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CHAPTER UPDATE

Positive Improvement Filled Fall Semester

45 Actives, Homecoming Celebrations – And Even Better Food!

By Gary Batesole '77, President, Indiana Theta of Phi Delta Theta Alumni Association

The new school year at Purdue is really off to a great start. We are now up to 45 Actives living in the Phi Lodge; this is slightly ahead of our goal set three years ago after we had to start rebuilding the Chapter.

The food has definitely improved the last couple of years, as four “out-of-house” members have even opted to join the food plan. The Actives just initiated 23 new Phikeias, our largest class in over six years. With that many new pledges and spring rush still to go, I feel confident we will exceed next year’s goal of 50 live-ins, and we may even hit 55. The goal for 2015-2016 is a full house of 65 men.

We had another very successful Phi Open golf tournament with over 125 participants, the largest annual golf outing at Purdue this year, again! Come next year and bring a pledge brother with you; it’s like a mini-reunion every year!

We now have a new floor in the entry hall with the Phi Delt Crest in the middle. Alumni-in-Action, once again, cleaned up the landscaping and converted the computer room into the new library, complete with a conference table, chairs, white board and projector and screen. It will be used for study groups, small meetings and executive meetings. When **Bob and Terry Bowen** donated the money to convert the room into a computer room over ten years ago, very few students had a computer of their own. Now they seem to have three apiece, making the computer room much less of a necessity.

We just completed a successful Homecoming with 50+ alumni returning to the Phi Lodge. **Bob Bowen** donated a picture he had framed of **Ed Elliott** and **Amelia Earhart**. Ed was Amelia’s official escort while she was a professor at Purdue. At a ceremony during the festivities, **Bob Lowe** and his



Bob Bowen presenting his donated picture of Ed Elliott and Amelia Earhart

father, **Louis Lowe**, were inducted into the Pillar Society. The Pillar Society is the highest award our Chapter can give and is dedicated



Left: Bob Lowe being initiated into the Pillar Society
Right: Bob Lowe and his family in front of the pillars

to those who have given of their time and treasure to Indiana Theta over their lifetime. **Louis Lowe** and **A. J. McAllister** were the two most responsible for the “new” addition to the House in 1960. Bob established and has overseen our 501(c)(3) Educational Foundation for over forty years, and, as our attorney, keeps us out of trouble. We’ve accomplished a lot so far this year, and it’s not even half over.

Yours in the Bond,
Gary Batesole

HOMECOMING

Brothers Reunite to Celebrate Boilermaker Pride at 2013 Homecoming



Back row: Bob Dunstan, Sam Julian, Don Green, Jim Gage, Mike McCall, Dan Heatherson, Steve Cox **Front row:** Steve Barry, Darryl Holst (Golfers not pictured: Dave Vance, Jeff Wohlford)

attend this year, be sure to call your pledge brothers and plan to attend next fall; it's always a great time to reconnect! In addition to the chapter's planned activities, a number of groups even held their own reunions.

The classes of 1968-70 had a fun reunion weekend with activities including their first golf outing and dinner on Friday, as well as brunch at the house on Saturday, attending the game and gathering for an evening party on Saturday night. Plans are already being made for a follow-up reunion and golf outing in 2015.

We were thrilled to welcome more than 50 alumni back to the Phi Lodge for this year's Purdue Homecoming. If you weren't able to

The classes of 1951 and 1953 also made a strong showing and enjoyed a day at George Maley's farm before taking part in all of the Homecoming festivities.



'51 and '53 Phis at George Maley's farm the day before Homecoming. **Back row:** Howie Runda, Gene Bahls '51, Joe Jones, Al Campbell '51, Jim Staples

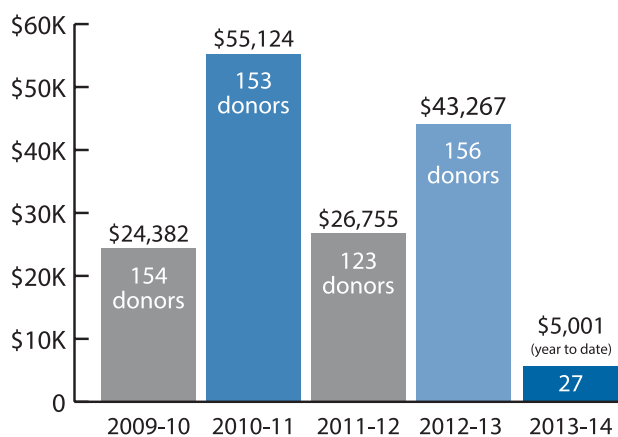
Do you have an alumni reunion photo or story to share? Be sure to send it to alumninews@affinityconnection.com.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Challenging All Brothers!

