



# TIGER FIJI

## Join Us In Celebrating Lambda Chapter!!!

This issue of *Tiger Fiji* is devoted to **celebration**—Lambda’s 150th Anniversary, the undergraduate chapter and our graduate brothers!

This year we celebrate our 150th anniversary as a chapter of Phi Gamma Delta and part of the DePauw community. Set off 4th of July fireworks early on June 24, 2006! *Join your Lambda Brothers in celebrating this once-in-a-lifetime event, September 22-24, 2006! This is a family affair*, not a “stag” event for brothers only! The planning committee has made every effort to make this event affordable for everyone!

### WE CELEBRATE OUR UNDERGRADUATE BROTHERS!

Lambda’s graduate brothers invariably ask questions about the chapter. Given the not-so-distant past, these questions are understandable. Yes, the scholarship is exceptionally strong, but they do lots more!

This issue includes pictures of the undergraduates having a good time at the Isle, philanthropy projects, and Pig Dinner. Of course, by attending the 150th Anniversary Celebration, you can meet the undergraduates and find out we all have “bragging rights” here!

The chapter has a lighter, humorous side, too. For example, there is a petition to acquire a house dog. Some of us remember what this is like! One undergraduate wit, Nick Vetz ’08, wrote on the petition: “Call Phil Heyde. If he barks twice, it’s okay!” Nick denies it, but it sure looks like his handwriting!

### WE CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATE BROTHERS!

A special thanks to the 58 graduate brothers who donated over \$11,000 in response to our request for contributions. We are very pleased with the number of donors and the amount donated. Obviously, we can put the money to good use, but the continued interest, support, and loyalty of Lambda’s graduate brothers is most important!

There are other ways to support Lambda. Forty graduate brothers participate in our

Mentoring Program. Thirty-five graduate brothers are serving as “class agents” for the 150th celebration; the Board of Chapter Advisers and House Corporation are both very active. The chapter sponsors receptions during Old Gold Weekend, Pig Dinner, and alumni weekend, among other special events. Get involved, and make a difference!

Check the 150th anniversary website at [www.lambda150.org](http://www.lambda150.org). The website has the events, registration information (including online hotel reservations and event registration), class lists, and much more. Post a message on the message board. You can purchase commemorative shirts, hats, and jackets—all high quality and very reasonably priced. You should have received registration information, including hotel, in the mail, too.

For hotel reservations, you can also call 1-888-421-1442. Be sure to tell them you are attending the Phi Gamma Delta 150th celebration at the Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis to receive the discounted hotel rate of \$119 a night, plus tax. A block of rooms has been reserved for the 150th, but the cut-off date

for this special rate is August 28, 2006. *Make hotel reservations and register early.* After August 28, prevailing hotel rates apply.

The Hyatt Regency is the venue for the reception on Friday night and the gala celebration dinner on Saturday. The Beta Graduate Chapter chorus will sing Fiji songs at the reception. Kurt Mahrdr ’56 has generously donated his offices near the Hyatt for a Sunday morning brunch for attendees.

Events are scheduled for the chapter house on Saturday, September 23—including a complimentary brunch. There will be time for you to tour the campus and mix! The Distinguished Lambda Graduate Award ceremonies will also be held at the house, and President Bottoms is scheduled to speak.

*Join in the festivities! It’s time to celebrate!*

Phi Heyde ’72  
President  
Lambda Corporation



*The brothers congregate around the “Bone Run Band” with Danny Shaver ’06 on drums, Jesse Bright ’08 on conch shell, Andy Kehr ’09 on didgeridoo, and Andrew Cole ’07 on conch shell. (See related item, page four.)*

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## Paul B. Qua '82 Inducted As Distinguished Grad

Paul B. Qua '82 was named a Distinguished Lambda Graduate during a program at the Pig Dinner on April 8, 2006. The induction was attended by over 70 brothers, family members, and friends.

