



## Continuing Lambda's Legacy Campaign Update

Construction drawings are underway! Now we need your contributions to fully fund the effort and begin construction. We also need volunteers to help us connect with the entire brotherhood.

As you may know, Lambda has spent the last several years reaching out to our Graduate Brothers to garner input and support to thoroughly renovate 916 South College Avenue and create a living, learning, and leadership development environment worthy of our heritage and supportive of our future brothers. We have been progressing steadily toward our dollar goal. Now is the time to significantly raise the level of participation within each graduating class.

The fact is, Lambda Chapter can't do it without you. We need support from every brother to sustain Lambda's legacy at DePauw. Your financial support helps ensure that we can continue to maintain our beloved chapter house and give it the extra care and attention that it requires.

How can you help? We're looking for more volunteers (class agents) to call their classmates to encourage an additional pledge of support. Our hope is that every graduate will participate in the *Continuing Lambda's Legacy* campaign, regardless of the level of gift. Since no one knows a class better than his

own members, we are looking for volunteers from each class who will reach out to their brothers about the campaign and solicit their support. Fortunately, several leading donors have already made matching funds available to further encourage brothers to give.

What's involved? Being a class agent involves contacting brothers from your class or era and inviting them to join in, pledging financial support for the capital campaign. Let them know about the campaign and the renovation if they haven't yet heard the details. As Craig Stokely '67 reported, "It was so much fun remembering our times together on College Avenue and sharing what has happened in our lives since then. In fact it was so much fun that I decided to attend my first Pig Dinner since we graduated!"

Hopefully these renewed contacts among your brothers will generate some momentum and maybe even some friendly competition as classes and eras take pride in their contributions to the future of Lambda.

If you are interested in serving as a class agent, please call Doug Mitchell at (724) 316-7511 (email [fosis@verizon.net](mailto:fosis@verizon.net)) or Dorothy Wysocki at (607) 533-9200. We'll provide you with the support and assistance you'll need to help in *Continuing Lambda's Legacy*.



*This is the proposed new view southward from the dining room expansion. A new patio and landscaping will dramatically upgrade our outdoor facilities, and a fireplace and casual study spaces will make the dining room a central gathering point within the house.*

## THE "FAMILY STYLE" RUSH



Rush is a crucial area of focus for our house in 2015. Obviously, Rush is a crucial element in the operations of every chapter, yet for Lambda this year it is different.

After failing to meet our quota last spring, the house was forced to think long and hard about how we are bringing in new members. How can a house with groundbreaking philanthropy, respected and involved members of the community, and a history spanning more than 150 years struggle to establish a dominant Rush season? The answer is simple, we weren't Rushing the right way. We were trying to recruit friends instead of brothers.

We made the mistake of thinking that large events and a good reputation are enough to bring in the top of the academic community through our door. There is so much more to it. In January, what really counts is feeling like family. It's not about our paintball trips, or our numerous alumni, it comes down to the unforgettable moments of friendship. Every Phi Gam can remember the guy who brought them to the house. We are trying to build those authentic relationships.

While we still hold our trademark events, as well as create new ones every day, this year our focus has shifted to the individual moments. The middle of the week lunches, the birthday celebrations, and the Sunday nights. On DePauw's campus, this makes us an outlier, however, I believe it is working. Judging by the young men who are spending their time here this semester, I feel confident in saying the potential new members feel the same way. I look forward to introducing a new group of Lambdas come January.

*Perge!*  
Kenneth Yager  
Lambda Rush Chair

# FIJI

# A Message From Lambda's Board of Chapter Advisers

The Board of Chapter Advisers (BCA) for Lambda has been riding a roller coaster over the past 10 years, changing leadership a number of times and even having periods without leadership. However, for the past three to four years, leadership has stabilized and the presence of Lambda's BCA has become markedly more consistent in its role of advising chapter operations. Through several long conversations between Matt Welch '11 and me four years ago, we developed a strategic plan to reinvigorate Lambda's graduate presence and develop a team of leaders to help keep the chapter strong.

