

Chapter Report

Scholarship High Again

By Brian Vanderheyden '05

Lambda Iota has seen success in the past semester. We continue to achieve great things on all fronts of chapter operations. Scholarship is strong, we are getting brothers involved in campus activities, philanthropic activity is high, and the chapter house has seen some physical changes.

We recently received the grade rankings and placed third out of 41 fraternities on campus. This marks the 11th consecutive semester that Lambda Iota has placed in the top 10, a feat that has never before been accomplished by a fraternity with over 75 members.

In addition to great scholarship achievement, our brothers are getting more involved in campus activities. To name a few, **Scott Banich '05** and **Nick Izzo '06** currently serve on the IFC's board of directors. We are also represented in Purdue student government, the Order of Omega, a number of other leadership honoraries and many more organizations. Campus involvement is something we are striving to improve.

Our Fiji Putt-Putt philanthropy was a success as 10 sororities participated in the two-day event. We continue to stay involved in other philanthropies as last year we donated over \$7,000 and 3,500 man-hours to philanthropies on campus.

Our basement was under renovation for the first six weeks of the semester as we improved the appearance. Thanks to the help of the Moms' Club and the house corporation, we installed a solid oak bar, poured a quartz and epoxy floor, expanded the doorway and refurbished the stairs. The house is also equipped with a \$100,000 sprinkler system, installed over the summer on funds from the graduate chapter.

Intramurals are strong, and in the last year we saw many champions. **Matt Lehtinen '04** won the racquetball championship, **Matt Kelly '05** won the tennis singles championship, the floor hockey team took first place, and last week our 5-on-5 basketball team beat the Pikes in the championship game.

Next semester we are excited about our new graduate relations program that will utilize our renovated basement. Brunches will be offered before selected home football games with undergraduates in attendance to greet returning graduates. We are encouraging interaction between undergraduates and graduates, and hoping that our graduate brothers will share in our success. We are looking forward to continued success here at Lambda Iota and the involvement of our graduates. ■

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Alumni

Profile Joe Rudolph '48

Decades of Dedication to Purdue and Phi Gamma Delta

What do Jack Nicklaus and Joe Rudolph '48 have in common? No, it's nothing to do with Christmas! Both are outstanding Phi Gamma Delta graduates. Nicklaus is synonymous with golf, and Rudolph's name has been synonymous with Purdue since the 1950s. Joe Rudolph served as executive director of the Purdue Alumni Association for over 30 years.

Rudolph worked for a year and a half at Illinois Bell Telephone just out of high school before he decided that he really wanted to go to Purdue in his father's footsteps. "I had time to gain some maturity before entering, and that stood me in good stead," remembers Rudolph. "When you pledged then, you lived in the house. We had a great senior class my freshman year. Our president was **W.A. Campbell '42** who was also cadet colonel in ROTC. They ran a tight ship, which we needed. I had a lot of respect for those guys."



Joe Rudolph '48

His academic days were interrupted by World War II. After his sophomore year, he went into the service for three years. He started in preflight training for the Air Force but ended up in the Army's 16th Corps where men were needed. He saw Belgium, France and Germany. Before coming home to the United States, he was in the 82nd Airborne Division. He returned on the Queen Mary, and what a welcome! He marched in the Victory Day Parade in New York City. He was out of the service by January 1946.

Rudolph was fortunate enough to be in touch with 15 or so of his buddies from Purdue, all of them just home. They decided to try to get back in school — not easy to do, with so many young men coming back from the war trying to do the same thing. "I had a definite advantage because I already had a place to live at Phi Gamma Delta. The fraternity actually built a Quonset hut in the side yard to make room for all the brothers. As an upperclassman, I was glad to be able to live in the house," added Rudolph.

After finishing his degree in 1948, he went back to Illinois Bell, but before he left he talked to the athletic director. As a senior, he had been a student manager for the football team. Rudolph asked the director to keep him in mind if a position ever came open that might be a good fit for him at Purdue. That November the director called to tell Rudolph that the alumni organization was looking for a new field secretary. Rudolph started in April 1949 and became executive director in May 1953. He had found his calling.

