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# The Purdue Phi

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## HOUSE CORPORATION REPORT

### "If We All Do a Little, We can Do a Lot"

#### Alumni in Action are Hard at Work Again

By Gary Batesole '77, Housing Corporation President

The 2009-10 school year is off to a busy start. Over the summer the Housing Board approved \$30,000 of work to be done at the Phi Lodge. We finished the third floor hallway by replacing all the old wood doors with commercial grade steel doors, drywalled the walls again with double-thick cement board and painted them, replaced the carpet in all the hallways and remodeled the second and third floor laundry rooms. We also bought four sets of washers and dryers for the new laundry rooms. Now if the guys will just use them, it will help keep the place smelling good.

#### 2009 Phi Open: Bad Golf, Good Fun

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Phi Open golf tournament was a great success with the second largest group in our history. We also dedicated the **Bob "Haybaylor" Haworth** memorial at the 7<sup>th</sup> hole at the Purdue golf course. Bob was a 20+ year member of the Housing Board before he passed away this year from cancer at the age of 56. He started the Phi Open as a way to get a large group of alumni together every year for some fun and story telling. Our tournament is now the largest annual golf outing at Purdue. See more information on page 4.

#### Purdue Phi Lodge Gets a Facelift

"Alumni-in-Action" just finished their annual projects with the repainting of the Formal Room, Living Room and Computer Room; updating the landscaping around the House; and the complete remodeling of the Women's Head including a granite countertop. **Andy Bosworth '80, Brad Dickinson '80, Jim Stoddart '80, Ron Reehling '80, Jeff Reising '77, Tim Quigley '76**, Steve Meyer (whose son is an Active in the House) and Bill Kenyon



worked Thursday evening, all day Friday, and Saturday morning to raise the funds, buy the material, and do all the labor with ample help from the Actives living in the Phi Lodge. It looked good for Homecoming. AIA's project for 2010 is to install a new slate floor in the Living Room. This will be an approximately \$50,000 project and they will be looking to all our alumni to help pitch in to raise the funds for this very large endeavor. If we all do a little, we can do a lot.

#### Recognizing a Long-Time Volunteer

This year we recognized **L. Robert (Bob) Lowe '59** with the President's Award. Bob has been a constant help with our fraternity since at least 1989 when I first met him concerning the fundraising and remodeling of the house in 1991. He is the only person I know who could calm down **Ed Elliott '37** when Ed got upset. Bob has provided us with pro bono legal assistance and has met with the Board annually since 1992 to make sure we do things in a legal and accurate manner. This has kept several members of the Housing Board out of jail and the House from being sued many times over the years. We appreciate his years of dedication to Phi Delta Theta.

## '70s

### Tom Short '76

(31012 Woodbine Way, Apt 1434, Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015; tshort54@gmail.com) In May 2009 I made a late life business change and am now Director of Sales at ENTrigue Surgical Inc., based in San Antonio, TX. ENTrigue is an R&D and engineering start-up shop developing devices for, yup, ENT surgery. Liz and I are also moving back closer to San Antonio after a wonderful stint in the beautiful Texas Hill Country. If you're down in south Texas we'd love to hear from you.

### Michael Monkhouse '72

(2012 Malvern Ct., Raleigh, NC 27615; mmonkhouse@aol.com) Susan (Pi Phi '72) and I are living in Raleigh, NC. I have now retired from two professions: the U.S Navy after 26 years both active and reserve, and American

Airlines after almost 29 years of flying the airways. I couldn't stay earthbound for very long so now I have a part time job of flying for an individual in his Challenger 300 jet. Life is great and we welcome any and all visitors.

## '80s

### Michael Burvan '88

(1030 Tryall Dr., Dyer, IN 46311; burv@jorsm.com) Hopefully everyone from the mid to late '80s is still having a good time and living life to the fullest. Living in northwest Indiana, I try to take my wife, Karen, (Chi-O '88, Football buddy '87) and kids Ryan (15) and Emily (11) to as many Purdue events as possible. We've also taken many neighbors and friends to games and the Phi house. They are amazed how dirty the house always is and can't believe it was fun living in a dirty house. You just can't explain the life-altering experiences the house made. I miss the "pit" and would love to install one at my house, so the kids (Burvan phikeas) could clean it weekly.

