

TIGER FIJI

Chapter Continues to Strive Toward Greatness

The 2011–2012 year has begun well academically—very well! We are so pleased that the undergrads have done; they topped the grades of every living unit on campus! Neither of us can remember any fraternity ever achieving this. Frankly, the first-semester house average of 3.426 is right up there with the highest grade averages posted anywhere in Phi Gamma Delta—even the “grade-inflated” campuses! We are so very proud of your accomplishments, brothers.

2011–2012 has also begun well organizationally. Starting in spring 2011, Lambda was blessed with about eight enthusiastic—

and mostly young—volunteers who activated our board of chapter advisers, with guidance from Caleb Beasley '06, who has taken on the Purple Legionnaire's position. The thriving chapter that Kit and I enthused about in the summer 2011 *Tiger Fiji* has now gained new depth in its graduate oversight, a key aspect of maintaining an enduring chapter.

The house corporation continues to pursue enhancing our 47-year-old, but well-maintained, chapter house. New bathrooms on the first and second floors are complete. We now expect to see architectural drawings by Alumni Weekend that will make the FIJI

house competitive with any other facility on campus. Improvements in study rooms, a larger chapter room and Lortz Library, and a fitness center are just a few of the intended improvements, along with substantial replacement of internal wiring and plumbing facilities, which will put Lambda's house in order for years to come.

So come see your chapter! The annual Pig Dinner is scheduled for April 14, and more than 100 FIJIs will be there to greet you!

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

Presidential Letter: Lambda Reaches New Heights

The start of 2012 has marked an exemplary period of progress for Lambda Chapter. In early February, we pledged another diverse class of 25 men with members from as far away as China, as well as several legacies. We now number 91 men with the new class, which makes Lambda the third-largest house on campus.

We also recently learned of our academic success during the fall semester, when we topped all other fraternities and sororities for the highest GPA on campus with a 3.426. This is a distinction that has never been achieved by a fraternity in known memory.

A \$14,000 endowment fund, which we

established during the past year with the Putnam County Community Foundation, has now started accruing interest. This means that we can now guarantee philanthropic organizations like the American Red Cross a preset annual donation. And so you all know, donations to the fund are tax deductible.

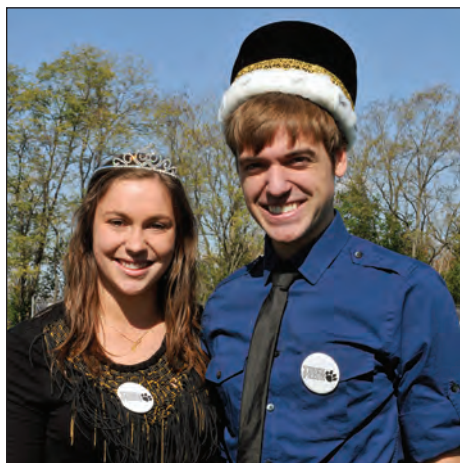
J.D. Hoover, a sophomore brother, recently assumed office as the vice president of risk management on the university's Interfraternity Council. Jared Norman, a senior brother in the School of Music, claimed the title of Homecoming King during Old Gold Weekend. Brothers Matthew Cecil '12 and William Calderwood '14 were each distinguished as runner-ups for “most outstanding member” and “most outstanding new member”, respectively, during the fraternity's recent State Day.

The men of Lambda Chapter also serve in a variety of other prominent leadership roles, including vice president of the student body, editor-in-chief of *The DePauw* newspaper, Republican Club president, president of the DePauw University Competitive Knowledge Squad, and much more.

We lay claim to varsity athletes as well as members of Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board. Our brothers have studied abroad this year in Great Britain, Greece, Germany, Scotland, Rome, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, China, and Brazil.

With respect to the John Templeton McCarty award, we have achieved superior status for the past nine years. We also maintained a zero-dollar balance with IHQ.

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Jared Norman '12 was elected 2011 Old Gold King.



Brotherhood around the world: FIJIs share a meal abroad in Southeast Asia.

Friendship, Brotherhood, and Good Eats

What never fails to bring a group of young men together? Classes? Homework? Chapter meetings? Well, maybe ... but how about a homemade meal served nice and hot? Wait, there is more—how about all you can eat?

Here at Lambda, food plays a vital role in fraternity life. In spring 2011, University President Brain Casey joined us for our scholarship dinner and led a thoughtful discussion on intellectual life at the university while we all enjoyed a three-course meal created and served by our staff. During recruitment, the three rounds revolved around the foods each house offers. We topped the competition with unique, high-quality offerings—and at least one gourmet meal. Perhaps most importantly, meals remain a time for bonding in the midst of our hectic schedules. They are an opportunity for brothers who rarely see each other to converse, catch up, and sometimes debate the finer points of their college experiences.