It was in church one Sunday not long after he went to work for the university that he noticed Gail, who would become his wife. "I found out that she was a student and a Theta. It was fortunate that I just happened to live in a small apartment across the street from the Theta sorority house. A mutual friend introduced us," he said. The Rudolphs raised two sons and a daughter (all Purdue graduates) in the house they called home for 37 years. "We are fortunate they all still live in the area, and we get to see them often. We don't need the big house anymore though. Six years ago we built a new smaller home in West Port."

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Gathering

Bob Baney Speaks at Pig Dinner

The chapter was pleased to have **Robert E. Baney III (Pennsylvania State '84)**, former executive director of the fraternity, as the guest speaker for the Frank Norris Pig Dinner on March 27. Bob spoke about what it takes to become a Cheney Cup chapter in Phi Gamma Delta. He congratulated Lambda Iota on its success and recent accomplishments in scholarship, athletics and philanthropy, among other things.



Bob Baney speaks to the guests.

Earlier in the day he met with the cabinet and the class of 2007, and attended the annual meeting of the house corporation and the Alpha Graduate Chapter. Following dinner, Bob joined graduate brothers for a reception in our newly renovated basement.

Brian Vanderheyden '05 gave the chapter report, and **John Sorensen (Alpha Deuteron '68, Zeta '68)** and **Bill Miller (Zeta '62, Lambda Iota '96)** gave the Alpha Graduate Chapter, house corporation and Purple Legionnaire reports.

Joe Kidwell '03 was recognized as the recipient of the Doc Crowder Award for the highest scholarship last year. **John**

Mackin '07 was introduced as the recipient of the Richard C. Grace Award for the most outstanding pledge. Brothers **Joe Blais '07**, **Erik Gardstrom '06**, **Scott McKinney '06**, **Brad Simmons '06**, **Austin Smith '04** and **Scott Stockman '07** were recognized for earning perfect 4.0 GPAs last semester. The chapter was congratulated for achieving third place scholastically out of 41 fraternities on the Purdue campus; and the class of 2007, with 30 members, was introduced. Brothers **Mike Cannady '70**, **Jeff Reinking '72** and **Curt Ward '88** were welcomed as new house corporation members.

Thank you to **Nick Izzo '06**, dinner chairman, and to all brothers who attended Pig Dinner this year. The undergraduate chapter enjoyed the interaction with graduate brothers and looks forward to an increased number of graduates returning to 640 Russell as our new graduate relations program kicks off next semester. ■



Brian Burkett '07 and Joe Rudolph '48 prepare to kiss the pig.

Perspective

Dr. Richard E. Grace '51 Asks: Are You Going to Flunk Retirement?

Can you flunk retirement? Many Baby Boomers have probably not given that idea much thought. Perhaps they should. Dr. **Richard E. Grace '51**, distinguished Fiji graduate brother who served more than 25 years as secretary of the Lambda Iota House Corporation and retired vice president for student affairs at Purdue, has written a book, "When Every Day Is Saturday: The Retirement Guide for Baby Boomers," that just might help them really enjoy a happier retirement. Faced with the prospect of retirement himself, Grace admits that he was not really prepared. He compares himself to a student who wakes up on exam day knowing he has done no homework whatsoever!

Like the engineer he is, Grace decided to look for tools to help him measure his readiness. When he found little help, he created his own — what he calls the Grace Retirement Inventory, or the GRI. He conducted an anonymous survey of nearly 2,000 retirees. The people responding, from machine operators to professors, had annual retirement

incomes from \$15,000 to \$150,000. He then put together what he learned in a how-to book for planning a happy and meaningful retirement.