*Things I miss the most about the house:*

- A) The Pit (except for the time I found Rusty face down)
- B) Uncle Sherwin's
- C) The rack, sleeping Hollywood squares style
- D) The basketball court
- E) The big whicker chairs on the front porch
- F) Living in the balcony room
- G) Hell week
- H) Pledges
- I) DJ parties

## '90s

### Michael Murphy '92

(mta.murphy@y7mail.com) My family and I have been living in Singapore for the past eight months as part of a 2-3 year assignment with our company. We look forward to returning to the Chicago area after our overseas assignment.

## '00s

### Samuel Newell '03

(2661 Osceola St., Denver, CO 80212; snewell@newellsolar.com) I moved to Denver over two years ago and joined on as a Project Manager with a buddy's roofing company. Since I have joined up I have helped them grow the company from roofing, siding and gutters into a larger contracting company. We are slowly working through the solar design and installation process as well as installing insulation. The goal is for me to eventually branch off on my own or continue to grow Brickey Construction using the established clientele. Since the storms blasted through Aurora, CO and western Denver metro spring/summer 2009 (causing close to a billion dollars worth of claimable damage) I have been very busy and enticing myself with dreams of skiing and visiting friends and family in the late fall and winter.

### We Need Your News!

This is an alumni **NEWS**letter after all! So please submit your news, updates, stories, memories and photos for publication in the next issue of *The Purdue Phi*. Send your submissions to our editors at [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention Phi Delt at Purdue), or upload them at [www.purdue-phi.net](http://www.purdue-phi.net).

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Back in 1977

Don't you love seeing great photos from our chapter's history? We do too. So please help us to build up our photo archive by submitting the best shots from your Phi Delt days. You can send composites, party photos, philanthropy activities, etc. Even better, let us see how much you've changed since your college days and send us your pictures from recent reunions and/or tailgates with Purdue Phi alumni. We'll feature many more submissions in upcoming editions of *The Purdue Phi*

and our monthly e-Letter.

You can submit your photos by mailing them to the address on the panel of this newsletter, by emailing them to [content@affinityconnection.com](mailto:content@affinityconnection.com) (mention Phi Delt at Purdue) or online at [www.purdue-phi.net](http://www.purdue-phi.net).

**In this photo:** The Indiana Theta chapter in 1977, in keeping with the times, preferred briefs and mustaches. Very fashionable, guys!



## It's All about the Network

### *Membership in Phi Delt Provides Positive Connections even Decades after Graduation*

For **Bob Lowe '59**, his ties with Phi Delta Theta still run deep even after a half of a century. His fraternity affiliation has helped Bob to develop long lasting friendships, a business partner, clients, tennis teammates and uncountable fond memories.

After graduation, Bob worked in the civil engineering field for a while before deciding to enroll in The Indianapolis University School of Law. He passed the bar in 1967 and began splitting his time between working with his father, Louie Lowe, at his firm and his civil engineer work.

***"In today's world it is difficult to establish a good network, and yet, the Phi Delt brotherhood, especially that of Indiana Theta, is a great beginning."***

Bob only worked with his father for about a year before the elder Lowe passed away, yet he credits his father with being a tremendous influence in his life and cherishes the time they had together. "He led me into the law," says Bob. "I saw how much he loved the law and that was my inspiration."

Later, Bob went on to form a partnership with three other lawyers, one of which was a Phi Delt brother with him in college. Brother **Syd Steele '61** completed the trio that made up Lowe, Gray and Steele, which focused on construction law and eventually evolved into estate and business succession planning.

