

Phi Delta Theta Educational Fund News

Dear Brothers in the Bond,

As a follow-up to earlier articles announcing various levels of giving, I want to remind you of a recent tax law change that, hopefully, will provide you with an additional incentive to make a charitable gift to the Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation prior to December 31, 2005.

The new law, passed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, affects the deduction limit on cash contributions to charities, such as the Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation, by taxpayers who itemize their deductions. Before the enactment of the law, the deduction for cash contributions was limited to 50 percent of adjusted gross income per year, with a five-year carry-forward of amounts in excess of the yearly limit.

The new law says this limit generally will not apply to cash gifts made to most public charities after August 27, 2005, and before January 1, 2006. Thus, you may be able to deduct up to 100 percent of your adjusted gross income for the contributions you make.

The higher deduction limits do not apply to gifts of stock or other property. While the higher limits are allowed for gifts to most public charities, they do not apply to gifts made to certain entities, such as donor-advised funds.

This new rule applies whether or not your cash contributions go to Katrina-related charities. It would apply to your cash contributions to the Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation.

Yours in the Bond,
L. Robert Lowe Jr. '59
Secretary, Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation ■

The Purdue Phi

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President's Report

Lots of Success to Report!

I am happy to say that our undergraduates did an outstanding job during rush this year. We have a pledge class of 32 qualified men — one of the largest classes in recent memory. There's much to admire about the current group of undergraduates. I have confidence they will continue to make us proud.

Our homecoming reunions on the October 15 weekend were great fun, with about 75-80 people touring the house and joining the undergraduate brothers for lunch. At least 50 of those in attendance were from pledge classes of the 1940s and 1950s. (Great job, men! Welcome home.) Alumni board member **Bob Holloway '48** had organized their reunion, which included dinner with new Purdue head basketball coach Matt Painter as the keynote speaker.

The annual golf outing was the biggest ever. After golf, we headed to the 19th Hole at Harry's, where we took over the second floor and had a great time. This marks the first time this outing has exceeded 100 participants, and we're hoping to keep the momentum going. Bear next year's outing in mind as you do your summer planning.

We took care of a lot of miscellaneous upkeep on the house over the summer. We focused on exterior work: repairing the siding and trim, installing new gutters, etc. If you haven't been by yet this year, come take a look!

Finally, I encourage all of you to join the Purdue Phi Club. Our dues pay for these newsletters, our membership database, homecoming expenses and our Web site — all of which are ways to keep in touch with your fellow Phis. While I'm at it, don't forget to visit our Web site at **www.purdue-phi.net**. There are lots of postings from alumni, including addresses, so you can "find" that lost brother.

Yours in the Bond,

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Resolve to Reconnect


It's that time of year again to start making your New Year's resolutions! This year, why not resolve to reconnect with Phi Delta Theta?

You could:

- Make a donation to the annual fund.
- Contact five of your old Phi Delta Theta buddies.
- Attend a Phi Delt event or plan a get-together of your own.
- Come back to Purdue and meet the undergraduate brothers.
- Volunteer for the Indiana Theta of Phi Delta Theta Alumni Association.
- Participate in our alumni Web site at **www.purdue-phi.net** — post photos, chat in the blog, submit an alumni update. ■

Phi Open

See You at the 2006 Phi Open



Thank you to all those who attended and contributed to the Phi Open on Saturday, August 13, 2005, at the Birk Boilermaker Golf Complex at Purdue. Our 15th consecutive outing proved to be the most well-attended yet, with 118 participants including 104

alumni and 14 undergraduates. Brothers from 22 states and a range of six decades showed up for a fun-filled day. We even had Phis from five universities other than Purdue join us!

If you missed it this year, don't make the same mistake next year. **The 16th annual**

Phi Open will be Saturday, August 12, 2006, at the same location. Contact a brother whom you are overdue to see again, and join us next year.

For more information about attending the Phi Open, contact **Andy Beasley '91** at 720-235-5535 or beasgolf@aol.com. ■

Report

It's an Honor to Be a Phi Delt

Dear Alumni,

Over the past semester, many exciting things have happened with Indiana Theta. Many positive attitudes and growing numbers have contributed to huge improvements in many areas of the chapter.

Before school started, we began house improvement projects including painting the cafeteria and the hallways, installing new carpet, building a Neil Armstrong tribute "Lunar Bar" and landscaping the front yard. With newly painted vinyl siding and reconstructed columns, the house continues to look better each year. This is evidently attractive to many rushes, as we currently have more than 30 phikeias and a total of 118 members.

