



# TIGER FIJI

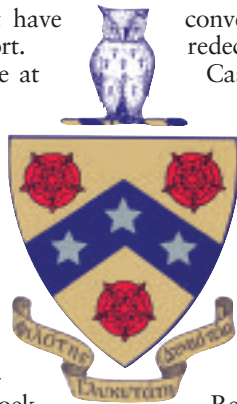
## The Progress Continues!

So much is happening at Lambda, and your support for house improvements makes it possible. The chapter continues to fire on all cylinders. Please visit the chapter and house and see the progress and meet the brothers! We know you will be impressed with the brothers, and trust you like the improvements that have been made, thanks to your support.

House improvements continue at a fast pace. Ventilation in the basement is being addressed, along with a remodeling of the “bum room.” The undergraduates presented a proposal to remodel the bum room to the house corporation in April. George “Kit” Lortz ’62 and Peter Fellegly (GA ’05) worked with the chapter’s committee on details. The undergraduate brothers’ committee of Gerard Pannekoek ’11, Taylor Cantril ’11, Nick Johnson ’10, Nick Meiners ’12, Andrew Porter ’10, and Chapter President Matt Brauer ’11 provided exceptional design ideas—and more. The project is now completed with a stage for the FIJI house band, new lighting, and other necessities. It looks good.

The chapter held a scholarship dinner on November 3 with DePauw President Brian Casey as the guest speaker. Instead of a

speech, Dr. Casey conducted a “conversation” with the chapter and 15 faculty members (yes, 15!) on DePauw topics: the “intellectual life” discussions on campus, the idea of a common dining area for all DePauw students, and faculty-Greek relations, among other topics. After dinner, the conversation continued in the newly redecorated formal room, with Dr. Casey, faculty, and students participating. This is a scholarship dinner to remember!



James Yoder ’70 visited DePauw with his wife, Ellen, for a presentation to the Science Research Fellows. Jim and Ellen requested to visit the chapter. Andrew Maddocks ’11, corresponding secretary, made arrangements with Tavia Pigg, assistant director of the Science Research Fellows Program, for Jim and his wife to visit the chapter and have lunch with the brothers along with Science Research Fellows. Jim is vice president for academic affairs for the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts. The FIJI hospitality was more than just fine; it was great! Way to go, guys!

FIJI and Kappa Alpha Theta again sponsored the Bark-B-Que to benefit the Putnam County Humane Society, and then

the Pumpkin Bash near Halloween to benefit the American Red Cross, FIJI international’s charity. There are more philanthropy activities on campus, such as Ring Sing and the Mr. University contest sponsored by Theta for charity. Robert Steele ’12 placed second in the Mr. University contest. Congratulations, Robert!

Many of you have received a letter and questionnaire about plans for improving the chapter house. This is about Lambda being competitive with its peers and providing housing that meets students’ and parents’ expectations today. Please respond to the questionnaire if you have not already done so. We do want and value your advice and support.

**Don’t forget to save the date for the Pig Dinner, which will be held on April 10, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at the Lambda Chapter House, 916 S. College Ave., Greencastle, IN 46135. A Distinguished Lambda Graduate program will be held at 3:00 p.m., prior to the Pig Dinner.**

Mighty proud to be a Lambda FIJI!

Phil Heyde ’72  
Pergé!

## Projesh Banerjea ’08 Receives Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship

Projesh Banerjea ’08 is the recipient of a 2009 graduate scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. Projesh is using the award to pursue a graduate degree in economic history at the London School of Economics. Recipients of the highly competitive awards are chosen from a national pool with over 1,000 nominees competing for the 29 awards this year.

Projesh was born in India, and at an early age moved with his family to Liberia where his father had been transferred. He was in Liberia a short time when civil war broke out. His family’s home was looted and razed, and he barely escaped back to India, where his family settled in Calcutta. An experience that had a powerful impact on Projesh was attending school for ten years across the

street from Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity. He organized food drives for the mission through his high school, learning then that there was something truly noble about helping a fellow human being “and that I wanted service always to be a part of my life.”

