

It's Back! Guys Night Out

Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m., at Rick's Boatyard. Contact **Dan Bowden '76** at 317-590-0424 or dbowden@talktotucker.com, or **Bill Nuss '68** at 317-875-0013 or bill.nuss.byz0@statefarm.com. ■

Update

Iota Delta

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Preparing for Construction

Muddy, Messy Little 500 Appears Likely

New Chi Phi Wing Countdown: IU Trustees to Decide March 31

After our winter groundwork, the IU trustees were slated to approve the new Iota Delta chapter house wing in February. They deferred that decision until their next meeting, on March 31. IU's architect had other pressing issues, and our project got bumped. Iota Delta Alumni president **Bill Brockmann '66** spoke with Dean Richard McKaig about the change and pressed him on rescheduling.

Dean McKaig later contacted Bill to advise that Chi Phi is confirmed for a trustee vote on March 31. Iota Delta's architect sent the requested information to the trustees and is scheduled to appear on the 31st. Bill will attend and may be joined by other Brothers and Tim Pitcher of the Emperor Group. Tim, a Purdue Chi Phi, is Iota Delta's property manager. The Emperor Group is a partner in the new wing financing and construction.

Given the Alumni planning all winter, the university's delay has been disappointing. However, the good news is that there do not appear to be any major issues from the university's standpoint. Since last fall's groundbreaking, the Alumni board has worked with the Emperor Group and our bank to finalize the financing, house design, engineering issues and construction package. Our

architect completed the design upgrades needed to meet the code requirements that arose during Bloomington permit reviews.

On March 11, **Bill Brockmann** signed the bank loan agreement to finance the project, as outlined in the fall issue of the *Iota Delta Update*. At the March Alumni board meeting, Tim Pitcher reported everything appears ready with our general contractor. All that remains is the required trustee approval.

If IU's trustees approve Iota Delta's new wing at their March meeting, Tim advised that construction should get underway in early April. The timeline calls for the wing to be substantially completed for fall semester. Among other things, the new wing requires the entire roofline to be raised, the installation of a sprinkler system, upgrades to our sewer, and recontouring of our property for drainage and expanded parking.

If construction begins before Little 500, as appears likely, it will create a degree of muddy havoc and traffic problems on the Saturday of Little 500. However, the steering committee and the Alumni board hope all Brothers will find it a glorious hassle. We encourage everyone to come to Little 500 to check it out. Seeing is believing, guys, and this is for real. Gather, Brothers... ■



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Chapter Report

By Bobby Jones, Alpha

Having a Positive Impact

The past few months have been busy and productive for Iota Delta, and we hope this sets the tone for a successful future.

After closing an intense spring recruitment, there was little time for a break. We pledged seven men this spring for a total of 17 new pledges this year.

Following rush, the IUSing, IU's annual musical production, was right around the corner. Teamed with Gamma Phi Beta and Beta Theta Pi, our men played a big part in an excellent production about the diversity of personalities within the Greek community.

Some big projects are on our plate before we break for summer. The most exciting time of year — Little 500 — is fast approaching. Our younger

riders (**Jonathan Treinish '07**, **Robbie Kates '08** and **Chris Bauer '06**) are training hard with veteran **Reggie Hayes '05** and are sure to make noise on race day. We are paired with Alpha Gamma Delta. We look forward to making more great memories this year with the sorority women next door.

Another project is our community service activity. New initiate **Phil Seib '07** has "bought" a *(Continued on Page 2)*



The onstage festivities at IUSing, IU's annual musical production.

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section of Seventh Street near the Memorial Union in the name of Iota Delta. The program gives us visibility, fulfillment of our community service requirements and the chance to help the IU/Bloomington community. **Mike Randall '08**, our current community service chairman, is organizing the event.

The chapter held its spring formal on Friday, March 4, at the Valle Vista in Greenwood. **Reggie Hayes** organized the affair. Brothers and their dates all seemed to have a great time. The formal helped build toward Little 500 and proved again that Chi Phis still know how to party.

