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NEW MEMBERS



It's been an exciting Fall semester so far for the Phi Lodge! With increased efforts to finally land a pledge class of 30, a goal for over a year now, there was no room for error. Each rush event went off smoothly and we are extremely proud to announce the fall Phikeia Pledge Class of Indiana Theta comprises 31 fine men. Our rush chairs, Ben and Matt, along with our rush committee put in long hours each and every day in hopes of the success we had. The Phikeia are working hard and doing well. We are very excited to get to know these new men and see what wonderful things they will accomplish.

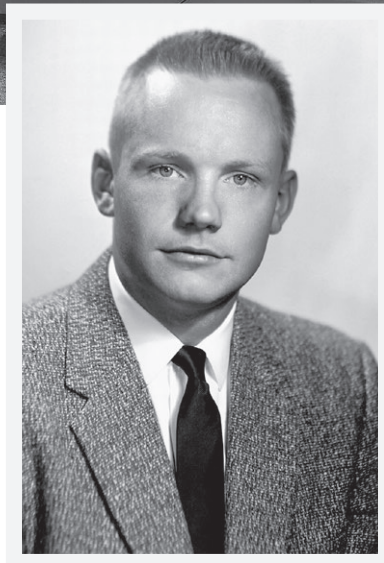
The Purdue Phi

Indiana Theta Chapter ♦ Phi Delta Theta Fraternity
Purdue University ♦ West Lafayette, Indiana
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COMING SOON

Neil A. Armstrong Library Sneak Peek Took Place Over Homecoming Weekend



At Homecoming 2016, we displayed, for the first time, the "Neil A. Armstrong Library." While it will not be completely finished until the end of the year, many alumni, actives and pledges got a sneak peek. On display were articles and pictures of Neil as a Purdue student and Phi Delt alum who enjoyed being around his fellow members of Indiana Theta. Dean Armstrong has loaned the Chapter several pictures he had of Neil at various Phi Delt events, as well as a Purdue flag that Neil took into space. **Russ Wurster** has donated his pledge paddle that all the actives, including Neil, signed when Russ was a pledge. We also will be permanently displaying a picture that Neil signed specifically for Indiana Theta and the 1954 composite.

A display case for the pictures, paddle and other memorabilia, as well as a secure "shadow

box" made just to protect the Purdue flag, picture and composite, was just delivered by the Amish furniture company that made our "Gorilla Proof" Dining Room furniture. They were very excited to be a part of the library. As soon as we have the new secure doors and alarm devices installed, the Neil A. Armstrong Library will be dedicated and open for

all to enjoy. As you can see in our picture, fellow Phi, Sheriff **Barry Richard**, assigned security for the items during Homecoming before all our security measures were in place. The design of the library will allow people to view all the items, even when the doors are closed and locked with secure windows and lighting installed. If you have any "Neil Armstrong" items you would like to loan or donate to the Library, please contact me at pdtdgb1418@gmail.com, as we would enjoy displaying more items for all Purdue Phis to enjoy.

HOUSE RENOVATIONS

“We have, by far, the best alumni!”



As members of a Greek organization, sometimes it is easy to stick to the status quo, or merely focus on the social aspect of fraternity life. Yet, as men of Phi Delta Theta, there is much more to our story of being a Phi. Each and every day, we Phi take on various roles in leadership, community involvement, or academia, just to name a few; but one role that distinguishes our great fraternity from others is the vital and very visible role of our involved alumni. For the Indiana Theta Chapter, our dedicated alumni who take part in our annual *Alumni in Action* (AIA) project stepped up to yet another challenge this fall from the Chapter Advisory Board—renovate our cafeteria.

AIA is a yearly project where alumni young and old team up with the current actives to complete a project around the Chapter House. With our Phi Lodge being beyond the century mark, there is always a project that can make the house more attractive, enjoyable and safe to live in! During the first year of AIA, our alumni and actives replaced drop ceiling tiles in the cafeteria. Last year, AIA completed their most daring project to date, a complete renovation of our basement bathroom. With fall 2016 marking the tenth anniversary of AIA, our alumni and actives saw no reason to hold anything back, and took on the largest



arrived at 503 W. State to start the project and, after nearly 400 man hours, the finishing touches were put on the wainscoting by Saturday afternoon. The project completely changed the look and feel of the room. All of the brothers were extremely proud of their work, and they decided to rename the space as the “dining room” to better describe the new look of the room.

