

# TIGER FIJI

## An Update From Lambda's House Corporation

Lambda Chapter's positive momentum continues to build. A new cabinet has taken office, new strength in our BCA is appearing, and the house corporation (HC) is taking on the challenges of refurbishing the chapter house—still beautiful after 45 years of life, but in substantial need of a renewed infrastructure. We can proudly report to alumni that Lambda is truly one of the strongest houses on campus. We take pride in stating that the chapter truly deserves the support of our Graduate Brothers.

### *Momentum continues through changes ...*

Lambda's outgoing cabinet led the chapter—with enthusiastic support from the members—to continue its outstanding scholarship (boasting a 3.22 GPA this past spring semester) and its campus leadership in publications, student organizations, sustainability issues, and both Greek and university relations. New levels of accomplishment included an innovation in the chapter's approach to philanthropy,

establishing a new endowed fund to perpetuate the chapter's annual giving functions.

As **Phil Heyde '72** reported his retirement as house corporation president in the last *Tiger FIJI*, **Kit Lortz '62** and **Doug Mitchell '70** stepped in as interim co-presidents. Phil continues to enthusiastically support the undergrads and continues as a HC member.

**Peter Fellegly**, an undergraduate's parent who initiated in '05 and is a new EC member, coordinated the complete restoration of the 45-year old second-floor bathrooms, a nearly \$100,000 investment that was sorely needed and which will soon need to be replicated on the third floor. In the near future, the HC will more fully describe further restoration and improvement projects that will preserve the long-term viability of Lambda's chapter house.

**Eric Wolfe '04**, our Purple Legionnaire, recently accepted employment as a Greek life coordinator at DePauw—a compliment to Lambda's capability to provide talented

resources to the university—which required his resignation as Purple Legionnaire. We eagerly look forward to his replacement and thank Eric for his service to Lambda.

### *... and has returned to a leading position among DePauw Greek chapters.*

FIJI really is one of the very best houses on campus—as agreed by many faculty and staff. Scholarship rank has remained within the top three living units for nine straight semesters. Diversity of members includes numerous international students and academic majors. Cost effectiveness has permitted house bills to remain equal to university housing levels. Sustainability is a leading issue on campus due to Lambda's undergraduates' leadership.

Graduate Brothers, Lambda truly deserves your enthusiastic support!

Doug Mitchell '70 and Kit Lortz '62  
House Corporation Co-Presidents

## Building Community, Raising Funds, Feeding Hogs

What do a coliseum, a cannibal, and a DePauw paw print have in common? They were all winning jack-o'-lantern designs in FIJI's first-ever philanthropic pumpkin-carving contest.

Traditionally, Pumpkin Bash involves sledgehammered pumpkins, competitive pie-eating, apple bobbing, hot cider, and a blazing fire in the backyard. This year, we added an all-day pumpkin-carving event in the middle of campus to boost our proceeds and our presence as a creative, community-building group. From 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., friends, university staff, teaching assistants, international students, Greeks, independents, first-time carvers, and pumpkin-sculpting veterans all showed up outside East College to jab orange gourds with flimsy knives

from the local Walmart. The results were surprisingly beautiful.

Freshman Hoang from Vietnam set the endurance record. Over two hours, he carefully carved his first jack-o'-lantern—a pirate, complete with a bandana and eye patch.

The three carving champions—selected by a poll of passersby—were invited to President Brian Casey's home to showcase their creations on his front steps for Halloween night.

Many thanks to Mr. Perkins for donating nearly 100 pumpkins to the cause. After the bash, we returned the obliterated pumpkin guts to the Perkins Family Farm so that they could feed them to their hogs.

With the help of Mr. Perkins, sorority and fraternity donors, and the time and labor of many chapter members, we earned over \$800 for the Red Cross. Lambda FIJI is pressing on to build our traditional philanthropies in ways that bridge campus divides and strengthen the DePauw and Greencastle communities.



