



TIGER FIJI

Lots Of Progress, Thanks To You!

There is much in this issue. The chapter is doing very well. The house corporation is making significant progress with house improvements, a new board of chapter advisers is in formation, and the chapter has selected a new PL this year. The chapter is also doing exceptionally well academically. See the related articles on page six.

If you did not attend commencement this year, five out of 10 FIJIs graduated with honors: One graduated cum laude;

philanthropy/social service projects by our brothers, among other activities, such as the igloo. The brotherhood is just fine.

Peter Schamber '10 continues to lead development of the new website, www.depauwfiji.com. We will be migrating Lambda news to the website, in addition to *Tiger FIJI*. Check the website often.

The brothers, especially four, are very involved in sustainability and climate change issues at DePauw, in

Brother who does not wholeheartedly agree with the strategic initiatives of the board of trustees on quality of housing.

Below is a picture of the redecorated formal room with a new piano. The piano is in use almost constantly! A new kitchen and serving room floor is being laid this summer, along with a thorough cleaning; new bike rack installed (donated by the Parents Club); improvements to the bum room for Little 5 riders to train, etc., etc. These improvements are made possible by your financial support. We did not take pictures of the improvements to the ventilation system in the attic—it isn't attractive and, really, no one wanted to go to the attic to take a picture!

The house corporation is concentrating on the future, especially fundraising for improvements, endowment for the chapter house, and scholarships. More later, but please keep Lambda in mind.

Mark Holwager '08 is leading the effort for an active BCA. Eric Wolfe '04 is the new PL and is already having a positive impact on the chapter. Our appreciation to Steve Parker (Rose-Hulman '04) for his four years of service as PL.

During Alumni Weekend, 25 Graduate Brothers visited the house. This is lower than usual, but probably reflects the turnout for DePauw as well. How do I know? Parking near East College was easy! Charles Huizenga '59 returned for the 50th reunion and had suggestions for greater Graduate Brother involvement. The ideas are very good, and we will follow up with Chuck. If you have ideas or would like to participate, please let us know.

The house corporation will host a barbecue for the undergraduate chapter and graduate brothers on Sunday afternoon, August 23. Please join us and meet the 62 undergraduate brothers and connect with the finest group of undergraduate and Graduate Brothers in FIJI land!

Fraternally,

Phil Heyde '72
Pergé!



Check out the redesigned www.depauwfiji.com website. Peter Schamber '10 and others are adding content.

two, magna cum laude; and three, summa cum laude. The remaining four were not far behind. Scholarship continues to be a core value for Lambda. They emphasize scholarship in recruitment, too, as evidenced by the newly initiated brothers.

The chapter initiated 22 new brothers in April. Our new brothers are enthusiastic and motivated to be the best they can be. You will want to read the articles on Order of Omega Awards, chapter awards, and the

Indiana, nationally, and internationally. Mike Lutz '09, Anthony Baratta '11, and Taylor Cantril '11 are leaders of the effort. Check out the DePauw website for information on their activities, and see the related article in this issue.

The house corporation has been very busy with improvements and planning for the future. Your contributions are essential to this success. The UGs deserve our support, and I have yet to talk to one Graduate



(Photo by Doug Mitchell '70)

This is the remodeled formal room—including a Yamaha G3 piano—made possible by your generous donations! The old Apollo 1909 that most of you played on was beyond repair. Special thanks to Robbie DeLost '10, Nikola Petrovic '10, Nicholas Johnson '10, and the house director, Marla Miner, for their contributions in the design and selection of the furnishings.

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Distinguished Lambda Graduates

During Pig Dinner festivities on April 4, three Graduate Brothers were inducted as Distinguished Lambda Graduates—Clark J. "Bud" Orr '65, Russell O. LaMore '88, and *ad astra* Graduate Brother Charles A. Beard, 1898. All exemplify the values of the fraternity—friendship, knowledge, service, morality, and excellence.