For those of you who have been removed from the fraternity for a while, the role of the BCA is to provide consistent graduate support, advising chapter operations. A board of 10 graduates advises members in recruitment, graduate relations, philanthropy and service, risk management, educational programming, social and brotherhood, finance, and ritual. They hold quarterly meetings and maintain regular contact with the undergraduates they advise.

BCA also conducts on-campus educational programming during the year to assist the chapter with several areas of its growth. BCA holds a

retreat for the newly elected cabinet officers and the outgoing cabinet, to pass along the "nuts and bolts" to the new leaders, the experiences the outgoing officers encountered as members of the leadership team for the fraternity, transfer important records, and reflect on the importance of strong leadership and the roles of effective leaders. On Pig Dinner weekend, we meet with the cabinet about their progress, with the incoming new members to let them know who we are and get to know them, and with the outgoing seniors to hear their reflections on their time in the house, get their opinions on the current status of the house, and help them with their transition to life as a graduate.

BCA also had the pleasure of attending the chapter's beginning of the year retreat alongside a presence from the house corporation. At the retreat, the chapter strategically planned out what its goals were for the semester and established its schedule for the year. In addition, the BCA provided the chapter with a seminar on recruitment. Graduate Brothers Will Calderwood '14 and Orlando Ramirez '13 provided useful information such as brand awareness and successful communication with potential new members.

The chapter established a strategic vision for approaching recruitment this year.

The recent success of the BCA has been largely due to its members. As the president of BCA, I can say that we have taken on several new members who are young and eager to help out. Our vice president is Kevin Milne '11, who has been instrumental in helping the chapter with its budget this past year. Other members include Matt Cecil '12, Andrew Porter '10, Leif Anderson '15, Dan Hickey '15, Aaron Gotway '05, Willie Brooks '13, Timothy Brooks '14, and Will Calderwood '14. The purple legionnaire is Orlando Ramirez '13.

Building on our recent success, BCA continually strives to remain a strong presence at the chapter through involved graduates. We are constantly looking for new faces to get involved with the group, as the health of the chapter depends on it. If you would like to learn more about Lambda's current Board of Chapter Advisers or would like to inquire about involvement in BCA, feel free to contact me at garthanderson1987@gmail.com.

Garth Anderson '09, BCA President



*The Lambda Chapter posing with the members of Kappa Alpha Theta during their joint philanthropy, "Bark-B-Q."*

## Chapter Presidents Summarizes FIJI's Fall Semester

As I write this address, officer elections are swiftly approaching. By the time this issue of *Tiger FIJI* is published, my fellow cabinet members and I will have passed along the reins of leadership to a new undergraduate cabinet. I could not be more confident that these men will continue to promote the values and programs that have made Lambda so successful over the past year.

As I wrote in my previous address, Lambda pledged and initiated 11 upstanding new members in the spring. I am excited to announce that Lambda has expanded yet again, pledging three new members through informal fall recruitment. With the "Most Outstanding Recruitment" and



"Most Outstanding New Member Education" (Indiana State Day 2015), I have no doubt that our newest pledge class will fill out nicely during formal recruitment in the spring semester.

Lambda remains committed not only to recruitment, but also to philanthropy and scholarship. Our two annual fall philanthropies have been resounding successes: FIJI Theta Bark-B-Que, which supported the Putnam County Humane Society, and Pumpkin Bash, which supported the Wounded Warrior Foundation. In the spring semester, Lambda had an average house GPA of 3.28 and average pledge class GPA of 3.22, well above the all-fraternity average and the

all-men's average. And three brothers were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

But, most importantly, Lambda continues to foster genuine friendships. This address marks not only the approaching end of my term as president, but also the approaching end of my time at DePauw. In the spring, I will graduate. ("It's about time!" Orlando will remark.) And what I will miss most about DePauw is not the parties nor the classes nor even our next-door neighbors, but rather the men I have come to call my brothers, the men of FIJI.