Recently we hosted a homecoming luncheon for alumni, despite Purdue's loss of the football game. We were thrilled to have such a great turnout, and we would like to thank those of you who continue to return each year. We also greatly appreciate your donations and have used the funds for house improvements. Please be sure to keep in mind our alumni dinner this coming spring, and look for an invitation soon.

We have continued to participate in and host philanthropic events benefiting many causes and organizations. Before

Halloween, we had 30 kids from the Boys & Girls Club come over and carve pumpkins with our new pledge class and Zeta Tau Alpha's new members. We also worked with the Lafayette community to aid in the annual Hunger Hike. Brothers worked all morning to set up and tear down the event. We participated in three other philanthropies and look forward to hosting our Spring Waffle Ball Slam benefiting the fight against Lou Gehrig's disease, with Kappa Alpha Theta.

As my time winds down as president, I look back at the past few years and take in all the great things that have happened for Indiana Theta. I have seen this chapter double in size in the last three years, and it has truly been an honor to be part of this fraternity. As I interview with companies and plan for the road ahead after I graduate, I am comfortable in saying that Indiana Theta is in good hands and will continue to grow.

Thank you for all the time each of you has provided to ensure the success of such a great chapter. We look forward to seeing you again. *Go, Boilers!*

Yours in The Bond,

Chad Davis
Chapter President ■

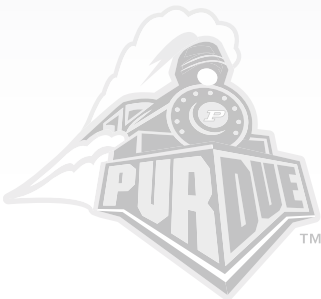
Boilermakers

Basketball

2005-06 Men's Basketball

It's time for the Boilermakers to once again take the court! That means it's also time for you to plan a trip back to Purdue to take in a game with your Phi Delta Theta brothers. And don't forget your camera! You can post pictures from the games in the photo gallery on our Web site at www.purdue-phi.net.

Can't make it back? Why not get together with brothers in your area to watch the game on TV? You can use the directory on our Web site to find other local Phi Delta Theta alumni.



Sat., 11/19/05	Wofford, West Lafayette, Ind., W 82-75
Tue., 11/22/05	South Alabama, West Lafayette, Ind., W 85-67
Sat., 11/26/05	Xavier, Indianapolis, Ind., WGN and HD Net, 4:30 p.m.
Tue., 11/29/05	Florida State, Tallahassee, Fla., ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., 12/3/05	Evansville, Evansville, Ind., ESPN-Plus Local, 6:05 p.m.
Tue., 12/6/05	Chicago State, West Lafayette, Ind., 7:00 p.m.
Sun., 12/11/05	Loyola, Chicago, Ill., Comcast SportsNet Chicago, 8:00 p.m. EST
Sat., 12/17/05	New Orleans, West Lafayette, Ind., ESPN-Plus Local, 8:00 p.m.
Tue., 12/20/05	IPFW, West Lafayette, Ind., ESPN-Plus Local, 7:00 p.m.
Wed., 12/28/05	Tennessee-Martin, West Lafayette, Ind., 7:00 p.m.
Fri., 12/30/05	Memphis, Memphis, Tenn., 8:00 p.m.
Wed., 1/4/06	Northwestern, Evanston, Ill., media TBA, 7:00 p.m.
Sat., 1/7/06	Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., ESPN-Plus Regional and ESPNU, 12:07 p.m.
Wed., 1/11/06	Ohio State, West Lafayette, Ind., ESPN-Plus Local, 8:00 p.m.
Sat., 1/14/06	Minnesota, West Lafayette, Ind., ESPN-Plus Local, 8:00 p.m.
Wed., 1/18/06	Penn State, University Park, Pa., ESPN-Plus Local, 6:00 p.m.
Sat., 1/21/06	Indiana, Bloomington, Ind., ESPN-Plus Regional and ESPNU, 2:32 p.m.
Wed., 1/25/06	Northwestern, West Lafayette, Ind., 8:00 p.m.
Sat., 1/28/06	Illinois, Champaign, Ill., ESPN-Plus Regional, 4:37 p.m.
Wed., 2/1/06	Iowa, West Lafayette, Ind., ESPN2, 7:00 p.m.
Sat., 2/4/06	Wisconsin, West Lafayette, Ind., ESPN-Plus Local, 8:00 p.m.
Wed., 2/8/06	Michigan State, East Lansing, Mich., ESPN-Plus Local, 8:00 p.m.
Sat., 2/11/06	Michigan, West Lafayette, Ind., ESPN-Plus Regional & ESPNU, 12:17 p.m.
Sat., 2/18/06	Penn State, West Lafayette, Ind., ESPN-Plus Regional, 12:17 p.m.
Wed., 2/22/06	Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., ESPN-Plus Local, 9:00 p.m.
Tue., 2/28/06	Indiana or TBA, West Lafayette, Ind., ESPN, 7:00 p.m.
Wed., 3/1/06	Indiana or TBA, West Lafayette, Ind., ESPN-Plus Local, 8:00 p.m.
Thu., 3/2/06	Indiana, West Lafayette, Ind., ESPN, 7:00 p.m.
Sun., 3/5/06	Ohio State, Columbus, Ohio, ESPN-Plus Local and ESPNU, TBA
Thu., 3/9/06	Big Ten Tournament, Indianapolis, Ind., TBA
Fri., 3/10/06	Big Ten Tournament, Indianapolis, Ind., TBA
Sat., 3/11/06	Big Ten Tournament, Indianapolis, Ind., TBA
Sun., 3/12/06	Big Ten Tournament, Indianapolis, Ind., TBA ■

