

## Important Survey Enclosed

Please read the front page article on our dilemma and take time to respond to the enclosed survey. Your opinion is needed to shape the future of Indiana Theta. ■

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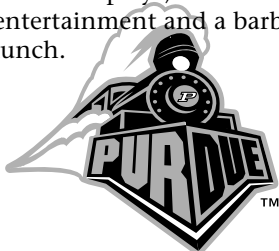
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## Homecoming 2003

Homecoming 2003 will feature the Boilermakers battling the Fighting Illini Saturday, October 4, 2003. More than 10,000 Purdue alumni returned to campus this past homecoming for football and festivities that included a victory march, school displays, live entertainment and a barbecue lunch.



# The Purdue Phi

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## Phi House Update *By Ed Elliott*

### Dilemma Facing Indiana Theta: Input Needed from All Brothers

Webster defines "dilemma" as "a situation involving choice between equally unsatisfactory alternatives." And, like it or not, this pretty well describes the difficult choices we must make concerning our Indiana Theta chapter house. When involved in trying to get a Purdue Phi newsletter published in December to encourage year-end donations, I recommended it be delayed pending further investigation of multiple problems concerning the physical condition of the house.

Most frequently it involves recurring moisture and plumbing in one form or another...not unexpected for a 94-year-old structure. We have learned the hard way that "old" can be expensive. It has been suggested the best long-term solution is a brand new chapter house. Needless to say, this will be very difficult to accomplish even if there is a well-to-do brother Phi willing to donate a couple million dollars for the project. In any event, it was suggested we investigate alternatives to the continuous "mend, mend, mend" of the structure at 503 State St.

We were approached by Purdue a few years ago in connection with the Krannert School expansion project about making our property available to the University. Having just gone through our Renovation Project of the 1990s, we were not in the mood to pursue this. But we have now been prompted to at least investigate the current situation with Purdue. And this is now underway. Some of the factors involved are:

(A) If Purdue acquired the house and property at 503 State St., it would be demolished and Purdue would build classrooms. Phi Delta Theta would be paid approximately \$1.2 million, but would have to pay \$200,000 for a lot at the Acres where the new fraternity and sorority houses are located. The Chi Omegas recently built a new house for approximately \$2.8 million.

(B) If it was decided to build a new chapter house similar in size and at the same location of the present house, additional parking space will be required. This means building garage space or nearby (not necessarily adjacent) additional parking space

(C) The Chi Omega Sorority traded the property of their chapter house at 4<sup>th</sup> & Waldron for university-owned property at 5<sup>th</sup> & Waldron and are building a new chapter house at this new location. Purdue will construct a new computer science facility on the Chi O property. A similar arrangement is a possibility for the present Tau Epsilon Kappa property at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Russell, which Purdue plans to acquire. If we decide to build a new Phi Delt chapter house, there would be a possibility of renting the TEK house during the construction period.

(D) An important consideration in upgrading our chapter house and improving the

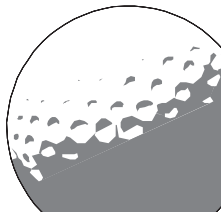
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## Mark Your Calendar

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Phi Open Golf Tournament Aug. 9, 2003

Join your brothers for a fun day back on campus. We start with lunch at 11 a.m. at the Birck Boiler-maker Golf Complex. Shotgun-start golf scramble is at 1 p.m. and we adjourn to Harry's around 5 p.m. This event is getting bigger and more fun every year. Join us, you'll enjoy it! Call **Andy Beasley '91** at (720) 235-5535 if you have questions or to sign up. ■



## Phi House

# Update

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quality of the facility is the positive influence this would have in attracting new pledges in competition with other fraternities having newer and better chapter houses. This has become a rush problem the past few years. The cost to upgrade the existing facility to correct all the problems would be approximately \$500,000.