Paul was not only instrumental but essential to the revitalization of Lambda from 1997-2005—first as a BCA member and then as House Corporation president for five years. During this period, Paul took on so much responsibility—raising funds, enlisting graduate brother support, leading the House Corporation, advising the chapter, and dealing with a multitude of other issues. He spent countless hours performing the Herculean tasks this period in Lambda's history required, when some were prepared to close the doors.

Paul did so out of loyalty, dedication, and his passion for Phi Gamma Delta and the Lambda Chapter. Lambda celebrates its 150th anniversary this year as a result of Paul Qua's leadership and his resolve—"I was damned if our chapter would close after nearly 150 years."

In many ways, Paul's commitment to Lambda's revitalization reflects the same zeal of our original six founders—partic-

ularly Luther C. Slavens 1858—who were also named Distinguished Lambda Graduates on April 8, 2006.

The original six founders faced their own challenges. Lambda was chartered June 24, 1856, but five of the six original founders left the university after a "student rebellion" in the fall of 1856.

This rebellion was the result of an administration and faculty decree that literary societies must meet on Friday afternoons and not on Friday nights because of too much "revelry." (Some things apparently haven't changed in 150 years!)

Luther C. Slavens returned to Indiana Asbury after the "student rebellion" and reorganized Lambda.

The Alpha Chapter acknowledged the reorganization in 1857. Lambda remains the chapter in longest continuous existence in Phi Gamma Delta because of Luther C. Slavens in 1857 and Paul B. Qua in 2000.

Paul remains an active member of the House Corporation and continues to be a source of sound advice for the House Corporation and the chapter.



*Paul B. Qua '82 (right) displays his Distinguished Lambda Graduate Award during ceremonies at the chapter on April 8, 2006. HC President Phil Heyde '72 presided.*

# A Look At Life In The Lambda Chapter

Pictures say more than words, although a few words are necessary: The undergraduate chapter is a stellar group of intelligent, dedicated, focused and multi-talented young men. They also enjoy a good time, but read on.

Attend the 150th Anniversary Celebration, September 22-24, 2006, and meet the undergraduate chapter. You will be impressed with the quality of the undergraduate brothers.

## SCHOLARSHIP

During the first semester, the chapter finished first among fraternities on campus in scholarship with a 3.4117 GPA. They were just a tad behind a sorority for first among all Greek houses! They received a \$1,000 scholarship award from the university, which is being used for the Lortz Library. The chapter's goal is to repeat this scholarship performance with a higher cumulative GPA.

With a pledge class (now initiated) that posted a 3.79 cumulative GPA first semester, a repeat performance is more than achievable. Go for it!

## GREEK AWARDS— ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

Once again, the undergraduates demonstrated excellence by earning five Greek Affairs Awards. The chapter received the most chapter awards among

fraternities and the most overall chapter awards. They finished second behind Alpha Chi Omega for overall awards, because the chapter did not pursue individual awards. Next year, individual awards will be included.

The awards received this year are: Outstanding Educational/Alcohol Programming; Outstanding Achievement in Community Service; Outstanding Alumni Programming; Outstanding House Director to Marla Minor; and Outstanding Chapter President to Kevin Kaiser.

## PHILANTHROPY

Lambda raised \$3,272 for various charities this year, including the American Red Cross, the Putnam County Humane Society, Relay for Life, and Dance Marathon.

The Pumpkin Bash in the fall and the "Bark-B-Q" for the Humane Society this spring were big hits. In addition, each undergraduate brother performs at least 15 hours of community or social service each month. Many exceed this minimum.

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*James Patton '08, Camron Parker '09 and Darien Burton '09 take donations at the "Bark-B-Que" to benefit the Humane Society.*



*Paul Taylor '09 and Ryan May '08 make their way around the track at Relay for Life.*



*Brothers and their guests enjoy grilled food at the Fiji "Bark-B-Q."*

# A Look At Life, continued

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## SOCIAL LIFE

Hey, what's college and fraternity life without a social element? Well, the undergraduates have a very active social life, including a fall formal, a spring formal, and Fiji Isle!

