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Pig Dinner 2007

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Revamped Site Offers New Look, Added Features

For many of our graduate brothers, making frequent trips back to Purdue is not always possible. That's why we urge you to use our newly improved website at www.purduefiji.org.

The website serves as a place for brothers to come together and share memories, photos, and updates about themselves! The site also provides chapter news, event details, and so much more.

Some of the new features include blogging, an organized photo album, and an event calendar.

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LAMBDA IOTA ♦ THE FRATERNITY OF PHI GAMMA DELTA ♦ PURDUE UNIVERSITY ♦ WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

PIG DINNER

Norris Pig Dinner of 2006 Featured Unveiling of Condon Cup for Most Improved Chapter

First Time in Recent Memory Lambda Iota Receives National Award

The Norris Pig Dinner of 2006 was a grand success. **J. Timothy McGinley '62**, Chairman of the Purdue Board of Trustees, was the keynote speaker. Brother McGinley gave an excellent motivational speech and shared stories of his Fraternity memories. He discussed the past success and future plans of Purdue University and the Greek system. Interestingly, Brother McGinley revealed that of the last 37 years Purdue's Board of Trustees have been operating, a Phi Gamma Delta has been on the board for 36 of them.

The reception was delightful. Our house cook, Jo Ann, provided the catering and beverages were served. There were information tablets around the vestibule displaying our chapter's success over the past couple of



Tom Lernihan '09 shakes hands with **Joe Rudolph '48**. Tom was the brother who kissed the rear of the pig, while Joe kissed the front, thereby officially beginning the dinner.

semesters, and listing the gold and silver owl recipients.

Our own **Ben Deschner '09** filled the air with harmonies from the piano. The dinner commenced with the kissing of the pig: the rear by **Tom Lernihan '09** and the front by **Joe Rudolph '48**. The dinner ended with the unveiling of our new trophy, The Condon

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The new trophy, The Condon Cup, was awarded to Purdue's Lambda Iota chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. It is awarded to the most improved chapter.

CHAPTER SNAPSHOT

Phi Gamma Delta Basketball Team (left to right): **Eric Gardstrom '06, Dave Sitkowski '06, Scott McKinney '06, David Greco '08, Jack Lernihan '08, Tom Sitkowski '08, Eric Troyer '07** A team won against Farmhouse 33-31 during the intramural championship held in Mackey Arena. This makes the second time in three years they have won the 5-on-5 championship. B team came in third place.



GRADUATE Q+A

Herm Brown '49, WWII Veteran and Proud Fiji, Shares His Memories and the Affect of Our Fraternity on His Life

Q. What is your hometown? When did you graduate from Purdue?

A. My hometown is Alexandria, Indiana. I was really in the class of 1950, but I went straight through in 3 years, hence I graduated in February 1949.

Q. When did you join Phi Gamma Delta?

A. I pledged Fiji in 1946. Since I served in the Air Force during WWII for six years, I was a 25-year-old pledge.

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Q. Why did you join the fraternity?

A. I was living in Cary Hall and roomed with **Gene Stallings '50** whose brother, **Bob Stallings '48**, was house president. I met Bob and later was asked to pledge. At that time I didn't know much about fraternity life, but I was impressed with the house and the members and accepted the invitation. I didn't realize at the time that at 80 years old I would still be sharing a cocktail with a fraternity brother. My grandson thinks that is amazing. Of course, he is only 25.

Q. Did you live in the fraternity house? Who were your roommates?

A. I lived in the fraternity house all three years. Two roommates I remember in particular were **Bob Gerard '49** and **Mike Mikelson '49**.

Q. Do you stay in touch with anyone from your fraternity days?

A. I have stayed in contact through the years with Mike Mikelson, **Larry Lane '50** and **Bill Barnes '49**. There were a bunch of Fijis that got together twice a year at Turkey Run. Some of those were **Mitch Vogel '51**, **Phil Puterbaugh '50**, **Ray Hershman '50**, **Dick Sorenson '49**, **Dick Grace '51** and Larry Lane.

Q. What is your favorite memory of fraternity life?

A. The best memory is the brotherhood that existed. It was, and is, very special. For

years, we had what we called “The Purdue Forever Club.” The members were not all Fijis but many of them were. There were probably 20 of us. Larry and Jane Lane were in this group. We sat together at the Purdue football games for many, many years. We sat through Purdue's winning years and non-winning years, through rain and yes, even snow, and cheered our team. After these games we would go to “The Oak” on Main Street in downtown Lafayette for dinner. Those are good times to remember.

The Turkey Run outings were another example of brotherhood. We not only gathered at Turkey Run State Park, but also occasionally at our homes. The last time we were together was a few years ago at our home in Alexandria. We shared this hosting with Bill and Judy Barnes, at our home on Saturday and the Barnes' home in Muncie on Sunday. Bill had a Model A coupe with a rumble seat and Bill took us for rides in it. It was a great weekend.

Q. What kind of influence did Fiji have on your life?

A. I learned how to get along with people. Living in a fraternity house with a bunch of guys, you have to get along or you will have a very unhappy experience. I'm sure it helped in my career in sales. I had to have a camaraderie with my clients to be as successful as I was. I'm sure fraternity life and living in a family with seven kids helped me in that area. It was a good experience.

