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**Homecoming 2005**  
**October 15**  
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**Pig Dinner 2006**  
**February 25**

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Fiji Son **Lars Hollis '08** and Fiji Sire **Richard Hollis, DePauw '75**

## Pig Dinner

### Pig, Presentations and Persistence at 640 Russell Street

In February, Lambda Iota celebrated the annual Norris Pig Dinner at 640 Russell Street. The festivities began with the Class of 2008 jubilantly bringing in the pig. Brother **George J. Spradling '51**, was bestowed the honor of kissing the snout of the pig, while Matthew A. Ball, class of 2008, kissed the pig's tail.

**John A. "Sky" Roden '83** was presented with the Silver Owl Award, which honors his 25 years of membership with Phi Gamma Delta. This award was bittersweet for Brother Roden, as he was proud and honored to receive this distinction; however, Sky was disappointed that none of his pledge brothers were able to make the trip back to Lambda Iota to share in the celebration of this landmark. Gold and Silver Owl awards are being mailed to those who are eligible by Pig Dinner Chairman, Mark Spencer.

Finally, the climax of the evening came with our keynote speaker, Archon Councilor **David Schreck, Kansas State 1969**. Brother Schreck is a Director of Operations for Starbucks Coffee Company. In addition to his successful career, Brother Schreck continues to selflessly serve Phi Gamma Delta. Dave has been serving Gamma Tau at Georgia Tech as Purple Legionnaire since 2003 and is currently serving as an Archon Councilor.

In his speech, Brother Schreck compared the values of his company to the values of Phi Gamma Delta. He showed us that our fraternity's values, like Phi Gamma Delta itself, are not for college days alone. Specifically, he talked about persistence. Without persistence, he would not be where he is today. He encouraged each of us to always be persistent in all that we

do, especially in the pursuit of our goals. Needless to say, Brother Schreck's visit and speech was thoroughly enjoyed by and inspiring to every brother attending.

As always, this Pig Dinner was a very enjoyable experience for all who attended. The undergraduate brothers were thrilled to have the opportunity to get to know some of the graduate brothers and to exchange fond memories of their experiences at Lambda Iota. We, at Lambda Iota, are already looking forward to next year's Pig Dinner, which will be held February 25, 2006. We would love to see more graduate brothers come back to 640 Russell Street!" ■



Fiji Son **Matt Ball '08** and Fiji Sire **Richard Ball, Indiana University '75**



**George Spradling '51** has the honor of kissing the pig



Pig Dinner Chairman **Mark Spencer '07** presents the Silver Owl Award to **John Roden '83**



Guest speaker, Archon Councilor **Dave Schreck, Kansas State '69**

## Fiji Sires and Sons

The following brothers were presented Fiji Sire and Sons certificates:

Fiji Sire **William Ball, Missouri '48**, Fiji Son/Sire **Richard Ball, Indiana University '73** and Fiji Son **Matt Ball '08**.

Fiji Sire **Robert H. Hollis, Pennsylvania '48**, Fiji Son/Sire **Robert B. Hollis, DePauw '73** and Fiji Son **Lars Hollis '08**.

Fiji Sire **Mike Morrissey '76** and Fiji Son **Jordan Morrissey '08**.

Fiji Sire **James Pratt '73** and Fiji Son **Ryan Pratt '08**.

Fiji Sire **Dr. Stanton Schultz '73** and Fiji Son **Will Schultz '08**.

The Sires and Sons program was established at the White House on May 1, 1925 by six Brothers, including then-President of the United States **Calvin Coolidge (Amherst 1895)**.

## Give Away That Rocking Chair!

Jane and **Larry Lane Sr. '50** have recently moved into University Place in West Lafayette. One of their friends remarked to Larry that he guessed the old rocking chair would get him now. "I told him that rocking chairs weren't in the plan. How ridiculous when there is so much in today's world to explore and be excited about!" was Lane's reply. He has always loved Purdue, and it is the perfect place to retire

for a man with a lifelong fascination with the latest developments in agriculture, engineering, and the environment—to name a few. There are three Larry Lanes: in addition to Larry Sr., there is his son, Larry Lane Jr. (also a Purdue grad and Fiji brother), and his grandson, Larry Lane III, just 13 but looking forward to his days as a Boilermaker, too. The Lanes also have two other sons and a daughter.

