




The Wolfcall



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Third Annual Phi Psi 500 Most Successful Yet

By Joel Boehm, '99

This year marked another successful Phi Psi 500 philanthropy event.

This was our third annual Phi Psi 500, and the biggest to date. Nine different Greek organizations participated in the week's activities, and we raised about \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The week was a lot of fun, as well as purposeful. Activities included the condom olympics, a family feud tournament, a karaoke contest, a date auction co-sponsored by the Pi Beta Phi sorority, and a tricycle race. Our week concluded with a party at the house.

The success of this year's event bodes well for future Phi Psi 500's that we hope will continue to grow and reflect well on our chapter.

Did you know?

Indiana Epsilon boasts 1058 initiated members!



Rare Phi Delta Psi Paddle Found

By Kevin Marks, '93

Recently, while surfing eBay, I stumbled across a listing for a 1941 Valparaiso University fraternity paddle. Being curious I checked it out and it happened to be a Phi Delta Psi paddle that belonged to an alumnus named Slim Denig.

After corresponding with the seller, she said she was an antiques dealer and her husband bought the paddle at an estate sale in central Ohio; unfortunately she knew nothing else of Mr. Denig. I was able to win the auction and acquire the paddle and there are plans to display it in the Chapter Room for everyone to see.

Having recently visited the house, a repeated request from some of the undergraduates is to learn more of the house history. I would encourage all of you to stop by and share your knowledge of house history with the current actives. As you get older and find that you have no use for Phi Psi related items, think about donating them to the house for display.

There has been a lot of history for the men of Phi Kappa Psi and you have all been part of it. Help the men of Indiana Epsilon learn and remember the history so they can continue creating the future for Phi Psi's at Valparaiso.

I would like to thank Cord Nuoffer for assisting with the purchase.

We Are The Champions!

By Dan Kuznik, '98

All-Campus Intramural Champions once again!

After last year's very close second place finish, the men of Indiana Epsilon took it upon themselves to make sure that we regained the championship this year.

Phi Psis pulled together and finished in the top four in many of the big events while winning first place in volleyball. With the final results and scores in, we obtained first place by a huge 250 point margin over Sigma Phi Epsilon.

This is a great accomplishment for our fraternity. Most likely, we are set for next year since we are not losing too many of our star



All of the brothers with the new Fall 2000 pledge class spring class sporting their new letters.



Endowment Fund Visits Valpo

By Eric Sampson '86, House Corporation President

In mid-September Indiana Epsilon was honored to receive a visit from several distinguished brothers representing the Endowment fund of Phi Kappa Psi. Dick Ong (Oregon Beta '55), past SWGP and current Endowment Fund Trustee, Tom Pennington (Texas Alpha '80), Director of Development, and Ralph D. "Dud" Daniel, Executive Director Emeritus, were treated to a tour of campus led by Jamie Acton '88 and Kevin Jessen '98.

After a meeting with Assistant Dean for Greek Life and Volunteer Programs, Jennifer Jones-Hall, Brothers Ong, Daniel and Pennington toured the Epsilon house and dined at a local restaurant with a number of undergraduate and alumni brothers. It should be noted that brother Daniel served as Executive Director of Phi Kappa Psi at the time our chapter was chartered in 1953.



Endowment fund Trustee Dick Ong, Director of Development Tom Pennington and Executive Director Emeritas "Dud" Daniel return from a tour of campus with Kevin Jessen '98 during a visit to campus. this fall.

Endowment fund visitors shown with Chapter undergraduates; "Dud" Daniel plays foosball; Jamie Acton, Tom Pennington, Dick Ong and Eric Johnson



House Technology Ready for 21st Century

By Chris Baird, '99

The past few months have been an exciting time for those of us who spend any time on the Internet (and in this day and age that is almost everyone!). Beginning last September, I planned and installed a computer network throughout the entire house. The network is providing access to other brothers' files and printers, as well as a high-speed gateway to the Internet through a DSL connection, thus freeing up phone lines.

The DSL or "Digital Service Line" is a high-speed "always-on" connection that utilizes a standard phone line for simultaneous voice and data transmission. Each room has two or three ports, depending on the size of the room.

Early feedback from the brothers has been excellent, as house files and documents are now made available to all brothers in real time. Recruitment has also seen a boost, as the chapter has now proven its commitment to upgrading technology in the house to keep up with on-campus residence halls.

