

UPCOMING EVENTS

2010 Spring Game
April 17

20th Phi Open
August 14

Homecoming
October 16

2010 Boilermaker Football

Sept. 4: at Notre Dame
Sept. 11: Western Illinois
Sept. 18: Ball State
Sept. 25: Toledo
Oct. 9: at Northwestern
Oct. 16: Minnesota
Oct. 23: at Ohio State
Oct. 30: at Illinois
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Nov. 13: Michigan
Nov. 20: at Michigan State
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CHAPTER REPORT

An Opportunity to Transform

Indiana Theta Actives See Recent Developments as a Chance to Rebuild

*By Chris Meyer, Chapter President
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The past few months have been a very difficult time for the chapter. In response to hazing and alcohol violations, General Headquarters removed several members, and many more chose to leave voluntarily rather than adhering to the rules of Phi Delta Theta, leaving only 17 brothers living in the chapter house. The remaining members at Indiana Theta view this as an opportunity to transform the chapter to a successful, respected organization among the Greek community at Purdue, our alumni, and the entire Fraternity. With the assistance of General Headquarters, our Housing Corporation, and multiple alumni, we have already rewritten our Phikeia program, readdressed our method of recruitment, and revised our Chapter Bylaws to align with the Three Cardinal Principles we were founded upon.

While we have made some significant improvements since the violations, we need alumni support now more than ever. **Andy Bosworth '80** has already established a Chapter Advisory Board comprised primarily of Indiana

Theta alumni to provide mentorship for chapter officers and continuity from term to term. With such few members, we need the extra hands to improve the chapter facility on workdays such as Alumni-in-Action.

The alumni of the decades of the 1970, who held a reunion a few weekends ago, have raised \$10,000 this year for recruitment expenses and Phikeia training. They have also volunteered to mentor all remaining chapter members one-on-one for the next two semesters. We hope with their guidance and donations that we will begin to recruit new members that will share in our new goals and begin to bring our membership back up to the legacy that we are all proud of.

Please share any insight or experience that may be beneficial to the chapter and help us rebuild the chapter to something we can all be proud of.

Contact House Corporation President **Gary Batesole** at 317-842-7459 or garybatesole@comcast.net.

ALUMNI REUNIONS

Thank you to **Ron "Perk" Perkins '73** for sending this picture from a tailgate reunion last fall.

*Pictured front row (L to R): **Bill Freytag, Steve Chivington and Mark Vaughan**; back row (L to R): **Johnny Williams, Earl Sharman, Ron Perkins, Jim Pyle and Steve Arfman**.*



We want to see pictures from your recent Purdue Phi reunions too! Send yours to us at content@affinityconnection.com or upload them at www.purdue-phi.net.

From Phi Delt to the Today Show

Lew Wood '50 Tells of His Exciting Career as a News Broadcaster

Lew Wood '50 has had many experiences throughout his life, but often credits his days at Phi Delta Theta as a great spring board for his career and life after college.

"The four year experience of living with and getting to know a great bunch of guys, many of whom were veterans just returned from fighting WWII was one of my best memories," Lew said. "Being thrown in with a group of new veterans who were a few years older than I was helped me grow up fast!"

Lew was initiated into Phi Delt in 1947, choosing Indiana Theta over other campus fraternities.

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"I lived in a rooming house on Waldron Street during my freshman year and one of my roommates, Gordon Hobbs, was a Phi Delt. He invited me to rush, and although I had been rushed by a few other fraternities, I liked the Phi Delt house and its members the best," said Lew. "They were real great guys and the friendliest, down to earth types."

During his senior year, Lew was named house manager and remembers his favorite moments in the house.

"Living in the 'Cosmos' with a crazy bunch of guys, mostly the 'jocks' like **Bill 'Willy Lump-Lump' Kreighbaum**, **Bill 'Dolly' King**, **Bill 'Meatnose' Lodge** and **Bill 'Butter' Butterfield**," said Lew. "Every night, the going to sleep routine consisted of everyone saying 'Goodnight' to each other in rotation. It took hours!"

At Purdue, Lew began his studies in Electrical Engineering, but thanks to a struggle with calculus (and perhaps fate) he switched gears and became a Speech and Broadcasting major. (He went on to earn a Masters in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame). Lew started as a student announcer at Purdue's WBAA radio before going on to a lengthy and distinguished career in broadcast news.

After graduation, Lew enjoyed a lengthy and distinguished career in broadcast news, during which he served in virtually every phase of the business: reporter, writer, assignment editor, associate producer, network news correspondent for both CBS and NBC News, anchorman for New York's WNBC-TV, and news anchor on the prestigious NBC News TODAY Show.

As a news correspondent, he covered such assignments as political conventions, hurricanes, a Latin American revolution, Vietnam, and civil rights activities during the '60s. He was also a member of the CBS News team in Dallas on the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Before his media career, Lew served as a United States Marine. For seven years he was Director of National Public Relations for the nation's largest veteran's organization, The American Legion.

Although Lew's main activities during college were Phi Delt and the WBAA Radio station, he also became a member of Alpha Epsilon Rho, the broadcasting honorary fraternity, and Alpha Phi Omega, the national service honorary fraternity. He was also a member of the Gimlets.

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Having never forgotten his time at as a Phi Delt, Lew still stays connected with his lifelong brothers.