Lane's was not a typical university experience. Like many guys of his generation, he came to Purdue after the Army where he had served for four and a half years in the Field Artillery and Tank Corps. "I actually enlisted out of high school. The rule in 1941 was that you had to be drafted, but I wasn't going to wait for that. I had already been through a lot of training and preparation in the cadet corps of ROTC at our high school. My colonel appreciated what I could do and managed to get me in," remembers Lane. He was a strapping six-foot-two and already a leader. He was excited about going overseas and seeing more action until his brother was killed. "My brother, Harold, was a radio gunner on a B-24 bomber. When the Germans brought out their new fighter planes in 1944, we lost a lot of our planes. When they were hit, he bailed

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asked how he proposed, he said, "I guess I was actually proposing from the first day I met her!" After they both left the service in 1948, they were married that July. "We went to school on the G. I. Bill. At Purdue, we lived in an Army barracks out near the airport that had been converted for families. Our first son was born in 1950. We had some great times there with the other student families."

His wasn't a typical fraternity experience either. "Bill Heath got me interested in the fraternity. We had become friends while in the artillery. When we had the initiation celebrations, my wife and baby were invited, too. So many were coming back from the war. They were eager to get on with their lives. I think some of the guys really envied me already having a wife and son." Lane eventually became the president of the student union which meant that he also managed the union building at the time. "We were really a very successful student union. I was able to get permission for my entire student board to go to the national conventions two years in a row. We learned so much and were able to do a lot of new things as a result."

When he finished at Purdue with a science degree, he took a job

out, but his parachute didn't open. We have been to see where he is buried in France with so many others."

It was the Army's policy not to send the remaining sibling overseas. "I ended up guarding Fort Knox, not what I expected, but an interesting assignment at the time." He also began dating Jane, a girl from home who was serving in the Navy. When

with Proctor and Gamble. "It was a terrific company, but I just didn't feel I could advance quickly enough there. After two years, I took a new job with National Can Corporation." And so began a career that would first involve sales, quite a lot of public speaking, and eventually a focus on water treatment that would lead to a fascination with water that still holds him today. "Water is this country's most valuable asset. There is growing concern in many parts of the country today about how that asset is being managed—or perhaps not being managed at all."

As the owner of a small farm, Lane's concern about water resources is also natural. Today he is very active in trying to find ways for the small farmers to stay in business and make a profit. "Our son, Timothy (also Fiji Purdue), put himself through dental school with money he earned raising strawberries on our farm." Today they are raising raspberries—an even more profitable crop. "We are working on ways to improve productivity and how quickly we can get such a perishable crop to market. I remember the days of the Depression when corn sold for ten cents a bushel and you got about ten bushels to an acre. It was actually better to burn it for fuel at those prices. You could get sandy land for ten dollars an acre. Nobody knew how to make it productive then. Today some of our farmers in Iowa have actually gotten 700 bushels an acre. Amazing things are happening in our university agricultural labs as new techniques are developed." Lane is looking forward to the tours of the Purdue experimental farms this September. He is definitely not looking for any rocking chairs!

**Brothers may contact Larry by telephone at 765-463-6758 or at his home address: 1700 Lindbergh Road #2214, West Lafayette, IN 47906. ■**

## Chapter Receives 3.033 GPA, Ranks Fourth on Campus!

Scholarship is always a top priority at Lambda Iota. From pledgeship to graduation, our brothers work diligently at their studies while the chapter provides them all the possible opportunities to excel. And such hard work pays off. Last semester Lambda Iota conquered a goal that evaded us for so long – we finally eclipsed 3.0! With a **cumulative GPA of 3.033**, Lambda Iota ranked fourth out of all 41 fraternities on campus. This also marked the thirteenth consecutive semester that Lambda Iota placed in the top ten on campus in academics. We are very proud of our tradition of academic excellence, and we are very confident that our upward march will soon lead us to the number one ranking in academics at Purdue University! ■

## Graduate

# Reunion

By **Bill Currise '49**

## Fiji Friendships Last a Lifetime

Hello Brothers in the Bond,

I really enjoyed the interview with **Joe Rudolph '48** in the summer 2004 *Boilermaker Fiji*, particularly his reference to the group of Fijis and Kappas who have been getting together ever since we left Purdue some 55-60 years ago. My wife, Jetta Anne Thorn Currise (Purdue KKG) and I have had the privilege of being considered a "member of the group." We can attest to the old saying, "Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone!"

