

UPCOMING EVENTS

18th Phi Open
August 16

Alumni in Action
September 4-6

Homecoming
October 25

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HOUSE CORPORATION REPORT

Alumni in Action!

Chapter is Thriving, House is Undergoing Repairs, and We're Exceeding Annual Fund Record Totals... All Thanks to the Help of Our Alumni

By Gary Batesole '77; President, Phi Delta Theta Housing Corp.

It's been another great year for the actives at the Phi Lodge. After earning grades last year above the fraternity and men's all-campus average, it looks like this year could be almost as good, if not better. Last year's GPA was the highest that the Phi Deltas at Purdue have had since they started to keep records.

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The budget is balanced (although it's always low) and actives and alumni are paying their dues. The actives decided to emulate last fall's successful "Alumni in Action" with an "Actives in Action" weekend and the results were spectacular. The front stairwell was patched and painted, the tile floors were all scrubbed and polished, the woodwork cleaned and polished, and the landscaping in front of the House was updated. All this was done just before "Parent's Weekend," when the Mom's Club raised nearly \$5,000. Now they just have to come up with a project where they can spend all the money. The money raised by last fall's "Alumni in Action" will go to completely renovate the mail room with a new floor, new mailboxes, and a new phone booth. I don't think that room has been touched since 1959, and it looks like it.

The actives also won a national award for their fundraising activities this spring. I'd tell you about their fundraising project, but this is a PG-rated newsletter. Suffice it to say, it worked.

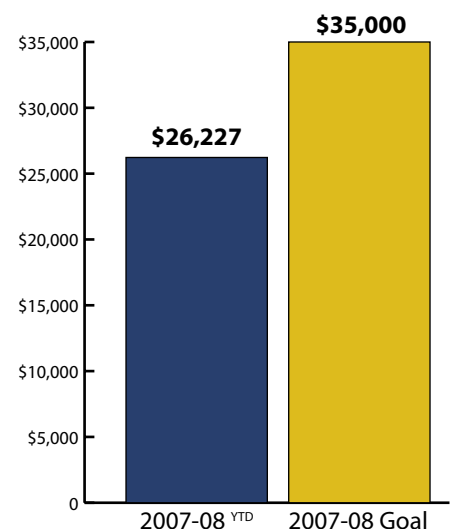
Several of the actives will be living in the house this summer and have taken upon themselves to redo the landscaping, especially

along the back of the house. I think that you can tell that this is a good group of actives who take pride in the fraternity house they call home.

If you have contributed to our efforts, thank you. If you have not, please consider helping to maintain the Phi Lodge. You can do so by returning for the next Alumni in Action weekend September 4-6, 2008, or by making a donation to the annual fund (or both!).

As of May 5, we have raised \$26,227 to the 2007-08 annual fund. This puts us so close to our \$27,000 goal for the year that we've established a stretch goal of \$35,000! Help us to continue ensuring the success of Indiana Theta and communicating great news with you by making a contribution at www.purdue-phi.net before the giving year ends August 31.

2007-08 Annual Fund (9/1-8/31)



Back on Track!

For the First Time in Five Years, Phi Delt Races in the Purdue Grand Prix

By Justin Dickinson '09

As the school year comes to an end, I am proud to report that the Phi Lodge is continuing to thrive. There have been many interesting and productive advances within our Chapter and the campus.

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As we have just concluded the Purdue Grand Prix week festivities, it is a pleasure to report that this is the first year in half a decade that we have entered a kart in the race. Our driver, **Ryan Wilson**, did a fantastic job as a rookie and is looking to further his driving experience into next year's race. Visit www.purdue-phi.net to read a Q&A with

Ryan. This year we raised \$1,500 to support our kart and pit crew expenses. Our main sponsors are: LoveShack, ASR Engineering, and RSR Graphics. We are always looking to expand our sponsor base if anyone would be interested.

As the weather gets progressively warmer and the house in desperate need of some TLC, the active Brothers decided they would carry on the tradition of "Alumni in Action" with a "Actives in Action" event. In March, all Brothers on campus came together and worked on various house improvement projects. The event was a huge success, and culminated with a barbeque on the front lawn.

We are all looking forward to the upcoming fall semester, and the football games that come with it. I would like to invite all alumni back for home games. We always have a house

tailgate and would welcome any visitors.

If you have questions regarding the house, or any events we are planning, please check out our website, www.purduephi.org, or call me at 847-922-1358.



Our Grand Prix driver Ryan Wilson.

A Giant Leap for Purdue's Engineering Program

Campus' Hall of Engineering Named for Neil Armstrong '55

Purdue University has posted a video of the Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering dedication celebration, held Homecoming Weekend 2007. Visit www.purdue-phi.net for a link to the video and to learn more about the new \$53.2 million building.



Neil Armstrong '55

OLD PHOTO ALBUM

Phi Delt seniors strut their stuff on the steps of the house in 1962. Does anyone recognize the faces in this photo? Help us identify who's who online at www.purdue-phi.net.

Want to see more photos from your era in *The Purdue Phi*? Upload your best shots to our online photo albums!