While in high school, Projesh immersed himself in various extracurricular activities—music, debate, theater, and sports, eventually winning the Shaw Education Foundation award for the Best All-Round Student in Calcutta. At DePauw, he continued his involvement with the debate and forensics team, university orchestra, served as business and advertising manager of *The DePauw* student newspaper among other extracurricular activities. He was also a Management

Fellow and Information Technology Associate (ITAP). In 2008, he received *The Wall Street Journal* Student Achievement Award and the Frank T. Carlton Award for Economics, the Robert O. Weiss Debate and Public Speaking Award and graduated Phi Beta Kappa, among others. (Check the DePauw website and search for Projesh Banerjea for more!)

At DePauw, Projesh quickly distinguished himself as both a brilliant student and a kind-hearted friend to all. One of his professors at DePauw called him a “visionary student of economics.” While at DePauw in 2006, Projesh was selected to attend an intensive nine-week program at Duke University

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## President's Report For Tiger FIJI

As I write, officer elections are swiftly approaching at Lambda. By the time this issue of *Tiger FIJI* is distributed, my fellow cabinet members and I will have passed the reins to the next group of FIJI officers, and I couldn't be more confident that they will continue to promote the values and programs that have made us successful over the past years. First and foremost, this is thanks to our dedicated efforts at recruiting men who not only share our values, but who also bring their own unique perspectives and ideas to the chapter. We welcomed 21 new brothers last April, and they have already made lasting contributions, taking an active role in leadership positions and the life of the chapter.

This fall, we held our two traditional philanthropy events: Bark-B-Que, an all-campus cookout co-hosted with Kappa Alpha Theta to benefit the Putnam County Humane Society; and Pumpkin Bash, expanded this year to a two-day

event including games and a Pumpkin Queen competition among sororities, all benefiting the American Red Cross. We have strengthened our relations around campus, inviting University President Dr. Brian Casey to speak at our scholarship dinner in November, hosting each sorority for a meal, and encouraging brothers to participate in community-service efforts by reinstating a service hour requirement. Brothers continue to be active in all aspects of the campus, from Ultimate Frisbee to theater, and from Philosophy Club to student government, not to mention studying hard and maintaining our high academic standards—last spring, we reclaimed the number-one GPA among fraternities with a 3.34 average. I am proud to have been a part of the leadership at Lambda and excited to see where the future will take us.

Matt Brauer '11

## Graduate Brother Profile: Rob Johnson '90

From epic FIJI Isles to a formal in Memphis, Tennessee, Brother Rob Johnson '90 made sure the Lambda Chapter threw some "really, really great parties" during his time as social chair. Looking back at the occasionally hazy days of hundreds of revelers and high-decibel basement band performances, Rob said his fondest memories are of time spent with his brothers.

Coming to DePauw from an international school in Brussels, Belgium, Rob says he knew he wanted to go Greek. The FIJIs were the most "down to earth" group of guys Rob found during rush, and he moved into the house as classes began. His first roommates were his pledge father, Pete Young '89, and pledge grandfather, Dave Holub '87. It was a tumultuous time.

"Talk about a bunch of life changes,"



Rob said. "There was so much happening, so much going on."

Young and Holub made sure Rob had fun while he caught up on academics, pledge activities, and got to know brothers in the house. He soon settled in, found a closer group of friends, and realized he got along with everyone else as well. By watching the most academically successful brothers in the house, he picked up good study habits, even as he dove into the party scene.

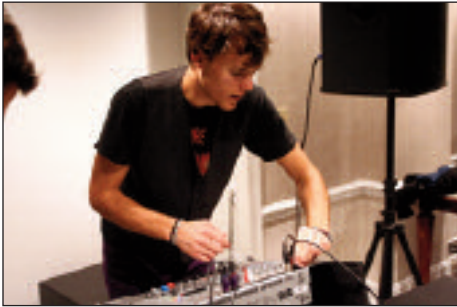
As Rob became more interested in radio, he moved out of the Lambda house in the second semester junior year to spend time as an intern in Washington, D.C.