"I keep in touch with the incomparable **Bob Holloway '48** (who has perpetuated a reunion of close classmates every few years) as well as with many of my pledge brothers, who truly became "brothers." Lew said, "I also

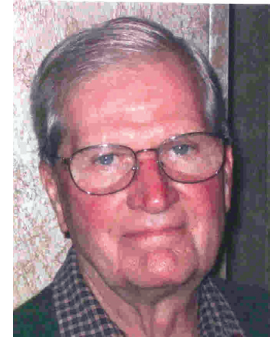
maintain a close contact with Al Campbell, who followed my path into the Marine Corps and the Korean War."

While he keeps in touch with brothers from his era, he also has some words of wisdom for active Phi Delt brothers.

"I am very glad that the current chapter and previous have kept 503 State Street in such good shape," he said. "It is a West Lafayette and Purdue landmark, and don't let the University expansion ever get that property! As for the individual members, always stay true to the Founders' wise words and principles... and don't ever let Indiana Theta's good reputation be sullied by bad conduct and foolish acts."

Today, Lew is enjoying retired life in southern California with his lovely wife, Monique, and is busy writing his memoirs. His oldest daughter Carole was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta at Purdue and his youngest daughter Brigitte was a Theta at IU.

Having learned many things during his days as a Phi Delt, Lew knows the importance of giving back. "The fraternity experience, and learning of the valuable principles upon which the founders organized the fraternity, have been instrumental in guiding my life after college," he said. "Each and every Phi Delt owes a lifelong debt to the fraternity."



Lew Wood '50

Do you know of a Purdue Phi alumnus who would make an interesting profile? Send his name and a brief background to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com, and we'll reach out to him to participate in a profile for a future issue.

ALUMNI UPDATES

'50s

Donald "Badg" Badgley '50

(303 Riley Rd., Muncie, IN 47304; badg1@att.net) I performed the marriage ceremony for my youngest son who is now 34. I have now married two sons, a daughter, and a grandson.

'60s

Danny Heatherson '69

(21778 E. Cherrywood Drive, Queen Creek, AZ 85142; dansr_2000@yahoo.com) Pat and I have moved to sunny Arizona. We have been here since August and love it. I have retired and am enjoying life. We bought a house in Queen Creek. Now our whole family is here, two daughters and one son and our two grandchildren, plus Pat's brother and 91-year-old father. Our new address is: 21778 E. Cherrywood Drive, Queen Creek, AZ 85142 and our home phone is 480-272-6726. Any one interested in visiting give us a call. The door is always open for my Brothers.

'70s

True Morse '79

(4 Feather Drive., Ashville, NC 28805; tjmorse@charter.net) Homecoming 2009 we had a good mini-reunion for our 30th. Tom Tremain, Bob Bouggy, Ralph Green, Tom Martino, John Clark and Fritz Schumann had some tailgating fun. While Tom, John,

Ralph and I had seen each other fairly often, we had not seen Fritz and TT in many years. Amazing how easily those close bonds from the Phi Lodge immediately bridge the years.

My family has now been in Asheville, NC, the mountains in the western part of the state, for over 20 years. One son graduated from NC State and the other heading to Appalachian State next fall. Jane, my wife, is a physical therapist (met her after tearing up my knee waterskiing with some of the Columbus, IN boys a year after graduation) who works in that field and also teaches in a local college.

Daniel "Yogi" Keyler '70

(5900 Minnetonka Drive, Excelsior, MN 55331; keyle001@umn.edu) This is my first entry into the Alumni Update. I have lost track of nearly all brothers over the past 15-20 years. After reading short updates recently, I realize that I miss some of my old friends. Can't believe Chivington is in Georgia of all places, and I always knew Freytag would end up doing great biotech stuff. And, my pledge brothers from the fall of 1969 - where are you guys?

As for me: I have lived in Minnesota since leaving Purdue grad school in 1974. I came to Minnesota because a girl I met in the summer of '73 that had graduated from Pennsylvania, was going on to the University of Minnesota Vet School. So, I thought it was time to leave Indiana and tagged along north with her.

I began working at the medical school in drug metabolism with the University of

Minnesota while she completed her education. We got married, and I went back to school to complete a PhD in pharmacology. We never intended to stay in MN because of the cold winters: however, my wife ended up with a job offer she could not refuse at the Minnesota Zoo where she worked in exotic animal medicine for 20 years until 1998. I was offered an opportunity to start up a toxicology research lab at the Minneapolis Medical Research Foundation, and have been here ever since. I also have a faculty appointment as a professor with the University of MN graduate school and colleges of pharmacy and medicine. I have spent my career working on immunological approaches to treating medical toxicological problems. Most recently, the development of a nicotine vaccine. It has been a good career. Now, am partially retired and also consulting with a British company on snake anti-venom development.

As a second career I continued my work with venomous snakes, and it has been an amazing time that has had me traveling all over the planet. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that something I thought was fun would turn into a parallel career.

We have a 24-year-old son who works in stem cell research and hopes to go to dental school this fall. Also, a 21-year-old daughter who has swam NCAA Div III all through college, and will graduate in chemistry this spring.

FROM THE ARCHIVES...

Thanks to **HP Culp '77** for uploading this great photo of the Phi Lodge members in 1975.

He writes, "You name it we had it! One of my all time favorites..."

We want to see the best pictures from your era too! Send them to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com, or upload them at www.purdue-phi.net.



IN MEMORY

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the deaths of the following brothers:

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