



TIGER FIJI

Alumni, undergraduates network during Old Gold

On October 27, Lambda experienced a new and exciting event when it hosted a luncheon in conjunction with DePauw University's Old Gold Weekend. The day started around 11:00 a.m. with a dedication of the placement of the house crest above the door of the chapter house. (Yes, the stone crest from the old chapter house that has been sitting in the lawn of the current chapter house.)

This action was a gift of graduate Bruce D. Allen '59, who had many fine words to say about the state of the chapter and words of advice for undergraduates—which he ended with the phrase, “Hang loose.” His gift is highly appreciated.

After the dedication, lunch was served and followed by speeches given by Chapter President Daren Burton '09 and Housing

Corps President Phil Heyde '72. In conjunction with this event was the restructuring of Lambda's mentoring program.

Due to increased house membership and a need for interaction between graduates and undergraduates in the mentoring program, the program was restructured to include mentoring groups rather than individual mentors. These groups represent individual fields of interest including: law; medicine; business; performing arts; computer science; and education. The October 27 event then served as an opportunity for undergraduates to interact with their mentors in their mentoring group through break-out sessions in the respective fields. John A. Broyles '91 led the law break-out session; Kurt Mahrtdt '56 ran the business break-out session; and Kit Lortz '62 ran

the computer science break-out session. The chapter thanks them greatly for their contributions this event.

The event was capped off by a reception that featured a jazz combo with two undergraduate brothers performing. If you would like to take part in Lambda's mentoring initiative, please contact me by e-mail at garthanderson_2009@depauw.edu.

Garth Anderson '09



Bruce Allen '59 reminisces about his days at Lambda to an entranced audience.



Bruce Allen '59 and wife, Darlene, stand in front of the old house crest and Greek letters panel donated to Lambda. Brother Allen and Darlene also donated books to the chapter, including one by a member of their family on Terre Haute, met with the undergraduate brothers, and shared lunch as part of the new mentoring program!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The annual pig dinner is schedule for April 19, 2008. We'll contact you with more information as the event nears.

LAMBDA CHAPTER PHI GAMMA DELTA



HOUSE CORPORATION

Joe Carney
Russ LaMore
Doug Mitchell
Paul Qua
John Axelberg
Don Mighell
Wade Nichols
Phil Heyde
George "Kit" Lortz
David Schmitz
Steve Jacobs
Jay Moore
Henry Hile
Garth Anderson
Ryan Barton

BOARD OF CHAPTER ADVISORS

James J. Davin IV
Will Brooks
Logan Mayfield
Peter Rimsans
J. Scott Avery
Christopher Doran
Carl R. Sahlberg
John F. Hirschman
Peter M. Fellego
Peter Dinwiddie
John Wallace
Joe Atria
Eric Wolfe
Aaron Gotway
Douglas Fellego
Daniel Kelley
Andrew Turner

Alex Turco
(Undergraduate Editor/
Photographer)



(Photo by Alex Turco '10.)

Camron Parker '09 swordfights during Lambda's performance in Ring Sing, an annual pep rally for the Monon Bell game. The brothers of the Lambda Chapter, along with partners Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sigma Nu, won the competition.

Events, traditions keep Lambda bonded

Every Tuesday night, a fire burns in the back yard at Phi Gamma Delta. Brothers have started a new tradition that often happens more than just this one planned night a week. It is a great time for brothers to sit back, keep warm, and catch up with one another. Taking a break from studying to just enjoy each other's company has become a welcome relief from the stresses of the work week.

Ryan Barton decided to start the Tuesday bonfires because he wanted an outlet for weekly brotherhood. Certainly, it has become popular with new brothers coming every week.

As the semester becomes busier, strong brotherhood has become necessary as a means of support and escape from the rigors of classes. Participating in Ring Sing, an annual spirit competition during Monon Week, is another example of how brothers came together. Working with Kappa Kappa Gamma, everyone enjoyed putting together a fun dance routine. The community bikes around campus also offer a good source of fun. Whether it is

an afternoon ride through Greencastle or a midnight run to Wal-Mart, going for a bike ride with brothers is a great way to bond. Of course, a game of *Halo* is being played at almost any time in the house, so for the video game players, this is a fun way to relax and interact with each other.

There is definitely a great brotherhood at Lambda Fiji. All of these small events combine to establish tight bonds of friendship. Brothers enjoy bigger events, also. Going to comedy clubs, watching a Pacers game, and a weekend of camping are examples of some of the larger occasions of brotherhood.

Some brothers enjoy these large, planned events more while others prefer smaller, more laid-back gatherings. Either way, brotherhood is greatly valued at 916 College Street. Friendship truly is the sweetest influence, and brothers have taken that motto to heart. Lambda Fiji is definitely keeping the fire burning.

