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HAPPENINGS AT THE PHI LODGE

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

With the new semester underway, I want to bring you up to speed on the status of the Phi Lodge. By now you know there was a tragic shooting at the EE Building involving two students, one of which was murdered and the other held in custody. None of our Actives were near the EE Building at the time of the shooting or knew either student involved.

Fall Rush was a success and now Spring Rush begins. Usually the spring class is the smallest, but we hope to have 12-15 pledges. That is above the average of 8-10 pledges. Many of the prospects were involved with Rush this past fall, but did not commit. The Actives made it a point to keep in contact with these students and it appears it is paying off. They hope to "seal the deal" after a trip to see the Indiana Pacers play in Indianapolis.

One of the downsides to technology is that many of the Actives now stay in their rooms to watch sports or movies. We asked the Actives what would be the one thing that would help get everyone together on a regular basis to promote Brotherhood. Their answer surprised us and got us into action. They suggested turning the "TV Room" (the room downstairs with the pictures of Phamous Phis on the walls) into a media room.

We have devised a way of building stadium seating for 25 along with a Hi-Def projector, 120" screen, surround sound, and Blu-Ray player into the room without

having to dismantle anything in the room to accommodate the new seating and electronics. This will give them the ability to watch the big games together as well as watch movies in a "Home Theater" setting. They thought it would be a great recruiting tool for Rush, and we agree! The money comes from those Alumni who have donated above and beyond



during the past year so that we can continue to improve and maintain the Phi Lodge.

We are working closely with **Billy Baldwin**, Vice President of Membership; **Tom Banks**, Vice President of Operations; and **Kameron Gentry**, House Manager; who have been working diligently on the project.

We hope to have the work done by the time Purdue plays in the "March Madness" tournaments! Lots of good things happening!

Yours in the Bond,
Gary Batesole

The Mission Statement of Phi Delta Theta

The cultivation of friendship among its members, the acquirement individually of a high degree of mental culture, and the attainment personally of a high standard of morality.

ALL ABOUT THE UNDERGRADUATES

Activity Abounds in 2013-14 School Year

By Brandon Stoller, Chapter President

This spring semester, 22 brothers went to Indy for the Greek Conference, which is a weekend trip for Greek students all across the country whose purpose is to meet and discuss faith, and how it can be incorporated not only into our lives, but our chapters and our campuses, as well. Thanks go to [Ross Haymond](#) and [Hunter Wetzel](#) for convincing everyone to go for the weekend and for helping us be the largest Purdue chapter at Greek IV.

[Ross Haymond](#) is also leading the team for Grand Prix once again with his crew members. For any improvements, thoughts, or donations you would like to make, contact Ross at (317) 512-1847. We have Grand Prix buddies for the first time in years! We will be paired with the lovely ladies of Gamma Phi Beta, and will be participating in events with them throughout the week.

Recently, we had trade dinners with the lovely ladies of Alpha Chi Omega and Tri Delta. Our Super Bowl dinner helped us secure our Grand Prix buddies, and put us in the running to be partnered again in football season. We are partnered with Alpha Chi

Omega for Zeta Tau Alpha's Big Man on Campus. The proceeds from BMOC go to breast cancer awareness, so for those of you looking to donate and help this great cause, contact Jarrod at (317) 409-6258.

Finally, on January 26th we saw 14 members of our Fall 2013 Pledge Class go through initiation. Although the entire class did not make it to initiation this day, we hope to see them through in the fall, once they have met their pledgeship

requirements. With great expansion, like we have seen in this fall class (21 phikeia total), we must also improve our standards and selectivity. We are growing larger as a chapter, and now we can hold all to the standards to be a brother of Phi Delta Theta. We are now holding our members to the level of academic excellence that our founders had when they started this house. We will hold the rest of this class to these standards, until they are initiated next fall.



Indiana Theta brothers at Greek IV in Indy

CHAPTER ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES FOR 2014

The fourth annual Chapter Advisory Board Meeting was held at 503 State Street on February 22nd, 2014. A large percentage of the actives were in attendance along with 5 members of the spring pledge class. The meeting was very productive with ideas discussed for social activities, fundraisers and house improvement. The executive committee proved to be well-informed on many of the house financial issues and were engaging on all matters.

The event was concluded with a telethon which yielded approximately \$2200 in pledges and the traditional chili dinner.

"Phamous Phirsts"

Phi Delta Theta instituted several policies and traditions that are not only still used by the fraternity today, but have also become standard among almost all fraternities and sororities:

- First to adopt a pledge pin. (1894 convention in Indianapolis)
- First fraternity to adopt an alumnus pin. (1894 convention in Indianapolis)
- First fraternity to adopt a pledge manual. (Walter B. Palmer in 1886)
- First fraternity to adopt a National Day of Celebration. (General Council in 1889)
- First fraternity to adopt life subscriptions to the magazine. (William Bates, 1st editor of The Scroll in 1875)
- First fraternity to have a member walk on the moon. (Neil Armstrong in 1969)

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

2013-14 ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

In our last newsletter, we issued a challenge to all brothers to step up and support Indiana Theta this year. To date, we have had 83 donors contribute a total of \$28,873.00, which is an incredible average of over \$300 per gift!

If you have already given this year, please accept our heartfelt thanks. Your contributions enable us to keep communication flowing between alumni and undergraduate brothers, and also fund the Alumni-in-Action projects. Additionally, we are seeking support for the Neil A. Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Endowment, which provides scholarships to Indiana Theta actives.

