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# Update

## Iota Delta

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## Iota Delta Turns 45!

On November 7-8, nearly 200 alumni and guests from across the nation gathered to celebrate 45 years of Chi Phi at Indiana University. The weekend kicked off Friday evening with back-to-back receptions at the renovated Iota Delta chapter house and The Seasons Inn in beautiful Nashville, Ind. Brothers connected with classmates and the growing circle of other Chi Phis spanning 45 years drawn to new Iota Delta energy. Many brothers returned after 20, 30 or even more years away. Saturday featured a brunch and open house at the Chi Phi chapter house. Some of the braver souls



Reunited at the 45th anniversary were (standing) Jon Estes '66, Dave Estes '69, Ron Borto '69, Doug Horton '68, and (kneeling) Bill Willard '69 and Ron Richards '70.



Pledge brothers enjoy the outdoors at the 45th anniversary celebration. (L-R) Gil Dizon '91, Shawn Gobert '90, Steve Jenks '90, Adam Baker '91, Tyler Pequignot '91 and Keith Mensing '90.

President **Bill Brockmann '66** was excited to speak of recent triumphs and to unveil the new long-range business plan for the fraternity.

The National Alumni Association of the Year Award was formally presented to Iota Delta by Grand Alpha Ron Frank. Pins were awarded to men who have been brothers for at least 25 years. One 50-year pin went to Ike Eisinger of Xi Chapter at Cornell University. Ike was one of Chi Phi's chartering founders in 1958. After dinner, each Chi Phi lady present received a single long-stem rose from the undergraduate brothers.

Many thanks to all brothers who attended as well as to Sue and **Don Meyer '60** for their hard work in putting together such a great celebration of Iota Delta Brotherhood at IU. ■

later attended the IU football game and were rewarded with a comeback IU win over the University of Illinois. A number of alumni gathered to watch the game on the big screen TV at the chapter house.

Saturday evening, the celebration culminated in a 45th anniversary banquet hosted by Master of Ceremonies **Dan Bowden '76**. Iota Delta guests included Indiana University Dean of Students Richard McKaig; Chi Phi National Grand Alpha Ron Frank; Jim Soderquist, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Educational Trust; and Interim National Director Mike Azarian. Alumni Association



Chi Phi welcomed a number of honored guests at the 45th anniversary dinner. Standing (L-R) are Richard N. McKaig, IU's Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Alumni Association President Bill Brockmann '66; National Chi Phi Grand Alpha Ron Frank; Interim National Director Mike Azarian; and Jim Soderquist, Chairman of the Chi Phi Educational Trust.

## Chapter Highlights

### Iota Delta Stands Strong at Greek Awards Ceremony

On November 6, Indiana University once again held its annual Greek Awards ceremony. This ceremony recognizes only the elite members and chapters of the Greek community.

Chi Phi, as to be expected, was well represented amongst the best that the campus has to offer. The chapter and **Jeremiah White** were awarded third runner-up for Chapter of the Year and President of the Year, respectively. **Bob Jones**, initiated in the spring, was a finalist for New Initiate of the Year. **Brad Coppel** was a finalist for Junior of the Year as well as for Scholar of the Year. **Derek Kiefer**, a senior, was a finalist for Unsung Hero.

During the ceremony, the hosts announced that Brother Coppel was accepted into the prestigious Order of Omega, an honor society that recognizes the top leaders of the Greek community. The chapter's annual philanthropy, Bowl For Kids' Sake, was also a finalist for the Philanthropy of the Year. Well done, **Iota Delta!** ■

*Thanks to your generosity, Chi Phi continues to thrive at Indiana University! Your contributions go directly toward improving the physical structure of the chapter house and toward providing services such as the Iota Delta Update. Address changes, news items, photos and contributions are always welcome and may be mailed to Indiana Chi Phi Alumni Association, Alumni Relations Office, P.O. Box 88, Carmel, IN 46032-0088.*

## Capital Campaign

### Capital Campaign, Chapter House Expansion Announced

At the 45th anniversary dinner, **Bob Szalay '64** formally announced the Keeping the Promise Campaign to add a new wing onto the Iota Delta chapter house. Brother Szalay is the chair of the Keeping the Promise Campaign. He announced to the large crowd that over \$500,000 has already been pledged from a relatively small initial group of alumni. The campaign stems from a 2001-2002 feasibility study and 2002-2003 IU campus market assessment by the alumni board and campaign steering committee. The expansion is the centerpiece of a new long-range plan developed in partnership with undergraduate officers. The campaign goal is \$1.2 million for construction, architectural and consultant fees, new furnishings, and necessary upgrades to the current chapter house — some of which have already been completed. Bob reported that gifts have ranged from about \$500 from undergraduates and newly graduated alumni to gifts in the high five figures from generous older alumni.



*Bob Szalay '64 announces the Keeping the Promise Campaign at the 45th anniversary dinner.*

and relationships molded his thinking and character. "We're asking each Chi Phi to make a once-in-a-lifetime 'stretch' gift," he said. He stated that for some men that may be only \$1,000 while for other brothers that gift has already been much more.