David Worthington '08

OF NOTE

FBI reopens investigation into brother's death

On November 4, 1987, Amoco Oil Company Executive **Charles Merriam '56** was shot to death at the door of his Chicago suburban home. After 20 years, the case remains unsolved. The FBI reopened the case in 2007, according to a report in the *Chicago Tribune* by John S. Kass. Kass writes that "You could say he was killed under the weight of the iron triangle that connects corrupt politicians, corrupt cops and the Chicago Outfit." The FBI is using DNA techniques for advanced forensics testing that were not available at the time of the murder. His brother, **Robert Merriam '61**, is also a Lambda Fiji.

Lambda raises money for local animal shelter

On September 19, DePauw Fijis participated in the exciting philanthropy project affectionately known as Bark-B-Que. Working alongside our sister sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, we were able to raise money and awareness for a local cause: the Putnam County Humane Society. This organization has recently suffered financial difficulties, so members of Fiji and Theta were glad to help fund and care for some of the animals.

The day began with a small contingent of Fijis going to the humane society and picking up several dogs that they brought back to campus. Throughout the day, the men and women of Fiji and Theta volunteered to walk the dogs around campus and in the academic quad.

The strong presence of members from both houses wearing Bark-B-Que t-shirts and walking the dogs, along with the sheet signs hung around campus, ensured that word about the event got out to the student body. This approach was undoubtedly successful based on the strong turnout later that day.

The Bark-B-Que began around 5:30 p.m. with a steady trickle of students— independent and Greek alike. Once the crowd began to grow, it became apparent that the location of the event in the Dells was advantageous, considering the solid showing by first-year students. Members from both houses seized this opportunity to inform the freshmen about the philanthropy's cause, to meet new friends, and to identify potential rush candidates.

As students mingled and played with



(Photo by Alex Turco '10.)

Bryan Lesswing '10, Matt Welch '10, and Jesse Gardener '10 play with dogs during the Bark-B-Que philanthropy.

the animals from the Humane Society, many enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs provided with the cost of admission. An especially big hit was the cotton candy machine which made its debut. If guests at the event weren't socializing, eating, or playing with the dogs, they were probably enjoying one of several other activities occurring in the Dells. Volleyball, despite the somewhat muddy sand, was truly a riot this year, and the folks playing ultimate Frisbee certainly showed some first-year students what Fiji Frisbee is really all about. Also, a few brave

souls chose to show off their dance moves to the tunes picked by Fiji's very own in-house disc-jockey.

Everyone in attendance seemed to have a very enjoyable time, and the time spent with the abandoned or mistreated animals was really quite meaningful for a few people who took a special interest in the dogs. The community response was encouraging and positive, so we can look forward to yet another great Bark-B-Que early next year!

Nick Johnson '10

Brothers carve out successful fall philanthropy event

October 31 marked a particularly momentous occasion at the Fiji house. Not only was there a copious amount of Halloween paraphernalia in the backyard, but there was also a palpable sense of brotherhood in the cool autumn air.

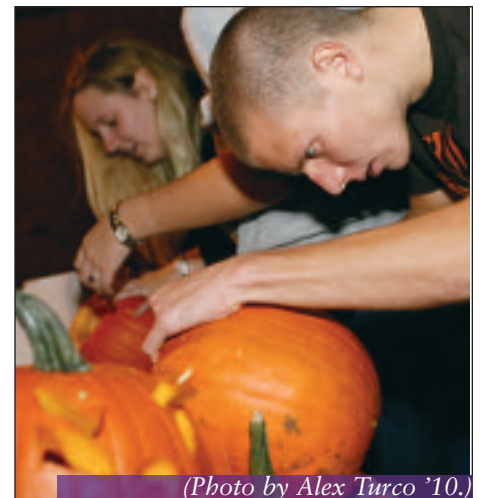
This grand event was none other than the Fiji Fall Pumpkin Bash—a philanthropy event that takes place around Halloween every year. Similar to in previous years, the event hosted a variety of activities—intense games meticulous pumpkin carving, and, of course, the hammering, smashing, and uninhibited obliteration of pumpkins.

Surely, none of this fanfare and pomp would have been possible without a cohesive and guided effort from the brothers and other valuable contributors. Marla Minor, the Fiji house mom,

provided patrons with warm apple cider, while the house cook, Robin, baked up a supply of gourmet pumpkin bars that could have fed much of campus. Another core contributor was Michael Cowden '08, who oversaw the operation of the event.

"We are especially proud of the success this year with the Pumpkin Queen contest, which involved all of the sororities on campus as well as independents. I am confident that the Pumpkin Bash will be successful in future years because of this addition," Cowden said.

All in all, the event experienced unprecedented success, raising about \$550 for the American Red Cross.



(Photo by Alex Turco '10.)

Mike Lutz '09 carves a pumpkin during the annual Pumpkin Bash philanthropy.

