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AVC ADDRESSES CHAPTER HOUSE CONDITION AND SEES RESULTS

Purdue football always brings alumni, family, and friends back to campus each fall to reconnect with one another. It's also an opportunity to pass through the doors at 690 Waldron and rekindle memories of our college years.

During the 2012 Purdue football season, I received several e-mails from alumni expressing their disappointment with the condition of the chapter house, and, as an alumni board, we wanted to make sure alumni and parents know that this is something we take seriously.

For at least the past 15 years, the physical condition of the chapter house has been a regularly discussed topic with the chapter, stressing the importance of keeping the house clean and in presentable fashion. Any past alumni board member or volunteer can likely tell you that actually getting the chapter to respond to a level that we expect is a challenge.

In February, the AVC mandated that the chapter have restricted social activity (including a ban of alcohol in the chapter house) until the chapter was able to create and execute a plan that demonstrated their ability to keep the chapter house in a presentable condition. A plan was presented to the AVC in mid-February, and it was approved on the condition that the facility remain alcohol free for four weeks so the chapter could prove that they could successfully follow their plan.

When the chapter returned from spring break, the social probation was lifted and they continue to keep the facility in presentable condition. The AVC will continue to work with the chapter in an effort to create an environment and culture where keeping the house clean is the norm. Last semester the chapter ranked second academically, with only Evans Scholars having a higher chapter G.P.A. This was the third semester in a row that we were second academically out of 42 active fraternities on campus. The chapter also continues to excel in intramurals and won the fraternity basketball and football IM championships. I point this out because we have a solid group of men in the chapter and, as a whole, are an intelligent bunch. Our goal is that any alumnus or guest who stops by will find a presentable chapter house with cordial men in the home.

We encourage and ask for your help by getting involved with the Indiana Alpha Alumni Board. Many of the board members live across country but are able to be involved. We are looking for more mentors for the undergraduates as well as a strong alumni presence. We would love your support.

Fraternally,
John D. Weir '01
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P.S. We hope to see you during a home football game this fall. Be sure to mark your calendar now for Homecoming on September 28!

Indiana Alpha on Top in Academics, Athletics, and Membership

The brothers from the historic walls of 690 Waldron Street continue to set the example on campus through academics, athletics, and manpower. Indiana Alpha creates and fosters a brotherhood that long exceeds our time here at Purdue. The following information is just a snapshot of what the chapter has done to better prepare each of its members for their journeys after college.



Brothers after an Indiana Alpha Chapter meeting.

By finishing second in academics, we topped the all-women's, all-men's, and all-campus averages for the third straight semester! This incredible accomplishment has made us a model for what all fraternities on campus should strive for academically. ¹

Bringing in one of the largest spring new member classes on record is an extraordinary compliment to the already impressive numbers that we recruited in the fall. There has been continued emphasis on recruitment and our numbers in these past two classes have definitely shown it. ²

SigEp Indiana Alpha continues to be a main player on campus with our always strong and improving manpower. Classes like the past two only go to suggest an increase in this category. ³

This number is projected to increase due to all the improvements being done to the house through the new and improving contributions of Executive Outcomes. ⁴

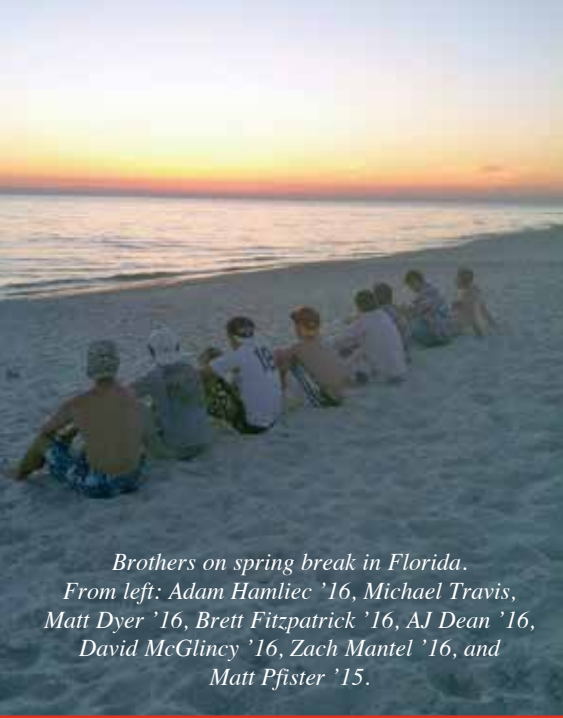
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Indiana Alpha At-a-Glance

¹ Fall 2012 Academics	3.02 chapter G.P.A. (2nd out of 40 fraternities)
² Spring 2012 Recruitment	23 new members
³ Current Manpower	117 Members (5th out of 40 fraternities)
⁴ Spring 2013 Live-In Members	58 Men



CONGRATULATIONS, NEW INITIATES



Brothers on spring break in Florida.

From left: Adam Hamlicec '16, Michael Travis, Matt Dyer '16, Brett Fitzpatrick '16, AJ Dean '16, David McGlincy '16, Zach Mantel '16, and Matt Pfister '15.

