

TIGER FIJI

More Good News ... Renovation of the Chapter House Is On!

BUILDING AS MUCH AS WE CAN, AS FAST AS WE CAN

Through the extra efforts of members of the Class of 1966 and many other brothers, Lambda is now preparing to renovate and expand its 50+ year-old house.

This summer – and if possible, sooner – work will begin on the 2nd and 3rd floors, removing the existing walls and electrical wiring, and reconfiguring the space on both floors. New study lounges will be installed in the center of the original front wing of the house on both floors (see picture), and 4-man suites will be created in the newer wing that offer an enhanced study environment as well. Detailed planning with the undergraduate chapter members will kick off at the first of the New Year.

The Class of '66 is well on its way to funding the west wing addition as its class gift. This wing will provide a new library as well expand the kitchen and dining room. Momentum is clearly rising, and as soon as

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funding for the south addition off the dining room becomes available, this expansion and other enhancements will begin.

NEW “NAMING OPPORTUNITIES” FOR CLASS GIFTS

Additional opportunities have been designated to honor donating classes or to remember our brothers who have passed ad astra. Brothers’ prior and future contributions may be counted toward funding these items:

- \$200,000 – South Study Lounge and Fireplace

- \$75,000 – Expanded First Floor Foyer and Trophy Case
- \$75,000 – Remove Pine Street alley
- \$50,000 – Upstairs Study Lounges (each)
- \$40,000 – New Patio and Walkways
- \$30,000 – Landscaping

Now that construction is being scheduled, progress reports will become more frequent. We encourage the graduate brothers to begin planning to come see the newly renovated chapter house – and to help us with additional contributions to complete the rest of the enhancements in three years. IT’S A CHALLENGE FOR YOU – PLEASE HELP LAMBDA TO ACHIEVE IT. If you have pledged, please accelerate your contribution. If you haven’t, please make your contribution now, with a check to Lambda Corporation P.O. Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851 0876. Gifts to Lambda Corporation are not tax deductible.

Doug Mitchell, Campaign Chair



Rendering of the new second- and third-floor study lounges.



Meet Our New Chapter President



My name is Samuel Eads and I am the new president of the Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. I write this letter with great enthusiasm and optimism for the future. Before I continue, I would like to provide some brief information about myself.

I was born and raised in Bloomington, Indiana. I am currently a junior majoring in psychology. I did not expect to join a fraternity when I arrived at DePauw. I held the belief that fraternities were accurately reflected in cinema and television. I was surprised to discover that the Lambda Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta offered me more than a location to sleep for the next three years. I found life-long friends, connections, and a sense of belonging.

I know that the Lambda Chapter is capable of accomplishing extraordinary things. I hope to reciprocate the trust and faith that has been placed in me by fulfilling my duties to the best of my ability. One of my goals for this upcoming semester is to improve our presence and involvement on campus and beyond. We have an opportunity and obligation to give back to our community. In addition, I would like to improve our relationships with organizations on campus. I have absolute faith in this chapter, and am eager to see what the future holds.

Samuel Eads '18



Rush Update



This house is an organization in flux. As a senior, I look at the leadership in place now, and think back to those who were in cabinet my pledging semester and see leaps and bounds of progress. That progressive leadership has trickled down to just about every committee, but none more than recruitment.

Misconceptions about the way we attract new brothers into our order has been reimagined, becoming an innovative and streamlined process while also maintaining our rich Lambda tradition. I have been lucky enough to

be the recruitment chairman for the past two years, I have been able to observe the results over time, and they are encouraging. The members we selected last year have challenged the rest of the house to achieve new heights. The goals we have would have been regarded as beyond lofty two years ago, and to me that is the truest marker of progress. The new class is full of leaders; they are on cabinet, running committees, and studying the ritual. And as the class of 2017 passes on the baton to this fully capable Lambda Chapter, I expect FIJI to be a force to be reckoned with for years to come during DePauw's recruitment.

Kenneth Yager '17

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The new undergraduate officer cabinet

Joining FIJI



When I was honored with the duty of compiling the articles written for the *Tiger FIJI* by the chapter's active members, I asked David Gordon '15 to write a brief article reflecting on his four (4!) whole years in the house. Today, I'll attempt a similar feat—although I cannot promise to match Dave's eloquence.

I dove into Phi Gamma Delta not knowing what to expect. I had been to the house a grand total of five times prior to bid night, and I had no idea what being in a fraternity would be like. The members at the time assured me that it was not anything like the pop-culture, *Animal-House*, stereotypes (an assurance that was later borne out—thank God). The culture at DePauw simply told me that joining a house

was “the thing to do.” That it was something expected and ordinary.

At Phi Gamma Delta, this is quantitatively and qualitatively wrong. This has been an extraordinary time for me, filled with extraordinary people. This is not a place where college students are tasked simply with “having a good time,” nor is it a place where complacency and mediocrity are rewarded. Brothers encourage and support one another, pushing everyone to be as involved as they can be, to always learn, and to always obey their conscience.

