



# TIGER FIJI

## Undergraduate President Reports On State Of Chapter

The brothers of Phi Gamma Delta are off to a great start for the new semester! Building off of our successful spring semester, the Fiji house is going strong and looking forward to celebrating its 150th anniversary at DePauw University.

Last spring, we pledged and initiated 22 new brothers into the fraternity. The pledge class was a great addition to the fraternity. During their pledge semester, they took part in a community-service project at a local church and undertook a house-improvement project. Also, the pledge brothers exemplified the fraternity's value of scholarship by finishing the semester with the highest GPA among all pledge classes on campus. We are very proud of the quality men the fraternity pledged and initiated last year. They are making a great impact!

The fraternity also experienced great success in other areas on DePauw's campus last year. The university recognized Phi Gamma Delta for achieving outstanding risk management and alumni relations dur-

ing the spring semester. Patrick Murphy '05 received the Outstanding Chapter President Award.

Furthermore, the overall GPA of the fraternity was well above the all-men's and all-fraternity average. With a 3.3195, we had the second-highest fraternity GPA on campus. We are very proud of our academic success, and we work hard daily to pursue excellence. The chapter was cited by the International Fraternity for having one of the highest retention rates (91 percent) of all Fiji chapters. This speaks well of our brotherhood.

Over the summer, we were very fortunate to have graduate brothers contribute both their time and money to improve the physical structure of our chapter house. We take great pride in having a clean, quality house.

We have already been very active this semester. The members of the fraternity had a retreat at our International Headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky to build brotherhood and leadership.

Members also participate in numerous community service and philanthropic events. Some of our musically talented brothers have performed in the fall musical, jazz concerts, and concert band performances, as well as theater.

We raised \$540 at our annual Fiji Fall Pumpkin Bash, a philanthropic event to benefit the American Red Cross. We plan a scholarship dinner honoring faculty members for their contributions to our academic success. We also look forward to the Monon Bell game, and our annual Pig Dinner on April 8, 2006, to welcome back our DePauw Fiji graduates.

Finally, the chapter will celebrate its 150th consecutive year at DePauw University, making Lambda Chapter the longest-running chapter of all Fiji chapters throughout the United States and Canada. This amazing feat is something we can all be proud of. The undergraduates and graduate brothers are looking forward to making this event a grand celebration of our success.

Kevin Kaiser '07  
*Perge!*

## Alumni Work Week A Huge Success

This summer, 19 Fiji graduate and undergraduate brothers took part in a week of work and brotherhood at the Lambda Fiji house between June 12 -17, which immediately followed DePauw's alumni weekend. The graduates stayed at the Fiji house and ate their meals there. (Thanks to House Director Marla Minor's good planning and cooking.)

The graduates and undergraduates tackled a wide variety of jobs, but also contributed almost \$13,300 toward replacing 35 windows in the house and buying much of the materials and tools needed to do the jobs. In addition, Bud Orr supplied us with gloves and cleaning supplies donated by his company. Some of the major jobs completed outside included:

- Purchasing, painting, and installing a

- new storage shed in the back yard
- Reinforcing and repairing the wooden fence around back yard
- Removing the brick patio in preparation for adding a new concrete one
- Cleaning out window wells and drains and building temporary covers
- Replacing damaged outside lights
- Removing three telephone poles
- Rebuilding back gate
- Removing and trimming shrubbery and vines around building
- Removing trash and debris
- Relocating the mail box and removing the wooden steps
- Power-cleaning the porch, steps, and

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*Dave Gilbert works at removing the old patio—one brick at a time.*

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## Additional Work Improves Chapter House

In addition to the many jobs completed during alumni work week in June, we also hired workers to complete a number of other jobs.

The major completed jobs include:

- installing 38 energy-efficient replacement windows
- installing a new concrete patio
- cleaning the carpeting in study rooms, first-floor areas, and the house director's quarters
- remodeling the basement bathroom
- trimming the large beech tree in the front yard
- removing four large trees on the north side of the house in conjunction with the Thetas
- constructing a drainage swale on the northside of the house with cooperation of the Thetas
- removing shrubbery and re-landscaping the front of the house
- installing drainage tiles for four downspouts
- re-grading the property for proper water run-off
- installing new air conditioner brackets in the study rooms
- adding fill dirt on the southside property
- completing minor inside wiring changes
- cleaning and refurbishing the kitchen range
- repairing the shower room on second floor
- installing two new sump pumps in furnace room
- repairing the outside door on the north side of house

When this list is added to the list of jobs completed during alumni work week, you can see that there has been a significant amount of work done to the Fiji house in 2005—but unfortunately, more is required. We will keep you informed about work being planned and completed on the house in future *Tiger Fiji* issues, on the website, and in additional mailings.

