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John D. Craft,
1938-2006

With Honor, Respect, and Gratitude John D. Craft (1938-2006)

Chi Phi has been saddened to learn that one of Iota Delta's most vigorous Alumni, **John D. Craft '61**, passed into Chapter Eternal on January 26, 2006. John had been ill for the past few years.

He worked at Grain Dealers Insurance in Indianapolis for over 25 years, retiring in 1997.

Word of John's passing came from **Don Meyer '60**, in an email to the Alumni Board. Brothers **Keith Mensing '90**, **Jerry Curry '66**, **Dan Bowden '76**, and **Ben Schmidt '01** used their large email circles to quickly spread word to hundreds of Chi Phis. Thanks also go to nearly a dozen other Brothers who helped pass the news by emails and phone.

John's services were attended by about 40 Alumni, some of whom flew in to be there. A delegation of Actives paid their respects as well. The visitation and funeral were at Bittels & Hurt Funeral Home in Greencastle, Indiana. Internment was at the nearby Cloverdale Cemetery. Casket bearers were **Jerry Curry '66**, **Pete Gruber '80**, **Don Meyer '60**, **Bill Montgomery '64**, **Bill Nuss '68**, **Marty Pieratt '79**, **Tom Walls '72**, and **Bill Willard '69**. The Prayer of the Chi Phi Fraternity was offered at graveside by past Grand Council member **Frank Kovacs, Iota '73**, who is also an honorary 1983 Iota Delta initiate. Some Brothers joined John's family afterwards in a dinner at the Putnam Inn in Greencastle.

John's major Chi Phi impacts came after he graduated. He became an active, long-standing friend to the Chapter. Many Chi Phis found

a temporary home with John after graduation and their first resume-building jobs through him. John served in multiple National Council positions, and was an Alumni Association stalwart for many years. He was involved in constructing the present Chi Phi house. At the time of his passing, he was serving as Honorary Chair of the current *Keeping the Promise* campaign to expand the chapter house. John was on hand for the new wing groundbreaking in October of 2004. John's sister, Norita York, has asked that any memorials in John's name be



At dinner following John's services are (L-R) Tom Walls '72, Pete Gruber '80, Ed Ferguson '74, Bill Jarrett '75, Dan Bowden '76, Bill Glesing '75, Brad Coppedge '75, Marty Pieratt '79, Jim Greives '72, and Rick Small, John's long-time friend and business partner.

given to the building campaign. (See elsewhere in this issue.) As the *Update* goes to print, donations to the Craft Memorial have exceeded \$1,600.

We hope to post more about John's legacy on the website and in the new chapter house lobby. Until we can celebrate those accomplishments, Chi Phi is deeply saddened at John's passing. As Brother **Bill Nuss '68** declared, "We have lost a giant."



John Craft '61, seen on the right with (from left) Kim Scherschel '76, Bill Nuss '68, and Jerry Curry '66, at the Groundbreaking for the new Chapter House wing, October, 2004.



Brothers Rich Tandy '68 (left) and Rob Grant '69 (right) are seen with Frank Kovacs, Iota '73 and honorary Iota Delta initiate '83, and Frank's wife Esther, following services for John Craft.

Be There! Little 500 Race Weekend is April 26th

IU's 2006 Little 500 race is on Saturday, April 26th. "Little 5" will again be run at Bill Armstrong Stadium on 17th Street near the Chi Phi house. The race is the centerpiece for what has been dubbed "The World's Greatest College Weekend." As the *Update* goes to print, the weekend's details not fully finalized due to construction. Stay tuned to our website, indianachiphi.org, and watch your email for updates.

This year's qualifications are on Saturday March 25th. Wish the guys luck! Last year, Chi Phi qualified 31st, but the team's "Ironman" effort pushed Chi Phi to an 11th place finish. The 2006 Iota Delta team is anchored by two veterans – team Captain **Jonathan Treinish '07**, a Finance and Operations management major from Overland Park, Kansas, and **Robbie Kates**

'08, a Political Science major from Cherry Hill, New Jersey. The team also includes new riders **Dan Buettner '07**, a Biology major from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and **Tyler Stambaugh '07**, an Informatics major from Greenwood, Indiana.

