

UPCOMING EVENTS

19th Phi Open
August 15

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2009 FOOTBALL

Sept. 5:	Toledo
Sept. 12:	at Oregon
Sept. 19:	Northern Illinois
Sept. 26:	Notre Dame
Oct. 3:	Northwestern
Oct. 10:	at Minnesota
Oct. 17:	Ohio State
Oct. 24:	Illinois
Oct. 31:	at Wisconsin
Nov. 7:	at Michigan
Nov. 14:	Michigan State
Nov. 21:	at Indiana

Home games in bold.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

If you would like to make a gift to the Indiana Theta of Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation in memory of Bob, please mail your donation to:

Phi Delta Theta – Purdue University
Alumni Relations Processing Center
PO BOX 7007
Albert Lea, MN 56007-8007

Checks should be made payable to the "Indiana Theta of Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation". Please include "Bob Haworth" in the memo line.

ON THE WEB

What's My Member ID?

Find your Member ID, which is required for First Time Login at www.purdue-phi.net, above your name and address on the mailing panel of this newsletter. Then follow the First Time Login instructions on the home page.

The Purdue Phi

Indiana Theta Chapter ♦ Phi Delta Theta Fraternity
Purdue University ♦ West Lafayette, Indiana
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ALUMNI REPORT

In Memory of Bob Haworth '76

Indiana Theta Celebrates the Life of Phi Open Founder

By Gary Batesole '77, President, Phi Delta Theta Housing Board

It is with deep regret that I share the arrival of **Bob (Haybaler) Haworth '76** to Chapter Grand of Phi Delta Theta at 7:25 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. Bob served on the Phi Delt Housing Board for over 20 years and never missed a meeting until his recent illness.

Bob's love for our fraternity and his remarkable ability to remember every story associated with his time living in the House, sometimes to our embarrassment, was legendary. He continued to associate and keep in contact with many of his contemporaries from Phi Delta Theta throughout his adult life.

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Bob will be best remembered as the founder of the "Phi Open" golf tournament held every year for the past 20 years. From its humble beginnings of 35 players, the tournament has evolved in to the largest annual golf outing at Purdue totaling over 120 players. Baler and **Ed Elliott** held the distinction of being the only two members to attend each outing. With Ed's passing last year, Bob made his final appearance this summer, even though he was in poor health from his cancer treatments, just so he could rub it in that he did something bigger and better than Ed. Now that's saying something! We will "Quaff a Stein" for Baler at Harry's after this year's tournament. His presence will be missed at all the Phi Opens to come.

Bob was able to speak with several people over his last couple of weeks and had visits from **H.P. Culp '77** and **John Harbaugh '77** on the Sunday before he passed; both indicating that he still maintained his love of

the fraternity, sharing stories and showing no real signs of how much pain he was in. Many brothers called, wrote, or visited with Bob during his last month and I know he appreciated everyone contacting him. Special mention should be made for all that Linda and **Karl Knable '77** did for Bob through this past year. They took him to the doctor and hospital, made sure he had food to eat and cared for him in his home the last few months of his life. Everyone should have friends like Karl and Linda.

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I last saw Baler along with **Jeff Reising '77**, about a week before he moved on to Chapter Grand and he wanted me to let everyone know how much he appreciated their thoughts and prayers. He also told me he wanted to be buried with his 25-year Phi Delt pin and his Phi Delta Theta tie. He was a Purdue Phi through and through. He fought hard. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

We will commemorate Bob Haworth's life this year at the Purdue Phi Open by placing a bronze plaque and planting a tree at the 7th tee, Bob's favorite hole on the course. There are several stories about why that hole was his favorite, none of which I can mention in this newsletter.

Share your best stories and memories of Bob at www.purdue-phi.net.