If I may add a little to Joe's reference to the group, we held our 37<sup>th</sup> annual reunion last summer at the High Hamptons, NC. We have lost a few of the Good Brothers, but the rest of us are still hanging in there. We can't party quite as long as we used to, but we make up in quality for what we lack in quantity!

This group started many years ago, primarily at Betty and **Bill Heath's '48** home in West Lafayette on homecoming weekends. From there, we continued meeting in the home areas of the "bunch." As we retired and moved all across the country, we started to meet in those areas. We have had reunions in the following places: Moberly, Missouri; 500 Race Weekend in Indy; Chagrin Falls, Ohio; Lake Monroe, Indiana; Alton, Illinois; French Lick, Indiana; Charlottesville, Virginia. That's enough to give you the picture.

A few of us (15-20) get together one day for lunch every February in the

Ft. Myers, Sarasota, Naples area. If any of the Brothers would like to join us for this annual luncheon, you can email either **JR Stallings '48** at [jrstallings@pisupply.com](mailto:jrstallings@pisupply.com) or **Bill Currise '49** at [wcurrise@earthlink.net](mailto:wcurrise@earthlink.net). Please send your address, email address, and phone number, and we will put you on the mailing list.

Proud to be a Fiji. Perge!!!

*Bill '49 and Jetta Currise, Hugh '49 and B. Lou Woolverow Jr., Jerry '48 and Betty Mason, Lou '49 and Barb Berner; Roy '48 and Jean Schwettman, Barb Lobdell (widow of Steve Lobdell '48), Bob '48 and Anne Stoner, DK '48 and Jane Smith, Joe '48 and Gail Rudolph, JR '48 and Lettie Lee Stallings, John Dittrich '48, Skip '49 and Alex Lange, Chris Condes (KKG)*



## 2005 Football Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location
<b>Sat</b>	<b>09/10/2005</b>	<b>Akron</b>	<b>West Lafayette, Ind.</b> (Band Day/Family Day)
Sat	09/17/2005	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.
Sat	09/24/2005	Minnesota	Minneapolis, Minn.
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10/01/2005</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>West Lafayette, Ind.</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10/08/2005</b>	<b>Iowa</b>	<b>West Lafayette, Ind.</b> (Varsity P Club Weekend)
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10/15/2005</b>	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>West Lafayette, Ind.</b> (Homecoming)
Sat	10/22/2005	Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.
Sat	10/29/2005	Penn State	University Park, Pa.
<b>Sat</b>	<b>11/05/2005</b>	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>West Lafayette, Ind.</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>11/12/2005</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>West Lafayette, Ind.</b>
Sat	11/19/2005	Indiana	Bloomington, Ind.

## Chapter Eternal

Since publication of our last newsletter, we have learned of the deaths of

**John F. Bullock '35** (1/25/04)

**Robert H. Lucas '37** (3/27/04)

**William H. Smythe Jr. '37**

**Frederick O. Douglas '42** (3/16/04)

**Carl M. Thomas '48** (7/12/04)

**Richard J. Sorenson '49** (9/27/03)

**David V. Anderson '58** (5/14/03)

**Michael T. McFarren '73** (6/29/04)

Phi Gamma Delta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends. ■

# Alumni UpDates

## Richard Brown '47 wins NAHB Award

### Richard J. Brown '47

CEO of Cambridge Homes in Libertyville, IL, was named the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Senior Housing Council's 2004 Icon of the Industry award winner in the active-adult builder/developer category. The award was presented April 16, 2004 in Chicago during the national conference "Building for Boomers and Beyond: Seniors Housing Symposium 2004. He was recognized for his leadership in developing communities targeted specifically to the growing 50-plus seniors housing market.

### Richard L. Stafford '51

(45 Mackenzie Rd, Morristown, NJ 07960; winrlswin@aol.com) My best to all the Brothers. I look forward to getting together with my pledge Brothers **Ace Grace '51** and **Chuck Horner '51** each year. I still work at helping small businesses.

### Frederick P. Salzman '53

(9810 Haviland Ct., Fairfax, VA 22032-1102; gracephils@aol.com) We recently became great grandparents. Our son, **David's '76** daughter, Jessica, gave birth to Lacey Brook in April 2004. No potential Fijis, but we're working on it.