What College Students Want

What are today's Phi Delta Theta brothers looking for? Chances are, not what you think.

According to *Millennials Go to College*, published last year, the current generation of college students wants to be protected — even restricted — so they can focus on academics and community service. Believe it or not, for the first time in recent history, college students and their parents may actually want the same things out of the higher education experience! So colleges, universities and, increasingly, fraternities are scrambling to provide it.

"Millennials" is the term the book's authors, Neil Howe and William Strauss, give to the generation who hit adulthood at the start of the third millennium. Research cited in the book indicates that today's students are:

- Confident, team-oriented and focused on grades and performance.
- Emotionally close to their parents and in agreement with their values.
- Respectful of social conventions and institutions.
- Committed to community service.
- Demanding of a secure environment.
- Technologically savvy and interested in pursuing careers in the sciences, math and technology.

In short, everything a college administrator could ask for and everything other generations — like the infamous group called Generation X — were not.

Change on campus is coming in the form of tighter security, stricter rules and higher expectations for student behavior and academic performance. Campus security has become an issue, even a marketing point for some colleges. Security for the first time is now being actively marketed by campuses as being as much of a priority for today's students as it has always been for parents.

For a generation raised with metal detectors in public schools, personal rights are less of an issue; security cameras and stricter rules of behavior are simply standard operating procedures.

Some of the likely new rules — particularly those concerning alcohol — may have been funny to earlier generations. Millennials, however, are likely to accept new restrictions as reasonable and in their best interests (even when they defy them) rather than see them as violations of their personal freedoms.

This group is defined as being trusting and demanding, adaptable yet focused and poised to do great things while still dependent on their parents.

Today's students trust the adults and institutions in their lives to protect them. Colleges and fraternal organizations are now acting on this attitude of acceptance by implementing higher standards and more rules regarding dangerous behaviors such as underage and binge drinking, and hazing.

As millennials take over the campus, they will become the future of organizations like Phi Delta Theta. ■

Remarkable

Results

Phi Delta Theta Plays Vital Role in Building Integrity and Character

Some people in today's society may think it's old-fashioned to discuss morality and integrity, but the reality is that good morals, good manners and good behavior will never go out of style. On college campuses, fraternities and sororities offer a great foundation for developing these ideals.

While it must be acknowledged that some Greek organizations fall woefully short in this regard, and that many — maybe most — have experienced at least a few challenging incidents, the Greek system is still driven by values-based programs.

Learning about responsibility, honesty, courtesy, respect, justice, community service, philanthropy, academic achievement, cooperation, diversity and tolerance is simply part of what it means to go Greek. Long-standing codes of conduct are in place to uphold these cherished values, and new members are instilled with the importance of maintaining their organization's venerable traditions and good reputation.

Peer pressure of the right kind has a positive impact. Since the actions of each individual reflect on the group as a whole, members influence each other to do right. They encourage each other to strive for good grades and to contribute to the welfare of the group and the community, and they discipline those who step out of line.

In fact, far more behavioral guidance is evidenced in Greek houses than in the average dormitory or student-occupied apartment building, not just through peer pressure but also through the steadying influence of each chapter's board of directors, the codes of conduct endorsed by each organization's national office, the campus's interfraternity council and, most important, the active support of each chapter's alumni.

