

Mark Your Calendars!

Sat., Aug. 9, 2003

13 Annual Phi Open Golf Tournament
11:00 a.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Shotgun-start Scramble
(For more information, contact Andy Beasley '91 at 720-235-5535.)

Sat. Oct. 4, 2003

Homecoming vs. the Fighting Illini

The Purdue Phi

Indiana Theta Chapter ♦ Phi Delta Theta Fraternity
Purdue University ♦ West Lafayette, Indiana
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State of the

Chapter

By Gary Batesole '77, Housing Corporation President

This is Why We Call Them Brothers

Earlier this spring, Marcos Sivitanides — an alumnus of Virginia Theta and the faculty adviser to the Texas Mu Chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Southwest Texas State University — stopped by the Indiana Theta chapter house. He was treated with the utmost respect — the kind of treatment that a visiting brother deserves! Not only was he impressed with the hospitality shown by the undergraduate brothers, but the house was also in tip-top shape.

As we continue to work toward preserving the house and completion of the renovations needed to maintain a competitive advantage on the Purdue campus (see page 2), we are so proud of those brothers who are actively practicing the Phi Delta Theta values and ideals. Thus, we thought it appropriate to share those communications that transpired following that spring visit to the house. Proud to be a Phi!

Marc Mores,

Last weekend, I was in West Lafayette on a school trip. I drove around Purdue University on Saturday, mid-day, looking for the Phi Delt house, when I saw this beautiful 100-year-old mansion with Phi Delt letters on it. I parked in the parking lot and got out of my rental car. The parking lot was clean. The rear door was locked and secure, so I walked around to the front. The big yard was clean. The front door was also locked and secure. I knocked a few times until someone coming down the stairs saw me and let me in. I introduced myself as a brother and so did he, and he introduced me to his girlfriend. They had to leave for a charity event the chapter was hosting, so I told him I would tour the house and let myself out. The floor of the house was clean. The furniture was intact and in its place. The computer room with six networked computers looked like a university lab. The sitting room was neat and inviting with nice furniture.

Just then, two more brothers showed up. We exchanged introductions. The brothers were neat in appearance and in good spirits. They gave me a more detailed tour of their house. The kitchen and dining room downstairs were sparkling clean and spotless. The chairs in the dining room were lined up like soldiers. The chapter room was clean and neat. The brothers proceeded to show me a few rooms. The rooms were nice, regular dorm rooms. The bathrooms were clean but worn out; they should be upgraded by the Housing Corporation (see page 2). The walkways and corridors were clean and unobstructed. The entire house smelled like fresh spring air. Pictures were nicely hung on the walls, and the entire house was nicely decorated. We talked about classes and school, and the brothers told me what their majors and

career plans were. I gave them my two cents worth of advice as a professor. We shook hands, and I left the house and drove my rental car back to my hotel.

I WAS SOOO PROUD TO BE A PHI!!!

Yours in the Bond,

Marcos Sivitanides

Brothers,

Great job, Boilermaker Phi brothers! Thanks to those brothers who stopped and introduced themselves and gave the tour to Brother Sivitanides. Keep up the great work! The General Headquarters staff and the General Council are proud of Indiana Theta!

Yours in the Bond,

Marc S. Mores
Senior Director of Chapter Services
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Dr. Sivitanides,

I am president of the Housing Corporation for Indiana Theta. Marc Mores from Headquarters forwarded to me your e-mail concerning your visit to West Lafayette. I always appreciate feedback from visitors and was pleasantly surprised by your comments. As usual, we seem to only hear the bad things and very few of the positive. I have forwarded your message to the president of the chapter and will read the e-mail at our next board meeting. The main reason for the meeting is to finalize plans for the updating and refurbishing of the restrooms. They have not been updated since our 1959 renovation, so they are in need of work. We did a major renovation in 1991 but ran out of money to finish all the work. We did install a new fire alarm and sprinkler system as well as all new electrical systems, so the safety of the house was addressed (our primary goal).

Again, thank you for your comments. Please come back and visit us again.