Brother Orr is currently chairman of Orr Safety Corporation, after serving the family business as president since 1967. Bud and his bride of 37 years, Kathy, have two children, both DePauw graduates. He pledged FIJI during a visit to look at DePauw and was "rushed" by Jack Kendall '63. Bud's parents suggested he apply to DePauw first! The rest, as they say, is history.

Bud served as the "fixer" (later called house manager) and as chapter treasurer. Bud says both positions taught him about stewardship and leadership. His invaluable experiences at FIJI helped him cultivate the skills to become a leader in the business world. He regularly communicates with his contemporaries in the chapter. Bud also participated in the "Project '60s" repair and renovation efforts, hammer in hand, to fix up the house! His advice to our undergraduate brothers is, "Always to do their personal best with all of their heart and all else will fall into place."

Russ LaMore has served Lambda as house corporation treasurer for the past 10 years. His financial management abilities are exceptional, going from counting pennies at first to breaking even to small surpluses and development of budgets. Russ took a leadership role in 1999 after receiving a letter describing the dire straits of Lambda. Why? He met his wife and the mother of his three daughters, Timi, at a party on the house patio! He wants to always be able to return and celebrate that moment.

Brother LaMore is proud of the involvement and support of Graduate Brothers,

especially their enthusiasm for and interest in Lambda today. Russ is also focused on developing a new generation of Graduate Brother leadership for Lambda.

Russ lives in St. Louis with his wife and family. He started as a consultant with Hammond Associates, rising through the ranks to president of this investment advisory firm. When not at work or taking care of the kids, he can be found struggling with a home improvement project or tinkering with an old car.

The *ad astra* inductee, Charles A. Beard, is considered one of the two most influential historians of the 20th century, along with Frederick Jackson Turner. A leader of the "Progressive School," Beard stressed the "whole man" study of history including all aspects of civilization—economics, politics, intellectual life, and culture—emphasizing the dynamics of socioeconomic conflict and change and motivational factors in the founding and development of political institutions.

Brother Beard's most influential work, *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States*, changed the study of history. It examines the property interests of the founding fathers, solidly positioned on The Federalist Papers. Beard concluded the founding fathers "were, with few exceptions, immediately, directly and personally interested in and derived economic advantages from, the establishment of the new system." The Constitution is "essentially an economic document." This and most of his other works, including those written with his wife, Mary Ritter (DePauw 1897) were republished many times and are still in print.

To nominate candidates, contact Kit Lortz '64 at starwood@one.net.

Ian Boyd '10
Chapter Historian



(Photo by Doug Mitchell '70)

Russ LaMore '88 addresses the chapter and Graduate Brothers.



(Photo by Doug Mitchell '70)

Kit Lortz '64 and Bud Orr '65

Pig Dinner Is A Roasting Success!

Laughter, contented smiles, and starry-eyed reminiscence were the common denominators at the annual Frank Norris Pig Dinner. Months of planning culminated in a full day of festivities: A twelve-hour marathon of eating, remembering, storytelling and celebration.

Around 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, the undergraduates settled in with early Graduate Brother arrivals for a gourmet brunch of bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, fruit, and good cheer. While some were still rubbing the sleep out of their eyes, conversation carried along at an excited but steady clip. Finally all the pieces were in place: House cleaned, basement organized, guests rolling in. The Distinguished Lambda Graduates ceremony drew a formal room-filling crowd after lunch, celebrating several of the chapter's most accomplished Graduate Brother members: Clark "Bud" Orr '65, Russ LaMore '88, and Charles A. Beard, 1898, *ad astra*. Perhaps nowhere else was the common FIJI sentiment "not for college days

alone" evident. Here were graduates with enough experience to distinguish themselves, yet integrally tied to the chapter.

As the afternoon progressed, Graduate Brothers arrived at the house in unprecedented numbers. Paul Qua coordinated a reunion event to celebrate Brother Bill Orn '81 as he battled with cancer. Over 46 grads, including many from the early '80s, came to hang out with Brother Orn and many others, regular guests and new visitors alike.

