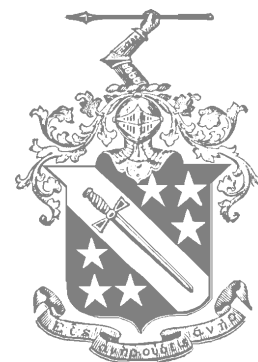


The Purdue Phi

Indiana Theta Chapter ♦ Phi Delta Theta Fraternity ♦ Purdue University
West Lafayette, Indiana ♦ www.purdue-phi.net ♦ December 2000



Some Good News

By David Gearhart '02, Chapter President

The Thanksgiving holiday has reminded us that our chapter has had many blessings for which to be thankful. And one of these certainly has been having alcohol free housing for the second year - a year ahead of a majority of Phi Delt chapters in achieving this status. All International Fraternity of Phi Delta Theta chapters (including Canadian) became alcohol free July 1, 2000. We have gotten accustomed to the change and are experiencing an improvement in living conditions and appearance. Our chapter has been commended as a good example for the transition.

Thanks to the initiative of Bob Bowen '61 and the support of many other alumni, the old Library Room on the first floor has been converted into a Computer Room. As of now it includes four computers and a color laser printer. There has been heavy usage of this room and the equipment. All the brothers and pledges are benefiting from this new facility.

The number of in-house brothers this semester has increased from 32 to 47 and our fall pledge class has 15 good Phikeias. Barry Richards is again serving as the House Director and we have an excellent new cook, Mike Martin.

A famous Indiana Theta alum was inducted in the Purdue Athletic Hall of Fame on November 17, the eve before the Purdue Indiana Old Oaken Bucket Game. Elmer Noble "Red" Sleight, star tackle on the 1927, 1928 and 1929 teams (undefeated Big Ten Champs in 1929) was the first Purdue All-American football player. His son, Ed '63, also a Purdue Phi, was present for the occasion (see photos on page 2).

Despite the 11 a.m. kickoff to accommodate the TV scheduling, we had a good turnout for the pregame brunch and postgame pig roast after Purdue's Homecoming victory over Minnesota. And we are all excited about the Boilermaker's Rose Bowl game with Washington on New Year's Day.

The actives and pledges of Indiana Theta extend best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our alumni and hope many of you will have an opportunity to visit the chapter house during the coming year.

The Bad News

When Gary Batesole commented in his August letter that the major Renovation Project implemented during the '90s would, practically speaking, never really be completed, he was not aware that we had a serious leakage problem on the north side of the original chapter house. This has caused damage to living quarters on the second and third floors and the first-floor formal rooms. Brother Jim Wurster '59, CEO of American Consulting Engineers, had his personnel analyze causes for the leakage. It was found that a major cause for the leakage was the deterioration of mortar and the bricks - and this has required tuck pointing all the brick work on the original building. It was also determined there

was an additional problem with the building foundation causing some leakage in the Uncle Sherwin and Chapter Rooms on the basement level. Quotations were obtained for the immediate emergency

repair involving the living quarters and a contract for the best bid of \$43,800 was placed. Work on this part of the problem (phase I) should be completed this month. At this writing, we do not have bids on the foundation repair work (phase II), which cannot be scheduled until next summer but the cost of both phases probably will be close to \$100,000.

We expended approximately \$50,000 this past summer renovating the second- and third-floor bathrooms plus the new Computer Room. Total contributions during the past year for Purdue Phi Club dues, Educational Fund and the Computer



Recent work was done to cure a major cause of leakage through the old bricks and mortar by tuck pointing all of the bricks in the original chapter house constructed in 1909.

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Purdue is headed to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on January 1.

Ticket information was sent to all alumni by the University.

Join your brothers at a Phi Delt table at 10 a.m. for a pregame tailgate party sponsored by the Purdue Alumni Association at the Jackie Robinson Stadium (adjacent to the Rose Bowl).



Elmer "Red" Noble Sleight became Purdue's first consensus All-American football player in 1929 when the Boilermakers were undefeated and won the Big Ten Football Championship. Red was the first string tackle on the 1927, 1928 and 1929 teams and graduated with honors in the School of Mechanical Engineering. He played professional football with the Green Bay Packers for two years and was an assistant football coach at the University of Missouri before deciding to pursue employment as an engineer and then in management with Gustin-Bacon Corporation - a major supplier for the railroad industry. Red's son, **Ed (Phi '63)** was present to accept his father's Purdue Athletic Hall of Fame plaque on November 17.

