

EVENTS

Homecoming 2015

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Join us for Purdue's Homecoming match-up against the Fighting Illini. In addition to our traditional celebration, Phi Gamma Delta will be presenting Brother **Tom Spurgeon '61** with the Distinguished Fiji Award on this day. Tentatively, we will be planning a late morning event at the chapter house prior to kickoff, but we will keep you updated with details as they are finalized. Watch for more in our upcoming monthly eLetters!

2015 BOILERMAKER FOOTBALL

9/6, 3:00 p.m.: at Marshall

9/12, Noon: Indiana State

9/19, 3:30 p.m.: Virginia Tech

9/26, TBA: Bowling Green

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10/10, TBA: Minnesota

10/17, Noon: at Wisconsin

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11/7, Noon: Illinois*

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11/28, TBA: Indiana

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GRADUATE NEWS

Lambda Iota Initiates Purdue President Graduates & Undergraduates Welcome Purdue President Mitch Daniels Into Our Brotherhood

For eight years, we called him "Governor." For the past three years, we have called him "President." And in 2013, we added a title to the résumé of **Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.:** "Brother." The son of Allegheny Phi Gamma Mitchell E. Daniels, Sr. '44, Brother Daniels graduated in 1971 from Princeton where student social life is built around eating clubs, not fraternities or sororities.

In a private ceremony on October 15, 2013, the brothers of Lambda Iota formally initiated President Daniels into Phi Gamma Delta at Purdue. Several esteemed guests were in attendance. We welcome this esteemed graduate brother and would like to share a few words from him about this experience.

What does this new membership in Phi Gamma Delta mean to you?

It was, first of all, a way to honor my late father, who was a loyal Fiji his entire life. Had I attended a school with Greek fraternities, there is little doubt I would have been a Fiji four decades ago.

What do you see in Phi Gamma Delta that you wish you would have had during your days at Princeton?

I enjoyed the camaraderie at our eating club, but not the explicit value system or sense of shared purpose that I find at Phi Gamma Delta.

What do you see in Phi Gamma Delta that you would like to see in all Purdue chapters?

Our chapter is an academic leader, setting a great standard for other fraternities to try to match.

How would you describe the current state of the Greek community at Purdue?

It is strong, one of the nation's largest, and with very limited occasional exceptions, a model of good student citizenship. The system polices its own members actively and effectively. Their members continue to play a central, disproportionate

role in the life of the campus and in the overall success record of our alumni.

What else would you like your Phi Gamma Delta graduate brothers to know about you?

I still have my Dad's pin (Allegheny '44) and was initiated with that same pin.

We extend our congratulations to President (and Brother) Daniels and look forward to seeing him at future Phi Gamma Delta events as part of our Lambda Iota brotherhood.



Purdue President Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. (left) is presented a certificate of initiation into Lambda Iota Chapter by Stephen Snow '15.

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GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

Former MLB Team President Gives All the Credit to Fiji

Brother Chuck Armstrong '64 on What is Good & Right About Phi Gamma Delta



We all have them — keepsakes and heirlooms handed down from parents, grandparents or others who not only wanted to ensure their safekeeping, but also to pass on their significance and related

stories. For Fiji Brother **Chuck Armstrong '64**, he has been fortunate to pass on a few timeless traditions to other generations: Phi Gamma Delta and Major League Baseball.

“Lambda Iota Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta perhaps had the greatest influence on my life of anything I have ever experienced,” he explains. “The quality of the brothers and their complete and accepting friendship provided me with much guidance and mentorship, both during my days at Purdue and continuing down to today. I believe that my best leadership experiences came about because of and through the fraternity.”

Chuck's fondest Fiji memories come from being part of a quality organization with brothers like **Joe Rudolph '48**, **Dick Grace '51** and **Dave Jones '59** who were always available to give him the wise advice and counsel he needed. He can look back on being part of something that stood for so much more than just a social club. “Phi Gamma Delta, on both the local and national levels, has always stood for all that is good and right about college fraternities. And whenever there were the inevitable veers, strong corrective measures have always been instituted to bring our fraternity back to the proper course.”

Following his graduation from Purdue, Chuck went to law school at Stanford University. After law school, he served three and one-half years on active duty in the U.S.