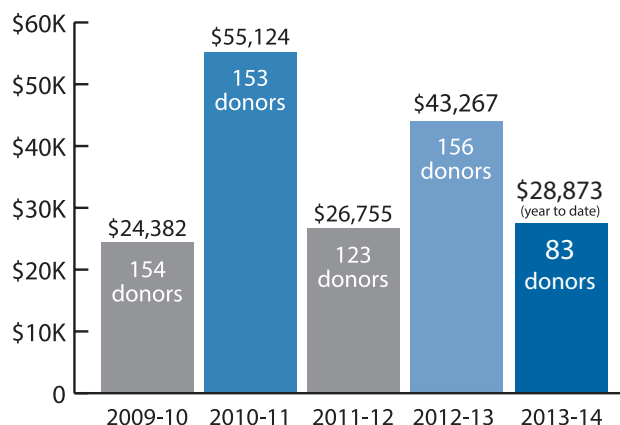
If you have not yet taken the opportunity

to make your gift to the chapter house in this fiscal year, it is not too late! You can simply visit our website at www.purdue-phi.net and click on the DONATE tab or call 800-975-6699 and make your pledge over the phone.

Listed below are the brothers who have already made their gift to Indiana Theta in this fiscal year.

Thank you, all, for the generosity that extends through the ages!

Annual Fundraising



2013-14 ANNUAL FUND HONOR ROLL

(as of March 5)

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

Robert L. Holloway 1948
Howard O. Watkins 1950
Jay V. Ihlenfeld 1974
Terry L. King 1976
Timothy M. Quigley 1976

503 State Street Society (\$503)

John Robert Patterson Jr. 1950
L. Robert Lowe Jr. 1959
Bill Edmundson 1962
Paul V. Troup III 1963
Brian L. Reichart 1972
Pepper P. Burruss 1976
Gary R. Batesole 1977
John S. Freeland 1979
Thomas R. Baryl 1988
David A. Farnham 1998
Trent A. Steed 1999

Founders Circle (\$300-\$502.99)

Jack J. Earl 1953
James G. Thompson 1956
James M. Leverenz 1960
Douglas A Joyce USAF, RET 1967
James A. Gage 1969
Eric Von Grimmenstein 1977
Andy L. Beasley 1991

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

James R. Love 1950
J. Allan Campbell 1951

Ronald C. Pierce 1955
James H. Kaufman 1960
George A. Collier Jr. 1961
Frank J. Machac 1965
Darryl G. Holst 1969
George E. Fleet Jr. 1971
David M. Ponzo 1971
Donn T. Davies 1972
James G. Pyle 1973
Thomas W. Martino 1979
William T. Bourke 1981
Stephen J Melonides 1988
Bradley G. Orris 1996
Patrick Piemonte 2004

Azure Club (\$100-\$199.99)

Scott J. Hinsch 1945
Thomas C. Costin 1948
Thomas R. Adams 1951
W. R. Blew Jr. 1951
Patrick F. Kennedy 1951
Robert P. Bringer 1952
Edward E. Jordan 1955
Gordon M. Graham 1956
Maurice G. Lorenz 1956
Douglas R. Bridges 1957
Joseph W. Elliott 1958
Robert M. Smitson 1958
G. Thomas Puett 1959
William R. Reed 1959
R. Keith Butterfield 1963
loyd E. Allen 1964
Larry L. Bennison 1964

Michael J Paugh 1964
Robert L. Brayton 1965
Thomas R. Burch 1967
James J. Miller 1967
Ronald C. Tucker 1968
Jeffrey S. Wohlford 1968
Forest A. Ritz II 1970
Thomas P. Moore 1972
Tim L. Keech 1973
Thomas C. Chronister 1975
Daniel E. Mabry 1977
Robert C. Bouggy 1979
Douglas A. Pitkin 1980
Richard L. Freer 1981
Larry B. Taylor 1986
Ian J. Reynell 2000

Argent Club (\$50-\$99.99)

Von T Ballew 1950
Albert John Geis 1953
Edward E. McCallum 1956
Joe J. Stewart 1959
Clarence A Paul Postauer 1960
Robert J. Corcoran 1966
Paul A. Robinson Jr. 1973
Michael C. Harper 1979
Frank S. Calamusa 1987
Brian James Pikul 2001
Other (Up to \$49.99)
Michael D. Miller 1967

FROM PHI DELTA THETA HEADQUARTERS

Phi Delt Weekend in Indianapolis

March 27-30

Join us for our Phi Delt Weekend festivities in Indianapolis, Indiana from March 27-30. There will be an alumni gathering on Thursday, as well as a Recruitment Workshop and Chapter Advisory Board Summit on Saturday.

Closing out the weekend will be an Iron Phi event on Sunday morning. Event registration is open. For more information, visit: <https://www.phideltatheta.org/events>.

If you don't have your e-mail address on file with us, you are missing out on vital monthly communications. Update your e-mail address today!

1. Simply visit www.purdue-phi.net, or
2. Send an e-mail to: feedback@affinityconnection.com (reference Purdue PDT).

Please also include any highlights in your life that you want your brothers to know about– we'll share them in print!

ALUMNI UPDATES

Chris Meyer, Jr. '12

"I graduated in May, 2012 in Civil Engineering. I remained on campus while working at Harry's Chocolate Shop. I had an absolute blast living on campus without any classes, and took advantage of Purdue's career resources and job fairs. After months of job hunting, I received and accepted an offer from Union Pacific Railroad. I am responsible for managing the operations of a rail terminal

and supervising crews that handle inbound and outbound rail cars. I trained in Omaha and San Antonio in February and relocated to Houston in March."

Larry Bennison '64

"On December 9th, I had lunch at Libby's in Sarasota with Phil Trego, Purdue Phi Delt and other Phi Delt from Sarasota. They meet on the 2nd Monday of each month for lunch."

Share your news today by sending an e-mail to: alumninews@affinityconnection.com or visiting www.purdue-phi.net.

Reference the Purdue PDT chapter!

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