The Bad News

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Room totaled \$39,211. The net result is the Indiana Theta Alumni Association, for all practical purposes, is financially broke! It was necessary to arrange short-term financing to pay for the repair work currently being done. Unless we can promptly get some generous donations, it will be necessary to get some mortgage financing. It would be great if this could be avoided. Interest cost for financing the Renovation Project of the '90s was close to \$250,000, a major expenditure which did not go directly into brick, mortar and labor!

We are all hounded for donations to numerous worthwhile programs, and having been a key solicitor for so many years as the Campaign Chairman for the Renovation Project, I do not relish the task of requesting extra special donations to solve this unforeseen dilemma, and keep Phi Delta Theta going strong at Purdue University. But someone has to "take the bull by the horns" and, as an octogenarian who treasures being a Phi Delt, I solicit your financial support and NOW. To avoid another "Mortgage Monster," we need to raise \$43,800 — plus interest expense — within the next six weeks and then another chunk of cash by next summer. Realistically, we will need a lot of \$1,000-and-up donations to succeed in the short time period involved. With this in mind, we are establishing "PHI BRIGADE 1000" for donors of \$1,000 or more. And, needless to say, prompt donations of any amount are needed and will be very timely. Checks should be payable to Indiana Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta Educational Fund. Use the enclosed news/dues form, which also includes instructions for contributing securities. These donations are tax-deductible and will be greatly appreciated.

Yours in the Bond,
Edward Elliott '36, President
Indiana Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta Educational Fund

2000 Phi Delt Open

The 10th Annual Phi Delt Open was played on the Purdue Ackerman course on August 10 with 57 participants. The event was chaired by Andy Beasley '91. The shotgun start was moved up to 10 a.m. because parking for the Indianapolis Colts vs. New Orleans Saints Exhibition Game was scheduled at Ross-Ade Stadium in the evening and part of the golf course was being used for parking.

Two teams tied for first place in the best ball scramble competition. The team of John Jensen '87, Mike Eccleston '88 and Keith Hoffman '88 won on a match-of-cards tie-breaker with the team of Terry Clarke '84, Tom Hill '84, Steve Yapp '84 and his University of Georgia Phi Delt brother Roger Yapp.

Pictured are shots taken at the course and the get-together afterward at Harry's Chocolate Shop. Everyone had a super time all day. Plan now to attend the 11th Annual Phi Delt Open at the Purdue Course on August 11, 2001.



House Director Barry Richard, Keith Marshall '46 and Ed Elliott '36 pose on the course behind Barry's hole sponsor sign. Teamed with House Advisor, Sally Combs, they won the Tournament Score Booby prize for last place!

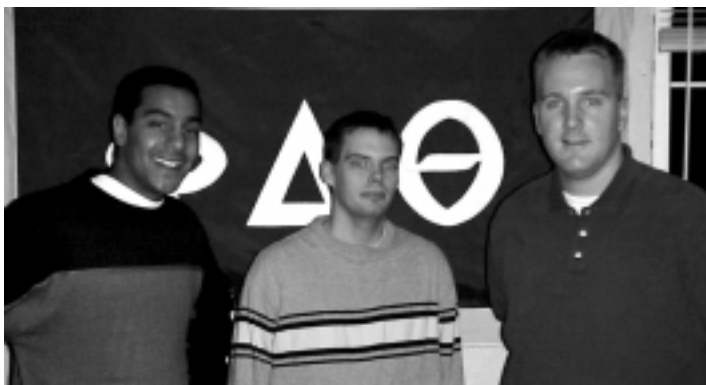


Part of the gang at Harry's.



Sally Combs, Terry King '76, Gary Batesole '77 and refreshment server "Cocoa" at Harry's post-golf party.

Please include your e-mail address(es) on the enclosed form so we can build our database of online brothers!



Ajit Madiah, Matt Byrne and Brian Holtz

McCallister Memorial Scholarship Awardees

Brother Alfred J. McAllister graduated from Purdue in 1924 with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree in 1975. He had a distinguished career in business as President and CEO of Fairfield Manufacturing in Lafayette. After he passed away his widow, Dorothy, established a \$100,000 fund, with the investment proceeds designated for annual scholarships for members of our Indiana Theta. The fund is managed by the Purdue Research Foundation and the awardees are selected by the University. To qualify, the awardee must reside in the chapter house and have a good academic record.