The pig arrived right on time, and the pledges continued one of FIJI's oldest traditions with full-throated enthusiasm. Almost all of the chairs in the basement were filled, and everyone was excited through the night. Following MC Camron Parker's ('09) lead, speeches by President Matthew Brauer '11 and Beta Graduate Chapter President Scott Avery, the evening brought more brothers together since the 150th anniversary celebration in 2006. Our auction and ticket sales turned hard work into profit for the betterment of the chapter. As undergrads mingled

with their predecessors after dinner, everyone settled into the rhythm of brotherhood extending even more than 20 years later. We want to bond as thoroughly again next year!

Andrew Maddocks '11

PIG DINNER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Class Awards

Most Outstanding Pledge Brother:

Matthew Cecil '12

Most Outstanding Sophomore Brother:

Matthew Brauer '11

Most Outstanding Junior Brother:

Ian Boyd '10

Most Outstanding Senior Brother:

Camron Parker '09

The FIJI Values Awards

Friendship: Bryan Lesswing '10

Knowledge: Michael Lutz '09

Service: Robert Meltzer '10

Morality: Anthony Baratta '11

Excellence: Camron Parker '09



(Photo by Alex Turco '10)

Alex Barton '12 and Matt Cecil '12 carry in the pig as our new brothers sing.



(Photo by Alex Turco '10)

Pham Duc Son '12, our youngest brother, asks, "Which end?"



(Photo by Alex Turco '10)

Beta Graduate Chapter President J. Scott Avery (Indiana '75) delivers a humorous and informative pig dinner address!



(Photo by Alex Turco '10)

Joe Carney '50 kisses the pig while Matt Cecil '12 looks on.

Team FIJI Raises Over \$1700 For Fight Against Cancer

Lambda FIJI helped save a life this spring by getting back to service. As Relay for Life coordinator, I was determined to raise the bar. A team of 12-14 brothers assembled to help facilitate and organize the house. They created a theme, fundraised, set silent auction items, and walking times. At the end of February, the team fundraising goal was set at \$750. With bombardments of e-mails and weekly team meetings throughout March and April, the wheels of production were churning for Team FIJI. On April 4, at the



Stephen Cudney '09 laughs while shaving sophomore Matt Howes' head as part of the Relay for Life fundraiser. Members of FIJI pledged to shave their heads for contributions to the relay.

153rd annual Frank Norris Pig Dinner, graduates contributed in a big way, donating \$250 to the Team FIJI cause. In addition, Brother Bill Orn '81, who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, was honored at the dinner with a luminaria to be lit in his name at Relay for Life.

In the weeks prior to event day, April 25, Team FIJI announced an unorthodox fundraising event. Taylor Cantril '11 first suggested a head-shaving fundraiser at which brothers would volunteer to shave their heads for a price. The in-house class war was open to contributions from non-brothers. Ryan Bomolaski '11, whose price limit was the highest, said he would shave his entire head and face for \$1,200. Brother Bomolaski's full head of hair wouldn't last long.

Over 10 brothers agreed to shave or buzz their heads, including Brother Cantril. On April 17, the trimming took over the FIJI backyard, with Steven Cudney '09 playing barber, clippers and all. The event was a success. Team FIJI raised over \$1,200 and earned fresh new trims for the volunteered brothers.

Overall, Team FIJI raised more than \$1,700 for Relay for Life, which is affiliated with the American Cancer Society. This was my first year as a team captain at Relay for Life. I was extremely excited and motivated by the FIJI service this year, and I'm glad I seized the opportunity. On a personal note, I chose to relay because my dad is a cancer survivor of 13 years. Without the miracles of cancer research and treatment, he would not be here today.