Yes, there is a "bone run" for the Isle, but its more of a "bone walk." The brothers walk to each dates living unit, greet the date, deliver the bone with the date's name on it, and then walk to the next living unit. The drums, conch shell, and didgeridoo let everyone know the Fijis are on the way and the Isle is underway!

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Ross Hallren '09 and Shari Quan enjoy a romp in the Isle pool.



Steve Topper '06 translates a farewell message from Isle Chief Andrew Burden '09 at the end of the Isle.

## Mark Your Calendars For...



**October 7-8, 2006** — Come back to the chapter house for Old Gold Weekend

**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!

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# A Look At Life, continued

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## PIG DINNER

Once again, the chapter hosted an outstanding and entertaining Pig Dinner on April 8, 2006! Andrew Turner '06 served as Pig Dinner chair. Ninety-plus people attended the event, which included the Distinguished Lambda Graduate inductions of Paul B. Qua '82 and the original six founders of Lambda—William H. Abney 1858, Luther C. Slavens 1858, Harvey Cheek 1857, Hiram W. Cloud 1857, Jesse S. Gathright 1858, and John Slavens 1858.

Benjamin Robinson, executive director of the Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation, gave an excellent keynote address on brotherhood—including humorous anecdotes and examples of where brothers helped each other, even when they were on opposite sides of a Civil War battle! He also spoke about the support and assistance brothers give to other brothers today.

It was a superb reminder of what “brotherhood” really means and that Phi Gamma Delta “is not for college days alone!”

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Max Tudor '59 entertains the brothers with memories of Lambda upon receiving his Golden Owl Award for 50 years as a member of Phi Gamma Delta.



Tim Fox '08 (white shirt, center) leads the Exiles' Toast with bravado! To his right are Brian Furman, Chapter President, Ben Robinson, Keynote Speaker; to his left are Andrew Turner '06, Pig Dinner Chair, Phil Heyde '72, House Corp. President, and Paul B. Qua '82, House Corp. member.



The Iota Deuteron Pledge Class brings in the Pig singing with gusto!



Most Outstanding Senior Award and scholarship presented to Caleb Beasley '06 by Brian Furman. Caleb also received the Morality Award—one of the core values of the fraternity.

## A Look At Life, **continued**



*Mike Cowden '08 receives the Friendship Award, a core value of the fraternity. Well known by DePauw women, Mike is the "matchmaker" for brothers!*



*Morality Award presented to Ryan May '08 by Brian Furman '08.*



*Knowledge Award, a fraternity core value, is presented to Projesh Banerjea '08. Projesh also received the George Dirks Scholarship ring for the highest GPA for the class of '08.*



*Most Outstanding Pledge Award presented to Mike Lutz '09.*



*Most Outstanding Brother Award presented to David Furman '07. David also received the Excellence Award, a core value of the fraternity.*

## A Look At Life, continued



*Service Award presented to Danny Shaver '06, a core value of the fraternity.*



*Peter M. Fellegy (DePauw Grad. '05) accepts the Most Outstanding Graduate Brother Award from Chapter President Brian Furman '08.*



*Graduate and undergraduate brothers mix before Pig Dinner.*



## MORE SCENES FROM THE PIG DINNER

# OUR ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS & NOTES

Keep in touch with **James E. Honan '40** at his new address of 438 Medford Leas, Medford, NJ 08055. E-mail him at oldjimbo1@aol.com.

**Bruce D. Allen '59** is the author of *The Builders Hardware Industry—A United States History: 1830s to 1990s*. Bruce is the retired vice president and general manager of the Chicago Spring Hinge Company. Write to Bruce at 312 Carriage Hill Cir., Libertyville, IL 60048. E-mail him at ballen1937@sbcglobal.net.

**Dwight C. Rounds '76** is the author of the recently published *The Year the Music Died*, available on Amazon.com. This is Dwight's commentary on music from 1964-1972, which he describes as the best era of pop music and an "irreverent look at the music and social movements of the time." The trivia quizzes are fun, too. Dwight seems not to have heard of Britney Spears or Justin Timberlake—or doesn't care! This is fun reading for those who enjoy the music of 1964-'72. Send greetings to Dwight at 4311 Dunning Ln., Austin, TX 78746; dcrounds@aol.com.

