



# TIGER FIJI

## A Message From The Lambda Corporation President

Thanks to the efforts of the chapter, the board of chapter advisors, and the House Corporation, we continue to make substantial progress to improve the chapter and the house. At 42 years of age, the house is in need of substantial improvements. We need to be competitive with other fraternities on campus and particularly university housing. It is a challenge, and it is why your continued support is so important.

To the 45-plus graduate brothers who responded to the request for contributions in October, thank you so much for your continued loyalty and support. The \$8,720 donated by graduate brothers is sincerely appreciated and very much needed! We are planning the next stages and setting priorities—some of which get altered by developments beyond our control.

The '60s Project group—under the leadership of Kit Lortz '62, Henry Hile '64, Frank Green '64, and Jeff Lortz '65—is finalizing plans to remodel the kitchen during the post-alumni weekend "Work Week." Plan to chip in—either with money or labor during the week of June 11 through June 16, 2006. Last year's event was a great success with so much accomplished—and lots and lots of fun. A repeat this year would be great!

The stove finally gave out in November 2005. After over 45 years of service, we got our money's worth but had hoped for one more year. Such was not to be. A new stove was donated. The '60s Project group will be remodeling the kitchen. New ovens and a new refrigerator are very high on the priority list for the kitchen—along with new cabinets and more.

A bathroom leak caused damage to the Green Room during the winter term. Thanks to quick action by our house manager, Ryan Barton '08, the immediate past treasurer, David Furman '07, and our very dedicated house director, Marla Minor, the

damage was minimized but, like the stove, changed priorities.

Many of you have asked about the website and especially the calendar at [www.depauwfiiji.com](http://www.depauwfiiji.com). Well, we developed server and software problems. With the assistance of Doug Mitchell '70, J.P. Bowdoin (U. of New Mexico '90), and the undergraduate communications manager, Andrew Ibendahl '08, the website will be up and running—including the calendar—shortly.

Kit Lortz and Henry Hile continue to work with DePauw to repair the phone system and improve the Internet and Wi-Fi systems. With the rapid changes in technology, especially the expanded use at DePauw (students will soon be able to listen to podcasts of lectures with approval of the Professor!), the Lortz Library is proving to be an essential, even critical, improvement to the house.

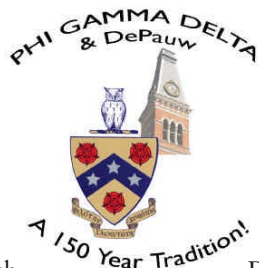
We genuinely thank Frederick "Buck" Thornburg '63 for his continued financial support for the Lortz Library. His generos-

ity to Lambda is helping us keep up with technological changes.

The chapter continues to do well. For those of you who subscribe to *The DePauw* newspaper, you read the repeated compliments of Lambda by DePauw. The chapter continues its strong emphasis on scholarship, athletics—both varsity and intramural—social service, and much more. Do read the brief notes on the new cabinet. They are an exceptional group with strong leadership and organizational skills.

The best parts of being House Corporation president are working with the fine young men Lambda attracts and the continued interest, loyalty, and support of graduate brothers. Your reports of visits to the house and how impressed you are with the undergraduates are most gratifying.

Phil Heyde '72  
President,  
Lambda Corporation



*The Lambda Chapter welcomes its 13 newest members. (See related box, page three.)*

## LAMBDA CHAPTER PHI GAMMA DELTA



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## Lambda Chapter Ranks First In Scholarship

It is a very exciting time to be a Lambda Fiji! Our chapter is at its highest point in years. Currently, our university is in the middle of formal rush, and we expect nothing less than a great group of men to join our ranks.

Last year, Lambda initiated 22 new members—the largest pledge class in recent years and one of the largest on campus as well. Both informal and formal rush has been a success for us so far this year. We expect another large, but more importantly, high-quality group of pledges. We continue to have a very strong pledge-education program that serves as an example for all other fraternities at DePauw.