Yours in the Bond,

Gary Batesole
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Report

By Gary Batesole '77, Housing Corporation President

The Great Bathroom Debate

The votes have been counted and tabulated. With over 250 brothers in the bond responding, some anonymously, and with an 80-percent approval rating, the results are in: "Save the House."

The emotional reply by many of those who wish to see the Phi Lodge remain at 503 State Street was that we have been at the same location for too many years to move and the structure itself is too historic and filled with memories to tear down and rebuild.

The Housing Board has unanimously voted to renovate the bathrooms, fix the gutters, flash and caulk the windows and waterproof and seal the front porch. The bathrooms will be gutted to the studs, all new plumbing and fixtures installed and new walls will go up. To save money, we voted not to change the layout of the bathrooms but simply replace everything where it was with new materials. We had several offers from fellow Phi brothers to donate time to re-engineer and redesign the layout, and we appreciate each offer. However, we decided that the existing layout was adequate and that keeping everything in the same place saved considerable construction costs. Everything in the rooms will be new — from the ceilings to the lights to the plumbing to the fixtures to the walls, tile, the floor and even the doors.



To finally fix the small water leaks we have in the building, new flashing and caulking around the windows will be done. We have found that the windows lacked flashing and were leaking during each hard, wind-driven rain. The front porch, which is also the ceiling in a part of the basement, has been leaking. We have hired a company on the recommendation of **Jim Wurster's ('59)** firm, American Consulting, Inc., that specializes in waterproofing and sealing. They also waterproofed and sealed the foundation of the original part of the house a few years ago, and we have not had any foundation leaks since then.

In order to pay for these projects, we have obtained a \$200,000 mortgage. While we can afford the mortgage, it does severely cut into any future repairs that the house may need. We hope to pay off the mortgage early by a combination of more actives living in the Phi Lodge and donations from alumni. These are the bare minimum repairs needed in order to be competitive in the student housing market and ensure the long-term survivability of the house.

There are still many repairs needed that are not as urgent and can be delayed, although not indefinitely. We hope you, the alumni of Indiana Theta of Phi Delta Theta, approve of the actions of your Alumni Board and will continue to support your fraternity in the future.



UpDates

William J. Darley '50

(1005 Bonnie Brae, Unit 5F, River Forest, IL 60305-1533; billdarley@aol.com) I played golf with **Bill Blew '51** and **Ken Gorgal '50** recently, in addition to going on a safari with the Blews to Kenya in '02. Still traveling the world — 111 countries — selling the Darley Fire Apparatus.

Joseph S. Spilman '50

(525 Satucket Rd., Brewster, MA 02631-2315) I married Pat Coleman (Purdue) in 1950, and she died of cancer in 1985. I have two daughters, two granddaughters and three grandsons. In 1992, I married Joan MacFarlan. We moved to Cape Cod in 1994. I was in the heavy earth-moving equipment business for 42 years.

Ronald C. Pierce '55

(P.O. Box 10546, Prichard, AL 36610; rpierce@wescoweld.com) All four children are active in our family business. Also, I was one of two to receive the American Welding Society National Meritorious Award this April at the international show in Detroit.

Joseph R. Fuller '57

(11935 Forest Dr., Carmel, IN 46033; joe.fuller@prodigy.net) Once again, I met **Dean Armstrong '57** and **Tom Scott '57** in Naples, Fla., for some golf and fun in early March of this year. **Ned Boyer '55** joined us for a few rounds, too. This is getting to be a yearly event. Hope to see all of our class in October at homecoming and dinner for our every-other-year event.

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An Extraordinary Phi Delt

One of Indiana Theta Chapter's most dedicated alumni, Joseph Henry Rush '38, passed away in Lafayette on April 3, 2003, at the age of 86. While his health had declined the past couple of years, he remained alert and was driving his car until a trip to the hospital prevented that during his last few days.