*Left to right: Taylor Cantril '11, Orlando Ramirez '13, Karl Wert '12, and Avery Archer '11 man the carving table during Pumpkin Bash.*

Taylor Cantril '11

## Lambda Chapter Sees Increase in Soccer Appreciation and Activity

It seems that soccer fever has migrated from South Africa to Lambda FIJI. This is not to say that every brother has become a hooligan or that one constantly hears vuvuzelas blaring through the halls, but there is definitely increased excitement about the sport. Some brothers, such as **Matthew Hellman '13** and **Kyle Gough '13**, just recently discovered an interest in “the beautiful game,” as it’s almost unanimously referred to around the world. “I got really into soccer during the World Cup last summer, but I find it hard to stay interested when the games aren’t on a national level,” says Hellman, expressing a common problem for those not following domestic premier soccer leagues. Other brothers, including **Ashwin Upasani '12** and **Reid Conner '13**, already possessed a great love of the sport, specifically for the English premier team Liverpool. They frequently stream soccer games online, as local cable options rarely show soccer matches. Upasani’s room even contains large posters of his favorite players.

Watching soccer isn’t the only way to appreciate the sport, however. **Taylor Cantril '11**, **Matthew Brauer '11**, and **Andrew Maddocks '11** have been playing soccer every Friday for the past month at the sports park in Greencastle. “Soccer is fast and fun,” said Brauer. “It’s the perfect counterweight to a week spent in class and really inclusive, especially the way we play. Anyone can come and have fun.” Many brothers also compete by playing FIFA on either Xbox 360 or PlayStation 3 video game consoles, a trend certainly not new to the Lambda house.

More noteworthy is the number of brothers who coach youth soccer teams for the Putnam County Youth Soccer League. During a given semester, anywhere from five to 10 brothers voluntarily give up their Saturday mornings to serve as coaches and mentors to young athletes in Greencastle. While coaching satisfies the house philanthropy requirement, the real joy comes from seeing the children gain an appreciation for the game and have fun doing so. Soccer fever is contagious.

It’s tough to say whether the recent soccer fervor is a temporary phenomenon, riding off the excitement of the 2010 World Cup, or if the interest is real and will grow in the coming semesters. I suppose only time will tell. Until then, play on!

Gerard Pannekoek '11

## A Report From the Chapter President

The summer and fall have been a busy and fruitful time for Lambda FIJI. At the 162nd Annual Ekklesia, Lambda won honors for the Brightman Trophy for outstanding graduate relations, the Owen Cup for outstanding scholarship, the Zerman Trophy for outstanding extracurricular participation, and the John Templeton McCarty Chapter Proficiency Award. At this year’s Greek God and Goddess competition, the brothers showed off their dance moves and earned a third-place finish. At Alpha Chi Omega’s annual “Ring Sing” philanthropy and Monon Bell pep rally, FIJI (along with teammates Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sigma Chi) took first place overall.

In addition to winning many accolades, Lambda has been actively pursuing philanthropy. This fall, we hosted our annual Bark-B-Q philanthropy, and raised money for the Putnam County Humane Society. Pumpkin carving was an added event to our annual Pumpkin Bash,



which raises money for the International Red Cross. In total, Lambda FIJI was able to raise over \$800 for its philanthropic causes.

The chapter has also been up to a few other things. The brothers of Lambda made a journey to Lexington, Kentucky, in September to visit Phi Gamma Delta’s International Headquarters and learn about the history of the fraternity. We hope to make this trip an annual event so that the brothers can be reminded of the larger organization we are a part of. Also, the chapter has created a parent-relations committee with the hope of bringing back active involvement with our parents and the Parents Club.

We hope to continue these successes and build upon them as we move into another semester under new leadership. It has been a blessing to serve the chapter, and I am truly excited to see what is in store for us in the future.

Avery Archer '11, President

## Excelling in Arguments and Friendships

Lambda FIJI made an impact this year on DePauw’s especially successful Ethics Bowl team. The two teams contained a total of four brothers—**Robert Steele '11**, **Alex Lopatka '12**, **Kyle Gough '13**, and **Alex Landreville '13**—out of 12 members. And DePauw distinguished itself across the entire region.

Ethics Bowl is a debate-style competition in which two teams of five present and critique current ethical topics. First, the case is presented by one team for seven minutes. The two teams then critique each other’s presentations, and then the judges ask questions and score the teams based on their performance.

The hard work comes in the preparation, which is where our team shined this year. For two hours every day for nearly two months, the two Ethics Bowl teams would meet and discuss their cases extensively. By the time the actual

competition rolled around, creating pros and cons for cases had become second nature.