After dinner, Alumni Association President **Bill Brockmann '66** said, "Chi Phi has seen tremendous new energy in the past several years that needs supported by all alumni. We believe the chapter house expansion is vital to Chi Phi's survival and long-term prosperity at Indiana University."

Brother Szalay stated that more information will be found in coming campaign mailings and contacts, but he invited all alumni to contact the board for a copy of the long-range plan for cost details and other new elements in the plan. ■



*A look into the future ... and the new Iota Delta wing.*

## Alumni Volunteers

### New Alumni-Chapter Mentoring Program

The alumni association has initiated a mentoring program for undergraduates. The Chakett Society Mentoring Program was first proposed by Brother **Don Meyer '60**. Brother **Harry Ross '62** developed the program's outline and recruited alumni mentors this fall. The new program will give participating undergraduates guidance and insight from alumni with backgrounds in fields of interest to undergraduate brothers. Brother Ross just completed matching 18 eager undergrads with 18

enthusiastic alumni.

We thank the following Chi Phi alumni for their willingness and current service to mentor in the first round: **Bill Brockmann '66, Brad Coppedge '75, Don Deganutti '60, Gayl Doster '60, Jon Estes '66, Craig Fowler '68, Bryan Gray '88, Pete Gruber '80, Jack Hawkins '60, Doug Horton '68, Kirk Johannesen '94, Keith Mensing '90, Steve Pappas '76, Marty Pieratt '79, Larry Pugh '68, Bob Szalay '64, Mark Weir '68 and Bob Welch '85.**

In 2004, we plan a second round of matching more Chi Phi students with other alumni. The program has already generated strong interest from rushees and the fall pledge class. If you would like more information, or would consider serving as a mentor, please contact Harry Ross at (502) 473-1445 or rossjrh@aol.com. More information will appear in the spring issue of the **Iota Delta Update.** ■

# Q+A with Josh Yarian '99

## An Army of One ... One Iota Delta Brother

Recently the Iota Delta Update had a chance to speak with alumnus **Josh Yarian '99** who has served in the U.S. Army in the continuing War on Terrorism.

### What did you take from your leadership experience as an undergraduate member?

My positions in the fraternity were rush chairman, vice president and president. What I learned is that if you are going to be in charge, you need to lead from the front, but not be afraid to ask for help and suggestions. It is a paradox that all leaders have to constantly balance. All too often I was operating with imperfect information and skewed viewpoints and if I would have taken a little more time to consider everyone's point of view, I could have been a much more effective leader.

### In your experience AFTER college, what have you learned to value?

One thing that is very important to me is integrity. The Hard Right over the Easy Wrong is something that everyone has struggled with. The key is to have the courage and commitment to take that hard road and stay your course because no one can take your integrity away from you.

### What have been some of your assignments in the military?

I have been to Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Benning, Ga.; and Fort Bragg, N.C. At Fort Knox, I was a rappel master and ropes instructor. I attended schools at Fort Benning for a little over six months before moving on to Fort Bragg where I was with Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82D Airborne Division. With 2/504, I was a platoon leader in charge of a 38-man platoon capable of deploying anywhere in the world within 18 hours of notification and performing a forced entry parachute insertion. I did that for about 10 months and then worked outside the battalion for a little before coming

back as a company executive officer where I was second in command of a 140-man company.

### Your most recent assignment was to Afghanistan. What did you do?

We were conducting combat operations out of an airbase in southeastern Afghanistan. Most of our operations were called sensitive sight exploitations. We would get signal hits from the bad guys using cell phones or intelligence from the local populace. From there we would go into a fairly quick planning cycle. I would usually leave a day or two earlier with a convoy of between 10 and 15 vehicles. My job was to cordon off the village about two minutes before the rest of my company landed in helicopters. It involved a lot of quick decisions and timing to ensure that my guys weren't landing in a hot area and when they did, that I could support them with the gun trucks. There were some pretty close calls during some of those missions. My time over there taught me a lot about what is important in life and made me realize that being a leader at any level is a huge responsibility.

Brothers can reach Josh at [joshiyarian@yahoo.com](mailto:joshiyarian@yahoo.com). ■



Eye protectors of 1st Lt. Joshua Yarian '99 reflect soldiers of Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne about 24 miles from the Pakistani border, Afghanistan.

## Chapter Report

### Chapter Welcomes New Alpha, Celebrates 45th

It is with great pride that Iota Delta welcomes our new chapter president, Alpha **Casey Rasche '06**. His leadership should prove to be that which will maintain the momentum of our Iota Delta Chapter.

The fall semester has been full of accomplishments, successes and fun. The semester began with a focus of hard work and dedication towards rush, which landed 12 new members, the largest pledge class in four years. The new members and their educators went to the Hoosier National Forest for a weekend of roughing it in the wilderness and team-building projects. These men left with a better understanding of achieving goals as a group rather than individuals, thus building a stronger bond between them.

