experiences as a member of the Fiji brotherhood helped cultivate skills that would help in the business

world.

In addition to staying in contact with many of his fellow graduates, Orr is keenly interested in the progress of the current Phi Gams. He is excited about the direction in which the house is headed, highlighting the importance of living a balanced life.

"Members of the recent Phi Gam classes have focused on their education as well as the community, their school, and their careers," Orr said.

As an individual who was an outstanding Fiji and now a successful businessman, Orr had a few words of advice for current members and future brothers. "My counsel to the current Fiji's would be to relish and savor your experiences at DePauw and with the Fiji house today because the future will be here so fast," he said. When that future arrives, Orr encourages following your passions and not just the highest paycheck.

"But most important, find something you can sink your heart and soul into and become the very best student of that industry or business that you can."

Luke Beasley '10



*Orr as an undergraduate and today.*

### WEBSITE RELAUNCHED

[Depauwfiji.com](http://Depauwfiji.com) is up and running; thanks go to Peter Chamber '10 and other undergraduates for content and to J.P. Bowdoin, UNM '91, for providing a free server to the brothers. The brothers have been working diligently to reformat the website and content, including a calendar of events and reports on chapter development. Check it out often!