

THE WOLFCALL

FALL 2015



Jacob Morrison '13, Aaron Hammer '13, Richard Schraeger III '13, and Andrew McKissick '14 during the Homecoming tailgate.

PHI PSI BECOMES THE LARGEST FRATERNITY ON CAMPUS

Your Support Is Needed to Help Maintain Phi Psi's Momentum

The school year brings new opportunities for growth and development of our Chapter. Entering the year, Phi Psi was the largest Fraternity on campus. This is the first time this has happened in a number years and is a point of pride for the undergraduate members. Thanks to a fantastic spring recruitment period and a small graduating class, we boast our largest overall Chapter number in almost five years as well. Being big is not everything. We look to develop creative ways to address areas to improve in philanthropy, scholarship, and public relations.

Beginning this semester, each standing committee has a volunteer alumnus assigned to the group to help them remain accountable to the goals that the Chapter collectively set during their fall retreat. We are excited about this new level of engagement and anticipate it resulting in a great rise of success for our Chapter.

Homecoming 2015 was a great success as we welcomed back brothers from every decade to 801 Mound Street. The undergraduates put on a wonderful show of hospitality and our chef, Cathy, provided her annual assortment of delicious dinner options. If you missed out this year, mark your calendars for next fall now. Homecoming 2016 will take place on September 23-25, and we will meet back at 801 Mound Street on Saturday for an alumni open house! Keep in mind the last two years Homecoming

has also fallen on the same date as Valpo BrewFest, which is a fall highlight in Valparaiso! Additionally, this year we had multiple alumni come back and say that their son is at VU now. If you would like to suggest anyone for recruitment, please return the form on page 3 and we will be certain to add your recommendation to the recruitment list!

This year promises to be a wonderful year. We were recently recognized as a Chapter of Excellence by our national organization, and we look to continue this momentum. Discussion has begun about a winter Homecoming event as well, focused around a home basketball game in January or February. We are excited to hear feedback from alumni about this idea and interest in attending. As always, if you have any interest in getting involved with Indiana Epsilon, please feel free to reach out to me. We always have room for more alumni to get engaged! Until next time...



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INDIANA EPSILON PROVIDES GREAT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CODY SHUMAKER '05

Cody Shumaker '05 jokingly credits free food as the reason he joined Indiana Epsilon, but there was a deeper reason for him joining as a sophomore. "I felt that something was missing," he says. "The friends I made freshman year were not going to be the people standing up at my wedding, so I went where the free food was and got lucky."

Free food aside, Cody loved his time in the house. Some of his favorite memories are the Country Club date party, turning 21 during Homecoming, and the Christmas party his first year, yelling "Shark" at **Shane Hendron '04's** snake.

Phi Psi helped give him the ability to deal with the different men in the Chapter and, later on, the different people in the world. He took on a leadership role as GP, a role that would help him to lead an elementary school as principal. "My experience in Phi Psi leadership, interacting with various brothers, and understanding that I could be a part of something bigger has had an absolute lasting impact on me," he says. "I doubt I would be where I am now without 801 Mound."

After college, Cody joined Teach for America and was a high school social studies teacher in the rural Mississippi Delta. He has had an exciting career in education; he was Broad Street High and North Bolivar District Teacher of the Year in 2009, helped fund the North Bolivar School District's first pre-kindergarten class,



"I doubt I would be where I am now without 801 Mound." – Cody Shumaker '05

is in his fourth year as principal, and was the youngest male principal in the state when he started. His current school received a \$50,000 Literacy Grant from the state, which was one of 34 schools to be considered.

Cody keeps in touch with many of his brothers. He and many guys from the 2008 graduating class have a fantasy football league, which he won. He and his big brother, **Matt Palandech '04**, visit each other at least once every year. Cody knows the importance of maintaining contact with the Chapter because it can help another person in a similar situation. "Our experience in the Chapter House could be very beneficial to a new guy who is trying to sort something out," he says. "I have counseled other GPs that came after me simply because I went through a lot of stuff when I was in leadership."

He encourages brothers to find their passion and drive in order to be successful. He advises members to find something that they deeply care about and do all that they can to make it happen.

Cody lives in Cleveland, Mississippi. In his free, time he likes to do family genealogy research, run, cook, and go out with his friends. He and his boyfriend, Darrin, are very happy and have a 2-and-a-half-year-old dog named Gumbo. He encourages graduating seniors to think

about Teach for America or another service organization. E-mail Cody at cs.shumaker@gmail.com.

ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Robert L. Stover '53 entered Chapter Eternal on September 20, 2014. He served four years in the United States Marine Corp before becoming a dedicated high school coach, athletic director, and teacher. He taught at Lutheran West High School for 14 years and at Fairview High School for 22 years. A dedicated man of faith, Bob's favorite motto was, "Faith, Family, Friends, and...Football." In retirement, he loved watching his grandchildren play sports. Always a coach, he enjoyed critiquing NFL games on TV. Bob was also an avid golfer—or as he would always say, "I just hit the ball."

ALUMNI NEWS

Bill L. Steinbrecher '53, his wife, Helen, and their four children all attended Valpo. "Helen and I continue to attend many Valpo sports and cultural events," Bill said. The couple resides in Valparaiso. E-mail: bhsteinbrecher@yahoo.com

Gene D. Vezina '54 is working part time at Chick-fil-A in Dunwoody, Ga. E-mail: gvez@earthlink.net

Richard A. Vollmer '54 celebrated his 80th birthday in January 2015. He resides in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Dub W. Suedekum '55 retired from the military in 1991 and then retired from working for the Federal Government in 2001. He is substitute teaching in the Cape Girardeau, Mo., school system, which is also where he makes

his home. Dub is a member of the civil war roundtable and enjoys golfing with local duffers.

Leroy P. Bach '58 practiced internal medicine for 34 years before retiring in 2005. He and his wife, Kathy, raised six children in Rockford, Ill. He spends his time volunteering to restore 1,000 acres of wetlands. E-mail: babygrand10@comcast.net

Bill O. Karpenko II '58 is challenged and satisfied with his work at KINDLE. Its mission is to foster and multiply Christ-like servant leaders. "It is a joy to see or talk with Phi Psi brothers as the years go by," Bill said. "I remain grateful for them and for my current health and well-being. I am thankful to be a follower of Jesus, a relationship that was nurtured while at Valpo." Bill resides in Rosemount, Minn. E-mail: bill.karpenko@gmail.com

Jim C. Berg '61 retired to Villa Paradiso, a home on the beach at Captiva, Fla., where he lives from January to June and October to November. He spent the summer of 2014 in Venice, Italy, and traveled throughout Norway. He also attended the 50th reunion of Indiana Epsilon. E-mail: susenherg@gmail.com

Dennis J. Meszaros '61 and his wife, Dorothy, make their home in The Woodlands, Texas. Dennis retired from his position as financial associate at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. E-mail: djm42drm43@gmail.com

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(Left) Corey Lissy '15, Alexander Groth '15, Jacob Smutz '13, Sihao Zhou '15, Lecil Martin '13, Alec Albergo '15, Jacob Morrison '13, Ethan Stoppenhagen '15, and Ryan Acosta '13 at Five Guys for a Dance Marathon fundraiser. (Middle) Members during the annual Chapter retreat led by Todd Salen, Illinois Delta '77. (Right) Ryan Walsh '13, Alex McDaniel '14, Aaron Mehner '15, Derek Long '14, Kyle Campbell '14, Aaron Hammer '13, Alexander Groth '15, Jonathan Dyche '14, Nathaniel Greiwe '15, and Drew Zimmerman '15 eat dinner at the Chapter House.

Undergraduates Receive Award for Chapter Excellence

Recruitment Remains Top Priority for Indiana Epsilon

During the summer, Indiana Epsilon received an award for Chapter Excellence with Distinction. This is the highest accreditation a Chapter can receive from headquarters. As the brothers came back to 801 Mound, the semester kicked off with our annual Chapter retreat. **Todd Salen, Illinois Delta '77**, facilitated the gathering. During the retreat, the Chapter was able to accumulate SMART goals to be evaluated throughout the semester. There is a new sense of accountability within the organization, and I believe that it will lead to great success throughout the years. I can sense a higher standard as far as operations go, and I am extremely proud of the work the brothers have put in thus far.

On September 26, we hosted alumni for the annual Homecoming brunch, where undergraduates were able to share their brotherly bond with alumni. In addition, the brothers have symbolized the great joy of helping others by serving the community in various events hosted by the university and those hosted by the Chapter. Moving forward, Indiana Epsilon will host its annual 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament in honor of **Kyle Carson '96**.

The Chapter is once again focused on recruitment. Throughout the semester, the brotherhood actively recruited freshman students in hopes of gaining a large spring class. The Chapter would like to welcome **Clayton Michael Summers '16**, who is currently in the pledging process of our beloved Fraternity. We are taking strides toward a more proactive scholarship program, in addition to implementing a scholarship for sophomore members who move into the Chapter House.