The Chi Phi grounds are severely disrupted due to the new wing construction. This year's undergrads have borne the weight of making a 40-year dream a reality. Parking is at a premium, so watch your email and the website as arrangements become final. We do hope to have all the large heavy equipment off the site by Little 5.

We are again having an Alumni briefing and brunch at the Chi Phi house Saturday morning before the race, as well as dinner in the evening afterwards. The Alumni briefing is tentatively set for 10 a.m. For



Iota Delta Team: (left to right) Tyler Stambaugh '07, Team Captain Jonathan Treinish '07, Robbie Kates '08, and Dan Buettner '07

dinner this year, we are reserving space at Chapman's, on 10th Street about 1.5 miles east of the bypass. Last year's evening drew about 50 Alumni and friends to City Grill. Stay tuned, since planning must be fluid this year. But we invite all Alumni to take a time out, and come to Bloomington to enjoy the relaxation—and the excitement—on April 26th.

CHAPTER REPORT

By Lane Lowenstein, Alpha

Iota Delta has gotten off to a great start this semester, despite the demands of living in an active construction zone.

Significant changes have been made recently:

We adopted a new point system that evaluates Brothers' participation and contribution and is used as a method for allocating room choices and parking spaces. Brothers receive points for assuming executive



positions, achieving academically, and being involved in philanthropy, among other factors. Discounts are now being considered for seniors who live-in beyond their 2-year leases.

A new strategy for Spring Recruitment has been implemented with the help of well-known Greek consultant Tom Jelke. Rush will involve competitive recruitment teams

within the house. Each of the eight teams has a captain who oversees the planning of his team's budget and recruitment events. This plan features an incentive system including a major monetary prize, funded by our Alumni Association, to be awarded to the team that achieves the best recruitment. Recruitment chairs Brian Clark '08 and Tim Moriarty '08 are heading this effort.

New academic chairman, Bobby Gershon '07, is seeking a new faculty advisor and increased scholarship applications to the Chi Phi Educational Trust.

Our philanthropy chairman, Dan Buettner '07, is now organizing the Active Chapter to raise over \$2,000 for *The Circle of Life*, a mini-marathon next fall that provides college scholarships to recovering cancer patients. Also, on February 23rd Brothers will participate in *Bowl For Kids Sake*, an event



that benefits Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Webmasters Alex Hale '08 and Max Beatty '09 have designed a new, stylish website for Iota Delta at www.iuchiphi.com.

Our Little 500 team captain Jonathan Treinish '07 has been running a grueling training regimen for the riders. They look forward to training during spring break in Florida.

Living in a construction zone has been a muddy challenge, but the sound of jackhammers, backhoes, trucks, bulldozers, and tractors at 7 a.m. provides a convenient alarm clock to those in need. We are excited for the completion of our new wing and all that will offer.

I look forward to even more progress for Iota Delta this spring, both structurally and internally.

New Wing Construction: Slow, Steady, Higher

New chapter house wing construction has proceeded more rapidly this winter after setbacks in the late summer and fall, but winter has also been a challenge. Most delays appear resolved, but building completion may have been put back until summer. Formal dedication ceremonies have been re-projected for the early fall as the new semester starts.

A non-performing steel framing contractor was replaced in December. Newly fabricated steel frame and trusses had to be designed late this past fall. Reinforced footers have now been set and new steel framing has been completed to the third floor.

Persistent rains and heavy snows into January flooded the site repeatedly, and made it difficult for general contractor Alexander Construction to get new concrete footers set. Although since solved,

the hard hillside bedrock proved more difficult to cut into than originally planned for the new basement and building footers. Flooring has now been poured, entryway footers are also now poured, and the first floor block, both interior and exterior, is nearly done. Footers are also now poured for the new front entrance, as well as for the new sidewalk and patio on the 17th Street side by the dining room.

The entire roofline on the older house roof has been removed and replaced at a higher angle to meet the coming new wing profile. As the *Update* goes to print, roof trusses for the new wing are imminent and roofing is anticipated by the end of March. Mechanical runs are being roughed in throughout the structure and the electrician has begun wiring the building. We hope to keep construction updates posted to the website into spring.



Keeping the Promise Campaign Update

The *Keeping the Promise* campaign was initiated to renovate and expand the Chi Phi Chapter House at Indiana University. It is the centerpiece of a strategic plan adopted in late 2003, with its campaign kickoff early in 2004. You probably received several mailings on this by now. Thank you to those who have already supported this campaign.