Paul Taylor '09

OUR ALUMNI SEND THEIR NEWS

Williard C. Lacy '38 reports that he was honored as a 'Legendary Professional' by the Association of Engineering and Environmental Geologists. To find out more, write to Bill at 8700 N. La Cholla Blvd., #7104, Tucson, AZ 85742. E-mail him at lacybill@wmconnect.com.

"Retired from Tufts on January 1, 2006," writes **James N. Ross Jr. '62**. "Now working three days a week at CCVS. Neat to have four grandsons (oldest just graduated from high school, youngest 18 months) and one granddaughter. Fishin' has been great. Give me a call when coming to New England." Keep in touch with Jim at 21 Blackthorn Dr., Southborough, MA 01172. E-mail him at james.ross@tufts.edu.

Robert B. Holland '65 reports that the bank he started in Tucson, Arizona, with a small group of investors five years ago is now a \$200 million organization with four locations, soon to be five. "It primarily serves the business and medical community in the greater Tucson area." Bob is the chairman of the audit committee. He was also recently appointed chairman of the governing council of Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital, one of several advocate hospitals in the Chicago area. Write to Bob at 1184 Mistwood Ct., Downers Grove, IL 60515. E-mail him at hollandr3@comcast.net.

Gregory D. Pearson '66 reports that he is the owner/publisher of the *Chesterfield Observer*, newspaper of record for the largest county in the Richmond, Virginia, metro area. As a weekly newspaper, the *Chesterfield Observer* has a circulation of 49,514—the third largest weekly circulation in the state.

"Speaking of cycling, I was proud to hear the Fiji Little 500 team got straight to work and came up with such a fine performance," writes **Robert C. Kirk Jr. '71**. "Personally, I won the state time trial championship for Ohio in the 55-59 age group, riding 23.2 miles in 54:56 or 25.77 MPH. It's a great sport, and I'd love to ride with the Fiji team for a work out this fall." Keep in touch with Bob at 2334 Brentwood Rd., Columbus, OH 43209. Send him e-mail at kirk@columbusacademy.org.

Douglas M. Long '73, vice president at drug research firm IMS Health, Inc., was a featured presenter at the Generic Pharmaceutical Association's policy conference on trends for generic pharmaceutical companies. He was also featured in an article by the Associated Press reporting on the



John A. Broyles '91 discusses careers in law with the undergraduates as the new mentoring program kicks in on Old Gold Day. Kurt Mahrdrdt '56 met with undergraduates to discuss careers in business and George C. "Kit" Lortz '62 met with those interested in computer science. (See related story, page three.)

conference. To find out more, write to Doug at 15 Wayland Dr., Verona, NJ 07044, or e-mail him at longdoug@home.com.

Clifford E. Simon III '73 won the 2007 Business Weekly Innovation Award in the Financial Services category for Home Free Systems, a professional system for restructuring and making mortgage payments at an accelerated rate. According to Cliff, "We have combined proven mortgage reduction models used in Australia and the United Kingdom with the number-one American financial software, Quicken, for the fastest way to pay off a mortgage." The Home Free System makes it easier for homeowners to follow a structured, calculated payment plan by showing them what to pay and when to pay it. The system works by setting up a home equity line of credit that receives paychecks and is drawn upon with checks when bills are due. The software directs all leftover funds to pay down mortgage principal instead of allowing money to remain in a low-interest checking or savings account. This results in faster mortgage principal payoffs and loan interest savings. An average Home Free System can cut 15 to 19 years off of a 30-year mortgage, said Simon. Brother Simon can be contacted at csimon@homefreesystems.com or at 877-999-3227.

"Congratulations to the Lambda brothers for the highest GPA on campus again!" writes **Mark E. Frazer '78**. "I am living in Middletown, Ohio, with my wife, having completed 25 years as volunteer team physician for our high school football team." Send

Mark greetings at 113 Euclid St., Middletown, OH 45044.

"I work for a dealer group that allows me to sell or lease any make automobile new or used," writes **Paul B. Qua '82**. "We offer 21 different brands, and I would love to help you with your car needs." Write to Paul at 18675 Parkland Dr., #508, Shaker Heights, OH 44122; pbqua1@yahoo.com.

Shakeel Lakhani '01 and his wife, Snober, report the birth of their daughter and first child, Safira, on December 13, 2007. Safira weighed 7 lbs., 6 ounces at birth. Mother and baby are doing fine; father hopes for more sleep! Shak can be reached at shakeel916@yahoo.com. He and his wife appreciate the card from the undergraduate chapter very much!

Matthew T. Cahill '05 reports that he celebrated his first year of remission from testicular cancer in August 2007. Matt thanks Lambda for all of its support." Send Matt congratulations at 3000 Spout Run Pkwy, #C505, Arlington, VA 22201. E-mail: matthew.t.cahill@gmail.com.

AD ASTRA

John R. McCullough '34

passed *ad astra* on November 26, 2007