One brother even said, “There isn’t one other fraternity here that could do what we just did in three days. We have, by far,

the best alumni!” This is a testament of what it means to be a man of Phi Delta Theta; of our willingness to work together towards a common goal and to be there for your brothers no matter the circumstances, because *one man is no man!*

With around 10 brothers living-in during the summer, they all took on the challenge of renovating a part the Lodge. One major project that caught our eyes was the main stair case. While azure and argent are by far the best colors for a Phi Delt man to see, the blue in the main stairwell stuck out like a TKE at a Phi Delt convention! Therefore, the summer live-ins saw it as their duty to repaint the stair case to match the foyer and basement areas.



challenge to date: installing wainscoting in our cafeteria. The slogan of the project was #OneManIsNoMan, which alumni and actives alike proudly wore on T-shirts for the occasion.

On Thursday, September 8, our alumni

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This was no small project, but we're happy to announce that the stair case looks magnificent. The walls were repainted the same color as the foyer and the ceiling was given much needed refreshment with a sharp new white that looks gorgeous in our new LED lights. Finally, we sanded down and repainted the metal railings that are in the center of the stairs white to match the ceiling and railings out back.

Thank you to all those who showed up to help us update the Chapter House at our summer work session: **Ronald Reehling, Jr. '80, Gary Batesole '77, Joe Lorenz '85, David Tavitian '80, Andy Bosworth '80, Brad Dickinson '80, H.P. Culp '77** and **Jim Jackson '67**. Thank you to **Steve Lorenz** for organizing the actives. We had good support all day, which made it possible to complete all that we did. The "Room Suite Renovation Project" is almost complete. We are taking one and

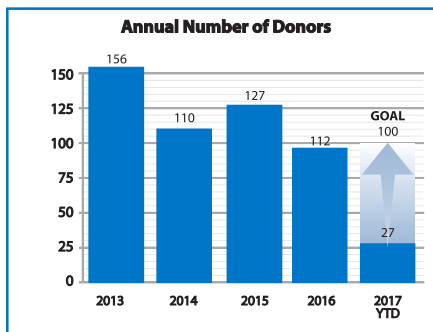
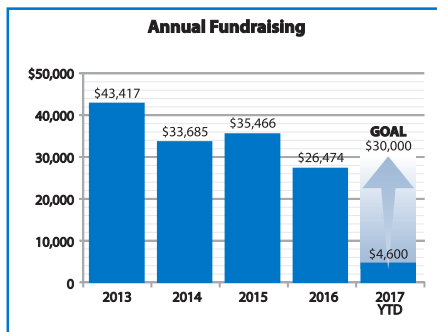
a half rooms and converting them into a suite with a large common room and four individual rack rooms. Come tour the room the next time you are in town!

The outside looks great. The conference room, east side living room and mail room were all cleaned up, but, most importantly, so was HP's Head. Thanks to Steve for his brilliant idea to use galvanized pipe with a flange and cap as hand towel and toilet paper roll holders! Joe and Steve even painted the floor to finish it off.

ANNUAL FUND

Help Us Kick Off the 2016-17 Giving Year Strong!

Our 2015-16 giving year came to an end on August 31 with \$26,474 donated to the annual fund by 112 brothers. We want to thank each and every one of you who made a contribution back to Indiana Theta Chapter this previous giving year.



Just as importantly, we can strengthen our alumni chapter, providing more occasions for reconnecting and networking. Far too often, we've let time and opportunities slip away. Now is the time to make a change.