Joe had been a member of the Indiana Theta Housing Board much of the time since he completed WWII military service, a career that included 30 combat missions as a B24 bomber pilot with the 8th Army Air Force. He was awarded the Air Medal with five clusters for this outstanding accomplishment.

He was born in Roanoke, Va., in 1917. The family moved to Lafayette in 1927 where his father organized the Rush Metal Products Company. Joe graduated from Jefferson High School and continued his education in the School of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue as a member of the Class of 1938. His subsequent business career was with the family-owned company as the vice president. His son, Steve, is now president of the successor company, Cartesian Corporation.

Much credit goes to Joe Rush as one of the co-founders of the oldest Greek chapter house in the state of Indiana. For years on end, Joe personally supervised getting things done at 503 State Street, particularly during the summer months. He was indeed "Mr. Fixit." He received a special plaque from our Housing Board in recognition of his valuable efforts.

One of Joe's many civic activities was the Lafayette park system, one which he shared with wife, Martha. He served on the park board for 39 years. The Martha and Joseph Rush Pavilion at Columbian Park was named in their honor. He served as a board member of the Lafayette Leadership Council and the Purdue President's Council. Additionally, he was a very active member of the John Purdue Club. With his brother, Jim '42, he greatly assisted Purdue athletic programs for many, many years by providing more jobs for student athletes than any other business organization in the Lafayette area.

Joe's outstanding support for so many important organizations and activities were recognized when the Marquis of Lafayette Award was presented to him by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Lafayette City Council. He also received the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award by then Indiana governor, Roger Bramigan, who incidentally was a member of Phi Delta Theta at his alma mater, Franklin College.

All Indiana Theta Phi brothers can be very thankful for Joe Rush's outstanding efforts and contributions to our fraternity for so many years.



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2003 Football SCHEDULE

Come cheer our Boilermakers to a winning season!
(home games in bold)

- 9/6 **Bowling Green (Band Day/Family Day/P-Awards)**
- 9/13 Wake Forest
- 9/20 Arizona
- 9/27 Notre Dame
- 10/4 **Illinois (Homecoming)**
- 10/11 **Penn State**
- 10/18 Wisconsin
- 10/25 Michigan
- 11/1 **Northwestern**
- 11/8 Iowa
- 11/15 OSU
- 11/22 Indiana



GREEKlife ... coming soon!

The premiere edition of this new publication is being mailed to our Indiana Theta Phi mailing list. This new publication is being produced by Affinity Connection, the organization we utilize for publishing and mailing The Purdue Phi newsletter. We think you will find this interesting reading. It highlights the positives of college fraternities and sororities. There is a good article on page 18 which quotes the president of the Pi Kappa Alpha Chapter at Purdue. It, like Indiana Theta, is a dry house. He feels his house has an advantage: "We know other ways to have fun, so we're basically a step ahead. It's made us stronger, brought us closer."

The same can be said about the Purdue Phi Delt house. Impressed with this and other messages conveyed in GREEKlife, our Indiana Theta brothers were prompted to underwrite the cost of mailing this inaugural edition to you and other Purdue Phi brothers. Gary Batesole '77, president of our Housing Corporation, will appreciate your comments regarding this mailing and your thoughts about receiving future editions.

Alumni UpDates

Rowland A. Donie '65



The Donie family (2002).

(13315 Appletree Rd., Houston, TX 77079-7107; rdonie@houston.rr.com) I retired from Mobil after 20 years and started my own financial consulting and factoring (we buy accounts receivables) company in Houston — four partners and a wild ride. In factoring, you're always in trouble, but the return is in line with the risk. Judy, my wife and **Jack Mendell's** ('64) sister, is a semi-retired school teacher. We have two sons, both in their 30s. The oldest, Steve, has two daughters — just call me "Gramps." He is a computer jock for Landmark Graphics. Scott, the younger, continues his interest in diving and is the coach at NYU. I see **Bill Sweet** '64 periodically and have talked to **Bob Brayton** '65, both living in California. **Harry Schaefer** '64 is in Florida selling real estate. Call, drop by, e-mail, etc.