The Putnam County event ended April

26 at noon. Team FIJI set up camp with three tents, the ancient gray couch from the brotherhood room, and a corn hole set. FIJI was well represented. Many brothers put in the hours to walk around the track throughout the day. FIJI donated the most food of any Greek house to the event, and the Relay for Life food committee was shocked but thankful by the plethora of donated desserts. Many thanks to our cook, Patti, who put in the time to make the dishes.

No brothers were more dedicated than the five who spent the night camped out on the field at Blackstock stadium. Brothers Gerard Pannekoek '11, Taylor Cantril '11, Alex Curry '12, Dil Smith '11, and I spent the entire night. Newly initiated Brother Curry took the opportunity to challenge himself and the team to walk from midnight through the night and early morning to showcase his commitment. At about 7:00 a.m. on April 26, Brother Curry was sighted trotting into the campsite.

Sleep deprivation had won the battle. Nevertheless, his valiant effort merited six clicks. The \$1,700-plus raised was a vast improvement from last year and greatly surpassed the goals set by this year's team. Relay for Life was a tremendous success as result of great teamwork, initiative, and good communication. Such characteristics coupled with goals are an equation for success. I plan to continue Relay for Life as a standard within our value of service at FIJI. Next year, I hope to raise the bar and aim for \$2,000 and beyond.

Rob Melzter '10

FIJI And The Carbon Footprint

Lambda FIJIs are highly involved in efforts for climate change and sustainability on campus. Michael Lutz '09, Anthony Baratta '11, and Taylor Cantril '11 are featured in articles in *The DePauw Magazine*, spring issue. They are also featured in several articles posted on the DePauw website. Anthony and Taylor attended the recent UN conference on climate change in Bonn, Germany. Read their blog at thecopenhagenquestions.wordpress.com.

Mike Lutz testified before an Indiana House of Representatives committee on geothermal energy systems and creating incentives for environmentally-friendly energy alternatives. Mike argued that geothermal belongs in the same discussion as solar, wind power, and traditional energy sources. Mike also arranged for two

Indiana geothermal business representatives, an engineer, and an architect to address the committee.

Anthony Baratta, co-president of the DePauw Environmental Policy Project (DEPP), is deeply involved with Professor Jennifer Everett's Focus the Nation, a climate and energy forum organized on college campuses. Anthony was instrumental in closing the loop between faculty and students on sustainability issues.

Taylor Cantril contributed to the Sustainability Status Report that led President Casey to sign the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment to increase campus-wide sustainability efforts in September 2008. Taylor also wrote an article for the spring 2009 issue of *The DePauw Magazine* enti-

tled, "Sustainability is not an extracurricular anymore."

The research, preparation, planning and presentations paid off. State Representative Nancy Michael, District 44 (Greencastle), states, "The idea of another key piece of legislation that I was able to usher through the General Assembly was brought to me by two DePauw University students, senior Michael Lutz and sophomore Taylor Cantril." Representative Michael explains that, "The measure creates a state loan program to help school corporations install geothermal heating and cooling systems. These units make use of the earth's natural energy, cutting down on utility expenses and reducing reliance on more polluting forms of power."

Taylor Cantril '11

Michael Lutz '09 Wins Little 5 Criterium

It was after watching last year's Little 5 race that I decided to ride for FIJI. It simply looked like too much fun. Brother Michael Lutz '09 fully convinced me to ride in the summer, and by the end of the fall, we had four riders for the team: Lutz, Brother Cameron Gidnap '10, Brother Chris Alonzi '11, and me.

Fortunately for us, long-lost Brother Ross Hallren '09, who studied in Japan last year, and Brother Paul Taylor '09, returned in January. Additionally, my roommate, Brother Corey Klee '11, decided to join. And a rider for the DePauw cycling team, Brother Alex Lapatka '12, who eventually became my pledge son, doubled the 2008 Little 5 Team membership, bringing our total riders to eight.

The team's training progressed throughout the spring semester. As classes got tougher, so did the rides. But through the difficulties, camaraderie developed among the team. We would come back from rides to Cloverdale and "the watering hole" long after dinner and sit together and discuss whose toes felt the numbest or how fast we had biked away from rabid dogs. It was great.