Step Up and Support Indiana Theta This Year

Annual Fundraising



Did you know that the Indiana Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta has over 1,000 living and active alumni brothers!? You may not guess that the number is that high when looking at the chapter's giving history – last year less than 10 percent of brothers contributed to the annual fund.

We want to say a huge thank you to those who did contribute last year and to those who contribute year after year! Your support is valued beyond words!

This year we want to challenge all brothers who have not donated in past years to contribute in some way, no matter how small, this year. Your support goes to fund our alumni communications and the Alumni-in-Action projects; no amount is too small to make a big difference in either of these areas. This year, we're also seeking continued support of the brand new Neil A. Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Endowment. This 501(c)3 endowment will provide scholarships to Indiana Theta actives living at 503 State Street, as well as maintaining and improving the educational elements of the Phi Lodge. Our goal is to raise \$2,000,000 for the endowment.

To learn more or make your gift online visit www.purdue-phi.net. You can also make your gift today by calling 800-975-6699. Thank you for your valued support of Phi Delta Theta!

2013-14 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

We'd like to thank the following brothers for supporting Indiana Theta's Annual Fund since our giving year began on September 1.

Indiana Theta Legacy Circle (\$1,000+)

Robert L. Holloway 1948

503 State Street Society (\$503)

Jay V. Ihlenfeld 1974

Founders Circle (\$300-\$502.99)

Eric Von Grimmenstein 1977

The 1848 Society (\$200-\$299.99)

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 George A. Collier Jr. 1961
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 James A. Gage 1969
 Darryl G. Holst 1969
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Scott J. Hinsch 1945
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 Gordon M. Graham 1956
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 Richard L. Freer 1981
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Von T Ballew 1950
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*Indicates gifts received as of 10/24/13

Brothers from the 1970s Share Their Thoughts on Fraternity, Fall and Football

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What valuable life lessons or skills have you learned that you attribute to being a Phi Delta Theta?

I learned several valuable things while at PDT: how to live together with 30-40 other men in one house, that what one person may do can have an impact on others and that working as a group on projects (such as Grand Prix) can achieve better results than going it alone. Living in a fraternity helped me to become more disciplined with regard to time management. Being thrust into an environment where there was the opportunity for a constant party and entertainment, one had to decide when to play and when to study.

In the spirit of recruitment, share a story from your own experience from joining Phi Delta Theta and some advice for a new member this fall.

As a freshman, fraternity rush was a big deal in the late 60s and early 70s at Purdue since the social aspects of conservative Purdue meant that the Greek organizations could provide access to a much better social life. Having moved from a state where the drinking age was 18, moving to Indiana was a big change. Having grown up in a family where my father and brother were both Phi Gamma Delta members that seemed an obvious location for me when I got to Purdue. However, having made some great friends in the dorm who had an interest in PDT drew me toward a house where I felt 100 percent comfortable with the other brothers. Point being – don't let preconceived ideas limit your opportunities.

What are you most looking forward to this football season, specifically as it relates to Phi Delta Theta and your fraternity brothers?

It would have been nice if Purdue had beaten Notre Dame. Since I'm six time zones away from Indiana, I have a hard time paying much attention to Midwest sports. I regret not living on the mainland where I could attend a few games but more importantly see some of the brothers from my class.

What's new in your life today?

What's new.....hmmm.....a high of 85 degrees and a low of 75 degrees every day of the year. I'm still driving a boat for a scuba business and scuba diving a few days a month.



Pepper P. Burruss '76

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NFL Physicians Society named Pepper Burruss '76 "Outstanding NFL Athletic Trainer" in 2012-2013

What valuable life lessons or skills have you learned that you attribute to being a Phi Delta Theta?