### H. Parker Wayland '59

(7341 Lancelot Ln., Knoxville, TN 37931-1857; waylandp@comcast.net) I retired in June 2004 after 38 years at Oak Ridge, Tenn. Department of Energy plants. My retirement activities will include church missions such as the trip I just completed to Tanzania.

### William G. Hanley '60

(4402 S. 163rd St., Omaha, NE 68135-1363; williamghanley@aol.com) Joy and **Tom Spurgeon '60** visited us in Omaha, NE to play golf in our member guest invitational. We finished second and had a wonderful visit.

### Thomas G. Gotschall '61

(5077 Glencove, Portage, MI 49024-5500; TomG39@aol.com) Every five years, since '81, our class has met at various resorts to renew old friendships. Last year we met after only three years due to Father Time's continuing

influence on our affairs. We got together Oct. 15-17, 2004 at Hilton Head Island for some outdoor activities and conversation in our Hospitality Room. We plan to meet once again in '07.

### J. Cameron Willis '75

(759 Whitehall Place, Carmel, IN 46033; 317-580-0477; camwillis@boiseoffice.com) After 13 years back in our hometown of Louisville, KY, the Willis family has made a move. We have recently relocated to Carmel, IN. I have worked with Boise Cascade Office Products since 1981. In 2004 Boise acquired the retailer, OfficeMax, and has now taken the OfficeMax name. I am responsible for two distribution centers, one in Indianapolis and one in Louisville, but needed to work out of Indianapolis. Hope to see many of you at upcoming Boiler football/basketball games.

### Dean M. Samuels '86

(One Dauch Drive, Detroit, MI 48211; dmsamuels23@aol.com) Well as in the past, Linda and I have moved again. We spent the last two years of our lives in the vacation capital of the world, Buffalo, NY. Now we are living in central Mexico. I have been appointed the Plant Manager of our Guanajuato Gear and Axle plant in Silao, Guanajuato Mexico. I have been here since July, 2004. Linda and I are living in Irapuato, Mexico. We have plenty of room for any visitors, so if you are in central Mexico for any reason, give me a call. By the way, Irapuato is about four hours northwest of Mexico City.

### Peter W. Kingma '89

(842 W. Diversey Parkway, Apt. 2W, Chicago, IL 60614; petekingma@aol.com) Still traveling too much and am active in the Republican Party -no surprise there I guess! I'm look forward to another football season at Ross-Ade.

### Andrew W. Lever '94

(4203 Pleasant Drive, Rogers, AR 72758; dlever@sbcglobal.net) I married Julia in 1998 and earned my MBA from Vanderbilt in 2001. Twin girls, Hannah and Erika, were born in 2001. I've been with Kimberly-Clark since 2001 in marketing. Currently I am the Marketing Manager for Kleenex and Scott brand products to Wal-Mart. We live in Rogers, Arkansas. ■

## Lost list

### Help us find our lost brothers!

We have lost track of the following Fijis. If you know of their whereabouts, please send in their current addresses on the enclosed form. Help us find a lost friend!

Alfred T. Frey	1927
Robert C. Winsted	1930
R. Keith Young	1931
Herbert C. Bauers	1932
John S. Fralich	1932
Paul C. Emmons	1934
Lewis A. Hall	1934
Richard L. Dirham	1942
D. Edward Travis	1942
Ned J. Burroughs	1948
James M. Mack	1953
A. Mehegan	1957
Robert H. Black	1961
James L. Landes	1969
Jon W. Langerak	1973
Leon R. Schweir	1974
Douglas K. Eller	1980
Patrick L. McGarth	1983
Jasen W. Gaslin	1983
Craig A. Garceau	2001
Prescott Carr	2002
Justin Jancaric	2002
Damien G. Hirsch	2003
Robert G. Kelley	
Philip R. Mitchell	

## Keep in Touch

### Send Us Your Email Address!

In this day and age of computers, the Internet, palm pilots and text messaging, it is easier than ever for friends to stay in touch. Help us stay connected with you by providing your email address on the enclosed form, or by updating your record online at **www.purduefiji.org**. By ensuring we have your email address, you are helping us to keep you informed of the latest Phi Gamma Delta news and events!

Your email address will be used ONLY for Fiji purposes, and will not be traded or sold. **Update your email address today!** ■