The results are remarkable:

- Greeks often outperform the general student population in academics, with many Greek organizations mandating higher grade averages from their members than the averages among the rest of the student population.
- Greeks far surpass every other student demographic group when it comes to community involvement. They raise untold millions of dollars for charitable organizations and annually donate millions of hours of their time to worthy causes of all kinds, from Big Brothers/Big Sisters to Habitat for Humanity to local food banks, and so many more.
- Greek organizations are also training grounds for leadership, teamwork, problem solving and time management. Through chapter leadership positions, undergraduates develop advanced human relations skills that will be invaluable to them throughout their lives, both in business and in their personal relationships.

Statistics from the North-American Interfraternity Conference reveal that nearly half of all U.S. presidents, 30 percent of members of Congress, 40 percent of U.S. Supreme Court justices and about 30 percent of Fortune 500 executives have Greek roots. How can two percent of the overall student population have become so dominant in public life? They have their character-building experiences in fraternities and sororities to thank for that.

From national headquarters to local chapters, Greek organizations demand that their undergraduate members be accountable, involved, hard-working and caring people. By providing nurturing environments with high behavioral expectations, fraternities and sororities are shaping the leaders and responsible citizens of the future.

Greek organizations do a tremendous amount of good — for their members and for society as a whole. The ongoing support of dedicated alumni is crucial to making it possible for Phi Delta Theta to continue providing these worthwhile opportunities for current and future generations of Greeks. ■

Alumni Updates

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Ronald E. Perkins '73
(1000 Oakland Dr., Barrington, IL 60010-6307; rperkins13@aol.com) **Steve Arfman '72, Mike Busald '72** and I got season tickets again this fall. We also hook up with **Brian Reichart '72** and **William Lowes '72**, and even **Mike Moore '73** showed his face last year. We

tailgate for almost every game. Everyone in that group is doing fine. If you are in the Chicago area, give me a shout. I am still looking for parties!

Nicholas S. Partin '98
(1201 Canvasback Ct., Mount Pleasant, SC 29464; nspartin2001@yahoo.com) My wife Dana and I live a little north of Charleston, S.C. I work as a territory manager for Allegis, a supplier of access hardware to fire truck and ambulance

manufacturers. If anyone plans to visit Charleston, give me a call: 612-965-9581 (cell) or 843-881-7873 (home).

Preston J. Meng '00
(1535 N. Wicker Park Ave., #GE, Chicago, IL 60622; prestonm@firstatnursing.com) Adriana and I have moved back to Chicago after two years in Vegas and two in Salt Lake City. We live right at the North/Damen/Milwaukee intersection. I'm looking forward to getting back in touch with everyone!

In Memory

Since publication of our last newsletter, we have learned of the death of **Robert W. Bowman '36** (7/4/04) and **John W. Scales '49** (8/17/04).

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

Dan Koutsis '03
(640 Country Club Dr., Itasca, IL 60143; dkoutsis25@comcast.net) I am currently working on my master's in counseling education at Northern Illinois University, and finished with my course work last May. ■

Help us, Help You Stay Connected

In this day and age of computers, the Internet, Palm Pilots and text messaging, it is easier than ever for friends to stay in touch. Help us stay connected with you by updating your record online at **www.purdue-phi.net** or by e-mailing maura@affinityconnection.com (our account manager at our alumni relations office).

By ensuring we have your current e-mail address, you are helping us keep you informed of the latest Phi Delta Theta news and events!

Benefits of providing your e-mail address:

- Your contact information will be included in a directory, accessible only to Indiana Theta alumni members. Your e-mail address may help a long-lost friend reconnect with you!
- You'll be contributing to an increase in the frequency and quality of Phi Delt communications via e-mail.
- You'll receive special e-updates available only to our members who have submitted their e-mail addresses!

Your e-mail address will be used **only** for Indiana Theta purposes, and will not be traded or sold. Update your e-mail address today! ■

New Enhancements to Alumni Web Site Unveiled!

Revamped Site Offers New Look, Added Features

For many of our alumni members, making frequent trips back to Purdue is not always possible. That's why we urge you to utilize our newly improved alumni Web site at **www.purdue-phi.net**. The Web site serves as a place for brothers to come together and share memories, photos and updates about themselves! The site also provides chapter news, event details and so much more.

Some of the new features include blogging, an organized photo album and an event calendar.

If you haven't logged onto the new site yet, register today to take part in this Phi Delt e-community! ■

*The 2005 Phi Open was our biggest ever.
See you in 2006!*