The book examines six common themes and ranks them in importance to retirees:

- Freedom and leisure
- Financial independence
- Separation from work
- Family and friends
- Health
- Helping others

Surprisingly, finances do not rank first. The most common concern was what to do with a 40-50-hour work week when suddenly there was no work. In general, he found that the more responsibility a person had when working, the greater the challenge adjusting to retirement. For some, retirement becomes more a burden than a benefit. Grace sees people in engineering fields today as particularly

needing preparation for the possibility of retiring earlier than they expected as workforce reductions continue.

"When Every Day Is Saturday" offers questions to help readers understand their attitudes toward each of the six themes developed in the book. Numerous true-life stories give examples that are often humorous and inspiring. Using the inventory, readers can develop a detailed plan for the future.

Dick Grace and his wife, Connie, live in West Lafayette but go to Longboat Key, Fla. in the winters now. He is actively involved with the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, and Connie volunteers at the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette.

"Freedom is the all-important feature of retirement — freedom of time and freedom of choice," notes Grace.

Grace's book is available from iUniverse.com, Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, and Borders.

Brothers can contact the Graces at richardgrace@aol.com. ■

Alumni Profile ... continued

When he retired in 1988, Joe Rudolph had helped grow the association from 15,000 to over 65,000 members. He was instrumental in developing the John Purdue Club. Rudolph has received numerous awards, including the Leather Medal and the Distinguished Alumnus Award, for exceptional contributions to the welfare, success and reputation of Purdue University. He was selected to be a member of the Purdue Athletic Hall of Fame. Gov. Robert Orr recognized Rudolph's service with the Sagamore of the Wabash Award. Rudolph was a Fiji graduate officer for 25 years; he is especially proud of receiving the Distinguished Fiji Award.

Following retirement, he has remained active with alumni events and community efforts such as the Methodist Health Foundation in Indianapolis and the Greater Lafayette Museum of Art. He only recently left the Development Council for the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The Rudolphs have remained close friends with a group of 12-15 Fiji graduates. "It started with the fraternity. Some of us have been friends for 50 years. The guys all married Purdue girls. Every year we get together for a trip. This year we are planning to go to North Carolina; last year it was Charlottesville, Va. We all enjoy each other. When I speak to fraternity groups, I always try to impress upon them that some of the young men they know now in their pledge class will most likely be the friends they keep for the rest of their lives."

Fiji has been a part of his family for almost a century now. Rudolph's father, **Raymond R. Rudolph '14** (deceased) and both his sons, **R.F. Rudolph '77** and **John Rudolph '78**, also joined Fiji's Lambda Iota Chapter. For more than 25 years, Rudolph served as the treasurer of the Lambda Iota House Corporation and Alpha Graduate Chapter.

When asked what advice he has for young people today, Rudolph said, "First, be honest and do things in moderation. Then find something you really enjoy doing for your work. Put your whole heart and soul into it. I am grateful to say there was hardly ever a day I went to my job that I didn't go out my front door eagerly looking forward to what the day might hold." ■

Purdue Happenings

Purdue Land Acquisition Update

The University has communicated to the members of the greek housing units in the university, Russell and Waldron Streets area that the university's needs for the property is not eminent.

According to Joe Hornett, senior vice president and treasurer of the Purdue Research Foundation, "Any organization that would be interested in Tower Acres is eligible." He also noted that the possibility of Towers Acres 2 "is an option about choice not force." No group will be required to make a new residence in the

proposed Tower Acres 2 development.

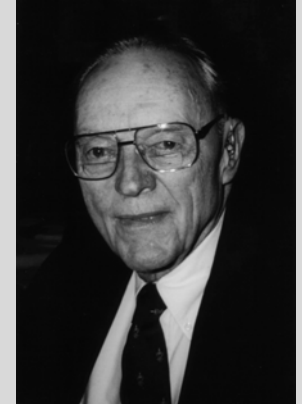
At this point in time, there is not an immediate issue regarding the Phi Gamma Delta house. However, the acquisition of the land in our area is still in the university's master plan. The house corporation will continue to monitor the situation regarding the master plan and will keep the graduate brothers informed.

