



THE WOLFCALL

The newsletter for alumni and friends of Indiana Epsilon Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity at Valparaiso University - Fall/Winter 2016

Over Thirty-Five Alumni Return for Homecoming 2016

Excitement and stories from bygone years filled the air as over 35 alumni returned to 801 Mound Street to celebrate Homecoming 2016. The weekend of September 23 through September 25 was certainly one for the books, filled with football, great food and friendship.

Before the big football game, alumni and undergraduates spent time together while eating hamburgers and hotdogs at the Greek Life Tailgate. After the tailgate, everyone enjoyed watching the Valparaiso Crusaders' victorious game over the Davidson Wildcats - with a score of 24-20!

Perhaps one of the most memorable moments of the weekend was seeing Phi Psi's very own, Brother **Stefon David '15**, elected as Homecoming King! David is a chemistry major from New Jersey

and joined the Phi Psi brotherhood in 2015. Indiana Epsilon was incredibly proud to see their brother honored as Homecoming King along with Emily Bruce of Chi Omega as Homecoming Queen.

After an exciting Valparaiso football victory, alumni and undergraduates enjoyed a dinner together prepared by Chef Cathy.

The dinner provided an opportunity for alumni to swap old Phi Psi stories and was the perfect way to wrap up a wonderful day.

Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's Homecoming - **September 29 through October 1, 2017**. Homecoming weekend is a perfect opportunity to reunite with old brothers and meet the new actives. You do not want to miss Homecoming weekend, and the members of Indiana Epsilon hope to see you there!

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It is always a good time when generations of Indiana Epsilon brothers come together and enjoy each other's company.



Homecoming King, Brother Stefon David '15 with Homecoming Queen, Emily Bruce of Chi Omega



(L to R): Brothers Matthew Kosloske '14, Drew Zimmerman '15, Derek Long '14 and Jacob Yager '14 at the Greek Life Tailgate cooking everyone's favorite tailgate foods - hamburgers and hotdogs!



(L to R): Don Schoenefeld '64, Douglas Felten '63, Charles Kohl '64, Bill Karpenko '58 and Bob McNamara '64

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Phi Psi 500 Raises \$850 for Qhubeka

Five sororities and five fraternities joined Indiana Epsilon for this year's rainy Phi Psi 500. During the event, participants compete against one another in a series of races on their adult-sized tricycles in an effort to be crowned the winner by holding the fastest time.

Brother **Keith Nagel '16** assisted with advertising for Phi Psi 500 by creating a Snapchat filter, which allowed students at Valparaiso University to see Indiana Epsilon was hosting an event. Students were also able to put the event logo on the pictures they took during Phi Psi 500.



Despite the rainy weather, this year's Phi Psi 500 had an excellent turnout with five sororities and five fraternities participating in the event.

Despite the unfavorable conditions, Brother **Matt Kosloske '14** had the fastest individual time of the afternoon, crossing the finish line in 1 minute and 20 seconds. Kappa Delta swept the Women's Division by taking first, second and third place! Lastly, Phi Delta Theta reigned as the victors in the Men's Division.

Winners of the event received a plaque created by Brothers **Jacob Yager '14**, **Ryan Schrock '14** and **Drew Zimmerman '15** in Valparaiso's machine shop at the Engineering Building.

The event was extremely successful and everyone agreed, the biggest victory was raising \$850 for Qhubeka. Qhubeka is an organization that purchases industrial grade bicycles for South African children. These bicycles allow the kids to bike the 20 plus miles to their school instead of walking the distance. Phi Psi brothers are happy to support this worthy cause and hope their efforts provide some relief and happiness to these children in need.

Indiana Epsilon Continues to Shine as one of the Best Fraternities on Campus

Indiana Epsilon began the fall semester with a strong start due to outstanding accomplishments in the spring. Last semester, the chapter's academic ranking went from eighth to sixth with a collective GPA of 3.176 and twenty brothers had a GPA above 3.5. This places Phi Psi Valparaiso above the All Male Average GPA. Even though Indiana Epsilon had the smallest new member class, this group had the best Pledge Class GPA out of all nine fraternities on campus. There is no doubt Phi Psi brothers are excelling in academics.