Last April, during our annual Pig Dinner, we received our charter back—completing our revitalization that began a few years ago. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment and plan to never let it happen again. In addition, this April, we will be hosting our annual Pig Dinner on April 8. We will also celebrate our 150th Anniversary the weekend of September 22-24, 2006. These are events for celebration and stand as a testament to the hard work and dedication our chapter's brothers have devoted over the past 150 years.

Scholarship is something we take very seriously at Lambda. In fact, Lambda finished first out of 11 fraternities on campus for first semester. Our chapter GPA for first semester is 3.4117! Of course, we finished above the All-Fraternity and All-Men's Averages, too! Our men continue to uphold the definition of scholastic excellence and achievement. Last year's pledge class finished number one in GPA. This is something we have come to expect from our members.

Our graduate support is very strong and is only getting better. Our BCA and House Corporation meet on a regular basis. Active undergraduate involvement is encouraged. During our recent cabinet transition, both the BCA and House Corporation hosted a retreat for the new officers where many goals, plans, and situations were covered. All of us came out on the same page.

Over the past summer, many graduates returned to work on our house. Many improvements were made to keep our

house one of the finest looking and best kept on campus. More work is planned this summer. We also have a very successful graduate mentor program, where undergraduates are paired up with a graduate brother. This provides for strong relationships to filter down through generations of Phi Gams and truly unites all brothers, past and present.

Our campus involvement continues to be very high. We have brothers in many scholarship and honorary programs—ranging from philanthropic to music and theatre to science and nature. In addition, we have brothers who are active members and leaders in all kinds of clubs, organizations, and work-study programs, such as the school newspaper, political clubs, debate, tutors, Men Against Rape (MAR), Operation Life, varsity, and intramural athletics, and many more.

Finally, the chapter plans and participates in very successful philanthropic events. Last fall, we hosted our annual "Fiji Fall Pumpkin Bash." All money was donated to the American Red Cross. In addition, brothers were involved in numerous events sponsored by various organizations and houses, such as Relay for Life and Dance Marathon—two major philanthropies that raise money for cancer and pediatric AIDS research, respectively.

This is in indeed a very exciting and promising time to be a Lambda Fiji. The chapter is growing in both size and character and is the strongest it has been since the revitalization. With a strong recruitment this year, there are no limits as to what our chapter can achieve.

It is no accident that we are celebrating our 150th year of continuous existence, the longest in Phi Gamma Delta. We plan to keep on getting better and better. Our men of the Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta truly set the bar of excellence in all aspects of campus life. We look forward to our continued growth and prosperity.

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Fraternally,  
Brian Furman '08,  
President  
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# Undergraduates Install New Cabinet Members

The new cabinet for 2006 was installed in early December and has already organized various chapter committees for 2006.

**Brian Furman '08** is the new chapter president. Brian is from St. Charles, Illinois, and plans to major in education and minor in philosophy. Brian is an outstanding scholar-athlete, both in high school and college. He is an avid soccer player and golfer. As a first-year student at DePauw, Brian was elected to three scholastic honoraries: Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He is also active in his church and with mentoring programs for kids. He is also helping revive a Lambda tradition: the Little 500 team!

**Dimi Lalos '08** is the new chapter treasurer. He is also from St. Charles, Illinois, and plans a career in law. He is very focused on academics with a double major in economics and English. Dimi is on the DePauw soccer team but enjoys playing almost all sports. In high school, Dimi's soccer skills earned him All-Sectional, All-Conference, All-Area, and All-Academic honors. He was also MVP on the baseball team and participated in track and field. At DePauw, he is very active in social service programs in addition to academics and athletics.