Weekends have been full of activities such as Chi Phi's Parents Weekend and Chi Phi's 45th anniversary. Executive council members and leaders attended a leadership seminar given by alumnus Robert Grey. Also, the men are determined to become the only fraternity on campus to meet the Greek Life Standards by striving to meet academic, community service, campus involvement and chapter organization objectives. And thanks to alumnus **Harry Ross '62**, Chi Phi brothers finally have a mentoring program that gives undergraduate brothers the opportunity to be matched up with alumni of similar interests. All of this hard work helped Chi Phi receive third runner-up for best chapter on campus (see Chapter Highlights on Page

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The members have had a chance to let loose during events such as Chi Phi's annual Halloween date party, IU's homecoming parade, intramural football and brotherhood events such as techno football tournaments and camping trips.

Looking back, this semester has been both one of the most time-consuming and exciting in recent Chi Phi history. Spring rush is almost upon us, and work must be done in order to reach our goal of 12 to 15 quality new members. With the vision of the house extension almost a reality, the new executive council will have their work cut out for them. And although there is yet still so much to do, the fraternity is very proud of what was accomplished this past semester. ■

# Alumni UpDates

## Donald L. Allen '70

(8809 S. Ketcham Rd., Cedar Hill Farm, Bloomington, IN 47403-9413; Charandon@aol.com) Char and I have been happily married for 34 years and built a home south of Bloomington. I am the brick sales manager for Prairie Group, and Char has been the administrator for The Eye Center for 23 years. Both sons graduated from IU. Life is good.

## Michael P. Cherkezian '72

(806 Morris Tpke, #303, Short Hills, NJ 07078-2604; mcherkez@att.com) As a participant of the BoBo yearly golf outing I was very pleased to see the article and pictures in the last Iota Delta newsletter. I am presently working in the corporate communications/public relations department of AT&T Corp. in New Jersey. I began a career in television broadcasting at ABC News where I worked for 21 years on shows like "20/20," "PrimeTime Live," Peter Jennings Specials and other network news specials and documentaries. Since Chi Phi Congress is in New York this year, I hope to attend.

## Terry Whalin '75

(5865 Broadmoor Bluffs Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906; terry@terrywhalin.com) I had no idea it was coming, but nine days after my last update, I was released from Cook. I had high review marks, and I acquired more books than anyone else on the editorial team (over 30 books during the last fiscal year). I'm involved in a nationwide job

hunt trying to figure out the next step. If you have any ideas, e-mail them to me.

## Michael J. Wilczynski '81

(1724 Gray Eagle Dr., Fishers, IN 46038-8107; mwilczynski@insightbb.com) I am the cable ad sales GM for Insight. Daughter Lindsay finished her first year at Cornell on the Dean's List (she studies more than I did). Daughter Mandy is going to IU. Daughter Debbie is in middle school. Daughter Stephanie is in kindergarten. Son Danny still craps his pants, but he can open the frig and get me a beer. Good to be back!

## James V. Warner '85

(519 Castle Ridge Dr., Ballwin, MO 63021-4457; jvwarner@earthlink.net) I recently had a nice visit in Kansas City with Brent Roberts '87 and Jon Hitchcock '85. Laura (Kappa Delta, IU '85) and I have an 8-year-old son, Blake, and TRIPLETS who turned 3 in October. They are a pain in the ass sometimes, but they're a lot of fun!

## William A Pridemore '92

(64 Prospect Street, Cambridge, MA 02139; pridemor@fas.harvard.edu) I am a research fellow at Harvard and will join the faculty at Indiana University in the fall of 2004!

## Scot A. Dill '94

(627 Emmy Dee Dr., Bel Air, MD 21014-4629; dillfam@comcast.net) Austin Thomas was born on 8/4/03. He joins his brother Tyler (9) and sisters Sierra (7) and Alexa (5). We are living north of Baltimore. If you are out this way, don't hesitate to

drop by or drop a line at our e-mail address.

## Ty P. Wood '95

(715 Muirfield Dr., Brownsburg, IN 46112-8324; irishfan317@prodigy.net) My wife, Lori, and I just found out recently that our second child is on the way in April 2004. Our son, Carter, will be turning 3 in November.

## Jonathan F. Usitalo '98

(3347 West 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46228; J.Usitalo@att.net) On 6/28/03, I married Heather Brooke Gibson. Special thanks goes out to Brother Brandon Emerson '98 for being my best man and to Brother Greg Hohenberger '99 for coming down to Indy and drinking some Natty.

## Brandon K. Herrenbruck '00

(8009 Penbrook Dr., Franklin, TN 37069; herrenbruckb@frapanthers.com) Isaac Wilder Herrenbruck was born on Monday, 3/24/03 at 5:35 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 11oz. and was 19 inches long. Things are going great in Tennessee. ■

## In Memory

Brother Shawn Laszlo '88 reports that Charles "Bun" Bruen '88 passed away on 3/8/03. "Bun was a great friend and brother for many years," said Laszlo, "and he will be truly missed." Iota Delta mourns his passing and sends condolences to his family and friends. ■

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