Having the Fiji house at full capacity makes these jobs much easier; so rush this year, as always, is very important. We are all hoping for another successful rush year following the great year we had in 2005. If you have any recruitment recommendations, please notify Brian Furman '08 and David Worthington '08, recruitment chairs, at 916 South College Avenue, Greencastle, IN 46135. We are still looking for the best to add to the already exceptional scholars, athletes, and other talented members of the chapter!

Also, plan to attend our 150th anniversary celebration, scheduled for September 22-24, 2006! Mark your calendars now and contact the Hyatt for special room rates and reservations! More information is available at [www.lambda150.org](http://www.lambda150.org). You will want to visit the house to see the improvements already completed and those to be done by next September.

Phil Heyde '72  
President  
Lambda Corporation



Straw boss, Hank Hile (riding on the fork lift), directs moving the new shed into place.

# Nominate Your Brothers

Graduate brothers of Lambda Chapter are invited to nominate other Lambda graduate brothers for recognition with the Distinguished Lambda Graduate Award. We are interested in graduate brothers who have contributed to Lambda's long and rich history of excellence by their example.

The award honors those graduate brothers who best exemplify the core values of the fraternity: friendship; knowledge; service; morality; and excellence. Each nominee should demonstrate involvement with and

support for Lambda, Phi Gamma Delta, and DePauw University. They should also be distinguished in the areas of community service and other achievements—both as an undergraduate and graduate brother. Nominees may be living or ad astra.

Recipients bring distinction to Lambda Chapter, Phi Gamma Delta, and DePauw University. Their time, talents, energy, resources, and dedication further the core values of the fraternity and demonstrate their lifelong commitment to excellence. Each is a

credit to our valued brotherhood and a constant reminder that Lambda and Phi Gamma Delta are “not for college days alone.”

Please submit your nominees to Phil Heyde '72 at philheyde@yahoo.com or by postal mail 8373 East Via De Viva, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. Include as much information about the nominee as possible to assist the selection committee. Nominations are confidential.

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## WORK WEEK

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The inside of the house also had a lot of work done, including:

- Remodeling the powder room and bath room on the first floor
- Remodeling the phone/mail room on the first floor
- Replacing and installing lights, fire detectors, thresholds, ceiling fans, mini-blinds, lights, and globes in the individual study rooms
- Cleaning and vacuuming study rooms
- Rebuilding and replacing four doors
- Rebuilding door sill at the back (patio) entrance
- Repairing blinds and chairs in dining room
- Cleaning furnace room
- Repairing all vacuums
- Power washing first-floor area rugs

In addition to the work, there was plenty of time for brotherhood and fun. Most of the conversations during the day focused, of course, on past times spent in the Fiji house. We also took the time to visit Topper's and Moore's for a little liquid libation after working hours. It was a great week for reliving the “good old days.”

Many thanks to the following Fiji grads who participated during the week: Bruce Bender; Dave Gilbert; Frank Green; Phil Heyde; Hank Hile; Joe Hirtzer; Jeff Lortz; Kit Lortz; Dennis Marek; Bud Orr; George Rehnquist; Carl Sahlberg; and Gerry Shine. Although it was summer break for the undergrads, the grads had help from: Morgan Bates '06; Ryan Barton '08; Jesse Bright '08; Andrew Turner '06; Kevin Kaiser '07; and Mike Knight '06.

The following 31 graduates contributed \$13,300 toward the purchase of the 35 replacement windows: Bob Bender; Bruce Bender; Tim Campbell; Steve Cook; Tod Dawson; Dave Deselm; John Doan; Bill

Gilbert; Bill Graham; Frank Green; Tom Grooms; Glenn Hannah; Ken Hebson; Phil Heyde; Henry Hile; Bob Holland; Steven Jacobs; Russ LaMore; Jeff Lortz; Kit Lortz; Dennis Marek; Bob Merriam (Tut); Pete Morse Sr.; Bud Orr; George Rehnquist; Alex Rogers; Richard Savage; Gerry Shine; Ken Smith; Phil Thomas; and Robert Whiting. There was one additional contributor who could not be identified.