Navy as a line officer, most of the time on an attack aircraft carrier where he qualified as officer-of-the-deck for Formation Steaming and Flight Operations — one of his proudest achievements. In 1971, he was hired by a UCLA Fiji brother to join a downtown Los Angeles law firm where he practiced corporate and business law until 1977. He then took a leave of absence from the law firm to join a client, a furniture manufacturer and importer, as its president and chief operating officer.

After three years of almost constant travel, Chuck next joined an Orange County real estate development company as president/CEO of its asset management subsidiary and general legal counsel of the parent company. The owner of the company bought the Seattle Mariners in February 1981. In October 1983, Chuck moved his family to Seattle where he was made president/chief operating officer of the Mariners. He served in that capacity until they sold the team in October 1989. During the ensuing two and one-half years, he served as the interim athletic director at the University of Washington, officed at two law firms and helped put together a group of investors who bought the Mariners back in July 1992. He was again made president of the team.

“Being president of a major league baseball team is like being in charge of a very emotional public trust in which thousands of people have put their faith and hope. It is 24/7/365 — an awesome responsibility. My only regret is that in 28 years as president of the Seattle Mariners, we never made the World Series. However, some of my greatest successes also came during this time, including helping to save major league baseball for Seattle, getting a beautiful new ballpark built, Safeco Field, and putting together an

organization whose culture has always been to epitomize all that is good and right about professional athletics. I am so grateful to have been part of Major League Baseball — one of the few activities in North America which transcends generations.”

Chuck retired from the Seattle Mariners on January 31, 2014. Today, Chuck remains active with Lambda Iota, helping to ensure the integrity of the chapter and house for future generations. He is also able to spend more time with his wife of 48 years, Susan, their three children and four grandchildren.

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Chuck has a few words of advice for his younger Fiji brothers: “Every successful professional sports team has three basic rules that should be incorporated into everyone's daily life. 1) Work hard. 2) Have respect. 3) Be early. When Vince Lombardi coached the Green Bay Packers, he had a rule that if you were not at least 15 minutes early, you were late.”

Go to www.purduefiji.org to read the full article. Brothers can connect with Chuck at carmstrong@mariners.com.

Looking for a Few Good Men

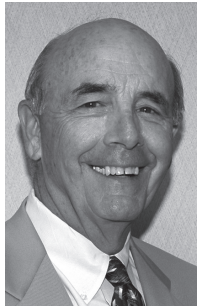
As we approach fall recruitment, our rush chair is gathering names of potential Fiji brothers. If you know of any young men at Purdue who would make good Phi Gamma Delta brothers, please let us know. Specifically, we would like the full name of each candidate along with his hometown, high school attended and cell phone number. If you are aware of high school activities they took part in, please include that also. You can send the information to our undergraduate Rush Chair Jake Jay at 12jakejay12@gmail.com.

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DISTINGUISHED FIJI AWARD

Pig Dinner Speaker Gives Nod to Exceptional '56-'57 Pledge Class

Brother Tom Spurgeon '61 Next in Line to Achieve Distinguished Fiji Award



He was the first person in his family to attend college. This meant that on his first day at Purdue, **Tom Spurgeon '61** had very little understanding of fraternities and the Greek system.

However, on that day in 1957 when he pledged Phi Gamma Delta at Purdue, Tom would become part of something special — a collegiate experience that would give him and his highly accomplished pledge class a unique sense of unity, pride and consideration of others.

“We did a good job of helping each other through school,” Tom explains. “We had certain ideals of a conservative nature. The Phi Gams who went before were very capable people. When I was a freshman, there was a senior everyone looked up to — **Gene Cernan '56**. He was the last man to walk on the moon. We all had a mutual adherence to standards and ethics, and it rubbed off on everybody. And it was especially helpful in forming the successes of future leaders.”

Tom has his own story of accomplishment. Following his 1961 Purdue graduation in industrial management, he transitioned from ROTC to a full officer Army commission. He ultimately was transferred to the Department of Defense where he joined the Defense Atomic Support Agency as a nuclear weapons officer. One of a select number of officers assigned to this position, Tom was responsible for maintaining warheads as assigned.