As my term comes to an end, I recognize the future leaders of the Chapter, and I am very excited to see how these brothers can excel Indiana Epsilon to even higher heights.

Fraternally,
Ryan Acosta '13
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Recruitment Recommendations

We're always looking for young men who have the character to make great Phi Psi brothers. If you know someone who would be a great member, please pass along his contact information to us. Who knows, this may be the first step of a lifelong relationship! Please send your recommendation to the recruitment chairmen below. Or, fill out the form to the right and mail it to Indiana Epsilon House Corporation, P.O. Box 80095, Indianapolis, IN 42680.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

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Ron M. Wolf '65 is happy to announce the birth of his first grandchild. He and his wife, Sheila, live in Saint Louis, Mo. Ronald is also happy to report that his father is still with them at the age of 102. E-mail: ronald.wolf@att.net

Dale A. Broekemeier '66 fills his retirement years with golf, biking, skiing, and tennis. He also enjoys working on Habitat for Humanity projects and church activities. Dale's grandchildren provide him with great fun and laughter. When he is able to, Dale goes on periodic golf outings with Phi Psi brothers from classes of '67, '68, and '69. He and his wife, Tina, live in Omaha, Neb. E-mail: dalebroek@yahoo.com

Raymond F. Justinic '70 is working on his third career. He first worked for the Department of Justice as a federal agent and then worked as an airline pilot for Delta Airlines. Raymond is now a corporate jet captain for a commercial real estate company. He and his wife, Judy, and son, James, live in Dallas. E-mail: rjustinic@yahoo.com

David C. Gring '78 recently moved back to Valparaiso from Detroit. He and his wife, Laura, love the Valpo scene. There are lots of quality entertainment options, including VU basketball games, great restaurants, and weekend trips to Chicago. E-mail: gasman636@aol.com

Tim J. Ressmeyer '79 is a founding partner of Ressmeyer Partners, an executive and leadership coaching company based in Chicago. He also has a group coaching service called Happy Hour Coach, which makes coaching relaxed, accessible, and impactful. Most of the sessions are held in bars around the city. Tim left his corporate role as a senior marketing executive to pursue his passion. He and his wife, Kerri, live in Chicago and have two children, Emma and Ethan. E-mail: tim@ressmeyerpartners.com

Scott T. Rodenbeck '83 has been a registered nurse for 20 years and enjoys working on a cardio pulmonary floor at Heritage Valley Beaver Hospital. He loves spending time with his family, attending a variety of community activities, being involved in his church, and running. Scott frequently remembers all the great times he has had as a Phi Kappa Psi at Valparaiso University. He and his family live in Beaver Falls, Pa. E-mail: slrodenbeck@verizon.net

Richard F. Blum '87 and his wife, Beth, are celebrating 18 years of living in Madison, Wis. Richard is managing editor at WISC-TV, the CBS affiliate in Madison. They have two children, Eric (11) and Abby (9). E-mail: rickblum@yahoo.com

Bruce W. Gaunt '91 began a new job as a senior mechanical design engineer at Select Comfort in Plymouth, Minn. He and his wife, Shanda, live in Albertville, Minn. E-mail: brucegaunt@hotmail.com

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Scott K. Wood '98 married Cora Fabrocini on October 11, 2013. They live in Evansville, Ind., and have a son, Cooper, born on December 28, 2014. E-mail: scottkwood23@gmail.com

Cory R. Blane '01 and his wife had their third child in August. Every summer, he, **Tim Brown '03**, **Chad Carlson '03**, and **Jason Holly '03** take a "mancation" to various locales around the country and catch up on one another's lives since they left Valpo. Cory resides in Aurora, Ill. E-mail: crby35@hotmail.com

Aaron M. Forni '05 enjoys selling advertising for Yelp. If brothers are interested in joining the company in the Chicago office, Aaron encourages them to contact him at chicagotrumpeter@gmail.com. Aaron resides in Phoenix, Ariz.

Joseph B. Connolly '07 and his band, Gunnar & The Grizzly Boys, reached to number 22 on Sirius XM's country music charts during the summer of 2014. The band started in November of 2009 at Michigan State University and includes **Shane Grehan**, *Michigan Beta '08*, and **Chris Newberg**, *Michigan Beta '05*. The band's website is www.gunnartunes.com. Joseph resides in Grand Rapids, Mich. E-mail: joeconnolly@gmail.com

Dan F. D'Amico '07 is working on a doctor of philosophy degree in geography and atmospheric sciences. His anticipated graduation date is in the spring of 2017. Dan resides in Columbus, Ohio. E-mail: wx.dfdamico@gmail.com

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