Q. Tell us about your career.

A. During World War II I was a pilot and flew planes to Alaska, Africa, India and Europe on Fireball Airlines. I flew the 12th Airborne into Japan as the war ended. I have memories of my WWII flying experiences such as turning a plane around on a trip to Hawaii when we were using more fuel than normal. Our choices were going back to San Francisco or ditching into the Pacific. I caught a little heck for that when I got back to base, but I really wasn't interested in trying to swim the Pacific! Another time, I had engine trouble and made an emergency landing in Alaska. I stayed in the Reserves for 20 years and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

I graduated from Purdue in 1949 with a degree in mechanical engineering, and immediately after graduation I bought an insurance agency in my hometown. There went all of my engineering know-how! I gradually enlarged the insurance company and soon added real estate to the business. I had four offices in Alexandria, Anderson,

Middletown and Muncie, Indiana. I was the number one real estate company in Madison County for eight years. After 40 years, my son took over the insurance company and I sold the real estate company.



Q. Tell us about your family. Married? Children?

A. I married a town girl, Roselynn Burkhardt, and May 19 we will celebrate our 55th anniversary. We have two children and three grandsons. Our son, Lon, is a Purdue graduate, as is his wife Margie. The Fijis let a good one get away as Lon is an Acacia and was very involved in their sports program. His wife is a Kappa. Lon has turned our insurance company into the 25th largest in the state of Indiana. Our daughter, Connie Niessink, is also a Purdue graduate, as is her husband Tom. Connie is Gamma Phi Beta and was a Purdue cheerleader and was squad captain her senior year. Tom is an Acacia, too, like my son. Fijis missed a good one there too, but I guess they can't expect to get all the good guys. Connie owns and manages the Niessink Commercial Real Estate Company in Indianapolis.

Q. Tell us about some of your civic activities.

A. A very special award I received was the Purdue Alumni Citizenship Award in 1990. I am proud of that one. Also I was a member of Senator Richard Lugar's Air Force Academy Merit Selection Committee for 20 years. Some other activities include:

- Member of Anderson's St. John's Medical Center Development Board
- President and Board Member of the Madison County Association of Retarded Persons
- Chairman for the Alexandria United Way Campaign and Red Cross Fund Drive
- President of the Alexandria Kiwanis Club
- Held auctions to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association campaign
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Madison County Purdue Club
- Many positions in the Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

GRADUATE UPDATES

30s

William J. Burich '36

(1912 Marsh Rd., Apt. 236, Wilmington, DE 19810-3961; bi529@aol.com) I just hit my 90th birthday and still going strong.

40s

Robert B. Wiltshire '38

(41 Revere Dr., Colonial Heights, Ridgefield, CT 06877; rbwilt@sbcglobal.net) At 91 years of age, two of my favorite memories are The Purdue Glider Club (I still have the coverall we wore) and taking pictures of Amelia Earhart when she was there. We still have the pictures.

Charles C. Reeves '41

(2751 Regency Oaks Blvd., S-202, Clearwater, FL 33759-1548; charee@aol.com) I am now legally blind but otherwise pretty healthy for an old codger, living in a delightful retirement home (widower).

Lewis H. Hollmeyer '48

(715 Coy Ln., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-2679; lewholl@aol.com) Keep up the good academics.

Lowell Mason Jr. '48

(4141 Lake Terrace Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008-2511; lbmason@aol.com) I graduated from Purdue BSME '48 and still get together with Fijis every year. See your recent *Boilermaker Fiji*. We still have a great time.

Henry C. Ryder '48

(3339 Bay Point Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46240; hryder@btlaw.com) Congratulations on both quality and quantity of communications with alumnus. After 57 years since graduation, I still keep tabs on Purdue with service on several fronts. The Beta Graduate chapter in Indy has been a good way to keep in touch.

Louis R. Berner '49

(216 Brookings Ln., Peachtree City, GA 30269-1853; www.barbalouptc@yahoo.com) My favorite memory was the post-WW II brotherhood of freshman from high school through returning veterans from around the world. Wow! What a house. Best on campus and the winners of the Cheney Cup.

50s

Mitchell Vogel '51

(P.O. Box 245, Onekama, MI 49675-0245; mavogel@jackpine.net) Thanks for the very nice articles about **Larry Lane '50**, **Bill**

Currise '49, **Joe Rudolph**, **Bill Heath '48**, and **J.R. Stebbins**, all with whom I shared 640 Russell Street! Enjoying retirement in beautiful northern Michigan. Barb and **Ken Milne '49** sail in for a brief visit when wind conditions permit.

Harry D. Ballard '53

(60 Lockport Ct., Moneta, VA 24121; hjniles@iglide.net) On May 30, I completed a wilderness camping-rafting trip with my son **Brian '89** (Phi Gamma Delta, MIT) down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon from Lee's Ferry to a point below the Lava Falls Rapids. Along the way, we stopped and hiked up side canyons. It was a great experience. I highly recommend it.