In 1964, following his military service, Tom returned to school at Indiana University where he would earn an MBA. As his professional bio reads, he is “an entrepreneur who has built companies

throughout the United States. Mr. Spurgeon most recently served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Lincoln Office in Peoria, Illinois, one of the country's largest distributors of Steelcase furniture. During his business career, he has served on four additional corporate boards and various community boards. Presently, he is on two corporate boards, he is a hospital Trustee, and Vice Chairman (former Chair) of the Board of Trustees of Purdue University. His service to Purdue includes membership on the Campaign for Purdue steering committee and Purdue Athletic Advisory Council. He also has served on the executive committee of the PAA Board of Directors and chaired its Strategic Planning Task Force. Mr. Spurgeon has served on the advisory board for the Indiana University School of Business and as an instructor at both Indiana University and Bradley University.”

“I've been fortunate,” Tom admits. “If we go back to 1985, I had one of my most significant learning experiences. While running Gott Corp., I was hit head-on on the interstate and suffered severe head injuries. My wife was told that I didn't make it. Three days later, the board was told that I would never work again. I was back in six months. This whole event helped me quickly identify the things that were most important to me, including spending more time with my family.”

Earlier this year, Tom was named a 2014 winner of the Distinguished Fiji Award. As described in the spring 2015 issue of *The Phi Gamma Delta*, the “Archons established the Distinguished Fiji Award in 1964. It is presented annually to no more than six graduate brothers who are deserving of recognition for their faithful and unselfish service to Phi Gamma Delta or their special contribution to mankind and society at large.”

2014 Pig Dinner

In the fall of 2014, Tom was asked to address his Lambda Iota brotherhood as the keynote speaker at the chapter's annual Pig Dinner. “When Brother Bill Miller contacted me about speaking, I was somewhat surprised,” Tom explains. “I don't think of myself as extraordinary when it comes to Phi Gamma Delta. But I have attempted to stay in touch with my pledge brothers over time. Of my 15 pledge brothers, I was least likely to succeed. I am very proud of how unique our pledge class was in their accomplishments.”

In his address to those attending the 2014 Pig Dinner, Tom went on to highlight the successes of those '57 pledge brothers who joined him during those most important undergraduate years. For example:

Gene Axelrod '60 – head of real estate; developer L.A. Partners, which sold the Beverly Hills Country Club in June 2015; **Bob Black '61** – CIA helicopter pilot; **Bill Carson '60** – Purdue Ph.D. Former IBM rocket scientist and current orchard owner and community educator (see page 5); **Lance Lange '60** – Successful outdoor sign company in Ohio; **David Brandt '60** – Chairman of Brandt Construction, Inc., in Indianapolis; **Bill Hanley '60** – CEO, Cummins Great Plains Diesel in Omaha, Neb.; **Don Lindner '60** – Founded Gold Toe Hosiery, Co.; **Jack Lucas '60** - Sales Manager; **Dr. Bart Nelson '60** – Chairman of the Board and President of Nelson Irrigation Company; Honorary Doctorate from Purdue; numerous industry honors; **Dave Ransburg '61** – Former mayor of Peoria and CEO of L.R. Nelson Corp **John Robbins '60** – Successful executive search firm; **Ron Huffman '60** - Purdue Ph.D. in engineering. Corporate head of Engineering. **Jim Lutton '61** - VP of Solar; **John Martin '60** - Executive with Rand McNally; **Guy Pahud '61** - real estate broker

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GRADUATE UPDATES

Harry D. Ballard '53 (9627 Mitchell Place, Brentwood, TN 37027-8483; hjniles@iglide.net) Last April, my wife and I moved from Virginia to Brentwood, Tenn., to live near our first grandchild, Will, who is now almost 2. If my wife, Joanne, and I are still both alive on August 13, 2015, we will celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary. After 25 years, I sold my insurance business in 1993 which is the same year we started working from home representing Melaleuca, Inc., a company headquartered in Idaho.

Douglas M. Stuart '55 (89 Eagle Fork Valley, Hayesville, NC 28904-8328; dstu@eaglefork.net) Eight brothers from the class of 1955 and their spouses had their 60th (year since graduation) reunion in Santa Barbara, Calif., in March of 2015. The attendees were Kay and **Bob Carrel**, Celia



and **Orrin Eames**, Dot and **Roger Gay**, Pat and **Loren Graham**, Sallie and **Ron Payne**, Carolyn and **John Shippee**, Jane and **Doug Stuart** and hosts Jane and **Dick Talbot**. Our activities included a wine country tour, a catamaran whale watching sail, a round of golf, and some excellent dinners. This was our 11th reunion since graduation.