The campaign goal is \$1.2 million for construction, architectural fees, furnishings, and necessary upgrades to the house. The

strategic goal is to expand and strengthen the professional and personal networking that a mature Alumni Association provides.

A viable active Iota Delta chapter at Indiana University is a key element. We still are attempting to contact every Iota Delta Chi Phi. Brothers who pledge \$1,000 or more will have their names placed on a Wall of Honor in the new wing lobby. There will be identified giving levels up to \$200,000 or more. Payments on pledges can be spread out over a

three-year period. All pledges are welcome and will be recognized.

If we haven't reached you yet, why not spare some time and send your contribution or pledge to:

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50th Anniversary Committee Formed

The Alumni Board has formed a committee to begin planning for Iota Delta's 50th Anniversary celebration in 2008. The Chair is **Dan Bowden '76**. Board members **Marty Pieratt '79**, **Don Meyer '60**, and **Tom Walls '72** agreed to serve, along with Brothers **Dave Estes '69**, **Ron Richards '70**, **John Sullivan '76**, and **Bill Willard '69**. Specifics are not yet firm, and your input is welcome. Current Board orientation is to gather on a weekend earlier in the fall than in past five-year celebrations, to take advantage of Bloomington's golden September weather. Another currently-favored concept is to hold the event entirely in Bloomington, possibly based at IU's Indiana Memorial Union. We hope to host a variety of events, the anticipated highlight being a showcase of the new chapter house wing currently under construction.

Brother Richards has met with Chapter Zeta Nick Kostidis to begin re-organizing and digitizing large portions of the chapter archives, both for posterity and 50th anniversary features. Brother Richards, along with Brother **Don Allen '70**, have spent recent Sundays cataloguing photo albums and reviewing the 10 current initiation record books. Ron and Don have been transcribing confirmed Iota Delta names and initiation dates for re-digitizing, database confirmation, and 50th Anniversary projects.

Make a note to join your Brothers in 2008, and we will spread the word as firm details are set. Brothers with input or interest in serving are invited to contact Dan at **317-852-2322** or email at **dbowden@talktotucker.com**.

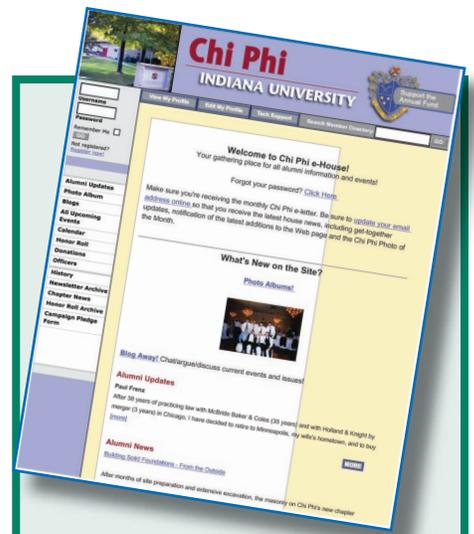
Reality Check

The *Iota Delta Update* is printed twice a year, in the spring and fall, by the Indiana Chi Phi Alumni Association. Do you like the new energy you're seeing? Want More? There is now enough going on that Iota Delta could easily put out three, 4-page, colorized newsletters a year.

What's the holdup? That intensity needs your financial support! We've come farther than ever in the past—partly by standing on the shoulders of Brothers who came before us. But if you're reading the *Iota Delta Update*, and want to stay informed about Chapter and Alumni events, please consider paying your fair-

share dues of \$50 or more per year to make all of this—and more—happen. All successful Alumni organizations succeed due to generous support from their members. To pay your dues, send your check to the address below. Alert Brothers will note the change from our old Carmel, Indiana PO Box. Yes, this is legit—we changed sub-vendors. Please send your 2006 dues to:

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Register today to take full advantage of the site, and to sign up to receive our monthly e-Letter!

ALUMNI UPDATES

60's

Donald Coffey '60

(3335 Willowbrook Dr., Matinsville, IN 46151; don.coffey@insightbb.com) In the fall of 2004, I attended Homecoming and met many brothers and looking forward to the next one. What a great day.

90's

Brett Trout '98

(24582 County Road 18, Elkhart, IN 46516) I have three children: Olivia (5), Sophia (2) and Garrett (1).

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