This is where the benefits of Ethics Bowl emerge. When facing any argument in life, the ability to simultaneously understand an argument and come up with a counter-argument is invaluable. After spending hours upon grueling hours with these brothers, I found myself becoming hard and fast friends with them, greatly valuing their comments and critiques.

After the dust had settled on November 6 at Marian University’s regional Ethics Bowl competition, DePauw had claimed the second-place spot and secured a team for the national competition this spring in Cincinnati. Lambda FIJIs continue to do their part to represent the friendship, knowledge, morality, and excellence of Phi Gamma Delta.

Alexander Landreville '13

## FIJIs Receive Academic Awards

Several Lambda FIJIs were recognized at the Academic Awards Convocation on May 24, 2010.

**Peter Schamber '10**, **Luke Beasley '10**, **Ian Boyd '10**, **Adam Brok '10**, and **Matt Brauer '11**: Phi Beta Kappa.

**Ashwin Upasani '12**: Sigma Pi Sigma National Physics Honorary. Ashwin is currently studying at Oak Ridge National Laboratories in Tennessee.

**Avery Archer '11**: O.H. Smith Scholarship for demonstrating exceptional ability and

potential in physics.

**Alex Lopatka '12**: Hugh Richard Gault Memorial Fund Scholarship for activities in science, civic, and university affairs. Alex is active in the DePauw Environmental Policy Project and sustainability initiatives.

**Noe Flores '11**: Percy L. Julian Scholarship in Science.

**Scott Kissick '10**: Pi Delta Phi National French Honorary.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual Norris Pig Dinner is scheduled for April 9, 2011. We'll contact you with more information as the event nears; hope to see you there!

## Athletes Compete Around the Country



*Robert Steele's first-place performance in the SCAC long jump.*

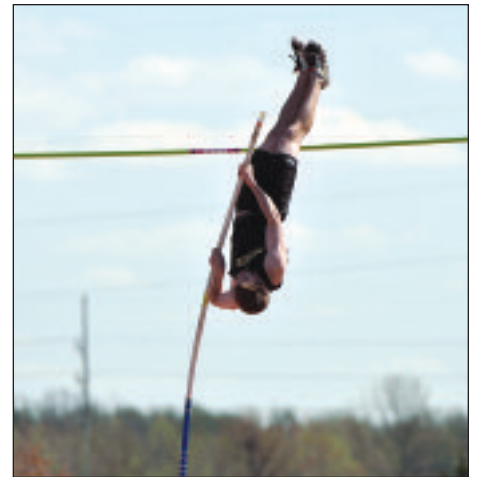
Our FIJIs have been successful both in the classroom and in their athletic pursuits. Plenty of brothers get excited each week to play racquetball, basketball, soccer, and football together.

With our decisive Little 5 victory a few years ago, interest in cycling has exploded in the house and spurred many brothers to strap on a helmet and some shoes to explore Greencastle, Fillmore, Heritage Lake, Cloverdale, and other nearby places. Despite sending **Cameron Gindap '10** and **Chris Alonzi '11** to the hospital early in the Little 5 race this spring after a brutal crash, and even after other large crashes during the race that prevented **David Good '10**, **Noe Flores '11**, and **Alex Lopatka '12** from finishing, FIJI ended strong, with **Matthew Valeriane '10** placing second in the criterium race.



Our varsity athletes, fortunately, finished their seasons less painfully than our cyclists. The spring 2010 track team included brothers **Robert Steele '11**,

*Right: Robert Steele '11 with his 2010 SCAC track-and-field medals.*



*David Garrett '13 competes in the pole vault.*

**David Garrett '13**, and **Henry Dambanemuya '13**. DePauw placed second in the conference meet; Steele placed third in the 200m, and first in the 400m and long jump events in his third all-conference meet. Garrett placed second in the pole vault in his first all-conference performance.

This fall, **Nathan Kober '12** and **David Garrett '13** were pivotal members of the cross-country team. DePauw placed second this year, and both Kober and Garrett made the conference team and traveled to San Antonio, Texas, while Kober also made the regional team.

Alex Lopatka '12

## FIJIs Receive Academic Awards

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**Corey Klee '11**: William Wallace Carson History Scholar; also elected to Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society in History.

**Chao Zhu '12**: Samuel L. Westerman Fellowship for Community Outreach with the China Connection.

**Andrew Porter '10**: Senior showcase presentation for Science Research Fellows program in computer science; also recognized for achievements in music.