**Nicholas Vetz '08** is the new chapter recording secretary. Nick is from St. Louis, Missouri, and plans to major in biology, political science, or both. His goal is to be an environmental lawyer or biologist. He is a Science Research Fellow at DePauw. He loves sports, especially soccer and lacrosse, and is a board member for the soccer club. He was intramural sports chair for Fiji first semester. He is also active in Men Against Rape and College Democrats. Nick is part of

the Little 500 team revival effort for Fiji, too! Nick is an Eagle Scout and excelled in academics and athletics at St. Louis University High School.

**Ryan Barton '08** is the new chapter corresponding secretary. Ryan is from Rushville, Indiana, and is particularly interested in historical preservation (see related article, page five), architectural landscaping, teaching, and farming. He raises Hereford cattle on the side! He plans to major in plant biology, education, theatre, or English composition. Ryan was a scholar-athlete in high school, graduating with academic honors. He also was captain of the cross-country team and distance track team, president of the French club, and had lead roles in high school and community theatre productions. He is active in theatre productions at DePauw, too. Ryan

is a Phi Gamma Delta AAA Scholar.

**Tom Fontana '08** is the new chapter historian. Tom is also from St. Louis, Missouri, and attended St. Louis University High School. In high school, Tom wrote for the school newspaper and continues to enjoy writing. At DePauw, he plans to major in English or literature, perhaps both. Writing or teaching are in Tom's future plans. He is very committed to social service programs, such as Relay for Life at DePauw and working with inner-city children in St. Louis. He is very involved with College Democrats and spent the last election working on voter registration and putting up yard signs! Like all of his pledge brothers in the class of 2008, Tom is very focused on scholarship and enjoys sports. He also enjoys traveling and studying different cultures.



Members of the new undergraduate cabinet pose for a photo. From left: Ryan Barton '08, corresponding secretary; Dimi Lalos '08, treasurer; Brian Furman '08, president; Nick Vetz '08, recording secretary; and Tom Fontana '08, historian.

## Another Successful Recruitment

On February 4, 2006, Lambda Chapter pledged **13 new brothers!** It is the second largest pledge class since 2001 (behind last year's 23 pledges). The quality and character of these new men are outstanding and will lead this chapter to even greater achievements! The pledges have a 3.79 cumulative GPA, too! Congratulations to all of these men and we look forward to having you as a member of Phi Gamma Delta! The new pledges, home town and major include:

**Garth Anderson**, Sycamore, IL  
Musical Education

**Andrew Hadley**, Fort Wayne, IN  
Biology/Computer Science

**Mike Lutz**, Lexington, KY  
Biology

**Zach Wilson**, Bellevue, NE  
Psychology

**Andrew Burden**, Slaughters, KY  
English Writing/Lit

**Ross Hallren**, Fairview, OK  
East Asian Studies/Economics

**Camron Parker**, Mentone, IN  
Music

**Darien Burton**, Normal, IL  
Music/Economics

**Andy Kehr**, Wakarusa, IN  
Biochemistry

**Paul Taylor**, Oklahoma City, OK

**Jason True**, Center Point, IN  
Biochemistry

**David Cheeseman**, West Lafayette, IN  
Math/Computer Science

**Zack Kerosky**, Ashtabula, OH  
Political Science/Education





# Brother Hixon '49 Authors Book On Guadalcanal

Carl K. Hixon '49 authored a compelling book on the battle for Guadalcanal during World War II. The book, *Guadalcanal: An American Story*, is published by the U.S. Naval Institute Press.

*The Associated Press* calls it one of the two best books on Guadalcanal, according to Brother Hixon. He describes the book as a unique report from the perspective of “underdogs, a hastily assembled division of Marines, mostly 19-year-old” pimply kids unceremoniously deposited on a “devilishly hot, jungle, malarial island” in the Solomons by the Navy and then abandoned after the Navy lost a major naval battle to the Japanese.