Indiana Alpha on Top

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To complement our accomplishments in academics and campus-wide manpower, Indiana Alpha has made a statement through its athletic abilities. Due to the hard work of our athletic chairmen, **Mike Coyne '14** and **Tanner Bennett '15**, the chapter has been in the top five fraternities for Greek athletics for two semesters in a row. The brothers earned medals in football (1st), basketball (1st), water polo (2nd), and soccer (1st).

Aside from our campus-wide recognition, we received recognition on a national level at the Carlson Leadership Academy. The National Fraternity recognized the chapter for the mentoring program we have in place between our alumni and undergraduates. A huge shout-out goes to all alumni for their continued involvement. Without each and every one of you, Indiana Alpha would not be nearly the chapter it is today.

Through the hard work and determination of all those before me, the executive board and I are excited and proud to have the opportunity to excel the reputation of the chapter. With the support of alumni and volunteers, it is undeniable that these upcoming semesters will be very bright and promising for the historic chapter of Indiana Alpha.



Fraternally,
Troy Cutler '15
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FALL 2012 NEW MEMBER CLASS

Jacob Backstrom '16
Liberty Township, Ohio

Nicholas Baker '16
Indianapolis, Ind.

Grant Boydston '16
Galesburg, Ill.

Nicholas Bressi '16
Ramsey, N.J.

Matthew Dyer '16
Highland, Ind.

Brett Fitzpatrick '16
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Eric Gabbard '16
Palatine, Ill.

Milos Galic '16
Highland, Ind.

Adam Hamlicec '16
Naperville, Ill.

Donovan Harris '15
Lafayette, Ind.

Rashaad Harris '16
Easton, Md.

Tyler Ho '16
San Marino, Calif.

Jordan Jackson '16
Indianapolis, Ind.

Geoffrey Jess '16
Chalfont, Pa.

Steven Kekeis '16
St. John, Ind.

Austin Konzen '16
St. John, Ind.

Zachary Mantel '16
Dyer, Ind.

David McGlincy '16*
Carmel, Ind.
(Father **Lloyd '78**)

Aaron Peters '16
Liberty Township, Ohio

Matthew Pfister '15
Arlington Heights, Ill.

Alex Poerio '15
Munster, Ind.

Nicklaus Pringle '16
Dansville, Mich.

Matt Sanchez '16
Schererville, Ind.

Connor Sasse '16
Valparaiso, Ind.

Jake Springfield '16
Woodinville, Wash.

Jack Wagner '16
Indianapolis, Ind.

Andrew Dean '16
East Hanover, N.J.

Gianmarco Coppo '16
Rimini, Italy

Alex Young '16
Highland, Ind.

SPRING 2013 NEW MEMBER CLASS

Hesham Aly '16
Cairo, Egypt

Curtis Anderson '15
Carmel, Ind.

Nick Bauer '16
South Bend, Ind.

Kevin Beery '16
Cicero, Ind.

Ozzy Celebi '16
Istanbul, Turkey

Ryan Crabtree '16
Muncie, Ind.

Amir El-Khalili '16
West Lafayette, Ind.

Grant Ellington '15*
LaGrange, Ill.
(Father **Michael '90**)

Parker Hawes '16
Indianapolis, Ind.

Ferino Hillman '16
Jakarta, Indonesia

Pat Land '16
Noblesville, Ind.

Christian Leonakis '16
Munster, Ind.

Randall Martin '16
Michigan City, Ind.

Scott Norbot '15
Monee, Ill.

Austin Ramey '16
Noblesville, Ind.

Justin Russel '16
Noblesville, Ind.

Aneesh Samudrala '16
San Jose, Calif.

Matthew Searcy '16
Newport Beach, Calif.

Paul Smith '16
Sparta, New Jersey

Chris Tassarò '16
Munster, Ind.

*Legacy; relative in parentheses



Members achieved great results at this year's Grand Prix: Nick Bartlett '14 placed 3rd, and though disqualified, won an award for the best engineered cart; Brandon Burdick '14 was the Crew Chief of the winning cart; and a third SigEp cart placed 10th in the annual race.



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SIGEP A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR GRANT LOHSE '02

“It is impossible to summarize the substantial effect SigEp had on me in just a few words,” says orthopedic surgeon **Grant Lohse '02**. “There is no doubt that my entire college experience—social, professional, and academic—was more complete because of SigEp.”

Sigma Phi Epsilon taught Grant how to effectively work with his peers to achieve a common goal. “The fraternity helps to develop this skill earlier than it would otherwise be realized,” he says. “SigEp amplified my personal growth and left me better positioned to meet the next level of challenge that is beyond college.”

Grant took the lessons of the fraternity from his medical school studies at Northwestern University to his residency at University of Washington to now his final year of subspecialty training in hand and upper extremity surgery at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. “Medicine is a unique profession,” he

says. “I have had the opportunity to reattach arms and deliver babies, but I have also had to diagnose cancer and tell a family that their loved one has died. The human condition is wonderful, tragic, and, at times, comical. It is the intensity of this interaction with patients that I enjoy most.”

