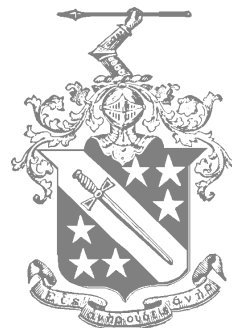


# The Purdue Phi

Indiana Theta Chapter ♦ Phi Delta Theta Fraternity ♦ Purdue University  
West Lafayette, Indiana ♦ www.purdue-phi.net ♦ March 2001



*The Brothers of Indiana Theta*

## State of the Chapter

Spring has arrived and that means change is in the air here at Indiana Theta. The house welcomed our new phikeias in February with an official induction ceremony followed by a fantastic steak dinner. The new phikeias are a very enthusiastic group who, in the future, will play a key role in the success of the fraternity. We would also like to congratulate our new initiates who, in the beginning of the semester, were rightly brought into this sacred bond we all share. Once again congratulations to them.

Another sign of spring is the Grand Prix. This year we have a great team that is intensely dedicated to Phi Delt racing. Those members include crew chief Aaron Landini and his crew of Jeremy Hall, Jeremy Baker and Mike Turner. With returning driver Quinn Thalheimer, this team should and will tear up the racetrack this spring. Good luck guys.

Some of the officers here at Indiana Theta have felt that the way things are run here at the house are long outdated. This house has changed a great deal over the past few years and some people feel that our constitution and by-laws were written for a different era. That is why a group of officers are planning a retreat to rewrite the by-laws. We want to make them more useful in the new house we live in. Hopefully this will turn out a success and the problems we face will become obsolete.

A lot of change is happening at 503 State Street. There is a high level of energy in every brother which is very exciting. Times are changing and we look toward the future. We would like to say congratulations to all the new graduates. Finally they are no longer alumni in training but actual graduates. The best of luck to them all; we know they will do well.

## Chapter Officers

President - David Gearhart '02  
Vice President - Patrick Piemonte '02  
Vice President of Alumni Affairs - Collin McGrady '02  
Secretary - Jake Fetters  
Treasurer - Matt Byrne '02  
House Manager - Steven Bush  
Steward - Jeremy Baker  
Warden - Chris Phillips '01  
Social - Ryan Alley  
Pledge Trainers - Shannon DeVon '02 and Aaron French '02  
Philanthropy - Pete McConville  
Awards - Nik Groves  
Risk Manager - Dan Koutsis  
Athletics - Alex Scott '02

## Purdue Grand Prix Set for April 21

The Purdue Grand Prix, known as the "Greatest Spectacle in College Racing," is an annual event used to raise money for student scholarships. Through the Grand Prix Foundation effort 23 scholarships were awarded last year totaling \$11,000.

The Grand Prix was first run in 1958. At that time, karts were built from scratch and built and powered by lawnmower engines. In 1968, the existing track was built on the Northwest corner of campus at a cost of over \$25,000. The track is carefully modeled after the World Kart Championship in Japan.

The Grand Prix is scored by one of the most advanced computer scoring systems anywhere in the world of

racing. Once again the Purdue Grand Prix Foundation will be testing the autoscoring system. This system allows us to provide up-to-date information to the media, kart crews, and the public.

Last year, the brothers of Phi Delta Theta pulled together to create a winning racing team displaying the vast dedication and effort required to successfully compete in the Purdue Grand Prix race. After much planning and labor, we were able to create a cart that represented not only our appreciation for Purdue University, but also our pride and dedication toward our fraternity. With our driver, Quinn Thalheimer, behind the wheel, the Phi Delta Theta team was virtually unbeatable...

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## Recommendations Welcome

Indiana Theta is always looking for good young men to be introduced to our fraternity. If you know of anybody who is going to attend Purdue University and think they would make a great Phi, please let us know who they are. We would love to get to know them and invite them over to the house. Please write or call me with your recommendation. Thank you.

David Gearhart, 503 State St., West Lafayette, IN 47906  
765-743-7192

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to  
**Edward Elliott '36**, whose wife,  
Melita "Mitzie" Uihlein Elliott,  
passed away on Tuesday, March 13, 2001.  
Expressions of friendship may be sent to Ed at:  
1285 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.  
The Laurentians, Apt. 1-B  
Naples, FL 33940-4903  
941-262-6354; 941-261-9128 (FAX)  
ibhappy@naples.com



## 11th Annual Phi Delt Open

Saturday, August 11, 2001

Details on the enclosed flier; please respond as soon as possible!  
Read Ed Elliott's Rose Bowl Tailgate report on the reverse side!

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## Grand Prix

We made it through the preliminaries with no problems. Then came the day for the actual race...

The 2000 Grand Prix race brought about a highly competitive and exciting atmosphere, exposing the best and brightest of teams at Purdue University. After competing in an excruciatingly close race, Phi Delta Theta's 2000 racing team was able to come away a great success: placing fourth overall (out of 33 carts) and receiving two prestigious awards, one for "The Best Engineered Cart" and a third place award for "The Fastest Pit Stop."