These men are the reason I am proud to be a FIJI. Without a doubt, I am proud of Lambda's recent successes and look forward to even greater ones in the years to come.

William Johnson '15

# Requiem for a Super-Senior



I'm in a bit of an unusual situation as a fifth year at DePauw. I get to spend another year with limited responsibilities, avoiding the real world, with a fairly easy schedule relative to previous semesters.

I have managed to avoid classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays as much as any school of music student could hope to and outside of my senior project, the only course I need in order to graduate is ballroom dancing. Believe me when I tell you, all of this is every bit as wonderful as it sounds. A consequence of my schedule (or lack thereof) is that I spend a lot of my time alone. While not inherently a bad thing, this means that I have ample opportunity to reflect on my five years here at DePauw and my four years at FIJI in particular. The outcome is not an entirely happy one.

Let me reassure you, dear reader, that I have had a wonderful time at FIJI. During my sophomore year I had the good fortune to room with a then-senior who acted as my mentor and friend. His sarcastic, dry wit brought me many laughs and his fanatic obsession with Joss Whedon added someone new to the fandom. In my junior year, I lived with three brothers who easily top

my list of best friends.

My senior year (and this current year) I spent in a single with the door open often, owed only in part to the fact that it couldn't latch completely shut. My brothers enter and leave at their leisure, and I wouldn't have it any other way. Sunday morning meals are my favorite part of the week because of the brothers with whom I get to spend them. These memories keep me going on my roughest days.

However, in the midst of my final (please, please, please let it be my last) year, these memories' silver lining have taken on a bluish hue. These friends whom I have made, who convinced me to join FIJI or who joined FIJI with me, have left. And while I cherish the memories we've made together, I also lament their end. Put simply, I miss my friends.

Worry not, dear reader, I will not end on such a melancholy note. Luckily for everyone reading this, FIJI did not end with my pledge class. There are new men now who walk these halls. And these men, the men whom I helped to recruit, are not only quality gentlemen, but good friends as well. Yes, I miss my friends. But I also have new friends to make new memories. And that, dear reader, is what matters.

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Josh Levine '16

## A Trio of FIJI Summer Spotlights

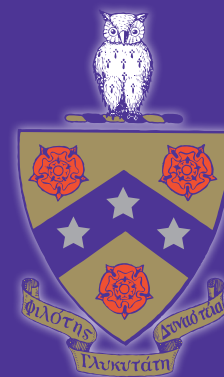
The undergraduate brothers were engaged in a variety of research experiences and internships over the summer. Here is but a small sampling of the many ways FIJIs go out into the world and do good.

**Xavier Comacho:** During the summer of 2015, I interned as the videographer and communications coordinator for DePauw's Hubbard Center for Student Engagement. The Hubbard Center connects students on campus with internships and off-campus opportunities around the world. The videography portion of my internship required me to organize, conduct, and edit interviews with small business owners, faculty, staff, and other students working on and around campus. As a communications coordinator, I managed social media accounts such as the Hubbard Center's blog, Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. My favorite portion of the internship was working with my boss, who happened to be a Phi Gam brother from Lambda Chapter as well and graduated from DePauw in 2006. It was great building my professional experience along with strengthening the brotherhood bond.

**Lobsang Tashi '17:** I interned at Viacom Media—MTV & Logo—this summer. I worked with the iOS (iPhone) applications department handling Viacom-owned iPhone apps such as Comedy Central, MTV, and Bellator! My primary tasks included helping my supervisors and co-workers on debugging sessions, extending

features of the apps, upgrading and updating the codes, and helping on Q&A sessions. I learned a lot from the experience, and it's something I want to pursue.