Jerry W. Kimball '59 (4640 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Anderson, IN 46013-2317; sjkimb@comcast.com) The Lambda Iota guys of 1959 celebrated their 55th reunion last fall in Saugatuck, Michigan, during Labor Day week. After retelling tales of the "Golden" years, enjoying an adult beverage or two, taking a cruise on the river and Lake Michigan, we concluded the get-together with a group dinner at the Clearbrook Country Club. As a side note, we remembered a lot of the old college songs, much to the embarrassment of the wives we love so dearly. The group has gotten together every five years since graduation and is

looking forward to the next one in 2019 or sooner. The brothers also remembered two men who have gone to their great reward, **Jim Evans** and **Dick Green**.



Pledge brothers attending this time were: front row (l to r) – Jerry Weisenauer, Jerry Kimball, Parker Wayland, Dick Marshall, Dave Jones; back row (l to r) – Bill Davis, Jack Coffin, Jim Stukel, Dave Williams, John Steinmetz, Jim Redinger.

D. Michael Cannady '70 (8723 Rexford Drive, Dallas, TX 75209; michael.cannady@gmail.com) Amy and I have been married 10 years. Together we have three daughters here with six grandchildren and three kids in the Indy area with five more grans. They keep us busy. After Mary's death in 2005, I remet Amy — Mary's former tennis partner in Dallas, and we took care of each other's



Mike and Amy Cannady with their hand-carved statue of Purdue Pete.

kids when they were small. We hadn't seen each other or spoken in 19 years, but it was pretty "instant." Amy moved from Santa Fe to Indy, and we subsequently moved back to Dallas in 2008. Since then, I have returned to corporate America for the first time in 25 years and have been with HP in global procurement. Amy is self-employed — an abstract artist (www.AmyCannady.com). I'll be retiring at the tender age of 68 in October as HP separates into two entities. In the 1990-2005 timeframe, I was in business most of the time with **Bruce Olson '71**. One

of the things we did was build a national retail/distribution chain of 410 sunglass stores. Sold it to Sunglass Hut in 1995. We stay in touch and will see Bruce and Kim in September at Lake Leelanau in Northern Michigan, where he has a summer home. I also stay in close touch with roomie **Brian Rayle '71** in Tampa. Last saw Brian in 2013 when he and Nancy came to visit us in Dallas. I saw **Bruce Parkhurst '71** last year when he was in Dallas, have hooked up with

"The Summer Sisters" — Mike and Amy's granddaughters. This picture was taken earlier this summer and shows the girls at ages 10, 8, 7, and 6. Two granddaughters are from Indiana, two from Texas.



John Edwardson '71 in Naples and recently exchanged emails with **Bruce Pitman '71**. I was supposed to connect with **John Miller '70** in Chicago a couple of years back when Amy had a Chicago show, but he was "buying" and therefore didn't show up. (Just a jab at JPM!) Saw a lot of guys at a reunion we had at Purdue in 2001 or 2002 ... a great turnout. We're looking forward to retirement, grandchildren growing up and traveling. My only worry is that I'll have enough that's meaningful to do with my time otherwise. Hope to hear from or about others. If your travel includes Dallas or if you are flying through DFW, let me know!

John Noel '89 (4005 Industiral Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46254-2511; john@noel-smyser.com) The Fiji Class of 1989 (The Camp) held their 25th reunion the weekend of Sept. 26-27, 2014. Out of 26 people, we had 22 in attendance. We played golf in Carmel on Friday and met for dinner at our pledge brother's house that evening. Saturday morning, we gathered at the house then attended the homecoming football game, wrapping up with a post-game tailgate.

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GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

Student Center Renamed to Honor Brother Bruce Pitman '71

Reposting of article which appeared in the spring 2015 edition of *The Phi Gamma Delta*:

It used to be, when a new semester began at the University of Idaho, Bruce Pitman (Purdue 1971) would give out his home phone number to the parents of incoming freshmen at the end of every parent orientation so they could have access to him after hours.