Three \$5000 scholarships were awarded this fall to the following brothers: Matthew Byrne '02 (Grand Rapids, Michigan - Industrial Management); Brian Holtz '01 (Indianapolis - Industrial Management); and Ajit Madiah '01 (Littleton, Colo. - Industrial Engineering).

Congratulations Matt, Brian and Ajit!

Chapter Officers

- PRESIDENT**
Dave Gearhart '02
- VICE PRESIDENT**
Patrick Piemonte '02
- VP ALUMNI**
John Dudley '03
- HOUSE MANAGER**
Steven Bush
- STEWARD**
Jeremy Baker '03
- RUSH CHAIRMEN**
David Pflum, Matt Wilson, Chris Wirtanen
- SECRETARY**
Mike Sansone '01
Favors
- Shannon Devon '02*
- PUBLIC RELATIONS**
Matt Wilson
- WARDEN**
Chris Phillips '01



L-R: Mike Williams, Collin McGrady, new cook Mike Martin, John Dudley and Chapter President David Gearhart '02.



Hunger Hike participants

Fall Philanthropy Highlights

By Brian Holtz

On September 24, Indiana Theta once again assisted with the Hunger Hike, the annual philanthropy that we do with St. Thomas next door, and Chi Omega sorority. Our role is informing the entire Greek system at Purdue and motivating them to participate. Our brothers went to all the sororities on campus and gave them a table talk on the details. The Hike had a record amount of money donated this year; more than \$20,000 was contributed by Greeks, St. Tom's, and other members of the Lafayette community.

We also have participated in a number of other projects. Four of the house's best golfers participated in the Alpha Phi Golf Open, and went down swinging. We entered the Pi Beta Phi Arrow Games, which involves a basketball game, a lip sync contest and a euchre tournament. Our star basketball team averaged a towering height of about 4'8", but they kept the game close. Our Phikeias had lots of fun making idiots of themselves in front of the entire Pi Phi house, trying to dance. The Delta Zeta Turtle Tug, a tug-o-war, also offered great fun.

Alumni Association Officers

- PRESIDENT**
Gary Batesole '77
- Vice President**
Jeff Reising '77
- SECRETARY**
Andy Beasley '90
- BOARD MEMBERS**
Dr. Bob Bouggy '79
Bob Haworth '75
Joe Rush '38
Ted Reser '46
- EDUCATIONAL FUND**
President
Ed Elliott '36
- Treasurer**
Bob Bowen '61
- FACULTY ADVISOR**
Dr. Doug Christiansen
(Utah '87)
- Director of Admissions**
Purdue University
- HOUSE ADVISOR**
Sally Dodds Combs
- HOUSE DIRECTOR**
Barry Richard

Preliminary Honor Roll

We appreciate the generosity of the brothers listed below who have contributed to Indiana Theta from August 3, 2000, to December 8, 2000, for the 2000-2001 giving year. Supporting our annual giving program shows that you value the friendships and experiences provided by our fraternity. If you have not already done so, we hope you will send your donation for the 2000-2001 giving year as soon as possible.

James K. Gibson 1934 †
 Edward Elliott 1936 •^†Δ
 Guy Guthrie 1939 •†
 Robert S. Colquhoun 1941 •†Δ
 James O. Adams 1942 •
 Phil C. Murray 1942 •Δ
 Thomas P. Hobbs 1943 •
 Arthur E. Peltosalo 1943 Δ
 Philip D. Edwards 1944 •
 Scott J. Hinsch 1945 •
 Edward A. Reser 1946 •^†Δ
 William R. Kriegbaum 1947 •
 Von T. Ballew 1948 •
 Robert L. Holloway 1948 •^†Δ
 J. Richard Zapapas 1948 •Δ
 William G. Baker 1949 •
 Frederick H. Blazer Jr. 1949 •†
 Gordon A. Hobbs 1949 •
 James E. Hoover 1949 •Δ
 Edward Ehlers 1950 •†
 John R. Patterson Jr. 1950 •Δ
 Gus G. Van Sant 1950 •
 James L. Wood 1950 •
 William G. Adams 1951 •
 William R. Blew Jr. 1951 •Δ
 Robert K. Marlowe 1952 •Δ
 A. John Geis 1953 •Δ
 Joe B. Jones 1953 •
 James G. Staples 1953 •
 Edward G. Slatcher 1955 •Δ
 Harrison A. Smitson Jr. 1955 •
 Maurice G. Lorenz 1956 •
 Edward E. McCallum 1956 Δ
 William I. Ney 1956 •
 Ronald E. Snyder 1956 •
 Joseph R. Fuller 1957 •Δ
 John M. McLellan 1957 •

