

GRADUATE OFFICERS

The annual meetings of the House Corporation and Alpha Graduate Chapter were held prior to Pig Dinner on Saturday, February 23. Officers and board members elected for the coming year are as follows:

President
Carl Horner '78

Vice President
Jack Goris '76

Treasurer
Grant Fischer '05

Secretary
John Barbee '98

New board members elected to serve until 2016:

Jerry Bean '64
Reid Mellott '99
Steve Prifogle '99

Board members who will continue to serve until 2014:

John Barbee '98
Jim Dodson '83
Ross Kanzinger '06

Board members who will continue to serve until 2015:

Steve Dietrich '77
Andy Hosier '96
Rick Morrissey '76

Alpha Graduate Chapter

Officers elected for the upcoming year are as follows:

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John Sorensen
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Vice President
Jack Goris '76

Treasurer
Grant Fischer '05

Secretary
John Barbee '98

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GRADUATE NEWS

Graduates Reunite at Dedication of Purdue's New Baseball Stadium

Field Named in Memory of the Parents of Former Purdue Coach David Alexander '62

David Alexander '62 has a long-storied history in baseball and a family legacy at Purdue. He's joining the two together with the new John and Anna Margaret Ross Alexander Field, a \$10.3 million baseball stadium. Dave made a lead gift to make the building of the new stadium possible and has given the namesake in memory of his parents, both of whom also attended Purdue as students.

"Purdue and baseball obviously have been a big part of my life, and I am pleased to be able to honor my great parents this way," Dave Alexander said.

Dave's Purdue career accomplishments include being the school's winningest coach with 407 victories between 1978 and 1991, setting a school record of thirty-seven wins in 1986, and participating in the NCAA tournament for the first time in program history in 1987. He was inducted in the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in 1985.

After leaving coaching in 1991, Dave served two and a half years as the athletics department compliance officer before becoming a scout for the Seattle Mariners professional baseball team. He continues to live in Lafayette and scout for the Mariners.

Dozens of Phi Gam Graduate Brothers attended the dedication ceremony on April 20, 2013, before the Boilers' game against Nebraska, including Athletic Director **Morgan Burke '73**, who led the dedication services, and President of the Seattle Mariners



Dave Alexander holds the home plate of the new Alexander Field, dedicated on April 20, 2013.

Chuck Armstrong '64. Chuck even launched into "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at the end of the 7th inning.

In addition to his lifelong dedication to baseball, Dave has maintained a lifelong affiliation with Phi Gamma Delta, too. He has served as Purple Legionnaire and House Corporation president for Lambda Iota.

The new stadium is part of the \$121 million Mackey Complex/Northwest Site master plan that was approved in 2007. With Dave's gift, fundraising will surpass \$32 million, with the balance to be paid for with revenue received from Big Ten Conference television agreements and other department funds. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is self-supporting and receives no tax dollars or university funding. Alexander Field replaces the 1,100-seat Lambert Field, which has been home to Purdue baseball since 1965.



David Alexander during his time as Purdue's baseball coach.

HOUSE NEWS

What's in Store for the Future of Phi Gam?

Committee Formed, Firm Selected to Lead Next Steps of Decision to Refresh or Renovate Chapter House

House Corporation President **Carl Horner '78** has appointed a committee to facilitate the feasibility study approved at the annual House Corporation meeting at Pig Dinner. **Bob Swinehart '65**, former House Corporation member, has been appointed the chairman for the initiative. Assisting him will be House Corporation members **Jerry Bean '64** and **John Barbee '98** as well as Purple Legionnaire **Bill Miller '96**. The goal of the study is to identify and prioritize future improvements to the chapter house.

According to Bob Swinehart, the committee has chosen Rowland Design to conduct the feasibility study "for their extensive experience with Greek housing. Rowland has already done work on the Purdue campus. In addition, we were impressed with the group's presentation, which illustrated a high-degree of detail and thought." Rowland has worked with the Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi and Kappa Kappa Gamma chapters at Purdue to renovate or rebuild their houses. Learn more about them

at www.rowlanddesign.com.