Several of us will attend the Regional Leadership Alliance on April 2-3 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Chi Phis from Kappa Chapter will host. **Robbie Kates** and I are also planning to attend the Chi Phi Congress this summer in San Antonio.

Aside from major projects, our main focus is on creating standards and a foundation for future semesters/years. In my time as a Brother, I have noticed similar problems popping up semester after semester. Each time they return, we seem to start from scratch. There is a need for stronger communication from year to year. We are developing guidelines and standards for future generations that should lead to better things to come.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank every Iota Delta alumnus who has contributed to the success of the undergraduate chapter. Whether attending IUSing, stopping by the house or simply dropping a line to an undergraduate member, it really has a positive impact. Above all, we cherish each donation to the capital campaign. Our excitement about the new wing can't even be conveyed in print.

I look forward to meeting many of you throughout my term. Please don't be strangers, and be assured that the undergraduate chapter is striving for new levels of greatness. ■



Brothers and their dates at the spring formal in March.

To pledge to the Keeping the Promise Campaign, please e-mail **Bill Montgomery '64** at service@800gogifts.com or montgomerys@bestcashews.com. We'll send you an electronic or paper pledge card. Our database is a work in progress, so if you have not received any campaign materials, feel free to contact **Bill Brockmann '66** at billbrockmann@mchsi.com, **Bob Szalay '64** at szalayr@aol.com or **Tom Walls '72** at northwins@aol.com.

Keeping the Promise – and Yours

We kicked off the Keeping the Promise Campaign with mailings a year ago after the announcement of chairman **Bob Szalay '64** at Chi Phi's 45th anniversary. This initiative will add a needed wing onto our IU chapter house and will refurbish it to modern standards. The three-year financial goal is \$1.2 million.

For the first time, we are also developing a truly national Iota Delta Alumni network, to provide strong professional and personal networking opportunities for all Alumni. This is unprecedented in Iota Delta's 46 years. We are reaching higher because we stand on the shoulders of Brothers before us.

By the end of 2004, campaign pledges totaled nearly \$750,000. We are grateful to the Brothers supporting the campaign. There are many of you we haven't reached, however. We will continue talking with Alumni who have not yet donated, right up until the new wing's dedication ceremonies. Even afterward, we will work informally to earn your trust, belief and strategic support through long-term gifts and endowments.

Although the campaign has not achieved the original construction benchmark of \$900,000, creative financing arranged with Emperor Group will build the new wing at current funding levels. However, properly remodeling the house requires more. Strong fraternities stay vigorous due to generous Alumni, not due to undergraduate house bills. Undergraduates keep the light bills paid, but Alumni design the future.

The campaign has had remarkable successes but has not been without problems. To some degree this was expected, since many Brothers have drifted away for years without serious Alumni benefits or engagement.

Some Brothers have made verbal pledges without following up via firm pledge cards or gifts. Others said "yes" in 2004, then reversed themselves, in some cases pulling back entirely from pledged gifts. Some instances were major enough that we would be several hundred thousand dollars higher right now if those Brothers would honor their promises.

The Keeping the Promise Campaign is based on giving levels indicated by a 2002-03 feasibility study. It is not pie in the sky. A mature, professional Alumni network needs a healthy IU chapter in order to thrive. However, a vigorous chapter needs the marketability from this new construction. We *must* upgrade the chapter house. It's that simple.

To Brothers who have given, we say "thank you" again. As soon as we have accurate donor updates, we'll publish the names and honor everyone — although only gifts of \$1,000 or more will place your name on the wall plaques in Chi Phi's new lobby. As **Bob Szalay** said, this campaign comes from the "time and treasure" of many Alumni. As Bob also said, "I view this campaign as a once-in-a-lifetime event for Indiana Chi Phi."