Our goal for the 2016-17 giving year is \$30,000 from 100 brothers and we've already had 27 brothers step up and say "I believe in Indiana Theta!" by donating \$4,600. **Who will be the next to join them?**

Donating is easy! Simply visit our website at www.purdue-phi.net, call our toll free donation hotline at 1-800-975-6699 or send a check made payable to Indiana Theta of Phi Delta Theta Alumni Association to:

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Together, we have an opportunity to build upon our past success, positioning Indiana Theta Chapter as a top fraternity on Purdue's campus and supporting our undergraduate members.*

Our college days came and went, but the real Indiana Theta Chapter experience never ends. If you cherish those lasting friendships, if you appreciate the values that shaped your life, please make your annual gift today to get our year off to a strong start.

**all donations to the Annual Fund help pay for Indiana Theta eletters, newsletters and keeping an updated member database. Any leftover funds will go to a renovation project at the Chapter House.*

HONOR ROLL

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed!

Life Donors

Robert Holloway	1948
Russell Wurster	1957
James Wurster	1959
Robert Bowen	1961

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

Jay V. Ihlenfeld	1974
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Founders Circle (\$300-\$502.99)

Tim L. Keech	1973
Matthew P. Hartnett	1992

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

James M. Leverenz	1960
Philip F. Trego	1965
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Michael T. Murphy	1992

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John B Harbaugh Jr.	1977
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- **Introducing the Neil A. Armstrong Library**
- **Bob Weist initiated after 40+ years**
- **Lots of House renovations!**

ALUMNUS INITIATION

“To Do What Ought to be Done”

As a group of men in a fraternity, we are sometimes faced with difficult decisions. From long Executive Board meetings to four-hour long chapter meetings deciding who should be our next president, being a man of Phi Delta Theta isn't always easy. Yet, there are some decisions which we seem to instinctively know what ought to be done, and which make us all very proud to be Phis.

Last spring, the brothers of the Indiana Theta Chapter faced one of those proud decision moments. Our alumni approached the chapter about a gentleman who completed his pledgship over 40 years ago at Indiana Theta. For various circumstances, this man decided to not return to 503 W. State, and so never became an initiated member of Phi Delta Theta at Purdue University. Our alumni asked us how we would feel about initiating this man now and, without hesitation, the chapter knew what ought to be done: responding with a resounding “YES”!



The idea had been spearheaded by alumnus Bob Bowen and other alumni who all had been a part of this man's pledge class. The pledge brothers had all kept in close contact with one another over the years, and they wanted to finally share the special connection of being brothers of Phi Delta Theta. So, on a warm and humid September evening, Phis, both young and old, gathered to welcome Mr. **Robert Weist** into The Bond of Phi Delta Theta. The night

became even more memorable when Brother Weist received his bond number, #2500! Mr. Weist and many of his pledge brothers who were on hand were overcome with emotion from the significance of this event. Not only had the event brought another brother into the fraternity, but it was a testimony to the strength of the bond that exists among a group of brothers, to look out for one of their own and make sure that he came home to 503 W. State, to Phi Delta Theta!

ALUMNUS PROFILE

John Rogan '83: Pursue dreams. Take risks. Learn from mistakes. Love life!

Many of my freshman roommates rushed Phi Delta Theta and introduced me to the house. From there, it was an easy decision for me [to join]. Too many to pick just one favorite memory, but football Saturdays were special. Today, it's the Phi Delta Theta Golf Outing for sure. I still keep in touch with several brothers, including **Dave Mulcahey**, **Dan Klenkar**, **Bob Hale**, **Tom Rechin**, **Rick Hayes**, **Bart Chilton**, **Steve Yapp**, etc.

Currently, I am a Sogeti Group Global Sales Officer. I run a two billion Euro sales team and spend half of my life in Europe and half in the U.S.A. I'm based in Paris,



France. Meeting talented people from diverse backgrounds and forming bonds in Indiana

Theta Chapter has helped me to prepare for that role.

I have been married to Julie for 34 years. We have two children. Our one daughter just got married. All family is Cincinnati-based, but we spend weekends at Norris Lake in Tennessee and vacations at Longboat Key, Florida or skiing out west. I love to Ski, Run, Golf, etc.

To future PDT members, my advice is this: Pursue dreams. Take risks. Learn from mistakes. Love life!

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