The high-quality windows were installed this summer by the Midwest Window Company and are a wonderful enhancement to the appearance as well as the heating efficiency of the Lambda Fiji house. Thank you to these 32 Fiji graduates for their generosity.

Needless to say, the whole week was an amazing success, and we plan to have another one in 2006. Save the dates of June 11th through June 16. This will be the week immediately after alumni weekend at DePauw. The work week committee will again be Frank Green, Hank Hile, Jeff Lortz and Kit Lortz. More information about the week will be coming to you soon. See you then!

Kit Lortz



*Jeff Lortz and Bud Orr work on replacing smoke detectors, lights, and fans. (Notice the special work week shirts the grads were issued.)*



*An evening of relaxation at Topper's Tavern. Standing—from left to right—are Carl Sahlberg, Kit Lortz, Bud Orr, Frank Green, and Jeff Lortz. Seated—from left to right—are Phil Heyde, Gerry Shine, and Hank Hile.*

# OUR ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS & NOTES

Judson C. Green '74 was profiled in the February 21, 2005 issue of *Newsweek* magazine. The article focused on how Navigation Technologies (NAVTEQ) goes about mapping the nation—and other parts of the world! Judson is president and chief executive officer of NAVTEQ.

John Hirschman '91 has joined the real estate investment company of Browning Investments in Indianapolis as vice president of business development. John previously practiced commercial real estate and financing law with Baker and Daniels in Indianapolis and with a law firm in Chicago.

Eric A. Wolfe '04 was one of 12 recipients of the 2005 Governor's Award for Tomorrow's Leaders. The award was pre-

sented in ceremonies in Indianapolis on June 23, 2005. Eric is currently working for the PC Foundation and United Way in Greencastle.

Joshua Wilson '05 is a student at Duke University, entering the MD/PhD program in medical physics with an interest in radiation oncology. He was one of five selected nationwide for the program. Josh completed a seven-month science research fellows internship at Duke last year, testing devices for nuclear medicine imaging and the accompanying software. He presented the results of his work at the Society of Nuclear Medicine Conference in Toronto this spring. Josh is featured on the DePauw University Admissions website. Josh highlights the importance of Lambda and Phi Gamma Delta to his college experience!

## AD ASTRA

M. Scott Robey '70 passed *ad astra* May 30, 2005 from cancer. Scott made his home in Lafayette, Indiana, where he worked in sales, marketing, and advertising for the Indiana Design Consortium, Inc. He is survived by his wife. Scott was an annual member of the Washington C. DePauw Society and supported Lambda as well.

Dr. Fae H. Spurlock '38 passed *ad astra* on January 8, 2005.

Robert F. Thomas '39 passed *ad astra* on August 11, 2004.

Richard Blewfield '43 passed *ad astra* December 18, 2004.

## Undergraduates Excel Academically

The Office of Greek Affairs sent an outstanding academic report for spring 2005. Fiji finished second among fraternities on campus with a 3.3195 GPA. DU was first (3.3451GPA)—and edged us out by a very small difference of .0256.

Our newest brothers of the class of '08 certainly did their part—ranking first for fraternities with a 3.3309 GPA! DU was second with a 3.2723 GPA and with seven less pledges than Fiji. These guys also finished well above the all-first-year men's average of 2.9768.

The chapter finished above the all-university average (3.2134 GPA), the all-fraternity average (3.1411 GPA) and the all-men's average (3.1355 GPA).

Everyone should be proud of our undergraduate brothers!

## Brothers Join Teach For America

Nicholas Dimos, Ryan Grable and Daniel R. Kelley, all members of the class of 2005, have joined Teach for America.

Nicholas is now teaching in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ryan, a former Bonner Scholars President, is teaching in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Dan, former editor in chief of the *The DePauw* student newspaper, is teaching in Eastern North Carolina.



"Boy, that looks like a lot of work." Standing left to right are Joe Hirtzer, Jeff Lortz and Kit Lortz. Seated left to right are George Rehnquist (partially hidden) and Dennis Marek.