We are confident that this change will help keep Phi Kappa Psi strong into the high-tech 21st Century!



Joe Wurzbarger working at his computer connected to the new network.



Fundraising Success!!

By Eric Sampson '86, House Corporation President

There is great news to report! In our last fundraising effort in late fall we had an opportunity to meet our goal of increasing our Chapter Scholarship fund to \$50,000. We did so in a BIG way!

Generous benefactors in the fraternity made it possible through another matching offer that doubled dollars donated once a minimum of \$5000 was raised. We appealed to brothers for donations on August 28th and donations began to roll in.

Thanks to donations that ranged between \$2 and \$2,500, Indiana Epsilon raised **\$9,252.00** and our Chapter Scholarship Fund balance stands now at **\$58,548.45!** Plans are now being made to award our first scholarships in early 2001. Watch for news of the winners in a spring edition of *The Wolfcall*.

Honor Roll of Chapter Scholarship Fund Donors:

Kevin Allodi '76
 Neal Armstrong '89
 Craig Brown '86
 Kevin Daelke '84
 William Dickmeyer '86
 Donald V. Fites '53
 Paul Freitag Jr '53
 Bruce Gaunt '91
 James Goss '56
 William Gratz '56
 Greg Grossart '93
 Seth Harms '87
 Gary Hoffman '65
 Brad Jessen '95
 Edgar Koschmann MD '56
 Thomas Kraut '53
 Mark Lecy '87
 Mark Matasic '95

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The Endowment Fund of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity



What is the Endowment Fund?

The Endowment Fund of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity was formed "to aid, encourage, promote and contribute to the education and scholastic attainments" of Phi Psis across the nation. Eight Trustees exercise stewardship over the Fund.

The Endowment Fund, organized in 1914, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, public educational foundation. As such, the Endowment Fund is the only charitable arm of Phi Kappa Psi entitling donors to a full tax deduction within the limits set by the Internal Revenue Code.

The Endowment Fund provides funds for the Fraternity through a variety of programs and services which directly affect undergraduates and their chapters, and the level of alumni involvement. The primary responsibilities of the Endowment Fund are threefold:

1. The education of undergraduates in the traditions of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity whose ideals and principles provide a guiding force for life.
2. Leadership training among undergraduates for their personal growth and development, for continuity in chapter management and for the continued strength of our Fraternity and society in general.
3. Encouragement of academic achievement among our undergraduates through recognition of academic excellence, scholarships and maintaining the proper environment for academic excellence in chapters.

Trustees serve for six year terms and are elected in groups of two or three every two years at the

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Chapter House Operations Continue to Run Smoothly

As the years pass, your Housing Corporation continues to build expertise in running a chapter house. The fact that three Mound Street chapters have failed while Phi Kappa Psi has thrived is a testament to the level of cooperation between undergraduates and the Housing Corporation.

Major projects in the last year have included the installation of a building-wide computer network (see page 3), the replacement of the kitchen refrigerator, purchase of an ice machine and continued maintenance of the heating, plumbing and electrical systems. The chapter and the corporation have been investigating the possibility of some major renovations to provide better study areas in the house.

Finally, the undergraduates have skillfully maintained the landscaping outside the house, keeping shrubs and mulched beds in order. Recent visitors have noted with surprise the growth of the two trees in the front yard (see picture this page). Apparently they have benefited from the routine application of fertilizer!

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David Meilahn '75
 Joel Meyer '91
 James Pavlak '85
 Joseph Pesce '82
 Carl Post '93
 Robert Reuter '78
 John P. Schroeder '53
 Eric Smith '82
 Jonathan Swanson '87
 Edward Tornberg '53
 Merlyn Vocke '53

Editor's Note: The attentive reader might have noticed that the Indiana Epsilon House Corporation was listed as a Presidents Forum level donor in the September issue of The Shield. These donations were made as "seed money" for the first matching fundraising campaign. The donations really reflect the hard work and dedication of a number of brothers whose support makes our chapter



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 AND
 WWW.VALPO.EDU/STUDENT/PHPSI

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Grand Arch Council. Meetings of the trustees are held three times each year, with conference call meetings as necessary. A Director of Development is responsible for the day to day activities of the office and the administration of the fundraising, scholarship and grant programs. The Director's offices are at the Fraternity Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Pledge Class of Fall 2000:

Chris Beebe - Ft. Wayne, IN
 Evan Corpuz - Honolulu, HI
 Jacob Christian - Watertown, WI
 James Hambrock - Ft. Wayne, IN
 Jason Holly - Downers Grove, IL
 Jonathan Loose - Prior Lake, MN
 Jim Murray - New Lenox, IL
 Patrick Petersen - Livonia, MI
 John Polanshek - Morris, IL
 Luke Seddelmeyer - Warren, MI
 Brett Stubblefield - DeMotte, IN

President's Notes: Indiana Epsilon on a Roll

By Kevin Jessen, '98

The spring semester was the most successful semester since before I pledged in spring '98. Here are just some of the highlights.

With our sanctions ending last January, and alcohol returning to the house, we took many steps to ensure that we continue moving in the right direction rather than taking steps back. You saw the alcohol policy that we implemented in the last issue of the *Wolfcall*. This policy has worked out amazingly.

We have continued to move towards a better overall household and brotherhood. The Spring 2000 semester brought many accomplishments including a successful pledge class in which we got 11 great guys, the 3rd annual Phi Psi 500 during which we raised over \$1000 for the American Cancer Society, the songfest championship for the 3rd year in a row, and a tremendous Greek Awards Banquet.

The 4th Annual Greek Awards Banquet showed the university that we are the strongest and most prosperous Greek organization on campus. We received every award possible including the following: Intramural All Sport Champion, Outstanding Greek Volunteer Award, Advisor of the Year went to our faculty advisor Eric Johnson '86, New Member of the Year went to Ben Nicol '00, Greek Man of the Year went to Stefan Bjes. We also received the President's Award of Excellence which is awarded to a chapter in recognition of excellence in all areas of chapter operations.

The awards continued to pour in at G.A.C. in June (see cover article for more info).

This Fall Semester has continued to follow the path of last spring. We have just initiated 11 new upperclassmen, all of whom are excellent brothers. We are also continuing to hold leadership positions in the Greek community with the outgoing and incoming IFC presidents, Scott Wood and Ben Nicol, respectively. Seth Teply is also the current Hellenic President.

I am very proud to have lead this house through the last year and to have received many awards on the brothers' behalf. It feels great to be a part of the strongest Greek organization on this campus, the one that is continually setting the highest standard in every area possible.

Homecoming 2000 Recap

By Brad Jessen, '95

Homecoming 2000 proved to be another successful reunion weekend for Phi Psis from all across the nation. Over 50 Indiana Epsilon alumni descended on 801 Mound St. and the popular Valpo establishments to celebrate and reminisce.

Current actives and members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority pulled an all-nighter to complete another first-place float (a streak that is believed to have reached 10 years in a row). Creatively reflecting the theme of "A Show to Remember", the brothers recreated a memorable scene from *Ghostbusters* by building a 12-foot Stay-Puff Marshmallow Man, complete with movable arms.

Saturday's events continued after the parade as actives, alumni and families convened at the house for a sub sandwich lunch. The Crusaders then defeated the Butler Bulldogs at Brown Field. A BBQ Chicken dinner drew everyone back to the house, and the evening was capped off by a very successful party.

The undergraduate brothers should be commended for an excellent weekend of events. I hope to see more alumni return for Homecoming events in the future.



Here is a look at the float being pulled by Cam Plew in his Jeep during the parade.



Undergraduate News and Alumni Notes

Mark your calendars for February 2nd and 3rd! Alumni Weekend is here again. Be ready for some snow football Saturday afternoon and the band Big Deal (formerly known as Dirt Poets) will be performing at the house Saturday night.

Also be ready for Spring Weekend 2001 April 27th and 28th.