The book draws on extensive research of the battle's after-action reports, includ-

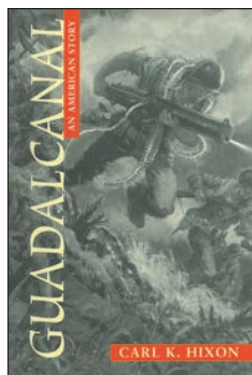
ing those prepared by Brother Hixon. The Marines found themselves fighting a series of “cliff-hanging, Banzai-screaming battles with an undefeated Japanese Imperial Army.” But, the Marines did not give up. Brother Hixon's style is informal and factual. It is full of color, anecdotes, “Jarhead jargon,” and salty Marine culture. The “Jarhead jargon” and “salty Marine culture” are easily identifiable, but consult a Marine or Brother Hixon for explanations if you can't figure out the meaning!

Brother Hixon served as president of Lambda Chapter in 1948 and 1949. He describes Lambda during these years as a

wonderfully mixed bag of 17- and 18-year-old kids, Purple Heart Marines, former Air Force Lt. Colonels, 101 Airborne veterans and married Fijis living out who learned lots from each other. His father, also Carl K. Hixon, was a Lambda Fiji, class of 1918.

Brother Hixon now makes his home at: 481 Homestead Dr., Apt. 1, LaGrange Park, IL 60526. He is an active member of the Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans Association. He is currently working on two novels, one about the Merchant Marine in World War II and the other about the triumphal revolt of our bird and animal life against human ecological despoilers.

Visit your local bookstore for a copy of *Guadalcanal: An American Story*. You won't be disappointed. It is a unique and fascinating reading, even if history is not your favorite subject!



## Brother Appointed VP and Dean at Oceanographic Institution

James Yoder '70 has been elected vice president for academic programs and dean at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI).

He assumed his new duties November 28, 2005. WHOI is a private, independent marine research, engineering, and higher education organization located in Falmouth, Massachusetts. It grants graduate degrees in oceanography, applied ocean science, and engineering and through a joint program with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jim is a highly regarded and well-known biological oceanographer—having served as a researcher, professor, and associate dean at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography. He also served as director of the division of ocean sciences at

the National Science Foundation (NSF) in Washington, D.C. from 2001- 2004.

While with the NSF, he oversaw the peer-review process for funding and support for U.S. academic and non-profit institutions for research in biological, chemical, and physical oceanography, marine geology and geophysics, and ocean science education.

He also worked as a program manager in the ocean branch at NASA headquarters and was a visiting senior scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He joined the graduate school of oceanography faculty at the University of Rhode Island in 1989, becoming a professor in 1992 and associate dean in 1993. He is

a member of numerous national and international committees and panels on oceanographic research.

In his new position at WHOI, Jim will be responsible for the institution's formal and informal education programs and activities, including the postdoctoral program, the graduate program, undergraduate summer programs, and K-12 activities.

Jim received his BA in botany from DePauw in 1970 and MS and PhD degrees in oceanography from the University of Rhode Island in 1974 and 1979, respectively.



James Yoder '70

### Mark Your Calendars For...



**April 8, 2006** — Pig Dinner, Distinguished Lambda Graduate Program, and General Membership Meeting

**September 22-24, 2006** — Our Gala 150th Anniversary at DePauw! Check out the website at [www.lambda150.org](http://www.lambda150.org). This is an event you don't want to miss—not only to renew friendships with your contemporaries but also to meet and get to know the many outstanding graduate brothers of Lambda!

## Ryan Barton '08 Leads Historic Preservation Efforts

Ryan Barton '08 is leading an effort to revitalize downtown Rushville, Indiana, his hometown, through historic preservation. Ryan has a strong personal interest in historic preservation and plans to make it part of his future career. The Rushville City Council and Mayor Bob Bridges are encouraging Barton with grant assistance advice and appointing him to the Heart of Rushville Board.

Ryan is particularly interested in his-

tory and architecture. According to Barton, "New buildings are glass and brick front, and older structures are just so much more involved. Construction now doesn't have marble columns and designed facades characteristic of certain eras in history." He is especially interested in restoring Melodeon Hall in Rushville, built in 1872.