**Malcolm Steele '16:** For the past two summers, I have had the pleasure of working at Jameson Camp. Jameson Camp is a nonprofit organization that impacts the lives of young people through its award-winning, camp experience designed to develop self-respect and confidence, as well as respect for others and the world around us. Over the course of this past summer I held a position as the director of cabin life and camp experience. Under this title much of my responsibilities included supervising and supporting general staff in daily task and consulting with the supervisory team on performances of staff, in addition to conducting behavior management on children who are engaging in difficult behavior.



## PHILANTHROPY RECAP



The last two semesters of philanthropy have been extremely productive in not only raising monetary goals, but also raising awareness for the cultural climate at DePauw. Last spring, FIJI co-sponsored a basketball tournament with Kappa Alpha Psi. This was the first event that IFC and multi-cultural communities began to work together, which resulted in \$300 in support of the Wounded Warrior Foundation. Later that semester FIJI supported many lectures and events of the multi-cultural community in efforts to promote a friendlier campus climate.

This fall we have had two big philanthropy events. The first event was our third-annual Bark-B-Que that we co-sponsor with Kappa Alpha Theta to raise money for the local Putnam County Humane Society. This year we had more than 200 people come out to enjoy the nice weather, have a burger and hot dog, and jump on our velcro-wall. The humane society brought dogs to the event and many students and staff members brought their dogs to join in the festive cookout. We ended up raising \$700 for the local humane society. The second event was our Pumpkin Bash, where we hosted a competition between fraternities and sororities. The teams of five competed in pumpkin carving, pumpkin throwing, apple bobbing, and costume contests in efforts to win the candy prize. We also raised \$50 to get to pie our house mom, Marla. The money that raised for this event will also go toward the Wounded Warrior Foundation.

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Skyler Major '17

# GRADUATE BROTHER NEWS

**Richard Savage '48** is still playing golf and bowling at age 89. He sends his best to **Brenton Wadsworth '51** and his pledge class members **Al Stocking '51** and **George Spradling '51**. Richard pledged late because he spent three years in the Navy. Reconnect with him at 3 Vultee Dr., Florham Park, NJ 07932.

**Glenn C. Hannah '52** has been on the board of directors of the Methodist Hospitals of Merrillville and Gary, Indiana, for the past 40 years. He was chairman of the board from 1982 to 1986. (479 Scarborough Rd., Valparaiso, IN 46385)

**Gene Gephart '53** retired as a high school principal due to failing eyesight. He has been completely blind for 10 years and lives in assisted living. Keep in touch with him at 620 W. 44th St., Ashtabula, OH 44004.

**Richard Knapp '56** and his wife, Ann (Delta Gamma '57), are still going strong together—married August 10, 1957. Drop him a line at his new address: 350 W. Schaumburg Rd., Apt. A201, Schaumburg, IL 60194.

**Charles Huizenga '59** reports, “Judy and I now spend winter at Vasari Golf Club in Bonita Springs, Florida. We play contract bridge, golf, and have a great deal of fun with friends and family. Come on down and say ‘hello’; huizcg@gmail.com!”

**James Force '61** is planning another spring training trip for next year with Brother **Jim Knapp '63**. Get in touch with him by writing to 515 Franklin St., Wausau, WI 54403.

“After 48 years in the automobile business, the last 25 with Lexus, retirement is a pleasure,” writes **John Kendall '63**. “Three children, eight grandchildren, and a little golf is what makes it so pleasant. Also impressed with the building plan and fundraising as Lambda gets ready for

the future.” Send congratulations to P.O. Box 4690, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657.

**Philip “Jim” Knapp '63** reports, “I attended a mini-reunion in Arizona hosted by **Joe Hirtzer '63** and **Bill Graham '62**. It was a two-night get-together plus attendance at spring training games to watch Brewers and Dogers. In addition to myself, Joe, and Bill, **Roger Haring '63** came from California; **Jim Force '61** from Wisconsin; and Brad Chase (Colorado College '63), and **Tod Dawson '62** joined us. Looking forward to doing it again in Florida in 2016 ... late March/early April.” Stay in touch with Jim by writing to 8140 Township Line Rd., Apt. 2418, Indianapolis, IN 46260; or by sending email to sprad3@juno.com.