We hope everyone will watch for invitations to the dedication ceremonies later this year. But as we finish mainstream calling this year and recontacting major indicated donors, we're asking you now to please make that once-in-a-lifetime commitment to an enriched legacy for all Chi Phi Alumni, both current and those to come. ■



Need a Bloomington-area motel? Try the selections on the IU Web site, including the Union, at www.indiana.edu/~global/bloomingtonmotels.htm.

Little 500 Weekend!

The IU Little 500 bike race is set for **Saturday, April 16, 2005**, at Bill Armstrong Stadium, on 17th Street near the Chi Phi house.

Chi Phis will again gather for race excitement and friendships old and new. Iota Delta festivities are slated before and after the race. Think about coming to Bloomington for the best annual Alumni party going.

On Friday, **Jerry Curry '66** and his Chi Phi sweetheart, Alice, will again host a gathering for 1950s and 1960s Alumni at their Columbus, Ind., home. Please note that Brother Platypus has moved to new digs.

On Saturday, events begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Iota Delta chapter house, including:

- an all-day Alumni open house and informal brunch.
- undergraduates selling Chi Phi T-shirts to Alumni.
- an Alumni briefing and construction update at 11:00 a.m.
- Little 5 riders leaving the house at 1:15 p.m. with an "egg line" send-off.

After IU's traditional 2:00 p.m. ceremonies, the race is set for 2:30 p.m. Directions to Chi Phi's stadium seating will be at the chapter house.

After the race, we're trying something new! All Chi Phis are invited to meet at City Grill, 3rd and College, at 5:30 p.m. for food, libations and relaxation. We have the run of the place, but the last Chi Phi standing pays the bar tab.

We hope you'll join your Brothers for the day or the weekend to recharge your batteries.

Please note: If all goes well, the Chi Phi property will be torn up due to the start of construction on our new chapter house wing. If necessary, we will have signs clearly marking the walkways and parking. ■

Gathering of "Mature Brothers"

Hi, guys! It's time again for Brothers to gather for the Little 500 weekend. "Mature Brothers," aka "Old Phartes" from the 1950s and 1960s, are invited to meet at the Columbus condo of Alice and **Jerry Curry '66** for libations and food on Friday evening, April 15. Note the directions on this page — we moved last summer! This will be the fifth gathering of senior Brothers. As usual, there will be a charge for food and libations. Brother "**Juggs**" **Judjahn '66** has agreed to being the "keeper of the cash." But all BS is free!

We're letting you decide how much to pay the kitty. If there is more than needed to cover the expenses, the surplus will go to the Alumni association. If there isn't enough, you'll get cheaper booze next year. Be generous! Chi Phi needs the \$\$\$ right now.

On Saturday morning, we'll join other Chi Phis at the chapter house before the race. We hope everyone will meet later at City Grill.

Bring your sweetie and plan to be back home again in Indiana. If you wish to stay in Columbus, there is a Ramada Inn (812- 376-3051), a Holiday Inn South (812-372-1541) and a new Sleep Inn (812-372-7200).

Please advise if you are coming so we can plan the food. Alice and I look forward to seeing you.

Faternally,

Brother Jerry "Platypus" Curry '66

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Gathered around the poker table are (L-R): **Patrick Hughes, Dan Bowden '76, June Bowden, Rich Lane, Travis Wilkinson, Nick Barger '00, Courtney Barger, Kevin Gfell '01, Lisa Hill, Bill Glesing '75, Meredith Collins, David Van Rooy '00, Eric Pierle '02 and Jenny Pierle.**



Texas Hold 'Em and Other Events

Brothers and significant others gathered for some Texas Hold 'Em action on Saturday, February 26. Emperor Group LLC graciously opened its College Park offices in Indianapolis for the occasion. Talking, laughing and poker games stretched until the wee hours.