A week before the race, Lapatka, one of our best riders, sustained a season-ending knee injury, and Paul Taylor also injured his knee in a crash on the track. But behind the leadership of Michael Lutz, the team was ready on the day of the time trial. On a dark and windy Tuesday, Gidnap and Lutz placed an encouraging second and third in the half-mile sprint, each qualifying for the sprint time trial. After the sprint time trial, our team was in

third place, behind ATO and DU.

The day of the criterium, at which 36 male riders would race around the Blackstock track for 50 minutes, was a whirlwind. On a walk to register our bikes for the race, Lutz realized that he was without a back wheel to fit his bike. Our star biker, who had been training since June, was without a functioning bike! After a hectic few hours, Alex Lapatka successfully fixed Lutz's bike. Somehow, we were all ready to ride when the race began.

As a rider, I have a difficult time narrating anything about the race. I remember being thirsty, feeling intense pain through my legs, and hoping that I didn't crash. But in the end, I do know that Michael Lutz lapped the entire field and won the criterium, a dominating performance over a group of strong riders. As we finished, 40 FIJIs rushed out onto the track and celebrated with the team. Following tradition, all were painted in purple and screaming, "F-I-J-I FIJI FIJI FIJI!" Because many had shaved their heads for the Relay for Life philanthropy the night before, it was quite a sight to see so many bald men screaming with their chests and faces painted purple. Although our team placed third, our celebration was greater than first-place ATO or second-place DU. We were celebrating the team's completion of the difficult event. It was my proudest and happiest moment as a FIJI.

Many have shown interest in cycling next year, and I hope our number of riders increases. Little 5 not only brings the team together, but brings the entire house



(Photo by Alex Turco '10)

Kevin Milne '11 lifts Mike Lutz '09 after he won the criterium.

together in support as The Purple Painted Men of FIJI. I can't wait until next year.

Anthony Baratta '11

First Documented Igloo At Lambda Brings Great Joy

At four o'clock, my mindset was that it was going to be another long night of studying. The spring semester had just started, so I didn't have too much to do, but I knew I should get ahead before my schedule picked up. I would soon have to devote my time to papers, play practices, and a new pledge class. While packing up my backpack to go to the library, Brother Taylor Cantril '11 strode into my room with a proposition.

"Hey, you want to make an igloo?"

Unsure of when I would ever hear that phrase again and not wanting to pass up hanging out in an igloo, I stripped myself of responsibilities for the evening and bundled up with multiple pairs of pants, socks, and shoes. There was a canvas outside that

needed texture, and I was going to help give it.

Outside, the cold didn't sting but rested on our faces as we began to step through the snow, house recycling bins in hand. The process that evening consisted of scooping up snow with the recycling bins and then dumping it all into a pile in the middle of the back yard. The pile was to be hollowed out the following day, allowing the outside to solidify over night. For a little over two hours, the two of us (and for a bit, Brother Kevin Bunge '10) worked, shoveling through dinner. At that point, we felt we had accomplished enough to ensure a good-sized igloo, and we were losing the feeling in our feet and hands. Before we called it an evening, we



(Photo by Alex Turco '10)

Taylor (left) and Gerard in their igloo.

measured the mound: Six feet high and 15 feet in diameter. I slept well that night.

The next day, I received a phone call from Taylor ten minutes into my 2:20
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Lambda Wins Order Of Omega Awards

In mid-April, DePauw presented the 2009 Order of Omega Greek Awards, and Lambda is proud to announce that we were recognized in 10 of 13 categories, with five wins and five honorable mentions in both individual and chapter categories.

