

Phi Progress Report

Indiana Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta • Spring 2012



New Roof Installed on Chapter House

Alumni Support at All-Time High

Greetings from Indiana Alpha! We would like to share some of the great progress the Chapter is making since you last heard from us. We have had a positive upswing in alumni participation, and I encourage you to get involved and check out the alumni events listed on page 4.

Thank You, Alumni

Many alumni have volunteered and aided the Chapter throughout the past few months, and we greatly appreciate their help. First, I would like to thank **Wade Day '80** who sponsored Indiana Alpha's Homecoming and football tailgate gatherings last fall. **Scott Terlep '89** organized many social events that continue to bring Phis of all ages back together. The Indiana Alpha's 2012 Founder's Day event was organized by the Chapter officers and held at the Castle on March 7. This event was a huge success by all measures; please see the article below for more details on the event.

New Roof Installed and Near Completion

I would also like to thank every alumnus who graciously supported Indiana Alpha's 2011 annual fundraising campaign. These funds allowed the House Corporation to move forward with the necessary financing for a much-needed new slate roof and gutter system. As many of you know, a hailstorm last year damaged the roof and a tree collapsed, resulting in significant structural damage to the patio. Other improvements include a

resurfaced and much used basketball court, an updated Chapter room, a replaced fence on the south side, and a repainted foyer entryway.

The HCB and CAB members have both put forth a lot of time and effort lately, and I would like to recognize them for their hard work and dedication. There has been a tremendous amount of effort undertaken to accomplish the following:

- Mentoring new Chapter officers
- Managing storm damage repairs, insurance matters, and the new roof
- Archiving historical documents in a new, heavy-duty safe in the Chapter room
- Establishing the Indiana Alpha House Corporation

A special thank-you goes to **Fred Dunn '65** for safekeeping our historical documents for Indiana Alpha Chapter.

I always look forward to hearing from alumni. Please send me an e-mail if you have any special announcements, comments, or would like to get involved with the Chapter. I look forward to meeting you soon at one of the upcoming alumni events.

Yours in the Bond,

Rob Lawyer '84

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Indiana Alpha Hosts General Headquarters Officers

Founder's Day Celebration and Special Artifacts Uncovered

On March 7, Indiana Alpha Chapter hosted General Council President **Scott Mitchen**, *Utah Alpha '84* and Executive Vice President **Robert A. Biggs**, *Georgia Epsilon '76* for a Founder's Day dinner celebration. Notably, members of the Indiana Gamma (Butler) and Indiana Theta (Purdue) house corporation boards and representatives of the Walter B. Palmer Foundation also attended the event.

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Alumni contributions to the annual fund have made the new roof possible.



Rain or shine, construction workers were hard at work to replace the slate roof and gutter system.



Gutters are being installed as we look forward to the finished roof.

Indiana Alpha Hosts

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We opened the ceremony with a prayer and a moment of silence for victims of the devastating tornados which struck southern Indiana. Brothers Mietchen and Biggs took the podium and shared their knowledge of the history of Indiana Alpha from a personal perspective. We also awarded Gold and Silver anniversary pins to a number of alumni in attendance. The house corporation awarded \$4,500 in student scholarships.

Indiana Alpha encouraged alumni to help us reach Iron Phi status, and we are happy to report that we have achieved it. We are now ranked second in fundraising among all national Phi Delta Theta chapters! Visit <http://support.ironphi.org> to learn more about Iron Phi and consider contributing to help combat ALS by sponsoring an Indiana Alpha brother.

Following dinner, the Chapter officers, board members, and alumni escorted Brothers Mietchen and Biggs to the Great Hall where a small, but symbolic, ceremony was conducted. Indiana Alpha is proud to have retained all of its Bond Books since its 1849 inception. Included in these documents are historic originals of the handwritten Bond and Articles of Union. Fearing decay would eventually destroy these items, Indiana Alpha has worked with General Headquarters to transfer custody of these bond books to Oxford, Ohio. The bond books can be properly preserved, safe guarded, and enjoyed by all Brothers of the fraternity. Copies of the originals will be on display at general convention this summer.

TO COLLEGE BROTHERS

My pipe with tobacco I fill
 As I sit in the deepening gloom
 When the flickering light from the fireplace
 Throws its shadows across the room
 The smoke of my pipe drifts upward
 'Till it mingles with other smoke
 From the pipes of my college brothers
 As they sing and laugh and joke
 The smoke all intermingles
 In a shadowy, mellow haze,
 like the mingling of our spirits
 In our carefree college days
 But the smoke will soon drift asunder
 It will spread in a thousand parts
 For it is not bound together
 With the bond that links our hearts
 For no matter where we may wander
 In a cold or sunny clime,
 In our hearts we'll fondly cherish
 The friends of our college time
 And as long as this life stays with me
 'Till I'm laid to my final rest
 The friends of my Phi Delt days
 Are the friends I'll love the best.