The event came out of a downtown breakfast meeting attended by **Chris Pahlke '82, Bill Nuss '68, Kevin Gfell '01 and Dan Bowden '76**. The poker get-together and other ideas were discussed for realistic events that Chi Phis and their ladies might enjoy. Other

Directions:

If coming south on I-65:
Take the Columbus/Taylorville exit onto U.S. 31 South toward Columbus. At the fork, take the left lane — 31 South, National Road. After crossing the bridge, go to the third stoplight (Kroger is on your right), then turn right onto Central Avenue, then right in one block (at the fire station) onto 27th. Down about a half-block on the right is Wildwood Place (there's a big rock beside the street). Turn right and come to the last condo on the left.

If coming north on I-65:
Take Columbus exit 46 east. As you cross the bridge coming into downtown Columbus, take the 2nd Street exit. At the second light, turn left onto Washington Street. Stay on Washington to 25th Street, then turn right on 25th and continue to the third light (Central Avenue). Turn left on Central to 27th, then left on 27th and right on Wildwood Place (watch for that big roadside rock!). It's the last condo on the left.

plans this year include dinners, Indians' games and a summer cookout.

The guys made specific plans to cheer the Indians on Thursday, June 16, at 7:00 p.m. against Buffalo, and again on Thursday, August 18, at 7:00 p.m. against Durham. Detailed dinner and cookout plans are in development.

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Alumni UpDates

William T. Baker '77

(3004 Ocean Blvd., Corona Del Mar, CA 92625-3235; bbaker256@hotmail.com) How about a getaway to California? The spring weather is fine!

Robert C. Welch '85

(18261 Tamarack Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55345; bob.welch@earthlink.net) Cheryl and I celebrated the birth of our first child, a daughter, Molly, on July 18, 2004. We are having a blast with her. Keep in touch.

Brett E. Stern '93

(30656 Passageway Pl., Agoura Hills, CA 91301; bstern71@yahoo.com) Believe it or not, in the 11 years since graduating from college, I've grown to 6' 5". Now that I have everyone's attention, I still have a full head of hair, although there seems to be some grey mixed in there now. I have been married to Tiffany for four years. We have a 6-month-old son named Asher. Since he was born, my golf handicap has gone from a 7 to a 12. I recently took a job as the field marketing director for MTV Networks, based in Santa Monica, Calif. Prior to that, I

worked in marketing for satellite TV provider DIRECTV for four years. Life is good. I would love to hear from any and all Brothers from the early 1990s. I really miss Jayne's cooking.

Brandon K. Herrenbruck '00

(8009 Penbrook Dr., Franklin, TN 37069; herrenbruckb@frapanthers.com) Ella Maxine Herrenbruck was born November 30, 2004, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and 19 inches long! Mom and baby (and daddy) are doing well. Isaac (20 months) is making a great transition into being a big Brother.

Michael S. Berkowitz '02

(4901 Champlain Cir., West Bloomfield, MI 48323; berko2980@hotmail.com) Greetings all. I recently finished training on the DC-8 and have started flying the airplane on revenue flights. I have thus far flown to destinations such as Gander, Newfoundland; Miami, Fla.; and Ft. Wayne, Ind. The airplane is a bear to fly but sure is more fun than the small stuff I took some of you guys flying in down in B-town. Hope all is well, and stay in touch! ■

Brother Tom Walls '72, on the left, is seen reunited in Columbus Ohio with his pledge brother and "roomie" Mike Clevenger '72 during a Walls family reunion weekend. Brother Walls resides with his wife of 27 years Elena in Fort Wayne, Indiana and works for the Fort Wayne City Planning Department. Brother Clevenger lives in Worthington, Ohio with his wife of 29 years Luanne. Mike is a Certified Public Accountant in private practice. Brothers can email Tom at northwins@aol.com, and Mike at mdcpa@columbus.rr.com.



We're also passing along this shot in of Brother Doug Knauer '73 with the prize elk he shot during his Wyoming hunting trip last fall. Brother Knauer lives in Lyman, South Carolina near Greenville with wife Lynn, his "Chi Phi Girl" of more than 32 years. Doug is the Regional Controller for Rhodia, a French chemical company. He welcomes emails at Douglas.Knauer@us.rhodia.com.

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