His defining moment, however, was that Elvis formal in his senior year. Picking up on Presley fever, he convinced the administration to let all the brothers drive seven hours to Memphis, take a tour of Graceland, and even meet a member of Elvis' band. Even though his car broke down and ruined a blind date with a Kappa, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience he'll always remember.

While mixing sessions for a morning radio show with Flint Dille '90 helped Rob's college media career, radio and television jobs were relatively new in the FIJI house. His connections were more social than professional. His career has led him to CBS 2 in Chicago, and his FIJI connections have stayed strong over the years.

Andrew Maddocks '11

# Struggling Economy Births FIJI Dance Band



(Photos by Bryan Edwards '12.)

Counter-clockwise from top: drummer and mixer Gerard Pannekoek '11, violist Andrew Maddocks '11, bassist Matt Cecil '12, lead guitarist Matt Brauer '12, lead vocalist Cameron Gindap '10.

I'm not sure when there was last a Lambda FIJI house band. Maybe never. If there ever was one, I doubt I would be able to verify it, save the assurance of alumni. It's not the sort of effort that ends up as a plaque on a wall or documented in the archives. At best, the band would be a memory in minds of a few people; individuals who found something worth remembering in the short-lived excitement.

This article, however, is here to verify the emergence of a Lambda FIJI house band in the fall of 2009. The quintet, simply named "FIJI Dance Band," consists of Cameron Gindap '10 on vocals, Matt Brauer '11 on guitar, Andrew "Mad Dog" Maddocks '11 on viola, Matt Cecil '12 on bass, and yours truly, Gerard Pannekoek '11, on drums. The band played at FIJI's last two major social events, FIJI Office Party and FIJI Fest, covering danceable pop and rock hits that ranged from Weezer's "Say It Ain't So" to Kanye West's "Homecoming."

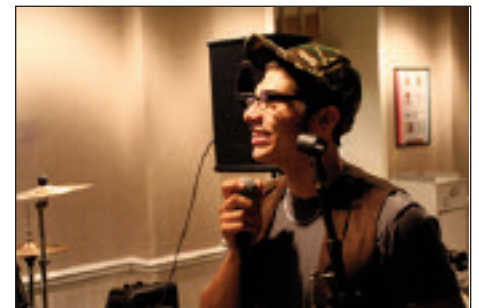
While the band performs primarily to make people dance, personal enjoyment also serves as motivation. "The ladies dig my groovy bass playing," said Brother Cecil, and all the evidence proves this statement to be true. Brother Gindap said

singing for the band was "really fun" and that he "liked doing it a lot." Personally, I love providing the beats that get people moving on the dance floor. It's a feeling that never gets old.

The reviews of the band have been consistently positive. "They're actually pretty good," said Adam Brok '10. Brother Brok's sentiments agree with much of the talk regarding the band. When put on a scale, the band's ability tends to fall anywhere between "okay" and "awesome." Diana Edmundson, a frequent attendee of FIJI social events, said she "really enjoyed the band."

Unfortunately, FIJI Dance Band must take an indefinite hiatus after the fall '09 semester. Brothers in the band will put scholarship before self (as they should) and spend one or more semesters studying abroad or interning. Furthermore, Brother Gindap will graduate in the spring and seek vocal pursuits elsewhere, leaving the band literally speechless. The band intends to play one or two more shows before the hiatus takes effect. With more shows or not, it hopes to leave brothers with something to remember.

Gerard Pannekoek '11



## Projesh Banerjea

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sponsored by the American Economic Association, taking graduate-level courses in economics. There, he honed his knowledge of the mathematics of economics. Projesh says that Raymonda Burgman, associate professor of economics at DePauw, is an inspiration because she "had a way of bridging the gap between academia and the real world and made me see economics not just as a subject to be studied but as a way of life."