While Grant is focused on his work, he always finds time for his family. “Fatherhood is the best job in the world,” he shares. Grant and his wife, Liza, have 3-year-old twins, Nathaniel and Tessa, and are expecting their third child this spring. When not with his family, he enjoys snow-skiing, going to the beach, and brewing his own beer. He also likes staying in touch with his fraternity brothers, keeping the connection to SigEp strong. “The fraternity was a source of strength and pride, chaos and fun, friendship and comfort,” says Grant. “SigEp was the entity around which all other college experiences were molded.” E-mail: grantlohse@gmail.com.

Running His Town like a Business

Spotlight on Roger Sheridan '45

Roger Sheridan '45 spent his career working in construction as a resident engineer or project manager after retiring from the army. He led teams and projects in 32 countries, earning two world records for the deepest cofferdam and largest surfaced manmade lake. Roger’s last project before retiring in 2002 was building the highway system in Kazakhstan. Not a bad final project for an 82-year-old.

Roger enjoyed retirement, spending his time playing golf, but he found himself discouraged by the condition of his home city, Newborn, Georgia. “It was kind of going downhill,” he remembers. “People weren’t working with people, and it was getting fractionized.”

Realizing the city’s need for dedicated and organized leadership, Roger recruited a Town Board and campaigned to be mayor. He was elected in 2009.

Roger does not consider himself to be a politician but an elected



official and he’s taken the role seriously. “We’ve since built a town park, which is jammed with people many days of the week, we’ve brought in businesses, and paved all the streets in town,” he says. “We figured if we ran the town like a business we could make it work.”

Roger and his team did just that and established a budget for the city. They monitor it closely and keep track of their profit/loss. “The experiences I had in my career I felt would be good if we could use them here in Newborn,” he says. “That’s what we’ve based ourselves on and it works very well.”

At 92 years old, Roger is the oldest mayor in the United States. He still enjoys golfing and was proud to have “played his age” and sink a hole-in-one in recent years. “I have good witnesses!” he laughs. Roger is also proud to be the son of Lawrence V. Sheridan, 1909, a member of one of the first pledge classes at Indiana Alpha. E-mail: nbornga@bellsouth.net



Thank You, Loyal Alumni, for Contributing to Indiana Alpha's Annual Campaign

We thank all the alumni below for their support of our fall 2012 annual campaign appeal. The success and achievements of Indiana Alpha Chapter are directly attributed to the support and involvement of its members. The active brothers are grateful for and proud of the support they receive from alumni. Our fall 2012

annual appeal resulted in \$8,470 from 87 contributors. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift(s), or if we have mistakenly omitted your gift, we sincerely apologize. If corrections to your giving record are needed, please send them to acromer@penningtonco.com. Your generosity is making a difference!

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BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE



Dr. Timothy Sands '76 and finalist Chris Longstream.



Keynote Speaker Dr. Timothy Sands '76 with Academic Advisor Dick Blum '64 and Regional Director John Barr, Southern Mississippi '12, at the featured table.



Guests enjoying dinner.



From left: Chad Cole '15, Mitchell McCarthy '15, Alvaro Davalos '14, finalist J.T. Pastor, J.T.'s sister, and finalist Chris Longstream.



From left: Finalist Javon Rahmaan '13, Mr. and Mrs. Steinhardt, finalist Branden Steinhardt, AVC member Mike Ellis '84, and Justin Baghai '14.



Balanced Man Scholarship finalists Branden Steinhardt and Javon Rahmaan '13.

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SEPTEMBER 27

HOMECOMING VS.
NORTHERN ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 28

ALUMNI UPDATE

Wayne R. Frazier '71 retired from NASA headquarters in December 2012. He is now consulting out of his home for two groups, Alpha-Port Inc., a knowledge management and aerospace engineering consulting firm based in Cleveland, Ohio, and the International Space Safety Foundation, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to space safety. Wayne lives in Stafford, Va., with his wife, Alana. He welcomes a call from brothers in the area and would love to reconnect with **Tom Percy '75** if anyone knows his current contact information. Phone: (703) 217-3564, E-mail: wr.frazier@verizon.net

Stephen M. Bryan '05 and his fiancée, Nicole Cisowski, look forward to their September wedding in Indianapolis. He resides in Fishers, Ind.

Sean H. Birmingham '07 married Katherine Dauch in August 2011. They reside in Fishers, Ind. E-mail: sean.birmingham15@gmail.com

Summer Work Session June 22

The summer work session on June 22 is an opportunity for brothers, parents, and alumni to come to the house and do projects to fix it up for the next school year. Depending on the turn-out we will have a cookout afterwards.

Some of the projects we will be tackling include painting the girls bathroom, landscaping the front yard, painting the bum room, and redoing the volleyball court with new lights. Please contact **Jay Bilunas '99** at avc-alumnirelations@purdue-sigeps.com to get involved.