Information taken from The Exponent Online; "Research Foundation Explains Tower Acres 2 at Forum" by Liz Bower, published April 8, 2004 ■

Graduate UpDates

William H. Smith '39

(1570 East Ave. #121, Rochester, NY 14610) A big heart attack on February 7, 2003, put me in the emergency room at Strong Memorial Hospital where they did angioplasty to open two arteries and install a stent in the lateral anterior descending artery. Rehab had me feeling well enough to drive to Des Moines for a grandson's high school graduation. We got halfway there and a second big heart attack occurred due to a blockage in the stent. In emergency in Des Moines they gave me a triple bypass. They went into the chest again the next day to fix a bleeder. After six weeks horizontal in two hospitals we drove home. My rehab from a triple bypass is progressing nicely. I'll soon be mean and nasty again.



Lewis S. Campbell '42

(Robin Run Retirement Village, 5354 @ 62nd St., Apt. 390-D, Indianapolis, IN 46268) I have reached the time of life when radical changes happen when you are least prepared to cope with them. My wife, Marni, died October 28, 2002, and I spent the next six months cleaning up a 35-year accumulation of family storage before moving into Robin Run on August 20, 2003. I am still working on organization of my accounts. I was diagnosed with macular degeneration, which ended my days as a driver, my plans to read during retirement and writing letters that are hard to read, and I am generally being very frustrated. I would like to contact my living fraternity brothers from the class of 1942.

Morgan Henika '48

(6604 N. Paddock Pl., Tucson, AZ 85743-9589; Cawbidy@aol.com) For the past three summers I have been on short-term missions to Izmir, Turkey, with my wife, Jean (PU '51), and we plan to return.

John O. Coffin '59

(P.O. Box 4818, Lafayette, IN 47903) The 45th reunion of the class of '59 will be October 15-17, 2004, on campus.

James C. Redinger '59

(4034 Memorial Shoreway, Marblehead, OH 43440; jrdinger23@aol.com) I am raising horses — one quarterhorse and one paint who is expecting a foal in April. In addition, there is a three-year-old paint I am training for showing in the spring. I bought 16 acres for stable construction and a boarding facility. I have 10 grandchildren and one more on the way. I miss the good old times with **Jimmy Evans '59**, **Jerry Weisenauer '59**, **Bill Davis '59**, **Jack Coffin '59**, **Dave Jones '59**, **James Stukel '59** and all the brothers. On January 1, 2001, I gave up an executive position at McDonald and am now doing personal consulting to corporations and individuals on investment planning and retirement programs.

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Graduate UpDates

William G. Hanley '60

(4402 S. 163rd St., Omaha, NE 68135-1363) This past fall two of my pledge brothers — **Bart Nelson '60** and **Jim Ruttan** — and I met in South Dakota for a three-day pheasant hunt. We were all from the class of 1960 and were all officers of the fraternity at that time.

John R. Politan '71

(5122 E. Wagoner Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85254) On April 30, 2003, I was privileged to be formally ordained as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ by both Scottsdale Bible Church and Northwest Community Church. I have just been installed as the teaching pastor at Northwest Community Church.

Stanley H. Day '72

(1371 E. Foxhill Dr., #116, Fresno, CA 93720; sday@bettsspring.com) Took early retirement after 29 years with the Dana Corporation so that we could accept the director of sales and marketing position for Betts Spring Company in Fresno, Calif. Married for 30 years to Marla. We have two sons: Travis is a graduate of Bowling Green State University, and Justin is soon to be a graduate from Ohio State University. Life has been good. Hope all is well with the class of 1972. I apologize for being absent all these years. I travel extensively and would enjoy going to dinner when I am in your city. I would love to hear from you.