In 2007, he was an intern with the technology, media and telecommunications investment banking group at J.P. Morgan in New York. Upon graduating from DePauw, he joined J.P. Morgan as a financial analyst

for the investment-banking group.

Projesh's contemporaries at Lambda will attest to his commitment to service. He organized international dinners at Lambda for the brothers, international students, and others. He was active in philanthropy and social service projects during his student years, always "giving back" to the community whenever and wherever he had the opportunity. While in New York, he tutored survivors of domestic violence in English, helped paint a Manhattan shelter, and co-translated English documents into Bengali for new immigrants. And, he once took a week off from work to volunteer as an apprentice at a French pastry shop!

Projesh plans to pursue a Ph.D. in developmental economics. His ultimate goal is to develop economic policies that focus on education, domestic industry, as well as rural and urban infrastructure development. He says that "After working in the financial services sector this year [2008–2009], I understand how important it is to study history and analyze why certain decisions were made in the past and whether they should or should not be altered. I have learned that history does, indeed, repeat itself and that the four most expensive words in the world are perhaps 'this time it's different.'"

Ken Owens, DePauw Media Relations



## A Letter From Philanthropy

Hello, men of FIJI,

My name is Noé Flores, philanthropy chair for the Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. Service is one of our core values, because we strive to serve others as much as we can. We do this, in part, by organizing campus philanthropic events, which are designed to strengthen fraternity-campus relations and campus-community relations.

Our most recent philanthropy was the FIJI-Theta Bark-B-Que. This event raises money and awareness for the Humane Society in Putnam County. We teamed up with the ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta and walked dogs borrowed from the Humane Society around campus throughout the day. After an afternoon of dog walking we hosted a barbecue open to the campus and charged a donation fee for a plate of food. All proceeds go to the Humane Society of Putnam County.

The event is a great success for many reasons. It provides the opportunity for brothers to serve their community and realize that

they enjoy doing so, leaving them with a desire to volunteer more. (One brother enjoyed it so much that he walked dogs for nearly three hours.) It also allows us to build better relationships with our sister sorority, and it shows Putnam County that the men of FIJI care about the community. After the event, many brothers signed up for regular volunteer opportunities with the Humane Society.

This is just one of many ways in which the men of Phi Gamma Delta can embody the value of service. Brothers also volunteer as coaches for the Putnam County Youth Soccer Association and play guitar for the elderly at Asbury Towers. Upcoming events include FIJI Pumpkin Bash, where we'll raise money for the American Red Cross, and the first FIJI-Alpha Chi Omega barbecue, to raise money for social services in Putnam County, as well as increase awareness about domestic violence.

Fraternally,  
Noé Flores '11



(Photos by Pham Anh Duc '12.)

*Ashwin Upasani '11 and members of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority enjoy the company of dogs from the Humane Society during Bark-B-Que.*





## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual Norris Pig Dinner is scheduled for April 10, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. It'll take place at the Lambda Chapter House, 916 S. College Ave., Greencastle, IN 46135. See you at the house!

A Distinguished Lambda Graduate program will be held at 3:00 p.m., prior to the Pig Dinner. Send Distinguished Lambda Graduate nominees to Kit Lortz at starwood@one.net.

## Graduate Brother Interview: Robert Kirk '71

Robert Kirk, class of '71, expresses the values of a true Phi Gamma Delta brother. During his time at the Lambda chapter, he was elected to historian officer his junior year and continued his term into the first semester of his senior year. However, his commitment to the fraternity extended well beyond his college days. Recently, he donated a generous amount to the fraternity that funded a cycling team for the Little 5. Since then, FIJI has taken first place overall in 2008, and first place in the criterion in 2009.

Bob saw the donation as a way to thank the chapter for its admirable progress following revitalization. "I was impressed with the turnaround of the chapter," he said. "I was really impressed with the involvement of alumni brothers who dedicated themselves to rebuilding the chapter [after the revitalization]." A cyclist himself, Robert has had great success in this sport. For three years in a row, Robert Kirk has been the state champion in time trials for his age group. At the USA Cycling Masters Road National Championships in Louisville, Kentucky, Bob placed fourth in his age group.