Over the summer, Rowland will be conducting a "charette," which is a procedure that enables groups of individual stakeholders, both undergraduates and graduates, to brainstorm and share ideas of how they envision the ideal Phi Gam house. Rowland will utilize this input to help structure recommendations for the chapter. The feasibility study should give us an idea of what we need – whether it be a major renovation or renovation with new construction – and costs associated with achieving this goal.

HOUSE CORP AND GRADUATE CHAPTER UPDATES

Orders of Business

The annual meetings of the Lambda Iota Housing Corporation and the Alpha Graduate Chapter were held prior to Pig Dinner on February 23.

House Corporation updates include:

- Summary of past maintenance, including completion of a three-year project to install new walls, ceilings, light fixtures, carpet, oak crown molding, baseboards, doors and door trim as well as electronic combination locks for all rooms on second and third floors.
- Summer plans to completely remodel both

bathrooms using the same footprint but gutting to the studs and installing modern building materials and fixtures.

- Plans to revise the Board of Chapter Advisors to provide more guidance to the undergraduate chapter. Immediate needs are in the area of graduate relations, particularly selecting advisors for the *Boilermaker Fiji*, as well as establishing a graduate brother as co-chairman for Pig Dinner.
- Discussion of the future location for Pig Dinner, since the cost for the dinner is much greater since we began using the Ross-Ade Pavilions. It was the consensus that the nearby location, quality of the

venue and food outweigh the additional cost we must charge in the future.

Alpha Graduate Chapter updates include:

- Outline of activities, which include dinner meetings with the pledge class, new leadership, seniors near graduation and a summer family picnic.
- Monthly meeting are held the first Friday of each month at Spurlock's restaurant on Main Street in Lafayette. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- The 2014 Ekklesia is to be held in Indianapolis July 24-27, 2014.

PHI GAM EVENTS

Focus on Improved Graduate Relations and Recognition of a Long-Time Volunteer Takes Center Stage at 2013 Pig Dinner

Lambda Iota Chapter enjoyed a very successful Pig Dinner on Saturday, February 23. Keynote speaker Bob Baney (Pennsylvania State University '84) spent the day with us, advising the Alpha Graduate Chapter, Lambda Iota Housing Corporation and the undergraduate chapter on how to improve our graduate relations program and, in particular, how to improve graduate member participation in support of the undergraduate chapter. Bob's remarks at dinner were well

received and he has promised continuing support for the chapter as we develop a more comprehensive graduate relations program.

Kent Upton '78, who is retiring as House Corporation treasurer after three decades of service, received a special citation for distinguished and exceptional service from the Board of Archons as well as the Legend of Lambda Iota award from the undergraduate chapter. This is only the fifth time the Legend of Lambda Iota award has been presented.

Fiji Sires and Sons awards went to Sire Jeff (Western Michigan '78) and Son **Ben Herdrich '13**, Sire **George III '73** and son **Zachary King '16**, Sire **Todd '80** and Son **Max Keleher '13**, Sire **Dan '78** and Son **Tim Murphy '13**, Sire **Jim '86** and Son **Andy Neff '13**, Sire **Bob '75** and Son **Dan McIlhattan '16**, Sire **Joe '80** and Son **Will Taff '16**.

Find photos of this year's Pig Dinner in the online albums at www.purduefiji.org.

GRADUATE UPDATE

'60s

Gerald B. Bay '62

(27 Newport St., Jamestown, RI 02835-2922; gasparini@channelbells.com) I just returned from a nine day sailing trip in the Grenadines. It was better than riding out the Blizzard of 2013 in Rhode Island, our home.