Marla Miner (our house manager) and Patty Fultz work together to make all of these events a huge success. Marla provides her knowledge of recipes and business expertise along with almost 10 years of experience as our house “mom.” Let’s face it, catering the Norris Pig Dinner for the better part

a decade is no simple task! Although Patty has not been with us quite as long, she performs her daily kitchen routine with an uncommon understanding and patience for the needs of the brothers. This is undoubtedly helped by her years of experience in food preparation and management positions. Both Marla and Patty work with the brotherhood (represented by the food committee) to put together weekly menus that cater to vegetarians, track stars, and scholars alike.

Over the past year, we became familiar with the challenge of DePauw’s efforts to alter campus life. As the university makes student housing and dining options more attractive to both Greek and non-Greek students, some brothers (upperclassmen in particular) have a hard time passing up the opportunity to “live out” in spacious duplexes that offer more privacy. The quality of our food and the presence of our strong brotherhood at mealtimes remains a reason for these brothers to maintain their connection with the chapter and preserve its ideals and values. Our meals also help to convince freshman that our chapter is the best on campus. In my own experience, it was the first thing that started to make DePauw feel more like a home. Food is an important staple of the

product we “sell” here at Lambda: a college experience unmatched by any other.

The kitchen reaches out and influences the brotherhood in a variety of ways. Marla can often be seen in the dining room (freshly painted by the new pledge class under the leadership of Andrew Muth ’12) keeping on track with brothers’ academics or love lives. Patty often refers to us as her “nephews” and keeps up a lively banter in the dining room. She also works with our brothers from abroad to prepare large portions of authentic cultural foods for the whole chapter to enjoy. Employment in the kitchen (as dishwashers and cleaners) gives some brothers the chance to pay their bills—and learn the quality of honest, hard work! The end result of our kitchen staff’s hard work sets the stage for the success that so many brothers achieve here at Lambda.

If you are at all interested to see us at work, I proudly invite you to attend the annual Norris Pig Dinner in the coming spring. You will see the culmination of years of continued support from Graduate Brothers through the success of the chapter. You will have the opportunity to reunite with old friends and share the enjoyable memories of your college years. But most importantly, you won’t go home hungry.

Nick Meiners ’12



Lambda Chapter Welcomes 25 New Members

The Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta is proud to welcome the 2012 pledge class! This year’s class comprises 25 individuals who maintain an active role not only in the fraternity, but also in the DePauw community as a whole. New members are athletes, musicians, and everything in between, playing roles in all sorts of on-campus clubs, groups, teams, and ensembles. It is important to FIJI to attract campus leaders, and this pledge class exemplifies that goal.

It is fair to say that being a FIJI runs in the family—not only through the brotherhood, but also through

familial ties. The class contains a set of twins and the younger brother of another FIJI who’s already in the house. Three sets

of brothers currently live in the house, in addition to active members Matt Cecil ’12 and Adam Cecil ’14. Also, FIJI added five international students, contributing to the substantial of diversity in the house.

FIJI’s 2012 pledge class is a well-rounded group of individuals. Over the next four years, they will continue to uphold the long-standing tradition of excellence in Phi Gamma Delta. It is the honor on behalf of the 2012 pledge class to be welcomed to the brotherhood of the Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta.



Pledges show their excitement about joining Lambda Chapter on Bid Night.

Leif Anderson ’15

Judson Green '74 on "Leadership and Creativity: Lessons Extracted From Jazz"

Judson Green '74 used his musical talents to demonstrate leadership and creativity in music and business through lessons extracted from jazz during DePauw Discourse on September 30, 2011. World-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma was the featured guest for "Empowering Society through the Arts."

Judson and his ensemble educated an audience of over 200 on jazz and how Judson applied lessons learned from jazz to successful business leadership positions first at Disney Theme Parks and Resorts and later as CEO of NAVTEQ. Using jazz composed by Judson, he explained the importance of improvisation, never being overwhelmed or intimidated, practicing creativity every day, and an environment leading to collaboration and discovery. Judson composed all music played during the program, except for "Giant Steps" by John Coltrane, the legendary jazz saxophonist and composer.

Improvisation is a rich source of leadership, creativity, and innovation in jazz and organizations. Leadership, whether of a jazz quintet or a large organization, begins with a foundation of "shared agreements." Just as jazz musicians have a series of "agreements" on key, tempo, chords and more, so do organizations. Creativity in jazz means adhering to these underlying agreements. The same applies to the operational frame-

works of corporations—vision, mission, culture.