**David W. Gilbert '65** moved to Chelsea, MI in 2015. He renovated a cozy home that's walkable to town. They love it there. In addition to occasional forays to Texas, Arizona, and elsewhere for consulting jobs, David is an advocate for the PeaceJam Foundation, inspiring youth through the lives and work of Nobel Peace Laureates. He also plans to help expand the reach of Rock Steady Boxing, a therapy program for Parkinson's Disease sufferers. He enjoyed his DePauw 50th Reunion in June, too! Reach David at 658 Flanders St., Chelsea, MI 48118.

“Great to be back in 2015 for my first Pig Dinner since I graduated in 1967,” reports **Craig R. Stokely '67**. “Thanks to Kit Lortz, I didn't have to kiss the pig. I'm impressed with the brothers and excited about our house upgrade and celebration as the 1967 brothers will have an extra special 50th class Reunion in 2017! I'm now serving on the board of directors of the Amercian Brain Tumor Association ([www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org)) and board of governors of Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky ([www.shakervillageky.org](http://www.shakervillageky.org).)” Catch up with Craig at P.O. Box 93, Wayne, IL 60184; [c2stokely@aol.com](mailto:c2stokely@aol.com).

**Norman Leonard '78** retired from teaching in Indianapolis and moved to Longmont, Colorado. He will be teaching again at Greeley West High School. Contact him at his new address 1703 Whitehall Dr., 7A, Longmont, CO 80504.

**Paul Qua '82** attended the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia, last June and currently serves the Rotary Club of Cleveland as president. He is married and lives in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and works for

## AD ASTRA

**Carlisle K. Parker Jr. '53**  
April 15, 2015

**Dom W. Younger '64**  
September 3, 2015

**Wayne D. Martin '71**  
June 22, 2015

**Clifford E. Simon III '73**  
March 14, 2015

**Jason R. Surber '93**  
March 27, 2015

Classic Auto Group as a car concierge, helping people lease or buy the car for them. Contact Paul at [pqua@driveclassic.com](mailto:pqua@driveclassic.com).

**John Axelberg '83** married Taylor Lewis on March 13, and they combined households into a large, historic “project” a week later, which will keep them busy for the next few years. His daughter, Emily (17), is a senior this fall at The Taft School. On July 29, General Sheet Metal Works held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new 200,000 square-foot headquarters facility in South Bend. John's company will be 100 years old in 2022, at which point he thinks he will deserve to retire! Reconnect with John by writing to 1403 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46617; or by sending email to [john.axelberg@gsmwinc.com](mailto:john.axelberg@gsmwinc.com).

**Tim Boehm '84** recently moved to Houston, Texas, so he's getting comfortable with being a Texan. He and his wife, Maura (Pi Phi '84), are looking forward to their 30th wedding anniversary this year! Connect with Tim by writing to 2518A Westgate Dr., Houston, TX 77019.

**Steve Wright '95** is currently a senior story producer for ABC's *The Bachelor*, *The Bachelorette*, and *The Bachelor in Paradise*. He's been with the franchise for seven years now. Steve also has more than 300 comedy videos online that can be viewed at [www.manningroad.com](http://www.manningroad.com), including a comedy feature film that he wrote and directed called *Shock Therapy TV ... The Movie!* Connect with him by sending postal mail to 3839 Los Feliz Blvd., #307, Los Angeles, CA 90027; or by sending email to [swright855@aol.com](mailto:swright855@aol.com).

**Andrew Kehr '09** successfully defended his doctoral dissertation and received a doctorate in the biological sciences from Carnegie Mellon University. He is currently working as a postdoctoral fellow at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Send congratulations to him at 5515 Mckinley St., Bethesda, MD 20817; [andrew.d.kehr@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.d.kehr@gmail.com).



1959 Pledge Class, *The Bakers Dozen*.

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