Today, Bob is a partner in the Bose McKinney & Evans law firm. "Many of my clients were, and still are today, Phi Delt brothers," adds Bob. He has been in practice for more than 42 years with no desire to slow down, and was recently featured in *Indiana Lawyer*, January 21-February 3, 2009 edition. The article touches upon Bob's Purdue roots: "... Lowe finds himself often representing

many startup companies organized through grants and researching professors at the university."

Bob's father, Louie, was also a Phi Delt at Purdue. In addition to his father's influence, Bob joined a group of his high school buddies during Rush in the late summer of 1955.

His involvement in the fraternity started right away since Bob was able to live in the house during his freshman year. Eventually, he became even more involved through the roles of Social Chairman and Choir Director.

During his fraternity days, Bob acquired the nickname Blowe, a shortened version of his full name, which was inscribed on drinking steins and slide rule cases. He also recalls a memorable experience with Brothers **Harry Thompson '59** and **Steve Rohr '60** with his Model-A Ford. "Fortunately, we survived that experience," says Bob. He also adds that Brother **Larry Fisher '59** was one of his "outstanding roommates."

Bob and Phi Delt Brother **Robert L. Bowen '61** serve together as Directors of the Indiana Theta Chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity Educational Fund, Inc. Bob elaborates, "Being active in the Educational Fund has allowed me to stay in touch with Officers and Directors of the Chapter House." Recently, a group of Phi Delt brothers from the 1950s got together and recalled the good times had at 503 State

Street. "Indiana Theta has been blessed by having great talent over the years and this has allowed all of us to do a better job of networking in our business careers," he reflects.



**Bob Lowe '59**

Bob has a wonderful family with his wife Nancy B. Lowe and three daughters: Shannon Lowe Owens, Stephanie Lowe Sagebiel, and Stacey Lowe Almgren.

Bob first met his wife in high school, and although Nancy attended Wisconsin University, she still enjoyed several occasions and dances at the Phi Delt House.

"The friendships that were developed with the brothers from 1955 through 1959 have been everlasting," says Bob. To those brothers following in his Phi Delt footsteps, he advises them to stay in touch with classmates as well as those who graduated in the years before or after.

"In today's world it is difficult to establish a good network, and yet, the Phi Delt brotherhood, especially that of Indiana Theta, is a great beginning."

## Homecoming 2009



See more Homecoming photos and post your own at [www.purdue-phi.net](http://www.purdue-phi.net)!

## 19<sup>th</sup> Phi Open brings 112 Phis back to Purdue

### Brothers Remember Phi Open Founder Bob Haworth '76 at This Memorial Event

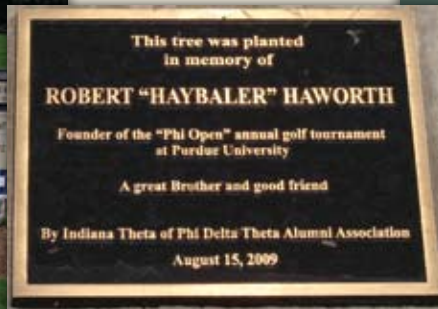
On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 112 Phis gathered at Purdue for the 19<sup>th</sup> Phi Open golf tournament. Purdue Phi Delta Theta alumni from five decades played. Some Purdue actives joined and we also had Phi alums from several other schools. Thank you to everyone that showed up and/or sponsored this event.

The organized activities began on Saturday with lunch at 11:00 am at the

Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex. The brothers hacked up the Ackerman Hills course with a 1:00 pm shotgun start and finished up at Harry's around 6:00 pm for the 19<sup>th</sup> hole. The golf was mostly bad, but the weather cooperated and everyone had a great time seeing good friends. We also said goodbye to Brother **Bob Haworth '76** who started this event back in 1990. Bob passed away earlier this year. If you play

Ackerman, look for a nice memorial to Bob on the 7<sup>th</sup> tee.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 14, 2010 for the 20<sup>th</sup> Phi Open at Purdue. If you would like more information about next year's event, please contact Andy Beasley at [beasgolf@gmail.com](mailto:beasgolf@gmail.com).



*We want to see your Homecoming and tailgating photos...see page 3 for more details.*



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