You learn to give and take when living in a fraternal group. Not all 60-80 guys will be best friends, but several will be lifelong friends. One introduced me to his girlfriend's sister and now we are brothers-in-law.

In the spirit of recruitment, share a story from your own experience from joining Phi Delta Theta and some advice for a new member this fall.

As mentioned above, you will meet lifelong friends who will settle around the country. Many will be very successful and will be great resources for expertise and fun to visit around the country.

What are you most looking forward to this football season, specifically as it relates to Phi Delta Theta and your fraternity

brothers?

I am proud to be a Boiler (It set me up for my life's work), but I have never been to a PU game since leaving campus. My current football weekends are a tad busy ! :) (They have been for 37 years or over 750 various professional football games.)

What's new in your life today?

I'm entering my 21st season as the Green Bay Packer's Head Athletic Trainer and Physical Therapist, and my 37th season in the NFL overall. I'm the overseer of the team's medical care on a daily basis after having joined Green Bay in 1993 following 16 seasons with the New York Jets as an Assistant Athletic Trainer.

This year I was thrilled to be recognized as the NFL Physicians Society's "Outstanding NFL Athletic Trainer 2012-2013" at the annual NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis, Indiana.

My wife, Nancy, and I have a son, Shane, 25, a graduate of the University of Minnesota and a daughter, Christina, 20, a sophomore at the University of Minnesota. Nancy is also a medical practitioner, with her Ph.D. in Nursing Education from Indiana University, and she is the Dean of Student Services at the Bellin College in Green Bay.

Want to get in on the conversation?

Send your thoughts to alumninews@affinityconnection.com.

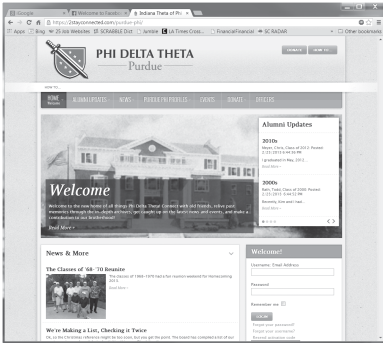
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Find many more updates on our website, www.purdue-phi.net. While online, please share an update on what's happening in your life!

ON THE WEB

Extreme Makeover: Website Edition

Phi Delt's Website Has A New Look and Feel



By now, you should have received an email including your new login information for www.purdue-phi.net. If you haven't, shoot us an email today at alumninews@affinityconnection.com; you don't want to miss out on receiving our eletters and having access to all parts of our new and improved website!

The revamped design gives us a sleeker, cleaner look as we work to recruit the brightest and best new brothers for the future of Phi Delta Theta. With many fraternity organizations turning to

websites with high design as a recruiting tool, our virtual "chapter house" has become a key component in our representation to the public.

More importantly, our new website will help keep you connected with Indiana Theta! You will be able to search the directory for brothers from your era, update your personal contact info, upload pictures, share an alumni update or story, and make secure online donations.

Check us out at www.purdue-phi.net.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Golf, Good Memories and Bowling in the Phi Delt Halls

A Sampling of What Brothers Have To Share!

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I had some great times at PDT. I remember taking the time at spring break to paint the Flag Room (second floor across from the head), red, white and blue all in glossy enamel so no one could easily cover it with latex paint. Those were the crazy 70s when SDS couldn't make it at conservative Purdue while people were being shot at Kent State. How about the nights when there was bowling in

the halls? We used beer bottles as the pins, and yes, I remember Mark B. throwing an old motorcycle off the roof into the pit. If I remember correctly, he lit the gas tank on fire first. Despite these distractions, we all seemed to graduate on time.

Adam D. Decker '91

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Andy Beasley '91 and I went on a golf trip

to Bandon Dunes, Oregon earlier this month, and when we were there, we ran into one of my pledge brothers, **Larry Risk '91**.

These are just two of many updates from brothers, available in this issue or online at www.purdue-phi.net!

*In this issue...
- How will we honor our brother, Neil Armstrong
- The story of two brothers who are now also brothers-in-law!
- Find out what was thrown off of the Phi Lodge roof in '70s?*

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