It is not always a perfect experience, and every one has stumbles—that's simply part parcel of being in a values-oriented community. I can hardly do it justice in 300 words, so I will end with this: Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone, and it's influence will persist, in my life and that of all my brothers.

Alexander Ruger '17

In Memory of Brian Loncar '83



(excerpts from his obituary)

Brian Loncar was truly larger than life. He leaves behind a legacy of generosity, love, forgiveness, loyalty, acceptance, adventure, success, mentorship, ingenuity, charity and fun.

As a child in Iowa, Brian was an avid camper with the Boy Scouts. At their 1976 National Conference, Brian won a 30-foot axe-throwing contest by hitting the target three times in a row. When he called home to tell of [it], his parents told him that they had no idea he knew how to throw an axe. To that he replied, “I don't; it was my first time!”

During his undergrad years at DePauw University, Brian bought and converted a soda vending machine into a beer vending machine. He raised the prices and watched the profits roll in. While in law school, Brian started and ran a successful coffee business, and afterwards a professional painting and roofing company. Brian took big risks. He knew what it took to be successful and always knew that if he stumbled, he could dust himself off and

do it again.

Brian was always extremely bright. He scored top points for the SAT, LSAT, and Bar Exam. In law school at Texas Tech, he won the International Client Counseling Competition, beating out competitors from all the top Ivy League schools.

Brian started his law firm Loncar & Associates in 1988 with little more than a card table and a phone. He took his entire savings of \$10,000 and placed it all in advertising for the new firm. Brian had only worked at one law firm for 10 months prior to starting his own firm. Today, his business has grown to 11 cities, roughly 200 employees and almost 20 attorneys representing nearly 10,000 clients a year. Brian was a marketing genius and a true pioneer nationally in personal injury marketing. He did away with the traditional boring attorney ads and spiced them up with action packed TV spots. Brian sought to make people remember him with his commercials, and he did. The “Strong Arm” is known by all! And will be missed by so many.

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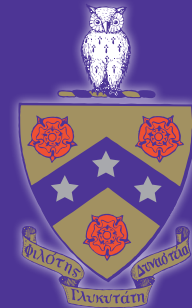
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GRADUATE BROTHER NEWS

Brother **David Williams '67** and **Craig Stokely '67** had fun eating Tucson Tamales together and catching up on the past 48 years. Craig really appreciates his service on the boards of Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill Kentucky and American Brain Tumor Association, as well as racquetball twice a week.

Harry Dunwoody '68 retired from banking in 2008 as SVP at Lafayette Savings Bank. His wife, Penny, retired in 1998 from teaching high-school English. They have three children—Chad (44), Todd (41), and Beth (38)—and 10 grandchildren, ages 19 down to 2. Harry enjoys visiting Hilton Head, Myrtle Beach, Branson, and Gatlinburg. They attend many sporting events, including girl's softball, soccer, gymnastics, and track; and boy's lacrosse, high-school baseball and basketball. and piano. Reconnect with Harry by writing to 3449 Woodfield St., West Lafayette, IN 47906; or by sending email to aussie9@comcast.net.

This note was submitted by Joe Vosicky: "Brother **John Doan '71** served on the University Reunion Committee for his 45th this past June. Eleven out of 15 FIJIs returned and they had the best record of returning alumni campus-wide! 22 percent of all 1971 graduates present were FIJIs. It was great to see and hear all of

us sitting at a round table, calling those who could not attend. Congrats to John and all of the pledge brothers for their commitment to FIJI, DePauw, and each other." Write to John at 345 Elm Park, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

"Just returned back to campus for Alumni Weekend celebrating my fiancée's (Carol Pontius ['86]) 30th reunion," writes **Stuart Steele '83**. "If anyone hasn't been back lately, you'd be amazed! I'm excited for the new president Dr. Mark McCoy to continue the changes at DePauw and in the community. Carol and I stopped by the house to see the renovation plans. Sounds like we have a great group of undergraduates. I'm excited as well to see them carry on the Lambda tradition." Get in touch with Stuart via email at ssteel05@hotmail.com.

Matthew Welch '11 reports, "My wife, Christine, and I recently moved to New York City after two years in Chicago. In August, I started a new job as an account supervisor at Carrot Creative, a digital advertising agency owned by VICE. Also, in 2015, I finished my master's degree in communications from Northwestern University. If any Lambda FIJIs come to New York, I'd love to see you—1504 8th Ave., Apt. 4L, Brooklyn, NY 11215; mattwelch4@gmail.com."



AD ASTRA

Stuart A. Snell '53
January 24, 2016

Thomas J. Hannah '56
April 1, 2016

Charles R. Clark '59
January 6, 2016

Paul S. Hammer '64
February 2, 2016

Bob Kleinops '70
January 23, 2017

Brian U. Loncar '83
December 4, 2016



Enjoyed reconnecting with my FIJI son Bob Kleinops '70 in Arizona, and especially paying Bob back with the paddle he made for me in 1967, which I have carried around the country ever since then with all my moves.



Brother Wayne Nelson '67 visited me in Illinois this summer for Back to the Future night at the Kane County Cougars baseball stadium where Wayne also threw out the first pitch.

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