**Ian Boyd '10**: Senior showcase for Science Research Fellows; John Ricketts Prize in physical chemistry; elected to Phi Lambda Upsilon Chemistry Honor Society; Joseph F. Gillespie Fellowship in Health Sciences. Ian is now in medical school at the University of Cincinnati.

**Peter Schamber '10**: Senior showcase in classical studies, Robert J. Thomas Outstanding Senior Science Award in Computer Science, and

Becker Fellow Award for ITAP.

**Matthew Welch '11**: Gertrude and G.D. Crain Foundation Award for maximizing use of the Pulliam Center for Contemporary Media; editor-in-chief, *The DePauw* student newspaper.

**Andrew Maddocks '11**: Gertrude and G.D. Crain Foundation Award and DeWitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Print Journalism Award (as managing editor of *The DePauw*). Andrew will be editor-in-chief of *The DePauw* for this spring semester.

**Alex Turco '10**: Photography editor and photographer, *The DePauw*; Gertrude and G.D. Crain Foundation Award; Media Fellows graduate.

**Michael Shropshire '10**: Gertrude and G.D. Crain Foundation Award.

**Nathan Kober '12**: Katherine Cox Hoover Scholarship for outstanding character, leadership, and special talents in extracurricular

activities as a sophomore.

**Aaron Dicker '10**: Robert O. Weiss Speaker of the Year Award for intercollegiate debate and forensics competition.

**Robert Steele '11**: recognized for intercollegiate Ethics Bowl team achievements.

**Sam Holley-Kline '12**: Margaret Noble Lee Public Speaking Award.

Also, **Jared Norman '12** is choral director at Gobin United Methodist Church on campus. Jared has been a choir participant since the first week of his freshman year and was a section leader last year. Jared said, "Being a choral music education major, it made the most sense to get some experience with directing a choir. I love using my talents for my religious beliefs," and this is "a great opportunity and a great experience." Jared is very active in DePauwCapella and theatre productions at DePauw. He is currently recruitment and rush chairman for Lambda.

# GRADUATE BROTHER NEWS

**Carlisle E. Parker '53** now receives e-mail at [carpark911@comcast.net](mailto:carpark911@comcast.net). Find Carl at 1340 Riverside Ln., Vero Beach, FL 32963.

**Robert K. Whipple '53** has moved to 4555 E. Mayo Blvd., Unit 3228, Phoenix, AZ 85050. Keep in touch with Bob via e-mail at [azwhipple@me.com](mailto:azwhipple@me.com).

"I am very much alive and well," writes **Jerry T. Williams '57**. "I underwent very serious spinal-cord surgery and am now dependent on a walker for life. But it has never crushed my spirit, despite all the pain it caused. My best to all from my era. I'm so very sorry to hear of the death of **Bill Krueger '58**." Say hello to Jake by writing to 1060 Amsterdam Ave., Apt. 211A, New York, NY 10025.

**Don Goodwillie '61** reports, "I put a big check on my 'bucket list' by boating a 200-pound tarp on while fishing with my son Trey on Father's Day. Retirement is great. I'm very impressed with the progress Lambda has made—good work!" Send greetings to 4324 Pond Apple Dr. N, Naples, FL 34119; [dmgnap@aol.com](mailto:dmgnap@aol.com).

**Jim Knapp (init. '59)** writes, "I retired from AT&T, Heidrick & Struggles, and as a business owner. I'm married, with six children and six grandchildren. Lambda Chapter set the stage for my future academic success by requiring self-discipline and a stick-to-it, can-do attitude."

(Jim graduated from Colorado College in 1963.) Contact him at 108 Sea Lily Ln., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082; [jimknpp@gmail.com](mailto:jimknpp@gmail.com).

"I was recently nominated and selected as a finalist for the Miami-Dade County United Way Dorothy Shula Volunteer of the Year Award," reports **Frederick Thornburg '63**. "I was re-elected as the chair of the Miami-Dade County Public School Audit Committee. It's the fourth-largest school system in the United States, with 355,000 students and an annual budget of \$4.5 billion. Though I'm retired, I serve on civic, charitable, and company boards. My biggest news is that I'm awaiting the arrival of my 12th grandchild. Two of my sons are FIJIs, with one at Lambda and another at the University of Vermont. (The other two sons are Phi Deltas.)" Drop "Buck" a line at 10005 NW 52nd Ter., Miami, FL 33178; [mrfpt@aol.com](mailto:mrfpt@aol.com).