This fall, the chapter extended nine bids and had

seven acceptances. The new member class consists of four sophomores and three juniors. "I joined Phi Psi to enter a community of like-minded men who will inspire, motivate and push me to reach my fullest potential," said **Jacob Rinda** from Hudson, Illinois. The chapter is excited to add these exceptional young men to their fraternity.

Brothers continue to maintain an active presence around campus and in the community. As a fraternity, Phi Psi completed 1,100 hours of community service with several brothers visiting Mexico, Haiti and Nicaragua to contribute to philanthropy projects.

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Recent Graduate Becomes SPARTAN Flight Controller

After graduating this past spring with a Mechanical Engineering Degree, Brother **Erik Langholz '14** moved to Texas to begin his new job as a SPARTAN Flight Controller (Station Power Articulation Thermal and Analysis) contracted through NASA.

In this extraordinary occupation, Langholz is in charge of station power and external thermal control. He is currently working on his

certification to run the console in the mission control room. After certification, he will monitor the station and send commands to control International Space Station operations.

As part of his certification, Langholz must pass a series of written and oral tests as well as simulations under pressure. This type of testing ensures he will make the smartest decisions while under the pressure of the control room.

"My work is the same as the guys in that big room in the movie Apollo 13," said Langholz. "After I get my flight controller certification, I can be certified as a specialist or an instructor and train astronauts and other flight controllers."

Congratulations to Brother Langholz on this exciting new career! The brothers of Indiana Epsilon are very proud and wish him the best of luck.

Brother Updates

Harold Rusert '66, and his wife, Cathleen, live in Orchard Park, New York with their five energetic and charming boys. After leaving Valparaiso, Rusert spent over 36 years as president of his own company in the construction equipment and supply business. In his free time, he enjoys golf, tennis and skiing.

Peter Henning '66 resides in Cary, Illinois with his wife, Wendy. The couple has three sons, two of which followed Peter's footsteps and decided to attend Valparaiso.

Kenneth Kollmeyer '69 and his wife, Penny Kollmeyer (Alpha Phi Delta '70), are enjoying retirement and splitting their time between their homes in Farmington, Connecticut and Scottsdale, Arizona.

Kevin Marks '96 recently took a new job at Wightman & Associates, Inc. in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Larry Mowry '97 is a meteorologist for WLS ABC-7 Chicago and Valparaiso University recently honored him with the 2016 Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

Kevin Jessen '98 and his wife, Erin, recently welcomed their first child into their lives.

Ben Nicol '00 and his wife, Abby, recently had their third child. Brother Nichol lives with his family in Indianapolis and continues his support of Phi Psi as CEO of the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation.

Jay Loschky '02 and his wife, Shannon, just had their first child, Walter Loschky. Brother Loschky,

Shannon and Walter live in Washington, DC.

Zach Albers '05 and his wife, Alyse, recently had a daughter. As determined by his wife, Brother Albers will be expecting two more daughters in the next few years. Stay tuned!

William Failey '05 and his wife, Brooke, recently welcomed their first child, Finnegan Failey, into the world this summer. Brother Failey is an attorney in solo practice. He lives with his family in East Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Nathan Smith '05 and his wife, Katie, recently had their second child. After completing ROTC training at Valparaiso, Brother Smith joined the Air Force. He lives with his family just outside St. Louis, Missouri.

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Alumnus Danny Knoll '06 Hikes 7,650 Miles Through Twenty-Two States



Danny Knoll '06

When **Danny Knoll '06** went on a spring break trip to the Smokey Mountains with his Phi Psi brother, **Kurt Woock '06**, in March of 2009, he never realized it would lead him to discover his passion for hiking.

Knoll's hike to the Smokey Mountains was anything but ideal. With no previous experience, Knoll and Woock planned to complete a 70-mile loop hike over the course

of five days. Within the first five hours of hiking, they found themselves at 5,000 feet and thigh deep in snow. With temperatures at 20 degrees and dropping, the brothers decided to take their frozen water bottles and find shelter at a hotel for the night. The next day, after consulting with a few natives, Knoll and Woock decided to hike the lower trails, which cut their mileage in half. Toward the end of the trip, the brothers made it to the higher ridges of the Appalachian Trail where Knoll found a hiker register at an old fire tower. In the register, Knoll wrote, "I will be back to hike the entire trail someday."