Ryan says Melodeon Hall was the best Broadway-style theatre in Indiana

and among the top in the nation. It had 500 seats, was built with then-modern amenities like gas lighting and velvet seating—features that did not become common until the early 1900s. Melodeon Hall is on the National Historical Registrar of Historical Places.

Ryan Barton—a Lambda Fiji making a positive difference through historic preservation!

## OUR ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS & NOTES

Send **W. Bruce Walker '48** greetings at his new address of 200 Wyndemere Cir., #E322, Wheaton, IL 60187. Send him e-mail at walkerbruce1@cs.com.



**George Qua** (Michigan '52) received the Silver Award at Medical Mutual of Ohio's Annual Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award. During 30-plus years of service to the Cleveland area Boy Scouts, George helped develop more than 10 inner-city Scouting troops in addition to his involvement with the Red Cross, United Way, and Singing Angels. George also served Lambda as a valuable resource and supporter during the revitalization process. He is the father of **Paul Qua '82**, former House Corporation president who remains an active member of the House Corporation, and **David Qua '94**, a teacher at the Harker School in Southborough, Massachusetts.



**Jack D. Noyes '56** reports a new address of 16 Elton Ct., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. E-mail him at sfojdn@yahoo.com.



**Charles B. Kirkdoffer '57** reports that he has been recruited as the Fiji contact for his class's 50th reunion and is attempting to contact all the brothers from that year. If you're a '57 Fiji who has not heard from him, contact him at thekirkdoffers

@aol.com. "Our address is new, as we have moved to a new home south and east of Seattle. I continue to work as an On-Site meeting coordinator and do forest management." Write to Chuck at 4922 North Island Dr. E, Bonney Lake, WA 98391.

"In April 2005, our pledge class returned for our 50th reunion since initiation," writes **Robert L. Erickson '58**. "It was very enjoyable." Write to Bob at 19 Erwin Park Rd., Montclair, NJ 07042; rlx2ericksonrl@msn.com.



Ginger Heeter, wife of **Owen Al Heeter '58**, reports that Al was recently placed at Life Care Center Nursing Home in Rochester, Indiana. Al, a retired Air Force rescue helicopter pilot, is suffering from Lewy Body Dementia and Alzheimer's.



**Bruce D. Allen '59** (312 Carriage Hill Cir., Libertyville, IL 60048) has authored *The Builder's Hardware Industry: A United States History, 1830s-1990s*. To find out more about Bruce, e-mail him at ballen1937@sbcglobal.net.



"I'm retiring from Tufts after 25 years and going into private practice part time," writes **James N. Moss Jr. '62**. "Marcia (Pi Phi '62) and I have three daughters, four

grandsons, and one granddaughter. Warm regards to all." Keep in touch with Jim at 21 Blackthorn Dr., Southborough, MA 01772; jnrossjr99@charter.net.



**John L. Kendall '63**, president of both Westside Lexus and Northside Lexus in Houston, Texas, shot two hole-in-ones in a single round of golf at Pebble Beach, making him the first golfer, professional or amateur, to achieve the feat at Pebble Beach. Send Jack congratulations at 12000 Old Katy Rd., Houston, TX 77079.



"Now working in Germany at 7th Army Training Center preparing units for deployment and training NATO units," writes **David C. Hinshaw '67**. Write to him at CMR 414, Box 1201, APO AE 09173. Send him e-mail at madapro@aol.com.



**Bruce A. Menk '70** reports that he was recently elected chairman of the board of Hall and Evans, a 50-person law firm specializing in commercial and complex litigation." Write to "Otter" at 7209 S. Hudson Way, Centennial, CO 80122; pbmenk@msn.com.