**Daniel N. Sutherin '76** reports a new e-mail address of dansutherin@aol.com. Send him postal mail at 115 Champion Ln., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022.

**Douglas S. Ingersoll '88** is the author

of a step-by-step guide to Disney World titled *Plan Your Walt Disney World Vacation... In No Time*. His book offers money-saving tips and advice about ticket plans, accommodations, dining, and rates accommodations by age range and access to the park. The book includes a one-of-a-kind tear-out card system for the various theme parks. Write to Doug at 13960 Wildcat Dr., Carmel, IN 46033. Send him e-mail at doug.ingersoll@ciscopress.com.

**Robert A. Wunderlich '88** writes, "Family business continues in its 146th year of continuous father-to-son operation—www.wfbco.com. Still flying and serving in the Air Force/Illinois Air National Guard at ScoH AFB." Rob reports that he is "still married to his DG sweetie, Kathleen Beatty ('87). Three little boys—Robbie, Chad, and Drew." Write to "Wundy" at 12202 Ladue Woods Dr., St. Louis, MO 631441. E-mail him at wunderfam@sbcglobal.net.

**J. Brian Thornburg '89** reports that he recently opened his own medical concierge practice, Thornburg Pediatrics in Naples, Florida. "My wife, Dr. Helen Thornburg, continues to practice as an emergency physician with the Anchor Health Centers Group. We have three daughters—Gabriella Marie (3), Madeline Ashley (2), and Chloe Elizabeth (6 months)." Brian congratu-

lates the Lambda Fijis on their terrific turn around and success—especially the outstanding academic performance last semester. Write to Brian at 5091 Sycamore Dr., Naples, FL 341119. Send him e-mail at brianthornburg@yahoo.com

Keep in touch with **Steven D. Wright '95** at his new address of 3839 Los Feliz Blvd., #307, Los Angeles, CA 90027. E-mail him at swright855@aol.com.

## AD ASTRA

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

**Arthur H. Gemmer '43**

**Michael S. Robey '70** passed  
*ad astra* on May 30, 2005

**Fae H. Spurlock '37** passed  
*ad astra* on January 8, 2005

**Robert F. Thomas '38** passed  
*ad astra* on August 11, 2004

## MEMORIAL TO BROTHER INSTALLED IN KENTUCKY FOREST

In August, 2005, the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources renamed a portion of Robinson Forest in memory of Paul C. Van Booven '73. A large bronze memorial plaque was put in place to honor Brother Van Booven, who died of cancer in 2004. The dedication ceremony took place at a scenic spot Paul especially enjoyed for observing elk and other wildlife.

Paul was instrumental in formulating the cooperative land management agreement that was pivotal to reintroducing elk to eastern Kentucky. He saw the need for a reclamation model, implementing innovative post-mining land uses and actively promoting partner-

ships with federal, state, and private parties.

UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. stated, "I cannot think of a more appropriate place in Kentucky to bear Paul Van Booven's name. Robinson Forest would not be the place it is today without Paul's diligence and dedication. His contributions are on display every day in eastern Kentucky—and the commonwealth is a better place because of it."

After graduating from DePauw with academic honors, Paul entered the University of Kentucky Law School. Upon completion of his law degree and admission to the Kentucky Bar, he served as assistant dean of the UK Law School and subsequently became associ-

ate dean. At the time of his death, Paul was chief legal counsel for the University of Kentucky.

As a member of Lambda, Paul served as chapter treasurer and house manager. His tool belt always seemed to be around his waist, and he was ready to repair something! From his college days until his death, Paul frequently visited with his pledge brothers and contemporaries in the chapter. He visited Lambda on numerous occasions. His last visit was alumni weekend in 2004, when he joined others in celebrating lifelong friendships formed as an undergraduate.