Many Phi Delt today will surely recognize this poem written by **Hilton U. Brown Jr., Indiana Gamma 1918**, from the Mexican front with Battery "A" back to his Indiana Gamma Chapter (Butler University), Phi Delta Theta. Hilton Jr. was later killed in action in the Argonne, Nouart, France on November 3, 1918, eight days before the Armistice. His father, **Hilton U. Brown Sr., Indiana Gamma 1880**, (elected Phi Delta Theta's national grand council president in 1882) was a Phi Delt, as was his uncle Demarcus, and his three brothers Mark, Arch and Paul. Hilton Jr.'s youngest sister, Judy, married **David W. Konold, Indiana Gamma '26**. Their daughter, Jennie Konold, married **John J. Lawyer, Indiana Gamma '52**. Their sons, **Rob Lawyer '84** and **Bill Lawyer '86** carry on the family legacy of Phi Delta Theta.

Thank You, Loyal Brothers, for Your Generous Support

We are extremely grateful to the following 58 brothers who contributed \$5,235 to our annual campaign in 2011. The support you give makes a difference to our Chapter and its future. Our undergraduate Brothers greatly appreciate your generosity. We hope more alumni will join their

Brothers and contribute to our ongoing annual campaign. If an error has been made in recording your name or you've been mistakenly omitted from our list, we sincerely apologize. Please contact **John Ervin '86** at jervin@mariettafinancial.com with any corrections.

Indiana Alpha Club

(\$500 and above)

Ralph E. Daum '60
 James Koday '73
 Daniel D. Newman II '91

Azure & Argent Club

(\$100 to \$499)

Harold L. Dillman '52
 David L. Ruoff '53
 Joe A. Swope Jr. '57
 Dr. Daniel R. Elliott '58
 David A. Malson '58
 John A. Nash '60
 Jon R. Bausback '61
 Robert F. Chapala '63
 Gerald F. Swan '67

Mark R. Sochar '68
 Earle F. Hites III '69
 Raymond L. Steele Jr. '69
 Joseph E. Kenworthy II '72
 John Sikora, DDS '73
 Barth J. Anderson '74
 Kenneth A. Cage '74
 James F. Etter Jr. '76
 Mark E. Rhodes '79
 Nelson M. Becker '88
 James R. Admire '89
 Charles S. O'Neill Jr. '89
 Colin C. Bain '93
 Jason P. Williams '95
 John W. Mileham '96
 Todd A. Kenworthy '01

Alumni Club

(Up to \$99)

James M. Schwentker Jr. '46
 Leslie L. Ray '47
 Kenneth C. Wright '47
 W. H. Flack '50
 William S. Smith '51
 Charles W. Cordes '54
 John E. Hironimus, M.D. '55
 Stephen D. Smith '55
 Roger B. Woods '55
 Robert C. Bradshaw '56
 William C. Rech '57
 William E. Snapp '58
 Thomas C. Coble '60
 Michael J. Pasquale '63
 Richard D. Voreis '65

Richard A. Ungerer '66
 Paul A. Rocke '67
 Michael R. Cook '69
 William C. Moor Jr. '71
 Gregory A. Graham '73
 Michael S. Canaan '74
 D. Geoff Paddock '77
 Donald A. Schmidt '79
 John F. Kautzman '81
 Thomas M. Bartlett '83
 Carl H. Heckman '83
 Lance E. Krebs '93
 Christopher M. Trokey '94
 Kevin W. Stoner '95
 Joel G. McKay '96

INDIANA ALPHA EXPERIENCES RECRUITMENT AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS

I am pleased to report that Indiana Alpha is enjoying an eventful and successful semester. We are thrilled with our successes and triumphs and look forward to new opportunities. We are always looking to maintain our presence on campus and within the community.

Phi Delt Ranked Fourth Academically

In early February, Indiana University released the all-fraternity G.P.A. rankings. Phi Delta Theta earned fourth in the Greek rankings with a 3.23 G.P.A. This marks another increase in our campus rank, and we are very proud of our hard work. This also provides another incentive to continue our improvement and climb to the top of the campus standings.

Chapter Recruits 21 New Members

Recruitment was another great success for Indiana Alpha and resulted in 21 new Phikeia. I would like to extend a huge thank-you to Recruitment Chairmen **Pat Healy '14** and **Charlie Streett '14** for leading the Chapter to recruit our biggest spring class yet. We look forward to instilling our values and founding principles in these men as they begin the journey toward brotherhood and initiation.

Alumni Gather for Founder's Day

On March 7, 2012, General Council President **Scott Mietchen, Utah Alpha '84**, Vice President **Robert Biggs, Georgia Epsilon '76**, and many other alumni came to Bloomington for the Founder's Day celebration. The event included a dinner, accounts from Brother Mietchen and Brother Biggs about their personal involvement with Indiana Alpha, and the exchange of some of Phi Delta Theta's oldest documents into the hands of our national leaders. Founder's Day was a tremendous success thanks especially to **Bryant Hennessey '12** for orchestrating the event.

