

# The Purdue Phi

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## *Alumni President's Report* *Best Rush in Two Years*

By Gary Batesole '73  
President, Phi Delta Theta Alumni Association

Many good things have happened so far this year. The undergraduates have rushed the largest pledge class since the Phi Lodge went dry two years ago. Here's a quick review of other exciting news.

### **Landscaping Project Brings Brothers Together**

The new landscaping is in thanks to Jeff Reising '77. It was quite a sight to see 30 or 40 undergraduate brothers and pledges laying sod late Friday night so that the yard would look good for Homecoming.

### **Holloway and Wurster Win President's Awards**

Speaking of Homecoming, Bob Holloway '48 had another well-attended reunion Friday and Saturday nights of Homecoming weekend with featured speakers President and Mrs. Jischke one evening and Athletic Director Morgan Burke the next, among others. This was a busy weekend for Bob as he also attended the opening of the new Boilermaker Aquatic Center which includes a world-class competition pool named after his wife, Doris. Bob was awarded the Phi Delta Theta President's Award for his many years of organizing reunions for alumni of the 1940s and 1950s. Reunions are a lot of work, but Bob has organized each one well, and has provided many great dinner speakers over the years. Jim Wurster '59 also received the President's Award for his great help (and use of people in his company) during the renovation of 1991. Most recently he helped with the major



Gary Batesole '77 presents Bob Holloway '48 with the Phi Delta Theta President's Award.

waterproofing work that was done on the foundation of the original part of the House. His expertise has saved us non-engineers much time and the Housing Corporation much money. We even did the job right!

### **Pledges to Enhance Dining Room**

Two years ago, I challenged the undergraduates to develop projects that they would design, budget and fund to enhance the Phi Lodge and help with rush. They came up with a design for a Computer Room, established a budget and raised the funds. This year they have developed a project for enhancing the Dining Room, which you can read about in another article. Please be as generous in helping them fund this project as you were with the Computer Room. The Computer Room has become the most used room in the House and has been instrumental in showing potential rushees that our alumni support the undergraduates and the Fraternity. I think this new project has the same potential.

## *Bowen Starts New* *Scholar Award*

By Edward Elliott '36, President  
Indiana Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta  
Educational Fund

I was indeed surprised when Bob Bowen '61 announced at the Phi Delt Homecoming Dinner that he had made a generous donation to provide initial funding for an Indiana Theta Chapter scholarship awards program to be named the "Elliott Scholars." Needless to say, I am deeply appreciative to be so honored by Bob. As the current president of the Indiana Theta Educational Fund, which is the recipient of his donation and will be making the awards, I have expressed a very sincere THANK YOU to Bob. While he is encouraging donations specified for this new Scholars Program — and I hope there will be some designated for it — I am reminded that we do have an outstanding bank loan of \$33,000 for financing the expensive repair of leaks in the walls and foundation during the past year. So we hope our brothers will continue to provide generous financial support. The last PURDUE PHI listed 247 donors for the August-to-August 2000-2001 fiscal year. To date for the current 2001-2002 fiscal year, we have had 65 donors as listed on the enclosed list. If your name is missing, please send your donation for the 2001-2002 giving year as soon as possible. And I want to personally thank the many brothers who have made donations during the past year.



Bob Bowen '61 with his wife, and Ed Elliott '36.

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Barry Richard, House Director, with his daughter and his son Clayton.

## A Sad Loss

It seems many times in our lives we do not know how much someone means to us until they are gone. This past summer the brothers of Indiana Theta were struck with the tragic loss of one of their own. Jeremy Francis died of an accidental drowning in a pond south of campus.

Every member of Indiana Theta has some sort of good memory about Francis (as we called him), whether it was an afternoon at Harry's or a spring break trip to Florida. We all remember playing with his lovable dog, Alley, and his outrageous costumes for Breakfast Club. Franny was a great friend and a great

brother. If we, as a chapter, have taken anything from his untimely death, it is that the bond we share as brothers is quite special and is something we must always cherish. We are all so lucky to have these lifelong friendships. The memories we have from each other will be remembered for a lifetime.

## From the President

David Gearhart  
President, Indiana Theta

Well, the semester is in full swing here at Indiana Theta. As semester finals draw near, we look back at the last few months and all the accomplishments we have achieved. This year's homecoming was a huge success. With more than 100 alumni and undergraduates, the cafeteria was buzzing with excitement over the upcoming game, all while everyone was enjoying a fabulous luncheon buffet. Fortunately the Boilers came out victorious in that game. Also, we would like to congratulate Dave Pflum on winning the homecoming crown. Dave is a spring '00 initiate in pre-dentistry. That just made the day all the more special.