Write to **Robert B. Holland '65** at his new e-mail address—[hollandr31@msn.com](mailto:hollandr31@msn.com)—or send "snail mail" to 1184 Mistwood Ct., Downers Grove, IL 60515.

**Dave Hinshaw '67** writes, "I'm currently working with the Army on preparing units for deployment. We are enjoying our tour in Bavaria. We run into a FIJI now and then and exchange stories. All of them are 20–40 years younger than I am. Thanks for the great job on the *Tiger FIJI*." Keep in touch with him at CMR 415, Box 3001,

APO, AE 09114.

Catch up with **Michael W. Allee '71** at his new address: 5846 Hutton Ridge Rd., Maryville, TN 37801; or e-mail [mallee49@bellsouth.net](mailto:mallee49@bellsouth.net).

"I checked out of Univar after 34 years to enjoy the Pacific Northwest," reports **Alden C. "Al" Cummins '72**. "I also keep a place in Chicago to maintain those Midwestern roots!" Find him at 13157 Adair Creek Way, Redmond, WA 98053; [cumminsal@hotmail.com](mailto:cumminsal@hotmail.com).

**Michael D. Ricks '78** has moved to 14515 Falls of Rough Rd., Falls of Rough, KY 40119. Keep in touch with him via e-mail by writing to [michael.ricks@ky.gov](mailto:michael.ricks@ky.gov).

"I reconnected with my pledge brother, **Jim Silkworth '88**, at an Ascension Health Convocation," writes **Curt R. Ward '88**. "Jim is chief HR officer at Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton, New York, and I am physician formation leader at St. Vincent Health in Indianapolis. Both facilities are Ascension facilities, but we didn't realize the connection until he saw me on stage at this convocation—it had been years since we last saw one another, since **Doug Ingersoll's** ('88) wedding. Anyway, Jim e-mailed me while I was on stage, and we were able to find one another. Another testimony of '... not for college days alone.' Also, if any brothers are interested in family medicine, contact me." Reach Curt at 265 Spring Dr., Zionsville, IN 46077; [ckjward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ckjward@sbcglobal.net).

**Matt Loftspring '05** completed in PhD in neuroimmunology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Matt will continue his studies at Cincinnati to complete his MD in 2013. Send congratulations to Matt at 3437 Traskwood Cir., Apt. D, Cincinnati, OH 45208; or e-mail [mloftspring@depauw.edu](mailto:mloftspring@depauw.edu).

**Andrew Porter '10** writes, "I hope all is well at Lambda!" Stay in touch with him at 1510 Royal Gold Dr., Columbus OH 43240; [porter.andrewsteven@gmail.com](mailto:porter.andrewsteven@gmail.com).

## Lambda FIJI Receives Advocacy Award

Students in the North Shore area of Chicago are now more conscientious of their actions around their classmates, thanks to one Lambda Graduate Brother—**Rob Johnson '90**. Rob was recently awarded the Outstanding Advocate Award by the Northern Suburban Special Education District (NSSED) Foundation. Brother Johnson won the award for his outreach programs in several schools in the North Shore area of Chicago.

These programs focused primarily on educating students about the use of the words "retard" and "retarded" (referred to by the NSSED Foundation as the "R words") and how they can negatively affect students with disabilities. Three of the 18 schools participating in the NSSED Foundation received a visit from Brother Johnson.

The NSSED Foundation is a division of the



Northern Suburban Special Education District, which is a nationally-acclaimed educational center located in Highland Park, Illinois. According to the NSSED's website, the district "provides education that fosters acquisition and utilization of knowledge and skills, meaningful and satisfying interactions with other people ... and lifelong, healthy lifestyles."

Brother Johnson has done a tremendous service to his community and to the students at these three fortunate schools. Through

his continued work, more students are becoming aware of their actions and how they can affect those around them. He has done an exemplary job of demonstrating our core values to those around him through his work.

Stephen Shapiro '13

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**James A. Felts '43**

**Harold H. Negley '44**

**Thomas V. Loveday '59**

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