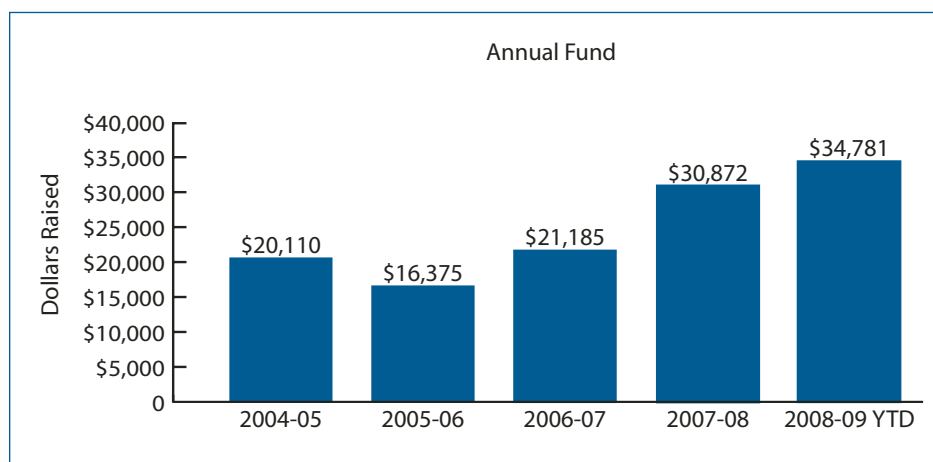
ANNUAL FUND

2008-09 is a Record Giving Year!

Special thanks to our 2008-09 alumni donors for making this year a record giving year in our chapter's history! As of April 21, we have raised \$34,781 toward the annual fund. This is well above last year's record of \$30,872 – and we still have four months to go in the giving year!

If you haven't yet made your donation, please do so before the giving year ends August 31. There are three ways to make a gift:

1. Online at www.purdue-phi.net.
2. By calling 800-975-6699.
3. By mailing a check payable to "Indiana Theta of Phi Delta Theta Alumni Association" to the return address on this newsletter.



CHAPTER UPDATE

Moms' Club Buys New Furniture for Indiana Theta House

Indiana Theta's Moms' Club recently purchased new furniture for the formal room of the Purdue University chapter house. The furniture was delivered on December 13 by Moms' Club President Laurie Dickinson and her husband Brad, an Indiana Theta alumnus.

About 10 actives helped to replace the previous furniture with the new furniture from the rental moving truck. The furniture pieces came at a perfect time as finals week began in only two days and the room quickly became the favorite study area in the house.

The formal room has also served to be a great place for weekly Phikeia meetings, and the occasional game of euchre. This beautiful new furniture immediately transformed a once ignored part of the house into a point of pride and a useful common living space.

All of the brothers are very thankful for this generous gift and are taking significant efforts to transmit this room to future Phis for years to come.



Phi Delt brothers show off the new furniture at the house.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Mark Hester '81

I've been with Lockheed Martin for over five years now in integrated services for government customers, focused primarily on facility services, O&M, design and construction management. We moved to more rural Haymarket, VA, west of Manassas. Our eldest graduated as a rocket scientist from UVA and now works for Lockheed Martin too. Our second, and son, is a senior in college in New York and youngest (daughter) is a sophomore in high

school. We don't get back west much but have made a couple trips to Purdue in the last few years. Email Mark at mshester77@comcast.net.

Ken Robinson sent us an update on **Jerry Faulring '69**, who was featured in the March 2009 issue of *Lawn and Landscape* magazine. In the article, he explains his reasons for leaving a successful lawn care company for the nursery business. He says, "My entrepreneurial spirit was a bit

dampened. I wasn't bored, just less interested. In 1989, I went to Oregon to hunt and fish with my friend Paul Bizon who was also in the nursery and lawn care business. I decided right then – even though I didn't know how to do it – that I was going into the nursery business." Find a link to the full article at www.purdue-phi.net.

All in the Family

David Farnham '98 Follows in His Father's (and Grandfather's) Phi Delt Footsteps

Defining. This is how **David Farnham '98** describes his experience at Phi Delta Theta. David said that although Purdue provided him with a great engineering education, it was Phi Delt that taught him about communication and leadership.

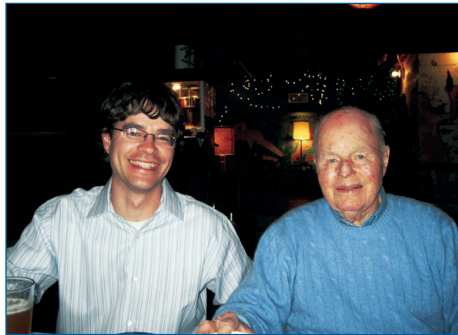
"Interacting with the diversity of personalities in the chapter house and learning about each individual's background, goals and interests changed how I dealt with people," he said.

As a freshman, David remembers a "pitiful" interview he did with a large engineering firm for a co-op position. He said he left with sweaty palms and no job. However, three-and-a-half years later as a senior, he recalls that the interview process was simple and almost enjoyable. He attributes this almost entirely to his experiences in the house.