The time is rapidly approaching for the 2001 Purdue Grand Prix race and preparations are now underway for another fantastic, fun-filled race. With crew chief Aaron Landini, his crew—Jeremy Hall, Jeremy Baker, and Mike Turner, and returning driver Quinn Thalheimer '98 — the Phi Delta Theta team holds great hopes of being as successful as we have been in the past. Unfortunately, none of this will be possible without the support of alumni, as well as other sponsors.

In order to continue on in Phi Delta Theta's winning tradition, we are asking alums and local businesses to become a part of our team. By becoming a team sponsor not only is it a great opportunity for you to become a part of a time-honored tradition, but it is also a chance for great publicity for you and your company. As a sponsor for the Phi Delta Theta racing team, your name will boldly appear somewhere on our kart throughout the duration of the race. In addition, you will have the opportunity to have a billboard bearing your company name and/or logo appear around the race track.

We hope that you consider becoming a sponsor and join the brothers of Phi Delta Theta in creating yet another victorious Grand Prix season. Thank you for your support.

# Alumni News

**James E. Hoover '49** (9373 Spring Forest Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46260) has been elected chairman of Indiana Giving Ventures, a group working to increase the number of independent and corporate foundations in the State. The organization is supported by the United Way of Indiana, Indiana Grantmakers Alliance and Indiana University School of Philanthropy.

Our apologies to **Allen E. Hewitt Jr. '68** (13936 Ashton Rd., Detroit, MI 48223; ahewitt@peoplepc.com) for mistakenly reporting him as deceased in the December 1999 issue of *The Purdue Phi*. We are happy to note that Allen and his wife, Susan, are both well and living in Detroit. Allen has been an engineer at Ford Motor Co. for 10 years.

Lawyer **Ronald C. Tucker '68** (8653 E. Doane Pl., Denver, CO 80231; rctucker@lafflaw.com) is associated with the law firm of Laff Stein Campbell Tucker & Delaney. Last spring, he had the pleasure of participating in the induction of his son, Cory, into the Phi Delta Theta chapter at the University of Colorado-

Boulder. "It was the first initiation I have attended since 1967, but the memories came flooding back!"

**James A. Gage '69** (7845 Kyles Station Rd., Middletown, OH 45044; jagage1@aol.com), an account manager at Southern Standard Cartons, has been in touch with **Steve Ross '69** of Indianapolis.

When he's not at work as marketing director-Europe for Adexa, **Steven L. Musser '73** (Binnenkant 34-H, Amsterdam, 1011BL, Netherlands) enjoys extensive travel throughout Europe with his wife, Maureen. He has an 11-year-old son, Sam.

When he wrote last fall, **Robert L. Hofmann '83** (2301 Lawton Bluff Rd., Charlotte, NC 28226; bobhofmann1@juno.com) was looking forward to attending the Rose Bowl. He, **Chris Gillig '83** and **Marc Mannella '83** were planning to hook up with **Eddie Lukas '83** in Los Angeles for the event. (We need addresses for Marc and Eddie. Can anyone help?)

**John T. Drics '86** (12954 Regent Cir., Carmel, IN

46032; john.drics@lionhart.net), an attorney with O'Bryan Brazill & Drics, is working with **Terry Duffy '86** and his company, Lionhart Investments Ltd., in London. (Terry is on our "lost" list. If you have an address for him, please send it our way.)

**Gregory G. Balos '88** (449 North Green, Chicago, IL 60626) has been named to the board of directors of Fazel Technographic Industries in Fort Wayne, Ind.

**John R. Deal '93** (6098 Belleair Pl., Cincinnati, OH 45224; dealent@juno.com), a firefighter and paramedic with the Cincinnati Fire Division, teaches the paramedic program at Sinclair Community College on his days off.

### CHAPTER GRAND

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **Lee S. Busch '39** (10/28/00) and **Herbert E. Strawbridge '39** (10/16/00).

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

**James G. Thompson '56** (3710 Glades End Ln., Richmond, VA 23233) sent us this photocopy of the Pledge Class of 1952, a group that included **Neil Armstrong '55**. In the picture, Jim is the one with the two-tone shoes.



## Spring Pledges

Name	Hometown	Major	Grad Year
Brian Falloon	Rounoke, Ind.	ME	2003
Tyler Marsh	Wildwood, Mo.	AE	2004
Rick Weaver	West Lafayette, Ind.	OLS	2004
T.J. Wigmore	Crown Point, Ind.	BCM	2005
Brian Winslow	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Accounting	2005
Erik Zicht	Winchester, Ind.	Accounting	2004

PLEASE COME AND CHEER  
THE PHI DELTA THETA TEAM  
ON TO VICTORY  
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21,  
AT THE 44TH  
ANNUAL PURDUE  
GRAND PRIX!