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# OUR ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS & NOTES

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**William K. Whyte '70** writes, "My wife, Bonnie, is president and CEO of the Employers Council on Flexible Compensation in Washington, D.C. My daughter, Lindsay (25), is a second-grade teacher in Silver Spring, Maryland. My son, Kyle, is attending the US Merchant Marine Academy on Long Island and is a sophomore. My business, Creative Video of Washington, Inc., is a video production, post-production, presentation, staging and duplication company. We've been around for since the summer of 1981 and just completed our best year ever with a 38 percent increase in sales and crested 1.12 million for the first time. Not bad for a five-person staff. We are the preferred vendor for the Kennedy Center for everything video. Our CD- and DVD-duplication business just keeps growing. This past year, we produced our largest DVD run of 84,000 DVDs for the American University Alumni Magazine." To find out more about "Kirby" and his business, write to him at 38 Wellesley Cir., Glen Echo, MD 20812. Send him e-mail at whytehs@erols.com.



**Judson C. Green Jr. '74** and his wife, Joyce Taglauer Green '75, have donated \$15 million dollars to DePauw for a major expansion and renovation of DePauw's 32-year-old Performing Arts Center. The gift to DePauw will be used to provide "new functional spaces for learning, practicing, and performing, and will include a recording studio," according to Joyce Green. The gift will primarily benefit the school of music and the department of communications and theatre. All students will benefit from the new facilities with the opportunity "to enjoy the performing arts as part of their DePauw experience," says Judson. The building will be known as the Judson and Joyce Green Center for the Performing Arts. Construction is

now underway and should be completed by January 2007. Joyce majored in piano performance at DePauw and is a past president of the Washington C. DePauw Society. Judson, president and CEO of NAVTEQ Corporation, majored in economics and minored in music composition at DePauw. He is a member of the DePauw Board of Trustees and chaired the board from 2001-2004. As an undergraduate, Judson played jazz piano on weekends in Chicago to finance his DePauw education.



Write to **Bennett H. Woodward '77** at his new address of 1169 Atlantic Dr. NW, Atlanta, GA 30318.



"My wife, Carrie, and gave birth to our first child on October 13, 2005, Harry William Bach," writes **William J. Bach '91**. Write to Bill at 1952 W. Fletcher St., #3W, Chicago, IL 60657. E-mail him at bbach@ketelone.com.



The DePauw newspaper featured an interview with **Todd Glass '93** in a series of articles on post-graduate life. Todd practices medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. Todd comments that "It would've been very foreign to walk around with a cell phone" during his undergraduate days. "There were actually benefits to being less reliant on technology. Getting out and being social on an everyday basis was a lot more important." Todd still enjoys a good time and commented extensively on his social experiences and the friendships he developed as a member of Phi Gamma Delta. He served Lambda as chapter president. Todd is an active graduate brother! He visits the chapter several times a year and was one of the first to volunteer for Lambda's mentor-

ing program. He remains active in the mentoring program advising undergraduates on enjoying college life and what to expect after college. While at DePauw, he ran for the cross country team for three years, participated in Little 500 for Fiji, and was very active in social events on campus. He continues his strong interest in athletics by participating in the Ironman distance triathlon. Todd and his wife, Kate (Bostwick) '97, have a 2-year-old son, Justin, and are expecting their second child in March.



**Benjamin T. Clark '98** reports a new address of 6246 Dawes Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45230. Send him e-mail at ben@heppeninc.com.



**Matt Cahill '05** underwent surgery for cancer on December 28, 2005. His October bride, Heidi, reports the surgery was successful. Matt will be undergoing further treatment after tests are completed. You can send Matt a note or card at: 3505 Military Road, Arlington, VA 22207.

## AD ASTRA

**James E. Crider '52** passed  
*ad astra* on February 6, 2005

**George D. Haimbaugh '38** passed  
*ad astra* on July 18, 2005

**William H. McGaughey '35** passed  
*ad astra* on November 24, 2004

**Edward J. Miquelon '47** passed  
*ad astra* on March 30, 2005

**Richard G. Wurst '31** passed  
*ad astra* in March 2005