As a chapter, Lambda was recognized for having the most outstanding philanthropy and pledge education programs of DePauw's 11 fraternities, and we also received honorable mentions for Chapter of the Year and our scholarship programming. At the individual level, Anthony Baratta '11 received the Individual

Community Service Award; Gerard Pannekoek '11 was recognized as the Rising Greek Leader, an award given to the most outstanding male sophomore Greek student; and Camron Parker '09 was named Greek Man of the Year, DePauw's most outstanding male senior Greek student. Additionally, honorable mentions went to Matt Cecil '12 as Future Greek Leader, the most outstanding first-year Greek student; Matt Brauer '11 for Most Outstanding Chapter President; and to Marla Miner for Most Outstanding House Director.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of all of our members and the chapter as a whole, and we remain confident in the future of this chapter. These recognitions are an affirmation that Lambda continues to excel at DePauw and will continue to recruit outstanding young men to continue this tradition. All brothers were excited to hear of our success at the awards and to know that our efforts do not go unnoticed by our peers and the university.

Matthew Brauer '11
Chapter President

Chapter Works Hard, Comes Out On Top!

Lambda once again tops the list of fraternities (and many sororities) for academic achievement for the spring 2009 semester. The chapter is #1 with a 3.36 GPA, .16 higher than #2 DU. This may not seem like much of a difference, but in prior semesters, the top four were separated by hundredths of a point.

Our newly initiated brothers, 22 in number, did even better, completing the semester with an impressive 3.41 GPA, compared to the all-new-members average of 2.988. This score also puts them on top by a wide margin! For perspective, Bryan Edwards '12 had a 3.78 GPA, but for

rooming assignments next year (based in part on GPA), Bryan was fifth in his class.

The all-fraternity average for the semester is 3.119 and the all-male average is 3.076. Over the past eight semesters, Lambda has finished first six times—once finishing second and once finishing fourth by one-hundredth of a point—in a tight grouping! Congratulations to the brothers for returning to the top!

NIC Recognizes Lambda!

In April, the North American Interfraternity Council (NIC) recognized

Lambda for its outstanding academic achievements. Archon President Bill Miller accepted the NIC award for Recognition of Exemplary Academic Achievement on behalf of Lambda. This award is given to chapters in a particular academic term that placed a chapter among fraternities by a least a GPA of 0.5 above the campus all-men's average, according to Bill Martin, executive director of Phi Gamma Delta. Lambda was one of two FIJI chapters so honored.

Matthew Brauer 11
Chapter President

FIJIs At The DePauw

Phi Gamma Delta continues its legacy of leadership at the student newspaper, *The DePauw*. Matthew Welch '10, a former chapter president, is the new editor-in-chief. Andrew Maddocks '10, currently an intern with *The Salt Lake Tribune* and corresponding secretary for Lambda, is the new managing editor. Alex Turco '10 is the chief visual editor. Bryan Edwards '12 is the photo editor. Matt Cecil '11 is the visual editor, and Luke Beasley '10 continues as a reporter and writer.

You can register to access *The DePauw* online edition and check out our brothers' work! The slide shows and photographs by Alex Turco are extraordinary. Of course, you can also read this issue—and past issues—of *Tiger FIJI* for examples of Alex's talents.

Luke Beasley '10



(Photo by Alex Turco '10)

Lambda pledges show their FIJI pride on Bid Night 2009.

Community And Service At Lambda

Two Lambda FIJIs found creative ways to use their scientific talents to contribute to the Greencastle educational community. For their Science Research Fellows project, Steven Cudney '10 and Andrew Kehr '09 joined other DePauw students to expand on a science education outreach program by assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, Sharon M. Crary. The group created a visual tutorial website for elementary school teachers looking for interesting science experiments.

Each video demonstrates a simple concept, such as chemical reactions using baking soda and vinegar; or how mole-

cules can be negatively or positively charged, such as a balloon rubbed against the hair. They also emphasize the different steps of the scientific process, instructing teachers to ask the class for a hypothesis before an observation is made and conclude with a summary of the key points.

Andy Kehr graduated cum laude in May and is pursuing a PhD in biochemistry at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Steven Cudney enters dental school at the University of Pittsburgh, having completed his DePauw education in May 2009.