A year later, Knoll traveled to Georgia to fulfill his promise of hiking the Appalachian Trail (AT). The AT stretches 2,200 miles through 14 states and ends on Mount Katahdin in Maine. Approximately 2,000 people attempt to "thru-hike" (finish the hike in one season) the AT each year, and only roughly 10% complete the trail. Knoll began his quest to thru-hike the AT on March 14, 2010, and after 140 days, on August 1, 2010, he arrived at the northern terminus of the trail.

During his hike on the AT, other hikers told Knoll about the beauty of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). The PCT spans California, Oregon and Washington, starting in the hot desert of Southern California and ending

near Canada. The following spring, Knoll made it his mission to tackle this trail. On April 27, 2011, Knoll began his hike at the California/Mexican border with the goal to thru hike the PCT. The terrain on the trail is completely exposed, has little to no shade with temperatures reaching 100 degrees during the day. At night, Knoll found himself in a different predicament with temperatures dropping down to 20 degrees. After 700 miles, he found himself at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, which is home to some of the tallest and most scenic mountains in the United States. In 2011, many parts of the Sierras had a record snowfall of over 800 inches. "I entered the Sierras in early June," said Knoll. "Even though the weather was nice, there was endless snow. I would often get lost and would go days without seeing the trail as it lay buried under mounds of snow." This portion of the trail lasted 500 miles, until Knoll reached the beginning of the Cascade Mountains in Northern California.

After 2,650 miles, Knoll finished the trail in Canada on September 21, 2011. After this accomplishment, Knoll intended to take the next summer to complete the Continental Divide Trail (CDT). However, a travel bug hit him, and he ended up working various outdoor jobs in Colorado, Southern California, the Cayman Islands and Hawaii.

During his time spent traveling, Knoll found it hard to shake the nagging in his head and heart to finish the CDT. So, in the spring of 2016, he began his quest to complete the "Triple Crown" of hiking. The CDT stretches from Mexico to Canada going through New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. The trail is very challenging with long waterless stretches and remote areas that often have no trail leaving hikers to navigate cross-country. The CDT also has an abundance of wildlife. Knoll came across wild horses, moose, coyotes, wolves and even grizzly bears. In all, it took Knoll 128 days to travel the 2,800 miles to the finish at the Canadian border.

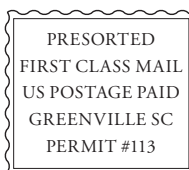
After starting on May 3, 2016, and hiking 20 to 40 miles a day, Knoll was

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Thanksgiving Dinner/Campus
Recruitment Event - November 17, 2016

Founder's Day Celebration at DePaul
University - February 19, 2017

9th Annual Amici Golf Invitational at
Creekside Golf Courses - April 29, 2017



Danny Knoll '06 (left front) and friends hold up the Valparaiso University flag in celebration of reaching the top of the trail.

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never happier than he was the moment he reached the Canadian border on September 5. This journey, through varied terrain from desert to high alpine glaciers, is one he will never forget.

You Can Recruit!

Indiana Epsilon wants a strong chapter on campus, full of great young men to represent the fraternity. If you have a son or family friend who may attend Valparaiso University, please send his name and contact information to Recruitment Chairs **Dwight Moline '16** at dwight.molien@valpo.edu or **Collin Warke '16** at colin.warke@valpo.edu.

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Additionally, brothers participated in numerous Greek Life events, which included co-hosting a cookout with Kappa Delta and becoming the crowd favorite at this year's Songfest. Phi Psi also competed in Lambda Chi's annual whiffle ball tournament and Phi Delta Theta's kickball tournament, where they took home first place!

Brother **Matt Kosloske '14** traveled to Germany last semester to complete a Study Abroad program, and Brothers **Nate Greiwe '15** and **Ethan Stoppenhagen '15** plan to follow in his footsteps this year. Additionally, the University honored Brother **Richard Schraeger III '13** as the Fraternity Man of the Year.

After this past semester, there is no doubt that Phi Psi brothers are some of the best men on campus.