Donald R. Bayer 1958 Δ
 James F. Ries 1958 •†
 L. Robert Lowe Jr. 1959 •^†Δ
 G. Thomas Puett 1959 •
 Joseph J. Stewart 1959 •†Δ
 James T. Whitehead 1959 Δ
 James W. Wurster 1959 •^†Δ
 Robert L. Bowen 1961 •^†Δ#
 Timothy Harmon 1962 †
 Floyd E. Allen 1963 •
 Paul V. Troup III 1963 Δ
 Robert L. Brayton 1965 •
 Richard L. Haug 1965 •
 James L. Leslie 1965 •†
 Michael D. Miller 1967 •
 Terry L. O'Connell 1967 •
 Scott L. Soucek 1968 Δ
 Stuart J. Ledingham 1970 •†
 John C. Zinzer 1970 •†
 Paul A. DeNuccio 1971 Δ
 Stuart J. Ledingham 1971 †
 William K. Robinson Jr. 1971 •
 Michael A. Busald 1972 •
 Thomas F. Hamilton 1972 •
 Tim L. Keech 1973 •
 Michael A. Moore 1973 •†
 Timothy G. Walrath 1973 Δ
 Jay V. Ihlenfeld 1974 •Δ
 Douglas W. Keene 1975 •
 Greg A. Leininger 1975 •
 Edward J. Mooney Jr. 1975 •
 Gary R. Batesole 1977 •^†Δ
 Jeffrey N. Reising 1977 •
 Alexander C. Lange 1978 •
 Gerald L. Bissell 1979 •
 Robert C. Bouggy 1979 •Δ
 Thomas W. Martino 1979 •

Jeffrey B. Wothke 1979 •
 Michael A. Fouts 1980 •
 Timothy G. Marshall 1980 •
 Gary L. Shmerler 1980 •Δ
 Randall T. Clark 1981 •Δ
 Randy A. Asmus 1982 •
 John M. Hare II 1983 Δ
 Michael Alber 1984 †
 Hugh B. Mickel 1984 •
 David M. Hill 1986 •
 Larry B. Taylor 1986 Δ
 Christopher J. Quinn 1987 •
 Thomas R. Baryl 1988 •Δ
 Daniel C. Elisha 1988 •
 John F. Emme 1988 Δ
 Robert H. James Jr. 1988 •
 David M. Heuck 1991 •
 Matthew L. Peterson 1992 •
 Richard H. Zay 1993 •
 Keith R. Huehls 1994 •
 John T. Best 1997 •
 Robert Groszek 1997 •†
 Keith A. Carlson 1998 †
 Cesar Castillo 1999 •†
 Ian J. Reynell 1999 †
 James D. Waldron 1999 •
 Todd Rath 2000 †

Key

- Phi Club
- ^ Phi Brigade 1000
- † Educational Fund
- Δ Computer Fund
- # \$10,000



Our thanks to John T. Smith '50 (145 Broadview Dr. #313, Kankakee, IL 60901) for sharing this photo.
John is in the top row, third from right.

News from our Alumni

Robert S. Colquhoun '41 (169 Northbridge Dr., Willoughby, OH 44094) and his wife are living in Breckenridge Village, a retirement community, and active as volunteers there.

At age 76, **Robert A. Spray '46** (5215 Fawn Hill Ter., Indianapolis, IN 46226) is now working part time in his patent law practice.

Richard K. Davisson '50 (22688 Lighthouse Dr., Canyon Lake, CA 92587) spends the summers at Lake Geneva, Wis.

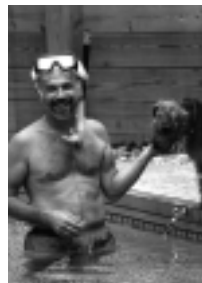
John R. Patterson Jr. '50 (2734 Cricket Woods Dr., Dayton, OH 45414) enjoyed seeing some of his contemporaries at Gala Week.