(E) We would like to get opinions, suggestions and recommendations from Indiana Theta alumni on the question of whether to continue the "mend, mend, mend" procedure or "take the bull by the horns" and build a new chapter house. **Please send your comments on the enclosed questionnaire.**

The actives currently living in the house have expressed the opinion that they would like to remain at 503 State St., in the original building. Since the fraternity has gone "dry," the quality of the young men in the Phi Lodge has dramatically increased. They take much better care of the structure and have a better appreciation for the history and traditions of Phi Delta Theta. They also have taken the lead in trying to fix up the old building by making some repairs and getting quotes for others that are beyond their ability to complete. ■

## State of the House

By John Buenger

The Phi Lodge has been home to numerous Purdue Phis since its construction back in 1910. As the focal point of countless memories, it has a special place in all our hearts. As we all know, the Lodge is no spring chicken. After all it is quickly approaching its 100th year in existence.

Like any building at this age of almost a century, it does have its share of superficial and structural issues. But on the bright side, the Lodge still maintains its dominating, handsome exterior presence in the midst of the university's ever-expanding campus; and within its proud brick walls, the Lodge is just as cozy and functional as ever.

The current brothers have taken great pride and joy in actively maintaining and upgrading the chapter house. New additions this semester include newly painted hallways and stairwells. The cafeteria has been almost completely redone, with a new breakfast nook, new tables and chairs, and freshly painted walls; and outside, the banisters on the front of the lodge have been replaced, significantly improving its overall exterior look. With a few plumbing problems aside, the chapter house is looking great, and even better with every semester that passes. ■

## 2002

# Homecoming

By Mike Kappes

## Homecoming Recap: Good Company, Good Food and Football

This year's homecoming was a very memorable one, not to mention it being tremendously successful. Purdue Phis from across the country and from many different decades came home to Purdue to visit the chapter house and the current brothers.

For all who attended, it was worth the trip: a picture perfect day, a delightful meal, and jovial conversations. It was a warm, sunny afternoon highlighted by a delicious meal

featuring a 200-pound hog roast and an evening football match-up at Ross-Aid Stadium with Purdue's Boilermakers playing against the Minnesota Gophers. Many of the visiting alums met on Slayter Hill for a tailgate of monumental proportions, while others chose the old Purdue standby, Harry's Chocolate Shop. No matter what the chosen course, countless stories were told of the old glory days on campus and good times were had by all. ■

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# Wanted: A Few Good Men

What do the men in this list have in common?

They all recently contributed to Phi Delta Theta. Why?

Brothers who donate tell us they value: the relationships they have developed through

- Phi Delta Theta
- a place to call home when they visit Purdue
- keeping track of old friends
- helping develop the next generation of young leaders

They believe that these things are important enough to write a check. Their donations help to strengthen the ties of friendship through:

- newsletters
- reunions, receptions, and other events
- keeping contact information current for hundreds of living alumni
- maintaining and improving the physical condition of our house

Right now, our brotherhood is facing a dilemma — and the fate of our chapter house is in the balance. Regardless of whether we, as brothers, decide to opt for a new house or hold on to the original, we are going to need help.

A strong alumni organization is also the key to a healthy undergraduate chapter, a place where leadership is learned and lifelong bonds are forged. Our donors are grateful for what the fraternity did for them and they want to make sure a new generation experiences the benefits of Phi Delta Theta at Purdue.

Put your name on this list with your brothers. Sit down and write your check right now. For your convenience, we now also accept credit cards. Join the brothers who value what our fraternity did for us, continues to do for us, and what it can do for the next generation of Purdue Phi. ■

## 2002-03 Annual Fund Donors to Date

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*Thank You!*

## Helping You Stay Connected!

Your contributions are supporting the continued development and maintenance of our Web site, [www.purdue-phi.net](http://www.purdue-phi.net)

The more you utilize this great communication tool, the more useful and interesting it will be.

**Here are some ways that you can contribute content:**

- Submit a profile—Our Web site has a feature that lets us get to know our brothers better. In addition to sending in an alumni update, go to the menu on the left side of the screen and select “submit a profile.”
- Send an Alumni Update—Send a brief update and let us know what’s new with you—travels, new additions to your family, new job, etc. Select “alumni updates.”
- Share a photo—Go through your photo album and find some good shots of the brothers of your era. Post the photos

yourself (or have your computer-savvy kids do it!) by clicking on “submit your photos” under the photo on the home page; or send them to our alumni records office either by mail or by e-mail (to [news@2stayconnected.com](mailto:news@2stayconnected.com)). Make sure to include your name, the fraternity name and school name.