Spring & Fall 2000 Graduates:

Craig Benecke - Management
 Stefan Bjes - Psychology/
 Sociology
 Dennis Johnson - Physics/Math
 Kyle Jordan - Political Science/
 German
 David Kelch - Theater &
 Television Arts
 Larry Mowry - Meteorology
 Ehren Plew - Mechanical
 Engineering
 Andrew Thomas - Business
 Management
 Sven Zimdahl - Civil Engineering
 Jeremy Linke - Civil Engineering

Newly Initiated Members - Pledge Class of Spring 2000

Bob Dysert - South Bend, IN
 Andrew Engfehr - Collinsville, IL
 Scott Hendrickson - Mendon, IL
 Mike Heuser - Cincinnati, OH
 Nic Katona - Nashotah, WI
 Josh Klein - Olmsted, OH
 Matt McReynolds - Chestertown,
 NY
 Ben Nicol - Fleetwood, PN
 Cam Plew - Warsaw, IN
 Owen Stamm - Bettendorf, IA
 Dave Wurzbarger - New Lenox,
 IL

1953

Donald R Fites - Retired as Chairman and CEO of Caterpillar, Inc. in February 1999 and joined the Endowment Fund of Phi Kappa Psi as a Trustee at the G.A.C. last summer.

1954

Kenneth Kraning - Retired from Rockwell International after 38 years. Living between homes in Naples, FL and Michigan.

1959 - 1960

Dr. Richard Bimler - Brother Bimler has 6 grandkids! He currently serves as President of Wheatridge Ministries, an independent Lutheran organization that seeds new ministries of health and hope throughout the world.

Gary Fink - Gary is semiretired working as a Special Investigator with the FBI. He is chairman of a mission society that supports LCMS pastors in Haiti.

1978

Stephen Misch, M.D. - Brother Misch enjoys surfing, rollerblading. He practices medicine in California. Also pursuing photography and plans to travel to Venice Italy.

1982

Eric Smith - Brother Smith tore his right ACL playing racquetball this fall. He has decided to give up racquetball after 15 years. "Maybe I can find an old mens' tennis league next summer."

Joe Pesce - Brother Pesce has

accepted a position with Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space in Valley Forge, PA. He will be a Lead Systems Engineer on the GPS Satellite Modernization program. Brother Pesce and his family relocated to PA last fall.

1983

David Gehne - Brother Gehne enrolled this fall at Concordia Seminary. David and his wife Mary live on campus with their three boys Aaron (6), Matthew (3) and James (6 mos). He also works in the marketing group for Concordia Publishing House.

Scott Rodenbeck - Welcomed a son, Andrew, into his family in July 1999. Scott and his wife Linda live outside of Pittsburgh and Scott works as a Registered Nurse in the county hospital. Scott ran the Boston Marathon in April 99 and finished in 3 hours, 5 minutes.

1985

James T. Pavlak - No news is good news.

1986

Craig Brown - Lives in Palatine with his wife Lynn (Swain, Valpo '88) and sons Ryan (4) and Andrew (2). Currently works for Ameritech as Associate Director of Pricing for new markets.

Bill Dickmeyer - Bill is a stay-at-home dad/HR consultant looking after two sons, Josh (3) and Ben (9 months). Enjoying life in Madison, Wisc. Go Badgers!

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Terry Duchow – Lives in Chicago and did the Chicago Triathlon last August.

1987

Jonathan Swanson – Jon is engaged to be married! The wedding date is 6/23/01 in Hammond, IN. Jon works for St. George Broadcasting of Hammond, IN.

Howard Lobb – Howard lives in Seattle, but is still very involved with a non-profit organization doing educational development in Guatemala. In fact, Howard is considering a move back to Guatemala. “Hope all is well with everyone.”

1988

Douglas Sterchi – Took a new job at Oracle Corporation in January 1999. Bought a house in Grayslake, IL in August 1999. Got married to a girl he met a work in October 1999. Our honeymoon was in Puerto Villarta Mexico.

Jamie Acton – Jamie returned to Valparaiso University in the fall of 1999 and is serving as Associate Director of Alumni Relations. Jamie also accepted an appointment as Coordinator of Chapter Advisors for Phi Kappa Psi.

1991

Joel Meyer – Joel graduated in March 2000 with his MBA from the University of Chicago. He currently works at William Blair & Co, LLC and lives in Chicago.

1993

Joshua Linn – Joshua and his wife, Robie Jo, had a baby boy – Paul Joseph, born April 21, 2000. Brother Linn currently works as a social studies teacher at Grafton High School in Grafton, WI.

1995

Mark Whitmer – Recently married Kathy vonBauer (April 1st). Brother Whitmer currently works at NW Community Hospital in the Emergency Room and is looking to go to Physician Assistant school in the near future.

Erik Marsiglia – Recently graduated from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis with an M.S. in biology.