Monique and **James L. Wood '50** (43204 Teramo St., Temecula, CA 92592) are enjoying the great weather of Southern California, just north of San Diego. Lew serves as a reservist for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and is often deployed to areas of federally declared disasters to assist with FEMA's media relations/public affairs function.

Ronald C. Pierce '55 (1007 Captain O'Neal Dr., Daphne, AL 36526; wescoeh@wescoweld.com) is president of Welding Engineering Supply Co. Inc. He is a life member and past president of the American Welding Society and has been active with the National Welding Supply Association for many years.

A joke from **Joseph R. Fuller '57** (11935 Forest Dr., Carmel, IN 46033; joe.fuller@prodigy.net), who tells us that he is chief life guard at Sudsy Clean. "Life guarding in a car wash is very difficult since you get suds in your eyes and can't see. Here is a photo taken shortly after saving the life of a small dog that was whirled into vertigo and unconsciousness."

In a second career, **Rowland A. Donie II '65** (13315 Appletree Rd., Houston, TX 77079; rad99@flash.net) is a partner in



RAD Consulting & Capital. He buys the accounts receivables of small- to medium-sized companies, which usually leads to consulting and equity ownership. "It's fun and varied and keeps you on your toes," "Rol" tells us. He enjoyed reading the last issue of *The Purdue Phi* and welcomes visits from brothers traveling his way.

Richard L. Haug '65 (7120 Lakeside Woods Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46278) has retired from the Speedway School System after teaching science in the junior high for 34 years. He continues as coach of the junior high golf team.

Via e-mail, **Michael D. Miller '67** (3770 N. Gunnison Dr., Tucson, AZ 85749; mikeymillr@aol.com) keeps in touch with several brothers. He is retired as a colonel in the Air Force.

After retiring from a career in building construction and engineering in 1999, **William K. Robinson Jr. '71** (506 Old Greensboro Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27516) became a partner in Williams Landscaping

Services Inc., a business owned by his son, Brad. In the new position, "Ken" is able to apply his engineering skills to a variety of projects. "I was very pleased to read about the lifestyle improvements at the Phi Lodge. Following the high road of personal responsibility is not the easy route, but in the long run it provides the most rewards. Keep up the good work."

Jay V. Ihlenfeld '74 (81 Wildwood Beach Rd., Mahtomedi, MN 55115; jvihlenfeld@mmm.com) is now a division vice president at 3M and serving as the company's executive liaison to Purdue University.

In the Carroll Consolidated Schools, **Roger D. Nelson '76** (404 Jeff Dr., Kokomo, IN 46901; rgrnelson@aol.com) teaches physical, health and driver education and coaches boys and girls varsity swimming. In August 1999, Roger remarried. He and his new wife, who is also a teacher, traveled to Venezuela this summer.

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News from our Alumni

In September of last year, **Jeffrey N. Reising '77** (7179 Waterview Pl., Noblesville, IN 46060; jnrmar@aol.com) welcomed a son, Zackary. The infant arrived six weeks early and weighed just four pounds. At six months, Zackary had grown to a sturdy 16 pounds and added more than eight inches to his length.

Thomas W. Martino '79 (6132 Country View Dr., Yorba Linda, CA 92886; martino7@pacbell.net) is senior director of production operations at Rockwell Collins. On a business visit to The Morey Corp., he found that **Scott Morey '80** is president of the company. The two brothers, who'd last seen each other more than 20 years ago, had a great time catching up.

Carol and **Jeffrey B. Wothke '79** (3611 Ontario Cir., Indianapolis, IN 46268; jeff@kjcomm.com) have been married 21 years and are the parents of three boys. Jeff is in sales at K&J Communications.

Mark D. Hester '81 (3860 Appaloosa Dr., Lake Ridge, VA 22192; hesters@starpower.net), a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force, has left Japan and moved back to the States for assignment at the USAF Headquarters at the Pentagon. He and his wife hope to remain in the area at least until their oldest child graduates from high school in 2002.

Stephen J. Melonides '88 (2650 N. Lakeview, Apt. 2010, Chicago, IL 60614) announces the birth of two sons, Dean and James, in June of this year.