Decades later, Bob appreciates the life lessons he learned as a FIJI. "You have to make relationships with people who are not like you and that you do not have much in common with," he said. Robert and his wife, Lucinda, who is a DePauw alumna, live in Columbus, Ohio.

Matthew Valeriane '10

## Living With A Bunch Of Dudes

A pair of crutches. One beach ball. One narrow hallway. These things combined form a game called "crutch-ball," but they also represent the experience of first-year living in the fraternity house.

While the act of hitting a beach ball back and forth with the crutches Brother "Dil" Smith discarded (after his recovery from an injury) may not seem significant, it does speak to the experience of living in the house. Brotherhood emerges in surprising ways.

Whether it's crutch-ball, campus golf, hallway dance parties, obsessive workout/diet plans, or the many forms of soccer (foosball, FIFA video game, televised games, and real life), the brothers of the Lambda Chapter bond through alternative means.

"All these things that you don't think would make you bond... they do," sophomore Ashwin Upasani said.

And according to sophomore brother Bryan Edwards, the brothers who become friends are just as surprising as the ways in which they bond. "You begin to get to know people during pledgship, but during your first year in the house, you get to know people you never thought you'd be close with," he said.

Sophomore Alex Barton agrees. "You realize that some people are actually more interesting than you thought they were," he said.

Simply put: Living in the house is a unique and memorable experience.

Matthew Cecil '12

# GRADUATE BROTHER NEWS

**Arthur "Art" Garrison '50** writes: "I want to give my pin and ring to some outstanding pledges in this year's class. If you are interested, please have the rush chairman call or write. Also, say 'hi' to Joe Carney for me!" Reach Art at 6440 Mourning Dove Dr., #104, Bradenton, FL 34210.

Since retiring from General Motors, **David "Sam" Johnson '53** has been keeping busy by playing golf, bowling, volunteering, and serving on church boards. Catch up with him at 609 Enid Ave., Dayton, OH 45429; dajohnson@woh.rr.com.

**Jerry Williams '57** is looking to get back in touch with his FIJI brothers. Write to him at 117 W 70th St., #810, New York, NY 10023.

"Nice job on the latest *Tiger FIJI*—keep up the good work!" writes **John "Jack"**

**Kendall '63**. Stay in touch with John at 12000 Old Katy Rd., Houston, TX 77079.

"We recently moved from sunny Italy back to the Grafenwoehr, Germany area," reports **David Hinshaw '67**. "I am working with Army brigade-level staffs in their training and preparation for deployment. I have appreciated the notes and e-mails from others as we continue to stay in touch." David receives mail at CMR 415, Box 3001, APO AE, 09114; madapro@aol.com.

**Robert C. "Bob" Kirk Jr. '71** writes, "I was delighted to walk my stepdaughter, Carmen Maron, down the aisle on July 18, along with her father, **Chris Maron '71**. Her mother, Lucinda Tucker (also DePauw '71) looked on, with Chris's wife and son." He sends his congratulations to the FIJI cyclists: "I continue to pursue my own cycling exploits, winning my third Ohio State

Championship in time trials, and coming in fourth place in the USCF National Championships time trial for 60-64-year-olds." Send congratulations to 2334 Brentwood Rd., Columbus, OH 43209.

**Alden "Al" Cummins '72** has taken a new position as the vice president of materials management at Univar USA. Find out how it's going at 13157 Adair Creek Way, Redmond, WA 98053; al-cummins@univarusa.com.

"I enjoyed reading about all the brothers involved with the college newspaper," writes **Doug "PBR" Reynolds '73**. "My uncle, **Warren Reynolds '39**, worked in publishing his entire career and became the publisher of *Parade* magazine. My father,

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Brad Reynolds, was once a spring pledge, but he transferred to Cornell. He ended up working for *This Week* magazine, later moving on to *Parade* and several others. I have worked for 36 years at the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, Minnesota Sun Publications, and now the New York Times Company with the *Lakeland Ledger* and *Winter Haven News* chief. We all worked at college newspapers." Write to Doug at 682 Augusta Rd., Winter Haven, FL 33884; dougrey@peoplepc.com.