Homecoming King David Pflum. What an honor to Indiana Theta and Mr. Pflum!

Rush went very well this fall. We held several rush functions where we accumulated close to 100 names of freshmen interested in our house. Currently we have 21 new phikeias, which is the largest class in four years. Now we look to the spring, when we plan on recruiting 20 more freshmen to pledge.

The house has gone through a few changes as well. Over the summer, the front yard was

dug up in order to seal the exterior bricks from any water leakage into the red brick room. So far it has been a success. Since the front yard was already dug up, we also installed new landscaping. We would like to thank Jeff Reisen for his help in getting all the supplies. The front yard looks fantastic. The red brick room has also seen its fair share of renovation. Since the walls don't leak anymore, we decided to add benches and tables. We added one long bench that



Brothers and their families enjoy brunch at the Phi Delt house the morning of the game.

wraps around the far wall, with three tables inscribed with our letters. Now the red brick room also looks fantastic.

## Looking for a Few Good Men

Indiana Theta is always looking for fine young men to be introduced to our fraternity. If you know of young men who are going to attend Purdue University and you 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 Collin McGrady to give us your recommendation. He can be reached by mail at **Collin McGrady, 503 State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906**, and by phone at **765-743-4115**. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## Kevin Davidson, Phi Delta Theta Musician

**M**y name is Kevin Davidson, and I am from Munster, Ind. I am a sophomore in the School of Computer Technology, and am planning to minor in theatre, audio and music.

My main focus is music, as I have been playing the saxophone since fifth grade. I was very active in the school band throughout middle school and high school, and was a member of many other bands outside of school. I received many awards for participating in solo and ensemble contests, and I am proud to say that I earned the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award and the John Phillip Sousa Band Award as a senior at Munster High School.

Today, I am active in the Purdue bands, for I am currently a member of the Symphonic Band and the Jazz Lab Band. In February, I will be participating in a concerto contest, where I will be judged on a memorized classical solo piece that I will play on my saxophone. The winner of this contest will perform accompanied by the Purdue Symphony Orchestra during a concert in February. In addition to participating in the various Purdue bands events, I enjoy playing music with a few of my brothers in Phi Delta Theta, just for fun.

### Welcome Phikeias

Ron Albergo  
Junior  
Communications  
Hinsdale, IL

John Buenger  
Sophomore  
Industrial Engineering  
Burr Ridge, IL

Nick Campion  
Sophomore  
Industrial Management  
Bridgewater, NJ

Scott Emberton  
Sophomore  
Food Science  
Indianapolis, IN

Rick Gupta  
Sophomore  
Management  
Omaha, NE

Michael Kappes  
Freshman  
Aerospace Engineering  
Indianapolis, IN

Ryan Miatke  
Freshman  
Electrical Engineering  
Technology  
West Lafayette, IN

Rob McKee  
Freshman  
School of Science  
Schaumburg, IL

Joe Popa  
Freshman  
Organizational Leadership  
and Supervision  
Valparaiso, IN

Mitch Cain  
Freshman  
Computer Integrated  
Manufacturing Technology  
Crete, IL

Jase Edwards  
Freshman  
Management  
Granger, IN

Seth Fischer  
Freshman  
Undecided  
Haddonfield, NJ

Bryce Hughes  
Freshman  
Food Science  
Kokomo, IN

Evan Lafata  
Freshman  
Undecided  
Chesterton, IN

Ken "Trey" Musser  
Freshman  
Flight Technology  
Roswell, GA

Mike Quinlan  
Freshman  
Business Management  
Eagan, MN

Matt Snyder  
Freshman  
Theatre and Stage  
Management  
Carmel, IN

Mike Woods  
Freshman  
Electrical Engineering  
Chesterton, IN

Tim Slomka  
Freshman  
Management  
Chicago, IL

Rex Spencer  
Freshman  
Social Studies  
Education  
Kokomo, IN

Darren Sweeney  
Freshman  
Flight Technology  
St. Paul, MN

## Officer List for Spring 2002

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**Assistant Rush Chairman**  
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## Breakfast Nook Project

By Collin McGrady '03, Vice President

**W**e would like to renovate the breakfast nook, which is used heavily every morning. This is where we store cereal, juice, water, cups, bowls, spoons and forks for early morning breakfast use. We would like to install

new cabinets with a sink, new water and drainage lines, and a new juice machine to replace the 20-year-old juice machine that is in use now. Our estimate for this project is \$6,000. We feel this upgrade will help us compete with the dormito-

ries and other fraternities that offer this type of breakfast service. We would appreciate any donations for our project. There is a check-off box for this project on the news form. Your gift is tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.



