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ALUMNI REPORT

A New Chapter, A New Beginning

Indiana Theta Doubles in Size

By Gary Batesole '77

From possibly the six worst months in our chapter's history, to probably the six best, a "new chapter" of Indiana Theta has begun. After twelve actives were kicked out by National and another 22 left on their own last December, we were left with 15 actives living in the House this fall and another two or three actives living out of the House with no money for rush functions this fall and spring. **Bill Green '77** (or as I call him, Ed Elliott, Jr.), called, wrote, harassed and arm-twisted his fellow 1970s graduates to not only raise the money for rush this school year, but also enough to greatly improve the functions that were held. **Andy Bosworth '80** volunteered to head up the new Chapter Advisory Board (CAB) and recruited more than enough alumni to fill the board. Many other alumni from various decades, without cajoling, volunteered time and money in order to implement our plan.

The House has never been cleaner, and Alumni In Action renovated the TV and Game Rooms downstairs by refinishing the wood floors, renovating the pool table, building tables



TV Room

and stools, adding new furniture, and installing a large screen HDTV with Blu-ray DVD player. The Actives pulled their weight by participating in every event with large numbers and with enthusiasm. The result is better than we had planned. Fifteen live-in Actives have recruited 23 pledges for the fall class. Twenty-one new Phikeias were at the house September 24th for the bid acceptance dinner affectionately known as Steak and Cigar Night. Two other freshmen accepted but could not attend. With this new class, we nearly doubled the size of the chapter (28 to 51). I don't believe that at any time in our history have the Actives recruited more pledges than the number of members living in the House. Until now.

We are ahead of our three-year plan to resurrect the Chapter and repopulate the House. While we have had a great start we must remember that this commitment must continue for the next several years in order for us to complete our goal of repopulating the Phi Lodge.



New furniture in the living room.

Purdue Announces Moratorium on Drinking

On September 24th, citing what they called a campus culture of underage and otherwise dangerous drinking, leaders of Purdue's fraternities, sororities and cooperative houses have declared a drinking moratorium. The indefinite ban by the Interfraternity Council means Purdue's Greeks and students living in co-ops won't be drinking at their facilities or functions, no matter the event's location, said Kyle Pendleton, assistant dean of students and director of fraternity and sorority life. "The end result is a safer and more responsible community," said Nick Kitchell, IFC president. "But also, really, this is the opportunity for the students to step up and hold each other responsible, so the university doesn't have to."

Indiana Theta President's Award

The 2010 Indiana Theta President's Award went to the founders of Alumni-in-Action, **Brad Dickinson '80** and **Andy Bosworth '80**. Brad and Andy started AIA four years ago in order to reconnect with the Chapter and the Actives on campus by spending a weekend with them. They raised money on a Thursday night by an Alumni/Active telethon; do the project and landscaping on Friday, ending with a cookout that includes all the Alumni and Active volunteers, and Purdue football on Saturday.

Some, but not all, of the projects include the new mail room, updating the computer room, new landscaping in the rear of the House, painting most of the common areas on the main floor and basement, renovating the Brick Room, and refinishing the wood floors in the TV Room as well as painting the walls, updating the "Phamous Phi Wall," building a new table and stools, buying new TV lounge furniture and installing the large screen HDTV donated by Bob "Haybaler" Haworth's estate.

Flashes of Excellence at the 20th Phi Open

Mark Your Calendar for 21st Golf Outing on August 13, 2011

By Andy Beasley '91

On August 14th, 137 Phis gathered at Purdue for the 20th Phi Open golf tournament. Purdue Phi Delta Theta alumni from six decades played, including **Keith Marshall**



from the class of 1946. Eleven Purdue Actives joined and we also had Phi Alums from several other schools. Thank you to everyone that participated and/or sponsored this event.

The brothers tackled the Ackerman Hills course with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start and finished up at Harry's around 6:30 p.m. for the 19th hole. The golf was mostly bad, but there were flashes of brilliance. Congratulations to the winning foursome of **John Jenson '87**, **Mike Eccleston '88**, **Keith Hoffman '88** and **Dan Elisha '88**.

Lightning struck twice during the tourney as **Todd Rath '00** aced the par-three thirteenth and **John Partin '92** took home the Gene Sarazen Albatross Award on the par-five fifth hole. We also paid our respects to brother **Joel Gentz '07** who lost his life fighting for our freedoms in Afghanistan in June.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 13, 2011 for the 21st Phi Open at Purdue. If you would like more information, please contact me at beasgolf@gmail.com.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Who are these Phikias and what year is the Pledge Class? Send your guesses to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention "Phi Delt at Purdue – From the Archives")

Send your own archived photos to us for publication in the next *Purdue Phi*. Submit your pictures to the email address above.



A Purdue Phi Graduate Impressed with Recent House Visit

Thanks to **Steve Slonaker '75** for sending us the following correspondence after his August 19th visit to the Purdue Phi house.