Thomas P. Moore '72

(P. O. Box 1998, Crested Butte, CO 81224; sportmd@sopris.net) I got married for the first time in August 2001 and my wife, Gail, and I are expecting our first child in October. I am an orthopedic surgeon living in Basalt, Colo., near Aspen with offices in Basalt and Crested Butte. Any brothers vacationing in this area can e-mail me.

F. Lawrence Jones '74

(7114 Shannopin Drive, Apt. 921, Charlotte, NC 28270; flj0303@aol.com) I am now living in Charlotte, N.C., where I am the brokerage manager for John Hancock Life in the Carolinas. I have three children and am feeling old as they are all nearly grown. Colin graduated from Vanderbilt Univ. in 2002 and is now in graduate school at UGA in Athens, Ga. Kevin is a Reynolds Scholar and on the track and cross country teams at Wake Forest (class of 2005); his twin sister Kelly is in the class of 2005 at Univ. of Florida in Gainesville. All three have sworn that Greek life is not for them; apparently I told them a few too

many stories when they were little. I miss Purdue and the Phi Deltas. If anyone is ever in Charlotte, please look me up.

Thomas L. Short '76

(1106 Harvest Wood, San Antonio, TX 78258-3809; tshort1@satx.rr.com) I promise to bring my wallet along the next time former Indiana Theta President/Brother **Paul Donisthorpe** '77 comes to San Antonio. Brother Donisthorpe, now a successful cattleman and investment banker, credits his beating shyness to Alpha Phi serenades led by me and another upperclassman, **James Judson** '76.

Daniel S. Cozewith '89

(767 Carleton Rd., Westfield, NJ 07090-2505; danlivcoz@comcast.net) My wife, Olivia, and I welcomed our first child, Bram Henry, born 11/21/02.

Michael M. Roach '89

(16 Sheppard Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645; mmjroach@yahoo.com) I am a marketing manager for Sony. I have been married for eight years to my wife, Lisa. We have two girls, 6 and 4. I live in New Jersey, 20 minutes outside NYC. If anyone is in the area, drop me a line. Hope all is well.

Jamie K. Brown '94



Jamie Brown and his three sons.

(260 W Cedar St., Zionsville, IN 46077-1507; jkb@lumasis.com) On March 13, 2003, Maggie and I welcomed our third son, Camden Marshall Brown, into our lives. He was 8 lbs., 8 oz. and 22 inches long. His two brothers, Logan (4) and Griffin (2), love to get into trouble. Maggie and I are the largest Vera Bradley dealer (part of our 58-year-old family business) with a retail store in Zionsville, Ind., and an extremely successful online company. Hope to hear from some of you!

D. Brandon Weddle '95

(1630 Great Highway, San Francisco, CA 94122; brandonweddle@yahoo.com) I co-founded Cambridge CM, Inc., in May 2002. We began with five founders and have grown to 20 employees. We are located in the San Francisco Bay area. Delaney Ann Weddle turned 1 on March 19, 2003.

Scott A. Barkman '98

(2062 Landmark Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46250) I am about to marry Kelly Broda (a Purdue Alpha Phi). I'm a software instructor for PTC.

Derek M. Lenard '99

(200 Michigan 226, Elmhurst, IL 60126; dlenard14@yahoo.com) To all of those Phi brothers who are out there, there is some hope for getting a job in this economy. I was out of work from being a consultant at Andersen Consulting, Accenture, for a year and a half. I am now gainfully employed and work for JCR — a healthcare consulting company in Oakbrook Terrace Ill., a 'burb of Chicago. Things are well. Been married three years to Bridget, a PU XO, and we are looking to buy a house soon.

Todd M. Rath '00

(2235 West Sail Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23455; toddrath@yahoo.com) I established www.rockbottomgolf.com with brother Tom, and things are moving along. Let me know if any of you former Phi brothers need some equipment; it's amazing how overpriced these retailers are. Wife, Kim, and I moved to Virginia Beach and have permanently made this home as well as moving the company out of New York. Things are going well. Keep in touch.

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