## News from our Alumni

**Max H. Amstutz 844** (17427 Lochner Rd., Spencerville, IN 46788; maxamstu@3riversweb.net) Sally and I now have three great-granddaughters: Stella Rae Knox (3 years), Nova Lee Knox (6 months) and Adalaide Jo Sieber (5 months).

**Jerome L. Pickford 894** (9001 Lake Shore Dr., Gary, IN 46403) I retired in 1997 and now work two days per week at Cog Hill Golf Course in Lemont, Ill., home of the PGA Western Open. My handicap is presently six. I'm a member



Bob Holloway '48 (left) presents Martin Jischke and his wife Patty with an award. Mr. Jischke is the current President of Purdue University. The award honored the couple as Honorary Kentucky Colonels, and was presented on behalf of the Governor of Indiana.

of the Sand Creek County Club. In October, I attended a pledge class reunion in Lafayette, Ind. It was great fun — 17 of 26 returned. **Jerry Dunlap 884** was chairman of the reunion. Alice and Jerry still own and operate a seasonal restaurant and parking facility on Lake Michigan at Miller Beach, Ind.

**G. Thomas Puett 943** (2208 Collett Ln., Flossmoor, IL 60422) Vice president at Puett & Associates. I have recently been elected a board member and national secretary for the Winchester Club of America, established for those interested in the collection, possession and study of the arms made by Winchester. Brothers who are interested can contact me and the Winchester Club of America at P.O. Box 354, Flossmoor, IL 60422.

**Michael E. Oatess 1136** (5201 Dwire Ct., Tampa, FL 33647; meoatess@

aol.com) I retired from The Walgreen Co. after 35 years.

**Carl L. Freytag 1368** (13287 Harrison Dr., Carmel, IN 46032; clf9253@aol.com) Cardiovascular perfusionist at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. My daughter, Chelsea (18), is a freshman at I.U. My daughter, Gretchen (17), is a senior at Carmel High School. My son, Kurt (11), is in fifth grade at Mohawk Trails Elementary. My wife, Sara, is a teacher's aide at Prairie Trace Elementary.

**Azmi M. Tawadros 1480** (4042 Palisades Main, Kennesaw, GA 30144) Oral and maxillofacial surgeon. Thanks for the good times we shared.

**David P. Garrett 1579** (7584 Lilac Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48324; davidpgarrett@aol.com) Effective September 1, 2001, I am manager of customer engineering support for GM Powertrain's Marine and Industrial Engine Sales.

**John W. Jensen 1692** (4073 Morningview Ct., St. Louis, MO 63129; jwjlouis@aol.com) I recently accepted a management position with Prudential Financial, but still reside in St. Louis, Mo. I

want to encourage more brothers to participate in the annual Phi Delta Open golf weekend. I haven't missed one in at least five years.

**John T. Drics 1707** (12954 Regent Cir., Carmel, IN 46032; john.drics@lionhart.net) Attorney with O'Bryan, Brazill, Drics LLP. On September 8, 2001, I married Rokson Maze (Purdue, Alpha Phi '85) and we were joined by **Terry Duffy '86**, **Marty Hartman '86** and **John Busald '85** with their spouses for an excellent reception. A good time was had by one and all.

**Gregory G. Balos 1728** (449 N. Green, Chicago, IL 60626; gbalos@lnl-law.com) Partner in Loutos & Leventis Ltd. I have been named to the board of directors of Fazel Technological Solutions Ltd., founded by fellow Phi **Ramak Fazel 1717**.

**Keith A. Carlson 1990** (721 Par Dr., Algonquin, IL 60102; century@avenew.com) General manager at Century Tile & Supply Co. Angela and I announce the birth of our daughter, Katelyn Marie Carlson, on August 8, 2001. She was 20 inches long and weighed 7 pounds, 10.5 ounces.

### NEW ADDRESSES:

**John D. Dodge** (3107 Cider House Rd., Toano, VA 23168)

**Robert C. Hale** (#10 Grand Mere, Wichita, KS 67230; rchale@aol.com)

**Victor H. Thevenow 889** (417 Vine St., Madison, IN 47250)

**Edwin T. Abbett III 1645** (3868 Eden, Carmel, IN 46032)

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**Patrick J. Byrne 2040** (8123 Fountainhead Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46260; pbyrne@beer.com)

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### CHAPTER GRAND

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

**James W. Landers** (4/01)

**Kenneth C. Matthews** (9/28/01)

**James K. Gibson 466** (7/2/01)

**Guy R. Guthrie 527** (8/14/01)

**Quinn E. Harmon 888** (9/22/01)

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

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