Richard C. Talbot '55

(3007 Deerpath Dr., Joliet, IL 60435-4908) Congratulations to everyone on the GPA—3.0+ and 13th semester of top 10.

Roger J. Jurgovan '57

(11501 Skipwith Ln., Potomac, MD 20854-1642; rjurgovan@verizon.net) I just returned from a tour of Ireland, Scotland and England. I journeyed with **Bill Blue '58**, and our Pi Phi brides Mary Ann (Anderson) Jurgovan and Judy (Cobb) Blue, both class of '59.

James C. Redinger '59

(4034 Memorial Shoreway, Marblehead, OH 43440; jdinger23@aol.com) I had a great time at last year's reunion (45th) and renewing old friendships. I was surprised how everyone else has aged but I stayed young.

60s

David S. Brandt '60

(9631 Oakhaven Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46256-2199; davepatbrandt@comcast.net) I'm moving to Vero Beach, Fla. in July 2006.

Gerald B. Bay '62

(27 Newport St., Jamestown, RI 02835-2922; me@channelbells.com) I've recently been elected as rear commodore of the Conanicut Yacht Club and I continue on as archon treasurer.

William F. Brock '63

(758 Valley Rd., New Canaan, CT 06840-2809; wfbrock@aol.com) I finally visited Fiji Headquarters in Lexington, KY for a meeting of the Fiji Financial Advisory Board. They have an impressive museum and very friendly staff. As the quote goes, "Not for college days alone."

Jerome Bean Jr. '64

(9949 Ford Valley Ln., Zionsville, IN 46077-8347; jerry_bean@whitesell.com) The class of 1964 has had a reunion in Lafayette every five years. A few of us have met at Bowl games.

Seven of us went on a Mexican Riviera cruise a couple of years ago with our wives/partners.

70s

Mark Starr '76

(2879 W. 400 N., Connersville, IN 47331-9654) Our son Daryl and his wife Allison are expecting in November. Our daughter Christi is recently married to Nate Holmes, and is beginning medical school this fall.

80s

Michael W. Langdon '83

(1 Recodo, Irvine, CA 92620; mlangen@flowserve.com) I've lived in California now longer than I lived in Indiana growing up. No, I don't miss the seasons but I do miss autumn and football weekends at the Fiji house. Great memories.

Robert W. Bartlett '85

(3608 Center St., Cincinnati, OH 45227-4409) The Purdue bowl game on New Year's Eve was a great opportunity to catch up with a bunch of fraternity brothers at **Pete Anderson's '85** house. No matter how long it's been since seeing a fraternity brother, it's always so easy to re-establish that special connection we all share.

90s

Michael L. Garrett '93

(6558 bainbridge way, zionsville, IN 46077; inboilers@aol.com) Mike has opened two new real estate offices. His main office is in Zionsville, IN; and in June of 2005 Mike opened his second real estate office in the Tampa Bay/ St. Petersburg FL area. Mike has 19 realtors in his two offices and specialize in residential and commercial real estate. Mike and Jenny have 3 kids (Mike III - 7, Lucy 5, and Jeb 3) and live in Zionsville, IN. Mike is also building 68 gargen homes on the south side of Indianapolis. Look forward to another good football season.

Chad E. George '95

(3635 Bryan St., Dallas, TX 75204; chad_george@hotmail.com) I was recently engaged and will be getting married on October 18th. My future wife is a Financial Analyst. I'm still in the Navy and was recently promoted to Lieutenant Commander. I'm stateside for the time being, stationed in Dallas, Texas.

To view more updates or to post one of our own, please visit on the web
www.purduefiji.org

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Since the publication of our last issue, we have learned of the deaths of two Phi Gamma Delta graduate brothers. We mourn their passing and extend condolences to their family and friends.

Andrew J. Condon '63

(155 Marple Rd., Haverford, PA 19041-1027)

William R. Yeo '75

(124 W 73rd St., Indianapolis, IN 46260-4915) William Robert Yeo passed away at home in Indianapolis on Thursday, April 21, 2005 after an extended illness. He graduated from Purdue University in 1975, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Bill was a loyal and true friend to his Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers. He enjoyed a career in sales and marketing communications, which led to his brokerage and financial advisory career. Bill was a member of Meridian Street United Methodist Church, where he was active in church activities and on the finance committee. He was married to Laura Jean Sandberg in 1996 and they enjoyed a loving life together with common interests in skiing, bicycling, hiking and above all in the rehabbing of their present home. Bill is remembered for his great love for his family and the family farm in Shelbyville, where he initiated the beautiful reforestation of the property. Services were held Monday, April 25, and his ashes will be placed at Crown Hill Cemetery and scattered at the family farm in Shelbyville in private ceremonies.

PIG DINNER

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Cup. This is the first time in recent memory that Lambda Iota has received a nationally recognized award.

The Herbert G. Condon Sr. Cup is awarded to the undergraduate chapter that has shown the greatest improvement over the past academic year in the areas of scholarship, extracurricular activities, and fraternity relationships. Receiving this award is very impressive because we already have been operating at a high level in recent years.

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