Steven Cudney '09



(Photo by Alex Turco '10)

Andrew Kehr '09 demonstrates an experiment.

FIJIs Coach Beginning Soccer

They chase the ball like a comet, zigzagging across the soccer field. Eight 8-year-olds huddled in a pack running and kicking in no apparent direction. Suddenly, Rylen, a quiet little girl with glasses, breaks free from the moving mass, dribbling the soccer ball down the field toward the opposing team's goal. She narrowly slips by the defender and kicks the ball straight into the middle of the

net. The kids cheer, the parents clap, but none appear as excited as the two Lambda FIJI coaches.

This spring semester, six Lambda brothers dedicated several hours a week coaching soccer teams for the Putnam County Youth Soccer Association (PCYSA). Brothers Steven Cudney '10, Noe Flores '11, Bryan Lesswing '10, and Ross Hallren '09 led the

under-6 team, the Bouncers, while Gerard Pannekoek '11 and Matthew Cecil '12 led the under-8 team, the Tax Busters.

While most college students spend their weekend mornings sleeping in, these six brothers woke up early every Saturday to coach their teams. The brothers also dedicated an additional hour every week for team practices. But according to Gerard Pannekoek, it was well worth it. "The kids were crazy and obnoxious, but I enjoyed teaching them and watching them play."

Lambda FIJI initially got involved with the PCYSA after Steven Cudney learned that the soccer league needed additional coaches to volunteer. As the start of the season approached, more brothers became interested, helping out wherever they could. Noe Flores and Bryan Lesswing joined the Bouncers to help Cudney manage the rambunctious 6-year-olds. Ross Hallren also became a part of the team, serving as a translator for a young Japanese girl.

"My favorite moments were when they showed their enthusiasm for the sport," Brother Pannekoek recounts. "Like when Austin wanted to keep practicing past six, or when Nola wanted two practices a week. I really felt I was affecting the spirit of the kids. Especially when we told them about our last practice and they ran at us and clung to us as if to not let us go. That was awesome."

While the season only lasted a few months, all of the brothers have displayed an interest in returning to coach next season. Brother Flores even jokes that the experience altered his attitude toward children: "Coaching kids made me want to have some one day."

Matthew Cecil '12



(Photo by Alex Turco '10)

Phi Gams, under the leadership of Michael Lutz '09, won the criterion race in the Little 5 at DePauw. This picture appeared on the www.phigam.org online edition in May. From left: Alex Lapatka '12, Paul Taylor '09, Corey Klee '11, Chris Alonzi '11, Mike Lutz '09, Ross Hallren '09, Anthony Baratta '11, and Cameron Gidnap '10. (See related story on page five.) Congratulations to the brothers on an exceptional performance, even if they did not finish first in the overall race. Hey, FIJI is now fielding two teams for Little 5. Time for more bicycles and training equipment! -Bruce Allen '59

GRADUATE BROTHER NEWS

“Having a great time being retired for 10 years (1999) and living in a small town, Nevada City, CA—just a little smaller than Greencastle,” reports **Robert R. Whiting '59**. “The Sierra Nevada Mountains are beautiful, and civilization, Lake Tahoe, and Sacramento are only about 60 miles away. My wife, Bobbie, and I have four children and seven grandchildren at last count. To keep my a little busy, I’m involved in the Lions Club; CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) for children; and Model A Ford Club with a ’29 Ford sport coup. I note that Lambda is doing well. Keep up the good work!” Bob can be reached at 10433 Park Ave. Ext., Nevada City, CA 95959; rrwhiting@att.net.

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46804; via e-mail at dastra@verizon.net.

Edwin Simcox Jr. '93, director of information services for Clarian Health Partners Inc., was recognized by the *Indianapolis Business Journal* as one of 40 “noteworthy professionals who are instrumental to the city’s future.” Congratulate Ed at 437 E. 84th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240; esimcox@clarian.org.