David also said that his membership in Phi Delt helped him learn that "there is always a cleanest dirty shirt."

A self-proclaimed "legacy scum," David said his grandfather (Butler), uncle (Wabash) and father (Miami) were all Phis, and that is one of the reasons he joined the Indiana Theta Chapter. Really though, he said he remembers warm summer nights on the balcony as a freshman.

"I am still trying to figure out who kept



David Farnham '98 (left) with his Phi Delt grandfather (Butler).

breaking the windows in the kitchen," he said, as he remembers having to ponder that mystery as House Manager and Treasurer.

David said he believes it is important that Phi Delta Theta remains at Purdue because things change over time, but it is nice to have a "place" that stays the same. He said 503 State Street is a central part of so many memories and experiences. David also believes it is important to donate to the annual fund.

"I had a great experience and want others to have the same opportunity," he said. "Looking back, I also might have broken a few things when in the house and figure this is the best karmic opportunity I have to make amends with Gary Batesole."

David said he owes a shout out to his

pledge son, Trent Steed, for introducing him to his wife, Nicole, while they were still in school. David and Nicole just had a baby girl, Sierra Marie Farnham, on January 15.

"I have already begun to educate Sierra on the reasons to stay away from the Phi Delt house," he joked. "Particularly, never converse with anyone with the last name Barkman, O'Connell or Steed."

David graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering and Management. He is currently a Project Manager for Farnham Equipment Company, which was started by his grandfather in the 1950s selling furniture to the education market in western Ohio. Later, his father and uncle got involved and expanded it to cover three quarters of the state and ventured into the contract market by distributing "built-in" equipment such as bleachers and casework. After a couple of years working in Chicago, David decided to come back to Ohio. He is primarily involved in project management overseeing their various projects throughout the state.

"While in school, I never thought I would be doing what I am now," he said. "How things change."

Get in touch with David at DFarnham@farnhamequipment.com.

ON THE WEB

Are You One of the 59% of Alumni Not Receiving our Monthly e-Letter?

If you're not receiving our e-Letter on the fourth Tuesday of every month, be sure to update your email address! You can either do so by logging on to www.purdue-phi.net and clicking the Edit Info link, or by emailing your updated contact information to content@affinityconnection.com (mention Phi Delt Purdue in the subject).

By increasing our email database, we can increase our electronic communications and save money on paper, printing and postage. Help us in our efforts to "go green" while allocating our annual fund contributions to other needs by updating your email address today!

19th Phi Open
Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex
Saturday, August 15, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.

Please join us for a great day of fun. Once again this will be a four-man scramble with a shotgun start over the Ackerman Hills course. If you would like help organizing a foursome, or have other questions, please call Andy Beasley at 720-235-5535 or e-mail me at Beasgolf@gmail.com. Singles, pairs and threesomes can easily be combined with other players. Phis from chapters other than Purdue are welcome, so please invite your friends. We will again have prizes for the low scorers, high scorers, long-drivers and pin-seekers. Hole sponsorships are \$45 per hole. Any donations to help offset costs are appreciated.

Schedule of Activities

11 a.m. ~ Lunch at the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex Pavilion
 1:00 p.m. ~ Shotgun Start
 5:30 p.m. ~ Harry's Chocolate Shop~ Awards and 19th Hole

Cost: \$80 per person if received before July 1, 2009 or \$90 per person after July 1st (including the day of the event)
 Cost includes greens fee, cart, lunch and prizes. Make checks payable to: "Phi Delta Theta"

Lodging: We have a block of rooms reserved at the University Plaza Hotel (formerly University Inn) until July 1st. Call the University Plaza Hotel at 1-800-777-9808 before July 1st and ask about the Phi Open reserved block. Other options for individual reservations: Purdue Union Club 1-800-320-6291, Hilton Garden Inn - Wabash Landing 1-765-743-2100

You have two options for registration: You can register online at www.purdue-phi.net and pay with a credit card. Select the Alumni page and then the Events page. Or, you can download form from www.purdue-phi.net and mail it with your check to: 2009 Phi Open, c/o Andy Beasley, 16352 W. 66th Circle, Arvada, CO 80007

For this Indiana Theta alum (pictured on the left), Phi Delt is all in the family. Find out who he is and read his story on page 3.



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