Bob C. Stephens '64

(2981 Independence Rd., Cleveland, OH 44115-3615; msteph100@aol.com) Well, the phrase "Not For College Days Alone" has most recently had more meaning for me as, thanks to the "Electronic Age" and emails, I have lately made contact with a Lambda Iota Brother who graduated about five years after me, **Douglas Bash '68**, and my "Big Brother" **Wayne Henderson '63**! Our class, thanks mainly to our Corresponding Secretary **Dick Miller '64**, has had a reunion every five years at Purdue since graduation! The next one in 2014 will be our 50th! So far we've really only lost two brothers and it will be great to see everyone else again in 2014!

Steve S. Furste '67

(3220 S 875 E, Zionsville, IN 46077; sfurste@indy.rr.com) I am the executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Boone County since retirement. Our affiliate became the first Habitat affiliate in Indiana to build a home for a Wounded Warrior in 2012. A young Marine sergeant injured in Iraq by a roadside bomb was the recipient of a home in Advance, Indiana last September. He, his wife and two young children are now in their own home.

'70s

Paul M. Gerni '71

(7150 Lackman Rd., Apt. 808, Shawnee, KS 66217-8308; paulgerni@sbcglobal.net) I married a Miss Kansas runner-up, and we had two great kids. The kids have lasted longer than the marriage. My announcing career has been mostly a specialty as billiard expert and analyst, also as an interviewer, and has gotten me to many places for commentary on some great matches in Colorado, Hawaii, Japan, Las Vegas, Kansas City, Milwaukee,

Sweden, Germany and more. I have had quite a few honors bestowed on me, including an honorary doctorate, and have performed for the Royal Family in England, for the King of Sweden, and at the Ford White House. My international travels have taken me to fifty-three countries to promote the sport of pool. My travels at many national colleges have allowed me to visit quite a few Fiji houses around the country.

I was on pool's Dream Team, the first of our Mosconi Cup teams that met and defeated the best of Europe in matches we held in London. As well, I competed in another such match, as team captain, in Sun City, South Africa. My tournaments have taken me to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, USA, England, Dubai UAE, Egypt, Spain, France, South Africa, Japan, China, Taiwan, Philippines, Ukraine, and more.

I have also created and designed a television show for ESPN, Trick Shot Magic, which ran for 11 years even though we expected it to go only seven. I designed it here, sent it to a promoter in Connecticut, and after 15 months of tweaking it, we aired it on ESPN. It was a big rating hit, and stayed on there each year until some rule changes allowed some east coast players to make more of a circus of it, and ratings then fell. Now it is done, but the team version of it remains on the air, pitting USA vs. Europe in a trick shot challenge.

I have performed my professional trick shot show at Purdue. It was a few years ago, but I remember the ballroom at the Union was packed for that evening performance, and that was good. Hopefully, there will be a chance to return to Purdue and that ballroom with my show and have seats filled with Fiji brothers and graduate brothers.

'80s

Mike J. Zachman '86

(67 E. Algonquin Rd., South Barrington, IL 60010; mzachman@thepointchurch.net) I have a national radio show that is on every Saturday evening airing in all fifty states, Canada and Mexico on Sirius/Xm and over fifty other radio stations. It is called The Point Live. We take calls from all across the country during the two hour program.

Dan P. Malvern '88

(4219 North Winchester Ave. #1, Chicago, IL 60613-1013; dan@malvenfamily.name) My successes include being selected as both a Kauffman Fellow and a member of Young Presidents Organization (YPO). Kauffman Fellows Program is the pre-eminent global professional society of venture capitalists, and YPO is the pre-eminent global professional society of business executives. I am one of only a handful of people in the world to be elected to both.

'00s

Adam Van Someren '01

(490 White Oak Dr., Naperville, IL 60540-5539; adamvansomeren@yahoo.com) My wife, Oriana, and I are celebrating our 13th anniversary next month. We have two sons, ages 7 and almost 3. I have started and owned my own company for eight years. We specialize in custom homes, land development and real estate investment.