Improvisation is the heart of jazz. At age 8, Judson had his first lesson in improvisation watching Jose Mendez, musical conductor on Jack Paar's *Tonight Show*. Mendez used telephone numbers from the audience to compose tunes! In 1972, while at DePauw, Judson wanted to learn to improvise better. He took lessons from David Baker at Indiana University and was advised to learn one tune, "Giant Steps." It was a "simple lesson" about jazz, according to Judson. Studying the patterns of "Giant Steps" "demystified the most difficult artist and most difficult solo in jazz history."

The lesson learned: "Never be overwhelmed or intimidated by complexity or something you don't understand." Judson headed Disney Resorts "without hospitality experience." He became CEO of NAVTEQ without technology education or experience.

From the down beat in jazz, everyone has to be creative. At Disney, Judson implemented "action learning initiatives" to institutionalize creativity. These initiatives involved 10



(Photo by Marilyn Culler)

Judson Green '74

people given real problems that had not been solved. The group was given three months to propose a solution and a plan to execute, and they always produced.

At NAVTEQ, internet portals were implemented so everyone could react to topics posted and respond with ideas and ideas submitted by others. This created a steady stream of creativity.

Collaboration is essential to creativity, and may be most difficult because it requires many people. Creating an environment of ideas and building on the ideas is complex. Infrastructure and shared values are crucial for people to trust each other, create a framework with similar values, set the right expectations, and show appreciation. The same applies to jazz quintets and large organizations alike.

Note: As most of you know, Judson underwent a stem-cell transplant for leukemia in May 2011. Recovery has been a longer road than expected, but Judson seems to have turned a major corner, based on the most recent report.

Brothers Strengthen Commitment to Philanthropy

The Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta had a very successful semester in terms of philanthropy. We had two major philanthropic events that were organized by the chapter. The first event this fall was the FIJI-Theta Bark-B-Q. We have always held this event with the ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta with a goal of raising money for the Putnam County Humane Society. However, we



Pumpkin Bash 2011

faced some challenges for this event, as the Putnam County Humane Society was shutting down soon after the event due to financial difficulties. After understanding that our donations to the Humane Society would not be sufficient to keep it from shutting down, we decided to go ahead with the event and raise money for the Indiana Humane Society. We also used this opportunity to make a statement of support to the Putnam County Humane Society with hopes that it will be

able to restart its activities in the future. We organized a barbecue event to raise funds and received tremendous support from the DePauw student body and the community to further our cause.

Our second event for the fall was the FIJI Pumpkin Bash. We raised money for the American Red Cross through this event. This event was organized over two days. We

had a pumpkin-carving event in the middle of campus where a bunch of students and professors bought pumpkins and enjoyed the carving experience. On the second day of the event, we organized a few games for all the sororities. Every sorority at DePauw supported our cause enthusiastically and helped to make the event very successful. The event followed into the actual pumpkin-bashing event in our backyard. All the brothers were heavily involved in making this event a success,

and we really believe that we could make this event much bigger than we have in previous years. We also found a lot of help from the local farmers who helped us by donating pumpkins for the event. We are definitely improving our relations with the community through our philanthropic events.

The brothers from the chapter were also involved in actively supporting other philanthropies on campus. They participated and supported events such as Ring Sing, Mr. University, Chiland, a fashion show, toy drive, and more, helping to raise money for various philanthropic organizations. The brothers were also exercising their service duties, and they performed approximately 1,000 hours of service through their voluntary activities. We are hoping to have successful philanthropies in the spring semester, and we will be actively working on improvements based on our experiences and promoting participation in serving the community.

Ashwin Upasani '12

GRADUATE BROTHER NEWS

William R. “Bill” Nesbit ’52 sends greetings from 504 Lewis Isle Ln., Prospect Heights, IL 60070. (wrnesbit@sbcglobal.net)

Edward “Ted” Bruce ’54 recently updated his email address: eebruce@sap_corp.com. Say “hello” to him at 19 Saint Andrews Dr., Michigan City, IN 46360.

Drop Kurt Mahrtdt ’56 a line at his new email address—mahrtdtprop@comcast.net—or send “snail mail” to 209 Willowgate Ln., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Get in touch with Donald R. Mighell (Texas ’56) by writing to him at 5235 E. Greenbriar Dr., #12, Terre Haute, IN 47802; donald.mighell@indstate.edu.

“Thanks to the *Tiger FIJI*, I was able to connect with Bob Erickson ’58 and enjoy a great day at Monmouth Golf Club in New Jersey,” writes Jim “Kels” Kelly ’57. “To top off the day, Bob introduced me to a fellow member—Lawrence ‘Yogi’ Berra, one of my favorite Yankees!” Stay in touch with Bob by writing to him at 2 Pilgrim Rd., Darien, CT 06820; jrkteeitup@aol.com.