Darren E. Hughes '03 was appointed to the board of directors of the Mary Allison Trust Fund, created in 1896 to assist the children of low-income families in Putnam County. Students in all Putnam County districts receive assistance. Find out more from Darren at RR 3 Box 366, Cloverdale, IN 46120; d21hugs@hotmail.com.

Andrew Cole '07 married Carrie Walker on March 7, 2009. Andrew and Carrie are currently moving to a new home while Andrew continues to work for the Obama campaign in operations. If this work

assignment continues, Andrew may be around for 2012 to work for Obama! In the meantime, reach him by e-mail at acole84@gmail.com.

Clinton Hasenour '07 completed his Teach for America position and is now finishing his first year of graduate studies at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. Clint is working on a PhD in molecular physiology and biophysics. Contact him at chasenour@gmail.com.

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Gilbert C. McCleary '41
April 2, 2009

Douglas F. Stevenson '44
April 15, 2008

First Documented Igloo At Lambda Brings Great Joy, cont.

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class. I put the phone back in my pocket and continued to engage myself in that day’s discussion. Scholarship comes before fraternity, and, eschewing that value the night before, I was not going to let the igloo distract me from my academics any more. Taylor called back an hour and fifteen minutes later, with five minutes left to go in class. Again, I let my voicemail take the call. “Man, he really wants to work on that igloo,” I thought.

My phone alerted me of two new voicemail messages when I checked it after class. I dialed my voicemail box and prepared to listen as I walked down the steps of Asbury Hall. The first message was from Taylor.

“Hey Gerard. It’s Taylor. I have to write that rush speech tonight, so I wanted to work on the igloo now. Give me a call back or just come and find me. I’ll be in the backyard. Bye.”

The second message was also from Taylor. His voice, however, sounded slightly more defeated than it did in the last one. It took me only a second to realize why.

“Hey Gerard. It’s Taylor. Ummm... I’m currently trapped...in the igloo. I’m guessing you’re in class right now, but if you get this, I need you to shovel me out, or hopefully I can find someone else to do it. Just

call me back or get here as soon as you can. Thanks. Bye.”

I quickened my pace back to the house as I called him back. He didn’t answer. I was not nervous, more excited and intrigued to see how exactly Taylor had confined himself in the igloo. Back at the house, I burst out the back door and saw Taylor standing a few feet from the igloo, admiring his work. I was confused.

“Hey dude. Were you really trapped in the igloo?”

“Yes.”

“Haha. How did that happen?”

“Well, I was pushing snow out of the chamber through the entrance tunnel, and it compacted after a while. And I could’ve gotten out by bringing all the snow back into the chamber, but I didn’t feel like undoing my last hour’s worth of work.”

“How did you get out?”

“I called Zach [Wilson '09], and he got a shovel and dug me out.”

Later that night, Zach, Taylor, and I laughed about the whole incident while inside the igloo, sipping hot chocolate. Other brothers came and went as well. At one point, there were six brothers comfortably crammed in the igloo. Taylor and I concluded that our project was one that truly demonstrated high standards of excellence. We toasted our mugs to that.

I would say all ended well regarding the igloo, but two nights later, I decided I would try to spend the night in the igloo. Upon coming to the completely irrational conclusion that my brain was freezing, I gave up. It wasn’t so much that I believed my brain was freezing, but when you start to think things like that, something is affecting your mind, and it’s time to find a new place to sleep. That was my last time in the igloo. May it flow through the aquifer in peace.

Gerard Pannekoek '11

FIJs In Austria!

Clarinetist Andrew Porter '10 and trumpeter Garth Anderson '09 toured Austria during winter term with the DePauw Chamber Symphony, conducted by Professor Orcenith G. Smith. Reacting to all of the concert audiences, Garth said, “The Austrian crowds received our performances with such a great appreciation for the music we performed. They listened actively and intently, giving us very spirited applause. It is always great to be received so warmly.”