Mark D. Kennedy '72

(7843 E. Spanish Oaks Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85258; mark.kennedy@agedwards.com) On October 12, 2002, I was married to my wonderful wife, Valerie, at my parents' church in Naples, Fla. We were blessed to have my daughter Gretchen (Purdue '95) as our matron of honor and my son **Brian Kennedy '99** as our best man. As many of you know (thanks to **Mike Cannady '70** helping spread the word to many Fijis), my son Brian was killed in Kuwait when his USMC helicopter crashed in a sandstorm on the first night of the war (March 21, 2003), just a few months after our wedding. We recently have relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz., to live near Gretchen and her husband, Brett (Purdue Fiji '95). I

transferred my business from one A.G. Edwards office to another and am settling into our new surroundings. We welcome any snowbirds to call. Thanks to everybody for all your kind notes regarding Brian. God bless you all.

M. Hugh Benson '78

(12108 Westgate St., Overland Park, KS 66213-2267; hughbenfun@aol.com) My mother, Marcelle Benson, passed away October 6, 2003. She truly enjoyed all the brothers of Phi Gam as well as their parents.

Dean M. Samuels '86

(65 Thamesford Ln., Williamsville, NY 14221; dmsamuels23@aol.com) It has been a long time since I have visited 640 Russell St. I took a promotion with American Axle and Manufacturing and moved to sunny Buffalo, N.Y. I am the manufacturing manager at our midsize truck axle and steering linkage plant. I am still married to Linda — 15 years. Can't believe it since I could not keep a relationship with any woman for more than a couple of minutes while at Purdue. Linda and I have moved all over the Midwest, living in Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and now New York. If anyone travels to the western New York area, please give me a call at 716-632-3858. Talk to you all soon.

Scott D. Witte '88

(1100 Fairfield Ct., Mandeville, LA 70448; scott.witte@ey.com) Returned to the States on June 19 after serving four months in Kuwait/Iraq with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. Proud to serve, but it's good to be home with my wife, Patty, and sons, Jack and David.

Bart A. Holle '92

(4534 Cormorant Dr., Lafayette, IN 47909; BartDeluxeHomes@aol.com) In October 2002, my wife, Tracy, and I welcomed our second child, Dylan August. He was born October 29, 2002, joining his big sister, Kaitlyn Rose. We also moved into our dream home just a few weeks before our son arrived. Talk about a stressful winter! I am still selling new homes, which I have been doing ever since graduation back in 1992. However, I am now working for a major homebuilder, as Deluxe Homes of Lafayette was bought

out by Beazer Homes. We are now considered the fifth-largest builder in the nation. I do still have a little time for fun as I am still playing ball, however now it is called softball instead of baseball. The ball is much easier to hit as it comes in straight, ha ha. I never could hit the curve. If any of you ever need help finding a new home, you can e-mail me as we are building all over the U.S., in most states. Or check out Beazer.com for more information. So long for now!

James B. Hill '94

(300 N. Ashland Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068; james.hill@hillmech.com) Returned to campus and graduated with an MBA in 2003.

Clayton W. Bartel '98

(2003 Charles Carroll Way, Annapolis, MD 21401; bartelc98@yahoo.com) I have been living in Annapolis for the past three years. I lived in Seattle for two before that. I have recently switched careers, from being a professional sailor to a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch. My fiancée, Alyssa Henry (American '02), and I are getting married on the Chesapeake Bay in July 2004. We live in Annapolis with our two dogs. I work in Baltimore, Md. I hope to make it back to campus in the near future. ■

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

John W. Mackie '39 (2/13/03)
Charles E. Meyer '41 (11/2/02)
George F. Moore '41 (9/8/01)
William A. Barnes '49 (10/17/03)
George E. Clark '49 (1/12/04)
Richard D. Zeller '49
William E. Carter '50 (2/16/03)
C. Ray Hershman '50 (5/15/04)
William C. Brandt '57 (9/9/03)
Robert F. Manifold '67 (4/2/03)
Andrew B. Bolles '68 (9/2/03)
Bruce A. Lancet '70 (7/13/03)

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