Send greetings to Frank Green ’64 at 6747 Wilton Dr., Oakland, CA 94611; or email flg@sunset.net.

Robert B. Holland ’65 can now be reached via email at hollandrb1@gmail.com. (1184 Mistwood Ct., Downers Grove, IL 60515)

Catch up with John R. Tolle ’70 by writing to his new email address (johntolle@aol.com) or his postal address (4002 38th Pl. N, Arlington, VA 22207).

William Arends ’72 has a new email address: bill@arends-sons.com. He’s still at 715 S. Sangamon Ave, Gibson City, IL 60936.

“My wife, Shelia, and I have moved to the Rough River Lake area of Kentucky,” reports Michael D. Ricks ’78. “I am currently the business manager for Rough River Dam State Resort Park.” Contact him at 14515 Falls Of Rough Rd., Falls of Rough, KY 40119; mdricks1@mediacommbb.net.

Paul B. Qua ’82 writes, “Christine Bretz and I were married on July 23, 2011. Several Lambda FIJIs were in attendance: Wade Nichols ’72, John Axelberg ’83, David

Holub ’87, David Qua ’94 (the best man), and Bob Farris ’81. I ran my second Marine Corps Marathon in October 2010 and raised nearly \$8,000 in honor of William N. Orn ’81 for the American Cancer Society. Thank you to all the FIJIs who contributed to this fund. I continue to work in sales at Classic Auto Group in Cleveland. After honeymooning in Paris and Florence, my wife and I reside at 3701 Traynham Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122.” Keep in touch with Paul via email at pqua@driveclassic.com.

Catch up with Stanford K. McCoy ’93 by writing to his new email address: stanfordk-mccoy@yahoo.com. (4501 Cheltenham Dr., Bethesda, MD 20814)

“I can’t believe it’s been 17 years,” writes Robert P. Malik ’94. “I want to let you guys know that you are all doing a great job. Thank you. As I have a family now, I look back, time goes by so quickly, I realize these are days you will not have again, to make an impact that you guys are having on the community, academics, athletics, and the great personal relationships you are forming, will last forever. I can’t thank you enough for continuing to send me the *Tiger FIJI*. I am so proud to be a part of FIJI. You will have your memories and friends that will last forever. Thank you for keeping the FIJI family alive. *Perge!*” Write to Rob at 36 Riverchase Dr., Rensselaer, NY 12144; malikrobert@hotmail.com.

We misprinted the email address for Colin C. Cress ’03 in the previous issue of *Tiger FIJI*; the editors apologize for the error. Reach Colin at colinccress@gmail.com, or send postal mail to 1584 Wells Dr., Plainfield, IN 46168. He writes: “Be nice to KKG—my sister is a sophomore there.”

Michael Knight ’06 is now an attorney with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. in Carmel, Indiana. Catch up with Mike at 9351 Cameron Ridge Ln., Apt. 127, Indianapolis, IN 46240; mbknight@gmail.com.

Paul Taylor ’09 reports a new email address: mmv52@gmail.com. Send mail to 8025 NW 20th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73127.

Find Andrew Porter ’10 at his new address: 3709 N. Bosworth Ave., Apt. 2F, Chicago, IL 60613. (porter.andrewsteven@gmail.com)

Bob Wells ’66 Receives Award

Brother Bob Wells ’66 was the recipient of the 2011 Helen Gratz Rockefeller Outstanding Volunteerism Award presented by Family Centers, which offers educational and human services in Fairfield County, Connecticut. Also a member of DePauw University’s board of trustees, Brother Wells has been a part of Family Centers for more than a decade. He coordinated the development of a new communications plan that brought increased visibility to the organization. Brother Wells exemplifies the dedication to service that Phi Gamma Delta aims to instill in its members and continues to work with Family Centers. Congratulations!

David Garrett ’13

Presidential Letter

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Collectively, Lambda donated over 1,000 hours of community service and hosted several successful philanthropies on campus and in the local community. Our annual philanthropy for the Humane Society of Putnam County, Bark-B-Q, played a crucial role in ensuring all shelter animals were adopted before the group closed down. With our contributions, we hope to aid the Humane Society in getting back on its feet over the next school year.

As I enter my term as president, I am honored to inherit the chapter in such good standing and look forward to leading Lambda to further excellence.

Michael Osborn ’13, President
Matthew Cecil ’12, President Emeritus

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Vernon C. Dahlstrom ’57
June 2, 2011

Thomas G. Lueder ’86
March 29, 2011

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