I visited the house last Thursday while I was at the Purdue campus taking furniture to my junior and senior at Purdue. I was impressed with the following:

1. Nearly everyone I encountered greeted me and introduced himself.

2. I met 3 of the 4 national representatives staying at the house. They gave good answers to some tough questions.
3. Was given tour. Met briefly with the house president.
4. House was in decent shape I thought. Mail room remodeling was impressive. Yard was good.
5. Posters on every floor and in dining room highlighted rush goals. Very specific. The members I visited with said they had

to leave to walk halls in Cary meeting freshmen. Reminded me of fellows named Judson and Burrus that I first met at Cary during rush.

In summary, I was comfortable with their attitude and what I saw. I told them we can't solve the problem, but if they will put out the needed effort and not quit, I felt the alumni would do their part. My \$503 is in the mail.

ALUMNI REUNION

1953 Purdue Phi Reunion

By **John Geis '53**

We had a great time at **George Maley's** farm August 13-15 in spite of a very hot Indiana summer! Unfortunately, two Brothers couldn't make it. **Tom Milby's** flight was canceled the day he was scheduled to leave along with all following flights from Boise, Idaho. **Joe Jones** fell and tore about 3 inches of his rotator a few days before and was advised not to travel.

BJ and **George Maley**, Betty and **Al Lewis**, Jean and **Jack Earl Hershman**, Carla and **Howie Runda** and Lou Ann and I were there for the weekend. We had a country

chicken dinner at the Hill Top restaurant in Spencer Friday night, a very leisurely day Saturday, a steak dinner that night and another country farm breakfast before leaving on Sunday. Saturday afternoon also included a self-introduction of each brother and brief history since graduation—this was highlighted by Howie's input since most of us had not seen him since graduation.

Share your Phi reunion stories and photos at www.purdue-phi.net.



ALUMNI NEWS

Neil Armstrong '55 Honored at Phi Delt General Headquarters

On August 2, 2010, members of the General Council hosted a luncheon for Brother **Neil**



Armstrong '55 in the David D. Banta Library at General Headquarters in conjunction with the 2010 Emerging Leaders Institute. These brothers exchanged memories of their undergraduate Phi Delta Theta experiences and discussed a wide range of topics regarding the college fraternity movement. Some of the issues discussed were the importance of promoting the cardinal principles of the fraternity through educational programming such as the Emerging Leaders Institute, the Presidents Leadership Conference, Leadership Consultant program and use of

technology for online education.

Also discussed was the importance of fraternity volunteers providing their time, talents and treasure for mentoring and guidance of undergraduate members.

Brother Armstrong also shared some of his thoughts about the space program and our future challenges. Following the luncheon, the members toured a few displays at the General Headquarters including a badge that Brother Armstrong had taken to the moon in 1969. The photograph shown here was taken in the lobby of General Headquarters.

2010 Alumni In Action Sees Best Attendance Yet

By Andy Bosworth '80

This year's Alumni In Action event marked its fourth consecutive year of house improvements with the best attendance from alumni yet. Nine alumni returned to The Phi Lodge to work on various projects alongside the actives. All of the actives participated, squeezing painting, raking and cleaning in between their busy Friday class schedules. Because of this summer's work sessions and the much improved care that the actives are showing for their surroundings, the event was able to focus on some major improvements as opposed to general cleaning. The generous contributions from many alumni and a lot of preparation and hard work executed by recent graduate **Brandon Frey** and his girlfriend Hillary were essential to the success of this year's event.

Alumni and actives worked side by side to execute an aggressive to-do list outlined by HP Culp. General Culp finished the day feeling very satisfied that almost all the

items on the list were completed. While **Brad Dickinson '80** spearheaded the traditional grounds work, the primary focus was a complete remodeling of the basement rooms for the actives to use for relaxation and recruiting.

The red tile floor room is now a very inviting billiards and foosball room. The area in the living room where the pool table had resided is now filled with elegant leather furniture. The old TV room was completely updated, building around the big screen TV left to the house by the late **Bob Hayworth**. We enlisted the crack upholstery crew of **Rick Hayes '83** and **Vic Thompson** to recover the old bar stools to match the new black leather furniture. Track lighting was added along with new furniture and a refinished floor to complement the existing oak wainscoting. Tim Craig and **Dave Tavitian '80** mounted a new TV stand for the HDTV and newly provided Blu-ray player that **Gary Batesole '77** provided. A

fantastic finishing touch was added with a complete re-do of the "Phamous Phi" photographs which were researched and composed by HP.

This was the first time since the 70's that the trio of HP Culp, **Gary Shmerler '80** and **Tim Craig '80** (all from Lockport, New York) were together. The event provided a great opportunity to reunite and share many Phi experiences and traditions, including several spirited verses of "Phi Delta Theta – Grand Old Fraternity."

Any alumni visiting campus should stop by to see the house. It undoubtedly is in the best shape it has been in ages. Additional contributions will not be turned away as we continue to improve 503 State Street. Please send checks payable to "Phi Delta Theta – Alumni In Action" to the return address on this newsletter. You can also make a gift online at www.purdue-phi.net.

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