- Update your contact information—If you’ve changed jobs, moved to a new city or just to a new apartment, we want to know! Use the “view my record” feature to make sure your information is current so your brothers can reach you.

Register now! To log on, click “Register” (on upper left of screen) and follow the directions provided.

If you have any questions about registering, please e-mail [info@2stayconnected.com](mailto:info@2stayconnected.com). ■

# Alumni UpDates

## Philip F. Trego '65

(8903 Huntington Pointe Dr., Sarasota, FL 34238-3207; pft943@aol.com) Penny and I live in Sarasota and own and operate a Contemporary Craft Gallery called "The Artful Dodger." Two sons and two grandchildren in Woodstock, Ga. Have some e-mail contact with **Larry Manaugh '65**, **Terry O'Connell '67** and **Mike "Moth" Miller '67**, looking for **Jim "Spanky" Crain '69** and **Gary Glover '65**.

## Douglas A. Joyce '67

(30 Stratham Green, Stratham, NH 03885; dajoyce@concentric.net) Still busy at Daniel Webster College, and am buying more airplanes and simulators. Heard from **Jim Pardee '68** who recently got remarried.

## Jay V. Ihlenfeld '74

(81 Wildwood Beach Road, Mahtomedi, MN 55115-1653; jvihlenfeld@mmm.com) I have returned to Minnesota after a two-year assignment in Tokyo, Japan, as executive vice president for Sumitomo/3M. On Oct. 1, 2002, I became vice president of research and development for 3M, based in St. Paul.

## Mark D. Hester '81

(3012 Longbranch La., Woodbridge, VA 22192; mark.hester2@verizon.net) I

retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service on Nov. 1, 2002. My final job was at U.S. Air Force headquarters, the Pentagon. I was present for duty on Sept 11. After two years in the Pentagon, I had moved out of the Pentagon to rental offices across the street. My organization had been in the offices hit by the plane. From our vantage point we watched the smoke plume rise, the burning continue, and the streams of pedestrians walking down the highway from downtown D.C., to evacuate the city. It was eerie. We then set about the Air Force response, which still continues. I now work for a small, hard-engineering services firm in Monassas, Va., adjacent to the battlefield at Monassas/Bull Run. It has been a pleasant transition. My eldest entered the University of Virginia in August. My second competes in ice hockey and lacrosse for local club and high school teams. And the youngest is finding her groove in the arts, piano, dance, and drawing. Sandy and I have been happily married for more than 20 years. I did see **Tom Schafer '81** and **Mike Machata '81** this past year and heard from other Purdue Phis.

## James R. Kitterman '84

(6 Middleboro Ct., Damascus, MD 20872-2246; jkitterm@comcast.net) I have recently joined Genesys Telecom-

munications Labs after stints at both Oracle Corp. and Siebel Systems. My wife, Liz, and I just celebrated our 17th wedding anniversary, and we have four children ranging in age from 15 to 7.

## Gregory A. Sbrocco '91

(7802 Cedar Road, Chesterland, OH 44026; greg.sbrocco@ps.ge.com) Wanted to let everyone know that I am back in the U.S. For those of you that did not know, I was living in Budapest, Hungary, for the last three years leading the start and operations for a new manufacturing plant for GE. Just landed back in U.S. and in the process of moving to Atlanta.

## Matthew E. Cope '98

(1009 N. Oakley #2F, Chicago, IL 60622; cope2001@hotmail.com) On Sept. 14, 2002, I married Janice Wildens. ■

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*Jackie and Don Green '69 celebrated 33 years of marriage on Jan. 24, 2003. This photo was taken on a trip to Alaska leaving Vancouver in July 2002. Don got lucky and won the sales award for Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklift's trip to Alaska.*



*Ever since 1997, a group has gone down to Florida for some deep-sea fishing. In 2002, we decided to go to Key West. We happened to meet an old Phi from Purdue, who chartered us out fishing.*

*From left to right: Jonathan "Flea" Grabowy '99, Scott "Beefcake" Barkman '97, Bill Kieldsen '67, Dave Farnham '98 and Trent Steed '99.*