In a new job, CPA **Michael A. Fritton '90** (7050 N. Park Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220; mfritton@somr.com) is director

of real estate services at Somerset Financial Services. He received his MBA from Indiana University in May 2000. The day after graduation, his and wife Ann welcomed the arrival of their second son.

Diana and **Timothy J. Barnes '91** have a new address at 9951 Woodlands Dr., Fishers, IN 46038. Their daughter, Emily, was born in April of this year. Emily's big sister, Allie, is 2.

Todd Snively '93 (5200 Town & Country Blvd., #2115, Frisco, TX 75034; tssnag@hotmail.com) is now a systems engineer at Raytheon and working in failure analysis. Not long ago, he completed a dual master's degree in chemistry and materials science at the University of North Texas. Todd and Tammy Earnest were planning to be married in July 2000 and were looking forward to seeing **Rusty Zay '93**, **Rick Norton '93** and **Dave Solyom '93** at the wedding.

Eric A. Sucha '93 (3117 Tripark Ct., #11, Appleton, WI 54914; esucha2@aol.com) and Laura Sekunda wed in September 1999. The two had dated since college. Eric is working at American National Can as a department manager.

When we heard from him last spring, **Keith R. Huehls '94** (409 Windfield Pl., Lexington, KY 40503; khuehls@hotmail.com) had passed his professional engineering exam.

Scott A. Seymour '94 (730 N.W. Autumncreek Way #P107, Beaverton, OR 97006) is now associated with INTEL. He encourages all senior chemical, material science, computer science and electrical engineers to contact him if interest in employment.

You can write to **John T. Best '97** at a new address: 45 Rogers Pky., Rochester, NY 14617. E-mail for him can be sent to bestj@torrington.com. He and Julia Wittgen are planning to be married in May 2001. John has asked **Andy Vaughan '98** and **Scott Seymour '94** to serve in the wedding party.

Jacob R. Stevens '99, a production supervisor for General Motors, now resides at 1320 Crescent Cir., Apt. 2, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. In December 1999, he and his wife, Christi, welcomed the arrival of a son, Adyn. Jake reports that **Cesar Castillo '99** and Laura Rowles became engaged.



CHAPTER GRAND

We regret to inform you of the death of **Frank P. McDowell '37** (12/10/99), **Eugene I. Anderson '39**, **Carl T. Swan '39** (5/23/00), **Frank W. Abel Jr. '45** (5/22/00), **Robert C. Bogott '51** (2/10/00), **Frank F. Hardman Jr. '52** (10/20/99), **Ray D. Trimble '54** (4/15/00), **Frederick C. Cooper '57** (8/16/99) and **John K. Nelson '68** (2/9/00). Phi Delta Theta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Welcome, New Initiates

Ryan Lower 2115 • Logansport, Ind. • Education
 Dan Koutis 2116 • Itasca, Ill. • Communication
 Steve Churchill 2117 • Grayslake, Ill. • Management
 Beau Baird 2118 • Greencastle, Ind. • Management
 Matt Wilson 2119 • Mount Prospect, Ill. • Industrial Engineering
 Dave Pflum 2120 • Lafayette, Ind. • Pre-Med
 Matt Theophillis 2121 • Mishawaka, Ind. • Management
 Steven Bush 2122 • Columbus, Ind. • Agriculture Management

Fall 2000 Pledge Class

Nicolas Blainey • Cicero, Ind. • Management
 Steven Brown • Batavia, Ill. • Accounting
 Kevin Davidson • Munster, Ind. • Computer Technology
 Brandt Davis • Bedford, Ind. • Mechanical Engineering
 Adam Devon • Granger, Ind. • Building Construction Mgmt.
 Nathan Durham • Lebanon, Ind. • Mechanical Engineering
 Patrick Fitzsimmons • Plainfield, Ind. • Management
 Scott Floyd • Barrington, Ill. • Management
 Jeremy Hall • Logansport, Ind. • Psychology
 Andrew Hilgart • Barrington, Ill. • Management
 Bret Keller • Euclid, Ohio • Civil Engineering
 Micheal Meenan • Wooster, Ohio • Communications
 Brian Sur • Crown Point, Ind. • Hotel Management
 Joseph Thomas • West St. Paul, Minn. • Computer Science
 Michael Turner • Mendota Heights, Minn. • Mechanical Engineering