**Scott Skillern '83** has a new address: 1367 Mulberry Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85014.

"Just completed my 21st year as band director at Highland Hills Middle School," writes **Phil Thomas '86**. "I also serve as the assistant bugler at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky." Keep in touch with Phil at 1006 Oakridge Dr., Lanesville, IN 47136; trombapat@yahoo.com.

**Mark "Sparky" Willmert '89** recently moved to 1139 Cedar View Cir., Minneapolis, MN 55405.

"I've been working in the reality-television industry in Los Angeles, and producing short comedy films for shocktherapytv.com," reports **Steven Dowd "Johnny Cash" Wright '95**. He invites everyone to visit the site and find it on Facebook. "GUILT, one of the episodes on our website, was filmed at The Gam in 1995, starring FIJI brothers." Find out more from Steven at 3839 Los Feliz Blvd., #307, Los Angeles, CA 90027; steve@shocktherapytv.com.

**Walter Lenckos '99** is a program director

for Outward Bound. You can contact Walter at wlenckos@outwardbound.org. His preferred address is 1128 Linkside Dr., Parkville, MD 21234.

**Colin Cress '03** and wife, Heather, welcomed their first child: a son, Owen Christopher, at 8:54 p.m. on August 21, 2009. Owen weighed in at 8 lbs., 8 oz., and was 21.5 inches long. Colin had the privilege of baptizing his son on October 25. Colin received his M.Div. at Methodist Theological School of Ohio in 2008, and is pastor for Folsom Memorial and Freedom United Methodist Churches in Worthington and Freedom, Indiana, respectively. Congratulate Colin, Heather, and Owen at colinccress@gmail.com.

**Douglas Fellegly '05** is pursuing a master's degree in applied communication, with a focus on media criticism and management, at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis. Doug is an ITAP digital-video instructor at DePauw. Doug can be contacted at dfellegly@gmail.com.

Catch up with **Joshua "Josh" Mark Wilson '05** at his new address: 506 Finley St., Durham, NC 27707.

**Caleb Beasley '06** is a head coach in the new John Frank Football League offered by the Muncie Community Schools for inner-city fifth and sixth graders in Muncie, Indiana. Caleb taught special education in St. Louis, Missouri, through Teach for America prior to entering graduate school at Ball State University pursuing a master's degree in public administration. Caleb can be contacted at calebjbeasley@gmail.com.

**Andrew Cole '07** now receives e-mail at

acole84@gmail.com; reach him by mail at 1046 Linden Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091.

**Garth Anderson '09** has a new e-mail address: garthanderson1987@gmail.com. (1719 Brookhill Ln., Sycamore, IL 60178)

**Darein L. Burton '09** founded the Chicago Furniture Recycling Center, a non-profit organization to provide furniture for low income families, especially victims of domestic violence. Any volunteers with experience in grant writing, accounting, finance, IT, public relations, advertising, or attorney services for non-profits should check out the Center's blog: chicagofurniturecenter.blogspot.com or contact Darein at dareinburton@gmail.com. Darein earns a living, too, as a data administrator for Rauner College Prep High School and Noble Street Charter Schools in Chicago.

**Ross Hallren '09** is an import-export consultant with CenTradeX, an international trade data provider in Washington, D.C. Ross is also an intern with the American Enterprise Institute researching Japanese trade policy with Claude Barfield, a resident scholar at AEI. Ross still cycles and swims daily while making time to study Japanese and Chinese languages. Ross can be contacted at: 1727 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Apt. 416, Washington, D.C.; email is: jacket306@gmail.com.

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**Joseph M. Casper '79**

**William N. Orn Jr. '81**



*Can you identify the Graduate Brother in this picture from when he was in the sixth grade? Check the back row, far left. Give up? Dwight Rounds '76. What happened?!?!?!?*