From Indiana Theta to the Asia Pacific: This Alum Has the Key to Career Success A Distinguished Alum at Both Purdue and Wisconsin, Jay Ihlenfeld '74 Serves as Senior Vice President of 3M in Hong Kong

When he arrived on campus at Purdue University, **Jay V. Ihlenfeld '74** knew that he was going to need to find a way to meet new people. "Dorm life did not appeal to me," he says. "I liked to be involved with teams and groups, and I wanted to balance



Jay V. Ihlenfeld '74

academics and studying with social activities."

He decided that a fraternity was the way to have all those things and more, so he decided to rush. He chose Phi

Delta Theta because of the men he met there during the rush process as well as its prime location on campus.

Included in his favorite memories of the fraternity are football weekends, the week of initiation, working on the kitchen crew, and hanging out with his roommates. Today, he remains in touch with a number of Brothers, including **Stu Ledingham '71**, Ihlenfeld's pledge father; **George Fleet '71**; **Gary Liefer**, his pledge son; **Larry Nicholson '74**; **Larry Jones '74**; **Bob Haworth '76**, and **Gary Batesole '77**. He also had been in contact with **Paul Denuccio '71**, who passed away in early 2006.

As previously mentioned, Ihlenfeld enjoyed being involved in various groups. In addition to being a member of the Phi Delt brotherhood, he was a co-op student and was active in several organizations within the school of chemical engineering.

After graduating from Purdue, Ihlenfeld married Cynthia Ames and headed to the University of Wisconsin to enter the chemical engineering doctorate program. He received his Ph.D. in Chemical

Engineering in 1978, and went to work as a senior engineer in the Telecomm Products division of 3M, for whom he consulted while working on his thesis and for whom he still works to this day.

Throughout his illustrious career at 3M, Ihlenfeld has held numerous titles, including research specialist, technical manager, laboratory manager, business director, and general manager/division vice president, and has worked overseas in places such as Germany, Belgium, and Japan. His current position is Senior Vice President, Asia Pacific. In this role, he is based out of Hong Kong, but his travels take him throughout Asia on a regular basis.

He currently is a member of the board of directors for the Minnesota Orchestra and has previously served on the Board Chemical Sciences and Technology (BCST) at the National Academy of Sciences. In 2001, Ihlenfeld received the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award from Purdue, and in 2004, he was awarded a Distinguished Service Citation from the College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. The awards were due to interactions facilitated between 3M and the two schools.

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Ihlenfeld credits the fraternity with being a great influence on his life and career. "Being a Phi Delt made me a more effective business person," he explains. "I am better able to listen to and understand other people's views, seek consensus, and build business relationships."

During graduate school, Ihlenfeld

helped the Phi Delt Chapter at the University of Wisconsin, Madison get restarted, but his current position at 3M has caused him to not be able to do as much for the Chapter at Purdue as he would like. "It's pretty difficult to get involved if you are not geographically located close to the chapter."

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However, this does not affect how he feels about Phi Delt and encourages the current Brothers to make the most of their time in the fraternity. "Your studies and your college degree are only keys to open doors early in your career," he says. "What matters over time is how you lead and influence in a work environment and being sensitive to differences between the people you interact with. The fraternity experience is great training for this. You may not fully appreciate that now, but you will as time after university goes by."

Though staying in touch from afar, Ihlenfeld supports his chapter by contributing annually to the annual fund, to support the alumni communications efforts and activities at the Lodge.

Ihlenfeld's wife Cynthia, also a Wisconsin native, graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Business and received her MBA from the University of Minnesota. She also worked for 3M for many years and now is active in community affairs in the Twin Cities. The couple splits their time between Minnesota, Hong Kong, and their home in southern California.

Do you know a Purdue Phi that would make a great feature profile? Send your nominees to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com (mention PDT Purdue in the subject).

GOLF OUTING

18th Phi Open to be Held August 16 at Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex

Join us for another great day of fun! The 18th Phi Open will kick off at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 16 at the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex. Once again, this will be a four-man scramble with a shotgun start over the Ackerman Hills course. If you do not have a foursome, I will put you in one. If you would like help organizing a foursome or have other questions, please call **Andy Beasley '91** at 720-235-5535.

This from other chapters are also 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 \$40 per hole. Any donations to help offset costs are appreciated.

Lodging Information

The Purdue Union Club does not allow groups to reserve a block of rooms in August due to athletics, but we do have a block 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: 800-320-6291
Hilton Garden Inn: Wabash Landing
765-743-2100

Questions? Call Andy Beasley at 720-235-5535 or email at Beasgolf@gmail.com.

How to Register

It's easy! Just visit www.purdue-phi.net for full details, online registration, and a list of other Brothers who are planning to attend!



18th Phi Open

Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex
Saturday, August 16, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.

Schedule of Activities

11 a.m. - Lunch at the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex Pavilion

1:00 p.m. - Shotgun Start

5:30 p.m. - Awards and 19th Hole at Harry's Chocolate Shop

Cost: \$80 per person if you register before July 1, 2007 or \$90 per person after July 1st (including the day of the event).

Cost includes greens fee, cart, lunch, and prizes.

Visit www.purdue-phi.net to register!

Hey seniors from 1962...do you recognize this photo? See page 2 to help us identify who's who!



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*Phi Delta is Back on Track at the Purdue Grand Prix!
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