When the fall semester of 2014 came to an end, Brother Pitman began a new chapter



of life after serving the University for 41 years, mostly recently as dean of students and vice provost of student affairs.

In honor of his retirement and selfless service, the Idaho State Board of Education renamed UI's Student Union Building The Pitman Center.

Throughout Bruce's tenure, he tackled tough issues to make life better for the students. Some of those issues included tragedy, death, health, campus safety, mental illness and sexual assault. Across the campus, he especially worked to reduce student drug and alcohol

use, all with support from his wife, Kathy.

An additional honor for the couple has been development of the endowed Bruce & Kathy Pitman Student Success Fund, which will provide the dean of students with annual, unrestricted funds to support students.

In Phi Gamma Delta, Bruce served his Lambda Iota Chapter as president and then traveled Fijiland as a Field Secretary from 1971-73. He has also served as a Section Chief, as a member of the Board of Chapter Advisors at Idaho, and as an Archon Councilor from 2010-24.

We wish Bruce all the best in this new phase of life.

GRADUATE UPDATES

Brother (and Lt. Commander) Chad George '95 Celebrates Family & 20 Years of Military Service

Congratulations to Brother **Chad George '95** who will retire early next year after 20 years in the Navy. During this time, he has seen several deployments and has moved his family nine times to a number of places including Florida, Texas, Maine, Alabama, Washington (state), Louisiana and Japan. Following his retirement, Chad will join wife,



Dallas, and daughter, Isabelle, in putting down more permanent roots in Gulf Breeze, Fla.

"I've been fortunate in my college and military career to make lifelong friends. Stories of my days living at 640 Russell are plentiful, but best left in the past with those whom I share a fraternal brotherhood. EBAFAFS forever. Friendship is the sweetest influence."

Brothers can connect with Chad at chad.e.george@gmail.com.

Brother Bill Carson '60 Keeps His Family & Community History Alive

"Well, you are looking at a retired, reformed, unrepentant rocket scientist." This is how Brother **Bill Carson '60** began his 2012 talk, "Saving the Good Stuff," for TEDxHickory. We encourage you to watch it when you have time at <http://youtu.be/ZXcG3eDSB-c>. It is a great introduction to Bill's inspiration for saving a North Carolina orchard, The Orchard at Altapass, and serving the community as an educator of history and folklore.

After graduating from Purdue, Bill went on to an esteemed career at IBM which included work on several ground-breaking projects including work to put men on the moon, the development of air traffic control systems and the launch of the first GPS technology.

"When Bill retired," his bio reads on the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area website, "he and his wife moved to Little Switzerland [North Carolina]." When his sister purchased The Orchard at Altapass, Bill became the operator. His research of the orchard's history uncovered a remarkable Revolutionary-era tie to his own family. For an extensive interview with Bill Carson, go to http://www2.lib.unc.edu/dc/brp_media/Carson/20030524_Carson.pdf.



ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Thank you to the 63 graduate donors* who contributed a collective \$9,400 to our annual fund so far this year. A reminder that the annual fund supports our graduate relations program, including publication of *Boilermaker Fiji* and our website/eLetters, and provides opportunities for you to reconnect with fellow Phi Gams at events like Pig Dinner. You can make your gift online at www.purduefiji.org or by calling 800-975-6699.

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State of the Chapter ... 37 Semesters in the Top 10!

- **For the third semester in a row, Lambda Iota has just missed first place by 1/100th of a percentage point in semester GPA rankings among 41 IFC chapters.** They outperformed the all-university, all-fraternity/sorority and all-men's average GPAs for spring 2015. The average GPA for the 35 undergraduates from PC18 was 3.16, well above the 2.90 all-IFC average. The cumulative GPA at the end of the last academic year was 3.16.
- Over the past two fall semesters, our undergraduates have been co-hosts of the Theta Fiji Grill-Off, one of the Greek system's most successful philanthropies

at Purdue. The chapter also has several brothers involved with Purdue's largest student-run organizational on campus, the Purdue University Dance Marathon.

- The chapter currently has two members represented on the IFC Board of Directors
- Several members of our chapter were elected into the Gimlet Greek Leadership Honorary, the largest number of brothers for any fraternity on campus.

For more information, go to the "37 Semesters in the Top 10" article at www.purduefiji.org, and click on the link for the latest edition of *The Russell Street Review*.

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