Indiana Alpha Honored as Iron Phi Chapter

Through a lot of hard work and dedication, we have created an annual Phi Delt philanthropy event. The Iron Phive K will benefit our national philanthropy which combats Lou Gehrig's disease. From generous donations, the Chapter has raised over \$13,000 to benefit the foundation. This contribution made Indiana Alpha an Iron Phi Chapter and we could not be more proud to boast this great honor.

As we rapidly near the end of another semester at Indiana University, the Brothers at Indiana Alpha are ending on a very high note. We hope to continue our upward trajectory and transcend the principles we have come to know as Phis. If you are ever in the Bloomington area, I encourage you to stop by the Castle. The Brothers will be happy to welcome you and show you the many improvements that have been made to the house.



Fraternally,
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The newly resurfaced basketball court is a great place for Phis to gather.



Brothers travel to Chicago for the annual Phi Delt formal.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Elliot Awe '15
St. Paul, Minn.

Brady Gerber '15
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Ryan Romenesko '15
Barrington, Ill.

Calvin Beasley '15
Danville, Ind.

Tate Grealish '15
Houston, Texas

Jeff Seng '14
Jasper, Ind.

Sam Brewer '14
Danville, Ind.

Joe Hanauer '15
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Peter Thomas '14*
Elkhart, Ind.
(**George Thomas '13**)

Collin Brunk '15
Carmel, Ind.

Matt Howard '15
Carmel, Ind.

Jason Tiedmann '14*
Lake Zurich, Ill.
(**John Tiedmann '12**)

Jeff Bryant '14
Avon, Ind.

Ian Klotz '14
Avon, Ind.

Wood Victor '15
Lake Bluff, Ill.

Mike DiMaggio '15
Lake Zurich, Ill.

Rob Lee '15
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sameep Wali '14
Darien, Ill.

Jim Finley '15*
Ft. Wayne, Ind.
(**Mac Finley '13**)

Evan Leonard '15
Birmingham, Ala.

Matt Wilkinson '14
Evansville, Ind.

Andy Fischer '15
Santa Claus, Ind.

Grant Martin '15
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Luke O'Connor '14
South Bend, Ind.

*Legacy;
relative in parentheses

SAVE THE DATE

Reunion Weekend for the Classes of 1970-76

July 13-15

Friday, July 13

Check in at the Indiana Memorial Union on Friday night. Meet at Nick's beginning at 7 p.m. for food, drinks, and socializing.

Saturday, July 14

Golf Scramble

IU Golf Course Green fees are additional.
Time TBD

4 p.m.

Chapter House Tour

6:30 p.m.

Dinner at the Georgian Room in the Indiana Memorial Union. Please send a check of \$41 for Saturday's dinner to **James Koday '73**, Trustee at 110 West Berry, Suite 2006, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Sunday, July 15

Informal breakfast at the Market at the Indiana Memorial Union.

Hotel Reservations

A limited block of rooms has been reserved through the Indiana Memorial Union, Biddle Hotel. To make a reservation, please call (800) 209-8145 or (812) 855-2536. Mention the Phi Delt block and receive a 10% discount at check-out. The block of reserved rooms will be released May 15.

This event is open to fraternity members only.

Please contact James Koday at jkoday@bewleykoday.com with questions or concerns.

Phi Delt Summer Golf Outing

The golf outing is scheduled for the end of July. The weekend and time are TBD, but it will take place in Bloomington. Please watch for more information in the coming months. If you have questions, please contact **John Tiedmann '12** at jtiedman@indiana.edu.

Chapter Officers

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Alumni Update

Chapter Grand

Thomas L. Pykosz '73 entered Chapter Grand on November 20, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and children: Carrie, Michael, Christie, and Robert; and two grandchildren. Thomas is remembered for his positive outlook and his love for his family.

Alumni News

John E. Hironimus, M.D. '55 retired from his medical practice in 2001. He keeps busy with volunteering, jogging, playing tennis, and reading. John and his wife, Joan, live in St. Louis, Mo.

Joe A. Swope Jr. '57 and his wife, Roxanne, live in Columbus, Ind. They travel about four weeks a year and take long weekends every month. Joe and Roxanne remain active in community affairs through volunteering and appointed offices.

Geoff Paddock '77 was elected to the Fort Wayne City Council on November 8, 2011. He is working to bring passenger rail service back to Fort Wayne. He previously served as president of the board of trustees for the Fort Wayne community schools. Before that, Geoff served as executive director of the Headwaters Park Flood Control Project in downtown Fort Wayne for nearly 20 years. E-mail: geoffreypaddock@aol.com

PHI DELTA THETA COMPETES IN LITTLE 500



The 2012 Phi Delta Theta Little 500 bike team.



The Brothers warm-up before the race.