Justin Jancaric '02

(1712 N Wells St. #3, Chicago, IL 60614-5806; justinjancaric22@yahoo.com) I work in software sales as a senior account manager for NetScout Systems selling network and application monitoring solutions. My wife Janelle and I are expecting our first child in July.

Kyle J. Goris '04

(10799 Belair Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46280; kgoris@att.net) I am a sales consultant for Biomet, a biotech company specializing in orthopedic implants. I have been with the company for five years now and enjoy all aspects of the business. In my free time, I find myself spending time with friends and engaging in a large array of physical activities, specifically cycling.

What's New with You?

Do you enjoy reading news and updates from your graduate brothers? Well, they want to read your news too! Share your update for publication in an upcoming eLetter or newsletter by logging in to www.purduefiji.org.

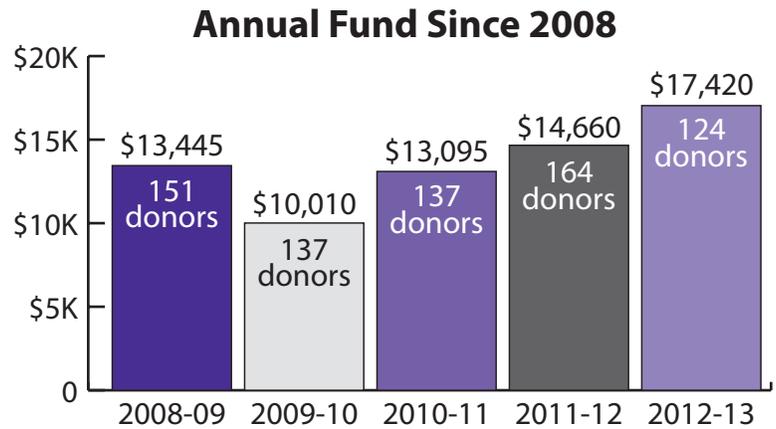
FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Lambda Iota Celebrates Highest Annual Fundraising Year EVER!

Thank you to the 124 graduate donors who contributed a collective \$17,420 to our annual fund so far this year, making this the highest total we've EVER raised in an annual giving year. If you haven't yet made your contribution in 2012-13, there's still time to join the momentum and help shatter last year's previous record of \$14,660.

A reminder that the annual fund supports our graduate relations program, including publication of *Boilermaker Fiji* and our web site/eLetters, and provides opportunities for you to reconnect with fellow Phi Gams at events like Pig Dinner.

You can make your gift by mailing a check payable to "Phi Gamma Delta" to the return address on this newsletter, online at www.purduefiji.org or by calling 800-975-6699.



IN YOUR WORDS

Not for College Days Alone: The Impact of Phi Gam

From Fraternity Songs to Extended Friendships, Graduate Brothers Share Stories of the Lifelong Fiji Experience

The annual Pig Dinner, a highlight of the year for Fiji, has left our graduates with some great memories. **Paul M. Gerni '71** says, "I appreciate the brotherhood of my college days, and like I remember from my first Pig Dinner, one thing that binds us together is indeed our common ideals and aspirations, and may I humbly add, our songs. No matter how we sing, our songs bind us. Yes, I have

a vinyl copy of *The Songs of Phi Gamma Delta*, and I also have the CD. They don't get played so much, but when they do, the memories flood back into my head."

Bill Gettings '78 appreciates his experiences from Fiji and truly believes being a brother has positively impacted his life. "As I think of the Fiji house, my fraternity, two lessons

learned and thoughts come to mind. One: friendship is the sweetest influence; and two: Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone. My friendships and my life have been forever shaped and positively influenced by my Purdue Fiji experience. Many of us have remained close celebrating successes and happy occasions. We've been there through tough times as well, truly a sweet influence."

How has Phi Gam made an impact on you? Share your story at www.purduefiji.org.

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